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Trustees' power in question

Faculty Senate further debates the power of the Board of Trustees.

K. LYNN ALLEN
Staff Writer

The debate over the review of academic misconduct cases continued Tuesday as the Faculty Senate discussed a resolution in response to the N.C. State Board of Trustees' recent decision to drop charges against a student convicted of cheating.

The resolution, raised by the Senate Governance Committee, accused the board of showing "haughty disrespect for the faculty, the student judicial system, the provost and the chancellor." The resolution also called on the board to "limit their review to the authority delegated to it by the Board of Governors."

Despite the resolution's bitter language, Senator Todd Wehner felt the resolution was not strong enough. He argued that many of his constituents seemed to support eliminating a final appeal to the trustees. The chancellor should be the final level of appeal, Wehner said.

"Haughty" may be inflammatory, but the resolution reflects the faculty's opinions as mildly as possible, said John Monahan, chair of the senate's governance committee.

This proposal brought debate from other members who felt eliminating a

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Speaking out



Loren Jones speaks to a group of students at the Multipurpose Room in the Witherpoon Student Center Monday. Her speech was part of the Heritage Lecture Series.

MICHAEL PITMAN/STAFF

MTV and software creator speaks at NCSU

SKS founder lectures on God and self-sufficiency.

MARK MCCRAW
Staff Writer

One of the most difficult parts of everyone's personal education is resolving the critical questions regarding the soul. As August Turak, founder of the Self Knowledge Symposium, two software companies and co-founder of MTV puts it, "Everyone is interested in spiritual matters. However, most people are terrified that if they embark on a spiritual journey, their life will go to hell in a hand basket."

Turak's goal is to try to show people that concentrating on the spiritual aspects of life doesn't have to be quite so dismal. He will share his message with students tomorrow at 7:30 p.m. in Nelson Hall, Room 240.

"Seek ye first the kingdom of God," and everything will fall into place," Turak said. "When you're yearning for something, it doesn't feel like work."

Turak himself dropped out of college five years to try to discover the essence of life before returning to finish his degree.

The premise of Turak's philosophy is that a sense of urgency and hope is the key to a

happy and fulfilling life, and apathy and uncertainty are the stumbling blocks on the proverbial road to happiness. Nevertheless, most people seem to value sloth over the hard work required to achieve these things.

"Many are called, few are chosen," said Turak. "Most are daunted by being a millionaire or winning the Nobel Prize but not willing to work hard enough on a good marriage or good kids. Can you really be happy with a half-ass job, a half-ass education and a half-ass marriage?"

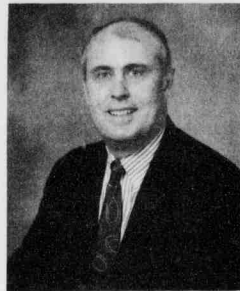
Turak noted that the majority of Americans admire inspirational heroes from afar but are too steeped in apathy and mediocrity to achieve it themselves.

"Most people respond to my lectures the way they respond to 'The Karate Kid' until after they leave," said Turak.

"I don't watch it," Turak said bluntly. "Nor do I have an opinion of it. I guess if I was pressed to the wall for a comment, I'd have to say 'I'm a free speech advocate. Turn it off. Tell your kids not to watch it.' Extremism on either front is not acceptable to Turak. Buddhism employs the approach of walking in the middle way. According to Turak, poise, character and ingenuousness are the elements of a fulfilled person.

"Finding out who you are and hence who God is, is a subtractive system," said Turak. "You take away the falseness. You don't have to believe anything; just take away what's wrong."

According to Turak, the major problem with today's youth is fear of self-



August Turak

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Students report harassment

Six NCSU students are allegedly harassed on West Dunn.

PHILLIP REESE
News Editor

Six N.C. State students were allegedly assaulted as they left their rooms in Becton Hall yesterday morning.

Ladondre Perry, 21, Kwame Tafirenyika, 19, and two other young adults reportedly made numerous attempts to assault NCSU students Jason Hodgson, Matthew Coley, Arlie Harris, Levar Seagraves, Erin Froelich and Jeremy Sims.

The incident started at approximately 3:15 a.m. Tuesday as the six students went out to get a bite to eat, Sims said. At that time, a Pontiac Sunbird pulled out of Pullen Drive onto West Dunn. As the Sunbird passed by, one of its occupants threw a glass bottle at four of the six students who were standing next to their parked car, Sims said.

After the Sunbird had passed by, the four students got into the car.

"The four at the car were going to go after [the Sunbird], but they changed their mind after going about 20 feet," said Sims, who was walking toward the four students' car when the Sunbird drove by them.

The Sunbird then turned around and pulled up next to the four students' car, attempting to pick a fight, Sims said. Not wanting to fight, the students began to drive away.

Then the Sunbird swerved around and started to drive toward Froelich, reportedly attempting to hit her.

"He went out of his way to hit her," said Seagraves. "She had to duck to get out of the way."

The four students, seeing Froelich in trouble, drove back to make sure she was all right, Sims said. As they stopped to examine her, the Sunbird drove by again, this time heading toward the University Bookstore.

"My friends turned around to try to chase them," Sims said. "But the Sunbird pulled into the Reynolds Coliseum parking lot and my friends drove past them."

When the four students passed by the Sunbird, it pulled out and began chasing them, Sims said. The students then headed back toward Becton, with the Sunbird following closely behind.

Arriving at Becton, the four students parked their car, Sims said.

"Then [the Sunbird] backed up and pulled in beside my friends," Sims said.

"They [the Sunbird's occupants] started getting out of the car, wanting to fight. Then they got back in the car."

Seagraves then left his car and began walking toward Sims and Froelich. As he walked, the Sunbird slowly followed him.

"I thought they were going to jump me or something," Seagraves said.

Seagraves made sure his friends were all right and then went into Becton to call

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Council attempts to change requirements

The university's writing requirements could be amended.

LEA DELICIO
Assistant News Editor

With the hopes of better-preparing N.C. State students for the professional world, the Council on Undergraduate Education is looking to refine the current writing and speaking requirements throughout the university.

According to John Dutton, chair of the Council on Undergraduate Education, attempts are currently being made to tailor present requirements to fit the needs of individual departments.

Formerly, general education requirements stated that students were required to take ENG 111 and 112, as well as one semester of an "Advanced Writing, Speech, or Foreign Language" course. A further requirement stated that students would write one major paper in "every curriculum in both the junior and senior years." The feeling by members was that students needed to know how to write for any profession they were looking to pursue.

"There isn't a field where writing isn't important," Dutton said.

Mike Carter, the faculty writing consultant, said the University Council on Academic Policy and Procedure (UCAPP) reviewed this policy and decided the major

paper requirement was too specific. A change in the wording was made, effective this fall, requiring that upper-division courses instead must "incorporate more writing and speaking experiences" in their format. This definition is very broad, said Carter.

"It's simply not appropriate in every major to be writing major papers," Carter said.

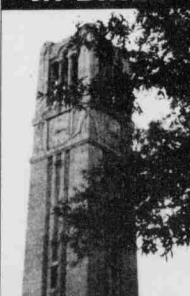
Carter worked with Nancy Penrose and Carolyn Miller, both members of the English department, to make a more specific version of the "writing and speaking experiences" part of the requirements.

On Sept. 2, Penrose, Miller and Carter sent a draft to Dutton and the Council on Undergraduate Education in which they suggested students take two courses with "significant writing and speaking components" within their major, preferably in the students' junior and senior years. The student's department will designate the courses.

Carter said nothing is definite at this point, but a five-year plan has been proposed. Under this plan, the Council on Undergraduate Education will work closely with two colleges per year to devise a program that incorporates the writing and speaking requirements in the best possible way into each college.

"This is going to be a very gradual process," Carter said.

Wednesday IN BRIEF



Author John Barry to speak at NSCU

John Barry, author of "Rising Tide and The Ambition and the Power," will speak at N.C. State on Monday, Nov. 3, at 3 p.m. in the Faculty Senate Chambers of D.H. Hill Library.

The NCSU Friends of the Library and the UNC-Chapel Hill Friends of the Library are co-hosting the lecture, which is free and open to the public. The hour-long program will close with a book signing and reception.

"Rising Tide: The Great Mississippi Flood of 1927 and How It Changed America" is the epic story of one of this country's greatest natural disasters. It transformed part of the country physically, and it had a major cultural and political impact on the entire nation. As the Washington editor of Dun's Review, Barry covered national politics. He has also written for the New York Times Magazine, Esquire, Newsweek, the Washington Post and Sports Illustrated.

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For more information, contact David Shafer, director of Graduate Fellowship Programs, at 515-4462 or via e-mail at David_Shafer@ncsu.edu.

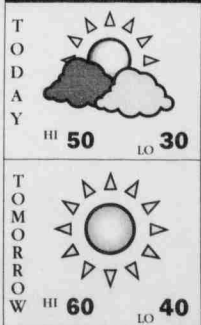
Luckadoo, Miller named to new posts

Alexander Miller of Raleigh, director of the University Scholars Program at N.C. State, has been promoted to associate to the vice chancellor for arts programs and director of the scholars program.

Timothy Luckadoo of Cary, director of housing at NCSU, has been promoted to associate to the vice chancellor for housing and Greek life. His expanded responsibilities will include overseeing NCSU's fraternities and sororities as well as its residence halls.

Miller and Luckadoo's appointments came as part of a reorganization in NCSU's Division of Student Affairs this summer. The reorganization also resulted in moving the university's department of physical education, formerly part of the College of Humanities and Social Sciences, into the Division of Student Affairs.

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Crime

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Public Safety, Sims said. While Seagraves was inside, Sims and Froelich studied the Sunbird, noting its make and license plate number.

The Sunbird then left the scene of the alleged incident. Ten minutes later, Public Safety arrived and questioned the six students, Sims said.

After questioning the students, Public Safety Lieutenant M.L. Moody radioed all Public Safety officers, telling them to be on the lookout for a red Firebird bearing the plate number Sims and Froelich had given him.

About 20 minutes later, two of the four occupants of the Sunbird were caught as they allegedly attempted to break into a car on Hargett Street. The Raleigh police officers who took them into custody said

one of the Sunbird's tires was flat. The two occupants were trying to steal the tools necessary to fix the tire, a Public Safety crime report stated.

The two occupants, Pretty and Tafirenyika, were immediately charged with breaking and entering a motor vehicle, the report stated. Moody then arrived on the scene, bringing the six students who were reportedly assaulted with him.

The six students identified Pretty and Tafirenyika as the driver and front-seat passenger of the Sunbird that was used to assault them. With that information, Moody charged Pretty and Tafirenyika with assault with a deadly weapon and simple assault.

Pretty and Tafirenyika were then taken to the Wake County Public Safety Center.

The other two Sunbird occupants, a black male named Damian Clifford and a black female identified in the Public Safety report only as "Von" were still at large at press time.

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sufficiency. "The activities that college students typically do don't really impress me too much. They channel their rebellion into ways which are very acceptable," Turk said. "We spend most of our lives believing things about ourselves that make us feel good and then find out the hard way that they aren't true."

Turk said that people would be happier if they tried to break down all of these falsehoods. "It's damn hard work finding out that you aren't who you thought you were," said Turk.

Turk will be the SKS guest lecturer on Thursday, October 23 in Room 240 Nelson Hall. The lecture will begin at 8 p.m.

Trustees

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student's final appeal would limit a student's right to a fair hearing. The board should be a safeguard, said Monahan.

The trustees are able to review cases of academic misconduct, grades and admissions, said Monahan. They can only hear appeals on the basis of procedural flaws, insufficiency of evidence or misinterpretation of policy.

Many faculty members feel the board exceeded its authority by retrying the case in question, said Monahan.

Vice Chancellor Tom Stafford, however, does not share such a viewpoint.

"The Board of Trustees did not exceed their authority," Stafford told the senators. "They did not find there was sufficient evidence [for a conviction]."

The trustees are willing to discuss the case with faculty, Stafford said. But he said certain details must remain confidential by law.

A trustee met with senators Monday to discuss the case. A small committee delegated by the board made the decision in the academic misconduct case, said George Wahl Jr., chairman of the senate.

The trustees are willing to discuss procedural changes to ensure that the entire group of trustees oversees

future cases, said Wahl.

The Senate Governance Committee will revise the resolution by the next faculty meeting. They will decide whether to attempt a proposal for the board to take to the N.C. Board of Governors asking them to re-delegate the authority to hear appeals or to re-work the current resolution.

The case in question is that of two students accused of cheating last year by NCSU professor Jerome Perry. One student took a guilty verdict, but the second student appealed the ruling of the student judicial system. After Chancellor Larry Monteith upheld the guilty verdict, the student appealed to the trustees, who overturned the charges.

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Playing Catch-up

COMMENTARY

K. Gaffney

Was the 0-0 score that lit up the scoreboard for all but 55 seconds of the first half of the Georgia Tech/Florida State match-up this past weekend just another sign that the Atlantic Coast Conference is finally ready to play with the Seminoles?

The Seminoles have dominated the conference football standings since their insertion in the league in 1990.

When former ACC commissioner Gene Corrigan engineered the move, his intention, as obvious to the world, was to raise the credibility of the Atlantic Coast Conference as a football conference.

A longtime basketball powerhouse on both the men and the women's side, the reputations that N.C. State, Duke and UNC-Chapel Hill had on the hardwood just wasn't reciprocated on Saturday afternoons.

So the addition of Bobby Bowden to the fraternity of great ACC coaches like Dean Smith, Kay Yow, Debbie Ryan and Mike Krzyzewski was natural and befitting.

Since 1990, the Seminoles have been the premier football team in the conference. This season, however, has been different.

Much of the national attention to the Saturday afternoon classics has been given to the 'Heels down the road in Chapel Hill.

Not that the Noles' aren't up to their antics, but that for the first time, there is a new story sprouting from the ACC football programs. The local media needs a fresh face, and unfortunately for the rest of the world, it has to be the boys in baby blue.

However, anyone without a degree from Chapel Hill can see that the foot of change doesn't just get stuck in tar.

Clemson and Virginia made Bowl games last season, and Georgia Tech has crept back into the rankings.

But just as the first half ended in the momentum that carried FSU to a blowout win and a perfect 6-0 record, teams should be weary of getting too confident against Bowden's Boys.

The Yellow Jackets weren't feeling nearly as good after 60 minutes as they were after 30.

And while both FSU and ACC football have benefited from the move, the Noles' have paid for it in other arenas.

Mainly women's sports. Funny how all of the FSU alumni go into liberation when women's basketball season rolls around.

Since joining the conference, the lady Seminoles have had just one winning basketball season and only two in which they have won more than 10 games overall, let alone in the ACC.

Florida State's last ACC regular season win dates back to a late season match-up with Carolina in the 1995-96 season, a season in which FSU beat just two conference opponents.

Not to say that the Seminole men haven't had much luck on the hardwood either, although I do find it amusing that Charlie Ward is with the Knicks.

And basketball isn't the only sport for which the ACC is known. The soccer in the ACC is among the tops in the nation.

This year's FSU women's soccer team is 0-6, and the Lady Noles' have just two wins since the beginning of the 1996 season.

And the men's team: It's non-existent.

To give credit where it is due, the women's volleyball program at FSU has made a name for itself in the conference. But, please keep in

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Some Wolfpack fans had some fun with the Tar Heels at Saturday's UNC/State football game.

Aiming for success



Abdul Alzindani (second from right) took first in the Wolfpack Invitational.

Abdul Alzindani is fulfilling the expectations success has brought.

JONATHAN NOEL
Staff Writer

For many runners, coming to a school renowned for its cross country prowess such as N.C. State might be quite intimidating.

But when you're Abdul Alzindani and you've won the Foot Locker national cross country championship, competed in the Junior World Cross Country meet and carried the Olympic torch, little will scare you.

In his second year with the Wolfpack, Alzindani has continued to impress, playing a major role on a team who has been defeated only once this year to a strong Michigan State team.

Alzindani began the season with an impressive win at the Wolfpack Invitational, leading a Pack shoutout, and followed that up with a 6th place finish in the Paul Short Invitation in Pennsylvania.

In his freshman year at NCSU, Alzindani got off to an impressive start, with top 10 finishes in his first four races, including a sixth place finish at the Atlantic Coast Conference Championships, which earned him All-ACC honors.

A hip injury slowed him down at the district and national meets last year, but Alzindani quickly rebounded at the world qualifying race and made the world team, which traveled to Turin, Italy for the Junior World Cross Country Championships.

He turned in an excellent performance, finishing as the top American in an intense race.

"I credit that to coach (Rollie) Geiger," Alzindani said. "After NCAAs, I was really down."

Another important influence in Alzindani's running was Steve Schell, a fellow runner at Fordson High School in Dearborn, Michigan, where Abdul grew up.

"I would definitely credit him for where I am right now. He had an influence on me, just the way he did things, the way he approached running. He knew he had to work hard to get anywhere," Alzindani said. "It was that kind of attitude that kept me going."

Schell runs for Michigan State and was critical of bringing the Spartans to victory at Lehigh when he and Alzindani raced against each other in different uniforms for the first time.

Although running came naturally to

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Wolfpack Notes

Women's soccer prepares for William and Mary; cross country remains ranked.

Sports Staff Report

N.C. State women's soccer team readies for William and Mary.

The N.C. State women's soccer team will look to improve to 8-10 overall with a win over William and Mary today.

The Pack takes on W&M at 3 p.m. at Method Road Soccer Stadium.

State lost to UNC-Chapel Hill in their last outing, 6-0. Sunday's game with Maryland was rained out and rescheduled to Nov. 4.

State goalie Kat Mertz is fifth in the ACC with 51 saves, 750.

She is sixth in the conference with a 1.17

goals against average.

Cross country ranked in the Nation's Top 10.

The N.C. State men's cross country team is ranked at No. 8 in the nation in the Martin Surfacing NCAA Division I Men's Poll. The Pack is coming off of a win at this past weekend's N.C. Collegiate championships.

The Pack women are ranked No. 9 nationally in the FinishLynx NCAA Division I Women's Poll. This past weekend they won the N.C. Collegiate Championship with a score of 25.

Stanford's men and women are ranked No. 1 in both polls.

The Martin Surfacing NCAA Division I

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Wolfpack falls apart

N.C. State men's soccer gets stunned by Radford.

K. GAFFNEY
Sports Editor

Sometimes numbers don't mean anything. The N.C. State men's soccer team, ranked No. 8 in the nation, dropped yesterday's game against Radford, 4-1.

The two teams were scoreless for over 35 minutes in the first half.

The knot was broken with 10:24 left in the half, as State took a 1-0 advantage in a rather passive way.

The ball trickled into the Radford goal, while the players looked on. The goal was attributed to senior co-captain Pablo Mastroeni, with the assist from Oronde Ash.

Before the half ran out, the Highlanders evened the score.

State misplayed a ball on their defensive half of the field, and Brad Dalton picked it up, dribbled past State's last line of defense, and put in an easy shot after catching Pack keeper Daniel Alexander out of the goal.

State finished out the half with some strong scoring chances but no more goals.

"We had a lot of good chances to score, especially at the end of the first half," State coach George Tarantini said. "We just couldn't score, and if you can't score, you don't win."

Ten minutes into the second half, a shot from State midfielder Jeremy Balenger hit the cross bar, and minutes later, another ended up just wide of the left post.

Radford got on the board again with 18:39 left on the clock.

Senior midfielder Kevin Terne hooked a long shot from 30 yards out past Alexander.

Radford picked up two goals in the last six minutes of the game, obliterating what was left of the State attack.

"Radford obviously came here to win the game," Tarantini said.

"We just couldn't score, and if you can't score, you don't win."

—George Tarantini, Men's soccer coach

Two weekends ago, the then-ACC-leading Wolfpack was shut out against conference opponent Wake Forest.

State was also scoreless in a strong performance this past weekend at Duke. The Blue Devils were No. 4 in the nation, and the Pack played Duke even for 90 minutes.

State will have to bring its level of play



Jeremy Balenger fights with a Radford defender for control.

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Duke tops ACC list

Top nationally ranked match-ups have made the ACC men's soccer standings pretty interesting.

K. GAFFNEY
Sports Editor

The Atlantic Coast Conference is known to be a tough basketball conference, but the 1997 soccer standings have reaffirmed the ACC's claim on the title of the toughest soccer conference in the nation.

1. Duke Led by former Freshman of the Year Jay Heaps and 1997 Freshman of the Year candidate Ali Curtis, the Blue Devils have played one of the toughest schedules in NCAA soccer, and have compiled a glowing record of 12-2 overall and 4-1 in the conference.

Curtis and Heaps stand atop the ACC scoring leaders list with junior Josh Henderson backing up the effort in fourth. The three have a combined total of 75 points in the Blue Devils' first 12 games, for an average of better than five points per game from the three alone.

Keeper Atli Knutsson has the conference's second best goals-allowed average, and has posted six shutouts so far this season.

2. Maryland The Terrapins were ranked No. 2 in the nation before the Wolfpack knocked them off in late September.

Maryland has just two wins and one loss in

the conference, with only the Clemson Tigers left on their ACC schedule.

Andy Kirk holds the conference's best goals-against average, allowing just eight goals in over 949 minutes of action.

The Terps have allowed their opponents just nine goals in 11 games.

3. Virginia The perennial powerhouse in the conference, the Cavaliers have taken a back seat this year for the first time.

At 2-1-2, they will finish their conference schedule in the unfriendly confines of the Duke Soccer Stadium.

Speaking of the Blue Devils, Cavalier scorer Ben Olsen is the only thing keeping Duke from owning the top three spots in the conference's scoring leaders chart.

Olsen has 25 points in 12 games, with eight goals and nine assists.

Matt Leonard is second in the conference with nine goals.

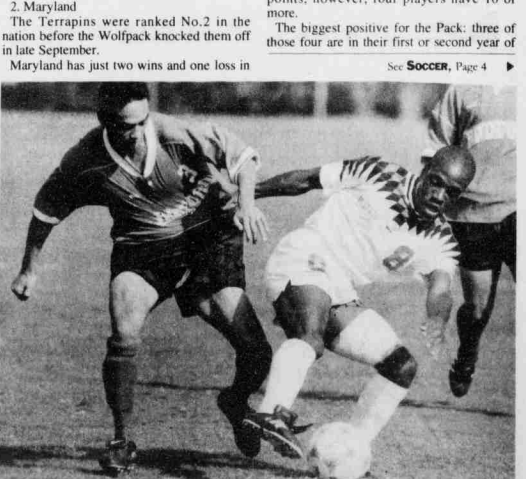
4. N.C. State The Pack had claim to the top spot after wins over Maryland, Clemson and Virginia, but has fallen to Wake Forest and Duke in the last two weekends.

The secret to State's success has been a veteran defense and a spread-out offense.

No one on the Pack roster has more than 13 points; however, four players have 10 or more.

The biggest positive for the Pack: three of those four are in their first or second year of

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Radford got the better of N.C. State in Tuesday's game, defeating the No. 8 Pack, 4-1.

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mind that this is still a school that has the power, or the guts at least, — and gets away with it. — In that sense, no matter how rough it may get supporting the Wolfpack football team, I hope we never catch up to Florida State. I hope we run over them.

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back up for their next outing, otherwise run the risk of a low seed in the ACC tournament and a lull in the morale that has kept the Pack alive this season.

State's Saturday match-up will pit them against the Tar Heels of North Carolina.

The Pack gained their lone win of the 1996 season against the Heels, and the game will be the final ACC game, as well as one of the final home games for the seven seniors that have been the backbone of Tarantini's 1997 squad.



Senior Co-captain Megan Jeidy and the Wolfpack women's soccer team prepare to face off against William and Mary today at 3 p.m. at Method Road Soccer Stadium.

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Men's Cross Country Poll is voted on by active division I coaches that are members of the U.S. Cross Country Coaches Association. The Finish Lynx Division I Women's Cross Country Poll voting is conducted by nine representatives of the Women's Intercollegiate Cross Coaches Association.

Discover Card sponsors Intramural-Recreational Sports Program.

This fall selected intramural sports will be sponsored by Discover Card. This is part of a nationwide program involving a hundred colleges and universities. Students participating in the selected sports will receive T-shirts, long sleeve shirts and sports bottles. There will also be applications for a "no annual fee" Discover Card available to participants. The sponsorship will be used to promote participation in the Intramural-Recreational Sports program.

Collegiate Aquatics Sports championships to be held.

N.C. State will compete in the first ever Collegiate Aquatics Sports championships to be held in Fort Lauderdale on October 24 and 25. The championships will include eight of the best swimming programs in the country. Among those competing will be division I champions Auburn, the University of Pittsburgh, Florida State, University of Alabama and Notre Dame.

Triangle Curling Club open house.

The Triangle Curling Club is hosting an open house on Saturday, October 25th. The open house will take place at the Cary Ice House from 3:30 to 6:00 p.m. The Ice House is located at 1410 Buck Jones Road in Cary.

You can contact the sports staff at sports@sma.sca.ncsu.edu

Success

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Alzindani, his success was the result of hard work. The success, particularly in winning Foot Locker, forced Alzindani to work even harder.

"It did make me work me a lot harder after that, knowing that you won, and you can keep working at the level you did because I went from being a good freshman to winning nationals my senior year," Alzindani said. The attention and notoriety that winning Foot Locker brought Alzindani made it a necessary for him to show up for every race. "My outlook changed a lot more towards working hard," Alzindani said. "I knew after I won, I would have to work a lot harder to keep that going because I know now that every race I go into because people will want to beat you. That was true every race I went to. People wanted to beat me because I won nationals."

Abdul welcomes the pressure that comes from the prominence, viewing it as a chance to work a little harder, knowing that people

will expect more out of him. "Pressure-wise, I probably put more pressure on myself than other people do," Alzindani said. "I think that's a key to being good." Alzindani's goals are high, but he believes they are within reach. "Individually, I really want to make All-American; that's something I've always wanted," Alzindani said. "That's just another step to where I want to be, and that's hopefully winning NCAA's. If you improve a little bit at a time, you can get to that point where you want to get to."

After making the world team in 1997, Alzindani wants to make as many world teams as he can and plans to continue running competitively after college. After another impressive win this weekend at the North Carolina Collegiate Championships in which the Pack claimed the first eight positions, much will be expected of the team as the season progresses to the bigger district and national meets.

Alzindani hopes for at least a top five-team finish at nationals, which will be held in nearby Greenville, South Carolina. Look for him and the Pack to come up big in their hunt for success.

Soccer

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eligibility.

5. Clemson

The Tigers, at 1-2-1 in the conference, are a tougher team than their conference record shows.

Clemson has been beaten by State and Duke and most recently tied Virginia, 1-1.

After beating UNC-Chapel Hill, the Tigers have just Wake Forest left on their conference schedule.

All-ACC keeper Matt Jordan has the third-best save percentage in the conference at .816. Jordan stands behind only State's Dan Alexander and Wake's Sean Conner.

6. Wake Forest

The Demon Deacons picked their

lone conference win over the Pack two weekends ago.

Keeper Sean Conner is among the top three in the conference in save percentage, goals allowed and shutouts.

Wake's season could go either way, as the Deacs have three more ACC match-ups to play.

7. UNC-Chapel Hill

One of the few lists in which you will find the Tar Heels at the bottom.

Carolina is winless against ACC opponents, standing at 0-4, and are just 4-10 overall.

The Heels also have the only negative scoring margin in the conference, after allowing 22 goals and scoring just 21.

Senior Carey Talley is seventh in individual scoring, with 17 points in 12 games, but apparently isn't getting much help from his teammates.

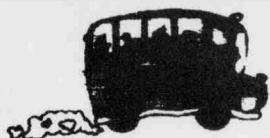
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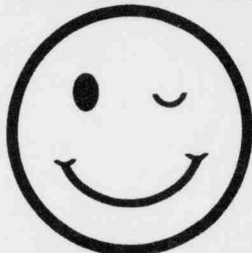


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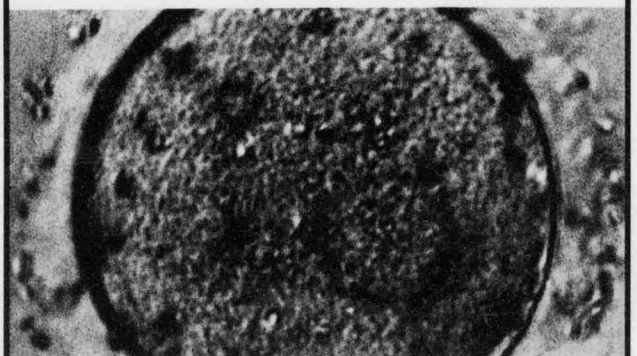
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The N.C. State Fair tradition comes to Raleigh



■ The N.C. State Fair: the tradition unfurled.

KELLY MARKS
Fair Correspondent

Ah, the N.C. State Fair ... the whiff of the rides, the sight and sounds, the enticing smell of cotton candy, funnel cakes, bloomin' onions and livestock. For the new fair enthusiast or the faithful fanatic, the N.C. State Fair is a welcomed week of blissful chaos and excitement.

But for those new to the area, all of the hub-bub and rig-a-moll can be a bit confusing. "What's the big deal?" they ask, only to have some half-crazed fair zealot pounce on them like paralyzed prey. "The big deal?!!!" The big deal?!!? It's the N.C. State Fair — that's the big deal!!" The infuriated devotee then storms off in a huff, leaving the curious bystander no wiser than before. Thus, for the sake of the uninitiated out there, let me attempt to expound upon the N.C. State Fair.

For some 130 years, the N.C. State Fair has served as a tribute to North Carolina's number one industry — agriculture. Over 20,000 exhibits pay tribute to every fruit, vegetable, or barnyard creature raised in this state, as well as the farm machinery used to aid in the process. However, along with the livestock, there's a lot of liveliness as well, surfacing in the forms of food, rides, games

of chance, sideshows, and other spectacles and spectacular sights.

The N.C. State Fair holds a special place in my heart because it allows people to step out of their daily grind and into a world that's full of fun. The regular rules of the universe no longer apply. The fair is the only place where it's okay that all you eat for dinner is a red candy apple, some fudge and chicken on a stick. In fair world, those are the major elements of the nutritional pyramid. Where else do you find people that are only too happy to lug around three-foot-tall blue and green lobsters? In fair world, all of the aquatic life of the sea is stuffed, smiling, and yours for the fifteen dollars it takes to finally win it. And where else can a guy sport a Dr. Seuss hat and be considered fashionable and trendy? Only in fair world, believe me.

The fair is a veritable hodge-podge of sensory delights. You can walk upright, or pay good money to be flung around upside down for two minutes. For another small monetary fee, one can gaze upon all the many wonders of the world, from the conjoined fetuses of every type of farm animal to whatever's being billed as the smallest or largest thing on the planet this year. Every exquisite cuisine that's been processed, spun, or that comes on a stick is available for consumption at only a fraction of the cost of normal food. Sure, that fraction might be 6/4 or 10/7, but remember the important part — it comes



HOPE TERADA/STAFF
Top: Put your hands in the air. Rides are a part of the thrill at this year's state fair.

Right: Facepainting, caricature, fake tattoo and jewelry booths line the midway at the fair.



on a stick. There all sorts of excitements to be had at the State Fair, just remember to bring your wallet and don't forget that several ATM machines have been scattered throughout the park for your financial convenience. And believe me, the fun is well worth the money, just make sure you check out the free stuff as well.

By free stuff, I'm addressing a whole other sort of sensory experience. Another nice thing about the fair is that some of the best sights to see aren't the ones on display. For the avid people-watcher, the fair provides a crowd of eclectic and diverse quarry — I mean, it's not every day that one sees so many leather wearers interacting with moms in applied sweatshirts and ultra-preened middle-school kids just let loose on their own. Plus, there's just something



HOPE TERADA/STAFF
Fairgoers enjoy a snack.

about seeing the awe-struck faces of little kids being pushed around in strollers that look like cars that just touches a part of me deep inside. The State Fair is a time-honored tradition and rightly so. It can be a bit gaudy, a bit cheesy, and pretty darn expensive, but it's an experience that everyone should partake of at least once. If and when you go, just know that there's an 83.9 percent chance that afterwards you'll become one of those crazed fair-addicts too.



HOPE TERADA/STAFF
This fairgoer just won a fish. Fish were among the live prizes on the midway.

State Fair Stats:

When: The North Carolina State Fair will run from this Wednesday, Oct. 22, through Sunday, Oct. 26. Hours are 9 a.m. to midnight for the fairgrounds, 10 a.m. to 9:45 p.m. for the Midway.

Cost: Admission is \$6 for adults, \$1 for children ages 6 to 12, and free for children under the age of 6 or adults over the age of 65. Ride tickets are \$7.5 each or 20 for \$15. The rides take anywhere from two to seven tickets, with the average ride requiring four.

Parking: Parking is free, but limited, in the fair lots. Arrive early to get the best parking.

Concert Lineup:
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New State Fair exhibition may disappoint

■ The Cyber Space has a way to go before it achieves the distinction of a major fair attraction.

STEPHAN BULLOCK
Fair Correspondent

The most disappointing part of the N.C. State Fair for me was the Cyber Space. I should have known better, after seeing it last year, but the hype was that it was much improved. I made the mistake of listening to that hype.

Last year was my first year attending the N.C. State Fair, and it was huge. I thought it

was the best thing since sliced bread. And I was expecting the same epic proportions of the cyberspace exhibit. I was thinking World's Fair and what I got was little more than county fair.

This isn't to say that the tent doesn't have its redeeming qualities; rather, don't go expecting to spend your whole day there because you will be disappointed. The Cyber Space is a good place to get out of the rain (or sun as the case may be), but, with the exception of a couple of excellent exhibits, it is mostly a trade show for any company with a home page.

IBM was there as well as

Microsoft and a local bank hoping to open a few new accounts. IBM did have a couple of really cool flat screen monitors, but the IBM representative's main goal was still to sell computers.

One thing that was really disappointing was the local area network display. Most of the hardware was there, but it was completely non-functional. Anyone who understands a LAN would say the same thing I did—"how cheesy!" It would have been much more impressive if it had been up and running.

Video conferencing was the big attraction for kids in the

Cyber Space tent. They seemed to be having a great time talking to the people on the other end of the connection. This is a nice concept, but my idea of fun is not sitting in front of a video camera speaking to an unseen audience. Besides, video conferencing sounds way too much like work for a soon-to-be graduate to enjoy.

What did impress me was the N.C. State Cooperative Extension Service precision farming exhibit. The people from the Co-op Service had a tractor equipped with everything you would need in a luxury car. It came complete with laptop computer and

cellular phone. Two big screen televisions were also included in the exhibit and, along with a sound system, described a day in the life of the future farmer. It was very interesting (even though I will never ride a tractor and can't imagine a farmer in the middle of his cornfield needing to surf the net).

NASA also made its presence known. With a Mars Pathfinder and proposed space buses, the NASA exhibit was worth spending some time on. NASA representatives informed and entertained all comers with 3-

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The sideshows at the fair -- freaks can be fun!

■ The low-down scoop on sideshows: freaks and frauds revealed.

CHRISTINE OLDHAM
Fair Correspondent

Always the professional, I strode in the State Fair with only one goal in mind: get as much free stuff as possible. The reason this was my goal? My mission was to investigate all the sideshows I had been too cheap to spend my money on in years past.

So, I strolled confidently through the gate ... this was remarkable feat, considering my fellow state-fair-goer and I had been bogged, nay, almost sucked in by the mud they call the parking lot. I know this was not their fault, but since I almost never got into the fair due to this quagmire of mud, I feel justified in complaining.

So, getting back to the story ... I strolled confidently through the gate. Okay, that's not really true. I had every right to stroll through the gate confidently, but I wasn't sure they would let me. Not a very auspicious beginning when my entire goal was to see what I could get for free. (And to check out the sideshows ... but only after eating everything I could get my hands on and riding every ride.)

The first sideshow exhibit I hit was "The World's Smallest Horse." It sounded intriguing and I had plenty of money since I had only been at the fair for about five minutes. (I know that some of you find that amazing, but anyway.) It was just one of many specials for the day, with peeks going for a mere quarter. This possibly may have been because there was another "world's smallest horse" on the other side of the fair. (Maybe

they're twins.) I fished a quarter out of my pocket and went into to see the tiny powerhouse of wonder.

Now, if you're like me, you're expecting a horse that's in there, running around in the hay, neighing, and all that good horse stuff. But you expect it to be the size of, say, a Barbie doll horse. Just not as plastic looking.

I was sorely disappointed, but for all of you out there who are thinking, "Hal Sucker! What did she expect?" I can only say that my hopes were high. Now, if you don't want to know what the horse looked like, stop reading now and skip to the next paragraph. Okay, you better stop ... here it comes! The horse was just a miniature pony about two feet high, three feet long ... nothing really exciting. It was kind of smelly, too. What added injury to insult, though, was the fact that when you're

walking along the back roads at the fair, you can see those same horses for free, corralled and eating grass. (Next year, I'll save my quarter and do just that.)

So, we trucked onward, and next came to the booth proclaiming the giant woman, two-headed animals, blah, blah, blah. The majority of these were pictures and obvious fakes. But, entertaining nonetheless.

Then I took a break to ride the "Rainbow," always a favorite of mine, and managed a sneak peek at the giant rat that was within view. I didn't get a really good look, though, because I kept going back up before I could focus my eyes beyond noticing that it was definitely, yes ... a shadow. When we got off the ride and stumbled over to the booth, they wouldn't let me in free. (But I decided that was okay because I suckered

them this time — technically, I had already seen it.)

I did get to see the snake lady, though. I was able to get in free and what made it even better than that was the fact that the snake lady would talk to you. She was 26 (she said) and looked really bored. They should have cleaned the mirrors reflecting the "space" under her table though and I would have been much easier to convince. (Believe me, it doesn't take much.)

Wandering along, we next came to the biggest horse and the biggest steer. The biggest horse was "two and a half tons." Now, last time I checked, there were two and a half tons in 4,500 pounds. Yet, the sign said the horse was something like 1,000 pounds. Hmm ... even I can do the math on that one! And the biggest steer was 10,000 hamburgers on the

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Dairyo was sent before him. Bankei learned that according to his age and position he should eat only fresh miso. So he said to the cook, "Then you think I shouldn't eat at all." With this he entered his room and locked the door.

Dairyo, sitting outside the door, asked his teacher's pardon. Bankei would not answer. For seven days Dairyo sat outside and Bankei within.

Finally in desperation an adherent called loudly to Bankei: "You may be alright, old teacher, but this young disciple here has to eat. He cannot go without food forever!"

At that Bankei opened the door. He was smiling. He told Dairyo: "I insist on eating the same food as my followers. When you become the teacher I do not want you to forget this."

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New ride at fair is a thrill machine

The N.C. State Fair's new ride takes fairgoers for a loop.

JAMES CURLE
Fair Correspondent

All right, I'll admit it. I had heard all the hype about Top Spin, the State Fair's newest and most exciting ride, and I had taken it all in with a grain of salt. The various columns, stories and feature photos run in The News & Observer made this out to be the mother of all stomach-churners, in which ride times had to be cut shorter to prevent the alarming number of vomiting incidents.

Cool. But would it stand up to the rigorous "CurlyFry" stamp of approval? That remained to be seen. But the time would come when the Top Spin would be put through her paces and the moment of truth would arrive.

The time of reckoning would come Monday night.

I rode to the fair with a friend who had to pull a shift at the WRAL booth (which had this ultra-cool display on High Definition TV), but

I was eager to ditch her (sorry D.) to get my hands on this attraction. Despite the hype, however, I was still a bit skeptical of ye olde Top Spin since I had handled big-time rides before without experiencing so much as a whimper. As I made my way through the crowds of Kiwanis Club members and overly made-up junior high girls, I came across it. Standing well over four stories tall (though I'm not good with distances. It could've been 1,000 feet tall and I wouldn't know it), it takes a few seconds to take in all that is Top Spin.

The crowd gathered around the base of Top Spin was quite big; in fact, I recorded several cigarette burns (again, the junior high girls) and spilt drinks on my shoes while waiting in line. After a few go-rounds, the time came for me to board this steel beast and see what she had in her.

If you haven't ridden it yet, a word of caution to the guys: Make sure you're situated "strategically," if you know what I mean, before the ride starts. Those restraining bars are a snug fit, and if you aren't in just right, the ride might be scarier for you, umm, than for the

girl next to you. I tried to play it cool and hop right in — don't do it, Period.

I'm not kidding. After a bit of squirming, I got reasonably adjusted and the ride began as the music kicked in and the oversized chairlift took off.

In addition to rotating in one direction, the chair acted independently of the rotating arms for added thrills. The skill of the ride operator came into play here, and I have to admit he was well adept at Top Spinning (I guess they don't let just anybody sit in that chair).

After a couple of nerve-racking minutes, the ride came to a close and the mass of nauseous fairgoers stepped off the platform and back into the crowd.

My impressions? Overall, a B+. It definitely has its fair share of thrills and is most likely the most exciting ride at the fair.

But did it scare the living beegous out of me? Not quite. And for seven tickets, at 75 cents apiece, it's quite pricey. But it is a definite must-ride, at least once while you're at the fair. Just don't eat beforehand.

I scream, you scream, we all scream for N.C. State ice cream!

While you're at the fair, visit the NCSU Dairy Bar. NCSU's own Food Science Club sells the tastiest ice cream around, all produced in the dairy plant here in Schaub Hall. Profits from all sales go to support the club's activities, including scholarships, professional association memberships, community outreach and other activities. Fifty NCSU students come out to set-up, scoop and serve. So show your support!

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hoof...that's some mighty tasty eating, but I bet it's all tough and stringy after being carted around everywhere in the country. These were just really big animals, but no more exciting than the emu and ostrich burgers.

I skipped the wax museum, even though there was a picture of Kramer from "Seinfeld" on the outside. It was decided that, to quote my friend, "The likenesses on the outside aren't that good. How good can they be on the inside?" I conceded the point and moved on.

There's also the midget lady in her tiny house, and various other

exhibits that I can't remember ... they all run together in this mind-whirling mass. Of course, that might just be the effect of a couple of pounds of food and three consecutive rides.

So, are sideshows as freaky as their signs purport them to be? Yes and no. A lot depends on how much you just like doing stupid stuff like running in and having your expectations dashed. Or how much you like being able to tell everyone you're with, "Humph. I know how they did that one." Just don't ruin it for the rest of us, though, who actually like staring at these freakish things. Truthfully, though, we could just save our money and check out the people walking around the fair. I guess that there's just something about forking over your tickets that makes it way more

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Editorials

Drinking affects GPA

Alcohol consumption endangers your GPA.

Alcohol — no matter what students think about it, it has negative impacts and effects on our everyday lives. Not only does alcohol impair thinking, it slowly destroys drinker's bodies. Alcohol has been known as a slow suicide drug. It destroys your liver, kidneys and other important bodily organs.

Alcohol also affects people's ability to perform and achieve. A recent study at N.C. State concluded that students who drink had lower grade point averages than those who do not. Alcohol alters your thinking pattern, and does not allow you to make wise and moral decisions that you would have before being under the influence.

Thousands of college students drink. Those who drink at night really begin to feel the effects in the morning. Being hung-over can ruin your performance at school throughout the day. There go those grades you so desperately need. And whenever students' grades go down, the school's reputation goes with it.

Each semester, students' grades are accounted for. Whenever there are thousands of students whose grades are on the failing margin or several who have completely

flunked out, the school is held accountable for it. Partying all night, not only makes you feel bad, but in the long run, makes your professors and eventually the school look bad.

Many students may be out partying and drinking the night before their major exam, thus producing lower grades and GPAs. When student's grades go down, someone is questioned: the school, professors, student or parent. This leads to a lot of chaos and confusion. A great buzz off some alcoholic beverage isn't worth the trouble you'll get into afterwards.

While some students feel like drinking is just part of the college scene, several of these same people are being kicked out of this scene. Each semester students will be expelled due to the degradation of their academic grades, no longer allowing them to experience the college life.

To those who can drink and keep up their grades, your drinking will eventually catch up. Numerous medical studies show that alcohol will affect you later on in life.

You have a responsibility to yourself to learn all you can in college. Drinking alcohol may be a part of your learning experience here, but don't over do it. Too much alcohol is dangerous — not only to your GPA but your mental and physical health as well.



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Legalization of drugs?

Steven LeBoeuf - Pro

STEVEN F. LEBOEUF
Staff Columnist

According to Webster's Ninth New Collegiate Dictionary, a narcotic is defined as something that "...ing moderate doses dulls the senses, relieves pain, and induces profound sleep but in excessive doses causes stupor, coma, or convulsions." (That sounds like eating at Pizza Inn to me.)

We would all agree that pot, crack, heroine, etc. can be labeled as drugs. But what about soft drinks, coffee, tobacco, chocolate, pizza buffets and sex? All of these things identify with the definition above and therefore can be labeled as drugs. So, in effect, we're all druggies... welcome to the club.

Somewhere along the line, someone made the mistake of labeling some drugs as "bad" and others as "OK." I will explore four arguments against the legalization of drugs and shoot them down one by one. **Argument number one:** Drugs cause crime. Drugs cannot directly affect anyone who does not use them. Drugs can only kill when a sentient entity, such as a human being, abuses them. Most people aren't scared of drugs; rather, they are scared of the crimes associated with drug use.

But why is it that narcotics and crime walk hand-in-hand in this country? The answer, ironically, is because drugs are illegal. You see, when the government makes certain products illegal to produce or sell, it forces honest Americans out of the market and opens up a high-risk, high-profit monopoly for gangsters.

Gangsters are more willing to trample on the rights of others to get their way, but since gangsters are the only people willing to supply a definite need, these violent racketeers get the monopoly. Furthermore, since gangsters risk getting busted at any time, it is more expedient for them to kill off anyone who is a threat to "blowing their cover." The result? Lots of murders. On the other hand, if selling drugs was a legal business, getting busted would not be a threat; hence, no murders.

Coffee, for example, is one accepted drug in our society that many Americans cannot function without. And I wouldn't doubt that many people commit crimes while high on caffeine. Yet we never hear stories about murders due to "coffee deals gone bad." (Though I can promise you that I'd be the first to commit a violent crime if The Man made my coffee illegal.)

Matt Hamby - Con

MATT HAMBY
Staff Columnist

"We have lost the war on drugs!" the libertarians declare. "We are filling our jails with innocent people while murderers go free." or so goes the refrain. The basic argument is that because people are still using drugs after a war on them has been waged, we should simply raise the white flag and open our doors. The other argument is that addicts have to conduct all sorts of criminal acts and other dangerous activities in order to get their drugs. Thus, so the argument goes, if drugs are legal and cheap, there would be less criminal activity in the pursuit of drugs. There is only one problem with this argument: The whole thing is flat wrong!

From 1979-1994, marijuana users dropped from 23 million to 10 million, while cocaine users fell from 4.4 million to 1.4 million (from the U.S. Dept. of Health & Human Services National Drug Survey). Of course, these numbers have been rising, but we have a president who claimed to have smoked marijuana but "not inhaled" and, furthermore, admitted that he would try marijuana again if he had it to do all over. Then there is the fact that Clinton had virtually ignored the war on drugs until the 1996 elections.

There have been various proposals of how to handle the distribution of drugs under legalization. Some have proposed that they be sold in specially marked outlets similar to the ABC stores here in North Carolina. (Would you want one of these in your neighborhood?) Others have proposed that they simply be sold in ordinary retail outlets. "Like Wal-Mart!" Many would want the sale of drugs heavily regulated and taxed, yet the price kept low. Some have even proposed that free drugs would be provided for addicts "too poor to buy them."

A regulated situation would not get rid of the criminality of drugs. Many drug users who commit crimes were committing crimes before their drug use. The crime rate is always the highest where crack is cheapest. Drugs make the criminal more aggressive and unpredictable. Policemen have encountered the phenomenon of "super-criminals" where the perpetrator ingested PCP and could not be stopped by gunshot wounds. Such encounters would be more frequent with legalization.

Another argument for drug legalization is that drug

Co-op imparts research

Cooperative extension program at N.C. State may be threatened.

The co-op program. What's that, you say? If you are like many students, you most likely perceive it as going out in the work force, holding a job for a semester and then coming back to classes with an idea of what a career in the future will be like.

But there's a different definition to the co-op at N.C. State, and it may be endangered by the N.C. General Assembly, which will soon be reviewing it.

Cooperative extension essentially is NCSU's fulfillment of its land-grant status. There is a branch in every county in North Carolina, totaling 100 offices. These different branches put NCSU research and technology into the hands of county residents.

Not only does this make the university look good; it makes the university look exceptional. Taxpayers help to pay for NCSU. What better way to invest their money than in one of the best research universities around? If the people of the state can see what NCSU is doing without having to travel onto campus, their esteem for

the school can only be raised. But these branches do not act only as a public-relations machine for NCSU. They are helping to get research and ideas out there to everybody who needs and wants them. For example, if someone is looking for a better way of raising their corn crop, they can go to someone at NCSU cooperative extension office. They can offer the latest research and help that person apply the information to their crop.

This will help with corn production, benefiting everyone. While this may be a simple example, it illustrates what these programs can do in North Carolina. It also provides over 100 jobs to N.C. citizens.

The assembly will probably not do anything drastic to NCSU's program and, indeed, some changes may not be altogether bad — everything has to change with the times. The assembly needs to remember that without such a program, NCSU, a land grant university, would not be able to reach out to the state as well as it currently does. Cooperative extension brings the university to those people who need it most — the citizens of North Carolina.

These outdated ideas is ludicrous. I am an NCSU student. I date a Duke student and several of my friends are UNC-CH students. While athletic rivalry between the "big three" universities may be high, other interactions between them are usually more amiable. Most of us have little concern about athletics and thus enjoy each other's friendships and company. These three universities are some of the best in the nation. It is no coincidence that they are in the same metropolitan area, for they grow together.

This idea of Chapel Hill being the "San Francisco" of North Carolina is fine by me. Chapel Hill is very liberal, yes, but look where it has gotten them: the lowest unemployment rate in the state, as well as the best public schools in the Carolinas. What more could you want? The Triangle area as a whole is becoming one of the most liberal metro areas in the southeast, thanks to the "big three" universities. We are benefiting more and more from it every year, making this the best place to live in the South.

All I really have to say to Kellogg

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Can't we all just get along?

In response to Ryan Kellogg's attack of UNC-Chapel Hill in the Oct. 17 paper, I feel that an injustice has been done. I believe it was very irresponsible of Kellogg to use an issue of school athletic rivalry and turn it into a political soapbox. How dare you stereotype entire universities like that? You do not speak for all of N.C. State.

The idea that UNC-CH stands for liberal elitism while NCSU stands for the common man is pure bull! UNC-CH is not that much more liberal than NCSU, and the thought that they are elitist is ridiculous. This stereotype is no truer than the accusations that NCSU is a school full of uncouth rednecks. While UNC-CH has its liberals, so does NCSU. While NCSU has its rednecks, so does UNC-CH. To label an entire university based on

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Fostering new ideas

J. MILES LAYTON
Guest Columnist

What is wrong with today's universities? They have been described as a Club Med where students are given grades and faculty members fail to teach due to fearful popularity ratings. Why is academic, intellectual energy slipping into a coma?

This emerging culture of academic indifference is brought about by feelings of sheer boredom and powerlessness, which today's students have.

Often students have to take the same classes they took in high school. In order to get into college,

high school seniors are exposed to physical and life sciences, foreign languages, U.S. history, English and mathematics. In order to graduate with a college degree, students must take these courses again which would not make anyone enthusiastic, especially those paying exorbitant tuition out of their own pocket.

I understand that this knowledge is important, but to take it again? From a taxpayer standpoint, this means people are paying twice, once in high school and again in college, just so they can re-learn that Shakespeare was a great writer, or that the South lost the Civil War.

Let's take these boring classes a

step further. Some professors feel that students do not speak out in class due to some conformity theory. This flawed line of reasoning suggests that students, afraid of ridicule from their peers, do not challenge the professor by speaking out in class. As a result, the quality of scholarly thought is in decline in favor of pop culture.

Today's students are even more interested in the works and thoughts of the great thinkers. They want to know why more than their predecessors, precisely because pop culture is so devoid of answers. Belief in the state or organized

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is this. Don't mix up school athletic rivalry with your politics. The two do not belong together. Yes, we should have good school spirit and be proud of NCSU, but not at the expense of degrading other universities; that is poor use of school spirit.

Rob Ridings
Junior, Wildlife Science

Fraternities deserve praise

I am writing in response to Josh Whitaker's Oct. 8 column entitled, "Another one on fraternities." I find it humorous that a plea is made to the students of our university to "feel sorry" the next time they see someone on campus "who looks like they might be Greek," which is defined as "someone decked out in khakis, a well-worn hat and a T-shirt bearing beer bottles having sex." Curiously, as I look through my collection of Phi Delta Theta wear, I don't see any alcoholic beverages on my clothes. Non-Greeks are commended by the column for realizing that "hanging out with people of other races and economic classes is okay." I would encourage anyone who thinks this about fraternities to take a look at my chapter; we have men of widely

varying backgrounds, from places such as India, China, Ethiopia, Sweden, France, Israel, England, Italy and Korea. Every fraternity chapter is different. I can only speak for my own, but I would encourage those who criticize fraternities to look into what various chapters here at N.C. State are actually like before generalizing all of them.

The author of the column, like many students, cannot name a service project conducted by a fraternity chapter. The unfortunate truth is that the bad news is emphasized much more often than good news; therefore, when a fraternity does carry out a service project, it gets little, if any, attention. In addition to an Adopt-A-Highway project and the annual Les Robinson Celebrity Classic to benefit the Make-A-Wish Foundation, my fraternity participates in the many various service projects that take place in our community. We participate in the Crop Walk, tutoring students at Douglas Byrd Elementary School and hosting an annual Halloween service project with the Omega sorority—a great example of a fun, alcohol-free event that benefits the community. Again, I can only speak for my chapter, but perhaps there is actual truth in the columnist's sarcastic jolt that Greeks "are responsible for a certain number of events designed with solely the community's best interests in mind."

I take particular exception to the notion that I, in some sort of lonely desperation, "wanted some sort of

bond with others so badly, [I] cut a check for it" when I joined my fraternity. Perhaps it is not possible to describe what "brotherhood" means in my chapter. Perhaps it must be experienced to be understood. I chose to join Phi Delta Theta because I saw it as a group of young men who excelled in all areas of college life: academics, athletics, socially and even spiritually (we have a weekly Bible study that most of our brothers attend at some point during the year). I am confident that if I could not, for some reason, no longer pay my chapter dues, I would still remain friends with all of my brothers.

Further, alcohol is not a necessary element of brotherhood; there are several brothers in our chapter who choose not to drink and still are treated respectfully; also our chapter house has been alcohol free since June 1st of this year.

To use the column's words, but apply them to myself, I "find contentment in the fact that I am a true individual who did not need to buy a label to belong." While I am certainly happy about the friends I have made and the experiences I've had, I got along wonderfully well before I pledged, and I have ample friends outside the fraternity. I am not afraid to express my opinion on this or any other issue, even if it differs from that of my brothers or of the typical Greek—whatever that is.

Seth Whitaker
Sophomore, Chemical Engineering

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religion has drifted to the wayside and forced students to come up with their own answers and their own ways of thinking about the world.

If anything, we are afraid of letting our opinions known not because of the group around us but due to the professor. Often I have sat in classes and listened to these idiots profess the wildest, most irresponsible theories. If I challenge professor Fan Tasy, then I incur his wrath when it comes to grading. This is especially true when it comes to the liberal arts. It's not like math, where it is right or wrong. It is your interpretation against a teacher who makes his livelihood based on his interpretation. Often student ideas are prostrated to the higher mind.

From a pragmatic standpoint, why should anyone challenge any professor's idealistic, unrealistic notions whatever the subject? Is a bad or failing grade of a required course worth a few minutes of intellectual debate as to whether the Reagan era was demonic or that Shakespeare may not have ever written anything? Your opinion, right or more often wrong, is at the mercy of someone deciding your grade.

And why shouldn't students cheat? People don't cheat on things when it truly matters to them because they don't like being

labeled lazy, stupid or corrupt. Also, there is the pe'rlty of being caught, a major deterrent; however, this doesn't matter in the face of how a university works today. As students are getting nothing out of boring classes where they often have to repetitiously repeat the professor's dogma on the test, what is to stop them from putting nothing back into whence it came by cheating? Often this behavior is rewarded by peers who view this as a quiet strike against the administration.

If this isn't enough, think about a challenge to the administration. Taking on city hall is a walk in the park when compared to trying to change something on a campus where the rules are as old as those historic oaks, but bend even less in the wind. As the official voice to the administration and faculty, student government is powerless to intercede on the students' behalf. If students ask for change, administrations turn a blind eye. One only needs to look at some of the everyday problems students face to see why we feel powerless.

Plus/minus grading, exorbitant text book and tuition prices, and an abyss of signatures needed for the proper schedule or residence hall assignment breeds cynicism in even the most optimistic minds. At times, it seems the university is only there for the faculty or the administration.

I think the way to bring the intellectual energy back to the university is to elevate, empower and enfranchise the student. I believe today's students want to

learn. They want desperately to be challenged and taught something meaningful. This is not the '60s when students are dead set on taking hostages or burning flags. Today's students have had to progress beyond the "Animal House" mentality or risk their futures. Education is a sought after commodity, a necessary thing in order to get in the door of most employers.

We should merge the university community of faculty and students into one governing body. Power should be in the hands of those possessing knowledge, the faculty. This already exists, but what shouldn't exist is this power to make students second class citizens devoid of any right to an opinion. Would Socrates hold Plato in contempt and banish him from Athens if he disagreed?

I think the N.C. State Faculty Senate must change and admit students. I am not talking about changing the classroom dynamic of teacher/learner, but to enfranchise and empower students in the governance of a university so that they can actively take part. In the past few decades, corporate executives and labor leaders have made great strides towards achieving a better working relationship based on shared power and communication. Except for an occasional strike, the tense mood and nationwide strikes that characterized the first half of the century has evolved into a workplace where productivity has

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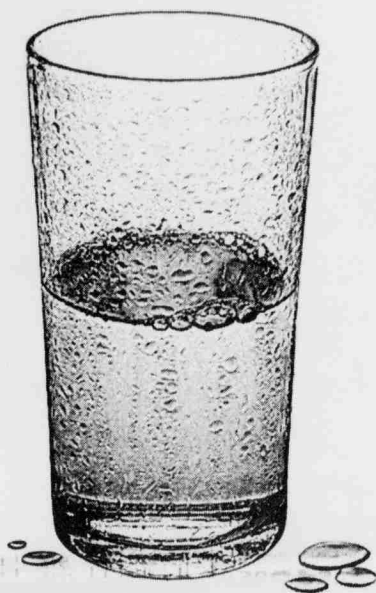
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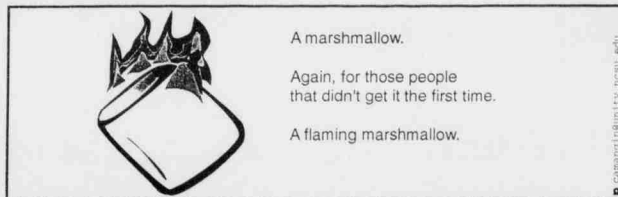
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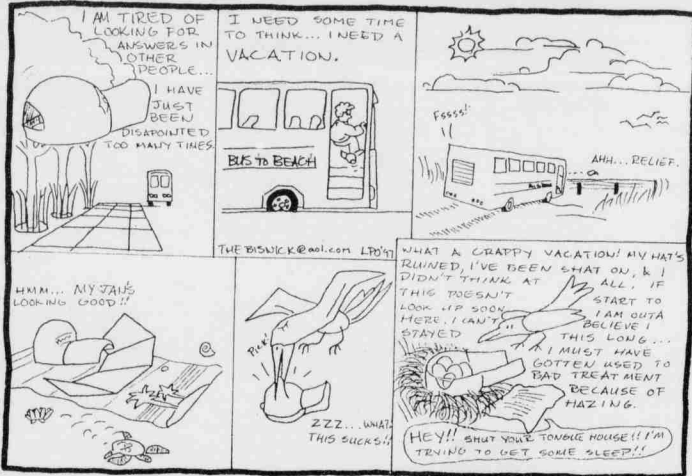
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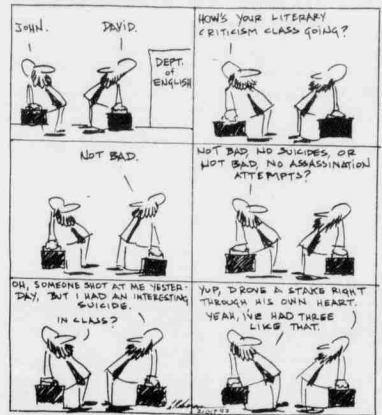
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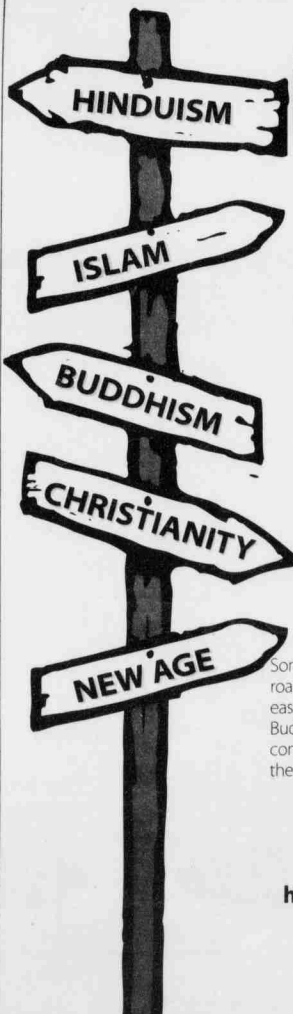
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Justice Department is under pressure

Opponents of Windows 98 fear that the bundled browser software will give Microsoft a monopoly-like hold over the Internet.

RAJIV CHANDRASEKARAN
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON - The Justice Department's move to challenge Microsoft Corp. this week appears to have been motivated by a fear that time is running out to mute the software giant's expansion in cyberspace.

Microsoft is scheduled to release early next year a new version of its Windows operating system that will include technology to browse the Internet. Critics fear this Windows 98 package, which will include Microsoft's Internet Explorer browser software, will quickly dominate the market because Windows is a near-monopoly product that is used on more than 85 percent of the world's personal computers.

The Justice Department's antitrust division, headed by Joel I. Klein, on Monday took its first step to head that off by asking a federal judge to find Microsoft in contempt of court for violating a 1995 agreement with the government. The department charged that the company has illegally forced PC manufacturers to distribute Internet Explorer with Windows.

"This is when the Internet is being defined, the digital marketplace is taking shape," said Jeffrey A. Eisenach, a former economist at the Federal Trade Commission who now heads the Progress and Freedom Foundation, a conservative think-tank in Washington. "If Justice wants to stop Microsoft, this is the time to act."

"The real war is in Windows 98," said Joe Sims, a former deputy assistant attorney general in the antitrust division, referring to Microsoft's new operating software. "This is just the opening salvo."

The spoils of dominating the market for browser software could

be massive, industry observers say. Having such a monopoly could allow a company to strike lucrative deals to steer users to particular retailers, entertainment services and online news programs, in addition to setting the course of future technological developments, they say.

Several legal specialists interviewed Tuesday said they view the department's contempt-of-court allegations as a kind of litmus test for confronting Microsoft. If the regulators are able to persuade a federal court that Microsoft acted improperly in making PC makers include Internet Explorer on every new computer equipped with Windows, they stand a better chance to counter Windows 98, the experts said.

"This certainly shapes up as a crucial test of the government's efforts to control dominant firms in high-tech industries," said William E. Kovacic, a law professor at George Mason University and a former FTC attorney.

Klein has refused to say specifically whether he is investigating Windows 98. He called it "a work in progress" and said "we are aware of it."

In an interview on Monday, he forcefully called Windows and Internet Explorer "two separate products" and said the department continues to have an "active, thorough and wide-ranging inquiry" into Microsoft.

Microsoft has vowed to vigorously fight the contempt allegations, saying the 1995 consent decree gave the company the right to innovate and extend Windows. Internet browsing, the company says, should be added to operating systems because computer users need to access an increasing amount of information from the global network.

Microsoft's chief lawyer, William H. Neukom, said in an interview Tuesday that the company had given the Justice Department documents indicating the company planned to add browsing features to

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The company, which produces the popular LifeStyles brand condoms, has received complaints that the condoms were breaking before their expiration dates.

JOHN SCHWARTZ
The Washington Post

A New Jersey company Tuesday announced it was recalling 57 million condoms - the largest such recall ever.

Ansell Personal Products of Eatontown, N.J., said that it had received consumer complaints that the condoms were breaking before their expiration dates, and asked users to return unused condoms in question for replacement.

"Although 57 million are subject to recall, it doesn't mean that 57 million are bad," said Sharon Snider of the Food and Drug Administration, which regulates condoms as medical devices.

The agency received just eight complaints of breakage. But the company could not predict which of the condoms, which were formulated with a specific vulcanizing agent, would be faulty. "To be prudent, they along with the FDA decided to recall all of the affected lots," Snider said. Since the condoms only deteriorated over time, they would have passed the FDA standards of proof of effectiveness at the time of manufacture, Snider said.

The flawed condoms, which tend

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Quayle shoots for presidency

The former vice-president is being portrayed as a changed man in his campaign for the year 2000 presidential election.

PAUL WEST
The Baltimore Sun

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. - Plenty of politicians are suddenly itching to overhaul the Internal Revenue Service. But Dan Quayle was for tax reform before tax reform was cool, as he is reminding audiences around the country these days.

Over pork barbecue, blackberry cobbler and pitchers of iced tea, he tells the Birmingham Rotary Club about the modified flat tax he proposed in the 1980s. Simplicity, Efficiency, Lower rates and Fairness, it was called. SELF, for short. "S-E-L-F," Quayle says, pronouncing each letter carefully. "You can trust me on the spelling of

that." The room erupts with knowing laughter.

Five years after he and President Bush were turned out of office, Quayle is coming back. He makes no real effort to disguise what he's unofficially launched: an all-out try for the presidency.

"I'm clearly thinking about it," he repeats, with a boyish grin, as he races from appearance to appearance, picking up IOUs from local Republican candidates and recruiting donors for his fledgling political operation.

His recent speeches have drawn heavy applause from rank-and-file Republicans and positive notices in the national media. In part, that may reflect the low expectations many hold for him as a campaigner; the mere fact he spoke for 30 minutes without notes at a Republican conference in August was widely noted.

Others who have seen him are convinced he's a changed man. "There's a whole new Dan Quayle," says Steve Roberts, a veteran

Republican Party official from Iowa.

"He's more self-confident, articulate, relaxed. He's got a good sense of humor. The difference is like night and day."

Still, for many Republicans, the question will be: Is Quayle the candidate who can win back the White House for the party in 2000? The answer, in Republican circles in Washington, is no.

Outside the Beltway, however, where the nomination will be decided, Quayle enjoys celebrity status. Conservatives remember his early emphasis on family values, including his attack on TV's Murphy Brown for having a baby out of wedlock. To many who feel he was unfairly portrayed as a dunce by the liberal media, Quayle is a hero.

"He's weathered so many storms," says Greg Ray, 32, of Huntsville, Ala. "He doesn't back down." Ray, who heard Quayle speak in the state capital recently, added that he would

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Russian teens lower career goals

In a recent poll of Moscow high school students, killer and racketeer ranked above cosmonaut and soldier as prestigious professions.

KATHY LALY
The Baltimore Sun

MOSCOW - The counter-revolution is complete.

Russian teen-agers polled about their career preferences before the collapse of the Soviet Union six years ago probably would have chosen such patriotic jobs as engineers, soldiers and cosmonauts.

Today they want to be in business as accountants and lawyers and entrepreneurs. More of them want to be gangsters and racketeers rather than soldiers and cosmonauts.

The All-Russia Center for Public Opinion Studies recently asked 1,000 Moscow high school students, aged about 14 to 17, a revealing question: "What profession do you think is most prestigious?"

While making money was clearly

important to the new post-Soviet generation - accountant was in first place, followed by lawyer, banker and businessman - killer and racketeer were number 18 out of a list of 36.

Cosmonaut was in last place in the poll, tied with driver and just below clergyman.



Only 0.1 percent of the respondents thought being a cosmonaut was prestigious - or wanted to be one. The three top professions were mentioned by about 20 percent of the respondents.

Killer was mentioned by 2 percent, while scientist and college professor were at 1 percent.

Many here would not be surprised by the findings. This is a country with a documented average of 500 contract murders a year. The English word

"killer" came into the language in 1992, along with the freedom to do business. It's also a nation that sends a cosmonaut to live on a decaying space station, pays him only \$100 a day while he's up there, then threatens to fine him when things start to go wrong.

None of this was lost on a dozen boys, aged 14 to 16, walking home from school the other day. Most of them were wearing dark leather jackets, except for the one who had a big emblem imprinted on his nylon jacket, reading U.S. Department of Defense.

They smiled when asked about the poll, which they all had heard about on TV. "Maybe some of them were joking," said Vladimir Belozorov, 14, about the respondents.

Their idea of heroism these days is embodied in a movie actor. His name is Sergei Bodrov Jr. He is the star of the film "Brother." He plays a sweet-faced young man named Dania, who drifts pleasantly through life to the music of his Discman, comes home from the

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It is possible that people are more likely to commit certain crimes when stoned. But aren't there laws against these crimes already? If you murder someone, won't you be arrested whether sober or not? If you steal from someone, won't you be penalized whether there's a joint in your hand or not? Why should we clutter the law books with phrases such as "...under the influence of...?" Ironically, many people are much less likely to commit certain crimes when stoned. I know many ex-bullies who, now regular pot smokers, have become pacifists with drug use. Coincidence?

Second argument: Legalizing drugs will cause more addicts. Many parents think, "if drugs are legalized, then my 14-year-old will become a drugie." The first flaw with this logic is that these parents have assumed that making drugs illegal will stop a curious 14-year-old from starting the habit. But come on.

You remember how it was to be 14. Did the word "illegal" stop you from having fun? (Remember, tobacco usage among teenagers has been illegal for years now, and what good has it done?)

Interestingly, one of the main factors that attracts young people to drugs and tobacco is the fact that these items are illegal. Drug use simply makes them feel more "grown up." Also, the mere act of pulling off something illegal is often more exciting than the high

from using drugs. The end result is quite ironic: making drugs illegal effectively causes more addicts.

Third argument: People don't know what's best for them, but the government does. I don't even see why this argument is worth attacking. The idea that a handful of state-educated bureaucrats can govern my life better than I can is an absurdity in every fashion.

I don't know about you guys, but I only act in ways that enhance my life. I know what I want in life, and I go after what I want on my own terms. So what if my actions decrease my life span? So what if my actions interfere with my ability to vote (which is what politicians are really worried about)? So what if smoking pot will change my appetite? If I'm not hurting anyone else by my actions, then why should the government get involved? How is my smoking a joint in the privacy of my own home hurting anyone else in this country?

Fourth argument: Legalizing drug use will send us all to hell. Many Christians are worried that legalizing drugs will buy us all a one-year ticket to hell. It seems to me that any Christian who believes such nonsense is not familiar with the life of Christ.

Christ never allowed himself to get directly involved with politics. Jesus believed in using persuasion and voluntarism in order to promote his cause. Remember the time when he verbally defended a prostitute, without using any force? Does the fact that Jesus did not fight against prostitution doom him to hell? I think not.

Interestingly, Jesus was gifted with the amazing ability to turn water into wine (and he didn't

hesitate to use his divine gift). Would God hold Jesus responsible for all of the guests who got drunk off of his holy brew? I think not.

In the same manner, why would God punish innocent people for someone else's misuse of drugs? If Jesus were alive on earth today, I'd surely invite him to one of my parties. Maybe I could get him to turn our tobacco into weed. I've never read that he's done so, but a boy can dream, can't he?

Drug use has become a victimless crime in our country. That is, innocent users can be prosecuted merely for using drugs on their own property, even when there are no victims involved. It's a bloody shame that thousands of innocent people are locked up in prison each day just because they decided to smoke pot in the privacy of their own homes. With people complaining about shrinking prison space, wouldn't it do us some good to let these innocent people free and replace the cells with insanity-pleading murderers and rapists?

Many people feel that illegal drugs are bad for their well-being. Good! Then don't use them! And I commend you for following your beliefs. The rest of us happen to think that some drugs are pretty cool, and we will continue to use drugs as we see fit, legal or not, without hurting anyone else.

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use is a "victimless" crime. People simply cannot destroy themselves in a vacuum. That user may be destroying himself, but he is also hurting his family members, his employer and, if he has no employer, the government has to take care of him when his ghastly concoctions backfire.

This nation was founded on the idea of freedom. I do not think that the founding fathers had drugs in mind when they mentioned "the pursuit of happiness." The people lying on a mattress stoned out of

their mind in a crack house and people chained by their noses to cocaine are not free. They are slaves.

There have been experiments in drug legalization, and all have failed. Switzerland created "Needle Park," which was intended to restrict a few hundred heroin addicts into a small area. It turned into a "tourist attraction" of 20,000 heroin addicts before it shut down. When England allowed doctors to give heroin to addicts, use rose sharply. In the Netherlands, anyone over the age of 17 can purchase marijuana at a "specialty shop" like one would purchase their coffee at Starbucks. After it was legalized, use of marijuana rose 200 percent. Italy has the most lenient drug laws and has the most heroin addiction in Europe.

Drug legalization is a bad idea. This war can be won. I do think that a different approach needs to be taken. We have been attacking the supply side of this problem while we have done little to the demand side of the problem. We need to start punishing addicts as well as the pushers. Long prison sentences for drug possession would be a healthy start. The federal government should consider anyone who brings drugs into this nation a foreign invader and subject to execution. Only then will more people be deterred from using and selling drugs.

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increased due to employer/employee satisfaction. The university must move into the 20th century and empower students to help run the system they pay for.

Administrators can claim that this is already a reality by allowing scant student input into a few university committees. Realistically, this is a farce because the students on these committees are sorely outnumbered by their faculty counterparts, making their voices mute.

Students deserve an equal part in governing the university. This will bring the standard of intellectual life up a notch. By being a part of the system instead of out in the cold, students will feel free to give opinions and seek change.

People are lamenting that

elections draw fewer and fewer voters and that there is a growing air of cynicism and disillusion. Democracy is headed for the skids and this is where it starts. Change exposes young minds to their first true taste of knowledge and freedom, and yet it extinguishes this light by students who graduate with the realization that the administration is too big and the faculty is rigid to accept new ideas. This attitude is carried into the working world resulting where, in a country of millions, few feel it matters to vote or get involved.

Changing the university so that the students are a part of it can bring democracy back. Students can see on a microcosm level that their words do have meaning and that if they seek to work with the system, it can be rewarding instead of stifling. Students could create programs geared to what they want to learn instead of what is thrust upon them.

Professors whine that no one

wants to take their classes because the subject matter is not popular or commercial. Who wants to take and pay for a class on the most obscure topics in the universe? Learning involves a hunger for knowledge. Forcing students to take classes about topics no sane human being would care about is asking for trouble.

The pessimists will say that if students are allowed to create their own programs, then western civilization will sink down with a resounding flush. Ridiculous. This is the kind of mentality that dictates, not asks, what students want to know. We are not stupid and honestly want to learn, but on the same terms that you want to teach.

A communion of faculty members and students will translate into a free exchange of ideas unafraid to come into the light. Only in a free society do people feel inspired to put forth ideas. Isn't this what getting an education is all about?



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Windows 95 before the consent decree was signed.

"There's nothing more incremental and logical than having Windows including a new way of locating and collecting information," Neukom said.

The government's case hinges on showing that by requiring PC makers to distribute Internet Explorer with Windows, it violated a provision of the consent decree that prevents Microsoft from using its operating system monopoly to sell other software. The provision, however, allows Microsoft to develop "integrated products."

The Justice Department said it has ample evidence to show that Microsoft markets Internet Explorer, which it gives away for free, as a separate product. Because it is a separate product in Klein's view, he contends that Microsoft cannot force PC makers to distribute it.

However, making that claim could be tricky, some legal experts said.

"The provision was written pretty broadly," said Charles A. James, a former acting assistant attorney general in charge of the antitrust division of the Bush administration and now a partner in the Washington law firm of Jones, Day, Reavis & Pogue.

Such incidents are at the center of a national uproar over "narco-charity" - donations by drug traffickers to benefit the Roman Catholic Church. While the practice has existed quietly for years, it has burst into public view after a speech by a Catholic priest praising Mexican drug lords' faith and charity.

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Donations to Mexican church fuel uproar

■ Caro Quintero, a drug lord being held in a Mexican jail, enjoys a saintly status in Bamopa.

MARY BETH SHERIDAN
Los Angeles Times

BAMOPA, Mexico - Abelino Ortiz needed a miracle. The farmer, a devout Catholic, had rallied the peasants in this mountain village to build a chapel, but the project was short of cash - until the local drug lord happened by, briefcase in hand.

"He threw out 100,000 pesos," then about \$3,500, recalls Ortiz, sitting on his porch overlooking the tiny red-brick church he built 15 years ago. Because of Rafael Caro Quintero, a local boy who had become Mexico's marijuana king, the people of Bamopa could now praise God.

Caro Quintero is now imprisoned in a Mexican jail, convicted of drug trafficking and the murder of Enrique Camarena, a U.S. drug agent. But in Bamopa, he enjoys a saintly status. "The good memories he left will not be erased," Ortiz insists.

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been an important weapon in winning hearts and minds, if not souls.

Just consider what traffickers have done for Babunica, a hamlet near Bamopa. They built the pink church, the French-style park with a bandstand and the imposing cemetery with two white towers on a hillside, local residents say.

Nearby, in La Noria, Caro Quintero's hometown, a small hill is topped by a pink-and-white church, reportedly built by the trafficker. The lovely building is an eye-catcher in a region where many houses are built of primitive concrete block.

"The drug traffickers act almost like Robin Hoods. With the money they make, they help their communities," said Emilio Goicoechea, a senator from the conservative National Action Party who represents this region.

But at the same time, he said, the traffickers buy the people's loyalty, ensuring they won't cooperate with authorities fighting drug trafficking.

Have they bought the loyalty of the church too?

The Rev. Humberto Patron, 31, who spent two years ministering to these villages in the Sinaloa sierra, says no. But he acknowledges that he did not criticize or boycott churches built with drug money. They were already built when he arrived, he says, and served a good purpose.

"In these towns, people don't have the money to build a church. They don't even have enough to eat," he says with a shrug.

"I condemn drug trafficking," says Patron, who now works in the state capital, Culiacan. "But as a priest, if someone says, 'Father, baptize my child,' I can't say, 'You're a killer, I'm not going to baptize your child.' Everyone has the right to God."

Some priests appear to have gone beyond simply ministering to traffickers' families. The Rev. Benjamin Olivas, who conducted Carrillo's funeral rites, cheerfully admits that the trafficker was a friend. The drug lord built the white church near his mother's house in Guamuchilito, Sinaloa, Olivas says.

In an interview with the Culiacan newspaper Noroeste early this month, the priest said he had declined money from Carrillo. But the cleric recalled telling him of the church. "If you build it, I thank you very much, and God will also take it into account." The drug lord, who shipped tons of cocaine and other drugs to the United States, was "very attached to God," the priest said.

Jorge Madrazo Cuellar, Mexico's attorney general, recently told reporters that a priest from Guamuchilito was under investigation for accepting drug money but declined to identify him.

The church was further embarrassed recently when newspapers published a startling photograph showing Carrillo - with a giant wooden cross on his shoulder - walking through Jerusalem several years ago accompanied by a Mexican priest, the Rev. Ernesto Alvarez. Alvarez claims he didn't recognize the infamous trafficker, who reportedly joined his mother and her Catholic tour group in Israel.

Catholic leaders say coziness between priests and traffickers is rare and that the church doesn't turn a blind eye to the drug trade. As far back as 1988, they note, Mexico's bishops issued a document condemning drug trafficking. A few priests and bishops have been outspoken in denouncing the practice.

But the latest controversies indicate that some priests may be as unfazed by drug trafficking as many other Mexicans. Even as trafficking has exploded in recent years, it rarely is named as one of Mexicans' top concerns in public opinion polls.

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"absolutely" vote for him for president.

"He'll surprise a lot of people," predicts Bob Bennett, the Ohio Republican chairman, who ranks Quayle in the first tier of Republican presidential contenders. "He's going around doing all the things he should be doing."

He has already been in 37 states this year. On Sunday, he will make his initial visit to New Hampshire, site of the first primary, to address the Republican Party's fall dinner.

"I'm working everybody," Quayle says in an interview.

He's helping Republican candidates in congressional and state races attract money for their campaigns. In a single day last spring, Quayle and Jim Gilmore, the Republican nominee for governor of Virginia, raked in about \$1 million.

He's also building his own fundraising machine. His political action committee has raised \$1.6 million toward its \$2 million goal this year. Only Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott's and House Speaker Newt Gingrich's PACs have collected more, according to Federal Election Commission records.

Quayle is doing much of the fund raising himself, through private

breakfasts, lunches and dinners with supporters. Some of the money will be donated to other candidates. But most will be used to pay for his PAC and its staff of 12.

Friends say Quayle doesn't underestimate how tough it will be to win. Overcoming his own past may turn out to be his biggest challenge. As vice president, he was treated as a long-running joke by late-night TV comics.

To soften the impact, Quayle sprinkles self-deprecating humor, such as spelling jokes, into his speeches. "You've got to humble yourself a little bit," he explains. "Let people see a little different side than they're used to" and "build it into an asset."

Recall

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product is available to the customer."

The company recommended that its customers check their condoms' expiration dates, which can be found on the individual wrapper and on the package's end flap or back panel. The lots that have been recalled include:

—LifeStyles Ultra Sensitive with Spermicide with the expiration date October 1997.

—LifeStyles Assorted Colors with Spermicide with expiration dates October 1997 through June 1998.

—LifeStyles Spermicidally Lubricated, expiration dates October 1997 through October 1998.

—LifeStyles Vibra-Ribbed with Spermicide and Extra Strength with Spermicide, expiration dates October

1997 through April 2000.

—Prime Spermicidally Lubricated, expiration dates October 1997 through February 2000.

—Contempo Power Play with Spermicide, October 1997 through February 2000.

—Contempo Intensity Assorted Colors with Spermicide, expiration date November 1997.

Consumers with questions about the condoms should call the company at 1-800-883-3434 between 8 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. CDT, or simply return the products to Ansell Incorporated, Consumer Relations Dept., 1500 Industrial Road, Dothan, Ala. 36303.

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dimensional views of the Martian landscape and do-it-yourself paper gliders.

More of the exhibits in The Cyber Space should be non-commercial. There are several buildings filled with commercial exhibits, and companies shouldn't attempt to sell their products under the guise of informing fair attendees. If more of the displays were interesting and informative rather than commercialized fishing lures waiting to reel unsuspecting fair attendees in hook, line and sinker, The Cyber Space would be much improved.

The Cyber Space is definitely something to check in on while you are at the fair, but don't expect to be bowled over by the amazing things you see there. Maybe that will happen in the next few years, but for now don't get sucked into buying a new computer if you are not in the market.

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