

Runners headed for Tucson

David Honea and Laurie Gomez-Henes will lead the Wolfpack cross country teams as they head for the NCAA Championships in Tucson, Arizona Monday.

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Educate the poor

Funding for education in the United States should be restructured to avoid discriminating against the poor.

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Variably cloudy Saturday with a high near 70 and a low in the mid 50s.

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Chancellor angry about News & Observer editorial

Monteith says he will respond

By David Bengt
Staff Writer

Chancellor Monteith is angry. At Wednesday's chancellor liaison meeting, the chancellor vowed to respond to an editorial in the Raleigh News & Observer that noted a high rate of cheating among N. C. State University students and questioned the university's academic integrity.

"This will not be a defensive statement," Monteith said, "but a per-

spective I need to state on behalf of the students and faculty about our basic values.

"I don't see how the university can function if cheating is declared OK," he said, adding, "I don't think it's OK."

Student Body President Ed Stack said he did not believe the faculty or students are doing a proper job in combating cheating and maintaining the integrity of NCSU. For this reason, he said, an Academic Integrity Commission is being formed to boost the university's image.

Another controversial topic on campus right now is the Centennial Gateway, which is currently under construction on Western Boulevard.

Vice Chancellor Tom Stafford said, "There's been a lot of concern about the Centennial Gateway, and

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—Larry Monteith
Chancellor

a lot of misperceptions" about what it is and how it is being funded.

Bryce Youns, director of alumni relations, said the gateway is "a special gift" from NCSU alumni.

"We realize it's just there for aes-

thetics, when funds are needed in a lot of places," Youns said. "But remember, these funds have been contributed for a specific purpose and can't be used for anything else."

The gateway will make "a nice statement when you come to campus," Youns said. "Future alumni will be proud of it."

Plans for the gateway have been underway since early 1986, Youns said. Former Chancellor John Caldwell initiated the idea for the gateway, which he envisioned as "a grand entrance-way onto campus."

In 1986, a survey was sent to alumni asking them to choose a centennial anniversary gift. The

choices were a statue, an 18th-century garden or the gateway. The gateway was by far the most popular idea, Youns said.

The gateway is "pretty much completed" except for the skin, which will be made of "heavy-gauged, brushed, finished stainless-steel panels," Youns said.

"You will know you are on a major thoroughfare" and not just any street when you pass the gate-

way, he said.

The walls will be difficult to vandalize because they will not hold paint, Youns said. "We don't want the walls to be painted a different color every year when we play a major rival basketball team."

The walls will also be brushed, so as not to reflect the sun and become a traffic hazard, he said.

The gateway should be finished by Jan. 15.

Another major issue on campus right now is crime.

Ed Stack noted that "every day there's some type of crime going on

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Monteith



Larry Osborne/Staff

It keeps going, and going, and going ...

Effrem Leach, 21, a senior in electrical engineering, checks under the hood of an electrically powered car sponsored by Agricultural Education Club for Conservation Awareness Week.

Senate rejects plan against Norplant

By Chrissy Williams
Staff Writer

A Student Senate committee rejected a resolution Wednesday night that

opposed Student Health Services' prescribing or providing Norplant, an extended form of birth control, to N. C. State University students.

The resolution, introduced by Daryl Willoughby, a freshman in an undeclared humanities major, included the following points:

• Without the worry and fear of pregnancy and its related concerns, more students will engage in sexual activity.

• An increase in sexual activity is directly related to an increase in sexually-transmitted diseases and AIDS.

• The Senate is concerned with the health of NCSU women and their sexual partners.

Because of these points, Willoughby proposed that the Student Senate urge Student Health Services not to offer or prescribe Norplant to students. Willoughby proposed the resolution because he thinks there are "better choices of birth control that would keep protection from disease in consideration."

Norplant is a birth-control system composed of several small plastic tubes containing the female hormone progesterone. Norplant is inserted under the skin of a woman's arm and gradually releases the hormone, instead of giving the larger dose taken daily through use of oral contraceptives.

Willoughby was concerned that because Norplant is inserted in one sitting and lasts for five years, students would be more likely to forget about using protection against diseases. "The pill, since you take it every day, serves as a reminder ... to protect yourself," Willoughby said.

Willoughby first got the idea for the resolution from an article he read in Technician. After reading the article, he became concerned about the "general welfare of the school." This was the senator's first resolution.

Elizabeth Boyle, head of the committee which rejected the resolution, said the committee felt that the resolution was not relevant enough to continue through the process. The resolution was never presented to the Student Senate.

Boyle said the committee thought that birth control was a "personal and private issue" and it would "not be in the best interests of the Senate to impose on such a private decision."

Monica Hyson, another student senator, expressed to Willoughby

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IRC hosts semiformal

By Ron Batcho
Staff Reporter

N. C. State University students that miss high school dances have something to look forward to.

On Dec. 6, from 8 to 12 p.m. in the Student Center Ballroom, the Inter-Residential Council will sponsor its fourth annual semi-formal dance.

Stephen Spann, Programming Committee chair of the IRC, said that the dances are held because there is a lack of formal or semi-formal student dances on campus.

The theme of this year's dance is "Winter Wonderland" and the colors will be white, silver and aqua-blue. Refreshments will be served.

Spann said that a 100 people attended last year's dance and added that he "would like to see a lot more this year."

Spann said Grant Sparks would be the DJ. Tickets are \$7 per person or \$12 per couple and are available from any IRC representative and at the door.



Chris Hondros/Special to Technician

Geoffrey Douglass Kushing, 23, a senior in economics, is tended to by Henry Baker of Emergency Medical Service. Kushing was on his way to the library to pick up a friend when he rear-ended another car Thursday at 3:45 p.m. Early rush hour traffic on Hillsborough Street was backed up for about half an hour. Kushing was treated and released from the hospital with bruised ribs.

Women tighten their own alcohol policy

By Laura Elder
Staff Writer

Greek women on the N. C. State University campus have tightened the rules on alcohol in keeping with a general cleanup of the Greek image across the country.

The sororities have followed in the fraternities' footsteps and adopted

Sororities Fraternities

an alcohol policy of their own. The new drinking policy, approved last week by the Panhellenic Council, ends a year-long effort by sorority presidents and chairpersons to bring the sororities in line with fraternity policies approved in January.

The new rules on drinking do not shut down the bar completely, but parties will be considerably drier beginning next semester.

The heart of the new policy is this: "At any event sponsored by a Panhellenic group, all alcoholic beverages must be brought to the event by individuals or must be purchased at a cash bar through a

third-party distributor/vendor at the event's location."

By alcoholic beverage, the policy means no substance stronger than beer or wine can be brought into a sponsored event. But at events where a cash bar is operated by a third party, hard liquor can be served by a professional bartender.

Should an individual choose to bring alcohol to an event, the maximum amount will be "one six-pack of beer (not to exceed 72 ounces) or one four-pack of wine coolers per person per event." Fortified alcohol (above 50 proof) is strictly prohibited. If a third-party distributor

is used, a security guard must be provided to check IDs and distribute wristbands upon entrance. Kegs are banned and the purchase of alcohol with chapter funds is also forbidden.

The Panhellenic policy's purpose is to

• Protect each of the respective sororities at NCSU and its members from the risks associated with the consumption of alcoholic beverages

• Maintain the integrity of the laws of North Carolina

• Encourage the chapters at NCSU

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Sororities approve stricter alcohol policy

By Nikki Reeves
Staff Writer

In the early 1970s, Provost John T. Caldwell prohibited cigarette smoking in N. C. State University's classrooms.

This year, smoking may be prohibited in all campus facilities.

The Environmental Policy Committee of

Faculty

the Faculty Senate is planning a proposal for a standard, restrictive smoking policy for NCSU's campus.

Currently, individual departments determine if smoking is permitted in a building. The problem with this policy is that several departments are often housed in a single building.

"We realize the complexity of the issue and the complexity of forming a solution," said Dr. Wendell McKenzie of the Environmental Policy Committee.

At a recent committee meeting, Dr. Georjean Stodt from the N. C.

Division of Adult Health, discussed the dangers of passive smoke for nonsmokers with the committee.

"Smokers emit carcinogens into the environment which, over an extended period of time in a restricted area, harmfully affect the individuals around them," explained Stodt.

According to Dr. Richard Bernhard, chairperson of the Environmental Policy Committee, a resolution will probably be passed by the Faculty Senate calling for action from the administration to form a restrictive policy on smoking, but the Senate would not

declare a no-smoking policy for the campus.

"My conjecture is that the decision is likely to be delegated to the deans of the colleges," said Bernhard.

One of the committee's considerations is the number of companies in Research Triangle Park, such as Glaxo Inc., Burroughs-Wellcome, Northern Telecom, NIEHS and the SAS Institute that have already adopted successful restricted smoking policies.

According to a survey conducted

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FYI

November 22, 1991

IMPORTANT DATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

KAPPA ALPHA PSI FRATERNITY holds its ANNUAL DATING GAME Nov. 22 at 7:30 p.m. in Stewart Theatre. Interested game participants are encouraged to contact Lee Casey at 859-4802. Tickets are \$2.50, with all proceeds benefiting Sickle Cell Anemia.

THE NCSU CRAFTS CENTER sponsors a HOLIDAY FAIR & SALE Nov. 23, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., at the Crafts Center (lower level of Thompson Building across from parking deck).

STUDENTS FOR THE ETHICAL TREATMENT OF ANIMALS (SEFA) meets 7 p.m. on Nov. 24 at Cup A Joe. For more

information, call Lisa Finlay at 834-4793.

NCSU COLLEGIATE 4-H CLUB meets Nov. 25 at 6:30 p.m. in 308 Ricks Hall. All interested students are invited.

Student Health Services has organized a SUPPORT GROUP for survivors of rape and sexual assault. For more information, contact Connie Domino at 515-2563. All inquiries will be kept confidential.

SUMMER EMPLOYMENT INTERVIEWS: Career Planning and Placement Center, 2100 Pallen Hall. Check schedule in the center for sign-up dates.

THE NCSU INDIAN STUDENTS ASSOCIATION is compiling a directory of its Indian students and students of Indian ancestry. If you do not want your name to be included in this directory, please contact Dilip at 821-1678 or Tishya at 851-4870.

ALPHA ZETA, a professional agriculture, honor and service fra-

ternity, is having its ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TREE SALE now. White pine and Frazier fir trees are available in a variety of sizes. Prices are \$28 and up. If you are interested in purchasing a tree, contact Kevin Johnson at 851-7450.

THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY FOR STUDENTS begins at 10 p.m. on Nov. 26, and classes resume Dec. 2 at 8:05 a.m.

N.C. STATE ENGINEER, the student-run engineering magazine on campus, needs writers, artists, photographers and editorial staff. The positions are open to all majors. Contact Randy at 859-0883 or 515-2240.

LECTURES/SEMINARS SESSIONS/WORKSHOPS

U.S. WAR CRIMES TRIBUNAL: A diverse group of student organizations will discuss the American role in the Persian Gulf and Panama and how the war has affected every one. The tribunal will be held on Nov. 23 at 3:30 p.m. in Stewart Theatre.

GUATEMALAN MISSIONARY: Jacob Schiere, Mennonite Central Committee missionary and native of Holland, speaks on his experiences in Guatemala (1983-1990) Nov. 24 at the RALEIGH WELLEY FOUNDATION at 6 p.m. and Nov. 25 at 6 p.m. at the Fairmont United Methodist Church. For more information, call 833-1861 or 833-1860.

AFRICAN-AMERICAN HERITAGE SOCIETY presents "Origins and Development of Afrocentric Thought" by Kristie Moore and Thabiti Anyabwile, Nov. 25 at 7 p.m. in the African-American Cultural Center Multipurpose Room. Everyone is invited to attend.

INDIAN STUDENTS ASSOCIATION is having an INDIAN NIGHT PLANNING MEETING POT-LUCK/MOVIE NIGHT Nov. 22 at 7:30 p.m. in 3118 of the University Student Center. For more information, call Dilip at 821-1678 or Ram at 832-2306.

Compiled by Carlton A. Cook

Corrections and Clarifications

The following errors occurred in Wednesday's Technician. Technician incorrectly attributed statements from Bekkie Rieising as coming from Rebecca Isaac.

FYI incorrectly reported that Kappa Alpha will host THE DATING GAME. Kappa Alpha Psi will host the annual event.

FYI Policy

FYI is a public service provided by Technician solely for campus organizations. All items must have fewer than 50 words and must be turned in to the Technician office by noon two days before publication. All submissions are printed at the editor's discretion.

Weather Outlook

Saturday
Variably cloudy with a high near 70 and a low in the mid 50s.

Sunday
Chance of rain with a high near 60 and a low in the 40s.

Monday
Windy and cold with highs in the 40s and lows in the 30s.

Smoking

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by the Bureau of National Affairs Inc. and the Society for Human Resource Management, 85 percent of companies responding have adopted work-place smoking policies, up from 54 percent in 1987 and 36 percent in 1986. "Smoking policies) are becoming a standard," said Bernhard.

HI, WO! KERMIT THE FROG HERE WITH A MUPPET NEWS FLASH! THE TECHNICIAN NEEDS 15 WRITERS! COME SEE ROB TUTTLE IN 323 STUDENT ANNEX!



Alcohol

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to take responsibility for their own actions.

Improve the Greek image both on and off campus.

In addition to clarifying the regulations on drinking, the policy also introduces a mandatory risk management and social planning seminar to be attended by the president and social chair of each chapter. The seminars are sponsored and conducted by the Panhellenic Council and the Risk Management Council, which will soon be established.

Risk management is a hot topic with Greeks today, due to the skyrocketing cost of liability insurance. With such a policy in place, the Greeks can at least afford the insurance. Without it, some chapters

could be dropped from coverage. The policy also states that each chapter "must present to its members one educational program each semester." Possible topics include alcohol consumption and abuse, acquaintance rape or legal liability.

Previously, each sorority had its own individual policy. Now, however, there is only one. By adopting the same policy, the sororities intend to tie up loose ends and clarify the rules and regulations regarding alcohol.

Panhellenic President Kim Loncar is very positive about the new alcohol policy and foresees few problems with its initiation. As Kim said, putting the policy into effect will make evident the sororities' efforts to "do everything possible to prevent accidents."

Loncar said, "People realize now, more so than ever, that there really is a need for a new policy to be initiated. I think now it really is going to work."

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Stack called on Ralph Harper, director of Public Safety, to explain this trend.

Harper said NCSU is "not unique in experiencing this problem." He noted recent violent crimes in Chapel Hill, Greensboro and Charlotte. "It's a statewide problem."

Crime on the NCSU campus is actually down since 1989, but the reporting of crime is up due to the 1988 enactment of the Campus Security Awareness Act, and Public Safety's open policy concerning information, Harper said.

As for crime prevention, "there's little we can do about the desire to commit crime, but we can cut down on the opportunity," Harper said.

The most common crime reported at NCSU is larceny in residence halls, Harper said. To prevent this, students should lock their doors,

even if they are just going down the hall for 30 seconds.

Harper also encouraged the desk attendants in residence halls to be more diligent in monitoring who goes in and out of the buildings.

He said robbers sit on campus and look for students wearing gold chains and such items. "The thieves know we purchase quality products."

As for more violent crimes, Harper said, "We've apprehended most criminals, but this is little consolation to those who've been harmed."

Most violent crimes that have occurred at NCSU this year have been committed by non-students, he said. But "identifying those who don't belong on campus is difficult."

Public Safety is attempting to prevent crime in several ways, Harper said. There are vehicular police, horse-mounted police and bike patrols. The vehicular police are required to get out of their cars and walk for at least two hours per 12-hour shift, Harper said.

Two more bicycle officers will be added to the police force within the next month, he said.

Norplant

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that some thought the resolution sounded sexist. Although Willoughby thinks sex before marriage is wrong, he says he tried to keep his feelings out of the controversy.

With the resolution buried, the Norplant issue is still at hand. Student Health Services has not made a decision on the drug yet. According to Dr. Rizk, a physician with Student Health Services, the decision would be based on the demand for Norplant.

Rizk said that the administration has been very supportive and will back whatever decision is made.

Rizk also said Norplant, theoretically, should not increase sexual activity; prescribing the pill hasn't increased sexual activity.

If Norplant was implemented into the Student Health Services' list of options for birth control, the total cost would be \$450-\$500. This is about \$100 less than what it would cost to have the procedure done in a private doctor's office. Rizk said he has already had a few requests for the procedure. Norplant was approved by the FDA at the beginning of this year.

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Pack runners prepare for challenge of national meet

Sports Staff Reports

After a couple of "down" years, in which they placed 14th and 11th nationally, the N.C. State women's cross country team plans to regain its place among the nation's elite this year.

NCSU goes into Monday's NCAA championships in Tucson, Ariz., unbeaten and ranked fourth nationally. The high ranking alone is not cause for excitement to a team that finished in the top four nationally between 1983 and 1988.

"Nothing really matters except how you run in the NCAA meet," said State coach Rollie Geiger. "We really want to get back into the top four, and although the ranking is nice, it's your finish at the nationals that goes into the books."

Number-one Villanova, with defending

champion Sonia O'Sullivan, is an overwhelming favorite to win its third consecutive title. Arkansas, Providence and Oregon join the Wolfpack as likely top-five teams.

State is led by ACC champion Laurie Gomez-Henes, who finished 30th and earned all-America status last year despite running sick. The NCAA champion at 5000 meters in track, Gomez-Henes is rated as one of the top individuals.

Seniors Katrina Price and Kim Dean also have strong all-America potential. Price having already earned the honor as a freshman in 1988. "We will be very strong up front, with three seniors that not only have a lot of talent, but also experience running at the national level," Geiger said.

State will rely heavily on freshmen Kathy Knabb and Jen Norlien, both of whom made the all-ACC team this season. Geiger feels

confident in their ability to handle a big race.

"Our freshmen have been so consistent, they're really running like upperclassmen," he said. "They've also run national championship races in high school, so they're used to it."

Senior Danielle Benoit and sophomore Monica McHenry give State one of the deepest line-ups in the country. Only once all-season has the fifth runner from another team finished in front of anyone in State's top seven.

"With our depth, we can beat most teams, even if one of our runners has an off day," Geiger said. "That could be important at a big meet, the difference between the top five and 10th or 15th."

The Wolfpack men's team returns to the NCAA meet after a three-year absence.

State placed fifth, the highest finish in school history, in its last appearance.

This year's team, ranked 13th, would like to challenge for the top five again.

"After winning the ACC championship and beating some top-10 teams in the district meet, we know we can run with just about anybody," Geiger said. "Arkansas and Iowa State are really on their own level, but after that it's anybody's race."

State is led by two potential all-Americans, senior David Honea and junior Todd Lopeman. Both have already earned all-ACC and all-district honors.

Geiger said senior Jason Eicholtz and freshman Shane Garcia and Tony Riley were possible top-50 finishers and with good races could move into all-America consideration.

National-level experience is in short sup-

ply. Only Eicholtz has run an NCAA meet, finishing 175th as a freshman in 1987. Junior Chris Griggs did run for the junior college national champions at Brevard last year.

"I think running our district meet is good preparation for the NCAA," Geiger said. "The district is so big and so difficult, the NCAA won't be a really different situation for our guys."

"We've really got some momentum right now," Lopeman said of the team, which was unranked until two weeks ago. "We just ran well enough to qualify at the district, and I think we have a lot more to give at the nationals."

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Volleyball team readies for ACC tourney

By Kevin Brewer
Staff Writer

Three weeks ago, the N.C. State volleyball team was looking ahead to today's ACC tournament and wondering how to pick up momentum and improve on their 8-14

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record. The Lady Pack solved the problem by winning five of their last six, including four straight three-game victories. How did this struggling team turn their season around so quickly?

"We weren't getting beat off the court every time," head coach Judy Martino said of the team's tough losses. "All of a sudden, we got over that hump. We just had to do a few things better and we did."

After winning four of their first five matches of the season, the Wolfpack dropped six in a row and 13 of their next 17. During their current four-game winning streak, the Pack has shown more emotion and confidence than at any other time this season. It all began in a 15-8, 15-4, 15-11 hard-fought victory over arch-rival North Carolina. "We're peaking at the right time

and playing together as a team," senior Jennifer Kraft said. "It started with the Carolina match. We got really pumped up for that and it carried over."

Full of confidence for the first time in quite a while, the Pack will face Georgia Tech in the first round of the ACC tournament today at 3 p.m. in Charlottesville, Va. The Pack was crushed by the Yellowjackets 15-9, 15-9, 15-7 in their only meeting of the season.

Tech boasts a hitting percentage of .227, second in the conference, and is led by hard-hitting Jennifer Wagner. Martino recognized her team's mistakes and has made the appropriate changes since the match on Oct. 26.

"We changed our defense," Martino said. "They beat us so much on off-speed balls and tips. They are a tough team to put the ball down on."

Both Tech and State finished with 3-4 conference records and the Yellowjackets posted a 26-8 mark overall. The Pack, currently 13-15, are not looking past Georgia Tech, but know that they could have topped Duke staring at them in the

second round. The Blue Devils are undefeated in ACC play at 7-0, but that doesn't scare this Pack team.

"Our level of play is up," senior Kim Scroggins said. "I think Duke is beatable. There is a good chance we'll face them and we're mentally ready."

Scroggins and fellow leader Jennifer Kraft have both picked up their play of late and know how important tournament time is. Neither player has enjoyed a championship and are as hungry as ever.

Scroggins, an outside hitter and setter, has been in the starting lineup all season and has proven to be one of the Pack's most consistent players. Kraft has recently found a starting role during the current winning streak and has also filled in when others have been struggling. She came up with eight kills and eight digs against Syracuse last weekend.

"I was given the chance and I made the most of my opportunity," the transfer student from Duke commented. "All along, I just wanted to help the team."

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A paper that is critical of the products of the student body becomes at times the official organ through which the thoughts, the actions and in fact the very life of the campus are registered. —College life without it journal is bleak.

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Editorials

Education punishes poor

American public education is biased against the nation's poor and offers them unequal educational opportunities. This inequality is responsible for the alarming increase in crime, drug use and apathy among the nation's poor. Numerous studies correlate poor education with criminal activity and drug use. Without marketable skills and the education to appreciate the detrimental effects of their actions, the under-educated poor resort to subversive activities.

Inequality in the funding of public schools is the principle cause of the inequalities of education. The federal government provides 6 percent of public-school funding, state government provides 49 percent and local government provides 45 percent. The majority of local funding is raised through property taxes and leads to obvious financial disparities between lower class and middle-class school districts. The lower-class taxpayer in a poor district is paying a greater percentage of his income for education than the taxpayer in a wealthy district in order to provide the minimum financing needed. In addition, a lower percentage of the middle class' income is taxed to pay for education, but due to the much greater amount of money being taxed, the middle-class school district is better financed. The bottom line is that poor citizens are paying more for education although their schools are the poorest in the country.

Many studies correlate low-income schools with poor academic performance. James W. Guthrie of UC-Berkeley monitored the academic performance of children in low socio-economic groups. Only 7 percent of these low-income children finished in the top quartile of high school achievement compared to the 25 percent of children attending high- or middle-income schools. Moreover, only 24 percent of the children attending high- or middle-income schools finished in the bottom quartile of achievement, compared to 37 percent in the low-income schools.

The only solution to this problem is to deny local government the power to tax citizens in order to finance education and require the federal government to increase its educational funding. If taxes must be increased, then it must be done. Without the burden of financing education, local taxes will likely fall in relation to inflation and the tax burden will not be much greater. More importantly, the poor citizen would obtain the same quality of education that the middle class enjoys. This in turn will lead to an improvement in the productivity of the poor and thus strengthen the economy and cut down on crime. The money saved on crime prevention will also help stimulate the economy and compensate for the immediate shock of a tax increase.

Our nation has no choice. It must remedy the improper education of the poor. If you truly believe that we are a nation of equal opportunity, and you believe in the power of education, you must demand a reform of the current inequality of educational funding.

Carry condoms, live longer

Magic Johnson has announced that he is a carrier of the AIDS virus. This clearly emphasizes the dire need for safe sex. AIDS killed 47,000 people in America last year and is the ninth-ranked cause of death in the United States. As responsible adults, N.C. State University students must take precautions to ensure safe sex.

Women should not be afraid to carry condoms in their purses and not depend on men for protection. There is absolutely no excuse not to carry condoms which can easily be obtained from Student Health Services and machines recently installed in the women's restrooms of female dorms. Women should not be ashamed — it's better to be safe than sorry. Demand that your partner wear a condom! Men should also make rational decisions concerning their sexual partners. Beauty is only skin deep, who knows what goes on inside a person! Always carry a condom in your wallet. Control your hormones!

Just as Gerald Wilkins of the New York Knicks said after hearing the news of Johnson: "This really hits home. This disease came and took one of the greatest players, a guy everyone loves. It should make a lot of people stop and think about the lifestyle they lead, about what can happen if they aren't careful." Magic Johnson now advocates safe sex. Be wise and do the same. No one is immune to AIDS, so don't think that you are. The ball is in your court; don't lose it. And remember: "If in doubt, do without." No sex is always safe sex!

Quote of the Day

"I don't eat snails, I prefer fast food."

-Stange de Jim



Columns

Bike with courtesy, safety and sense

Claxton Graham
Opinion Columnist

If bicyclists wish to continue using the roads in this state, then they should be subject to vehicular regulations and, when they screw up and violate them, the appropriate penalties. While prison sentences may be a bit stiff, except in cases where death occurs as a result of careless operation of a bicycle, restriction and, if necessary, complete revocation of operating privileges are not. These punishments, combined with community service and compensation for property damage and personal injuries, would be more than adequate to get the message across.

Kathleen Stey wrote about what should be done to those who broke the rules of bicycling. But let's set the record straight. While the vehicular and pedestrian traffic on this campus, there is not a lot of room for carelessness on anyone's part. One mental lapse and someone may die. Granted, there are a lot of cyclists who follow the rules of the road — they make sure that they signal for turns and stop for pedestrians and intersections.

Unfortunately, there are some out there who don't yield to pedestrians in crosswalks. There are the hot rods who pedal the wrong way down a one-way street and come darn close to blinding-someone headed home from class, or worse, a parked car. Then there are the jack rabbits who just can't find it within their power to hit the brakes, or at the very least, slow down when they approach a stop sign or red light.

Public Safety and the State Department of Motor Vehicles should also consider starting a program to test bicycle riders on their operating proficiency. They then could issue licenses to all those who wish to use their bikes on campus. Such measures may help cut down on the number of accidents that occur.

Cycling is a great way to exercise and a fun way to get to wherever you need to go. But bear in mind that a little courtesy and a little common sense will help you get the most out of it while making the campus a little safer for everyone involved.

Claxton Graham is a senior majoring in communication.

Help find truth about Desert Storm

Rania Masri
Guest Columnist

Operation Desert Storm is over. Yet now, more than eight months after the end of the war in the Persian Gulf, do we know what really happened before the start of the war on Jan. 16, 1991? Do we know what is happening now?

In the first two days of war alone, the allied forces dropped five million pounds of bombs on Iraq and Kuwait. Fired 196 Tomahawk cruise missiles and ran 2,000 B-52 and Stealth Bomber attack missions. In the six brief weeks that ensued, more than 88,500 tons of explosives were dropped on Iraq. In real terms, this amounted to the death of more than 200,000 human beings.

International law prohibits making civilians the object of attack. Yet the U.S. bombing killed tens of thousands of civilians indiscriminately. President George Bush had continually stated that he had no qualms with the people of Iraq, only with their government. Yet hospitals, factories, shopping malls, schools and residential areas were the targets of numerous attacks. And the killing has not stopped. In June, Pat Buchanan, a right-wing conservative, cited the toll of the victims in his insider newsletter. "Iraq is in ruins... and, according to one study, if the U.S.-led embargo continues, 170,000 more Iraqi children may perish." The blockade is continuing. People are still dying. The

millions of homeless, although an estimated \$100 billion was spent on the war? The American people need to know how many human beings were killed in Iraq by U.S. forces. Americans need to know how this war, thousands of miles away from home, has affected the people here in the United States. We need to question the priorities of the current administration. A War Crimes Tribunal will be held in Saturday in Stewart Theatre at 3:30 p.m. Representatives from the Commission of Inquiry (an offspring of the National Coalition to Stop U.S. Intervention in the Middle East), the Black Workers for Justice, the Fellowship for Reconciliation, NCSU Faculty and Staff for Peace, as well as conscientious objectors will attend. This is not a peace-activist meeting, nor is it a bashing of the United States. It is a discussion examining how the Persian Gulf War has affected the people of Iraq and the people of the United States. It is a discussion of the United States war crimes in the Persian Gulf and Panama. Your participation and comments are welcome; new faces are needed. Help us finally find the truth.

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Rania Masri is a junior majoring in conservation.

Support a new Student Health Service Facility

Last year the University Health Advisory Committee recommended the development of a new Student Health Service building. The Department of Student Affairs and the Student Senate endorsed the plan and the project now awaits approval by the financial planning office.

Although many students are unaware of the new building proposal, many feel that the current facility needs to be updated and strongly support the idea of new building.

The Student Health Services building, Clark Hall, is now operating at full capacity and cannot meet the future needs of a growing university. Clark Hall has already been renovated and expanded eight times; renovation is no longer an option.

The proposed facility would most likely be conveniently located on Central Campus and would be operational in the 1996-97 school year.

The new facility would allow students to explain medical problems in the privacy of an examining room and locate all student health services together, including handicapped and counseling services which are in desperate need of expansion. In addition, the facility would offer more

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services in the future such as sports medicine and physical therapy. A new facility would fulfill the community's health care needs and have a larger pharmacy which would continue to offer the lowest prices in town.

NCSU has a responsibility to provide a first-rate primary health-care service to the students.

We deserve to have the best medical facilities possible. Therefore, the university needs to act immediately on the proposal for a new building and keep up with the growth and needs of NCSU.

DOUG DIAMOND
Junior, Textiles Management

Student wonders about newspaper style

I really like to read Technician a lot, but there is something that bothers me about it. In your news reports, when you talk about the school, you use NCSU or N.C. State as if you are people from outside of the school talking about it.

I do not understand why you don't talk about N.C. State the way N.C. State people would.

ASHRAF ALATJAR
Sophomore, CPE

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