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## New policy chokes smoking

By Susan Virgili

N.C. State University's bundle of decentralized smoking policies will be rolled up into one campus-wide policy under a faculty senate pro-posal that is now being drafted into a formal policy by the chancellor's

a formal policy by the chancellors staff.
Under the new policy, smoking will only be allowed in private offices and designated areas. The new restrictions are designed to protect non-smokers from the hazards of passive smoke while not anning smoking entirely from campus, supporters say.
"What really hurts people is sitting in smoke all day, every day to work," said Engineering Professor Richard Bernhard, who was chairman of the faculty senate's environmental policy committee last spring when the resolution was passed. "The evidence is overwhelming, based on hundreds of studies, that passive smoking is bad for people las well as their] dogs and cats."
Under the current policy each dean, department bead and support services director makes and enforces the rules about smoking.

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-Richard Bernhard

and cats."

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Faculty Senate member
within their individual jurisdictions.
The faculty senate passed the proposal in April. Chancellor Larry
Monteith's staff is currently dratiring a policy in response to that faculty senate resolution, and if the
policy N.C. State will have its first
campus-wide smoking policy.
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faculty senate based its resolution.
PAMS' dean's advisory committee
on smoking, chaired by Professor
Richard Mowatt, requested input
from all employees of the college
through a survey questionnaire.
The advisory committee learned
that the majority of PAMS employees favored smoking restrictions,
and after much study and discussion Dean Jerry Whitten implemented the new policy on May 1,
1992.

"It seems to be an idea whose
time has come." said Professor
Bernhard, a faculty senator, "There
will be no smoking in halfways of
bathrooms."

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will be no smoking in halfways or bathrooms."

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ing to smoke.
"Smokers are making all of the concessions," she said.



### Time to suck it up

parently, construction personnel renovating the D.H. Hill Library stairs are preparing to suck their trou-es away with the world's largest vacuum cleaner. The hose actually provides ventillation for the workers they attempt to finish the project by the scheduled Aug. 10 completion date. Work began last week.

## SAS contributes software

SAS Institute will donate more than \$1 million of \$AS computer software to N.C. State University over the next five years, company executives and university officials recently announced. "We have had a continuing relationship with \$AS Institute since its beginnings, and the institute's support of the university is greatly appreciated," Chancellor Larry K. Monteith said:

Monteith said.

The software will be used for acaemic research and administrative
ervices. A committee will identify

NCSU needs and will coordinate requests.

The software will help NCSU faculty and staff "achieve more effective and efficient educational experiences, provide more comprehensive and relevant results, and extend their efforts beyond the boundaries of the university. Overall, it will enhance economic activity through NCSU graduates, who move into North Carolina industry and government." Monteith said.

SAS is the world's 10th largest independent software company. The president and a senior vice president hold degrees from NCSU.

## SAS fact sheet

- SAS is the 10th largest independent software company in the United States
- President Jim Goodnight is an NCSU alumnus.
- Employs 1,500 people in Cary and 2,500 people worldwide.

## Project will benefit NCSU handicapped

By Eric Liebhauser

Life will be a little easier for disabled N.C. State students and faculty this fall thanks to a renovation project underway this summer.

The project, scheduled to be completed by September, is a state and university-funded effort which aims to bring NCSU into compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act by modifying campus structures and tearing down barriers which impede the disabled. According to project manager Jorge Quintal, the \$700,000 in sette-fluguidated funds (money which is raised by NCSU) donated to the project will not only bring the university into accordance with government guidelines, but will improve life for disabled people.

"The project will really increase

ple.
"The project will really increase
the mobility for the physically
impaired." Quintal said. "It will
give them easy access to places
they had rouble getting to before."
Since the project began in April,
164 or its \$80 designated jobs have
been completed. Quintal says the
project is running on schedule.
"If think we'll be able to complete

all our projects by the September deadline." he said. "Things are going well. We've already completed much of the work." However, the process is demanding and there are many jobs which have yet to be completed, Quintal explained.
"We are still working to provide accessible routes through campus. We're lowering elevator buttons, and we're making bathroom renovations." he said. "We're also working with telephones and water fountains."
And the list yoes on, Mann Hall's

And the list goes on. Mann Hall's south side doors will be widened. The Syme snack bar will be modified, and the Daniels parking lot will be re-marked and added to. These alterations may seem numerous, Quintal explained, but they amount to only a small fraction of NCSU's intended goal. "There's a 5,000-tiem work list that will be completed in ten years," he said.

But in the meantime, Quintal says, the project list, which is scheduled for completion in September, will suffice.

This project will help disabled

## CP&L gift sparks Century II drive

News Staff Report

Carolina Power & Light Co. Foundation has presented a \$40,000 check to N.C. State University to benefit the Department of Nuclear Engineering.
The gift is part of a five-year. \$500,000 commitment the power company has made to the university's Century II Campaign, said CP&I. President Sherwood H. Smith.

CP&L President Sherwood H.

"We appreciate the cooperation
between our two institutions, and
we especially value the expertise
we get from over 750 graduates of
NCSU who are employees of
CP&L." Smith said.
The pledge targets the NCSU
College of Engineering with
\$335,000 – \$200,000 of that is
earmarked for the nuclear engineering
program.

Other programs and colleges to

benefit from the remaining \$165,000 over the next five years include the NCSU libraries and visual arts program, and the Colleges of Physical and Mathematical Sciences, Agriculture and Life Sciences and Forest Resources.

Resources.

In addition to the corporate pledge, a companywide campaign In addition to the corporate pledge, a companywide campaign is under way to encourage employees who are NCSU alumni to support the university. CP&L will donate \$2 for each \$1 employee contribution from \$100 to \$4,000 made before Oct. 31. After that date, the company will match gifts dollar for dollar.

NCSU chancellor Larry K. Monteith said, "When companies like CP&L support the university, we are able to provide the best edu-cational and cultural opportunities



Coke has now become the choice of the NCSU administration.

## University doesn't Gotta Have It, opts for The Real Thing

By Eric Liebhauser

N.C. State University students who "Gotta Have It" may e sorely disappointed to discover that they can't get it on

be sorely disappointed to discover that they can't get it on campus amwore.

Pepsi, NCSU's vending machine beverage of choice since 1988, has been replaced by Coca-Cola in vending machines across campus.

According to University Dining's Director of Operations, Walter E. Barkhouse, the decision to change brands is not unprecedented. NCSU opens up its soda vending contract every three to five years, Barkhouse said, in which time any company can make the university an offer.

"The contract goes up for bid every couple of years," he said, "We normally end up with Coke or Pepsi."

According to Barkhouse, NCSU does not consider the taste or degree of popularity a particular brand possesses when determining who gets the contract. This tradition was upheld in the latest bid struggle. Coke offered NCSU the most money.

According to Barkhouse, the bid-acceptance process justifies itself with the money it generates for scholarships. "About \$200,000 from vending machine sales will go to the NCSU General Scholarship Fund." Barkhouse said. "I hope that amount will go up in the future." Despite their swift dismissal from N.C. State, the Pepsi company harbored no ill will toward NCSU or The Coca-Cola Company, Barkhouse said. "On the Coca-Cola Company, Barkhouse said." There was no bitterness involved, "he said. "Both companies worked together and finished in about a week." According to Barkhouse, the removal of Pepsi machines and subsequent installation of Coke machines was reminiscent of an Olympic relay race team drill. "Pepsi would start out and remove their machines," he said. "Coke would follow almost immediately behind. They did the job quickly and dri it well. It was a smooth operation."

operation."
The new Coke machines have replaced the Pepsi machines in a one to one ratio. They can be found in the old Pepsi machine locations. However, Barkhouse encourages students with ideas for new locations to call University Dining's troubleshooting number, 515-2860, and voice their opinions.

Bill Overton





## **Publications** prove writers do disagree

"Opinions are like noses; everybody's got one."
Now, I'm sure you've heard many
versions of the above saying, but
the truth of the saying is vivid.
In my boredom lately, I've gone
to a few bookstores and picked up a
few preseason publications devoted
to college football. Of course, I'm
very excited about the upcoming
season and I wanted to see what the
experts thought about N.C. State
taking the ACC title.
What I got is a mix, to say the
least, Don Heinrich says State will
be the 14th best team in the nation.
They will challenge Clemson and
Florida State for the ACC title,
according to Heinrich. I was jumping for joy. Forget the Peach Bowl;
we're going to the Orange Bowl, I
said.

we to going a said.

Then, with the optimism growing.

I picked up The Sporting News and was ready to make my reservations for Miami. I looked frantically through the pages. Wait a minute:

N.C. State isn't in the top 25! Not even in the top 35!

I continue to read in this bogus.

magazine and continue to get even more angry. In the opening pages,

TSN labels the Pack's opening quest against lowa in the Meadowlands as the "Kickoff Unclassic." I was outraged.

But no one in their right mind would pick Carolina to finish in front of us. would they? Well, everybody except for The News and Observer that is. I don't remember where I saw it, but I remember seeing that the 1992 Tar Heels were a lock for the Peach Bowl. The NeX Ostrikes again.

I write sports. Therefore, I am a member of the media. But, that does not make me an expert on the subject. I write a column and voice my opinion every week, but who knows if I'm right or wrong. I like to think that I know what I'm talk to think that I know what I'm talk to think that I know what I'm talk right and the the truth is I don't always know. Neither do many of these writers. I remember several years back when Duke baskethall coach Mike Kryzewski had a fit because members of the student newspaper. The Chronicle, gave each of his players a mid-season grade. Mike went cray and huffed enough to blow the Chronicle space down.

They are just a bunch of kids who didn't know any better. Like everyone else in this world, they were just voicing their opinion. There was no need for Coach K to make them feel like that. If players are smart, then they don't read the newspaper anyway. They stay focused, no matter what the situation, and play with their heads above the media. That's why no coach really wants to believe a poil, overconfidence or underconfidence.

You are as good as you believe you are. And remember, it's only an opinion. It may be fun to read, but it's only an opinion.

## **Recruits should** make an impact

**SPORTS** 

Three join Wolfpack family

Sports Staff Report

Sports Staff Report

What grade will Les Robinson get in this, his junior year?

Well, if basekball analysts' forecasts are correct, Robinson may be well on the path for restoring N.C. State basketball to an ACC and national contender. Robinson has assembled three new players—Todd Fuller, Chuck Kornegay, and Marcus Wilson—to join the Pack this winter, and all three have excellent credentials.

"We're very pleased with this class, but we needed a strong class and we need another one or two strong classes in the coming years." Robinson said in the June issue of The Wolfpacker. "As I've said before, with the limitations, the numbers just haven' been there, and it caught up with us this year."

The limitations are no longer a burden for Robinson. When the coach came to his alma matter in 1990, he had to recruit in an atmosphere of negativity with the sanctions given by the NCAA, Now that the sanctions have been lifted, all of that is behind Robinson.

"A recruiting year like this helps. Is haven't know for a few years, and we'll we have a few years."

but I'll be surprised if this isn't a very successful recruiting class. All three of these players will have an impact next year. These guys, like last year's group, will be forced into play because of the circumstances.

One of the players who will have a great opportunity is Todd Fuller. The 6-foot-10 Fuller led Charlotte Christian Academy at the center position and will spell a very important backup for starting center Kevin Thompson. In 1991-92. Thompson had an excellent campaign, making second team all-ACC honors. But, with no proven backup at center. Thompson was forced to play almost the entire game and either tired down the stretch or had to find some way to conserve energy.

stretch or had to find some way to conserve energy. Fuller will help solve that problem. After playing three seasons at Charlotte Independence, he transferred to Christian for his senior year and played for former NBA great Bobby Jones. His stock too ff quickly and he has found a place in many analysts' top 50 lists. "Todd has progressed in leaps and bounds," Robinson said." I think he can contribute next year."

Charles "Chuck" Kornegay was



Coach Les Robinson has brought in three recruits to help State this year

Coach Les Robinson has brought in generally regarded as the best recruit in North Carolina his year. The 6-foot-9 power forward paced Southern Wayne High School with 21 points and 15 rebounds a game this past season. Kornegay will belp replace leading scorer. Tom Gugliotta at the forward position. "I think he is going to be an ourstanding college basketball player." Robinson said. "He handles the ball well, and he passes the ball well, and he passes the ball well, and he passes the ball well will have the hand the work with him."

The last of the class of 1996 is Marcus Wilson, a 6-foot-8 small forward from Monroe. Generally the quietest and least-known of the

three recruits, Wilson is by no means a poor player. He can play in the ACC He averaged 24.5 points a game as a senior and was named first team all-state by the Greensboro News and Record. Many publications rate him as one of the top 10 small forwards in the country.

country.
"He will be very good in the transition game." Robinson said. "His greatest asset is how well he runs, but he also has good hands and a nice outside shot. I think with added strength, he will become a heckuva defensive player. Right now he has got a lot of work to do in that area, as do most freshmen."



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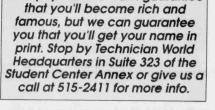
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## **HAPPENINGS**

## Bonham-Carter summer queen

the movies?

Is it Madonna? No! Is it Sigorney
Weaver? Nope. Is it Michelle
Pfeiffer? Heaven forbid. How about
Rosie O'Donnell? Close, but not

inematic throne. What films is she in, you might

## Joe Corey **Party Favors**

She is in most of the movies based on the English novelist's works. She was in both "Maurice" and "Room With A View." Passage to India" is the only Forster film Helena didn't star in. Currently her two latest films are playing Raleigh and make a disconnected double feature.

disconnected double teature.

"Where Angels Fear to Tread" has Helena playing the chaperon to Helen Miren as they travel Italy, Helena is full of reserve and proper grace. Of course it doesn't help when Mirren marries a young Italian gent. Mirren's aristocratic family cuts her off. Helena sees herself guilty for these actions.

The timid woman of "Angels" has floated heavenward when Helena reappears as Helen in "Howards End."

"How "Howards End" is as plush a story as the team of Merchant-Ivory can be. This tale of three social classes clashing in Edwardian England. The cast is stellar with Vanessa Redgrave, Anthony Hopkins and Emma Thompson in the leads along with Helena.

The title comes from a house which Emma wants to rent and that Hopkins doesn't want her to con-

Where Angels Fear to Tread is at

Studio I & II on Hillsborough Street. "Howards End" is showing at the Rialto.

### Cool World

Cool World
"Fritz the Cat" is the best movie
about the underground life in the
60s. The X-rated cartoon tells about
the tilde feline's adventures into the
world of kicks and free love.
The mastermind behind this animated epic was director Ralph
Bakshi.

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Bakshi.

Now Bakshi has returned with a vengeance showing the seedy flipside of Roger Rabbit in "Cool World."

The basic story about an imprisoned artist (Gabriel Byrne) escaping into the cartoon world he created. But Byrne has created a monstrosity that rejects rules and orders and doesn't listen to its creator. Byrne is abused by his own creations as if he was any other lame "doodle."

Byrne's ultimate creation is Holli Wood (Kim Basinger). It is Holli that lures Byrne through he realities in order for her to become real and conquer Las Vegas. Holl's only real opposition is Brad Pitt. Pitt, hob has come from the other side is the law in "Cool World." The law he's concerned about is that "doodless" and humans can't have seek Copellation is what Holli seeks from Byrne.

Byrne.
Ralph Bakshi is the first director to properly use Kim Basinger's talent by turning her into an animated character. Basinger's acting can sink oil tankers. But when her image is twisted into Holli Would.



### Bonham-Carter

annoying. When Kim finally comes to flesh on the screen, Holli dies a tragic decay. The story quickly turns into "Blind Date" with Byrm reduced to picking up Bruce Wills role. When paint reclaims Kim, "Cool World" regains its charm. Pitt and Byrne work well with their animated cohorts. There is a certain believable factor when the twosomes are found wandering the painted landscape.

painted landscape

The really unbelievable factor is that "Cool World" was only given a PG-13 rating. This film is more violent than Batman and chocked full of sex, although no real flesh is shown. This is not "Pinocchio." Don't take your younger siblings for an afternoon matinee.

Two local bands making big lashes will be pounding away at e Cat's Cradle Friday night. Polyo and Erectus Monotone will

the Cat's Cradle Friday night.
Polvo and Errctus Monotone will be making the scene.
Chapel Hill's Polvo has become one of the most buzzed bands in the triangle. Their sound seems to bring memories of old Rain Parade records. "Vibracobra" single featured the production talents of the scenemeister Todd Goss. The show will celebrate the band's debut album, "Cro-Crane Secret" on Chapel Hill's Merge Records.
Erectus Monotone are from Raleigh and have been gaining a good following nationwide. Their debut album "Frector Set" is a blitz that lasts under 20 minutes, but is intense enough to equal a five record set of recent Genesis.
Call 967-9053 for additional information.

Floating Aurals
Levitation's "Need For Not" is a record that lacks too much wanting. The band made up of former Jazz Butcher and House of Love members return with an album that has a passion and swirling effect that makes them sound too live on an album. Songs build up and swing around. Make sure there nothing breakable on the table. "Coterie" the title of their last record, is a song on this album. "Ares of Light and Dew" feels law the song's name. Terry Bickers' vocals wash well with the band's sound.

### This week's top billings

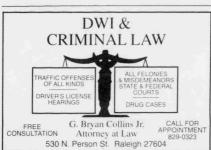
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## NCSU waits for trouble

he administration still has not learned its lesson.

Last fall it took several injuries, a petition and legal action to get North Carolina State University to shut down D.H. Hill Library's main stairs. Instead of heeding complaints about the safety of the stairs and fixing the problem immediately. NCSU administrators waited until the university's money, and more importantly, its reputation as a responsible university, were put on the line.

NCSU administrators should be concerned about 1997.

university, were put on the line.

NCSU administrators should be concerned about preventing future incidents that could prompt people to sue the university for negligence. Unfortunately, they do not appear to be concerned at all.

A walk through the Free Expression Tunnel offers a perfect opportunity to witness the university's disregard for possible negligence suits. There is a sign, possible negligence suits. There is a sign, made with protruding wooden letters, that says. "Please, no writing beyond this point." The sign may look perfectly innocent now, but in the fall, as students push and shove their way through the overcrowded tunnels, someone may easily be pushed or crushed against the letters or the rusty nail that is sticking out.

If someone was pushed against the sign.

If someone was pushed against the sign, bruising their arm on the letters and getting cut by the rusty nail, then NCSU could be sued for negligence.

There are other examples. The News & Observer exposed one in the spring when it ran a series of articles on NCSU's storage of toxic waste in an old chicken barn that fails to meet federal Environmental Protection Agency standards. NCSU responded to the N & O's articles by asking for bond money to build an up-to-code storage facility. But NCSU knew about the hazards long before the N & O articles. The chicken barn was initially intended as a temporary storage facility. That was ten years ago.

NCSU knew the barn was hazardous. They knew they were exposing themselves to possible lawasitis. But they did nothing until their hand was forced by the N & O. Why must the university wait until someone points out its problems to fix them?

Lack of funds is an obvious answer, but it does not explain the university's propensity to wait until accidents happen to fix the problems that caused them. It would be much better for NCSU to actively identify potential problems and remedy them before anyone gets hurt.

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If NCSU pursued such a policy of prevention, the campus would be a safet place, and future lawsuits might be prevented. NCSU's reputation as a caring university might also be salvaged. In the long run, a policy of prevention is the

## Best wishes to Valvano

hen Jim Valvano came to North Carolina State University in 1980 to take over the Wolfpack basketball program, people weren't sure about the wisecracking Italian from New York.

Three years later there were no more doubts, Valvano accomplished a miracle, guiding an outmatched squad of overachievers to the national championship. Camelot arrived in Wolfpack

But the fanfare spiralled out of control. Coach V became a national celebrity

But the failure spirated out of control. Coach V became a hational celebrity, appearing on numerous TV commercials, writing books and marketing his own line of clothing. Eventually he became NCSU's athletic director. Valvano continued to recruit the cream of the nation's high school talent, but there were problems. Players who weren't academically prepared for NCSU to begin with violated NCAA rules by selling game tickets and extra pairs of

snoes.

Inevitably, the Wolfpack Camelot collapsed. A shunned team manager vented his frustration by selling the story of the mismanaged NCSU basketball team. The NCAA investigated and placed the Wolfpack on probation. Allegations of point-shaving and drug use were made. Valvano resigned first as AD, then as

But the only things Valvano was guilty of were having too many responsibilities and wanting to win too much. Valvano made mistakes, but he never intentionally betrayed NCSU. He never intentionally betrayed NSU between the never broke the law. He never even directly violated an NCAA

ute.

After Valvano was forced out of his job, he continued to support NCSU. He ontinued to live in the area. He has done nothing to disengage himself from he Wolfpack family

the Wolfpack family.

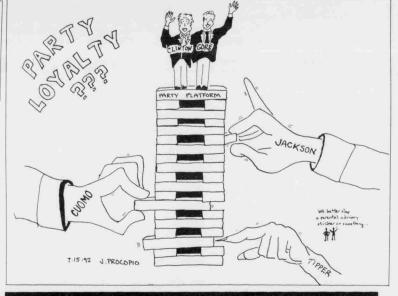
Now Valvano needs his family. It was recently revealed that the former coach has bone cancer in his spinal column. His chances for survival have not been revealed. But, whatever the outcome, Valvano needs the support of NCSU students and faculty, past and present.

It is time for past problems to be forgotten. All bitterness must be lost. Basketball games, NCAA violations, and even NCAA championships all fade in importance when compared to the life struggle that Valvano faces.

Our thoughts are with you, Jim.

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### Columns

## Quayle exemplifies poor education

I wrote an article last semester about America's lack of a serious commitment to education. After Dan Quayle told a boy to add an "e" to the end of "potato," I just had to follow up.

J. Danforth Quayle, arguably the worst vice-presidential pick in history, visited an elementary school to get his face plastered on the evening news with American youth. Let's emphasize the elementary part of this scene. Spelling simple words that appear on at least half the bags of snack chips is indeed elementary. But I suppose three syllable words are a bit more difficult to spell than "golf" or "Murphy," If a 7-year-old misspelled "potato," Americans would understand. But he man a hearthest away from the White House should at least he as competent as a 7-year-old.

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Protect should at least to as 27-year-old. Unfortunately, since January of 1989, the United States has lacked a vice president with such aptitude. The following are examples of his cluelessness. Dan Quayle delivered a speech to a group of attorneys denouncing lawyers and claiming that America has too many of them. Whether you agree or not, do you really think an American Bar Association banquet is the proper place for such a speech?

If so, perhaps you would like to hire Quayle to be your company's public relations director.

During the Air Sununu uproar concerning personal trips at taxpayers' expense, Quayle proudly stepped out of Air Force Two on a golfing trip. He waved and grinned and

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ended up on the news in yet another embarrassing situation.
Addressing a group of black professionals connected with the Negro College Fund, our well-spoken vice president blurted out something to the effect of "what a shame it is when one loses one's mind... or does not have a mind."
We can only assume that he was attempting to quote the Fund's famous slogan: "A mind is a terrible thing to waste."

Dan Quayle certainly exemplifies that bhrase (partly because his mind cannot

phrase (partly because his mind cannot remember it). And recently he visited an inner city neighborhood — probably for the first time ever — for a photo opportunity to somehow show the Bush Administration's concern for the plight of those who live there. A resident, obviously more astute than Quayle, spoke up and stole the spotlight. "You are just down here because the EA riots are still on voters' minds and you want to be our president someday," he announced.

the confrontation.

Trying to salvage the free air time, he stumbled over poorly chosen words that just upset the resident more.

Consider Dan Quayle at a summit meeting with important foreign heads of state. Suddenly he is caught off guard by what should be an expected response or question. Now you can imagine the potential for trouble if this man ever becomes president. But let's get back to the dinner table, shall we?

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President Bush alienated broccoli growers by amouncing his dislike for the mutritious vegetable. (Maybe if he ate mere of it he would not have collapsed in Tokyo.)

Now Quayle alienates Idahoans by publicly drsplaying the fact that he cannot even spell their most important rop.

The sad part about all of this is the message it sends to our youth.

By asking that little boy to add an "e" to the end of potato, Dan Quayle told that classroom filled with impressionable young minds that education is not important. Quayle told them that if they cannot spell, they need not worry. They can still become vice president of the United States someday.

Yet Quayle insists that Hollywood and Murphy Brown are destroying America. In fact, it is the lack of support for education over the past twelve years that has proven most destructive.

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## Government not insurance agency

During the past several weeks, this country has experienced a series of natural disasters.

Southern California has been rocked by at least 11 earthquakes which measured greater than 50 on the Richter scale.

A series of opposing weather fronts have plowed their way across the heartland of America, spawning severe thunderstorms and tornadoes.

Torrential rainfall has inundated wide parts of Texas and Louisiana, causing severe flooding.

An intense cold snap in the Northeast has devastated many of the crops, killing the young fruit on the tree.

The balance of this summer will see continuing storms with large damaging half and lightning, continuing tremors in the Southwest, and flooding. There were bitzards in the high Sierras and Cascade ranges in June. Might they also happen again in July or August?

Hurricane season has begun. The East Coast and the Gulf Coast have always been vulnerable to disaster. Hurricane Hugo in 1898 tore down enough trees to literally build a very large city.

Then there are the man-made calamities: the riots in Los Angeles and New York, derailed trains dumping toxic or explosive chemicals, and the disruption of the infrastructure in Chicago when Lake Michigan breached the tunnels under the city.

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What do all these events have in common?

To begin with, they were largely unpreventable. Natural disasters cannot be stopped. Geomorphological processes have battered the planet since the solidification of the crust and the formation of the

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atmosphere.

Man-made disasters are practically unpreventable. No matter how many safeguards are in effect, one cannot deny human imperfaction or just plan had luck. The other thing these disasters have in common is that the Federal Government, through our tax dollars, paid for the damage.

damage.

If my house burns down because it was hit by lightning, I had better have insurance to cover the building and the contents. Living in an area prone to lightning, it is only prudent.

If I lived in southern California, I had better have earthquake insurance. The probability of one occurring and wiping out everything. I have worked for is just too high.

everything I have worked in seaboard of florida. I had better have an insurance policy covering flooding and wind damage. You might say that you agree, but you would only need insurance in the first case. With the other two, I would not have to spend a dime. The Feds pay for it. In the event of a lightimic-induced fire that spreads from my home to burn 60 square blocks, I do not need insurance. The Feds may for it.

I can build a \$3 million house on the cliffs of Maine, and if it falls into the ocean, I

pay. If a northeaster hits and 600 other homes follow it into the water, the Feds pay.

So I can build on the San Andreas fault, build on Cape Hatteras, build a huge farm in a drought prone area, or build a marina in Southern Mississippi, and as long as everyone else around me gets wiped out as well. I have no worries.

So what is the point? Instead of rescuing people from their own stupidity, educate them ahead of time to the dangers of being stupid. Take all the monies which have bailed out people—those who do not want to accept responsibility for their own actions—and put it into education.

Build a country of educated and literate people who have the intelligence to read an insurance policy. Build a country where people have minds which provide them with the ability to earn the money to pay for the insurance. Build a country which is like the country America started out to be—self-reliant.

Put the grants, the loan guarantees and the scholarships towards those who want to heter their lot and let the diotis live in the rubble of their own stupidity.

Not that we should not have compassion for the downtrodden, but this kind of monetary assistance is why friends, neighbors, family, insurance companies, churches and philanthropic relief organizations exist.

Let them do their work and let our tax dollars go to building this country and improving our people rather than rebuilding and keeping our inhabitatis ignorant.

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### Perot threatens media, political establishment

In his July 9 opinion column, J. Keith Jordan says this about dogs: "Dogs are loyal — they don't care what a person stands for, they just care about who the person is." Jordan is referring to supporters

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anything new or unfamiliar.
These frightened dogs savagely attack an unfamiliar person, hoping that he or she will leave. The dogs that I am talking about are members of the political and media establishments.

establishments.
It appears to me that election coverage has mutated into "Get Him" journalism. The political and media establishments feel threatened by Ross Perot — and rightly so.

He will not tolerate the status quo. It has been said that there are two ways of exerting force one is by pushing down, the other is by pulling up. The current establishment would rather push Perot down than raise the level of their own performance.

Opinion columns which emphasize personal biases and prejudices while leaving out or distorting relevant facts simply will not do.





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### Cheer attack!

Cheerleading camp began Monday and will go through Thursday. Scores of local high school cheerleaders invaded campus to learn from the best. Camp counselors included N.C. State University cheerleaders as well as cheerleaders from the North Carolina universities. They will learn everything from how to build human pyramids to how to build school spirit.



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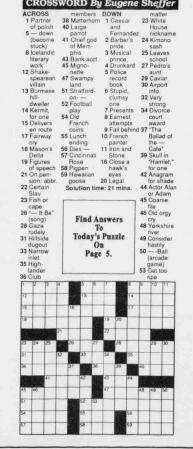
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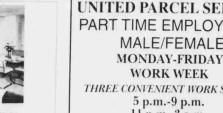
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