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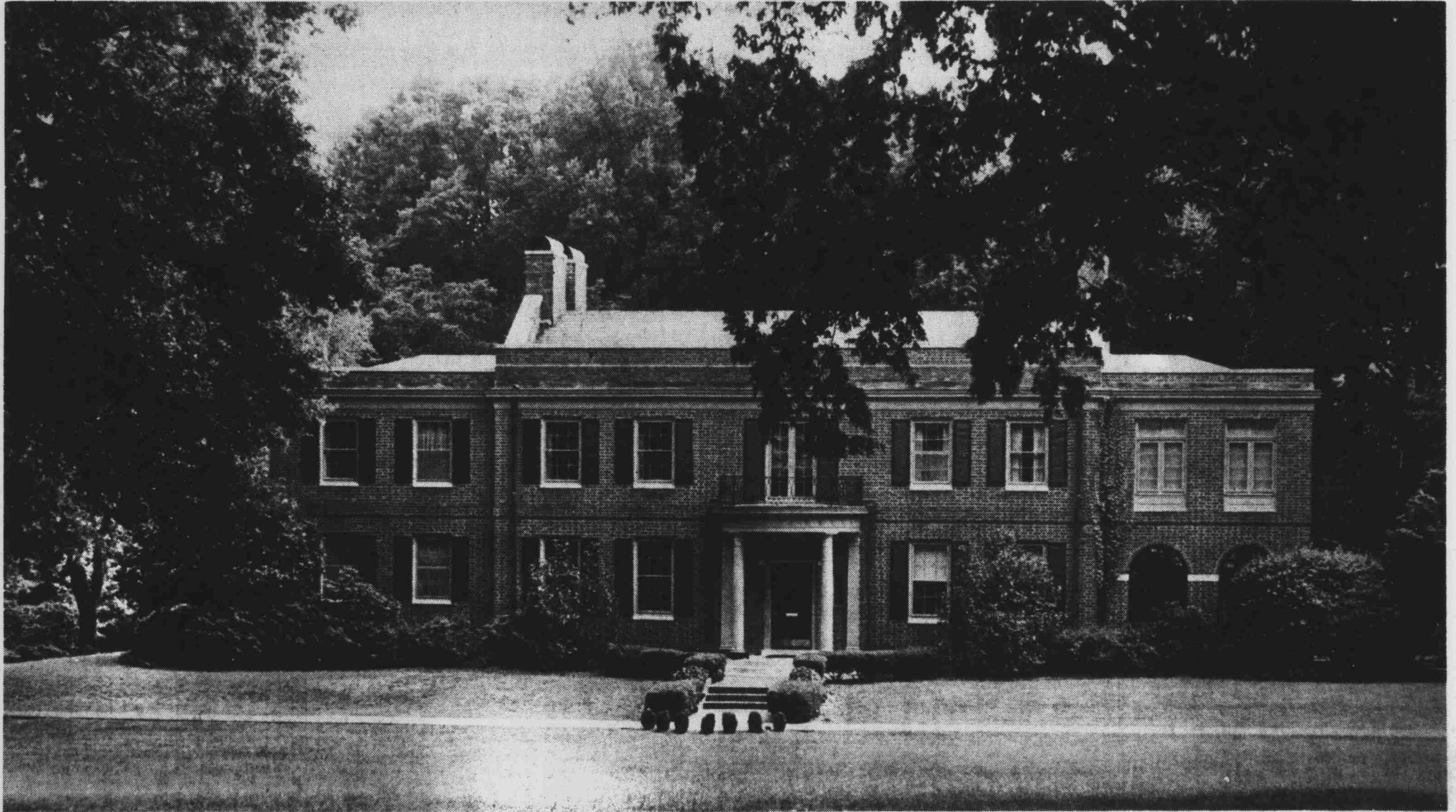


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# Opinion

A paper that is entirely the product of the student body becomes at once the official organ through which the thoughts, the activity and in fact the very life of the campus are registered. It is the mouthpiece through which the students themselves talk. College life without its journal is blank.

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## From The Editor...

Never underestimate the power of human potential. Determination and a strong will have taken man from the first powered flight to the conquest of outer space in the short span of less than one century.

The seeds of opportunity for growth into the next century are being planted each day in universities around the world. The confidence gained through the pursuit of knowledge is the spark that begins one's quest for achievement.

But self-generated confidence is often not enough to maintain the drive toward achievement — people inherently need support and recognition by their peers. A wise man once told the following story which reveals some insight into this need:

*A Thought once fell from the sky and landed on Potential and awaited its destiny to grow. After receiving the rain of Conscience, Thought began to grow. It found that it was impinged by Potential, for Potential was part rocky, part sandy and part fertile. The rocky part became known as Criticism, the fertile part, Praise, and the sandy part was a mixture of the two.*

*As Thought grew, it found that Praise was too fertile. Thought was unable to control its growth. Thoughts sprouted up everywhere — thus depriving the main portion of Thought. The Thoughts that surrounded became contorted and soon died.*

*Criticism also proved to be too much. Its hard surface caused pain for the roots of Thought. Always struggling to find a little Praise, Thought was never fed and died.*

*But Thought did not give up. It wanted to exist, so it tried the sandy part of Potential. Thought liked the sandy part. When it was hungry, it found Praise. When it was full, it found Criticism.*

*Thought prospered and grew into Man. And Man found its Potential.*

This story shows the importance of not only recognizing but also acknowledging the achievements and efforts of those around us. The rewards of a job well done are not always measured by the monetary rewards received. On the contrary, quite often the most valuable reward for one's efforts are gained from the "Thank you" that is received from co-workers or even from strangers.

The simple but valuable act of saying "Thank you" to someone may be all that is necessary to transform a persons spark of confidence into the flame of achievement.

*Bill Ridenhour*



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## Ban on T.V. advertising called for

# Alcohol abuse institutionalized

## JAMES WALKER

—Editorial Columnist

Alcohol use — this is a subject that is dear to many State students' hearts. You can't go a hundred feet on this campus without being reminded of alcohol: party, tavern and beer posters litter the campus' posts and walls. The time has come to begin taking a realistic look at how alcohol misuse is being institutionalized and how dangerous alcohol is to our society.

President Reagan has recently called for a national drinking age of 21. Twenty states have this minimum age of 21 for the purchase of any form of alcohol, whether it is beer, wine or liquor. Reagan feels that a national drinking age will end a significant proportion of alcohol related deaths on the highways. I agree with him. The statistics on traffic fatalities involving 19-21 year olds reveal that a staggering 70% of all the deaths are alcohol related. 5,000 19-21 year olds will die this year in alcohol related car accidents. It could be you.

Many people think that they have valid arguments as to why there should not be a national drinking age of 21. One of the more common ones is that if one is old enough to be drafted into the military and fight in a war, then they should be old enough to drink. There are several problems with this argument, but for the sake of discussion, I will consider it. First of all, we do not have a draft, are not in a war and probably will not be doing either for quite some time. Historically speaking, the arbitrary minimum age limit of 18 for military draft has not resulted in a cornucopia of rights for this age group. The Constitution says that an 18 year old may vote. But this is as far as the rights aspect goes. Although alcohol use is allowed by the Constitution, age limit is not specified. As far as the law is concerned, 21 is the age of majority. That is to say, when you turn 21, you are legally an adult.

Also, if you want to include the draft issue in this discussion, what about women? Women cannot be drafted, even in wartime (no thanks to ERA). Since men are the only ones to be drafted, it seems that they would be the only ones entitled to drink at 18. Fair enough.

Another argument is that a 21

year old limit on alcohol consumption will cut our tax base. It has been estimated that North Carolina's tax collections will drop \$46 million. This money is dirty, blood-stained lucre that we can live without. Besides, North Carolina had a \$500 million tax surplus last year (which Jim Hunt chose not to give back to the people who paid it).

Some opponents of the 21 limit have said that young people will turn to illegal drugs if they cannot get booze. This is not entirely baseless, although it assumes that young people readily engage in illegal activity. There is an aspect of this argument that is interesting, however. That young people should want to be in a continual stupor is telling evidence that drunkenness has been institutionalized; it's socially acceptable to be intoxicated all the time.

I wonder how many young problem drinkers have had their habits glorified to them to the point where they believe that sobriety is a social aberration? Just a quick look at T.V. or other national media offers convincing proof of this phenomenon. Look around campus. Moderate or light drinking is not promoted. The alcohol advertisers make a convincing pitch for one to be chugging down their swill at all hours and during any day of the week. According to the alcohol advertisements, you can't fish, sail, dance, swim, hike, bring a dead party to life, flirt or be appealing to the opposite sex without a drink clutched in your hand. I don't think intoxicated people are attractive. The obnoxious drunks strike me as dull-witted cretins who make excellent examples of the virtues of birth control. These miserable creatures appear to be the standard bearers for today's drunken youth. The national alcohol marketers want you to "turn it loose" and "go for it". The less you are in control of your mental faculties, the better, the ads seem to say.

Alcohol is the number one addictive drug in America today. The booze pushers humble themselves to that fact. "But alcohol education is what we need," they say. What we truly need are health warnings on alcohol containers and a ban on the T.V. advertisements of beer and wine. It was done to cigarettes. Most people would agree that young people got the wrong idea about cigarettes because of the image it had, especially on T.V. It is an undisputed fact that alcohol is as deadly as tobacco. Why won't the FCC act? Is alcohol so sacred that we will not even bother to consider the death, misery and ruined lives it has caused for today's college students?

I realize that most people who read this will not alter their alcohol consumption patterns. That's your business. All I am suggesting is that people should not be duped by slick ads whose goals are not obvious on the surface. We are all reasonably intelligent persons, or we would not be here at State, so don't let these greedy people suck you in when all they really want is your money and don't care if you or those close to you are killed in the process.

Since the alcohol industry has such formidable weapons to use against us — their sophisticated marketing techniques — the only weapon the government has left is to continue to insist on a higher drinking age. A total ban of all alcohol would suit many of us.

I have seen first hand what irresponsible alcohol users can do. My younger brother, Sam, was ten years old when he was struck by a drunk driver as he walked along a roadside in June of 1971. His head hit the curb with such violence that a piece of concrete the size of a softball was broken off. I was there and will carry the horror of that day to my grave. The driver had three convictions for drunk driving and had killed two people before he hit my brother. It can happen to you, so don't fool yourself; you can kill if you drive while under the influence of alcohol. If the 21 age limit on alcohol can prevent one tragedy, it's worth it! So think about that the next time you go home and see your kid brother or sister.

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# Op-Ed

Transportation Department considers new deck

## Parking sticker prices to increase

While reading a year old parking analysis study, I came across some interesting information that the student and faculty should be aware of.

The parking fees will go up more than 60% for a typical commuter sticker within the next two years. For other stickers the increases range from 200% for a bicycle permit to 50% for virtually all others. For students who could not afford to park in a commuter or resident space the fringe sticker will go up in price from \$15 to \$24, a 60% increase.

The study indicated that the Transportation Department should raise the cost of most stickers over 250% within four years. This does not include the increases taking effect now. With such increases, a student will have more incentive to park off campus and live off campus.

The Transportation Department is planning to buy a computer for

\$350,000. What do they need with a \$350,000 computer? Also in the budget is an estimated \$56,000 a year for the Reserve Fund. Every year, \$165,000 is put aside "to cover projected capital items." Exactly what the Reserve Fund and the projected capital items are going to be are not clearly stated in the report.

The projected revenue for 1985, just from parking stickers, is over \$1 million! With this increased revenue will they improve service? A reason stated in the study for this raise of sticker prices is for a parking deck. They will build a 500 space parking deck at a cost of over \$3 million. They plan to stick the students for the price of this parking deck. The study does not tell where they plan to put this \$3 million deck or who will be able to park there.

This report also discloses how much is given for salaries. They plan to increase their salaries from

**ALAN NOLAN**

—Guest Columnist—

over \$300,000 to well over \$600,000 — a 110% increase in salary expenditures in five years. Transportation employs only twenty-three full-time employees and fifteen student employees. Although Transportation has five temporary employees, the study indicated they will be terminated within two years and five to seven new full-time employees will be hired.

Transportation also plans to increase the cost of metered spaces. The study indicates an increase over a five year period to 75¢ an hour for parking in a metered space. This is utterly ridiculous to have to pay 75¢ an

hour to park in a space. The increased revenue from this is estimated at over \$7,000 a year. This will cause students to spend even more money if they are going just part-time at State.

Part of the parking problem is the over selling of parking stickers by the Transportation Department. The Transportation Department sells at least ten to thirty percent more stickers than spaces. This is totally absurd. If they sold the stickers by how many spaces they have there would be no parking problems. But the Transportation Department insists on having their extra added funds.

It appears to me that the Transportation Department's only concern is with making money. The students and staff should be concerned with these large increases. I do realize that an increase is needed to go with added services but as one student

said, "It is totally crazy for them to think I will pay over a hundred dollars just to fight for a parking space." This attitude toward the increase was expressed by all the students I asked about the increase. Most did not know that the increase was going to be over a hundred percent in some cases.

Although an increase in parking fees is justified, will the Transportation Department increase the services to students and staff with this increase? Should parking control for students be abolished and students be allowed to park freely? Also, will the new funds be used to alleviate the parking problem of students?

I don't have the answers to these questions, but if you are interested in the answers you should try and investigate this problem by asking the Transportation Department where the money is spent.

## 'Homophobia' not Christian trend

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Dennis Draughon for the cartoon he submitted to the Technician two weeks ago concerning Jesus Christ and Jerry Falwell's "view" of Jesus. Although I did not agree with the points he was making, he succeeded in prompting me to evaluate Christianity and its position on issues such as homosexuality, politics, ERA and nuclear weapons.

I have neither time nor space to devote to each issue. Thus, I have picked the one that I believe will touch the most people. I intend to show where Jerry Falwell derives his stance against homosexuality and to encourage a change in heart on the part of many Christians who experience

"homophobia" (an intense fear or hatred of a homosexual).

Be not deceived. As a Christian, I too stand against homosexuality. According to the Bible, homosexuality is an abomination to God. Leviticus 18:22 states that *thou shalt not lie with mankind as with womankind*. In 1 Corinthians 6:9-11 homosexuality is listed among a number of other sins including heterosexual sex before and outside of marriage, thievery and drunkenness. The passage makes no distinction as to which is the worst sin. Please notice that Verse 10 says that *those who do any of these things shall not enter heaven*. What is often overlooked is found in verse 11. *And such were some of you: but ye are*

**C. HEYWARD RIEDELL**

—Editorial Columnist—

*washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God*. The believers at Corinth had been renewed or transformed and now no longer practiced these sins. Would Paul specifically mention homosexuality if there were none who had once been held in bondage to it?

The Bible clearly teaches that to follow Jesus requires the willingness to abandon anything the Bible

says is sin. In John 8:34 Jesus says that *whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin*. In verse 32 he says that if you continue to read the Bible *ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall set you free*. Jesus treated all sinners with love, but he warned them to discontinue sinning or they would not enter heaven.

We can see Jesus' compassion along with his sense of justice in his reaction to an adulteress brought before him. He told the mob, *he that has no sin, let him cast the first stone*. After all had slipped away he forgave her sins and told her to go and sin no more. One cannot be a Christian and be in continual willful sin. Christians are exhorted

to be separate from the world, to awake to righteousness, and to sin not. Repenting of sin means forsaking sin. It does not mean to say "I'm sorry" and then continue to practice it.

In regards to the Christian attitude toward homosexuals, I have a new awareness for the need of firm and compassionate treatment. In the Christian church homosexuality is not to be tolerated just as adultery or premarital heterosexual promiscuity is not to be tolerated; however, outside the church homosexuals deserve no less care and compassion than someone bound to another type of

(see 'Views,' page 11)

### Forum

#### Registration/Records lacks coordination

It seems to me that the NCSU Registration and Records department could be better coordinated with Student Accounts and vice versa.

I have been sent on so many goose chases in my years at State which were/are so ridiculous and frustrating, and I am tired of it all.

For example, this summer session I withdrew from my courses and I still have not received my tuition reimbursement check. When I called student accounts, I was told to call registration and records. Registration and Records personnel stated that I needed to be dealing with Student Accounts personnel. THE STORY CONTINUES.....

I am always getting the runaround as far as cleaning up business matters with the University. If the system can accept our money with such expedience, why

can't they return it with the same care?

I believe Student Government should form a committee that can address these problems, and I

would be willing to assist in any way I can to prevent such bureaucratic bull.

Kathleen Murphy  
Sr LAP

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# On-Campus News

## Princess Anne to visit Manteo

On July 13, 1584, the first English settlers in the new world dropped off the Outer Banks of North Carolina and rowed to shore in their "ship's boat," bursting with curiosity.

Four hundred years later to the day, Princess Anne of Great Britain will land on Roanoke Island in an airplane and participate in the colorful opening ceremonies in the country for America's 400th Anniversary.

The 400th is a three-year celebration North Carolina is hosting to commemorate the Roanoke Voyages, made 1584-1587 from Plymouth, England, to Roanoke Island. Sponsored by Sir Walter Raleigh, the voyages didn't result in permanent settlements because the colonists either died, returned to England or disappeared. But the settlements paved the way for future colonies at Jamestown, Virginia, and Plymouth, Massachusetts, so they can be called the spiritual beginnings of English America.

Princess Anne will join Governor Hunt at Manteo the morning of July 13 to unveil a

historical marker, commission the 16th-century-style ship, the "Elizabeth II," as a state historic site and open its Visitor's Center. Also on that morning, the U.S. Postal Service will issue a stamp that features the ship.

The Elizabethan soldiers of the drama, "The Lost Colony," the Montreat Scottish Pipes and Drums and a color guard from the North Carolina Guard will precede the Princess and the dignitaries as they walk from Manteo's waterfront to the Elizabeth II State Historic Site on Ice Plant Island, where most of the ceremonies will take place. The U.S. Marine Corps Band and the U.S. Army Herald Trumpets will perform during the ceremonies.

The dignitaries on hand will include the British Ambassador to the United States, Sir Oliver Wright; British Consul General Trevor Gatty; the Bishop of Fulham; the Lord Mayor of Plymouth, England; and the Chairman of the Devon Council in England.

All the events of the morning and of the weekend following will be free and open to the public except for the final part of the commissioning of the ship, which will take place on a very small piece of land, and a private luncheon for the Princess at the Elizabethan Gardens. The morning's events will be broadcast live over loudspeakers placed around the waterfront, and on television and radio throughout the state, thanks to a cooperative effort being made by the North Carolina Association of Broadcasters.

America's 400th Anniversary Committee, the arm of the N.C. Department of Cultural Resources charged with coordinating the celebration statewide, has been planning the events for five years.

Many more activities have been planned for this special occasion and people who are interested in finding out when they will be held should contact America's 400th anniversary Committee, 109 E. Jones St., Raleigh, N.C. 27611 at 733-4788.

## Poulton appoints Associate Dean

Herbert Exum has been appointed Associate Dean for Research and Graduate Studies in the School of Education at State effective July 1.

The appointment was announced by State Chancellor Bruce R. Poulton and School of Education Dean Carl Dolce following approval by the NCSU Board of Trustees and the UNC Board of Governors.

A native of Tarboro, Exum has taught in the counseling and guidance department at the

University of Wisconsin-Madison since 1980.

He is a licensed psychologist in Minnesota and Wisconsin and is certified as a clinical supervisor by the American Association of Marriage and Family Therapists.

As a consultant, Exum has worked with the University of Wisconsin on student recruitment and retention, the University of Hawaii's psychology department on cross cultural

counseling and the University of Iowa on human relations training for college faculty.

He earned his bachelor's degree in counseling and student personnel psychology and his doctoral degree in psychology at the University of Minnesota.

He has published works in many journals which include "The School Counselor," "Journal of College Student Personnel" and the "Roeper Review: A Journal on Gifted Child Education."

His professional memberships include the American Personnel and Guidance Association of Black Psychologists.

The Student Supply Store on Dunn Avenue, will be closed for the taking of inventory on June 27, 28, and 29. BUY BACK will operate in the store lobby. Blue books for exams will be available at the book buyback station. The North Campus Bookshop will be closed for inventory on June 28 and 29.

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Second Summer Session — June 21, 1984

Fall Semester — August 9, 1984

No class schedule will be mailed if tuition and fees and any other debts are not paid in full by these deadlines.

Class schedules will be mailed approximately one week prior to Registration Day. It is very important that all students notify the Department of Registration and Records of any address changes. Class schedules returned by the U.S. Postal Service because of improper address must be picked up on Registration Days:

Second Summer Session — July 5, 1984 by 12:00 noon

Fall Semester — August 23, 1984 by 4:30 p.m.

All degree student class schedules will be returned to the Department of Registration and Records, Room 100 Harris Hall. Lifelong Education student class schedules will be returned to the Division for Lifelong Education, McKimmon Center. All class schedules not picked up by the dates and times indicated above will be cancelled.

Class schedules not mailed because of a University "Hold" MUST be picked up on Registration Days:

Second Summer Session — July 5, 1984 by 12:00 noon

Fall Semester — August 23, 1984 by 4:30 p.m.

Class schedules should be picked up in Reynolds Coliseum. All class schedules that have not been picked up according to the deadlines specified above will be cancelled.

Remember, all students can complete registration entirely by mail if they preregister and pay all debts prior to the specified deadlines.

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# Economics & Business

Reagan's policy implicit

## Soviet Union leaning towards collapse

"Reagan is leading us toward a nuclear confrontation..."

Foolish words. It is hard to believe that students, faculty and private citizens all over the country actually believe that President Ronald Reagan is leading this nation toward a nuclear war with the Soviet Union. Yet, the above quotation has been echoed time and again since the President took office three and one-half years ago.

The concept of a war-mongering Reagan stems from the fact that the U.S. has stepped up defense expenditures and development of such strategic weapons as the B-1 bomber and MX missiles since the President's administration

**...when it comes down to resource allocation, the Soviet Union is the most irrational of all.**

came to power...

Ronald Reagan was an economics major in college. He knows that resources have to be allocated efficiently for an organization or a country to perform optimally. Herein lies what I believe is the real reason for the President's efforts to increase military expenditures and hence encourage an "arms race."

A defense build-up will eventually destroy the Soviet Union.

You see, it goes back to that old principle of optimal allocation of resources. In the make-believe world of theoretical economics, one of the numerous assumptions is that a player in the game of national resource allocation will behave

rationally. That means placing various resources into the segments of the nation's economy where they are needed most - food, shelter, industrial development, research, and of course, defense.

Unfortunately in the real world of economics, players are not so rational. And when it comes down to resource allocation, the Soviet Union is the most irrational of all.

Ever since the communist regime came to power in Russia, priority number one has always been to protect the mother country from external enemies. Defense is an inborn need with the Soviets, and it is quite understandable given the history of one invasion after another in their country. War Communism set the guidelines in the early 1920s...available resources from all sectors of the economy were literally thrown at industry in addition to massive government investment. Heavy industries, where nearly all armaments are produced, grew at an impressive rate stimulated by the demands of World War II. This forced acceleration of development brought the Soviet Union up to the level of a modern industrial state in a hurry - only Japan can claim a higher rapidity in economic development.

Three cheers for communism...it really works!

Or does it?

In the short run, one can argue that the Stalinist approach of industrialize-or-die may in fact work more quickly than the free-market's invisible hand. But economists concern themselves with the long-run as well as the short run, and these

**CHUCK HICKS**

Economics Editor

are no longer the days of the industrial state. High-tech is the word now, and the United States has already plunged into the adolescent growing pains of switching from production line to keyboard and terminal. Our noble adversaries in the USSR are nowhere near being ready for the computer-age debutante ball.

Granted, the Soviet military is very much technologically oriented and should be considered formidable. This brings us at last to the serious problem confronting the USSR: while the military stays near the state of the art in development, the rest of the Soviet economy lags far behind. The more that resources are diverted away from the other sectors and given to the military, the greater the strain placed on the whole Soviet economic system.

Already, government expenditures for the military in the USSR outweigh those in the U.S. by nearly two to one. Sectors such as consumer goods, agriculture and capital machinery receive a considerably smaller chunk of the pie. Soviet farm tractors fall apart within a year and are never repaired; shoes and clothing are poorly made and grossly out of style; factories which make non-military goods grope along without the technology to produce quality items; and while the typical Soviet student may spend much more time in class

than his/her American counterpart, the youngster never gets hands-on experience with computers and seldom hears of the latest scientific breakthroughs. Even the official Cybernetics Institute in the USSR is incapable of making mathematical calculations which are routinely carried out by the School of Agriculture and Life Science here at State. All this and more because resources are thrown at the military and not

get tighter around the average Soviet citizen who has sacrificed quality goods for the sake of the MiGs. Eventually, the Soviet economy will stagnate and decline. Already, one expert on Soviet economics has likened the USSR to a "car that had been cruising along at 65 mph and the engine suddenly quits..."

Poor allocation of resources. In the long run, it catches up with you. If the Soviets continue their path of defense spending, a full-scale economic collapse could be on the horizon within the next 25 years. Soviet citizens will get hungry. They will get tired of central planning mandates which call for ICBMs instead of quality farm machinery and fashionable blue jeans. Perhaps if the economy does not fall first, the political structure will. Who knows, an end to communism as we know it...

I believe that's what is on Ronald Reagan's mind as he goes about the duties of Commander and Chief. He has faith in that good ol' American know-how. Our economy is not in the best of shapes, but relatively speaking, our increase in military spending is rather mild in comparison to that of the USSR. We can afford to push the Soviets into a spending race.

One word of caution to the Administration - if we lead the Russians to the brink of collapse, what might they do? In the REAL world, the players seem to be irrational...

**The more that resources are diverted away from the other sectors and given to the military, the greater the strain placed on the whole Soviet economic system.**

the consumers or factory managers or education...

The Soviet planners in the Kremlin are scared of such items as the B-1, the MX and the Cruise. You could say it is that old fear of external enemies which lies with all good Russians. As long as the U.S. increases its development of strategic weapons (which we don't plan to use) we can rest assured that our amiable foes will do everything possible to keep pace. And the noose will

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## Steady State Breakers

# Students form professional crew

A new form of dancing is currently sweeping the nation, a form called *Breakdancing*. Four State students — Scott Wilce, Richard Lewis, Curtis Hamilton, and Elaine Futris — have formed the only professional breaking crew in Raleigh, the Steady State Breakers, and have been performing for two months.

Wilce, the most experienced of the group and a senior in accounting at State on a scholarship to teach men's gymnastics, has been a gymnast for 14 years and has been teaching in Raleigh and Cary for eight years. Lewis, a junior in architecture is president of the NCSU Royal Tigers Tae Kwon Do club, teaches cheerleading camp during the summer and has been with the group six months. Hamilton, a senior in electrical engineering, teaches aerobics at the gym, is a choreographer at Dance Visions and is an R.A. in South Hall. Futris, a junior in math, is also a member of Dance Visions and is the newest member of the break crew.

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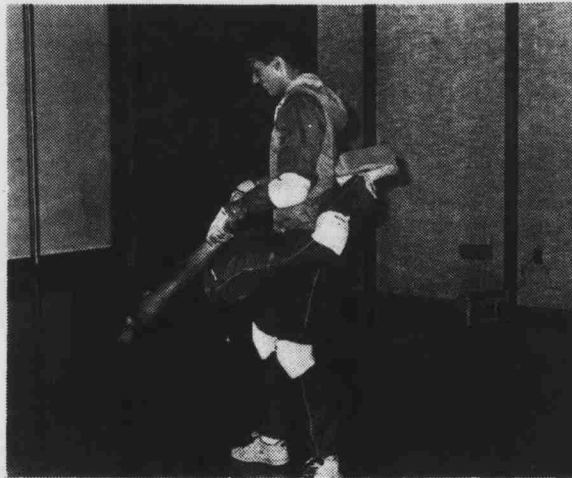
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The four breakers have been together for two months and practice nearly every day to perfect their moves. The Breakers won a Breakdance contest at Groucho's during finals week last semester and gave a Breakdancing demonstration at Groucho's a few weeks ago. In addition, they are currently working a Breakdance clinic at Duke University.



Breakdancing consists of three main parts, each of which involves its own various styles and moves.

The first of these main styles is *Breaking*, which is the gymnastic and acrobatic component of Breakdancing. In Breaking, all movements take place on the



Photos by Atilla Horvath

Richard Lewis and Elaine Futris demonstrate crew dancing, or Breaking as a group.

floor. The common element in Breaking is that one's body weight is shifted from one's feet to other parts of the body such as one foot, the hands, back or head.

Early Breaking consisted only of Floor Rock, which is supporting oneself on one hand and kicking out with one or both legs followed by spinning on the support hand which looks a lot

like a Russian folk dance.

Other moves include the Handglide, which is spinning the body using the hand as a pivot and the legs for balance; the Backspin; the Headspin; the Windmill, which is spinning alternately on one shoulder then the other; and the Suicide, which is a no-hands forward flip where you land flat on your back.

Another main style is *Uprock*, which is usually done in pairs, but can be done as a solo. Uprock is usually incorporated into the beginning of a group's performance.

The final style is called *Electric Boogie*, so named because it appears that a current of energy is passed from one part of the body to another. Basically, all Electric Boogie is a form of illusion. The Wave gives the illusion of a wave passing through the body, the Tick appears as if one is breaking one's body into separate pieces and the Floats (Back, Side and Front) create the illusion of floating across the floor. Floating is the standard way of moving across the floor during a routine.

Most group routines last about five minutes and start with the crew Uprocking, followed by the group splitting apart and one or two members going into Breaking while the rest of the crew Uprocks or Electric Boogies until their turn to perform, when all the hours of practice and pain pay off in the form of momentary glory in the spotlight.



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# COLUMN

## The suffering and death of Saturday Night Live:

# Chuckles fade as seasons continue

They shoot horses don't they?

One of the greatest institutions of our generation is in a state of great suffering. Instead of the trainers terminating the pain, the brave leaders will continue to push our champion further and further until the great beast falls face first into the depths of limbo. Someone needs to pull the plug and allow Saturday Night Live to become a memory in the minds of youth that once had to deal with Watergate, Jimmy Carter, World News Tonight and Tom Synder, and still keep their chins up and face the bad times with a chuckle and a smile.

That fantastic work of art which launched a great many comedic superstars has become a barren, unfunny waste dump that plagues our Saturday evenings. While I watch this newer version, all I can do is remember the hilarious times I had with Danny Aykroyd, Chevy Chase, Gilda Radner, Bill Murray and the late, great John Belushi. Why can't NBC let our memories hold a fond grasp on the true SNL and take "it" off the air before we remember our beloved as the dreadfully pitiful Wieners or simplistically wimpy Saturday Night News with Brad Hall?

...laughing so hard we would be sleepily shushed by the rest of the family.

When SNL began in 1977, it was fresh and inventive. The nation had live television again, and it brought a vitality to the tube that had been sorely missed since the unsurpassed nights of Sid Caesar and Ernie Kovacs. These kids who designated themselves "The Not Ready for Prime Time Players" were the weirdness the nation needed during post energy crisis days and sexually revolutionized nights. They were the greatest.

Today's SNL is pitiful. With the exception of Eddie Murphy, the past three or four years of SNL have been the most feeble attempts at humor in the history of late night television. A program which began as a dedication to pushing censors to the extreme and making viewer's sides ache from laughing, is now a "ho-hum, let's do something mildly funny and stay in bounds."

The difference between then and now is convenience.

Today's SNL seems like it doesn't want to take an extra step or gambler's chance at being funny. They are not "live" as they claim, because they use so much production video. The almost funny things done on the modern show are now the pre-taped items which could (and seem like) they have been done weeks in advance by in-home videographers.

The spontaneity is gone, and so is the humor.

When it comes to imagination, the new SNL does not give the viewer any choice. They are too real. To do an imitation of Ronald Reagan, the blase Joe Piscopo must cover himself with make-up and sport an oily wig. Tsk tsk. Danny Aykroyd did Jimmy Carter and Dick Nixon with a mustache. Chevy Chase did Jerry Ford with no make-up, no bald wig and no silly voice, only himself and a few funny falls. The old, loyal SNL gave the nation some credit of having some imagination and brains.

Creativity is the key when it came to the old SNL. Off the wall and on the ceiling were the NRFPTP. You knuckle heads! Get outta here, I love ya! These kids had the guts and the smarts to pull off anything they desired. General Elisimo Fransico Franco is still dead. They forged ahead and made room for the influx of dry, sarcastic wit that is the bottom line for humor today. Chee-borgie, chee-borgie, chip, chip, Pepsi, Pepsi. We all know this is the ultimate in humor. Why? Because we remember it long

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after Sunday afternoon tea and Monday Night Football. Live. From New York. It's Saturday Night!

The memories we have of Saturday Night Live are dear. Today's version of the classical series is bad and spoils our good thoughts of those weekend nights, lying in bed and laughing so hard we would be sleepily

shushed at by the rest of the family. The big-wigs of NBC should cancel SNL now, while there is some dignity and a little grace left in the Sunday morning hours. SNL is hurting badly for humor and no longer sustains the beliefs and ideals put forth by originator Lorne Michaels. Let SNL rest in peace.

In my heart, there will always be a place for SNL. As best friends, the cast helped me face the unknown of adulthood with a sense of humor and the uncertainty of my future with the knowledge that humor is the best medicine. I grew up with SNL and learned what funny was. I saw the birth of a new culture and the untimely, tragic death of a very funny man. I have seen the beginning of an era, and now the time has come to say good bye to the tradition which even today, sparkles in my mind and will forever bring to me a chuckle and a smile.

Good night and a have pleasant tomorrow.



Saturday Night Live alums Bill Murray and Danny Aykroyd are just two of The Not Ready for Prime Time Players who took their talent from SNL to the silver screen. They are seen here in the summer smash Ghostbusters.

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# Science & Technology

## Fungus shows promise as "mosquitocide"

Ponds, ditches and swamps across North Carolina will become testing sites this summer for a promising new anti-mosquito weapon—a fungus that destroys the annoying pests before they're big enough to buzz and bite.

*Lagenidium giganteum*, a freshwater fungus native to the state, may prove to be a safe, economical, as well as self-recycling, mosquito control tool, says Dr. R. C. Axtell, an entomologist at State.

Axtell is heading a new federally-funded project to field-test the fungus in varied environments to find where it will work and simple ways to produce and distribute it.

The research has implications that reach from North Carolina to developing countries, where disease-carrying mosquitoes pose a major threat to human health. Chemical insecticides must be factory-produced, applied and reapplied, making them an especially costly method in remote areas.

*Lagenidium* attacks only mosquitoes, Axtell said. It appears to pose no danger to fish, other wildlife or humans. "We

badly need biological control agents as an option to use against mosquitoes," said Axtell, a past president of the American Mosquito Control Association. "We would like to have something that would persist longer and could even reproduce there in the habitat, reducing our dependence upon pesticides." *Lagenidium* appears to do just that.

The parasitic fungus, which looks much like bread mold, grows on pond sediments. Periodically, it produces zoospores which swim through mosquito breeding waters in search of immature mosquitoes, or larvae.

The swimming spores can kill larvae in 72 hours. They put out threadlike growths which penetrate the larvae, drawing out nutrition which allows new zoospores to be produced from the decaying mosquito carcasses. The new spores move on to attack other larvae.

Under the proper water conditions, *Lagenidium* continues infecting young mosquitoes through the breeding season and may even survive to another season, Axtell said.

"We already know, unfortu-

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— Science Editor

nately, that it will not work in salt marshes. But under the right conditions, it will work in upland areas," he said. In some cases, he said, one hundred percent elimination can be obtained.

The National Institutes of Health are providing about \$50,000 a year for the three-year project headed by Axtell.

Test sites will be in Mecklenburg County and the Raleigh-Durham area — where preliminary tests already have been done — as well as elsewhere in North Carolina and other Southeastern states. "The objective is to have as many different sites as we can handle," Axtell said.

The laboratory-grown fungus will be sprinkled on test waters, with the help of county and local officials. Observers will follow its progress over the winter to

see whether it persists, and add more sites the second year.

The development of simple production methods also is important because *Lagenidium* has a shelf life of only a few days. Already, it has been found that natural ingredients such as sunflower seed extract can be used for culturing the fungus.

The fungus, first identified in 1935 in Chapel Hill's University Lake by a UNC botanist, received little attention until research in the early 1970s showed its potential for mosquito control. Aris Domnas, a UNC biochemist, made further research practical by working out the fungus' critical nutritional requirements and the best culturing procedures.

Domnas and State colleagues Stefan Jaronski and Thomas Merriam found that *Lagenidium* is sensitive not only to salinity but to organic pollution, making it unsuitable for use in sewage and animal waste lagoons. It also does not function in extremely warm water.

Still, Axtell said, *Lagenidium* holds more promise than the two other groups of fungi that

have been studied for mosquito control. And the only federally-registered biological control available to the general public is a type of bacteria that does not recycle and must be reapplied often, like chemical insecticides.

Axtell sees *Lagenidium* eventually taking its place as part of organized mosquito control programs in the United States and elsewhere, hopefully within a few years. It would complement the established control methods, eliminating breeding sites and the need to apply insecticides. Further testing of environmental effects will be needed before it goes into widespread use.

Interest in the new weapon has been expressed on a worldwide level, Axtell said, and not just by developing countries where malaria and other mosquito-borne diseases still are problems. "Mosquitoes are just simply so annoying. They interfere with economic development in many areas," he said. And, even in malaria-free nations, "the potential for disease is always behind the scenes."

## Technological change not new to textile industry

How new are the "new technologies" to the textile industry?

Surprisingly, not so new at all, says Dr. David Buchanan, professor of textile materials and management at State.

"The history of the textile industry is one of continuing automation and technological change," said Buchanan, who discussed the nature and impact of technological change in "mature" industries, such as textiles, at the sixth annual Conference on Industrial Science and Technological Innovation, which was held in Raleigh in May.

He believes that it is important to gain a clear understanding of automation and other technological changes, such as robotics, so that both management and labor can plan for the impact of these changes.

Buchanan pointed out that, since the Industrial Revolution of the mid-18th century, the textile industry has become increasingly automated. It has become a factory-based system

that uses more and more sophisticated machines to do the manual labor that people used to do.

Over its 260-year history, the textiles industry has been affected in a number of ways by automation. The most significant changes, said Buchanan, are increased productivity, improved and new products. The American textile industry has led all other industries in productivity gains over the past five years. Automation has also changed the products themselves. One example cited by Buchanan is the carpet-tufting machine, developed in 1950, which made carpeting, which was once available to only a few, marketable on a mass scale.

Automation has also affected the number and kinds of jobs in the textile industry. "For years the textile industry has been criticized because it offered mostly low-skill, low-paying jobs," said Buchanan. Automation and other new technologies will change that. There will be fewer unskilled jobs, but there

will also be higher-skilled and higher-paying jobs.

"As the industry becomes more high tech, it will require more high tech people," Buchanan said, adding that today many textile companies are having a difficult time finding workers for the few unskilled jobs that do remain.

The textile worker of the future will have to possess

computer and electronics skills, since the factory of the future will combine automation with robot systems. Robot systems can be programmed to a multitude of tasks. This is a big advantage over the "hard automation" machines which can do only one specific job.

As technological innovation continues to change the textile industry, Buchanan believes it

will be necessary for state and federal governments to provide funds for research and retraining programs. Like other basic industries, textiles must continue to use and develop new technologies.

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## "Marathon" aided by students, trainers

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Take an iron-willed sports fan who's fought his way back from cancer, a stroke and a crippling back injury.

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The result is Jim Letherer's "Miracle Marathon" — a man's 3,100-mile trek across America on one leg and a special pair of shock-absorbing crutches designed by the State students.

Letherer left Raleigh May 5, bound for San Diego on a grueling journey to promote cancer research and raise the spirits of other disabled people.

As of June 16, he had logged more than 600 miles and had passed through Montgomery, Ala.

It's an effort the 50-year-old Michigan native put together with scant funding, plenty of moxie and a little help from his friends at State.

He couldn't have tried it, Letherer said, without the year of strength training he went through with State trainers and the special crutches which help his body take the miles of pounding.

The crutches use a type of shock-absorbing foam similar to the foam padding used in football and race car helmets. The foam cushions the shock waves

that ripple across the upper body of a person walking — or in Letherer's case — running on crutches.

The special crutches earned students C.A. McDonald, Harry Wilfong and Bill Ridenhour a letter of commendation from N.C. Gov. Jim Hunt. The students have had many inquiries about their invention, and Ridenhour is continuing the research project.

The story of Letherer's marathon and crutches has its origins in the national spotlight that fell on State as the Wolfpack climbed to the 1983 NCAA Basketball Championship.

As the Pack coaches traveled to playoffs in Oregon, Utah and finally Albuquerque, N.M., they got to know a red-capped fan who'd turn up at each game in a wheelchair.

Letherer was a San Diego resident, a native of Saginaw, Mich., who'd lost his leg to cancer at age 10. A stroke in 1950 paralyzed half his body; after he fought that off, a bus accident put him in a wheelchair in 1976. The injuries didn't stop him from sailing to Ceylon or hitchhiking long distances to attend football games.

He told the coaches of a dream he had — to run cross-country on crutches to raise interest and money for cancer research. Two weeks after the April 4 championship game in Albuquerque in 1983, "Captain



Cap'n Jim's Miracle Marathon will take him from Raleigh to San Diego in an effort to raise money for cancer research and to raise the spirits of other handicapped persons.

Jim" turned up at the State campus in Raleigh ready to train.

Over the next year, athletic trainers and strength coaches put Letherer through a program focusing on weight work to build his upper body strength. It wasn't long before he was working out with two-legged runners — including State Chancellor Bruce Poulton, an early-morning jogger.

"He's a pretty incredible personality," Assistant Trainer Jim Rehbock said. "He's doing things right now with one leg and a pair of crutches that I couldn't do with two legs."

Early on, Letherer and his coaches recognized that conventional crutches wouldn't do the job he had in mind. Through Poulton's office, he found help in the student chapter of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers.

Dr. Ralph A. Burton, head of the department of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering, took him to one of the chapter's weekly luncheon meetings last November. "He went down and

won their hearts," Burton recalled.

ASME members McDonald (83-84 Chairman), Wilfong (83-84 Vice Chairman) and Ridenhour (84-85 Chairman elect) mounted strain gages on Letherer's old crutches and tried them out for themselves. They found that the initial impact of a crutch hitting the ground generates an enormous shock wave across the upper body, arms and hands. Letherer's three-legged stride was producing continual shock waves.

The students considered complicated modifications before Rex Hospital donated a pair of crutches that could easily be modified. They built a column of the special foam into the lower part of each crutch and turned the pair over to Letherer in early April.

"He was really excited," McDonald said. And 18 days into the run, Letherer said the crutches were doing "super, super." Ridenhour was making him a second pair with a feature added to protect against wear.

The resilient foam insert acts

like a built-in spring, Ridenhour said. "It's similar in concept to a pogo stick, but not quite so bouncy," he said.

The project was a novel one for the ASME students, whose training is primarily oriented toward careers in industry. But, noted McDonald, "mechanical engineering is a very broad curriculum. You do things like this as well as more industrial work."

Letherer has been holding press conferences and going on radio shows along his route from Raleigh to promote cancer research, boost the spirits of other victims and "pass on that spirit they have at State — that life's worth living, that you can make it if you try."

Among his sponsors are former Wolfpack forward Thurl Bailey, now with the Utah Jazz, and other professional athletes. He plans to donate 10 percent of the proceeds to a cancer research fund in care of State Basketball Coach Jim Valvano and Assistant Coach Ed McLean, giving most of the rest to support chemist Linus Pauling's cancer-related research.

"I'm not sure how much money I can raise for cancer research," he said, "but I know that when I can bring a smile to one kid in a wheelchair, it'll be reward enough for all the pain, misery, hurt and loneliness I'll go through on this Miracle Marathon."

Letherer said he chose the 3,100-mile goal of reaching Jack Murphy Stadium in San Diego to leave intact the record of Canadian cancer victim Terry Fox, who crossed most of Canada running on an artificial limb in 1980 before succumbing to cancer.

"He was a track star who lost a leg to cancer," Letherer said. "I lost a leg to cancer and became a track star."



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## Views explained

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sin. We must not view homosexuals as a people with a plague we give them the right to label Christians as "homophobic."

I have come across no information that proves someone is born homosexual. In today's society, homosexuality is viewed and even taught as a valid choice. If this were the case, it would be easy to leave homosexuality behind for the sake of Christianity. Homosexuals are in bondage to homosexuality just as a smoker is to cigarettes or an alcoholic is to alcohol. If one can't believe trusting in Jesus Christ can bring deliverance from any type of sin, how can one believe Jesus Christ can bring salvation and eternal life. I have read several accounts of Christians who were once homosexuals. Some of them are happily married and have children while the others feel God has called them to remain celibate. Irregardless, they realized that Christianity required an abandonment of homosexuality.

Those of you who believe in the Jesus Christ who died for the salvation of mankind should realize that he also said one must forsake all and follow him. Should a homosexual desire to become a Christian, he or she must be willing to give up their past life. The Bible says Jesus is faithful to help one overcome any bondage to sin. According to Draughon's cartoon, Jesus would accept the homosexual and today's Christian church would not. According to the Bible, Jesus loves all men but he hates their sins, and because of their sins he must punish those who do not come to him in repentance. (Again repentance is a confession of wrong doing and a turning away from the sin.) I sincerely believe that Jerry Falwell does not hate homosexuals; however, if he did not stand against homosexuality he would be hypocrite to the Christian faith, for the Bible declares it to be a sin. Don't rely on either my or Dennis Draughon's opinion. I challenge you to read the Bible for yourself. What does the it say the Church should be like?

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## Future of Olympics insecure

With the start of the XXIII Olympiad exactly one month away, I'm trying earnestly to rekindle some of the excitement and anticipation which had been building in me over the past several months. That satisfying feeling which had been building until, on May 8, the Soviet Union announced that its athletes would much rather stay home during our Olympic bash.

Few things please me more than wallowing in the action-packed delight that only the Olympic Games have a way of providing. I enjoy temporarily glueing myself to a TV set — be it at home with a *Guinness Olympic Record Book* in hand or on the latest Magnovox while strolling through K-Mart — and feverishly cheering on the American thinclad who has saved his best for the final 100 meters.

Yes, I guess you could say it arouses my sense of national pride. Somehow, I don't derive

quite the same feeling from, say, an Abdul-Jabbar hook shot or a Theismann touchdown pass.

After enduring four seasons worth of professional football, baseball and basketball and the skyrocketing salaries and contract disputes offered by each, I was eager for a reprieve. Unfortunately, thanks to the Soviet-led boycott, my submersion back into the world of amateur competition won't be as delightful as it might have been.

It's not that Russian's balk was totally unexpected. After our country's pullout in '80, the time was nigh for Soviet leader Konstantin Chernenko to retaliate, thus continuing the tradition of politically-influenced Games. Once again, scores of athletes who invested much of their time and lives toward preparing for the Olympics will be shortchanged by a relatively few powerful individuals who would probably benefit from a few

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discuss heaves to the cerebral cavity.

So what of the future of the Olympics? When will politics take a back seat — if only for two short weeks — for the benefit of amateur sport?

With the '88 site set for Seoul, South Korea, the situation appears to be headed for anything but improvement. The Soviet Union maintains strong ties with North Korea and fails to recognize South Korea as an independent state. And few will soon forget the Soviets' destruction of a South Korean jetliner last fall.

For the Olympic Games to continue, both Soviet and Amer-

ican decision-makers must realize the need for cooperation. Until they do, the Olympics will never be the full-fledged international competition they were originally created to be.

Despite the boycott, the competition at the U.S. Trials in Los Angeles has been intense the past few days. Many of the athletes who were considered shoo-ins for Olympic berths have fallen to the wayside and aggressive challengers have assumed many of the top positions.

World champion Calvin Smith was a victim in the 200-meters, favorites Billy Olson and Dan Ripley were eliminated in the pole vault and world record holder Ben Plunkett failed to make the team in the discus.

Other favorites, however, were able to hold off the competition. The unbeatable Edwin Moses, now winner of 102 consecutive races, continued his dominance in the 400-meter hurdles and — barring major catastrophe — is a cinch for a gold medal. America's premier 1,500-meter men, Steve Scott and Sydney Maree, both qualified in their event while Mary Decker breezed to victories in the 1,500- and 3,000-meter women's races.

But the most remarkable athlete in the U.S. — and soon the world — is sprinter Carl Lewis. Not since the days of the incredible Jesse Owens has a single American sprinter been considered a serious threat to capture four gold medals.

Lewis, who beat extremely talented challengers en route to qualifying in the 100- and 200-meter dashes and long jump, is confident that he can repeat Owens' 1936 performance in Berlin, Germany.

In that competition, Owens — much to the chagrin of an onlooking Adolf Hitler — made Olympic history by winning the

100- and 200-meter dashes, long jump, and anchoring the victorious 4 x 100-meter relay team. Counting heats, he competed 12 times and finished first each time, besting the Olympic record nine times and the world record on four occasions. These accomplishments prompted the selection of Owens as the premier track and field athlete of the first half of the century.

And by the time the Olympic flames are doused in mid-August, Carl Lewis may have established himself as the premier athlete of the latter half.

Former State assistant track coach John Crist captured the Olympic Trials decathlon championship Friday night in L.A., adding an additional Wolfpack flavor to the games.

Crist, from Atlanta, edged Tim Bright in the final event — the 1,500-meters — to claim a four-point win. Crist compiled 8,102 points in the competition.

For Wolfpack distance runner Betty Springs, who reached the semifinals of the 3,000-meters, the announcement on Saturday that the 10,000-meters would be included on the women's race schedule in 1988 is probably only frustrating.

Springs, a former 5,000- and 10,000-meter NCAA champion, was forced to try for an Olympic berth in the marathon earlier. Victimized by a quick early pace, Springs failed to qualify, leaving her with only one further option — the 3,000. Unfortunately, Springs may have been better suited for qualifying in the middle distances to which she was more accustomed, specifically the 5,000- and 10,000-meters.

Although the announcement does indicate progress on the part of the International Amateur Athletic Federation, track and field's governing body, the slate will still not include — for whatever reason we can only guess — a 5,000-meter women's race four years from now.



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