



PE uniform deadline is Dec. 12

Carmichael Gymnasium staff wants to remind all students who checked out PE clothing this semester to return the items by Wednesday, Dec. 18.

Graduating seniors must return everything, while returning students are only required to return PE clothing.

If items are not returned, a fee will be charged.

Veteran memorial to be held at Bell Tower

The Marching Cadet Fraternity [MCF] will hold their 35th annual Memorial Bell Tower Guard on Dec. 7.

The MCF has sponsored the 24-hour memorial guard since 1961 in honor of American Veterans who gave their lives in service to the United States. At noon, a wreath will be placed at the Bell Tower's entrance. The highlight of the day-long guard will be an invocation and address accompanied by a 21-gun salute.

All students are invited to attend.

U.S. Olympic Committee president to speak at NCSU

Leroy Walker, president of the U.S. Olympic Committee, will discuss "Promoting Academic Excellence and International Understanding Through Athletic Competition," 10 a.m. until noon, Dec. 13, in Room 356 of the Witherspoon Student Center.

Walker will be honored at NCSU's Community Brotherhood Dinner later that day.

Walker's lecture is free and open to the public.

For more information, call Teresa Fowler at 515-4222 by Wednesday.

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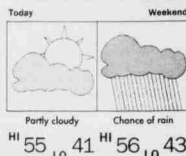
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Outside



Football players, student charged with assault

■ Jose Laureano and Jonathan Dukes face numerous charges, including assault with a deadly weapon.

BY JASON KING
NEWS EDITOR

When it rains, it pours. After finishing the season with a disappointing 3-8 record and losing two players this season for breaking team rules, N.C. State's football team had to be thinking that the worst was over. It's not.

The latest episode involving members of the football team has resulted in the arrest of four

students — two of whom are football players.

According to Public Safety Crime Prevention Officer Sgt. Larry Ellis, a group of students, including seniors Robert Parrish and Abbey Lynn Vanrood, were crossing Morrill Drive after the NCSU-Penn State University basketball game on Nov. 25 when a 1994 black Nissan Pathfinder bumped into Parrish, backed up and bumped into him again.

When Parrish slammed his hand on the hood, sophomores Jose Laureano and Jonathan Dukes, both members of the football team, got out of the vehicle, pushed Vanrood out of the way and assaulted Parrish, Ellis said. Public Safety

reports said both players were under the influence of alcohol.

Laureano and Dukes then left the scene. Witnesses said Laureano was driving the vehicle.

Public Safety later responded to a report of a fight in progress at Avenet Ferry Complex A Building. When Public Safety officers arrived at the scene, sophomore Donte' Hunt was yelling and screaming, Ellis said. When officers approached him, Hunt screamed "I'm going to kill you tonight!" at Public Safety Lt. Lenora Mitchell and physically resisted efforts to restrain him.

According to Public Safety reports, Dukes intervened in officers' attempts to handcuff Hunt.

When Dukes was ordered to leave the area, he struck officer Michael Nolin and Lt. Mitchell, knocking her to the ground. Both Dukes and Hunt struck Mitchell while she was on the ground before Nolin and a bystander could place Hunt in handcuffs.

Dukes then fled the scene in the Pathfinder and was later stopped by another Public Safety officer and placed under arrest.

Another student, freshman Jay Kanekoa, has been charged with delaying and obstructing officers in the arrest of Hunt and ignoring an order to leave the area, reports said.

Dukes has been charged with assault on a law enforcement

officer, assault with a deadly weapon and assault on a female. Hunt has been charged with assault on a law officer and disruptive conduct. Both were released from Wake County jail Nov. 26 on \$500 and \$1,000 bonds, respectively.

Laureano was arrested Wednesday and charged with assault with a deadly weapon and simple assault. He was released later that day on \$1,000 bail.

Laureano was NCSU's starting quarterback at the beginning of the season, but was relegated to the backup spot after Jamie Barnette took over the basketball job.

Dukes was one of the team's punters.

Student Senate slams plus/minus grading

■ NCSU's Student Senate called for the elimination of plus/minus grading Wednesday.

BY MARK MCCRAW
STAFF WRITER

The plus/minus grading system received yet another blow at Wednesday's Student Senate meeting.

The Senate quickly passed a resolution to eliminate the plus/minus grading system. The resolution stated that, although the system allows professors to show finer distinctions among students, its harms far outweigh its benefits.

"If two students are taking the same course — even with different professors — they should be graded comparably," Senator Amy Cummins said. "It's ridiculous."

The Senate criticized N.C. State for having a grading system that requires only some courses to use it.

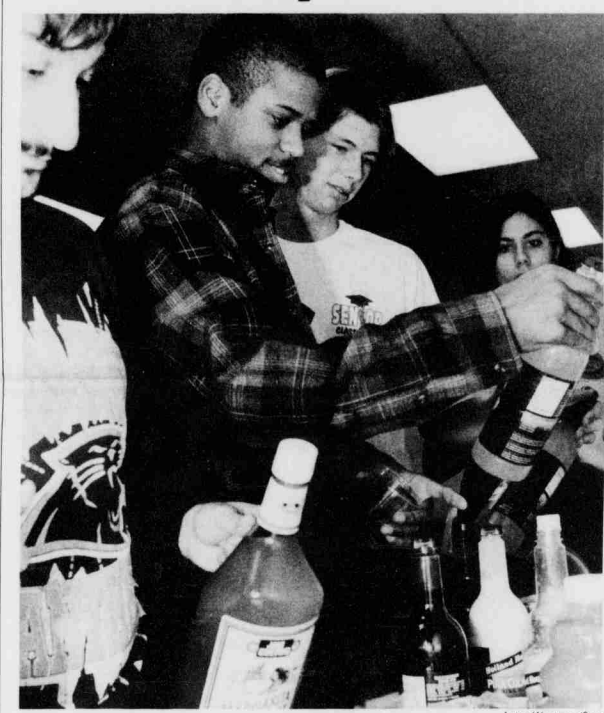
"In a just institution, students taking the same course would be graded comparably," the resolution stated.

The resolution pointed out that use of the plus/minus system has reached a record low of 50 percent for both undergraduate and graduate level courses.

The resolution also criticized the system for penalizing top students who acquire an A+ and receive the same numerical grade (4.0) as students who receive an A.

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Holiday treats



James Swindell, a freshman in physics, and Greg Robertson, a freshman in biology, check out various non-alcoholic cocktails Wednesday at a "mocktails" party sponsored by Sullivan Hall RAs.

Students concerned with arena's image

■ Both students and Athletics Director Les Robinson agree the proposed arena should be dedicated to NCSU — not an NHL team.

BY JULIE P. MURPHY
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

With all the talk about a National Hockey League expansion team, many N.C. State students say they think the Centennial Authority is no longer committed to creating an arena with a proper atmosphere for Wolfpack basketball.

Joey Morehead, a sophomore in advertising, said he thinks the group has shifted the emphasis of the proposed arena away from NCSU toward the NHL team.

"I think this whole thing has really gotten out of hand," he said. "The arena is going to be too big for our purposes anyway. It's so obvious that they're catering to the hockey team and not to N.C. State basketball."

Adrianna Keener, a senior in history, had a similar viewpoint. Keener said the new arena is being created for an NHL team instead of NCSU's basketball team.

Keener said the Athletics Department's needs are currently being met at Reynolds Coliseum. She said Reynolds holds a great deal of character and tradition, and it would be a shame to risk losing the spirit the Coliseum now holds.

Athletics Director Les Robinson commented on NCSU's role in the new arena.

"If we build a new arena, I feel it is extremely important that N.C. State basketball be a primary tenant," Robinson said. "We'll go along if the arena gets built, but I want it to really be our arena."

Robinson said he is happy with NCSU's current facilities. He said the things he loves most about Reynolds are its atmosphere, crowds, tradition and proximity. His personal ranking of great collegiate coliseums across the nation puts Reynolds in first place.

Several NCSU students said they prefer Reynolds as well.

"I think, instead of building the

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Punch to give commencement address to fall graduates

■ The former magna cum laude graduate is a successful television sports reporter for ABC.

NEWS STAFF REPORT

N.C. State graduate Jerry Punch, a trauma specialist and television sports reporter, will give the commencement address for fall graduation exercises on Dec. 18.

His address will focus on the value of education in his family and about the importance of keeping people and work in the right

perspective. Punch will speak specifically on "not forgetting the people who helped you get where you are."

Punch said the best decisions he's made were marrying his wife, Joni, and attending NCSU.

Punch graduated magna cum laude from NCSU in 1975 and currently works full-time covering sports events for ESPN and ABC.

As a walk-on and back-up quarterback for Coach Lou Holtz on the football team, Punch has had a lifelong interest in sports. He started calling races on the weekends while attending the

Bowman Gray School of Medicine.

Punch was honored with the United States Air Force Outstanding Performance Award for exemplary service in the auto racing community in 1989. The same year, he was named as NCSU's Outstanding Young Alumnus for making the most contributions to his profession, community and

university.

In 1990, Punch was named NASCAR's Team Player of the Year. Graduation exercises will open with a concert by the British Brass Band at 8:30 a.m. in Reynolds Coliseum. The academic procession follows at 9 a.m. Diploma distribution for individual colleges and departments begins at 11:30 a.m. at various locations on campus. A joint Army, Navy and Air Force commissioning ceremony will be held in the University Student Center Ballroom at 4 p.m.



Punch

Local town hires students to organize Christmas parade

■ A group of students are organizing Knightdale's parade.

BY JOSH JUSTIN
STAFF WRITER

It won't be the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade, but to the residents of Knightdale it will be just as good.

With the assistance of N.C. State Parks and Recreation students, the Christmas Parade in Knightdale will become a reality Saturday at 2 p.m. Forty-five students, all members of a class on recreation and special-event programming taught by Annette Moore, were contracted by

Knightdale to organize and improve the town's annual holiday parade and decorations.

The responsibilities of these students during preparation for the parade include hanging the downtown displays, selecting a grand marshal, increasing the number of participants and coordinating crowd control.

Moore said she is thrilled about what the students have done to make the parade possible.

"The students have worked hard and they did all the decorations in Knightdale," Moore said. "Our only worry is the weather."

This partnership is the first of its kind in the state, and could prove to

be a model for assisting other small towns and communities in planning Christmas festivities in coming years.

Greg Sanders, the director of parks and recreation for Knightdale, sees the collaboration as a win-win situation.

"The students get a chance to put classroom theories into practice," he said, "and the town gets the manpower it needs to put on a highly visible community event."

Planning for the parade turned out to be a valuable experience for the students, even when things did not go precisely to the game plan.

One of the major setbacks was the group's grand marshal choice. A

local sports celebrity shocked the students by asking for several thousand dollars to fill the position.

Annette Moore said the athlete's agent was reserved and wanted money.

"The athlete would have done it for free," Moore said. "But his agent felt the need for money was necessary."

Enter "Morgan and Mad Dog," popular morning D.J.'s on Raleigh's country-music station WKIX-FM. The students asked them to be grand marshals for the parade, and they agreed.

"By forcing us to rethink the situation, the agent actually did us a favor," senior Jay Luford said.

"Morgan and Mad Dog will do it for free, are a much better match for Knightdale's demographics, and will promote their appearance in the parade on the air, which helps us with publicity."

Like most towns in the area, Knightdale was tossed around by Hurricane Fran. The storm flattened the storage shed where the city's holiday decorations were kept, forcing a halt in planning. Fortunately, the town of Valdese intervened and donated decorations to replace the ones that were demolished.

Learning to deal with setbacks in

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Senate

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 Before the system was initiated, Chancellor Larry Monteith said the criteria for determining whether or not to keep it would be its impact on students. The resolution pointed out that more students' grades were hurt by the plus/minus grading policy than helped.
 Justice Wilson, who opposes the bill, said the advantages of increased distinction between grades outweighs the systems' harms.
 "I think the plus/minus grading system is more fair," Wilson said. "There need to be distinctions

within individual letter grades."
 The resolution passed by a vote of 42-2, with one abstention.
 Also discussed at the meeting was the recent reaction to an NCSU Bookstore sale that encourages students to sell their books before exams.
 According to Student Senate President Mark Nippert, the bookstore has decided to extend the sale throughout the first week of exams. Nippert said that this will cost the bookstore money, and as a result, need-based scholarships will be impacted.
 "This was a one-time mistake," Nippert said. "It is something ... we are having to pay for, but will not be repeated in the future."

Parade

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 coordination and planning of the parade has been extremely beneficial to the students. Senior Mike Barnes, who heads the class's crowd-control committee, said the experience has taught the students to be prepared for anything because anything can happen.
 "If you need six hands, you better line up a few more just in case," Barnes said. "If there are train tracks across the parade route,

make sure no train is scheduled to come through."
 The experience gives everyone positive vibes. Knightdale gets to have a cherished Christmas parade, and the Parks and Recreation students gain experience in strategic planning for community events.
 These hard-learned lessons will serve the students well in the future, Moore said.
 "This practical experience will benefit them, and the cities or firms they go to work for," Moore said. "We hope to do more big community projects in our area."

Arena

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 arena, they should put the money into giving Reynolds the face lift it needs," senior Erik Knudsen said. "I'd rather just stay here and have a place that's our own."
 Other students commented on Reynolds' qualities.
 "I would much rather have State play basketball here than go to some arena," freshman Joey Springett said. "If only for the incredible tradition of Reynolds, we should stay here."
 Robinson said he wants to hear what students have to say, and he wants to make sure NCSU's needs are met whether they end up in a new arena or stay in Reynolds.
 "I'm letting N.C. State down if I don't stand up for N.C. State basketball's best interests," Robinson said.

New road opened near NCSU

The N.C. State Centennial Parkway, a new four-lane parkway connecting Avent Ferry and Lake Wheeler roads, opened Saturday, Nov. 30.
 North Carolina's Department of Transportation began construction of the 1.9-mile road in May 1995. Barnhill Contracting Co. of Tarboro constructed the \$4.8 million project.

Jay's Swan Song
 Well, this is it. My last paper. To everyone who has written for news this semester: I thank you all. You're all talented writers and if you decide to slick around, you'll go places here. Phil's going to be in charge now, and he's a swell guy. Good luck to everyone. Bye!



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Hours Class Actually Meets During Semester			
Monday, Dec. 9	910-1000 MWF (940-1030 MWF)	1225-115 MWF (1255-145 MWF)	600-715pm M W (545-700pm M W) 600-850pm M or W ACC 210,310,311,410 Common Exam PSY 200 Common Exam
Tuesday, Dec. 10	1120-1235 T H (1150-105 T H)	405-520 T H 410-700 T or H (435-550 T H)	600-715pm T H (545-700pm T H) 600-850pm T or H FLGRK,LAT 101,102,105,201,202 Common Exam MAT 200,201 Common Exam
Wednesday, Dec. 11	805-855 MWF (835-925 MWF)	235-325 MWF (305-355 MWF)	730-845pm M W (745-900pm M W) 720-1010pm W ACC 220 Common Exam
Thursday, Dec. 12	805-920 T H (835-950 T H)	235-350 T H (305-420 T H)	730-845pm T H (745-900pm T H) 720-1010pm H PY 205,208 Common Exam
Friday, Dec. 13	1015-1105 MWF (1045-1135 MWF)	340-430 MWF 410-700 M or W or F (410-500 MWF)	BUS 330 Common Exam EC 201 Common Exam
Saturday, Dec. 14	CH 101,107 Common Exam	CSC 114 Common Exam	
Monday, Dec. 16	1120-1210 MWF (1150-1240 MWF)	130-220 MWF (200-250 MWF)	720-1010pm M
Tuesday, Dec. 17	950-1105 T H (1020-1135 T H)	105-220 T H (135-250 T H)	720-1010pm T

In order that students may complete semester projects, take lab tests, and prepare for final examinations, faculty members shall not give any tests or quizzes or assign any additional papers or projects during the final week of the semester. Exceptions to this policy must be approved in advance by the department head and the dean of the college involved.

Final examinations for regularly scheduled classes have precedence over common final examinations. Instructors who give common final examinations should make arrangements for make up examinations on their courses.

Grade Report Rolls for ALL classes must be reported to the Department of Registration and Records within 48 hours after the scheduled completion time of the final examination.

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Sports

STATE STAT

• Marc Primanti is the first State player to win the Lou Groza Award.

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Michael Preston

COMMENTARY



Oh, no, not again!

■ At least now we know the players have an outlet for all the effort they don't use during the 30-point losses.

"What's the difference between the North Carolina State penitentiary and the North Carolina State football team?"

"The State Pen can stop the ram."
Get ready, you may be hearing that one soon because here comes the latest in a long line of "Ripley's Believe it or Not"-type actions from the football team.

Quarterback Jose "Ahmed" Laureano and punter Jay "Elton" Dikes, were charged with two and three counts of assault, respectively. What happened was minor enough. Laureano simply bumped a male pedestrian with Jay

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State readies for No. 2 Wake Forest

■ The towering Deacons are coming to Raleigh for an ACC clash.

By JAMES M. LAIL
Sports Editor

Over the past several years, Tobacco Road basketball has undergone a bit of a change. Duke and North Carolina are still perennial powers, but the gap between former Wake County neighbors Wake Forest and N.C. State has become larger than the Panama Canal.

In fact, as one sports journalist referred to the "old days" of ACC basketball, if the conference was the Jackson Five of the basketball world, then Wake was Tito. Now, the Deacons are the glove-one.

The Wolfpack has suffered five straight losing seasons and has made the bottom of the ACC standings their home.

The Demon Deacons, on the other hand, are the owners of the last two ACC Championships and feature probable All-American center Tim Duncan.

Oh, by the way, the Deacs are currently ranked second in the nation.
"We'll be facing one of the top two, if not the top team in the United States right now," State coach Herb Sendek said.

Dave Odom's Deacs are predicted by many to reach the Final Four—something that has eluded the Black and Gold the past two seasons.

But those were Wake teams that were still relatively young. Guards Jerry Braswell and Tony Rutland have matured into consistent

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playmakers, while 6'10" forward Ricky Peral is as big a threat from three-point range as anybody in the conference. Peral's size, along with that of freshman Loren Woods at 7'1" have provided Duncan with the chance to open his game up a little. This is a concern for Sendek.

"One of Wake Forest's strengths is one of our shortcomings, no pun intended," Sendek said.
And then there's Duncan himself. The 6'10" senior center averaged a double-double in the conference last season, with 19 points and 12 rebounds per game.

In last season's game in Raleigh, the basically Todd Fuller-less Pack battled the Deacs down to the wire, losing 72-70. Marco Harrison helped hold Duncan to 18 points, but Harrison transferred before the season began and Fuller graduated.

The job vacated by both of those players is now held by freshman Damon Thornton, who, despite thrilling the Wolfpack faithful with amazing dunks, has had a tough time staying out of foul trouble. "I don't have any house secrets to give away [on containing Duncan]," Sendek said. "In fact, we have a suggestion box by the Gatorade cooler, and I'm more than welcome to take any suggestions. If you have any strokes of brilliance, I'm humble enough and I'm more than willing to take them now."

Tip-off is at 12:30 p.m. Sat. at Reynolds Coliseum. The game will be broadcast on ESPN.



Technician File Photo
Chasity Melvin (44) and State controlled the 'Noles last season.

Primanti wins Groza Award

SPORTS STAFF REPORT

The senior kicker is given the nation's top honor.

N.C. State senior place kicker Marc Primanti was awarded the Lou Groza Award, which goes to

the nation's top college placekicker.

Primanti, a native of Thorndale, Pa., connected on 31 of 33 field goals in his career. He set an ACC record for kicking 27 consecutive field goals extending from the end of last season and through the 1996 season.

Pack to face FSU

■ The Pack heads to Tallahassee to battle the 'Noles.

By K. GAFFNEY
Staff Writer

Starting now, the Wolfpack not only has its No. 11 national ranking to protect, but will have to do so in one of the most competitive conferences in the country.

The 5-2 Wolfpack will take on Florida State tomorrow afternoon in the Pack's first ACC match up of the 1996-97 season. Coming into this week, State saw four of its ACC opposition ranked along with them in the Associated Press' top 25 poll.

The Seminoles finished at the bottom of the ACC last season, compiling a record of 2-14 in the conference and 8-20 overall.

The Pack, finishing third in the conference (10-6, 20-10), handed the 'Noles two losses last season. In a 76-71 road victory, five players netted double figures for State, with Jennifer Howard and Umeki Webb leading the way with 16 points a piece.

Chasity Melvin powered the Wolfpack to a more convincing 78-64 home court victory later in the season, scoring 29 points.

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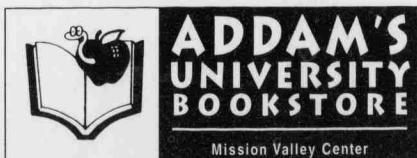


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Preston

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Dukes' Pathfinder.

Twice.
The young man, understandably a little upset that he was almost run down by a mediocre quarterback in a two-ton vehicle, slapped the hood of the car. The next thing he knew, he (and his girlfriend) were allegedly assaulted by two of the more community-minded athletes. Rumor has it, the performance was the most productive Dukes has been with his kicking since he's been here.

For good measure, after Dukes was confronted in the parking lot of the Aventura Ferry Complex essentially relieving his days as "the back-up punter guy," he allegedly threw Lt. L. Mitchell, a female Public Safety officer, to the ground as another person was resisting arrest.

So now, when the argument comes up regarding whether or not Mike O'Cain should be fired, don't look solely at his record.

Why? Two words: Monte Kiffen. This guy couldn't lead water out of the faucet, and he lasted just as long as O'Cain, with a record just as bad. Just look at stuff like this. Since its performance on the field

hasn't been bad enough in the past year and a half, the N.C. State football team is making sure it cements its collective name in the annals of unadulterated stupidity off the field.

I mean, lets face it. If we're gonna stink, for crying all night, at least do it without using members of the community as pinatas.

In the time it took State to win three games, they racked up suspensions, dismissals and arrests at a pace comparable to that of the heylays down at the University of Miami.

It started innocently enough with simple assault charges brought against Rickey Bell, James Walker,

Mike Harrison and Duan Everett, four defensive starters, when they broke into Curtis Marshall's apartment and started beating on Jeremy Hyatt with a stick.

The first domino was tipped, and the rest fell in line.
Suddenly, Chris McNeil, Steve McKnight, Brian Brooks were unceremoniously kicked off the team for, among other things, breaking into cars. Then, Carlos King was gone for six games. This season, Colin Harris and Greg Addis were dismissed for violating team rules.

Wait a minute... there are rules? Like what? "O.K. men, remember Team Rule No.6--We do not

condone the use of tire irons during assaults."

And just how bad could O'Cain come out looking right about now?

With everybody insisting the players he recruited won't work out, Dukes was only the second kicker ever to get a scholarship coming out of high school.

The time is now for Athletics Director Les Robinson to stand up and speak out about what happened. How much longer are we expected to tolerate this asinine behavior from the players, who continue to be idiots, and most importantly the coach, who continues to let them be?

For coaching tips call 5-2411.

Final Pigskin Picks results:

1. Sen. Jesse Helms	140-55
2. Dr. J.D. Smith	138-57
3. Gov. Jim Hunt	135-60
4. Debra Morgan	134-61
5. Greg Frey	134-61
6. Bob Langford	130-65
7. Guest Slot	125-70
8. James M. Lail	123-72
8. Michael Preston	123-72
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'Noles

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Reserve Pease Shepard added 21 points and eight rebounds that night as State destroyed the Seminoles interior defense.

State will look to feed the ball into the paint again tomorrow.

Melvin is fresh off of a strong performance in the San Juan Holiday Classic. In the Pack's first game in Puerto Rico, against Syracuse, Melvin scored 28 points and pulled down 10 rebounds. Against Alabama, Melvin helped lead the Pack to a 91-81 win,

avenging the Pack's second round loss to the Crimson Tide in the NCAA tournament.

The outside onslaught of Jennifer Howard and Katie Smrka-Duffy look to balance out the production in the paint for the Wolfpack.

Howard poured in 31 points against Syracuse, hitting nine shots from beyond the arc.

State as a team hit 40 percent from three-point land against Syracuse.

Howard has established herself as a mainstay in the conference, already having led the league in three different categories during her three seasons at N.C. State.

Smrka-Duffy has come on strong in her first games with the

Wolfpack. Smrka-Duffy scored 22 points to lead State past Alabama, but has yet to face the tenacious defense of the ACC.

While the Seminoles return four guards, including starters Aletha Penn and Wendy Hampton, they will have to adjust to the loss of team leader and backcourt general Carla Williams. Williams was Florida State's top scorer and rebounder last season, and finished the season ranked in the top 10 in the conference in three different areas.

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News killed the radio star

■ "NewsRadio" is the funniest show that people aren't watching.

By J.P. GIGLIO
STAFF WRITER

The simplest topic to write about is what you know. That's why there are countless television shows in which art imitates life.

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Paul Simms, creator/writer/executive producer (no doubt handling



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"NewsRadio" airs Wednesday nights at 9, on NBC.

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We got your countdown right here

■ And the hits just keep on coming ...

By DAVID LUND
STAFF WRITER

The end of the year can be an exciting time. There's that holiday spirit: the gifts that we give and receive; don't forget you're finally done with exams.

For the end of the year, 88.1-WKNC will be counting down the most popular songs of the year from

Dec. 12-15. On these days there will be various countdowns for the different formats on the station.

The whole thing starts off at 5 p.m. on Thursday with the coolest dance, trance, triphop, techno and ambient songs of the year. WKNC's "Afterhours," and subsonic programs have been showcasing the best in these genres of music all year long and this countdown will be this show's first go-round.

Following the "Afterhours/Sub-

sonic" countdown, the "Underground-88" will kick out the phattest jams in town with the 50 hottest hip-hop, R&B, and rap songs of the year.

With all of the underground jocks running this special five-hour show, it promises to be quite an extravaganza. We're just sad that Total Chaos won't get the chance to get freaky with some of the old jams on this particular program.

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For sure, No Doubt will play songs off their smash album "Tragic Kingdom" at Marrz on Dec. 18.



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Sorry they're not home right now, they're at Marrz

■ For real this time, No Doubt is coming to Raleigh.

By KELLY MARKS
STAFF WRITER

If the frustration and stress of dead week has killed you dead or if finals are looming ominously overhead, take heart.

In the near future there awaits a cure for the horrible blahs that have settled over the campus, no doubt about it.

For those unfortunate souls who fate has condemned to remain on campus up until the bitter end of the semester, there is a glimmering reward in the distance and it sounds a lot like Gwen Stefani. December 18 marks the third scheduled show date for the band, No Doubt, in the last four months, but this time there is nothing to stop the show from going on.

The last performance was postponed due to lead singer Stefani's over-worked vocal chords, but as guitarist Tom Dumont assures fans, the break has allowed her to recuperate nicely.

No Doubt made its way onto radio play-lists last year with their first single, "Just a Girl." The band's energetic performances earned a cult following with its Anaheim home audiences, and it is this upbeat and fast-paced spirit that transfuses into the band's music and has made it an instant success.

The variety of music genres that the band pull from — everything from new-wave and guitar-rock to ska, reggae and pop — makes its debut album, "Tragic Kingdom," a veritable cornucopia of rhythms and sounds.

From the booming horns on "Spiderweb" to the Spanish-

influenced guitar in the current single, "Don't Speak," No Doubt offers music that is continuously refreshing and uplifting.

Stereotyped as an MTV-creation, No Doubt's members have actually been together for eight years, constantly changing and improving the quality of their music.

Together the band has weathered many problems, both personal and bandwise, overcoming the suicide of its original lead singer and the departure of former band member, Eric Stefani, who left to pursue a career in animation.

"Tragic Kingdom" is the culmination of their individual tragedies and the togetherness, which pulled them through. The carefree melodies of the album are, as Gwen Stefani puts it, the

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Sexual assault statistics may be misleading

Many sexual assault crimes are unreported.

BY JANET ADAMY
THE MICHIGAN DAILY
UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

(U-WIRE) ANN ARBOR, Mich. — While universities across the country are seeing a decrease in reports of rape and sexual assaults, these statistics may be both inaccurate and difficult to compare. Joyce Wright, director of the University's Sexual Assault Prevention and Awareness Center, said that although rape and sexual assault awareness has increased on campus, the large number of unreported sex crimes make statistics inaccurate. "If statistics can give you anything, it's that there are more assaults going on than what you're reading about," Wright said. "Whatever numbers you see, you're only talking about a small percentage of what's really going on."

Department of Public Safety spokesperson Elizabeth Hall said DPS has received seven reports of sexual assault since the beginning of the semester. Although four of these were reported during the last 11 days of September, Hall said the concentration does not show a trend. "These are just the number of things that are being reported, but not what is actually happening with rape and sexual assault at the current time," Hall said. "If we had a report on Nov. 22, that means it was reported that day, but that doesn't necessarily mean it happened that day." Comparing the University's numbers of rape and sexual assault incidents to those of other universities may be misleading because universities have different ways of reporting and classifying rape and sexual assault. Ron Michalec, chief of police at The Ohio State University, said the number of rapes and sexual assaults reported to the Ohio State

University Police Department has decreased since last year. But Michalec said the statistics may not include all students because the university is largely a commuter campus and the university has "no idea what may be reported to other districts." "We're starting to see a decrease and we're thankful," Michalec said. "Whether or not this is an accurate representation of what's happening with sexual assault is a coin toss. We really don't know." Michalec said the OSUPD differs from the University of Michigan's DPS in the classification of sexual assault, which in turn makes a comparison of the two statistics impossible. OSUPD classifies peeping and indecent exposure as sexual assault crimes. University of California at Berkeley Police Capt. William Cooper said the number of rapes and sexual assaults is "down, if anything." "We've only had five reports of

rape since 1993 and we're happy with this," Cooper said. "However, I'm a little suspicious of those numbers." While SAPAC gives confidential reports to the University of Michigan's DPS, rapes and sexual assaults that are dealt with at Berkeley's Health Promotion Unit, a SAPAC equivalent, are not reported to Berkeley police. Mike Rice, commander of Michigan State University's Police Department, said MSU is "probably running average" in terms of rape and sexual assault, although the "numbers don't give an accurate representation of the problem." "If you have 10 cases in one year and 11 the next, is that really a 10 percent increase?" Rice said. "In many cases it's such a small number that it's hard to say whether (rape and sexual assault) is up or down." An MSU student gave the campus a scare early this semester when she reported to MSUPD that she had

been sexually assaulted three times since the start of the semester. MSUPD spokesperson Maureen Ramsey said none of the reports could be substantiated upon investigation. Lt. Ricardo Morales of Columbia University's Police Department said Columbia has received no reports of rape since the start of the semester. He added that during his 11 years on the police force at Columbia, he could count the number of rapes "on his hand." Karen Singleton, program coordinator for Columbia's Rape Crisis Center, said rape and sexual assault is still "highly underreported," and estimated that only 5 percent of acquaintance rapes are reported. "Any statistics you get from the university are not going to paint the clear picture," Singleton said. "There are so many places students can go for services and no one place is really mandated to report and say that this is the amount of rapes that occur."



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Gay parents at center of legal controversy

Most authorities on raising children say that support from loving parents is most important.

By BARBARA VOBEJDA and JOHN E. YANG
The Washington Post

The Hawaii judge who ruled Tuesday that the state must allow same-sex marriages based much of his decision on the testimony of experts who found that the children of gay couples fare as well as other children. But that remains an enormously contentious subject, fueled as much by ideological rhetoric as scientific research.

The issue is complicated by the difficulty of conducting long-term studies on such children, as well as by such basic questions as whether they should be compared with children in intact families or children of divorced parents. At the same time, conservatives argue that much of the research has been conducted by academics who are themselves homosexual, and that their findings are therefore tainted.

Circuit Judge Kevin S.C. Chang dismissed the state's argument that children would suffer if raised by homosexual parents, writing that "the sexual orientation of parents does not automatically disqualify them from being good, fit, loving or successful parents."

Chang put his ruling on hold Wednesday, pending the state's appeal to Hawaii's Supreme Court. He acknowledged that problems could ensue if couples were allowed to marry and his ruling was later overturned.

Even with the decision stalled, the bitterly emotional debate over same-sex marriage heated up as both sides reacted to the potential for gay marriage to become a reality. In a preemptive strike, Congress

passed and President Clinton signed a law last fall attempting to ensure that no state would be forced to recognize a same-sex marriage conducted in another state.

Conservative activists predicted the Hawaii decision would spur state legislators both to ban same-sex marriages and to curb the powers of activist judges. Sixteen states have already passed laws barring same-sex marriage.

"You're going to see a tremendous amount of legislation" in both areas, said Kristi Hamrick, communications director for the Family Research Council.

The Rev. Louis Sheldon, head of the Traditional Values Coalition, told Reuter that Chang's decision "marks the beginning of a national debate which will decide the central moral issue of our civilization — the fate of the institution of marriage."

Evan Wolfson, an attorney for the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, a gay rights group, predicted that more gay men and lesbians will go to courts around the country seeking the right to marry. "In the months and weeks ahead there will certainly be more court cases," said Wolfson, a counsel in the Hawaii case. "We will see more and more of this as gay people move toward the right to marry."

The decision also reignited disagreements over the fate of children raised by gay couples, an argument that had been raised by Hawaii officials in their effort to outlaw same-sex marriage.

Attorneys for the state had argued that "all things being equal, it is best for a child that it be raised in a single home by its parents, or at least by a married male and female."

But Chang wrote that the state "has failed to establish a causal link between allowing same-sex marriage and adverse effects upon

the optimal development of children."

Robert Knight, who has co-authored a paper on the subject for the Family Research Council, contends that the available research is both contradictory and suspect. "There really isn't any good scientific data out there on this," he said. "The problem is the data they're using all comes from lesbian activist researchers who have recruited people to prove their point."

While academic researchers agree that their studies are limited in number and based on small samples, they argue that, in general, children raised by gay and lesbian couples do not suffer significant adverse effects.

"There is no evidence to suggest that psychosocial development among children of gay men or lesbians is compromised in any respect relative to that among offspring of heterosexual parents," wrote Charlotte Patterson, a University of Virginia psychology professor who has conducted studies on the subject.

Patterson, an expert witness in the Hawaii case, contends that the most crucial issue is whether children have the support of loving parents.

Even the experts called by Hawaii officials did not make a strong argument that the children of same-sex couples were likely to suffer much harm.

Chang summarized the testimony of Kyle D. Pruett, a psychiatrist who has studied child development, who argued that children are more likely to reach their "optimal development" when raised by their mother and father. "However," Chang wrote, Pruett also said that same-sex couples and single parents "have the potential to, and often do, raise children that are happy, healthy and well-adjusted."

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Space station set back

T delays in Russia manufacturing should not drastically affect the plans to have a manned space station by 2002.

By WILLIAM HARWOOD
Special to The Washington Post

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — Human occupation of the international space station will be delayed as long as eight months because of a funding crisis in Russia that has virtually halted work on the orbiting lab's nerve center, a NASA official said Thursday.

With station construction scheduled to begin in less than one year, NASA is scrambling to revise its intricate assembly sequence while quietly dusting off costly contingency plans to replace all or part of the Russian-built "service module" if necessary.

But Randy Brinkley, space station program manager at the Johnson

Space Center in Houston, said he remains hopeful the Russian government will release already appropriated funding in the next two months to finish outfitting the Russian contribution to the station in time for a late 1999 launch. The reason for the funding hold-up was unclear, he said.

"I still remain optimistic we can work our way through all this," he told reporters in a teleconference.

But even if full funding is restored by the end of January, launch of the service module — a 43-foot-long, 14-foot-wide cylinder equipped with solar panels, propulsion systems and life-support equipment that will serve as the station's nerve center and living quarters during initial construction — will be delayed up to eight months because of postponements that have occurred already, he said.

Even so, NASA planners believe they can press ahead with space shuttle construction flights and add the service module later without any major impact other than

delaying the start of human occupation. If so, the station could still be completed by June 2002 as currently planned.

"Right now, there's no significant modifications to any U.S. hardware," Brinkley said. "We would be able to continue the assembly sequence."

But a host of major technical questions still must be resolved, including how to control the station's positioning without the service module's propulsion and control systems and how to connect the big module to the growing structure in orbit.

Space station assembly is scheduled to begin late next year with launch of a Russian-built, NASA-financed core module called the Functional Cargo Block, or FGB. Unlike the service module, the FGB was built under a \$400 million contract with NASA. That module is on track for launch atop a

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U.S. bans 16 Japanese for WWII crimes

■ The Japanese acknowledge that some crimes were committed against the U.S., but question the timing of these bans.

By KEVIN SULLIVAN
The Washington Post

TOKYO — The U.S. decision Tuesday to bar 16 Japanese citizens from the United States for alleged war crimes committed more than 50 years ago has stirred wide reactions in Japan, from anger to appreciation.

"Not to defend what we have done, but why does the United States have to do such a nonsensical thing at this moment?" said Yukio Okamoto, a former high-ranking Foreign Ministry official who is now an international consultant. "It does not serve any constructive purpose. There is no point in dredging up old wartime stories."

Historian Kanji Nishio said the Japanese government should retaliate by barring from Japan any Americans who helped make the atomic bombs that destroyed Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

"If the United States wanted to punish us, they should have done it a long time ago," said Ryutaro Takahashi, 29, who owns an antique business. "And if the United States punishes us, we should do the same to them. We have to learn to speak up against the United States."

Asked Wednesday what the motive was for deciding now to bar the 16 Japanese for alleged crimes committed a half-century ago, State Department spokesman Nicholas Burns told reporters. "All I can say is that, as you know, there has been a resurgence of interest in the United States over the last couple of

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Tough leader joins Mexico in drug war

■ The leader of the Mexican military gained respect by joining Mexico's drug war, arresting 34 corrupt officers.

By MARK FINEMAN
LOS ANGELES TIMES

MEXICO CITY — The private jet appeared as a blip on military radar moments before it crash-landed in the mountains near Guadalajara in June 1995. But that radar speck started one of the most successful Mexican military operations in the war on powerful drug mafias that supply up to three-fourths of the cocaine sold in the United States.

Gen. Jose Gutierrez Rebollo, a member of Mexico's presidential guard and military commander in Guadalajara at the time, learned that among the plane's passengers was Hector Luis "El Guero" Palma, reputed leader of one of Mexico's largest drug cartels who had dozens of corrupt federal police officers on his payroll.

Within hours, federal agents working with the joint military-civilian operation traced the wounded Palma to an exclusive Guadalajara neighborhood, where heavily armed federal police officers were protecting him. Gutierrez quietly mobilized 200 soldiers to surround the house and local federal police headquarters, and arrested Palma and 33 police officers without firing a shot.

The operation now stands out as a model of the Mexican military's new high profile in the government's war on drugs and police corruption. And the tough army general who commanded it now is in charge of the war itself.

Gutierrez, a career military officer who has been so low-profile and press-shy that a Mexican military spokesman here on Wednesday said he had never heard of the general, was named commissioner this week of Mexico's elite National Institute for Combating Drugs.

At 62, the enigmatic general, who is the first military officer to serve in a post historically reserved for well-connected

politicians, now will be a key point man working with U.S. law-enforcement in the war on drugs.

It is a relationship that is scheduled to begin here next Tuesday when Gutierrez meets his U.S. counterpart, Clinton administration drug czar retired Gen. Barry R. McCaffrey. And when they meet, McCaffrey will find in the general a stark contrast to the educator and lawyer who preceded Gutierrez.

Although the two career military officers have never met, McCaffrey told the Los Angeles Times in a telephone interview Wednesday that his new Mexican counterpart "has a public reputation of absolute integrity. He is a strong leader. This is clearly a focused, high-energy man."

"But the important thing is that the Mexicans are confident in him," McCaffrey said.

The U.S. drug czar also had high praise for Mexico's new attorney general, Jorge Madrazo Cuellar, saying he "has a reputation, both public and private, of

rock-solid integrity." But McCaffrey added that he had "enormous admiration" for former Attorney General Antonio Lozano Gracia and his handpicked drug chief, Francisco Molina, who were dismissed Monday.

McCaffrey had built a close, working relationship with Lozano and Molina, an erudite professor and opposition politician. Initially, U.S. law-enforcement officials expressed concern that this week's dismissals could affect the close relationship they had forged, although McCaffrey brushed aside those concerns.

Last week, Molina told The Times that, during his eight months in the job, there had been "unprecedented cooperation" among Mexican and U.S. drug agencies. They formed joint task forces and shared sensitive intelligence after many years of mutual suspicion.

Despite that strong U.S. backing, though, Molina described Gutierrez's

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Serbian president allows rebel stations to return

■ The Serbian president compromises, but experts say he is obscuring his involvement in the cancellation of last month's election results that opposed him.

By TRACY WILKINSON
LOS ANGELES TIMES

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia — Bowing to intense diplomatic pressure, Serbian President Slobodan Milosevic allowed Belgrade's last independent radio stations to resume broadcasting Thursday and appeared to be moving toward other concessions to defuse nearly three weeks of unrelenting protest.

One potential breakthrough to the standoff between Milosevic's authoritarian regime and his pro-democracy opposition came with the announcement that disputed elections — which triggered the most sustained challenge ever to Milosevic — will be reviewed by the Serbian Supreme Court. The backtracking by Milosevic was the

clearest sign yet that he intended to forge a deal with his opponents. He apparently hopes to corral the politically damaging protests while rescuing himself from the same international pariah status that he only recently managed to shed.

According to Serbian sources, Western diplomats had given Milosevic a deadline of Friday to take steps that would show he was willing to compromise.

For the 18th consecutive day, tens of thousands of students and anti-Communist demonstrators filled downtown Belgrade Thursday. One group bore an effigy of Milosevic dressed in jailbird stripes, and a couple of people waved American flags.

Also Thursday afternoon, two radio stations — B-92 and the student-run Index — returned to the airwaves after U.S. and European officials criticized Milosevic's government for their shutdown. Both stations, which had provided the only detailed coverage of the demonstrations, were ordered closed by government officials Tuesday, enraging the opposition and provoking international outcry.

Abruptly, the government ignored its own ruling and Thursday said B-92's transmission difficulties were merely technical, caused by snow on radio cables, and it could resume broadcast at any time. Index was similarly invited back to life.

Amid the celebration over the return of the radio broadcasts, however, some analysts pointed to a standard Milosevic tactic. "He takes an extreme and provocative action such as closing a relatively harmless radio station, they said, then dramatically backs down to demonstrate his willingness to be reasonable. Such moves, the analysts said, obscure the real issue, which is apparent opposition victories in municipal elections last month that Milosevic annulled."

Still, there was potential movement on that front too. The head of the Belgrade election commission, Radomir Lazarevic, announced that he had asked the Supreme Court of Serbia to review the Milosevic-controlled lower court's ruling that canceled the Nov. 17 electoral victories.

Although courts thus far have upheld

the ruling, several Supreme Court justices this week voiced dissent and accused their judicial colleagues of "shameful" subservience to political pressure.

If the Supreme Court invalidates the lower ruling, it could provide a face-saving way for Milosevic to restore the election results and extricate himself from a crisis that has brought an unwanted spotlight on the Serbian president's regime. International criticism, slow to gain steam, is mounting and becoming untenable for Milosevic, diplomats said.

It was not yet clear if the concessions would be sufficient to appease the opposition, whose protests stunned Milosevic, cornered him into heavy-handed responses and probably inflicted permanent political damage to his regime.

Other steps were being taken to defuse opposition. Government newspapers announced that chronically overdue pensions and student loan installments will be paid and exorbitant electricity

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Yugoslavia's economic crisis, with a 50 percent urban unemployment rate, helped fuel the widespread dissatisfaction that prompted people to vote against Milosevic's Socialist Party and later, to take to the streets.

Meanwhile, Milosevic Thursday made his first public appearance since the start of the daily marches and rallies. He toured a highway

construction company with Momir Bulatovic, the president of Montenegro, and state television reported that the two "discussed economic development that will enable Yugoslavia to enter the circle of developed Europe."

The rump Yugoslavia is made up of Serbia and the smaller Montenegro. The joint visit appeared aimed at showing Montenegrin support for Milosevic, who next year may run for president of the two republics. Several Montenegrin officials in recent days have criticized the Milosevic regime for its brutish handling of the unrest.

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Russian Proton rocket in late November 1997.

The first U.S. component, a pressurized docking node that will serve as a gateway to other modules, is scheduled to be carried into orbit aboard the space shuttle Endeavour the following month.

The service module, built by the

Russian aerospace firm Khrunichev, had been scheduled for launch in April 1998. The first three-man U.S.-Russian space station crew had hoped to set up shop in the module the following month to begin permanent occupation.

But the crew will have nowhere to stay until after the service module is launched, hooked up and checked out in orbit. Assuming launch is delayed a full eight months, permanent human occupation would slip to early 1998.

Japan

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decades in the interest of war crimes pertaining to Nazis.

It is the first time Japanese citizens have been placed on the Justice Department's war criminals "watch list," which contains the names of about 60,000 people, mainly suspected Nazis. U.S. officials said the Japanese names are being added now because detailed records and eyewitness accounts about individuals involved in wartime atrocities have only recently become available in Asia.

"I'm sure most of these 'war criminals' must be either dead or in their retirement, so banning the entry of these people serves no

purpose other than to raise hostility among Americans toward Japan," said Okamoto.

But while many reacted with anger and dismay over the decision and its timing, others said the U.S. action would help force a frank discussion of World War II among the Japanese, who have never fully acknowledged their responsibility for atrocities of the war.

"This news from Washington may take many Japanese by surprise, but it will help some Japanese to remember that we had these problems," said Tetsuo Jimbo, a freelance journalist and social critic.

The Japanese government has made no formal response to the U.S. action. "We will be watching developments closely," said Hiroshi Hashimoto, spokesman for the Foreign Ministry.

The 16 people cited by the Justice Department were involved in two of the darkest chapters of Japanese aggression during World War II: the use of "comfort women," who were forced to provide sex for Japanese soldiers, and the gruesome medical experiments of Unit 731 of the Japanese Imperial Army. Until Tuesday, the U.S. government had steered clear of these controversies.

Before and during the war, thousands of Chinese, Filipino, Korean and Taiwanese women were forced to provide sex for Japanese soldiers at "comfort stations" around Asia. Prime Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto last summer sent written apologies to about 300 such women and the government has agreed to give each of them almost \$20,000, plus nearly \$6.3 million in medical and welfare

services. But many in Japan still insist that the "comfort women" were paid — or at least voluntary — prostitutes. Just this week, yet another new group began a campaign to have the mention of "comfort women" stricken from Japanese school textbooks.

"This is kind of a warning," said Tetsuya Chikushi, a prominent television commentator, saying that even if some in Japan want the country's war record to fade quietly into history, the U.S. action shows that it will not.

"After the war, they were not punished, so why is the U.S. government dealing with this problem now?" said Masao Okonogi, professor of political science at Keio University in Tokyo.

Mexico

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new job as increasingly difficult — and deadly. Against the backdrop of widespread corruption, he said the Mexican drug agency is outgunned and outfinanced by drug-smuggling gangs that earn an estimated \$30 billion a year — equivalent to one-third of Mexico's entire federal budget.

Molina conceded he lost some of

his agents to corruption and others to death. Molina said he was targeted himself earlier this year in a plot by the drug cartels.

Several of Molina's predecessors in Mexico's top counternarcotics posts initially were hailed as honest reformers by U.S. law enforcement — as Molina was until his dismissal — only to be tarnished years later by allegations of corruption or incompetence.

In the brief aftermath of his firing, Molina too came under fire, as senior Mexican officials privately

faulted his performance. Official statistics released Tuesday showed that cocaine seizures by Molina's institute were down 50 percent between January and November of this year compared with the same period in 1995. Senior Mexican officials added that Molina's drug agents have failed to capture the nation's top accused drug lord, Amado Carrillo Fuentes, whose organization is based in Molina's home state, Chihuahua.

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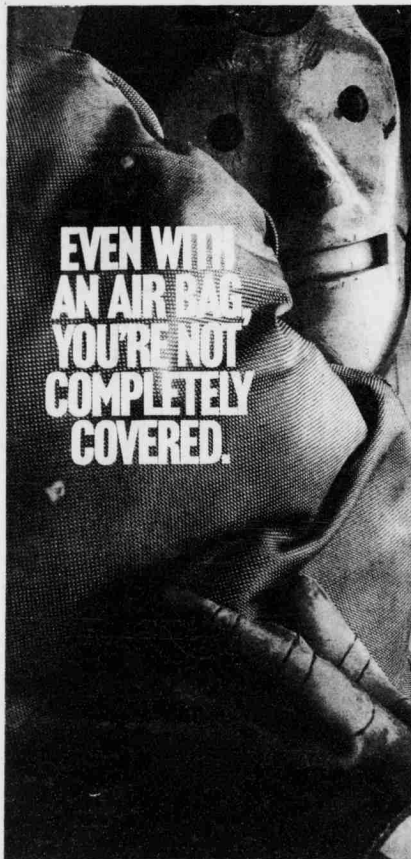
police corruption that officials said Zedillo turned to a senior officer of the Mexican army — a disciplined force that remains largely untouched by corruption.

"(Gutierrez) is, in every way, a product of the military," said Jorge Zepeda Patterson, editor of Siglo 21, the most influential newspaper in Guadalajara, where the general has been military commander since 1989. "He is very temperate in his personal ways and totally honest in all ways."

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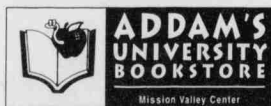
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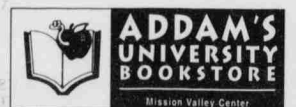
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College relationships closely related to family ties, study says

■ **Bad marriage preparation often leads to divorce, a UK researcher says.**

By **KATHY REDING**
The Kentucky Kernel
University of Kentucky

(U-WIRE) LEXINGTON, Ky. — Romantic relationships of college age people are closely related to their upbringing and anxieties they have in relation to their families.

Studies conducted through UK's College of Human Environmental Sciences Center for Families and Children in conjunction with four other schools have arrived at this conclusion and others relating to marriage, divorce, births and relationships. Stephan Wilson, director of UK's center, said the family of origin affects one's future relationship decisions.

"The dynamics of family relationships contribute to a general level of anxiety and that carries over," Wilson said. For example, he said, the study shows that young adults from more dysfunctional families may have more anxiety about emotional closeness. He said behaviors such as "whether we jump into the first relationship that comes along" or whether someone goes through many relationships unsatisfied with them originate through their family.

Wilson said the attitude that family influences young adult relationships is generally accepted, but the study, a cross-national survey of 1,500 undergraduates, shows the influence statistically.

"It has a strong continuing effect," he said. "We have one model (of marriage) in our minds, and that's the one we know the best."

He said most young people's preparation for marriage is "pretty dismal," and that more than affection is necessary for a good marriage.

"There are a lot of things that go into whether this person that you like a lot is actually a good match," Wilson said. "We have high expectations about marriage."

These expectations, which often become too high, result in divorces, he said. Wilson said sometimes for undergraduates, relationships and preparations for marriages take a back seat to decisions about majors and careers, when further down the road in life they realize the relationship decisions were the ones that really mattered. Young people have to be motivated early to establish constructive relationship habits.

"Most of us learn this too late in our life," Wilson said. "Maybe they (young adults) will say this (a relationship) is as important as a major, entry-level job or where they move to."

Other work done within the

Research Center for Families and Children show marriage and parenthood are no longer linked, and that it has become more acceptable to postpone marriage and parenthood. He said many people think half of all U.S. marriages end in divorce, but actually, "The rate of divorce peaked in 1978 at about 40 percent and had been stable or actually declining ever since."

"The crude U.S. divorce rate per 1,000 population was 3.2 in about 1980, and now it's about 4.6 per thousand," Wilson said. "However, both the marriage rates and divorce rates are much higher in Kentucky than they are for the U.S. as a whole."

He said many marriages that end in divorce do so within the first six years of the marriages; marriages that last to that point have a good chance of lasting permanently. "Satisfaction, interest and the centrality of marriage in each partner's life is cyclical."

Debunking another myth, Wilson said statistics also show Kentucky has a lower birth rate than the national average.

"That goes against the 'barefoot-and-pregnant' idea," he said.

Wilson said the studies and statistics show families, society and young adults themselves need to pay more attention to maintaining healthy relationships.

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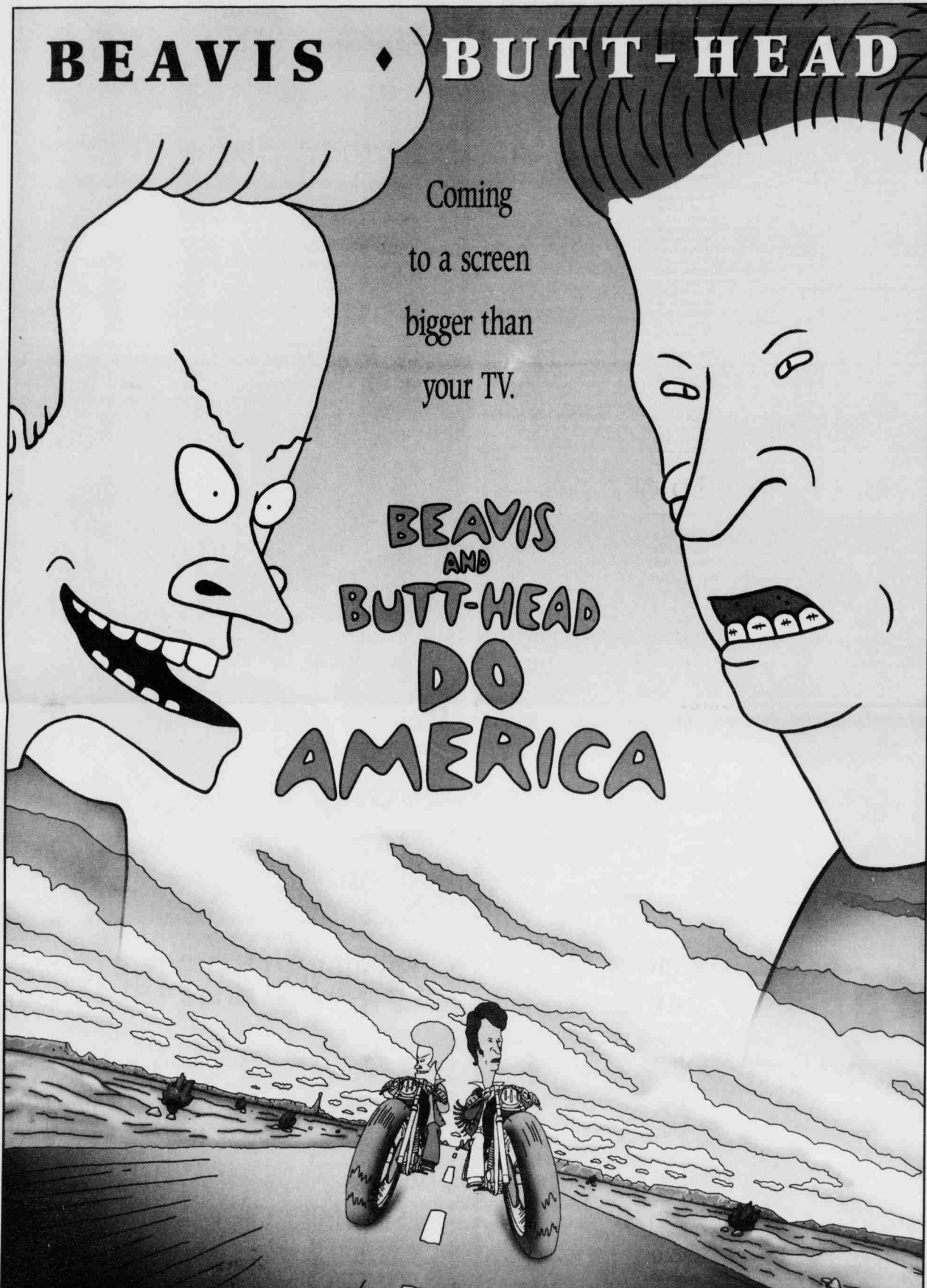
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Yale psychology professors evaluate sophomores' social interactions

Students were asked about their academic habits and social activities.

BY KATE LINDGREN
The Yale Daily News
Yale University

(U-WIRE) NEW HAVEN, Conn. — While winter break concludes finals' stress for Yale students, it marks the onset of a prolonged reading period until spring for psychology professors Mahzarin Banaji and Peter Salovey, as they join professors from other schools in evaluating surveys of sophomore students at their respective universities.

Salovey — who will work with professors at Amherst College, Columbia University, and Princeton University — said this study attempts to examine effects of life outside the classroom on work in the classroom.

"We are interested in how the groups people join and the social affiliations they make affect the sense of who they are and their academics," Salovey said. "By spring, the data will be analyzed and we will be able to announce the comparisons among the four campuses."

The survey asked sophomores about their academic habits and social activities.

Because this survey is one of the largest studies of college student life, there is potential for its results to become famous, Salovey said. The results will be published in psychology journals and in a report of the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, which commissioned the report.

"Students have an opportunity to become a part of history by participating," Salovey said.

Over the last 30 years, the Mellon Foundation has been observing the changing role of student athletes whose formerly diverse social network is confined to interaction with other college athletes.

In their quest to examine the changing roles of student athletes, the Mellon foundation decided to examine the impact of all extracurricular activities on students.

The Class of 2000 is the subject of a related study tracing the evolution of campus life over four years.

The data collection methods for the sophomore study vary among the different schools. Yale recruited student volunteers, primarily sophomores, from the different residential colleges to distribute the

surveys and to collect them. These students volunteers are responsible for finding 25 to 30 students to participate in the survey. Although students return the completed surveys in envelopes with their names, the surveys are then removed from the envelopes, protecting the anonymity of the students.

The student volunteers received compensation for their help based on how many surveys they returned.

After the surveys have been collected, professors from the four universities will analyze them. This particular study is cross-sectional: it examines students at one point in time but in different places. In contrast, Salovey's freshman survey is longitudinal: it is concerned changes over time.

"Things have been going really well," Salovey said. He reports that more than 50 percent of the sophomore class has turned in surveys. Banaji and Salovey extended the original deadline of Thanksgiving break, and encouraged students with outstanding surveys to complete them.

"We'd like the participation rate to be higher at Yale than at any other school," Salovey said.

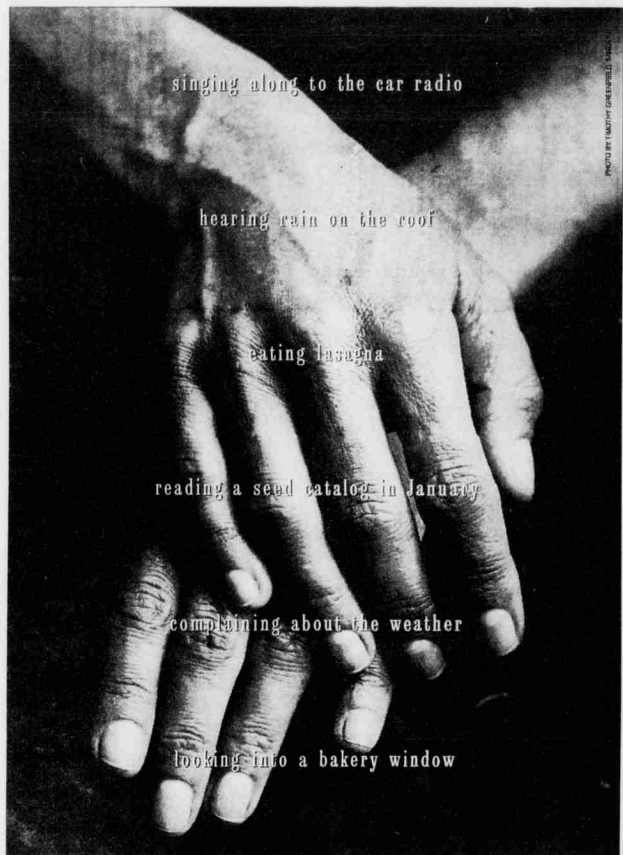


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Punishment doesn't fit crime

■ Something must be done about the lack of institutional control in the football program.

With the arrests of two N.C. State football players, quarterback Jose Laureano and punter Jay Dukes, on Nov. 26, a disturbing 15-month trend has dangerously continued.

Since August of last year, there have been six separate incidents involving the football team, which have resulted in either arrest, suspension or both.

The rap sheet starts with the five-player break-in at former basketball player Curtis Marshall's apartment last fall. Earlier that month, running back Carlos King was suspended for a violation of an all-encompassing "team policy."

Following the highly disappointing 3-8 campaign of 1995, two players were charged with robbery at a local bookstore. In February, the same two players and an additional teammate were arrested for breaking into cars in the Mission Valley parking lot.

It doesn't stop there. Two more players were tossed off the team this September, again for "violating team policy."

And finally, the alleged Laureano and Dukes fiasco occurred. Two students were trying to cross the road, much to the apparent displeasure of two of NCSU's gridiron gremlins. Following Dukes'

arrival at Avent Ferry Complex after this incident, he allegedly assaulted a female Public Safety officer responding to the call.

Compounded with such gross deviance is the team's woeful performance on the field. This mayhem begs the question: Who is in charge?

True, Coach Mike O'Cain, in his fourth year, has been more stringent than many of his coaching brethren with his various forms of punishment, but it is obviously not deterring all of the players from breaking the law.

This brings us to O'Cain's future and the direction of the football program. Technician doesn't ask that O'Cain be fired, but there is obviously a fundamental problem with the football program. There are far too many arrests and too few victories.

The notion that has been perpetuated through the media and from Athletics Director Les Robinson is that O'Cain will not be forced out and will remain to finish the last year on his contract.

Giving someone a year reprieve for the sole purpose of a "last chance" is counter-productive. NCSU is trying to rebuild its reputation. But the efforts of the last several years have been all for naught when football players commit crimes and then get off with slaps on the wrists. Tougher punishments should be given to players who commit crimes. It will send the message that these crimes will not be tolerated.

Buy-back incentives

■ Book buy-back is getting off on the wrong foot.

N.C. State's official bookstore will buy back your books today for 20 percent more than what you would get next semester. They also offer 5 percent off next semester's books by giving you a discount card. The sound of extra money to buy last minute gifts is mighty tempting, isn't it?

Pat Hofmeister, associate director of NCSU Bookstores, said the sale will help the bookstore remain competitive with other local bookstores. Of course, they didn't consider that some people might need some of those books to study for exams.

It's okay to tell students to sell their books back early, but to offer them an incentive to do so is disgraceful. Students who are pressed for cash may use that incentive to sell back books they may need to ace their exams. They'll sacrifice their grades for a few extra bucks.

Some faculty members got

wind of this and publicly addressed the issue at Tuesday's Faculty Senate meeting. Now, the bookstore is holding their sale through next week. We can only imagine that the Senate had something to do with the change.

Quick changes to correct a large problem is inexcusable. The possibilities of giving students an incentive to sell back their books should have been considered before the sale was implemented. They should have realized that the faculty would find fault with such a scheme.

The NCSU Bookstores are blatantly trying to get ahead. They are the only ones that carry course packets and professor's last minute requests, therefore, they don't even need the extra sale to make ends meet.

Putting your needs in front of everyone else's is a time-honored tradition of Business survival. But, at a university, where groups work to get students educated, the bottom line shouldn't necessarily be a goal. The goal should be to allow the students to make the best grades possible and then

This is it! The last day of classes has finally arrived. However, as much as we'd like to, we can't start celebrating yet. Before we head off for our holiday cheer, we all have to get through final exams. This is where we find out who has been studying all semester and who hasn't. It's a make or break proposition.

Finals! They're wonderful! Forty-six hour days full of coffee and junk food while we tiptoe around in mandatory residence hall silence. No one gets to have any fun now on. Fun creates noise, and it might disturb the other people in the hall, which would violate the moral code of exam courtesy.

Besides, who has time for fun? We only have two or three days per class to learn an entire semester's worth of material including the days we skipped. We need perfect scores on our finals to keep Mom and Dad from killing us when grades come in.

We have to start studying tonight, because we've had papers due all week long. We've sat up night after night writing one paper after another. Of course, we've known about them

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since the beginning of the semester, but we were busy then. We had other things to do besides getting a bunch of papers done early. Everyone knows it's unconstitutional to get your assignments done ahead of time. So here we are, dazed from lack of sleep, ready to hand in the last of the all important papers and projects. Most of us look like death warmed over, but that's what "dead week" really means, isn't it?

See, people assume dead week means that no one has any assignments, and students can relax a bit and begin to prepare for their final exams. It's easy to see how they can be confused

about the concept. Who would think that professors would assign projects and papers to be due during this week of rest and relaxation? Any student on this campus would.

We all know dead week is that five-day period that may possibly save us from having to take exams by killing us. If, by some misguided luck, we manage to survive it, we are forced to plunge immediately into two weeks of cramming for exams.

There are some students who are so organized, like color coding their socks, they could take all their finals this afternoon and actually jack up their GPA's by 10 points or so, assuming of course there was 10 points between them and a 4.0. These students are to be feared. They set a terrible example for the rest of us. We must all take every precaution not to let our parents find out that any student functions in this way. They might expect us to do the same thing. That can never happen.

The rest of us will end up two weeks from now barely able to form coherent sentences. We'll be wandering around our rooms

staring vacantly out the window, praying for someone to take us home so we can sleep until Jan. 8, when we have to get up and start the whole thing over again. That's assuming we survived, and didn't flunk out in the process.

The best part of all is when we have to go through this ritual at the end of every semester between now and graduation. And every time, we make extravagant promises to ourselves that the next semester will be different. We'll study all semester and get those dead week papers done ahead of time. We'll never skip another class. We'll go to bed earlier and eat better so we'll be healthier and more alert in class. It's what you might call the college student's version of New Year's resolutions. We just make them earlier and break them faster.

Oh, well. It's all part of the college experience. We all need a few exam-cramming stories to tell our children, assuming we survive all the dead weeks between now and then. One day, they'll have their own dead week

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If Dead Week doesn't kill, exams will



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Remebering long forgotten holidays

Nicole Bowman



nursing home in 1991. Alzheimer's hadn't taken much of a toll on her then compared to now. The only thing she didn't remember was to eat.

Now, she doesn't remember anyone. My mom traveled up during my freshman year at N.C. State to help move my grandmother into a nursing home that specialized in Alzheimer's patients. When she came back, she looked like one of the many that barely survived Dead Week. She cried and said, "She doesn't remember me."

Of course, I naively thought, she wouldn't forget me, heck, we did so much stuff together, she has to remember me. It couldn't be that bad, could it?

I took a psychology class one

semester and the teaching assistant gave a presentation on Alzheimer's. She talked about what people know, what they don't, its symptoms, etc. She also said that it's hereditary.

I forgot things easily; I have it, lying dormant in my genes. I almost immediately turned myself into a hypochondriac, by the time the presentation was over with. "Damn, DNA," I muttered. Down with genetics.

After a while, I still thought everything would be okay. Like many other topics, I got hyped up about it and then it slowly slipped my thoughts. That was until I actually went to see my grandmother.

We entered a respectable nursing home that gives some of it's patients a nice view of some interstate going through Syracuse. It has a hospital feel to it — that wasn't a good sign. When we got to my grandmother's floor, she was in a group session with some other patients talking about things while a nurse overlooked them all.

A cleaning lady noted how my grandmother liked to help out whenever possible. That sounded like her. I thought, she must be making progress or something. We waited for her in her room,

Pictures from the last person who stayed there were up on her desk, beside a group of pictures of my siblings and me.

When she came in, we hugged her. But, she didn't quite respond — she never said any of our names. She kept asking about a goal that visits the nursing home regularly and asked about the "cute baby" that was walking with me (my brother, but that's another column).

I went through the whole thing wanting to say, "Don't you remember me?" It's me, Nicole." I wanted that thing that had taken over my grandmother's body to leave. My grandmother wasn't in that room — just her mortal coil was. I left that nursing home with my family and silently cried until we hit the New York/Pennsylvania border.

Every time the holidays roll around, I think of her. I think of the past holiday memories and wonder if deep down she remembers them as well. All, except one, of her children have moved away. Do they take her home for the holidays or does she eat a holiday dinner with the other patients? Does she get presents during the holidays, or does Santa have Alzheimer's too?

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Students need their caffeine

(J-Wire) NORMAN, Okla. (U. of Oklahoma) — I experienced a revelation a short while ago.

I tend to have a lot of time on my hands, since I'm a chemical engineering major. Having finished all my homework two weeks ahead of schedule, I found that I was bored and hadn't a thing to keep me occupied. So I decided to continue to be a student and read up on organic chemistry.

While idly flipping through the text, I came upon a description of caffeine. Among other things, I discovered that caffeine is a purine, specifically a methylated xanthine, which occurs naturally and can be found in mate leaves as well as guarani paste. But the most intriguing detail, the one that caused me to experience a transcendental understanding of the universe, is the following sentence:

"Caffeine is a powerful stimulant of the central nervous system."

Really? Thank you, Sherlock Holmes, for that brilliant deduction. I don't know much about "methylated xanthines" or "mate leaves." That kind of applied organic chemistry flies about three miles above my head. I don't know much about

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"powerful stimulants" or the "central nervous system" either — big words like that just plain scare me.

All I know is that without caffeine, I wouldn't have been able to stay up for 48 continuous hours when I needed to. When you have three term papers due, two impending exams looming, and a partridge in a pear tree chasing you whenever you doze off for a couple of minutes, you need that caffeine to keep you semiconscious, if not completely awake.

So, in honor of our favorite purine, here is a top five combined-list of caffeinated products and incidents that reminds you just how much of an integral caffeine has on our daily lives.

1. My friends and I drank so much Coca-Cola one night, we didn't sleep for the next two days. That's about average for several two-liter bottles per person.

2. Among students in the College of Engineering, the beverage of choice is Mountain Dew. This

drink has so much caffeine, one can will keep a homework-weary engineer awake for five solid hours. This is no joke. I base this on my own observations and experiences.

3. In France, people drink wine with every meal, even the kids. In the United States, people drink pop with every meal (yeah, yeah, even the kids). Apparently, the French don't feel they need caffeine as much as we Americans do.

4. Some of the most-consumed beverages of all time: Mountain Dew, Folger's Coffee and Coca-Cola. It's a small wonder that these happen to be caffeinated. Coincidence? I think not.

5. The most widely recognized symbol around the world, next to Mickey Mouse, is a Coke bottle. Are you pondering what I'm pondering? Yes, the pervasiveness of caffeine has encroached upon even the so-called aboriginal cultures of the world.

There you have it. If you weren't convinced before, you should be now. There isn't much else to say for caffeine.

Except maybe, "Sorry, Brain and Pinky, I think the Pervasive Purine beat you taking over the world."

Bennett

Continued from Page 14 and finals to get through. Then, like all loving parents, we'll be able to sit back and watch our children suffer through it. But by then, it will have metamorphosed into a character building experience they must endure for the betterment of their intellects. Yeah, right.

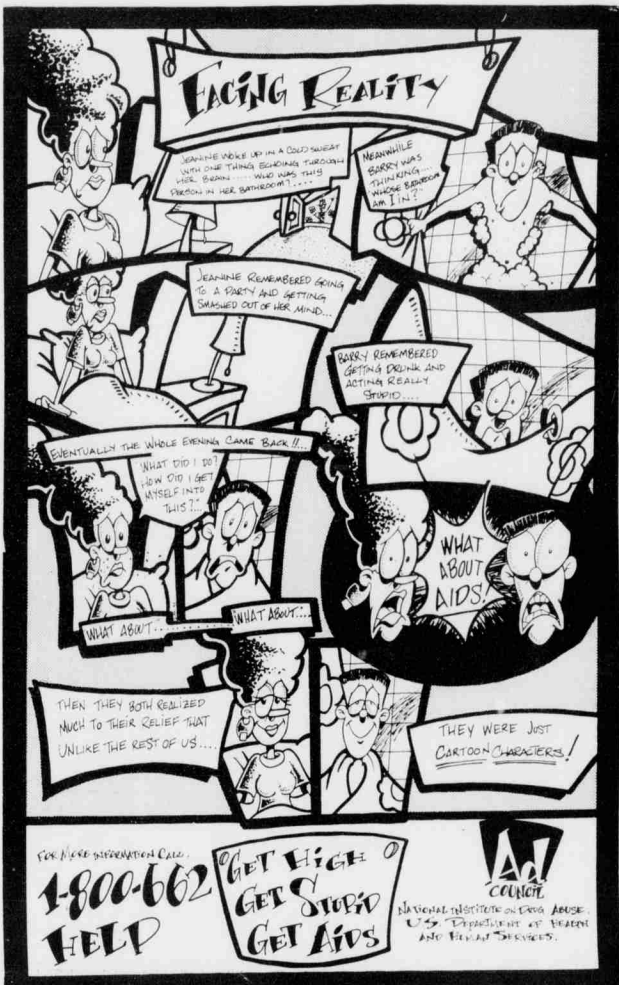
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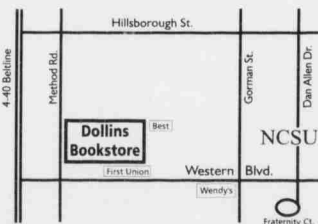
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