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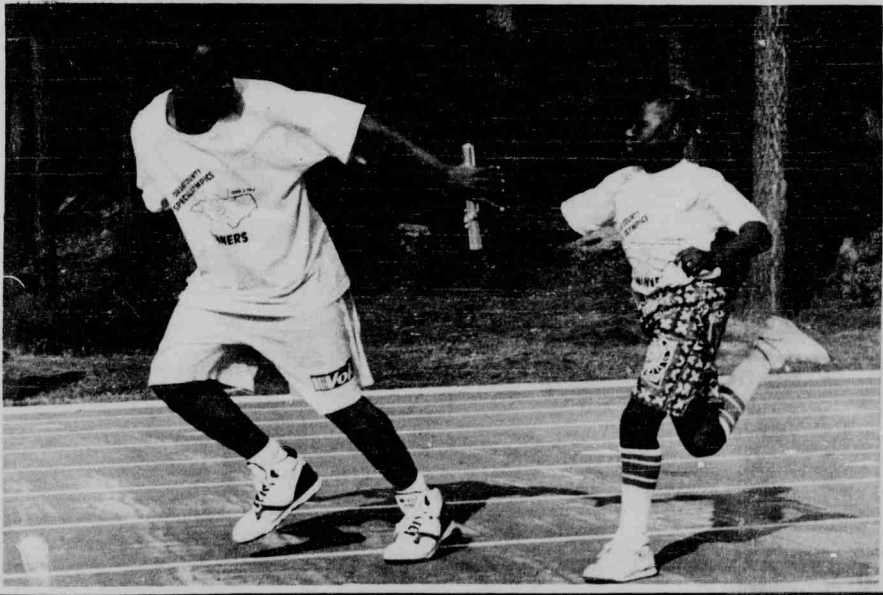
## Special Olympics 1990

### 'Let me win. But if I can not win, let me be brave in the attempt.'



• (above) Orange County Special Olympian Monica Walker is all smiles as she receives her gold medal in the 400-meter run competition.  
• (left) Connie Kittrel of Carteret County Special Olympics competes in the long jump. She won the gold medal in her division.  
• (bottom) Anthony Stevenson hands off the baton to Michael Brown in the 4 x 100 meter relay race. Both Special Olympians are from Orange County.

Ravi Lalka/Staff (3)



## Restrooms in five residence halls renovated

Alexander, Bagwell, Barry, Becton and Turlington receive modifications

By Lisa Florer  
Staff Writer

A \$1.93 million project to restore the restrooms of five residence halls is expected to be completed through Campus Planning by the start of the fall semester.

Jon Cooper, a consulting architect with N.C. State's Campus Planning office, said Friday that the bathrooms of Alexander, Bagwell, Barry, Becton and Turlington residence halls are being modified and expanded.

"In every case, we're taking the existing bathroom and gutting it," Cooper said, "and in every case we're also enlarging the bathroom to take in an adjacent residence room."

According to Cooper, the project's cost includes design, construction and contingency fees.

The renovations, which began May 14, are financed solely through "user fees," fees charged to

students living in the residence halls.

Cooper called the existing bathrooms "substandard" and cited worn out, depleted fixtures and too few bathrooms for the number of students as the main reasons for renovations.

He said many of the bathrooms, some built back in the 1930s, still have their original finishes, tiles and fixtures.

The restoration and expansion of the 30 bathrooms includes new wall tiles, plumbing fixtures and partitions between the toilets. There will be separate toilet area and shower rooms.

Cooper said he expects the bathrooms to be greatly improved after the renovations.

Although construction started only three weeks ago, Cooper said crews are running fairly close to schedule and expect to finish renovations by the deadline on August 14.

## NCSU engineering faculty member dies

By Amy Coulter  
Senior Staff Writer

Funeral services were held last Thursday for Bobby D. Pettis, director of Student Services in the College of Engineering. Pettis died June 5 at Rex Memorial Hospital, where he was admitted 11 days earlier.

Several years ago Pettis was diagnosed with multiple myeloma, a form of bone marrow cancer.

"He lived longer than was expected," said his wife, Joyce Pettis, who is an assistant professor of American and African-American literature at N.C. State.

Bobby Pettis received his bachelor of science degree from North Carolina Central University and went on to pursue his masters degree at East Carolina University. After receiving his masters degree, he taught science courses in the Pitt County public school system. From 1975 to 1978, Bobby Pettis was an education specialist in desegregation methods, a federal program at ECU. He also worked as a guidance counselor for Pitt County Community College for a number of years.

In 1982, Bobby Pettis accepted a job at NCSU as a minority coordinator for the College of Engineering. He and his family have been living in Raleigh for the past five years.

Hubert Winston, director of Undergraduate Academic Affairs

for the College of Engineering, said that as the minority coordinator, Pettis' main concern was recruiting minority students into the engineering program. He was also responsible for the college's tutorial program and retention policies and was eventually promoted to director of Student Services, Winston said.

One of Pettis' greater contributions was his work with students on a one-on-one basis, helping them resolve whatever was preventing them from doing well, Winston said.

"He enjoyed his work very much," Joyce Pettis said. She also said that he helped students feel good about themselves and showed them they had potential.

"His success with helping students was reflected in the way they responded," she said.

Joyce Pettis said that many of her husband's students continued to stay in touch with him after graduating. During Pettis' hospitalization, many of his students also sent him cards, gifts and flowers to thank him for his help. She said friends and students flew in from around the country to attend his funeral services after he died.

Funeral services were held at Lea Funeral Home of Raleigh.

In addition to his wife, Bobby Pettis is survived by his son Daryl Pettis, who recently graduated from law school at NCCU.

## Saturday morning is not the same without violence; sleep late instead

What has happened to Saturday cartoons?

I woke up early this weekend for the first time since 1985, and what kind of entertainment did I get? Little blue things running around with cutesy little white boots and cutesy little white hats, trying to make the world a better place (kinda sounds like UNC, don't it).

Stupid little critters with touching stories are the last thing I need to compound my hangover. I want something to relieve the tension of the work week. I want violence!

Now don't get me wrong, I'm really a sweet guy at heart, but after the stress of school, roommates and my girlfriend (just kidding, dear), I like nothing better than to relax in front of the tube with an ice cold glass of O.J. and watch animated figures blow each other up. Nothing more.

### Michael Russell Indecent Exposure

I mean, if I wanted to see REAL violence I could wait a couple of hours and watch whatever NASCAR race happened to be on, or a hockey game. Or worse still, the evening news.

I guess the saying is true: They don't make 'em like they used to. Any cartoon connoisseur will agree that The Best Toon-on-the-Tube Award goes to "The Bugs Bunny and Tweety Show." Some of you may remember it as the "Bugs Bunny-Road Runner Hour," but a certain group of mothers with overstarved panties decided to have the Road Runner cartoons censored

because they were too violent. Along with those, they cut out various and sundry explosions from the other Warner Brother's creations. So today kids can see only the edited versions. The purpose of this is to prevent your little 8-year-old from calling Acme Inc., ordering a few bundles of dynamite and blowing your home away.

Instead, the Saturday morning propaganda machine has belched out pre-packaged, low-cost, low-thought Styrofoams.

And what original shows! I don't know about you, but I was perfectly happy with "Ghostbusters I" and "II" without having to see the darn cartoon every week.

And what about "Alf"?

The nation that cringed when the coyote fell thousands of feet and got up with not so much as a scratch has fallen in love with the

little furry alien. He's lovable. He's cute. And he likes to make daiquiris out of kooky cats.

This is socially acceptable?

As much as I hate cats, the idea of purring one seems a bit sick. But the kiddies and the grown-ups seem to like it. At least it may help control the pet population.

The reason I'm complaining is that it's not getting any better. I just read in the TV Guide about the two newest cartoon concepts (if you are pregnant, have a heart condition or are on any medication, you may want to skip these next passages).

The first is based on those sexy teenyboppers, New Kids on the Block. Now I don't know about you, but I wouldn't want to see my kid (not that I have one, mind you) screaming, with tears rolling down her

face in pure ecstasy at five teen-agers wearing leather. The Beatles these guys ain't!

Next on the list of great new toons is "Little Rosanne" and it's based on... yes, you guessed it... Rosanne Barr. Now here is someone that every parent would like his or her child to grow up like! Sure, she's funny. But I wouldn't classify her as a good role model for a child to follow. If he had made a cartoon called "Little John Goodman," I wouldn't be so upset. Or if Little Rosanne and New Kids on the Block got blown up by Yosemite Sam!

So, if you're like me and you're concerned with the implications of the decline in quality cartoons, start recording those reruns now. Or your child-to-be may become hooked on "Senior Citizen Mutant Ninja Termites In Heat."



### Pack spirit at Special Olympics

N.C. State defensive back Fernando Vinson helps set up balloons at the opening ceremony of the North Carolina Special Olympics. Vinson was one of many volunteers who helped make the event a success.

Rovi Laska/stat

## Wolfpack golfers complete successful season with 14th place finish at the NCAAs

### Mitchum, Sargent named to all-America squad

#### Technician News Services

The N.C. State golf team ended its 1990 season by placing 14th out of 30 teams at the NCAA Championship in Tarpon Springs, Fla., last week.

State finished with a total of 1181, 26 strokes behind overall team champion Arizona State.

The Pack was led by freshman Kelly Mitchum, who finished with a total of 288 and an eighth-place tie. Mitchum's finish not only resulted in him being named all-American, it also ensured him a spot on the United States-Japan Challenge Team.

The team is sanctioned by the International Golf Association and will travel to Japan for a tournament in the fall.

Joining Mitchum as an all-American was Pack junior Bowen Sargent. The Brentwood, Tenn. native completed the tournament with a score of 294 which was

good enough for a 38th place tie.

Next on the scoreboard for State was sophomore Steve Isley who finished in 42nd place, totaling 295.

In 130th place, senior Doug Stone finished with a score of 309, concluding his brilliant career for the Pack. One stroke behind Stone was junior Joel Hartwell.

The native of North Myrtle Beach finished the tournament with a total of 310.

As for the season, the Pack again completed a successful campaign. State finished in the top 10 of all but two tournaments the team competed in this year.

The Pack tied Clemson in the ACC Golf Championship and finished second in the Palmetto Invitational to record the two best tournament finishes for the team this season.

Individually, State was led throughout the season by Sargent who had six top 10 finishes. His best finish occurred at the Southern Intercollegiate where he captured

the overall title.

Right behind Sargent was Mitchum who tallied five top 10 tournaments. Mitchum's best finish was a fourth place effort at the Cavalier Classic.

Looking toward next season, head coach Richard Sykes sees a team that will return everyone except all-ACC performer Doug Stone. Stone's loss will be buffered somewhat by the return of Todd Gleaton who sat out the season because of an injury.

The team should also benefit from all of the post-season experience it has gained in the past few weeks and use it to their benefit next season.

"I'm very pleased with the outcome of the season," Sykes said. "It always helps in recruiting to say we finished first in the ACC and we finished 14th in the nation."

The balance between veterans and newcomers on the State squad should also work to Sykes' advantage when the fall season rolls around. Paul Manning and Tag Wylie each saw little action this year but their presence on the team will be needed if the Pack is to remain in the forefront of ACC golf.



Mitchum



Sargent

## Baseball team's Bark drafted by Braves; recruit tosses no-hitter

We begin today's column with a correction. Last week in this space, we erroneously reported that N.C. State pitching recruit Matt Donohue helped Middle Georgia to the championship of the Junior College World Series at Grand Junction, Colo.

Donohue did in fact beat Dutchess (N.Y.) Community College in the opening round of the Juco World Series, and he did come back after a three-day rest to beat Mesa (Ariz.) Junior College to send unbeaten Middle Georgia into the championship round of the NJCAA World Series. All of that was correctly reported last week.

Middle Georgia's championship round opponent was San Jacinto (Texas) Junior College, and since San Jacinto had already lost once in the double-elimination tournament, the Gators had to defeat Middle Georgia twice to claim their fifth national title in six years.

Since Middle Georgia was 52-4 at the time and had highly regarded University of Miami (and eventually Atlanta Braves) signee Keith Morrison on the mound, the assumption was made (incorrectly, of course) that Morrison and Middle Georgia would win easily. Instead, San Jacinto handed Morrison his lurch to the tune of 15-6, setting up a championship game a day later.

Donohue, on just one day of rest, pitched that championship game for Middle Georgia and took a one-hit shutout into the seventh inning before running out of gas. Robert Henkel hit a grand slam home run, and San Jacinto went on to a 5-0 win.

### Bruce Winkworth Sports Columnist

Donohue, who has a well-earned reputation as a bulldog on the mound, finished the season with an 11-2 record, and he no doubt left a strong impression on all who watched the Juco World Series.

Shawn Senior, State's lefthanded pitching recruit from Cherry Hill (N.J.) West High School, pitched his team to its second consecutive state championship. Senior tossed a no-hitter in the finals striking out 11 in a 10-0 win over Hoboken.

Finishing the season with an 11-0 record, Senior did not allow a run during the last six weeks of the campaign. Over his last two seasons, Senior was 20-0 for West, which lost only twice in 49 games.

Senior pitched for the United States Junior National Team last summer and was 1-0 with a 4.3 ERA in the World Junior Championships. Senior will again pitch with the Junior National Team this summer.

Under a cloud of secrecy that the Bush-Gorbachev summit talks have unsuccessfully tried to emulate, the Major League Baseball Draft was held last Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. The only State player drafted was senior Brian Bark, who was taken in the 12th round by the Atlanta Braves. Bark was in Atlanta this past weekend and signed with the Braves.

Bark's destination will be Pulaski of the Appalachian League.

While the State coaching staff had not heard about any of the Wolfpack recruits (the veil of secrecy in action), Senior and Louisville pitcher Kelly Hill almost certainly were drafted. Neither is likely to sign without a considerable signing bonus, especially Senior.

Other ACC players drafted include Clemson centerfielder and ACC Player of the Year Brian Kowitz, pitchers Ron Frazier and Tim Parker, Georgia Tech third baseman Andy Bruce and pitcher Doug Creek, Duke pitcher Tim Rumer, Wake Forest first baseman/relief pitcher Paul Reinisch, and North Carolina short-stop Ron Maurer.

News of how the various recruiting classes were affected by the draft was sketchy, but North Carolina, which badly needed a strong recruiting class to fill voids left by heavy graduation losses, may have been hit hardest of any team in the ACC. Early reports had three highly touted UNC recruits signing contracts or on the verge of signing, and the Heels have no replacements in sight.

Because Major League Baseball somehow thinks that college coaches use the draft lists as recruiting aids, the draft is held in a cloak-and-dagger environment that seems thoroughly pointless. The final round-by-round selections will not be released to the public until October. An alphabetical listing will be released June 13. Actual signings are released by the major league teams at their discretion.



Debbie Mathis/stat

N.C. State's Brian Bark, seen here in an earlier game against Virginia, was drafted in the 12th round by the Atlanta Braves. Bark will play at Pulaski in the Appalachian League.

Whenever possible, make salad dressings a day before you plan to use them. This gives the flavors time to mingle.

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## It's here ... 'Another 48 Hrs.'



Photo courtesy Paramount Pictures

Nick Nolte (left) and Eddie Murphy (right) are up to their old law-fighting escapades in "Another 48 Hrs." This time around it is Murphy who decides to help out Nolte. The film is one of the summers hottest flicks now playing in a theatre near you.

By Joe Corey III  
Staff Writer

So, the big blockbuster movies are out and I didn't feel cheated by watching two of the season's most hyped offerings.

The first one was the \$60 million picture, "Total Recall." Arnold Schwarzenegger has become the biggest box office star in the style of Sly Stallone and Victor Mature. He still has that Conan accent.

The story deals with a revolt on Mars and Arnold being the key to the rebels winning out. The story is from Phillip Dick, who wrote the novel that "Blade Runner" was based on.

Arnold's character has a fixation on Mars and he doesn't actually want to go to the red planet. So he does the next best thing and heads off to Recall.

This is an agency that installs memories into your brain so you think you've been there, but you don't have to leave the comfort of a chair.

Arnold chooses to visit Mars in a secret agent scenario. But something goes wrong when they discover he has actually been to Mars and someone has tried to lock up that memory.

The next thing you know, Arnold finds out that he's not who he is. His wonderful wife and his construction work life is a fraud set up six weeks before and fed into his mind. And people are out to kill him.

He does go to Mars to find out what the deal is. The idea that you are never sure if the whole adventure is just part of a memory placement service keeps.

Maybe it's the sets of Mars that make me wince. When I think of,

great modern sci-fi sets, there's "Outland," "Alien," and "Blade Runner."

Their sets showed a low dive in high tech. But for some reason The Last Resort bar in "Total Recall" just doesn't have the scummy feeling that it deserves. It's too clean.

It looked like a bar they'd use on "Lost in Space." I was waiting for all the regulars to burst into a big song and dance number. Maybe I'm just a pessimist in space, but the place just didn't have the feel.

Also when "Total Recall" comes on video, here's a neat drinking game — spot the ad. The camera takes more breaks for a word from our sponsors than you average children's TV show.

There was some serious budget padding. Not that I mind seeing ads. The way ads were used in "Blade Runner" was great. They were brought into the future. But in "Total Recall," the ads are straight from now with the only exception being "Mars Today."

"Total Recall" does have enough plot twists to keep you from thinking too hard. The scenes of people's eyeballs bloating up are great. The special effects are worth watching. The fight behind the X-ray wall is neat.

This is not the end-all sci-fi film. It has its weakness and has one big question. Why are the cops on Mars not using laser guns that won't break the pressurized protective windshields?

The security guards are just popping off the lead without a second

thought until people get sucked out a broken window and their eyes look like Marty Feldman. I guess "Outland" is a better film about mining towns in outer space.

Now "Another 48 Hours" is the film to beat this summer. It's so intense with its action. The film also passes the ultimate test with a guy on fire running and waving his arms. A mark of excellence.

Nick Nolte and Eddie Murphy are back five years after their first "48 Hours" together. Murphy is now a free man and Nick is about to be put into the pokey for killing a suspect whose gun the cops can't find.

He needs Murphy to help him locate an underworld crime boss. Murphy just wants the money that Nick has been holding out.

He wants nothing to do with the crime boss, but a slight bus accident helps Murphy choose another course of action.

The best characters are the evil bikers hired to turn Murphy into Swiss cheese. Director Walter Hill makes them into those mean outlaw bikers from "Easy Rider" magazine and not some cartoons.

If I ever wanted inspiration to buy a Harley, these guys would be it.

In their leather and cruising through the desert, you see the children of Brand's "Wild One." And when they flash their guns, they give off a coldness that only a man who lives for the moment could give. You can't have a good action film without really evil guys and these two feel it.

Eddie doesn't dominate the film

and even his funny parts aren't that great. He sings "Roxanne" again and makes jokes about James Brown, but he seems better off dishing out pain than trying to incite laughter. Nick runs the show although those bikers steal a couple scenes.

This film uses nearly as many bullets as "Total Recall." Lead-mania hits the big final shoot out. You can barely see the chest from bullets. It does leave you to wonder if there is any sanity left in the fire-fight happy world.

I think the NRA has already given its thumbs up. But if you can get past all the shells, it is a good film and not just a flimsy excuse to bag in on the success of the original such as Murphy seemed to do with "Beverly Hill Cop 2."

The ending is great and may come as a shock, but I didn't feel ripped. It was a worthy two days spent.

Oh yeah, the best movie song of the year was "Downtown" by Lloyd Cole in "Bad Influence." Lloyd is coming to the Cat's Cradle Saturday night so see him as he proceeds commonionless.

I know I'll try and maybe Rob can videotape the proceedings.

### This week's top billings

#### Summerfest '90



David Clayton-Thomas

The North Carolina Symphony's Summerfest '90 will feature Blood, Sweat and Tears vocalist David Clayton-Thomas this Saturday night.

Showtime is 7:30 p.m. in Regency Park (located in Cary). For more information call 733-9536.

#### Thompson has 'Hay Fever'



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Editorials

Freshmen

It is happening again. Some of them are white. Some of them are black. Some of them are left-handed. Some of them are right-handed.

But whatever their characteristics, they are coming. Whatever shall we do? As a matter of fact, we should take the chance to grow from this perennial summer festivity of Freshman Orientation. With this plan in mind, here are some suggestions for taking the best advantage of these potential new relationships. Remember, meeting these new, naive, innocent, young people can increase your awareness about the ever-decreasing size of our world.

These people have infinitely diversified backgrounds and, therefore, unique views of past and on-going events. Learn from them. Take a minute to listen to what they have to say, and maybe apply the newly gathered material to your life.

Perhaps what they say will benefit you. You do not have to accept what they say. Do listen to it, though. Take it in; taste it as you would a fine wine by swirling it around your head for awhile, and, if it has a bad taste, spit it out.

If you see one of them walking in a daze of bewilderment, then be kind. Ask what the problem is, and offer assistance.

If someone asks for directions to the library, tell them it really is between the Brickyard and Hillsborough Street.

If someone is interested in sexual activity, then remember to suggest the use of a condom. Why, it has two advantages. Not only is it effective as a contraceptive, but it also is good protection against sexually transmitted diseases.

Tell them they can be a part of campus activities and even invite them to a party. Chances are that they are still living on their parents' money, not a typical college budget, so they can afford better parties to which you may be invited one fine day.

Remember how it felt when you could walk across campus and recognize faces? And even more to the point, remember the feeling when those faces returned the recognition? The best rush around.

So do be a caring, responsible member of our society. Keep an eye open for those less fortunate than ourselves, and remember the words, "The meek shall inherit the Earth." If this is the case, being nice to this year's crop of freshmen will certainly prove advantageous.

Feel free to burn the flag

In a 5-4 vote Monday, the Supreme Court decided to stand by its decision that freedom of expression includes the right to desecrate the American flag. Justice William Brennan and the Supreme Court said flag burning is a "basic constitutional guarantee."

"Punishing desecration of the flag dilutes the very freedom that makes this emblem so revered," said Brennan.

President Bush opposed the law from the beginning, saying it would take a constitutional amendment to overturn the flag. He knew the proposed law to make flag burning a federal offense would get shot down. Such a law would be in blatant conflict with freedom of expression as it is granted to us in the Bill of Rights.

Under the First Amendment, freedom of expression, as it may be interpreted, includes the right to desecrate the flag.

However, another point is raised. Burning the flag may be constitutionally right, but is it morally wrong?

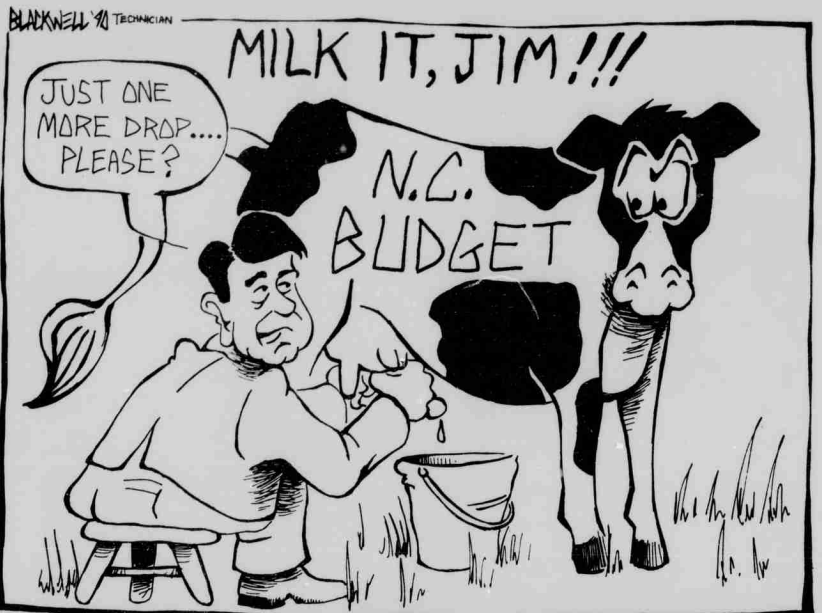
The Stars and Stripes symbolize this great country. Part of the wonder of being an American is that you can express yourself freely.

How else can the Ku Klux Klan be able to march and speak when the general public bitterly disagrees? The same amendment that protects the KKK protects the NAACP and the flag burner.

Burning a symbol that means so much to all of us who live in this great country is morally wrong. As Americans, we should be highly offended every time a flag is burned. But we should not be so offended that we'd be willing to limit our right to free speech and expression. As a nation we cannot stop the fire. But as individuals, we can douse the flames.

Forum policy

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Columns

Sterilizing stupidity seems satisfying

Nathan Gay  
Guest Columnist

I have finally discovered the answer to world peace. It has nothing to do with this "love everyone" crap that we get subjected to daily by the Sunshine Police.

That fateful night when the answer became clear, I had to laugh at it's simplicity. Truly, the world will be a better place if all the stupid people in the world were sterilized.

Think about all the world's ills. All of the disasters that could have been avoided and all of the manipulations we have been subjected to due to stupid people.

No one can tell me that the Exxon oil spill wasn't an act of utter incompetence. Maybe that captain wasn't always that stupid, but that simple lapse threw this planet into a real higgledy-piggledy.

All of the bizarre family disputes we hear about from Oprah Winfrey would be avoided if the wife beaters, child abusers, child molesters, animal abusers, etc., were prevented from procreation, which would be the tyranny of stupidity.

A simple snip here and there and a knot tied in the most strategic place would prevent future child abusers from entering this world. Maybe social programs can save some children of misfits, but the programs

only work if the stupid person wishes to be helped.

So, why should our society have to put up with these stupid people who refuse to get help while they abuse and molest and wreck oil tankers and become vice-president to Bush?

Why should we waste precious Earth space to support those who would like to bring us down?

If sterilizing stupid people became a law, the population level would begin its statistical descent. The housing shortage would eventually be eliminated.

With the downfall of the stupid people there will be a higher percentage of intelligent people in the world. Eventually North Carolina's embarrassing SAT score average would be raised to acceptable levels.

Twenty or thirty years from now, the population will be a more acceptable level as opposed to the terrifying numbers statisticians quote nowadays. Land prices would decrease and it wouldn't be so

dated hard to find an apartment.

Prison overcrowding would also be eliminated because today the prisons are bustling at the seams with stupid people, but thirty years from now we'll have to layoff prison wardens for lack of prisoners.

It would not be hard to find out who is stupid or not. We all have to take intelligence tests so if we were to combine SAT tests with IQ tests and other simple tests, we would find a most acceptable form of scale to weed out the stupid.

After one is found to be stupid, there would be only a mandatory procedure to prevent further stupidity.

Rapists (who should be sterilized regardless) would have their full testicles removed to stop their raging hormones. Other stupid people would have other procedures to keep their lifestyles to the natural norm.

Prisoners would be sterilized whether they are criminal geniuses or not.

Most important of all, the child of a stupid person is going to be the one to push the button that will utterly destroy the world. Better that we eliminate the stupid people than the whole kit and caboodle.

Truly the meek shall inherit the earth. And the stupid shall give it up for them.

A caring militant

Brian Little's column on gun control, published on May 30, is proof that one need not be informed to have an opinion. I would like to clarify a few points that Little missed totally.

First, gun control legislation does not merely consider those weapons that Little erroneously referred to as "assault rifles." Indeed, gun control legislation has to do with all laws regarding firearms.

Little was also misinformed about the "well regulated militia" clause in the second amendment. At the time of the framers of the Constitution, the term "militia" referred to those able-bodied men that were of the age of service. Since that time, several federal laws have been passed, defining the militia as all able-bodied males between the ages of 18 and 55. This distinguishes the militia from the National Guard and Army Reserves.

Second, Little rallied against "semiautomatic, assault rifles." There is simply no such animal. By definition, an "assault rifle" is a rifle, somewhat larger than a carbine, and capable of both semi and fully automatic fire. Therefore, the weapons that he refers to are semiautomatic rifles that look like assault rifles.

The Colt AR-15 (the M-16 look-alike), is mechanically no different than the little .22-caliber semiautomatic that many people enjoy using in target practice. The "AK-47s" that can be bought in this country are not the same rifles that Private Ivan parades around with in Red Square, for the same reason as the AR-15/M-16 difference. Little also seems to believe that the ammunition fired by these weapons are super-bullets. This is simply false.

Little also seems to think that semiautomatic weapons can be easily and freely converted into fully automatic condition. I do not deny that this conversion can be accomplished, and unfortunately, it does occur.

But first, someone has to know what they are doing to perform this time-taking operation. Second, the individual is risking heavy prison time, fines and his right to ever own a firearm again. Finally, once converted, without expensive refurbishment, the weapon can never again be legally owned or sold.

Little said that the framers never had "AK-47s and M-16s in mind." This is obviously true, but think about the full meaning of that statement for a moment. The framers never conceived of abortions, Playboys, minority and female suffrage. Indeed, they never considered minorities and women as full citizens. Think about it.

Little's parting shot was that "no American needs to own a weapon designed specifically to turn people into hamburger

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in three seconds." Please. My suggestion to you, Mr. Little, is this:

- Work for more laws that punish those who misuse firearms.

- If you really care about reducing the carnage in this country, work for stronger DUI laws, and for tighter controls on alcohol, along with mandatory governors on all cars to limit them to a maximum speed of 65 mph.

These things kill and maim far more people, proportionally, than firearms.

Think about these ideas. That is, if you really care.

2L David M. Carpenter, USAR, In Sr. LAP

Democratic lottery

This letter is in response to Tor Blizard's June 6 article titled, "The odds against a state lottery." Blizard's closed-minded opinions and poorly researched facts sound like the sermon of some Southern Baptist, Bible-Belt fastener.

Don't we live in a democracy anymore? If the majority wants a lottery, why not have one? If it is merely a question of gambling being illegal in our state, then maybe it is time gambling were legalized. It is bad enough that our educational system is one of the worst in the country. Maybe we should keep up with the Jones just once and employ a lottery system. These proverbial jobs are precisely those who founded our country — Massachusetts, Virginia, and Pennsylvania. In fact, funding for the founding of Jamestown was provided by a lottery. What makes North Carolina so righteous? Our heritage of slavery maybe?

If gambling is the hangup, I would like to ask our Republican politicians to look up the word "gamble" in any dictionary before they buy their next raffle ticket at church or from the Girl Scout next door. Gambling is part of human nature. True, their money goes to good causes, but what if North Carolina set up a program to support education with the lottery revenues like California has or to support the elderly like Pennsylvania's lottery does. Are these not equally good causes?

In 1988, \$15.6 billion was generated by nationwide lotteries. Forty-eight percent was paid as prizes, 15 percent spent on operating expenses, and the remaining 37 percent went to benefit each state in various ways. Blizard claimed that out of Virginia's lottery only 37 percent of the total revenue went to the state treasury. Well, if my roommate owed me \$100 I

would rather be paid \$35 in cash than an IOU for the entire amount.

Blizard also claims that lottery systems are unfair to the poor. However, there is no evidence indicating that these games are being abused in the same way as sports betting, race tracks and casinos. Also, legal lotteries divert cash from illegal gambling, weakening organized crime. In addition, college students participate in the game twice as often as high school dropouts.

Blizard boldly states, "Lotteries are a perfect vehicle for false hopes and unattainable dreams." Beautifully stated, but incorrect. What false hopes? It was hopes and dreams that founded America.

Consenting adults surely realize that each and every lottery ticket has the same chance of winning the jackpot — and someone always wins it. How many Womack bars did Charlie have to open to find the golden ticket? Only four of five if I remember correctly. Dreams can and do come true all of the time and not only in movies. It is only people's negative attitudes and these alone which make their hopes and dreams unattainable.

Yes, Mr. Blizard, money can buy happiness. Happiness such as groceries, a house, or even a vacation that may not be possible under normal circumstances. I have heard so many people say (even myself), "If I won \$10 million I would give x-amount away to charities." Assuming these people won and were true to their word, many homeless, hungry, and diseased people in this world could be a little happier. These hopes and dreams are attainable you see.

The best part of this entire lottery business is that it is completely voluntary. Voluntary extra revenue is exceedingly better than a revenue of higher taxation. It sure could benefit North Carolina's atlatross-afflicted educational system. There can be no harm in allowing consenting adults to spend their earned money on a lottery ticket. It is a choice rather than taxation. A freedom. A liberty.

As I see it, there are no negatives to the proposed North Carolina Lottery. It is time to stop being afraid of change. When an organism refuses to adapt, it dies. North Carolina must adapt.

Steve Herman  
Junior, Civil Engineering

Quote of the Day

"Life is a silly thing"

-anon.

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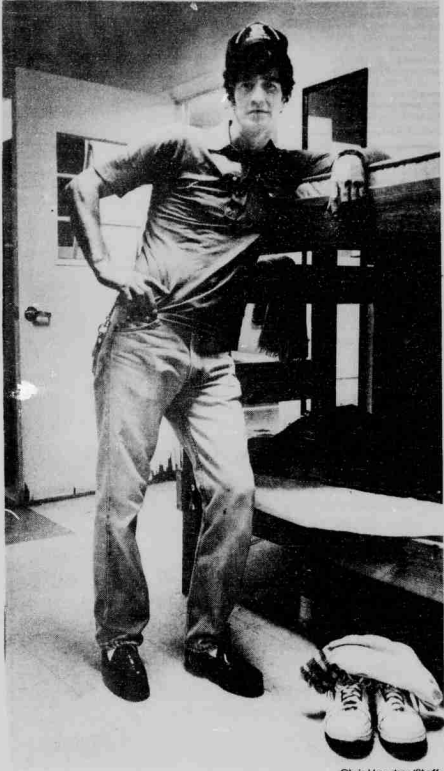
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# Sidetracks

## Providing temporary housing for homeless families



By Jen Rowan  
Staff Writer

It's raining outside and there is no shelter protect them from the weather. A father, mother and two small children stand under the entrance to a homeless shelter. Unfortunately, the shelter is closed and the family has no place to go.

The homeless seem to be everywhere these days. And they do not simply consist of individuals, many of the homeless are families.

At the Poole Road Shelter in Raleigh help is being given to homeless families. Lorraine Goodwin, Special Housing Coordinator for the city of Raleigh, works directly with families that are in need.

"Our job is not only to provide shelter for these people, we are providing social services — jobs, medical assistance, child care, etc. Anything to assist the family in becoming self-sufficient, because that is the primary goal, and to help them move on to independent living," Goodwin says.

The Poole Road Shelter opened on April 1, 1989. When it opened it had 14 families. Since then they have had five families make the transition into affordable housing, but they are still working with the nine remaining families. The shelter gives homeless family a place to live, that they can call their own, for a fee that is roughly 30% of their income.

Ms. Goodwin says, "In our program a family can move into a unit and stay anywhere from one month up to 18 months. Basically, what we do is work one to one. Hopefully put them in a better situation where they won't find themselves back in the street again. But, when working with these families it is a challenge because not only do these people have housing problems, but they also have social problems that we have to deal with," she says. "It's been quite a mouthful, more perhaps than we anticipated."

There are other shelters in Raleigh that are trying to help the homeless. The Ark Shelter, which provides food and housing for the homeless, is run by the Urban Ministry center.

The A.M.E.C. Day Shelter provides a place to stay during the day



Chris Hondros/Staff

With the increasing number of Raleigh's homeless, many shelters have a difficult time accommodating their overnight guests. The Raleigh Rescue Mission Night Shelter utilizes bunk beds to combat the increasing numbers.

and a place to receive meals, but they also provide counseling to try to help the homeless get out of their situation.

The Shepherd's Table is a soup kitchen, they provide meals to the homeless and is run by the Episcopal church in Raleigh. Chris Davis, a social worker and political science major at State, has dealt with the homeless, and feels that many people have an incorrect impression of what the homeless are like. "People treat the homeless as if they were aliens, instead of the real people that they are. Many people fear the homeless, expecting them to be dangerous," Davis says.

Davis was once doing laundry in a local laundromat when a homeless man walked in. "My first reaction was to be afraid," she says. "He just walked in and sat against the wall." The man asked her if her friend or her had a cigarette, and then they

just started talking.

"It was incredible. He knew everything that was going on in the world. He was more up on the news than I was. I found out that this man was not someone to be afraid of, but instead a human being that was easy to talk to. I learned a valuable lesson on prejudging people."

Raleigh does have an increasing

number of homeless people. But thanks to the many efforts of people like Davis, there are many shelters under construction.

*Editor's note: This is the second of a two part series concerning Raleigh's homeless. The first of the series was published in the May 30th issue.*

Many homeless shelters offer more than hot food, clean restrooms and a nice warm bed. Some shelters offer employment for the homeless.

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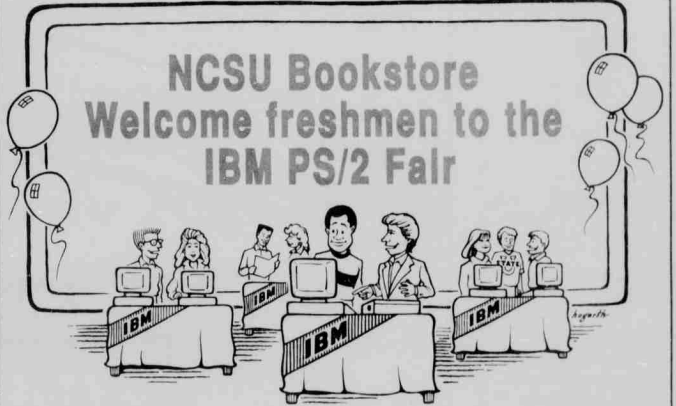
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CRYPTOQUIP  
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WXGFY MVXJ BGYVC OGW  
OGCTVR MP MKWW. "PKN  
BNWJ MNFYXV RKOAT"

Last Weeks Cryptquip: LUCKILY, THAT NEW APPROACH TO POLLUTION WAS LIKE A BREATH OF FRESH AIR.

Today's Cryptquip clue: M equals B

The Cryptquip is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words, and words using an apostrophe can give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

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