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Monteith shares memories, plans

Chancellor Monteith has bittersweet feelings over leaving N.C. State.

NICOLE BOWMAN
Managing Editor

Recently, Chancellor Larry Monteith announced his retirement, which will be effective as soon as a replacement is found. Monteith has been N.C. State's chancellor for eight years and has worked as a faculty member here for nearly 30 years. Next August, he will be 65.

The Board of Trustees has chosen a 14-member search committee to find possible candidates for Monteith's replacement. The search process is expected to take around a year.

With his retirement on the horizon, Monteith recalls some fond memories and the lessons he has learned in his years here at NCSU.

Q: What do you plan to do after you retire?
A: I don't have any firm plans right now. I have a number of months remaining as



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chancellor; that's got to be my first obligation. Sometime toward the end I probably will give more attention to that. I have a number of ideas and thoughts about what I'd like to do and some tentative plans. But I just really haven't focussed on them and sorted them out and made a decision.

I hope to remain in some appropriate way with the university. That's something I would like to do. But then I have some things that have been of interest to me for a long time that will be done in the other part of the time I have available.

Q: When you said that you hoped to remain with the university, do you have any plans?

A: There are three things that I have an interest in. That doesn't mean any of them will materialize, because I won't be chancellor then. What I'll be able to do will be up to others who will decide. I could in fact enjoy teaching in the discipline that I came from, but it would take some time to reintroduce myself to it. But, it would be part time. I would not take up a faculty position...

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Student disappears in Oakland, California

An N.C. State student has been missing since June.

VICKI HOGLEN
Staff Writer

For those N.C. State students whose paths crossed with Kristen Modafferi last year, news of her disappearance came as a terrible shock. It also brings back vivid memories.

"One morning, I walked in our bathroom and found Kristen working on a project for the School of Design," said Shannon Leigh, Modafferi's suitemate. "She had worked all night long and just kept on working into the morning. She wouldn't give up. She was trying to create the color blue, and she had used everything—balloons, condoms, containers, paint and water! Nothing was exactly the way she wanted it. The entire bathroom was blue! We laughed all semester about the mess Kristen made trying to capture 'blue.'"

Modafferi, 18, completed her freshman year at NCSU last spring. She was reported missing in late June while visiting San Francisco.

"Kristen... decided on San Francisco for a number of reasons," said her parents, Bob and Debbie Modafferi. "She is interested in photography and thought that San Francisco's beautiful views and city scenes would be a perfect setting for creative photo-taking opportunities."

Modafferi coordinated her own housing, jobs, and a course in photography at the University of California at Berkeley. She

arrived on June 1, 1997 and spent much of the next month working and sightseeing. On June 24, co-workers at Spinnelli's Coffee Shop wondered why Modafferi didn't come in to work, and her photography class at Berkeley began without her.

No one has seen or heard from her since. Modafferi's housemates filed a missing persons report with the Oakland Police Department; her parents flew to California. The Modafferis hired a detective and began an active campaign to get their daughter's face on fliers all across the San Francisco-Oakland-Berkeley area.

"The media has been very cooperative and helpful in telling Kristen's story and getting her pictures on the air," said Bob Modafferi. "The exposure has produced some leads, but none have proven out to date."

In fact, there have been very few strong leads at all in Modafferi's mysterious disappearance.

"A bloodhound has found her scent at the 'Land's End' beach area on two occasions," said independent detective Graham J. Desvernie. "Since Kristen indicated her desire to visit that area and sought directions for travel there, by bus, on the afternoon of June 23, 1997 as she was finishing her work shift at a downtown coffee house, we assume she did travel there. No persons have yet come forward who claim to have seen Kristen en route or at that location on June 23."

Police have classified Modafferi as an "at risk" missing person. This classification

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Above: Catapulting canine: A fierce dog competes in the frisbee toss. Below: Three dogs drink their way to victory.



Dogs show off at Vet School

The dog days were here again.

TIM CRONE
Staff Writer

The signs flashed invitingly in the breeze. "Caution: Do Not Enter," they proclaimed, winking insolently as almost a thousand people passed by, blending seamlessly with "It's the End of the World as We Know It." And, in the end, all were consumed.

Yes, the Dog Olympics were, for the sixth time in so many years, in full swing.

These Olympics, however, have no major corporate sponsors, no intensive training sessions, no gold medals for victory or decapitations for defeat. Few professional dogs, in fact, participated in these events, victory, here at least, is reserved for the common hound.

With about three hundred spirited athletes in attendance, competition was fierce, but friendly. Such promising events as the "Look Alikes Contest" and "Weiner Toss" enticed observers and competitors alike—although the latter event seemed to attract more dogs than the former—and everyone had a grand time whether they participated or not.

Well, almost everyone, almost all the time. As we all know, some dogs are more competitive than others and some are just a little too lazy for their own good. By the end of the "Musical Sit," a canine rendition of musical chairs, one of the three top dogs had reached his point of exhaustion—he would stand, walk a few paces, and drop.

Regardless of whether the music was on or off, his owner fought quite a battle trying to get him to play fair. (On the other hand, the music was quite faint at times, and perhaps the problem was not that the creature was trying to cheat but simply that he could not hear the music.)

Despite this and other similar events, the atmosphere was one of fairness and joviality—especially compared to the "real" Olympics—and perhaps even more than that of a typical Sunday School picnic.

While many businesses and organizations had booths in the field, these did not detract from the festive mood. Representatives from such notorious organizations as "Paws with a Cause" and the

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Faculty debates merits of tenure

Committee meets to address the requirements of being a tenured faculty member.

MARK McCRAW
Staff Writer

Tenure is a word that has a bad reputation among many, and it was the word of the day at Wednesday's meeting of the Commission of Faculty Rights and Responsibilities.

The group, which included Associate Provost Frank Abrams, met to begin work on drafting a statement that outlines how faculty members are appointed, conduct their business and hold themselves accountable. Also at hand were issues regarding post-tenure review, brought up in response to the North Carolina system mandate that all UNC campuses compose post-tenure review policies which provide

a "comprehensive, formal, periodic evaluation of faculty performance."

The issues discussed essentially revolved around whether or not faculty members with tenure still make a contribution to the university.

"Whenever a faculty member is appointed, they will get better, so it is reasonable to expect that they would engage in self-improvement activities. Each should be held accountable for this," said Charles Carlton, committee chair.

The five aspects that the committee decided should be taken into consideration when reviewing a professor's performance are their goals, the relevancy of their goals to their department and school, specific mechanisms and ideas for implementing their goals, the timetable for accomplishing their goals, and the resources needed to accomplish the goals.

Also discussed was N.C. State's professional development plan. As Provost Phillip Stiles noted, such a plan has already been passed but there still is

no enforced post-tenure review.

Many of the staff present at the meeting were more concerned with the faculty rights aspect of post-tenure review.

"When evaluated, the faculty gets angry because they have no power to evaluate each other," one professor pointed out.

"The faculty should have more funds to promote their plans. Faculty should have a serious say on conductivity review."

Although most of the conversation covered the work of faculty outside of the classroom, Abrams pointed out that the most important consideration is the professors' interaction with the students.

"The general public really only cares about teaching," Abrams said. "This is our number one goal. You must be accountable for excellence in teaching."

The commission reached no concrete conclusions Wednesday but will meet again in the future to continue discussion on these matters.

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Monday IN BRIEF

Truman scholarships available to students

Faculty members are urged to tell their students about the Harry S. Truman Scholarship for outstanding juniors who have a potential for leadership in public service.

The scholarship begins with the senior year of study and may be continued for up to three additional years.

One recipient is selected by the Truman Foundation to represent each state, and N.C. State may nominate four students for the scholarship competition.

The nominee should have at least a 3.6 grade point average, be in the upper fourth of his or her class and be in an undergraduate field of study that will permit admission to a graduate program leading to a career in government or public service.

For more information, call Neva Miller or Pat Lee at 515-3671. The deadline is Oct. 20 to submit a resume and written statement of interest.

Graduate student fellowships available

Graduate students are encouraged to apply for the National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowships and Minority Graduate Fellowships. The deadline is Nov. 6.

The fellowships are three-year awards with an annual stipend of \$15,000. They are designed for students pursuing research-based master's or doctoral degrees in the mathematical, physical, biological, engineering, behavioral and social sciences, the history and philosophy of science, and in research-based Ph.D. programs in science education.

Applicants for the NSF Graduate Fellowships must have completed no more than 20 semester hours of graduate study by the beginning of the fall 1997 term. Applicants for the NSF-Minority Graduate Fellowships must have completed no more than 30 semester hours of graduate work.

For more information, contact David Shafer at 515-4662 or e-mail at David_Shafer@ncsu.edu.

NCSU makes progress in recycling

N.C. State recycled more than 5,300 tons of materials in 1996-97, an increase of about 2,500 tons over the prior year.

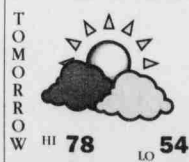
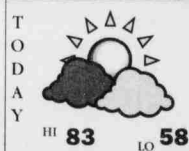
To make recycling more convenient, the university has placed more than 788 recycling containers in 119 buildings around campus and placed more than 39 dumpsters for cardboard materials.

The NCSU recycling service collects computer paper, white and mixed paper, magazines, phone books, tires, batteries, used motor oil, yard waste, corrugated cardboard, clear, green and brown glass and aluminum and steel cans.

In addition, university employees are taking steps such as duplex printing, using the backs of printed forms for note pads and circulating or posting memos instead of distributing multiple copies.

For more information, call the recycling service at 515-9421.

OUTSIDE



Student

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indicates the person is believed to be the victim of a serious accident or crime, rather than being a dropout or runaway," explains Deservine.

"We feel very strongly that her relationship with her parents and three sisters at home in Charlotte is very good, and that she would not leave all that she had planned and was striving to accomplish in this San Francisco summer to 'drop out,'" said Bob Modafferi. "We believe she is out there somewhere and is being held against her will."

The Modafferis are seeking national media coverage and plan to continue their quest for information leading to the safe return of their daughter.

Back at NCSU, students fondly remember the brown-eyed girl with distinct dimples and an animated imagination.

"She is so creative. For Halloween last year, Kristen decided to dress as 'seaweed!'" said Tracy Dixon, a suitemate and friend of Modafferi. "She dyed herself

green from head to toe and made a big mess. Kristen was always working on projects for the School of Design, so she wasn't around much. She was really smart, a Park Scholar. I can't imagine this happening."

"She is a very, very creative girl," agreed Leigh. "She is an independent thinker and really easy-going. She is nice and quiet, but most of all, she is very driven and motivated."

The Modafferis agree that Kristen was happy in her first year of school and with the course she has chosen for her life.

"Kristen loved her life at the university, and thoroughly enjoyed the work she was doing in the School of Design. She went to San Francisco filled with anticipation about experiencing all that a big cosmopolitan city can offer," explained her parents. "Kristen has a variety of interests, and would not hesitate to mingle with other people that she found interesting. She quite possibly was too trusting of strangers in unfamiliar surroundings. We would ask for other students to be especially careful in their travels, and to continue to pray for Kristen's safe return."

Upon being gently attacked by the returning victor, the volunteer took it good-naturedly. "Why you want to jump on me, huh? Good dog."

Over all, generosity prevailed. From a three hundred and twenty-five gallon water tank to prize donations by local merchants, everyone was willing to aid their fellow man. (Prizes, by the way, ranged from forty pounds of dog food to suntan lotion—things every reasonably fashionable dog needs.)

In the end, however, the canine corps won the day, not to mention the hearts of those proud enough to be called "master."

Dogs

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"Triangle Greyhound Society" were always willing to share their time and knowledge in the interest of spreading whatever pet dogma they represented.

The volunteers who helped run the event also helped greatly to heighten the sense of friendship and camaraderie. One volunteer held a dog of another while the owner led her other pet through the Obstacle Course.

Monteith

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If I could find a way to work with freshmen, which is one of the things that has been on my mind, I'd like to try to make that transition into the university that first semester more successful for them.

Another one is to work with Centennial Campus, and the small-business development part of it, which is a real challenge for us and one I would like to contribute to in an appropriate way. Now, you have to realize that one of the roles of a former chancellor is to not be in any position that would provide him/her opportunities for making or influencing decisions that are reserved for the new chancellor. So, any role I would play would simply be a service role where I would work with the people in one of those areas.

Q: What exactly is small business development?

A: What we have here is intellectual property. The Centennial Campus has an economic development feature to it. It's not just an extension of the campus we live on here. One of the things we would like to pursue is for our intellectual property to be transferred into the hands of entrepreneurs. They can be former students or anyone else who would take that knowledge and move it to the point where venture capitalists would be willing to support it and start a new business based on technology.

We would like for it to prosper, but when it gets to a certain size, we think it ought to relocate. I don't think we can have 30 to 40 very large businesses on Centennial Campus — it's too small. But, you could create 30 to 40 small businesses, mandating that when they reach a critical point and move into a manufacturing mode, they must then move somewhere in the state for the purpose of manufacturing. And we believe that that would be a great asset to our state, which is trying to raise per capita income. If we create a lot of new jobs for people that pay good salaries through technology-based economic development, we will help do that.

We will be inviting small businesses that are based on technology that are not using our patents. If there is an appropriate role to be played by a former chancellor in doing that, I'd like to be involved.

All of these are more or less hypothetical in the sense that I need to be at the end of my tenure. The new chancellor needs to be identified by the Trustees. And a president (of the UNC System) and the new chancellor would have to be comfortable with whatever role I played, which wouldn't be one I could just define for myself.

Q: What advice do you have for young people today?

A: I have learned that there are different phases in my life, and I look back I don't regret what has happened to me. But, had I known or had I believed what others had suggested might be occurring, I might have understood some of the things that seemed to occur. I learned as a result of my education how much more I needed to know. I look over my life and realize that it has been one of learning all the time. I was not able to do what I thought I was going to do as an undergraduate — learn and therefore go to things independent of learning. Therefore, it's a life of learning.

Another thing that I have learned over my life is that life experiences are character building. Some of them are pleasant; some of them are not pleasant. It's the unpleasant ones that tend to test your character more than the ones you get to celebrate. And it's in reflection that you see that. ... The ones where you are questioning whether your judgment is consistent often open up great opportunities for looking at yourself, the world around you and the people you know. This leads you to make the judgement; maybe I need to change. Maybe I'm learning something from this that should challenge me to rethink what I believe and where I've been in my life.

I think the other thing I have come to realize is that, while I know a lot of people, you need to cherish the intimate friendships and relationships throughout your life.

There are a few people that with whom I have had the kind of relationship that I could engage in discussions with. In my case it's Nancy, the woman I've lived with for 45 years. She's my best friend and I can have conversations with her that I could not think of having with others because I might be very emotional or I might be very distraught or I might be in a period of depression or whatever. And I need that kind of relationship to help me, and I hope that I offer her help. ... They turn out to be a very important part of one's life.

I believe one other thing that young people need to recognize is

that I've had six or seven different jobs in my life. Even in the university, I had four different jobs and I had different jobs before I came here in the private sector. I have tried to pursue things, which seemed interesting and important to me, and I have made the most of the job changes because of that. That is, I saw something that I wanted to pursue and there's always risk in doing that.

But I think that fulfillment is far greater than the benefits if you pursue things that have interest to you and things that you believe you can accomplish. I'm not asking all of you to quit your jobs and walk away from them. But I think you should try to have a life in which you feel some fulfillment for what you do.

And then I think, in my opinion, although a lot of people may think differently, that your rewards take care of themselves. I've not had to pursue the reward and then not feel fulfilled in what I'm doing.

I think that is a lesson in retrospect; to have a little courage to pursue your interests. Maybe by the time you're 40, you need to find something you're reasonably good at, but I'm not sure that you should be entrepreneurial or fairly aggressive in pursuing your goals early. Don't assume that they will come to you later.

One other thing I would mention to young people is that if you are fortunate enough to have a mother and father or other people you love, don't pass up an opportunity to tell them. ... I think that there is something very special in expressing that to your mother, father, brother, sister and others that are important to you. Don't wait. ...

I guess what I'm saying is that education doesn't make you a good person. First, be a good person, then education has the potential to make you a great person. But you have to have a certain goodness that comes from within.

Q: How do you think the university has changed for the better during your term as chancellor?

A: Well, more students than ever have been successful by percentage. And I'm proud of that. That's what most of them come here to do is to get a degree and a higher percentage of them are succeeding. I'm very pleased with the campaign for our students' scholarships, which when it is completed, we'll go from 700 to 3,000 merit scholarships. I'm pleased with the support that the legislature has given us by providing need-based scholarships, improving the library, and in making our faculty's salaries

more competitive. And I think the students for that. I know many of them disagreed with it. Part of it came in a tuition increase. ... But the legislature matched that tuition increase and enabled us to do those things in which we were finding it difficult to accomplish.

I'm pleased with our progress in expanding our computer network. We haven't got it done, and we're hoping in this year to get a lot closer to getting everyone connected. I think it will change a lot of things about us. ... It would provide students and advisers the interaction with e-mail that now frustrates them by phone and visits. This will give them another way to interact with one another.

I'm very pleased that we got recognition through Phi Beta Kappa. The growing of Centennial Campus has shown us that we have an important role to play in the economic development of our state.

Q: What triggered your decision to retire?

A: I guess it was about a year ago. I was with one of our trustees, Ed Hood, and Ed had recently retired as vice-chair of General Electric. I'm not sure whether it was that experience or whether he was playing his role as trustee. But he said to me, "You've been privileged to be chancellor. That's an important job, and anyone who serves in such an important job must feel that there is a great privilege in being given that opportunity. Now you have a responsibility as you move toward your retirement years. You've got to make your decisions in a way that helps us in the university try to find the best chancellor to replace you."

And I thought about that a lot. I didn't do much about it for a while and Nancy and I talked about it quite a bit.

And for a whole variety of reasons, this is the time. Our trustees will be one body, there is nobody who is going to retire off the board in the next two years. We have a number of senior administrators, vice-chancellors and deans retiring in the next four to five years. And it was right for me personally, so it came down to "Okay, here are the pros and the cons," and the pros outweighed the cons at that time.

You know I got my degree in engineering here and engineers are problem solvers. They taught me how to make a decision — you've got to line up the facts and you try to make the best decision. That's kind of what I did.

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Students who would like information about NCSU's Co-op Program are asked to attend one of the orientation meetings listed below. Those who would like to co-op beginning the 1998 Spring semester are urged to attend an orientation as soon as possible.

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Notes and notations

James Curle

COMMENTARY



Before I get started on all of the freaky stuff that went down this weekend, let me say a few words about what happened to me at the Lawn Party, or rather what happened on the way out to the car afterwards.

Covered in beer and nursing tired legs, we slowly made our way to the gate. As we passed the array of tables serving as the makeshift checkpoint, I heard my name called out on my left side. I spun around, expecting to see a friend of mine from one of my classes, but who I saw blew my mind. It was Carlos King, starting fullback for N.C. State's football team.

Perhaps having a varsity football player call out your name from a crowd of people doesn't strike you as odd, but to be honest, it absolutely floored me.

I mean, I've interviewed Carlos a couple of times before, but to have him recognize me at a concert, let alone remember my name, meant a lot to me.

Perhaps it's because I still haven't gotten over the fact that I actually go to school with these guys.

I grew up with my face firmly affixed to our television on Saturday afternoons, watching JP Sports and praying that a State game was on. To finally meet, greet and talk to these guys in person is a big thrill for me.

When I walked up to Carlos, we shook hands and exchanged the standard:

"What's up?"

"Ah, nothin' much."

"That's cool, and I wished him luck against Georgia Tech. That was it, not extremely wordy, but no matter how brief it was, it still made my day.

So Carlos, if you're out there, thanks. We, as NCSU students, can only hope the rest of our varsity athletes' feet are as firmly planted on the ground as yours are.

Now where was I? Oh yeah, freaky stuff.

No.1. Duke has a two-game winning streak.

How weird is that? Last season was a nightmare for Fred Goldsmith, as Duke went 0-11, i.e. winless, i.e. lousy, i.e. pathetic. This year, however, Duke is 2-2 and on a roll, having defeated Army two weeks ago and Navy this past Saturday. You know what that means, kids? Yep, the apocalypse is upon us. Get out your rain gear, cause it's going to be messy. Perhaps I'm jumping the gun on this one, but if they crack .500, I'm heading straight for the bomb shelter.

No.2. The AP Poll.

When was the last time both Notre Dame and Miami didn't receive a single vote for the top 25? Yet Purdue... did! How about never? At least that's my guess, because as long as I can remember both the Hurricanes and the Irish have been ranked very highly, if not in contention for the national championship. And Purdue — aren't they always supposed to stink? I must have missed the notice.

No.3. Men's soccer team wins — again! In the past two years, NCSU men's soccer team posted only two wins against opponents in the ACC. This year is a different story for Coach George Tarantini and his squad, however, as State knocked off Clemson for its second ACC win of this young season. The first came on the road against perennial powerhouse Maryland a week ago, a team no one expected to beat. This win against Clemson, with less than two minutes left in the game, was just as unexpected. So cheers to the Tarantini crew for a job well done. Rock on!

So there you have it. What a weekend! It's SuperFreaky!



N.C. State's Kaitlin Robinson goes for the kill over UVA.

■ N.C. State's volleyball team caught its first glimpse of ACC action.

Sports Staff Report

There is something to be said for playing in a big-time college athletic conference. Then again, there is also the competition that comes from a big-time college athletic conference.

NCSU's women's volleyball team learned that first-hand this weekend.

State hosted a three-game ACC volleyball weekend, playing teams from the University of Virginia, Florida State and Maryland.

According to Wolfpack Head coach Kim Hall, every team in the conference will host such a weekend, now that the league has expanded to nine teams. State started the weekend facing off the

Cavaliers from UVA on Friday.

The Cavaliers made easy work of the Wolfpack, taking the match in three games, 15-9, 15-11, 15-18.

Virginia didn't dominate the statistics, however, as both teams racked up 36 kills, and State picked up one more assist.

Nicole Peterson led the Pack with a game-high 31 assists, and Laura Kimbrell also contributed a game-high 11 kills.

State was hurt by 13 service errors and 28 errors on the offensive attack. The win bumped UVA to 11-5 overall and a perfect 1-0 in the ACC.

Saturday followed with Florida State on tap and resulted in another three-game loss for the Pack.

The Seminoles shut down the Pack's offense in the first and third games, winning by scores of 15-5, and 15-3, respectively.

State had been up early in the first game,

but the Seminoles came back, going on an eight-point run to put away the Pack.

Florida State took the second game 15-8. The Seminoles had 54 kills in the match, as compared to the Pack's 25.

Holly Schneider, Aisha Thornton and Susan Hawks each contributed double digits in the kills column, with Schneider and Thornton collecting 15 and Hawks adding 10.

On Sunday, the Pack picked up the first two games of the match, but the No. 20 Terrapins of Maryland battled back to win the contest, 6-15, 9-15, 18-16, 15-7, 15-12.

Eden Kroeger had a game-high 74 assists for the Terps, and Katie Jentes had 24 kills.

State freshman Meredith Price came on strong, grabbing a team-high 16 kills.

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Completing the Cycle

■ The Wirgaw brothers look forward to their season together with the Pack.

K. GAFFNEY Sports Editor

Speed and competition. Where Joe and Scott Wirgaw come from, those are key.

The two grew up not far from Saratoga raceway, where the competition is among the toughest in the country and you have to be fast to earn respect.

Not far down the road is Shenandoah High School, which has a reputation for having the top competition in cross country in New York state, and is among the toughest in the Northeast.

The Wirgaw brothers are right at home in the N.C. State cross country program.

Both finished in the top three in the State Class A meet in their final years at Shen, and both followed paths that led them to State; but that is where the similarities end.

Joe, a senior on this year's team, has already proven himself in big-time ACC and National cross country competition, while younger brother Scott is just learning what it is all about.

Joe returns as one of the Wolfpack's top runners and one of this year's co-captains along with fellow senior and 1995 ACC individual champion Patrick Joyce.

The 1996 season was highlighted by an eighth-place finish at the Disney World Cross-Country Classic and a 14th place finish at the NCAA District III Championships for Joe, who was also the Pack's No. 2 finisher at the NCAA Championships in Tucson.

But success hasn't come from the cross country trail alone. In the 1996 season, Joe was honored as a member of the U.S. Cross Country Coaches Association All-Academic team, being the only runner from the conference to receive such an honor.

As a junior, Wirgaw earned All-ACC honors by placing fourth at the conference championships, improving on his 11th place finish in the same meet as a freshman.

What, perhaps, is most remarkable is that this is not a story of a family legacy of running cross country. The Wirgaws didn't start running because their uncle was an All-American. It was, in a way, something that they fell upon by accident.

"I basically just signed up for one day during my freshman year of high school," said Joe. "I did all right in the gym class mile, and I wanted to do something in

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Sebastian Rodriguez fights past a Clemson defender in yesterday's ACC match.



The Pack men's soccer team celebrates Shaker Asad's game winning goal.

More ACC magic at Method

■ The N.C. State men's soccer team picks up second conference win.

K. GAFFNEY Sports Editor

You know that something big was going to happen. The stage was set for the spectacular. A big-time ACC match-up against Clemson at Method Road, in the rain, with all seven of NCSU's seniors ready again to take the field for the first time since the season opener against Belmont Abbey.

The word "disappointing" would not have been sufficient to cover a loss by the Wolfpack.

But the Wolfpack made sure that no one had to find the right words for that.

In fact, the Wolfpack made sure that no one had to find any words; the pile of players in front of the Pack bench with 1:57 left on the second-half clock and a 1-0 score on the board said it all.

After close to 90 minutes of back-and-forth, rough, physical play, State freshman Shaker Asad finally found the back of the net, breaking the 0-0 knot.

Asad had been on the bench for part of the half, coming in for Sebastian Rodriguez with 12:21 left in the half.

Rodriguez reentered later in the game. The sophomore transfer from George Washington received a pass from senior midfielder Pablo Mastroeni and tried to slip by one of Clemson's defenders but ended up with an assist instead.

"Sebastian pushed the ball a little too far, and it was right there," said Asad. "Coach has been telling me to shoot ever since I got here, so I took the chance."

Head coach George Tarantini's substitution decisions were centered around the idea that whichever team was the freshest in the late stages of the game would come up with the win.

"I thought that we would need the legs," said Tarantini. "Clemson is a very tough team, and this was a very close game."

And while the conditioning of the Pack's offense had a major impact on the victory, so did the play of the seniors.

"These seniors, they don't want to lose," said Coach George Tarantini after the win. "When you have that

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N.C. State cruises against ECU

■ The NCSU women's soccer team wins when and how they needed to.

JONATHAN NOEL Staff Writer

The NCSU women's soccer team needed a win badly and found exactly what they wanted in a dominating 3-0 win against an overmatched East Carolina team.

Reeling from four consecutive losses and heading into Tuesday night's huge conference game against nationally-ranked Duke, the women used the win as a confidence builder and put the game away with two goals from Co-captain Megan Jedy.

The team took a 1-0 lead into the half as sophomore Shannon Blair broke a scoreless with a goal in the 37th minute. Senior goalkeeper Katherine Mertz and freshman Betsy Stec combined to lead the team in their shutout of the season.

Kristin Millon, Jane Walton and Jennifer Marsh all contributed assists for the Wolfpack, which improved to 6-5 against a young, aggressive ECU team.

"It was a win that we needed because we had lost the past couple games, so we

really needed to get a win and get our confidence up," said Jedy.

"This is a capability which I know that we have," said Coach Alvin Corniel. "I think this is a good morale booster for us. The chemistry was good; the aggression is good. I would think that it must help psychologically for the games coming up."

The extent to which NCSU controlled the game was not revealed even by the 3-0 score, but in the overwhelming 24-4 shots advantage by the Wolfpack.

The defense led by Bridget Durkan and Alyssa Gamaldo gave Mertz, and later Stec, an easy day, and neither was forced to make a save.

The Pack was pleased with the offense created but emphasized the need to put a higher percentage in the goal.

"It's all a question of getting the ball in the back of the net," said Blair.

"We wanted to create those shots, but we still don't have a great percentage," said Corniel. "It could have been more because we created the opportunities. But this is something that takes a lot of time, and they're still getting their teeth into it."

Meanwhile, NCSU enters a critical stretch of their season, where their next

seven games are against opponents ranked in the top 20 by Soccer News, beginning with this week's home game with Duke.

"Duke's got a lot of speed and quickness, and they're pressing the ball all over the field, so it's going to be a tough game," said senior forward Jedy.

"What I'm looking for is the kind of chemistry that we have had before. We've done it before," said Corniel. "We played well against Connecticut. If we play as well on Tuesday as we did against Connecticut and Rutgers, I will be very comfortable. If we create the same chances, I think we'll be able to get some goals."

Senior midfielder Stacey Hampton is looking for a win and expects a good fight against the Blue Devils.

"We don't like Duke. We want to win," said Hampton, after Saturday's battle against nearby East Carolina.

Heading into the heart of the ACC schedule, NCSU has a 1-1 conference record, having beaten Florida State 4-1 and lost to nationally-ranked Clemson 2-1.

Tuesday's game against Duke is set for 7 p.m. at Paul Derr Track.



State picks up a much-needed win over ECU.

Pigskin Picks: Week 5

■ The plot thickens...

The fifth week of Pigskin Picks marked the second week in a row where college football's unpredictability came back to haunt our panel of pickers. Duke picked up its second win in a row. Clemson fell to the Yellow Jackets and West Virginia pulled out an improbable win against Miami.

Despite these upsets, we still had some respectable showings from our panel, namely from Governor Jim Hunt. The governor went out on a limb with Georgia Tech en route to a class-leading 11-4 record this week. Tying that mark was the News & Observer's A. Sherrod Blakely, who was one of the few pickers to correctly choose USC over California.

But things get interesting when you look at the overall standings. With the governor and Sherrod posting the high records this

weekend and with Debra Morgan recording a 10-5 score, we now find ourselves with a three-way tie for first at 54-21. In fourth place, with scores of 52-23, we have Bob Langford and Senator Jesse Helms. Technician's K. Gaffney slipped a bit off the pace with her 9-6 record and fell to sixth with a 51-24 overall standing. The guest slot got a boost this week behind the strong picks of N.C. State's greatest wide receiver of all time, Eddie Goines. His 10-5 mark bumped up the G.S. to 47-28 and sole possession of seventh. Sports editors emeritus was occupied by Technician-great Aaron Morrison, whose 8-7 record put S.E.E. just one game behind the guest slot. This means Technician's James Curle now occupies the cellar this week at 44-31, namely for his horrific 6-9 showing this weekend.

Next week promises to be just as interesting as this, with first place up for grabs.

The N.C. State women's soccer team will take on Nationally Ranked Duke on Tuesday at 7 p.m. at Paul Deer Track.

Overall Pigskin Pick Standings

Debra Morgan	54-21
Governor Jim Hunt	54-21
A. Sherrod Blakely	54-21
Bob Langford	52-23
Senator Jesse Helms	52-23
K. Gaffney	51-24
Sports Editors' Emeritus	46-29
James Curle	44-31
Guest Slot	57-28

Cycle

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the fall." The elder Wirgau made an instant impact, running in Shen's top seven by the end of his freshman year.

Scott was a different story. Like most young American boys, Scott started as a baseball player and saw how much fun and how much success his older brother was having, so he decided to give running a shot.

While Joe has found his niche on the cross country trails, Scott now calls the steeplechase home. Last season, Scott set a new school record in the event, running a time of 9:43.

Scott came to State not to follow in his brother's footsteps, but to make a few of his own. "I knew Coach Geiger, I knew that he was a great coach," said Scott. "I wanted to go somewhere where I could run and that also had a good math and science program." Scott will redshirt this cross country season like many of his fellow freshman but looks to be competing on the track in the spring.

The difference in specialties has diminished the amount of natural rivalry that comes when any siblings excel in the same field.

Diminished, but not eliminated.

"I still always want to run a second faster than him," said Joe. So this accidental endeavor of running has paid off for the Wirgaus and, in turn, has paid off for State.

Scott has been running in practice, along with the other freshman, while Joe has already this season recorded a top-five finish, taking third in the Wolfpack Invitational.

Method

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kind of attitude and that kind of commitment, anything can be possible."

Formerly ranked among the top 25 teams in the nation, Clemson has given the Pack trouble in the past few years.

State's last win over the Tigers dates back to the 1994 season, when the Pack was 5-1 in the ACC. In the past two years, the Pack has won just one conference match-up a season.

But with the victory over Clemson, the conference schedule seems to have come full circle, at least for the seniors.

"This is incredible: our confidence right now is getting better and better," said Mastroeni. "Right now, we know that no team in the ACC can beat us. In the past, we've settled for maybe letting one team beat us, but now, we are beating the best schools in the ACC, and now we really believe that they have to be us." The Pack was back to full strength with Oronde Ash returning to the midfield and Daniel Alexander grabbing his second start since coming back from a broken wrist.

Ash made his first appearance for the Pack since being hurt in the Wolfpack/duidas classic game with High Point.

Alexander started last weekend's game against Maryland, picking up another shutout.

But the return of the two has meant more than just an increase in the level of play; it has also increased the on-field intensity for the Pack.

"I think that it is the attitude that we have never really had the chance to express ourselves, and now we just want to win so bad it is contagious," said Mastroeni, one of the Pack's captains. "I feel like the seven seniors have sparked a good thing for the Wolfpack this year."

"It's something about home, it's something about the Wolfpack, it's something about team," said Mastroeni. "We are on a good roll, and we don't look back; we are just looking ahead, all of the time."

"I am very pleased with all of the seniors," said Taranini. "That is the difference — they are big players."

"It was a big win for us, but we have a lot of work to do," said Taranini.

The win moves State to 2-0 in the conference and 6-1 overall, as they ready themselves for next weekend's meeting with ACC-foe Virginia.

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UVa

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Nicole Peterson had nine kills, 49 assists and 10 digs.

The Pack has two games this weekend, facing off against Wake Forest in Winston-Salem on Friday at 7:00 p.m. and then traveling to Durham to take on the Blue Devils of Duke on Saturday at 7:30 p.m.

The losses this weekend move the Wolfpack to 5-12 overall and start their season at 0-3 in the conference.

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Iron Maiden alums pay WKNC a visit



Bruce Dickenson, left, and Adrian Smith, right, former members of the heavy metal group Iron Maiden, paid a visit to WKNC last Friday. They were in town for a concert that night at the Mission to promote their new album, entitled "Accident of Birth" which is currently available in stores.

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Technobabble

Geeks can get Greek, too.

"Have you played the latest Kill Em All 3D?"

"Oh, yeah, I saw a Shareware Beta of that floating around the net."

"Well, I bug tested an Alpha version, and now I'm on their Gold Master list."

Does this all seem Greek to you? Allow me to explain a few points of modern geek speak.

Shareware is your friend. As a concept, it is one of my favorite philosophies to emerge from the Internet age. Shareware programs are free, essentially. The idea is that a programmer releases a utility or a game to the general public, in essence sharing it with the world. Using the program costs nothing, except that usually shareware comes with some kind of hindrance that can be removed by registering the software with the author.

Games, for example, usually only contain the first few levels, or don't allow an unregistered user to save his game. Other times, the program is fully functional, but has nagging messages in it asking the user to register for the pitiful \$10 charge. Sometimes the ability to disable these annoying messages is well worth the registration fee. In fact, the registration fee for most programs is nominal: \$15-20 is typical for popular titles. In most cases, if the same product were a commercial release, you would pay this much for the packaging and shipping costs alone. Shareware, therefore, is a heck of a bargain. I have a fairly extensive collection of share- and freeware (i.e. there is no cost or incentive to register) programs on my computer. Most (around 42 megabytes worth) of that is utility software that has in one way or another saved my butt or someone else's on some occasion. There are shareware programs that I use to fix the occasional problem with my computer, convert files of one type or another, or impress my friends when they come over. These, I have registered by either paying my fee or contacting the author — some of them wish only to receive an e-mail message with suggestions for what they should put into their next release, or bugs that need to be fixed.

The majority of the shareware programs on my hard drive, however, are still unregistered. This is because I rarely, if ever, use them. Some of these are games and other fun toys that I keep around to keep myself occupied when I don't really feel like working (what else am I to do with 100 varieties of solitaire, when I only know how to play three), or to keep someone else occupied who happens to come visit and feels it necessary to mess with my computer. Others are utilities that I copy and give out to people who have problems that I know a certain piece of software can fix.

I recommend, partly because I have friends who are software engineers and partly because I know the work that goes into putting together a decent piece of software, that, if you use a particular shareware program for any length of time on a regular basis, that you break out your checkbook and register it.

Some whole companies make their money from shareware fees derived from their games. Doom is

a good example, as is Duke Nukem 3D — both of which offered the first few levels of their games free on the Internet and on free CD-ROMs. Registered users received the first shot at the complete version, as well as the tools to make their own levels. If it weren't for the money they made on these first releases, there would likely have never been sequels.

There are uncounted excellent sources for shareware and demo software for download on the Internet. If you need something in particular, I suggest using your favorite search engine to locate what you desire. If you are looking for the latest game demos and entertainment shareware, www.download.com is one of the better sites, and if you are looking for software utilities and general-purpose programs, shareware.com is the best I have found. Both have excellent search engines to find specific titles within their respective sites.

Often times, a shareware version of a program is released before the complete product is available for purchase. These are sometimes beta, or pre-release, versions of the software. A program that is currently in beta stage has not quite gotten all the bugs worked out, or has yet to have certain features implemented. Some software, the kind that is in constant development, never leaves the beta stage.

Before beta, though, comes alpha. Alpha releases are less common than betas, simply because most programmers tend to work on the alpha stage themselves, or within a very small distribution, to see if the software is deemed usable and stable enough for distribution, but not quite as polished as the final release, it is dubbed beta. Just before it goes to production, the final version is renamed the gold master, and becomes the source for the disks and CDs that get sent out to stores. If a developer or programmer has helped out in the beta stage, they are typically sent out a copy of the gold master version before it reaches stores. For commercial software vendors, beta versions of their software only go out to programmers, software developers and other related professionals. If a company makes graphics software, for example, they may make beta versions of their newest products available for free to a select few graphic-design firms for testing.

Since shareware programmers aren't usually concerned with losing money by giving out their programs, beta versions of the newest shareware appear alongside distribution software on the Internet. By downloading a beta, however, you take on the responsibility of testing and reporting any bugs you find to the author, and you risk having very strange and dangerous things happen to your computer if the software hasn't already been thoroughly tested.

Watch USENET for announcements of new shareware and requests for beta testers. I have responded to several such messages, and am currently in the process of beta testing a font-management utility that is absolutely wrought with bugs. It is a fun process though, seeing each successive version fix problems that I succeeded out in the previous version.

Scholarship for juniors declared

Truman Scholarship announced for juniors in public service.

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If you're a junior interested in a career in public service at the federal, state or local level, there's a scholarship opportunity coming up that you do not want to miss. The deadline for the 1998 Harry S. Truman Scholarship will soon be here.

Winners of the scholarship receive educational expenses for their senior year and up to three years of graduate study. The total stipend amount available for a graduate or professional program can be as much as \$30,000.

This April, the Truman Foundation will award up to 85 scholarships nationally. The state of North Carolina can nominate four students for this year's competition.

To be eligible, students must be full-time juniors working toward or

planning to pursue a baccalaureate program, have a "B" average or equivalent, stand in the upper quarter of their class and be a U.S. citizen or U.S. national heading toward a career in government, education or public-service-oriented non-profit organizations. During the 1997-98 academic year, candidates should have junior-level academic standing or have senior-level standing in their third year of college enrollment, expecting graduation in May of 1999.

The Foundation is seeking students who aspire to positions in federal, state or local governments or in the not-for-profit sector where they are likely to have influence on public relations. Students are judged on their leadership potential, commitment to a career in public service, intellectual strengths and prospects of performing well in graduate school, and the quality and extent of their current involvement in public, community and government service.

Priority is given to candidates who propose to enroll in graduate programs that are specifically oriented to careers in public service. These include masters and Ph.D. programs in public administration, public policy analysis, public health, international relations, government, economics, social services delivery, education and human resource development, and conservation and environmental protection.

Nominees are selected by a committee chaired by a faculty member in the Department of Political Science and Public Administration and composed of several faculty members from disciplines representative of the applicants. Educational disciplines can be varied.

Past Truman Scholars have gone on to serve the public in many functions, such as managers of government programs; legislators and aides for legislative bodies; budget and management analysts;

foreign service officers; staff members in policy analyses and research organizations; attorneys for government agencies; clerks to state and federal judges and justices; public defenders; and professional staff in advocacy organizations.

Any junior who is interested in this scholarship should contact Neva Miller or Pat Lee, 2119 Pullen Hall, Ext. 5-3671, immediately. The first deadline is Monday, October 20, when certain documents and an interest statement must be completed. Other information on the scholarship can be found at www.biz.uiowa.edu/truman/.

N.C. State has had a remarkable record of success in the Harry S. Truman Scholarship program. Since the competition's beginning in 1977, NCSU has been honored with five Truman Scholars and seven alternates.

New book deals with legalizing drugs

A new book offers a "Prescription for Mayhem."

CHRISTINE OLDHAM
Opinion Editor

Think of America 30 years in the future. It's actually easy. Imagine all the problems we have now — drug abuse, gangs, illiteracy, plain old laziness and numerous other afflictions. It's not too different, unless some drastic changes are made. (Think drug legalization)

These are the issues addressed in a new book from Striking Impressions Publishers, written by Steven B. Mohnarke. Entitled "Prescription for Mayhem," the book is about legalizing drugs and it follows the lives of seven people, who each deal with drugs in a different way.

When I first opened the book, I was a little amused and shocked. The dedication is a list of the author's friends who have had drugs adversely affect their life in some way. It never occurred to me that one person could know so many people strung out on drugs. It

also states that the author will not discuss the content of the book with anyone, and it seems to hint that this is for some sort of secret conspiracy we can only guess at.

With these thoughts in mind, I started to read. Knowing that drug legalization is a pretty good topic for even the most infertile imagination, I was expecting a lot.

The first chapter opens with a meeting in Congress to decide on what to do with the sick and suffering America. A committee is created, called the "Guidance and Direction Committee," with the full backing of Congress and the president. (As if this would ever happen, even 30 years in the future.) This committee, in essence, has the power to make and pass any law they please. They start with a law that basically states the credo, "An eye for an eye." If a woman is raped, she can have the rapist castrated. If a person steals, then their hand can be cut off. These decisions are left up to the person who was hurt by the actions of the accused.

The committee then begins to work its way up to a drug-



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legalization act. The ramifications of the drug legalization are extreme, with millions hurt, killed or otherwise affected.

The general impression I had after finishing this book is that it was okay — something you would recommend to your friends if they

asked you were reading, but not something you would write Oprah about. I also got the impression that the novel wasn't as controversial as it made itself out to be. Many of the things that occurred could never happen, no matter how feasible the work makes them seem to be. It also disturbed me how few women were in the book and how not much has changed over the thirty years. Perhaps that's where the controversy lies within the novel — it basically portrays what our world now would be like with legalized drugs.

As far as the writing style goes, the dialogue is a bit cheesy, but overall, this book makes pretty easy reading of a complex issue. For anyone interested in topics such as drug legalization or ideas such as giving people back the freedom to do as they please, I strongly recommend this book for further reading. For those unfamiliar with the concepts behind drug legalization, this is a great work to give you a deeper understanding of the emotional issues involved, as well as some of the factual.

Soap opera update

All My Children: Brooke got in trouble for violating federal law on the airline. Hayley threatened to sue Miles if she didn't get answers. Laura walked in as Scott responded to Gillian's kiss. Edmund caught Mary reporting on him to Dimtiri. After telling Gloria that Edmund's condition is worsening, Dimitri switched his pain pills. Jim warned Laura not to tell Brooke and Scott the truth. Wait To See: A turn of events changes things for Edmund.

Another World: Amanda told Matt of her plot against Carl and introduced him to Hadley. Later, Matt met Lila. Rayburn made a threatening call to Toni, who

subsequently received mysterious photos of herself. Rachel confronted Alex after seeing him put Amanda in his limo, and was rocked by his bombshell about Carl's infidelity. Shane tried to persuade Vicky that Lila's lies caused them to split. Wait To See: Rachel gets more "proof" about Carl's unfaithfulness.

The Bold And The Beautiful: Realizing Ridge must be devastated that Taylor was pregnant with Thorne's child and planned to marry him, Brooke rushed to comfort him. Sheila learned Amber told James of her visits to the baby, and warned what could happen to

anyone who betrays her. Later, Sheila confronted Maggie and said she was going to take back her child. Clarke fumed at Thorne's delay in getting him the job he wants. Wait To See: Lauren may be too late to get information to Eric before the Spectra show opens.

Days Of Our Lives: Sani came up with an idea to infiltrate Mike's life and use him to break up Carrie and Austin. Bo defeated Curtis in the battle for Billie's soul. Vivian decided to hold a séance to find out who Jonesy's "Ba Ba" is (or was).

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Your Horoscope

Aries (March 21 to April 19): Pay closer attention this week to the younger members of your family. Some of them could be suffering emotionally. Your attention makes a world of difference.

Taurus (April 20 to May 20): Participating in group activities isn't favored early in the week. Concentrate instead in your future. Honesty in your assessment leads to future success.

Gemini (May 21 to June 20): You come to a decision about a romantic dilemma that has been on your mind for some time. The turning point leads the relationship in an exciting direction this week.

Cancer (June 21 to July 22):

Keep members of a family members' financial problem confidential. Do all you can to help.

Leo (July 23 to August 22): You are at odds with your loved one, who is preoccupied with a problem that has nothing to do with you. Don't press the issue. The weekend promises a fun social engagement.

Virgo (August 23 to September 22): Some surprising news comes from a confidant. However, don't

act too quickly. Patience is the key to this bombshell.

Libra (September 23 to October 22): Stop procrastinating! Get that project off the back burner. Your efficiency turns it into a rousing success. Once the project is complete, you can relax over the weekend.

Scorpio (October 23 to November 21): You have a new outlook on life and restored self-confidence. This helps you to attain what you have been looking for. Creative thinking helps cement romantic harmony this weekend.

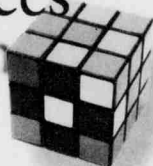
Sagittarius (November 22 to December 21): Something that's

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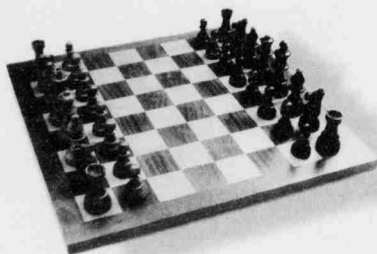
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Tenure needs to be reconsidered

■ In the question of post-tenure review, who has the answers?

The discussion of tenure and post-tenure review has come up again. This time, it is the topic of discussion at a meeting of the Commission of Faculty Rights and Responsibilities. It isn't the first time this subject has come up, and it won't be the last.

Tenure is one of those issues in which there seems to be no gray area. It provides the professors with job security and allows them to teach subject matter without regard to the current political climate in the administration. It also leaves the administration with its hands tied in cases where the tenured professor has used the situation to take early retirement while still coming to work every day.

Post-tenure review is designed to keep professors on their toes. It also raises the question of who reviews the professors. Does the administration do it? There haven't been very many members of the administration seen attending classes lately. This would tend to cast doubt as to their ability to pass judgement on a professor's classroom skills.

Review of post-tenure professors could rely on student evaluations and pass/fail ratios. The problem here is that a student who fails doesn't tend to write a very good evaluation of the professor who taught the class. Not to mention the fact that, to a lot of students, the professor who cancels the most classes is the best.

Do we rely on departmental reviews? There's an awful lot of politics going on in those offices. Professors can be fabulous in the classroom and still alienate the majority of their co-workers.

There doesn't seem to be a clear answer on how to conduct post-tenure review and what to base it on. Some people feel that the best way to handle this problem is to do away with tenure. This would just leave good professors in the situation of having to tow the party line or risk losing their jobs. Unfortunately, teaching jobs at the college level are hard to find. Professors would be practically

forced to adjust their subject matter to what politicians considered acceptable to keep their jobs.

Then there are the research professors who are only required to teach one specialized graduate class every two years. Should they be held to the same standards as professors who teach every day of the academic year?

The examples given here are somewhat simplistic, but they give a general idea of how complicated this issue can be. So what do we do? What is the most equitable decision for all concerned?

It would seem that the simplest solution would be to randomly select students or student evaluations from several of a professor's classes. If students were selected, they could complete a specialized evaluation with questions directed specifically toward a professor's teaching skills. This would solve the issue of student representation. This material, along with pass/fail ratios and grade distributions, could be brought before a joint administration/peer review committee. The professors would be chosen from several different colleges including the department that the professor being reviewed works in. This would eliminate the question of office politics while, at the same time, providing a measure of quality assurance for each department. Faculty members could be reviewed on a rotating basis every two to three years.

This may seem to be a time-consuming process but, in truth, a professor who is doing his/her job would take very little time to review. It is the professors who are abusing their tenure status who would involve the most time.

Whatever the solution is that is ultimately found, post-tenure review is a necessity. Anyone who has ever paid money to sit through a class where he's learned absolutely nothing knows that. If the first duty of the university is the education of its students, then something needs to be done right away to ensure that the people paid to teach are actually doing it. Otherwise, there's no need for any of us to be here.



Can't enforce equality

STEVEN F. LEBOEUF
Staff Columnist

If you know me, you know I'm in favor of big government. After all, it only seems reasonable that a handful of state-educated bureaucrats can govern my life better than I can. You see, I believe that all people are created equal, and everyone should have an equal chance at everything in life. And if someone is not as fortunate as someone else, I believe that an authoritarian government is the only way to "even things out." How can we as individuals possibly be expected to get along together without a strong government to "guide" our actions?

The government has helped make us all equal by enforcing "equal

opportunity" employment, by redistributing wealth from those who've earned it to those who need it, and by laws that prevent discrimination based on handicaps, race and gender. Still, I believe the government has not gone far enough.

For example, what about the many families out there who have no smart children in their households? When there are well-to-do middle-class families with three gifted children per household, and other households are filled with nothing but delinquents, I think the government should step in and force these well-to-do homes to give up a few of their gifted children. Likewise, these middle-class families should be forced to adopt a delinquent and teach the

child middle-class values. It's only fair!

And what about football teams? They are composed almost entirely of big, bulky males. This is not enough diversity. The government should force people in wheelchairs to participate in football. Hell! I bet that guy from "My Left Foot" would be one heck of a quarterback. Without a huge authoritarian government, such diversity could never be maintained.

Speaking of handicaps, I couldn't help but notice that our country is composed mostly of healthy citizens. This is not healthy for a democracy! How can disabled Americans expect to have a voice in government if they are so

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That fetching spoon/fork

TRENT HAMILTON
Staff Columnist

I went to Bojangle's the other day in search of a meal. Of course, Bojangle's is the purveyor of excellent fried chicken and biscuits, two staple food-types. After receiving my meal (two-piece white dinner with those absolutely wonderful french fries smothered with that delicious spice-type stuff or dirty rice, depending on my mood and a biscuit with tasty sweet tea as my beverage of choice), I made my way to the condiment (condiment, you sicker) counter and proceeded to gather my various eating implements. Those would be napkins, a straw, some extra salt for the fries and a spork. Right now, you may be asking yourself, "What the hell is a spork?" For the unlightened few who are totally

unaware of what a spork is, I'll briefly describe it.

A spork is a spoon-like eating utensil, only instead of a perfectly round tip, there are little serrations fashioned in the liking of a fork. With this one piece of plastic-ware, I am totally able to savagely rip apart my chicken and spoon out my dirty rice. (I never knew why it was called dirty rice. I used to think they dumped a big vat of rice on a dirty bathroom floor and scooped it up, bringing with it the various disgusting things that end up on bathroom floors. After removing the obvious things like dirty Q-tips and phlegm-covered toilet paper, it was reheated and served to an unsuspecting public.) What an amazing invention the spork is! Who could have possibly thought of such? Do you know? Does anyone? Does anyone get credit for inventing the spork? Thomas

Jefferson is the father of the Declaration of Independence, Karl Marx is the father of Communism, Thomas Edison is the father of the light bulb, Albert Einstein is the father of the Theory of Relativity, Bill Cosby is the father of Theo Huxtable, and Pee-Wee Herman is the father of public satisfaction, but who is the father of the spork? Does anyone care? I do, and recently, I did some research. It was my mission to determine exactly who was the inventor of this truly indispensable apparatus. I ventured to D.H. Hill Library (That place gives me the willies — every time I go to the 9th floor, that first scene in "Ghostbusters" goes through my head about a hundred times. I keep waiting for some disgruntled librarian to jump out of one of those little study booths and chase me

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Sex-ed should be all-inclusive

■ A policy that teaches nothing but abstinence is wrong.

In classrooms across North Carolina, the sexual education policy is a short, curt and stern "abstinence until marriage."

Teaching students to abstain from sex until marriage is fine. But when this is the only thing taught and, in fact, more education is denied students except when it comes from either parent or guardian, a problem arises.

Recently, the Franklin County School Board decided that three chapters in students' ninth grade health education textbook did not comply with this policy. So, the board decided to remove these chapters. A volunteer subsequently sliced out the pages with a razor.

These chapters contained crucial information regarding AIDS, HIV, other sexually transmitted diseases, marriage and parenting and contraceptives.

Cutting pages out of a book and keeping teenagers in the dark about sex sounds like something that would occur in a Third World country. But it's not — it is happening right here in our own state. And, worse yet, in our own state.

The Franklin County School Board needs to reconsider its decision and realize that they are doing more harm than good. Denying these students a more

comprehensive sexual education program is just plain wrong. The problem stems from the fact that many people have the misconception that informing students about sex will encourage them to have it. This is wrong. Sexual education is no advertisement to have it. Rather, it is a warning list of numerous reasons why a person should wait until marriage, rather than just a "no" without any elaboration. These reasons include herpes, gonorrhea, syphilis, AIDS and a host of other ills. When students don't have this information, they will not only continue having the sex that statistics say they are unequivocally having, but they will have it unsafely. This will cause sexually transmitted diseases and teenage birth rates to rise.

Not teaching students anything about sex and ignoring the fact that they are having sex is an outrage and an injustice to the teenagers supposedly being protected. This policy is, in effect, like an ostrich sticking its head in the sand. The problem will not go away, and these teenagers will be like a time bomb waiting to go off in a world that does know the dangers and protects itself. Teach these students abstinence, but also teach them the skills needed for survival. After all, isn't a comprehensive education supposed to cover these things, too?

KELLY MARKS
Features Editor

I've never really had a high opinion of the Greek system. Don't start burning my name in effigy yet; this is not a complete thought. The truth of the matter is that I have never really understood it — all those funny-looking letters and rites of passage — it just seems like a big game with rules that not everyone is privy to.

Typical stereotypes haven't helped matters. I grew up thinking that fraternities were all like Animal House and that all members were like the mean guys in Revenge of the Nerds. The image of the typical "Frat Boy" is a hard one to expel. I know not every single member of a fraternity walks around wearing a

white baseball hat, an Abercrombie shirt and a pair of sunglasses hanging backwards off his neck, but when you see so many people who fit this description, it's hard not to believe the stereotype.

However, this weekend I did some thinking (for once) and I felt compelled to write about it. As I sat at the Lawn Party watching some fraternity members behave in much the way that convention suggests that they would, I asked myself, "Why don't I like fraternities?"

Answers came back that weren't really my own. They're all the same. They're sheep. They dress alike, they talk alike, they drink alike and they are completely devoid of individual personalities. All of the negative things that I have ever heard in conjunction with

anything remotely Greek coursed through my head, looping back and forth until I finally thought, "So What?"

When did I become someone who relied on the opinions of others to tell me what to think? How can I judge something that I don't understand? Even if every criticism of fraternities is true, so what? What's wrong with being the same as all of your friends? Isn't that why they're your friends? Granted my idea of friendship doesn't involve throwing beer cans at the people I claim to like, but who am I to criticize another? I'm no one special. So why do I maintain this deep-seated repugnance toward the Greek culture?

Because I'm used to it.

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outnumbered! I think that the government should step in and induce birth defects in a certain percentage of fetuses so things can be "evened out."

Frankly, I don't think it's fair that so many guys are better looking than me. Don't we live in an age where everyone should be equal? I think taxpayers should subsidize cosmetic surgery for people who just aren't that attractive. If our goal is to make everyone equal, I just can't see any other solution.

And what about the poor guys out there who haven't had a date in three years? This just isn't fair. The government should force single women to date these unfortunate guys. After all, they're only human beings. So what if there is nothing attractive about these guys? So what if they are ugly, obnoxious, ex-convicts? Maybe they couldn't help it.

Furthermore, I've noticed that most families are composed of only one race. How are we ever going to get rid of racism with such

segregation? I suggest that the government force every household to adopt a family member from another race. Think of how perfect the world would be! This way, families could better understand the problems that face minorities these days.

When I look at all the homeless people in Raleigh, (all two of them—"Shoe-less Joe" and "Box-car Betty") I am filled with empathy. I can't believe we are not subsidizing housing for these unfortunate souls. Shouldn't everyone live in a two-story middle-class home, like Wally and the Beaver? I think we should cut down more trees and drain more wetlands to develop equal housing for everyone in this country!

You're thinking, "Steven! How could you think such terrible things! You're sell'n us out!" Well, I must say, I'm being one sarcastic jerk right now. I find all of the above statements appalling to conceive, but not impossible to believe.

The simple fact is that this is not an even world: some of us are born smarter, quicker, stronger, more ambitious or more creative, etc. You just can't change this fact of life. In fact, whenever the

government tries to "even things out", the result is that everyone is more "even", but the standard of evenness is lowered. (If you don't believe me, I bet you'll find that your parents have to work twice as hard these days in order to maintain the same purchasing power.)

Politicians don't care about the individual. All they need is votes, and promising to "even things out" simply gets votes. But, if we want to help even things out, it should be our choice as individuals, not the government's choice.

No one is born with the right to a better family, the right to cultural diversity, the right to a date, the right to a job, or the right to housing. We all have the right to pursue these interests through our own efforts, but we do not have the right to force others to aid in our pursuit. I just wish our government would recognize this fact.

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ReggaeFest 1997



Tien Campbell, a vendor from Tribal House of Smithfield, takes time out from the festivities at the 5th annual ReggaeFest to play with her two-year-old daughter, Tisa. The annual event was held at the Witherspoon Student Center at NCSU on Sunday, September 28, 1997.

Marks

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As I was going through those turbulent years of pre-adolescence, I can remember harboring a deep grudge against the perky perfect people that shuffled through the hallways of my school. We all remember the kind — they had the Esprit tops and Guess jeans, or they were the soccer-playing guys — and they seemed to exist as a reminder of what I could never be. I was not perky, and I sure wasn't perfect, and so somewhere along the way I just decided to resent them.

Some of them made it easy. There are plenty of popular people who pick on those that aren't blessed with the clear skin, money, or good fashion sense necessary to catapult into the inner circle. Their every comment and jibe makes it undeniably clear that appearance does matter.

In middle school, my only course

of retaliation was to denounce them and all that they stood for. And I did so, for a long, long time. However, by despising the whole lot of them, I ended up hating some perfectly nice people on the sole basis that they wore a certain name brand. In the end, I was as bad as the people I stood in opposition to — I was judging people not by who they were, but by what they wore.

I'm not in middle school anymore, and I'm trying to see people as something other than clichés. Why should a "Frat Boy" be any different?

I hear the term "cookie-cutter" used a lot to describe the Greek phenomenon of dressing alike. However, it's not strictly a Greek practice. Within every group there are similarities in dress and accessories. Even those groups that pride themselves on being different fit into nice, neat little molds. How original is it to dye your hair and wear black lipstick when all of your friends are doing it? There are cookie-cutters everywhere; don't be fooled just because they come in different shapes and sizes.

As for the other criticisms of fraternities, let me say it one more time — so what? Every person has the right to do as they please without it becoming a public issue. Think of it as a "lifestyle choice." Is it acceptable to bash any other group for how they choose to conduct themselves?

No matter what, people are individuals and must be addressed as such. I still may not like fraternities on the whole — I ducked one too many beer cans Saturday to completely absolve them of my disdain — but I respect their right to dress and do and say as they want, as long as it doesn't infringe on the rights of others. And that's all that really matters.

Kelly very rarely has an opinion that she feels strongly enough about to express, usually she just whines. She does however maintain that it is a lot more fun to dislike people on an individual basis. If you care to discuss, she can be reached at kelly@sma.sca.ncsu.edu. Please, no death threats.

Hamilton Soaps

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with a large ax, shouting "Two days late! Die, scud!" and searched relentlessly for something, anything regarding the spork. My research turned up two things: One, no one gives a damn about sporks enough to write a book about them, and two, I have entirely too much free time. My search was halted, and I left the library with a somewhat disappointed look on my face (but no ax in my back). How could no one else in this world appreciate the spork as much as I do? Without the spork, I doubt Bojangle's would be the great chain it is, because think of all the money they save just buying a bunch of sporks instead of a bunch of spoons and forks? Financial failure could have

been just around the corner when someone rushed into the corporate office holding this odd-looking piece of plastic shouting "This is it!" Of course, whoever did that was probably subsequently fired, but his idea was used and now some jerk is rich and that poor fellow is sitting behind a 7-11 drinking drain water out of a Campbell's soup can and talking to himself. If you're out there, kind sir, know that someone recognizes your noble effort and your legacy will live on, whether you're truly the father of the spork or not.

To conclude, next time you go into Bojangles, make good use of the sporks and have a moment of silence for whoever first composed the plan for a combination fork and spoon. Who knows, he just might be behind the WolfMart.

Trent Hamilton is a consistently bored fellow with entirely too much free time. How about helping this pathetic fellow out and adding some much needed excitement to his life with some e-mail at thamilton@eos.ncsu.edu? He sends his regards in advance.

Stars

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Susan was upset when the first "spiritual" they called was Elvis Presley since Elvis isn't dead. To everyone's horror, the vial containing Roman's cure was broken. Wait To See: Austin and Carrie prepared to open Sami's gift.

General Hospital: Stefan made a mysterious call to the police and then told Alexis his relationship with Katherine was about to end. Carly told A.J. she'll prove he's not the father of her baby, but once again, came up with a plan of her own. As the time for her wedding approached, Brenda looked at the church door only to find Jason, who told her Sonny wasn't coming. Wait To See: Lois learns about Ned and Alexis.

Guiding Light: Jenna gave Josh

and Reva news about Reva's sister. Hart lauded Vanessa for her courage and for giving birth to Dinah, the woman he loves. A furious Reva learned Annie had set her up again, and got Blake to help her get even. Phillip accused Annie of drugging Harley. Wait To See: Alan is in a quadry over Annie.

The Young And The Restless: Michael kissed Phyllis after alerting her to cover her tracks in case she lied on the stand. Meanwhile, Chris rejected Danny's demand that she quit the case and have Danny get another lawyer. Although Tricia tried to persuade Ryan to give Nina another chance, he refused to give her up. Victor was furious with Jack for suggesting Diane still had feelings for him (Jack). Sharon told Nikki how close Grace and Toni were as a couple, but Nikki still suspected Grace of having designs on Nick. Wait To See: Veronica prepares to take the job as Nikki's housekeeper.

and Reva news about Reva's sister. Hart lauded Vanessa for her courage and for giving birth to Dinah, the woman he loves. A furious Reva learned Annie had set her up again, and got Blake to help her get even. Phillip accused Annie of drugging Harley. Wait To See: Alan is in a quadry over Annie.

Correction:
In last Friday's Sports Section, Technician reported that James Curle picked North Carolina over Virginia in Pigskin Picks. He meant to choose UVa. We regret the error.
(I know I do)

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Mir repair mission under way

The six-day mission calls for the replacement of the main computer aboard the 11-year-old space station.

CAROL J. WILLIAMS
Los Angeles Times

With the star-crossed Mir space station under the steady piloting of the space shuttle Atlantis, the 10 astronauts and cosmonauts aboard the linked spacecraft Sunday began a six-day mission focused on repairing damage from a disastrous Russian space crash three months ago.

After resting most of the day following their midnight rendezvous in the cosmos, the U.S. and Russian crew members began unloading tons of water, fuel and equipment ferried up to Mir to repair the 11-year-old Russian station.

Among the supplies brought up by Atlantis is a replacement for Mir's faulty main computer, which has repeatedly caused the space station to lose navigational control and power-generating capacity at a time when Mir is already operating on reduced power because of the June 25 accident.

Semenov also disclosed that the two Russian cosmonauts on Mir during the June collision with an unmanned cargo capsule have been paid only 70 percent of the salary due from their six-month mission, a hedge in the event an investigative commission decides they should be fined for culpability in the costly crash.

NATIONAL NEWS

Second Oklahoma bombing trial begins

Terry Nichols will be charged with the same crimes as Timothy McVeigh, with much of the same evidence to back the charges.

GAYLORD SHAW
Newspy

DENVER - The second Oklahoma City bombing trial opens Monday with lawyers for Terry Nichols aiming to avert the result of Timothy McVeigh's trial - guilty on all counts and 11 death sentences.

Don't expect an autumn rerun of last spring's epic, Nichols' lawyers say, even as they acknowledge that some parts of the trial may seem much the same.

The charges against Nichols are identical to those against McVeigh: 11 counts of conspiracy, transportation and use of a weapon of mass destruction and the murders of eight federal law enforcement officers in the line of duty.

Much of the physical evidence is similar: receipts for bomb components and storage lockers, telephone and hotel records. Presiding will be U.S. District Court Judge Richard Matsch, the same fast-gaveled jurist who evenhanded supervision of McVeigh's trial helped restore faith in the U.S. judicial system that had been shaken by the O.J. Simpson case.

But distinct differences between the two trials will become apparent Monday when Nichols enters the same courtroom where his one-time Army buddy McVeigh was convicted and condemned to death three months ago.

The government contends that Nichols was McVeigh's partner in planning the attack and in building the truck bomb that wrecked the Oklahoma City federal building on April 19, 1995, killing 168 people

and injuring hundreds.

Nichols has an alibi for that spring morning 29 months ago - he was home in Herington, Kan., doing non-terrorist things such as renting Walt Disney movies for two of his children. But prosecutors argue that the alibi does him no good. Under the federal conspiracy statute, they say, overt acts they say he committed, such as buying fertilizer and fuel for the truck bomb, make him just as guilty as McVeigh, who lit the fuse and fled after parking the explosive-laden Ryder truck at the front door of the Murrah building.

Prosecutors led by career Justice Department lawyer Larry Mackey, who assisted in the McVeigh prosecution, will present some of the same evidence used in the McVeigh trial to link Nichols to the purchase of 2 tons of ammonium nitrate fertilizer used in the bomb, as well as a burglary at a Kansas quarry to steal blasting caps and detonator cord.

There also likely will be prosecution evidence never introduced at McVeigh's trial about the robbery of an Arkansas gun dealer - allegedly staged by Nichols - to help finance the bombing plot. And there is apt to be evidence suggesting that Nichols helped McVeigh deliver his getaway car to Oklahoma City a few days before the bombing, government sources say.

At age 42, Nichols is 13 years older than McVeigh. He is a small man with slightly stooped shoulders; McVeigh is tall with an erect military bearing. Nichols, with eyeglasses and a receding hairline, has a bookish, middle-aged appearance; McVeigh looks like a fresh-faced teen-ager with a buzz haircut.

The Oklahoma City bombing came on the second anniversary of the fiery federal assault on the cult's Texas compound - a nationally televised disaster that left an estimated 70 people dead.

Stakes high for tobacco industry

The class-action suit filed by airline flight attendants against tobacco companies has begun.

MYRON LEVIN
Los Angeles Times

MIAMI - Tobacco companies have been uncharacteristically humble of late as they have sought a nationwide peace with their legal adversaries. But they are fighting back in their fabled hard-nosed style against a landmark class-action suit here that seeks damages for ailments supposedly caused by secondhand smoke.

The suit, now playing out in Dade County Circuit Court, contends that as many as 60,000 nonsmoking U.S. flight attendants have suffered illnesses such as bronchitis and cancer from working in smoky airline cabins before an in-flight smoking ban in 1989. The 6-year-old case, Broin vs. Philip Morris Inc., takes its name from Norma Broin, lead plaintiff and a lifelong nonsmoker who contracted lung cancer in 1989 after 13 years as a flight attendant.

After nearly two months of plaintiffs' testimony, tobacco lawyers last week finally began their case, calling seven witnesses in an effort to persuade jurors that airline tobacco smoke was so diluted that it could not possibly

have harmed flight crews.

But the defense got off to a bumpy start. Agitated tobacco lawyers, complaining of judicial bias, sought to oust Judge Robert P. Kaye after he compared the industry's role in smoking research to the fox guarding the hen house.

During testimony last Tuesday, Kaye barred industry witness Roger Jenkins, a chemist at Oak Ridge National Laboratory and co-author of a study on secondhand smoke, from discussing the research on grounds that R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co.'s assistance with field work and lab analysis made it suspect.

In many instances, a judge would allow such testimony and leave it to plaintiffs to try to discredit the study in cross-examination. But Kaye - a stocky, white-haired former radio broadcaster - refused to let in the evidence.

"This trial reminds me of Alice in Wonderland," Kaye remarked with jurors out of the courtroom. "Every day it gets curiously and curiously... And maybe, succinctly put, it can be said that it reminds you of having the fox in the hen house in a situation like that."

Tobacco lawyers were refused by the ruling and by Kaye's refusal to allow testimony that other exposures, such as cosmic radiation and ozone, could explain flight attendants' health complaints.

In a motion filed Wednesday, which Kaye quickly denied, R.J.

Reynolds' lawyers called on the judge to recuse himself because he "harbors a presumption of inappropriate behavior against Reynolds and its counsel, and... intends to inappropriately restrict Reynolds from presenting its defense."

Nonetheless, industry lawyers succeeded in getting in testimony that is basic to their case. Michael Ogden, a Ph.D. chemist with R.J. Reynolds, testified that smoke concentrations in airline cabins were so diffuse that flight crews had breathed the equivalent of just two to three cigarettes per year.

The jury previously had heard a radically different estimate from a plaintiffs' expert - who testified that flight attendants breathed the carcinogenic equivalent of as much as a half-pack of cigarettes on each transcontinental flight.

During cross-examination, Ogden also took the industry's standard position that even for active smoking, scientific proof of causation of disease has not been "adequately established."

Lawyers for the flight attendants have relied heavily on three reports by the National Academy of Sciences, the U.S. surgeon general and the Environmental Protection Agency, concluding that secondhand smoke is a significant cause of lung cancer in nonsmokers.

British nurse faces Saudi beheading

In a secret trial, two British citizens were sentenced for the murder of a colleague in Saudi Arabia, bringing tension to diplomatic relations between the two countries.

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CAIRO, Egypt - Imagine two Saudis convicted of killing a foreigner in the United States.

If one defendant was ordered to die and the second sent to prison, igniting a public uproar in Saudi Arabia, would President Clinton respond to Saudi pressure and grant clemency to maintain harmony with an important ally?

Perhaps. But would he do so even if he knew he would be seen as soft on crime by a law-and-order-minded U.S. public, and if the victim's only relative was making repeated public calls for the death penalty?

That is roughly the dilemma that Saudi King Fahd and his advisers face in the case of two British nurses convicted in last December's murder of an Australian colleague in the eastern city of Dhahran. According to statements by

attorneys, one has been given the death sentence and the second is to be imprisoned for eight years and flogged 500 times.

As monarch, Fahd will have to decide whether to sign an execution order.

The case has set into motion a blizzard of outraged demands in Britain for diplomatic action to



spare the nurses, culminating in an extraordinary meeting Friday in New York between British Foreign Secretary Robin Cook and Saudi Foreign Minister Prince Saud al Faisal to discuss the issue.

If Deborah Parry, 39, a native of the south of England, is led out to a public square in a black cloak and decapitated with a single sword blow to the back of her neck - the usual Saudi procedure - it would be the first known case of a Westerner, let alone a Western woman, being put to death under the kingdom's strict interpretation of Sharia, or Islamic law.

Such an event would have shattering repercussions in Saudi Arabia's relationship with Britain and the kingdom's desire to be seen as a civilized, modern state would undoubtedly suffer in Europe and the United States as well.

Saudi Arabian officials understood that their system would be put under a microscope by the Western world, which they regard as ignorant and biased against their Islamic beliefs. The case has been so sensitive that the verdict itself was kept under wraps. Although legal sources have been speaking since mid-August of a guilty verdict against both nurses, no decision has been formally announced.

But lawyers in the case revealed last week that Parry faces execution after having been found guilty by the trial panel of murder, while Lucille McLaughlan has been found guilty of a lesser charge of assisting in the crime. Under Saudi law, the death sentence must be confirmed by at least two higher courts before going to the king himself.

In murder cases, death is the requisite sentence if the victim's family demands it. The sentence for McLaughlan, however, was at the judges' discretion. Under Islamic law, her 500 lash strokes should be administered with a bent elbow, not bruise or break the skin, and normally would be doled out over the course of her jail sentence.

Officials in Britain, Saudi Arabia and Australia are engaged in a delicate minuet to seek an outcome that would take into account the British pleas for the mercy, the demand for punishment from Gifford's brother, and the Saudis' need to adhere to their own centuries-old, religiously based system of justice.

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