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EPA alleges center misused grant funds

By Dee Henry
Staff Writer

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has cut funding to N.C. State University's Pollution Prevention Research Center following a claim by EPA auditors alleging that NCSU misused between \$1 million and \$2 million in federal grant money.

"There's an audit underway [looking into] the way in which [the funds] were used," Provost Franklin Hart said. "They've made certain claims that we don't agree with and we've made counterclaims."

Hart said the audit itself is routine, although the consequences of this investigation are unusual.

"What's unusual is that the agency discontinued funds before the audit is complete," Hart said. The funds were cut in August 1991, but the center is still functioning with funding from

other sources, said William Klarman, Vice-Chancellor of research.

The allegations state that 39 of the 69 federally-funded research projects should not have been billed to the EPA. Of the remaining 30 programs, 12 were not reviewed in advance by the EPA and did not fit the purpose of the grant, auditor Ken Craiger told the Associated Press.

"They're questioning some of the procedures. It's an ongoing type of discussion at the present time," Hart said.

Hart explained that there are no charges of fraudulent use of funds involved. It is the intent that is in question.

"There are no allegations about money not being properly spent," Hart said.

According to The News & Observer, the auditors contend the university misspent \$1,173,779.

Auditors also questioned the amount of time Dr. Michael Overcash, the center director, devoted

to his job. The university's EPA contract called for Overcash to work full-time for the center. Auditors claim Overcash was teaching three classes at the time he was running the center.

Klarman, however, said Overcash was teaching before he took over as director of the center, but was not teaching at the time he was running the center.

Dalton Leonard, auditor for the Southern Audit Division of the Office of the Inspector General, said the auditing division was asked to do a financial and compliance audit of NCSU's EPA program. This type of audit calls for examination of the agreement terms and the university's financial report which outlines the programs for which the money was used. The audit division then recommends possible changes to the Grants

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Key facts about EPA allegations

- What:** NCSU's Pollution Prevention Research Center
- Why:** Alleged misuse of more than \$1 million of EPA grant money.
- Who:** Auditors allege center director Dr. Michael Overcash violated the EPA contract by simultaneously teaching and directing the
- When:** The center lost funding in August 1991. It was only recently that The Winston-Salem Journal discovered the closing.

Public Safety corks leak

By Eric Liebhauser
Staff Writer

N.C. State Public Safety and the Raleigh Hazardous Materials Team rushed to Schaub Hall Tuesday afternoon to handle what they first believed to be a chemical spill but turned out to be a gas leak.

"They dealt with sulfur compounds in the labs and they had just gotten a delivery," NCSU's Senior Safety Inspector David L. Godwin said. "We thought there might have been an accident."

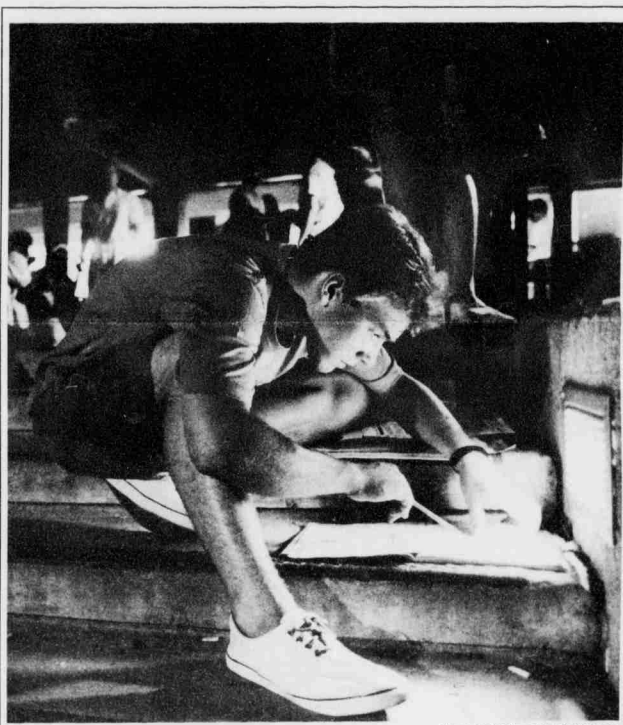
But responding officers soon discovered this was not the case.

"When the officers got there, they smelled natural gas. The smell was becoming more intense," Godwin said.

Because the odor was growing stronger, Public Safety officers determined that there was not enough time to wait for the Raleigh Hazardous Materials Team.

"Officers immediately shut off the gas and opened the windows," Godwin said. "We ventilated the area and cut off the source. We checked the gas and it had only leaked on the third floor."

When the Raleigh Hazardous Materials Team arrived, further cautionary measures were taken to insure that the leak had been completely shut off. "The city went through and checked the whole building with two different meters. Their instruments indicated no presence of gas whatsoever," Godwin said.



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Night life

Incoming freshman Michael Harris waited outside Sullivan Hall the last Monday of freshmen orientation and fine tunes his schedule through a grate light. Harris plans to be a materials engineer.

Camel cigarette debate spreads to university

By Eric Liebhauser
Staff Writer

The U.S. Surgeon General's assault on R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Company's popular Joe Camel character has generated accusations of censorship from local merchants and praise from N.C. State University health officials.

Local retailers say it is their right to display and sell cigarettes in the manner they choose. NCSU health officials, however, are calling for the removal of all Joe Camel advertisements, which they say target young smokers.

The issue caught local attention after the national disclosure that U.S. Surgeon General Antonia Novello, acting with the American Medical Association, asked R.J. Reynolds to eliminate the suave cartoon character, Joe Camel, from all Camel advertising campaigns.

Linda Attarian, a health educator at the NCSU Center for Health Directions, said she agrees with the Surgeon General's action. Children can find ways to obtain cigarettes, so an advertisement that appeals particularly to them can only increase the number of underage smokers, she said.

"A 14-year-old can easily give money to his friend [to purchase cigarettes]," Attarian said. She also pointed out that some retailers sell cigarettes individually.

"There are some stores that sell cigarettes for 10 cents each," Attarian said. "This makes them very accessible to children."

Mike Harrison, an employee of DJ's Bookstore, sees the issue differently. "I think it's ridiculous how they're twisting people's arms," Harrison said from beneath the store's Joe Camel Clock. "They are going to keep doing stuff like this if we let them."

Other merchants agree. The manager of the Hillsborough Street Fast Fare, who asked not to be identified by name, said he has a right to display and sell the cigarettes regardless of who they appeal to.

"Dumping Joe Camel will not stop children from buying cigarettes," he said while standing in front of two large posters: one offering Joe Camel boxer shorts, the other a Camel Club T-shirt. "Kids are going to get cigarettes if they really want them."

He said there are still vending machines in hotels, restaurants and bowling alleys which are accessible to children.

Harrison pointed out that it is the legal responsibility of the store to refuse cigarettes to minors. "We have to I.D. everybody we sell to," he said. "How many back-ups do you have to go with?"

However, Attarian said, children are being damaged even if they are

not actually smoking Camel cigarettes. "They are becoming acclimated to the idea of smoking," she said. "They are being told that it's a good thing."

Attarian said advertising campaigns like Joe Camel can have dramatic effects on youths. If society openly embraces smoking, Attarian said, children will follow suit.

"If we were telling kids nuclear waste was no big deal, they eventually would believe it," she said.

Connie Domino, the substance abuse prevention educator at the Center for Health Directions, said the Surgeon General's request is a good idea.

Domino said that she disapproves of the Joe Camel advertising campaign not only because it appeals to young smokers but because she believes it directs subliminal messages at them. "There are subtle items, artistically portrayed," Domino said.

Furthermore, Domino said, some elements of the ads resemble male genitals and women's legs. Domino cited popular Camel ads in which Joe is seductively leaning back with his hands in his pockets and the blatant use of phallic-like camel noses.

But Harrison of DJ's feels that there is a larger issue to be addressed. Harrison considers the movement to ban controversial forms of communication as an infringement on First Amendment rights. "It's funny how some people's idea of freedom pertains only to them," he said.

Harrison said that retailers and R.J. Reynolds have the legal right to advertise their cigarettes as they please. "Do you see this?" Harrison said, pointing to a copy of The Village Voice which features two naked men French kissing on its cover.

"I don't want to see this," he said. "But I'm not going to demand that it is removed from the store. If you don't want to see it, don't look at it."

According to Harrison, adhering to the Surgeon General's request could open the door for further constraints on cigarette companies. Such action, Harrison said, would undoubtedly affect the lives of many North Carolinians.

"Tobacco is a major staple of this state's economy," he said. "You start cutting cigarette sales and you start to get people out of work."

Attarian, however, applauds the Surgeon General's public request to ban Joe Camel and his method of action. "As long as the means are not fraudulent or misleading, it is fine," she said. "It's giving them bad PR. If you can't make it legal, you make it political."

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Four professors receive WNR distinction

Award given to top ag-life researchers

News Staff Report

Four North Carolina State University faculty members have been named William Neal Reynolds Professors, one of the highest honors awarded to faculty in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences (CALS).

The four, with their new titles, are: Dr. Stanley W. Buol, William Neal Reynolds Professor of soil science; Dr. George G. Kennedy, William Neal Reynolds Professor of entomology; Dr. Todd R. Klaenhammer, William Neal Reynolds Professor of food science and microbiology; and Dr. Bruce S. Weir, William Neal Reynolds Professor of statistics and genetics.

The appointments were



Kennedy



Klaenhammer



Buol



Weir

announced by NCSU Chancellor Larry K. Monteith and CALS Dean Durward F. Bateman, following approval by the NCSU Board of Trustees.

The Distinguished Reynolds Professorship Fund was established in 1950 to honor the most outstanding scholars and teachers in the college. The criteria require that recipients command the respect of the NCSU faculty as well as of the community of scholars of the nation and the world. Including the four most recently named Reynolds professors, there are 18 active Reynolds professors at

NCSU. Forty faculty members have shared the honor since the professorships were created.

Buol who lives in Garner, was recognized for his work in soil genesis, morphology and classification. He is internationally recognized for his research into the physical, chemical and biological processes that give rise to the properties of soils.

Kennedy, who lives in Apex, has focused his research on the often complicated and poorly understood interactions between plants and insects. Plants often play an important role in regulating insect populations. Kennedy's research is aimed

at better understanding the interactions between plants, insects that feed on plants, and other insects that prey on the plant-eating insects.

Klaenhammer, of Raleigh, has pioneered the application of molecular genetics to bacteria important in food preservation. His research is widely respected, as evidenced by six awards from various groups for outstanding research during the 14 years he has been at NCSU. On three occasions, doctoral students who trained under Klaenhammer have won awards for the outstanding doctoral dissertations in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences.

Weir of Raleigh, a statistical geneticist, has played a major role in the invention and development of statistical methods that enable a better understanding of genetic variation in plant and animal populations. The statistical methods Weir has pioneered have been used to locate genes that cause diseases such as cystic fibrosis.



Swimmers excel in spring semester

According to the June issue of the Wolfpacker, N.C. State's men's and women's swim teams have met the criteria to qualify for academic all-America team honors. The announcement came from the College Swim Coaches' Association of America, which says a team must have a total semester grade point average of 2.80 or better.

The women's swimming and diving team had an overall spring semester GPA of 2.994. The ACC champion men had an overall semester GPA of 2.881. In addition, one swimmer had a 4.0 GPA.

Top football recruit to enter military school

By Owen Good
Staff Writer

Former Starmount tailback and recent graduate Carlos King could not break the 700 SAT score barrier set by the NCAA for freshman eligibility. As a result, N.C. State will lose its top football prospect for one year, and King has signed with Fork Union (Va.) Military Academy in an attempt to meet the standard.

King last took the SAT on June 6. The result came as a surprise to him. "I thought I would make it," King said.

These have been trying times for King, whose name is synonymous with athletic excellence at Starmount High School. A multiple-sport standout, King excelled in football pads, capping a stellar career with numerous accolades and a position on North Carolina's Shrine Bowl team.

But his discovery last week that he was unsuccessful on his last attempt has not been the worst news. On June 18, his mother died after an extended illness.

But King would not blame his performance on his mother's illness.

"I took it before she was really sick," King explained. Despite the losses, King still understands he made a commitment to her, and he is resolute in keeping it.

"I told her I would go to college and do everything she told me to," King said.

One can't be sure, but if his mother told him to play football, King probably did everything she asked and even a few things she didn't think to ask for. He averaged 10 yards a carry, scored 16 touchdowns and rushed for 1,467 yards in his senior season. Over his career he amassed the fourth most yards

rushing — 5,321 — in the state.

On the heels of this statistical success came the awards. He was the Northwest 2-A Offensive Player of the Year. Conversely, the Shrine Bowl Committee selected him as free safety, proving his multi-faceted talent.

King once said he wanted to be a running back because "running backs get all the publicity."

The publicity he generated was enough for N.C. State to offer him a full-ride athletic scholarship. Although he can't cash in that scholarship in the fall, it will still be good for next year when he plans to sign with State again.

King remains optimistic about his future on the football field.

"This (going to Fork Union) should help me out in getting bigger and more competitive," King said.

Blowouts don't prove anything for USA

U-S-A, U-S-A.

Does that chant even mean anything anymore? How can you get excited about a basketball game that's over before it even begins? You might as well concede the title to this country because there's not a single country that thinks the United States can be denied. So, have we done anything positive by sending our professionals to Barcelona? Probably not.

In the recent Tournament of the Americas, I found myself watching this spectacle only to turn it off by



Off the Bench

the end of the first half. The only exciting moment is if the opposing country manages to jump to a 2-0 lead. After that, Team U.S.A. runs off about 50 straight points, and before you can say "blowout," the

game is over.

When the U.S. Olympic Committee made the decision to use pros a few years back, I was very much in favor of it. After losing in Seoul in 1988, I, in my anguish and disgust, was totally behind the NBA sending players to the Olympics. "We'll show them," I said.

But it took me a little while to cool down and see exactly what the U.S. was doing. And I don't think that we are doing the correct thing.

Sure, the incentives for our pros to play are there. Other countries all

over the world let their professionals play. And now, followers of international basketball are concerned that the United States is dropping behind in basketball ability.

I've got news for you. The U.S. hasn't dropped one bit; the other countries have just caught up. Players are being trained more traditionally and many of these countries have switched their favorite

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Tangled shows

This week brings two can't miss shows to Chapel Hill's Cat's Cradle.

Sugar featuring Bob Mould sweetens Franklin Street on Sunday.

Mould is the former guitarist for the Minnesota some legends Husker Du. His solo career brought forth the surprisingly sedate "Workbook" and the menacing "Black Sheets of Rain."

The last time Mould played the Cradle, it was a packed acoustic show. Mould's words and music shone that night as he seemed to give his songs a second look. But now Mould has now brought forth his own band which, according to the grapevine, is a power sound that matches with his Husker days. Better bring earplugs to enjoy the evening without a ringing on Monday morning.

Arrested Development and Disposable Heros of Hip-hop's double team the audience on Tuesday.

Both bands have been receiving rave notices on MTV and major magazines.

Arrested is currently perched in the top 10 with their single "Tennessee." The rap group is from Georgia, the scene that brought us TLC and the Black Crowes.



Photo courtesy of EMI Records Group

Arrested Development will play Cat's Cradle next Tuesday.

Disposable is a mixture of rap and industrial percussion from San Francisco. This is a two biller worth a trip down I-40.

Tickets to both shows can be purchased at School Kids Records on Hillsborough Street. For any other Cat's Cradle information call 967-9053.

Dark tree

Black Oak Arkansas will be bringing back their country-fried rock sound at Stonewalls Monday night.

The band is best known for singer Jim Dandy leaping across the stage with his leather fringed boots and strumming a washboard. Bongwater immortalized Black Oak on "Double Bummer."

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Needle drop

Rachel Sweet "Fool Around: The Best of Rachel Sweet" Rhino Records Rachel Sweet is probably best

The liner notes give a deserving

biography to Sweet. A must for those who miss "The Sweet Life."

Steve Wynn "Dazzling Display" RNA Records

Steve Wynn's first solo effort, "Kerosene Man," was as overwhelming as Bob Mould's "Workbook." Wynn's second album proves he's still a flammable talent. "Drag" gets the album off to a fast start with a guitar solo and horns section fighting for space. It's like Ravi Shankar sparring with the Stax horns. Such odd arrangements crop up all over the album.

Wynn is not Prince. Wynn's solo records do feature other musicians. This album has an interesting cast making appearances.

R.E.M.'s Peter Buck lends a pen and mandolin on "A Dazzling Display." Concrete Blonde's Johnette Napolitano's duet on "Bonnie and Clyde" is a heist. John Wesley Harding and former Bangle Vicki Petersen pipe in with backing vocals. Former Lou Reed bassist Fernando Saunders returns from the "Kerosene Man" sessions.

The subjects of the songs are diverse. "When She Comes Around" is from Hubert Selby Jr.'s "Last Exit to Brooklyn." "Halo" deals with the fall of Ceausescu. "Grace" illustrates Charlotte Rampling's nervous breakdown in progress from Woody Allen's "Stardust Memories."

"Light of Hope" was written by Steve's grandfather, Matthew Wynn in 1917. The song is an uncovered gem. Seventy five years have not faded the gleam. Now it's known where Steve's songwriting talent was inherited from.

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Editorials

Brown should be fired

The tangled tale of Clarence Brown goes on. Brown, a professor at North Carolina Central University and a former member of the Durham City Council, has been the subject of damaging headlines for over a year.

His troubles began in May 1991 when he was stabbed in his yard returning home from a city council meeting. Brown called off a police investigation saying that the stabbing was a personal matter. People were curious, and Brown quickly became the focus of media scrutiny.

In August 1991, The News & Observer reported that Brown had billed Durham and NCCU for about \$1,200 in travel expenses. It was also revealed in August that Brown had leased a car for a friend with NCCU federal grants, that he had been accused of showing favoritism towards female students, and that he had billed numerous personal calls to the city.

Brown's life quickly unraveled. The Durham City Council unanimously asked for Brown's resignation and got it in November 1991. NCCU suspended Brown from any involvement with research grants. And his wife sued for divorce, citing adultery, drug use and shady business practices.

Now a state audit reveals that Brown mismanaged \$828,000 in research grants, funneling money into a secret fund, and fixed students' grades. Thousands of dollars worth of grants are missing, and many transactions cannot be explained. Brown is currently under criminal investigation and has been suspended with pay from NCCU.

But considering that Brown took money from a university struggling to meet the most basic needs of its students, suspension with pay is highly inadequate, especially in light of NCCU's already shaky reputation. All along NCCU has been slow to act.

The state audit revealed that top administrators at NCCU ignored indications of Brown's improprieties. In fact, NCCU conducted its own audit, which was released last September, but reported that there were no violations of university policy. Brown alleges that he is just an example of deep-rooted problems, and he appears to be right. It was not long ago that NCCU was in the headlines for their improper handling of scholarship athlete's money.

UNC-System president C.D. Spangler Jr. is making fundamental changes in the NCCU administration. He is doing the right thing. The UNC-System was embarrassed when the N.C. State basketball scandal broke. It is even more embarrassed now. The fact that Brown has not been terminated by NCCU indicates that NCCU is not committed to cleaning house. If NCCU is unwilling or unable to correct its problems, as in the case of Brown, then it must be done for them.

Audit first then punish

As reported on the front page of Technician, the Environmental Protection Agency has pulled federal grant money from N.C. State University's Pollution Prevention Program after allegations of misuse of funds arose during an audit.

Provost Franklin Hart has stated emphatically that the misuse of funds was not fraudulent. There appears to be a cloud of mystery surrounding the whole affair that must make people wonder who was doing what and why they did it?

The audit began after the EPA said it was billed for 39 projects, out of 69, that did not fall within the Pollution Prevention Program's scope. The EPA also said that it did not check any of the projects before they were started.

Where was the supervision that the EPA is supposed to have over all federally funded efforts under its jurisdiction? Did the big people in Washington just assume that the program would run alright if they just left it alone? Perhaps the EPA was just sloppy in telling contractors what was acceptable.

After the audit began, but long before it was concluded (it is still not finished), the funding for the program was pulled. Granted, \$1-2 million dollars is a lot of money to be missing, but why take the most unusual step of pulling funds before the investigation is over. It's akin to a judge convicting a man because he is the number one police suspect.

Nothing has been proven yet. Allegations have been made, and now they are being investigated. There is no conclusion to the story. The EPA will not comment on why they pulled the funds.

The Pollution Prevention Program is still operating on left-over funds from previous years, but cannot keep up much longer. The programs funded by the Feds are necessary to study and implement pollution prevention caused by industry and the general public.

If N.C. State is wrong, and has indeed misused the funds, then the school and the Pollution Prevention Program should bite the bullet. But until the audit is concluded and allegations become facts, then the funds should not be touched.

THE CANDIDATES SPEAK OUT



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Columns

Voters, beware of quick fix programs

Chris Heagarty

Opinion Columnist

It's easy to see why people don't like government. When the news is filled with scandals about U.S. House members and White House appointees bouncing checks and enjoying taxpayer-financed vacations, intolerance for the system is understandable. Yet, when looking for solutions, people are often bogged by the Washington blame game and reject all politicians. While change is necessary, this attitude makes people particularly vulnerable to those selling snake-oil promises of instant fixes, with no substance.

This is especially dangerous when groups use a populist appeal of giving government back to the people, when, in fact, they have no such intention. It's easy to blame politicians for what goes wrong, but despite the bad apples, lawmakers usually have the greater resources and knowledge of the system needed to make better decisions. Just like I'm sure George Bush wouldn't be any good at designing electrical components, I don't believe the average person has been given all the facts or resources to try to run the government through direct democracy.

I want to discuss one quick fix solution and how it's being sold as "the will of the public."

There is a growing demand for direct democracy and public referendums allowing people to vote directly on government issues. This is not bad by itself, but it raises questions when you consider that the majority of the people calling for such changes also state that issues are

important in political campaigns. To demand power without a willingness to research issues is dangerous.

Let's look at a hypothetical ballot issue: The state government wants to set up a program called HELP-US. This program solicits voluntary contributions from private individuals to supplement tax revenue. Setting up the program will cost over \$120 million. Over the years, the costs of maintaining the expensive program will claim about sixty to seventy cents out of every dollar it raises, and it will be almost impossible to shut down if it ever starts operating in the red. Is this program fiscally responsible? Would you vote for it?

Another example: The government needs more garbage men. It begins a publicity program encouraging people to be garbage men because they could find millions of dollars in precious jewelry in people's trash. The government knows that there is less than one in a million chance of someone getting rich this way, but, in order to get people to participate, they advertise that anyone could. Is this ethical, selling a dream opportunity by disguising the true odds? If put on the ballot, would you

support such a program?

It can be argued that there is merit to both proposals. The first, though wasteful, would raise some revenue. The second one's end could justify the means. I would reject both, however, because the first is an extremely inefficient way to raise money and expands the bureaucracy, while the second borders on fraud.

If these examples become there is a movement in North Carolina by special interest groups to enact a program they can't get the legislature to pass. They hope to do this by putting it on the November ballot and letting the people vote on it, after subjecting them to a publicity blitz and presenting only half the story. Their program encompasses parts of both examples, and has enough moral questions surrounding it to prompt most North Carolina churches to oppose it.

Costing over \$120 million and using more than half of its revenue to maintain itself, it is a program which deceives people into investing with next to zero probability of return. Yet, because it is glamorous and the big money special interests have hired the best lobbyists and media specialists to get it on the ballot and sell it, it could easily be passed by the voters who are presented with all the claimed benefits, but none of the costs.

"It" is the lottery, and beyond the novelty of being able to buy a one dollar chance for millions at Fast Fare, there are many hidden costs. If it makes it on the ballot, get all of the facts before you vote.

If candidates were as loyal as dogs

I really like dogs. Most of them feel affection for people they know regardless of what that person has done or said in the last few days. Dogs are loyal — they don't care what a person stands for, they just care about who the person is.

I spend a lot of time playing with my dog. I would spend even more time with him, but my girlfriend, Amy, makes me change clothes after I've been outside with him. I'm constantly impressed with his personality. He is never in a bad mood, he's never angry with me, he never objects to anything I do.

That kind of loyalty is ideal in a pet. Lately, though, a lot of dogs have appeared on the national political scene. You know — the ones wearing red T-shirts with "Ross Perot for President" printed on them.

Now, I don't mean this as a vile insult. As I said, I like dogs. If I really wanted to insult these people, I'd call them cats or iguanas or something along those lines.

But we don't need an injection of blind loyalty into our electorate. We need voters who will look at what kind of man each candidate is and what he stands for rather than simply being swept up in a wave of emotion.

When I listen to radio call-in talk shows, I hear a lot of interesting conversations about Perot. Many of them go something like this: Host: What is it about Perot that you admire?

Caller: He is a life-long Republican who can get this country back on the right track. Host: But Perot has never been either

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conservative or a Republican. Caller: He sure knows how to run a business, though.

Host: He made most of his fortune by taking advantage of the government.

Caller: How about the way he used to deliver newspapers on horseback when he was a kid?

Host: His neighbors remember the horse as more like a bicycle.

Caller: I don't care. I'm still voting for him. Whose hip pocket are you in, pal? There has been some bad news for the pack, though. In the wake of reports on Perot's paranoid investigation of the Bush family, the Texas billionaire has lost some support. Ironically, the backers he lost have gone over to Democrat Bill Clinton. This almost defies logic, because Perot and Clinton are ideologically similar; one would expect Perot's increasingly obvious liberalism and his attacks on the president to lose him Republican, not Democratic, support. But as it is, most of his followers say they would vote for Bush if Perot were not in the race.

Presumably, Republicans hate the president and desperately want to find someone who can return the national party to the glory days of Ronald Reagan. Maybe these people have seized upon the first charismatic non-Democrat to come along, and are unwilling to give up the visions of '80s-style wonder which they associate with Perot.

Democrats are less enamored with him, which is odd, because he seems closer to traditional democratic ideology than does Clinton.

Strange days have found us indeed when Democrats support a moderate and many conservatives enthusiastically support a liberal, stranger still when the conservative support for the liberal is blind and unwavering. And yet that is exactly the situation we are in.

Of course, not all — or even a big majority — of the dogs are converted elephants. There is a lot of donkey blood coursing through the veins of newly red-chad canines. Also, Perot's disciples include many who haven't voted in years if ever. Just by not being part of a party, Perot is bringing in lots of prospective voters who haven't been interested in conventional politics. Indeed, one of his contributions to the fall election may be increased voter turnout.

But bigger numbers of voters may not be the answer to our growing inability to elect a president who has the desire and ability to, well, preside. Ideally, the majority of voters will choose the best man for the job. That's not very likely to happen, though, if a lot of the fall ballots come from kennels.

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Porn is matter of choice

This is in response to Lisa Morgan's rebuttal of pornography. I agree that pornography dehumanizes and exploits its actors and actresses. I overwhelmingly disagree that "pornography causes rape, bestiality, homosexuality, etc."

Let's consider each item, one at a time, shall we?

RAPE — Rape is an act of violence, not sex. While porno films do not cause rape (i.e. encourage/entice viewers to go out and rape others), it often desensitizes the viewer to the issue, such that a moral deterrent may be overcome. Nevertheless, most rape is not a planned sexual act, it is a spur of violence which is carried out sexually.

INCEST — Incest can either be violational (often parent/child) or

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consenting (often cousins or siblings). If it is violational, it is similar to rape except that it is between family members. If it is consenting, then I believe the people would have done it regardless of the porno.

BESTIALITY — Watching a porno may make bestiality seem novel or interesting, thus interesting viewers in trying it, but no one in their right mind would say that porno causes bestiality. Let's get real!

HOMOSEXUALITY — Has Morgan slept through the last two years of news coverage? Homosexuality is an affectional orientation, not a decision to have same-sex intercourse. Pornos may make people

curious to the degree that they experiment with homosexual situations, but they don't cause homosexuality.

ETC. I'm not sure exactly what "etc." represents. If someone hadn't already been doing it, it probably wouldn't have made it into the movie.

I do agree that what we view affects our perception and ideas. However, it is the viewer who must choose whether to act on the perception of it being right or wrong. Someone who is susceptible to suggestive viewing should not watch the material. They should furthermore not prevent others from viewing the material because others may not be susceptible to the influence of the movie or show.

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USA could be just as good with collegians

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pastime from soccer to basketball. I'm most bothered by the United States' integrity. It seems the only thing we're concerned about is winning. The Olympics started because of the thrill of competition. Winning is a big part of it, but it's not the only part. What are we proving out there? Everyone knows we play the best basketball in the world. They know there's literally no way that another country could beat Team U.S.A. These guys go out before every game, play 36 holes of golf, and then, with such effortless ease, blow the opposing country away. Everyone keeps saying that the U.S. is a basketball machine that cannot be stopped. Where did the concept of competition go? Christian Laetner is the only collegian on the Olympic team. Have you seen how well he's done? Can you imagine a team with him and Shaquille O'Neal, or Jim Jackson, or how about the Wolfpack's own Tom Gugliotta. Unfortunately Tom Gugliotta is a product of this masochism exhibited by the U.S. And so are these other college stars who may never have a chance to play in the Olympics. Oh, well. I guess we'll just have to live with the team we have. Let's just not make the same mistake in '96. Let's go back to the collegians. At least it will represent what the Olympics are all about.

Pollution Debate

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Administration Division of the EPA. The EPA has 180 days to send a "final determination letter" to the university, stating whether the university owes them money. The final decision in this case will be out in September.

"My personal opinion is that our findings will be sustained by the Grants Administration Division and the university will have to pay the money back," Leonard said.

The auditors also said they had trouble getting the university to furnish financial reports of the center's programs, according to The Herald-Sun.

The center developed methods for industries to limit hazardous wastes and to either recycle or dispose of existing waste.

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Jeff Hornbeck, a 20-year-old N.C. State student and long-time smoker of Camel cigarettes, says that he smokes the brand because of its visibility and popularity, not because of its cartoon spokesman.

"The people I'm around always have Camels," he said. "I guess now I've acquired a taste for them. They are also always sitting right up front [at the convenience stores]. They probably are the most visible brand."

Mike McConnel, 21, also an NCSU student and Camel smoker, says that he may be influenced by Camel's marketing techniques.

"Other cigarette ads are so boring," he explained. "I like the way Camel tastes but I'm more prone to buy it because of the huge cartoon display and free Joe Camel lighters and stuff you get with it."

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