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Fees

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this category, and so the fund has been tapped before.

Keto concluded, "We could pay the bonds off earlier than that if we have enough money in the account. [but] you have to get the bond holders to agree to that, too. ... There are a lot of variables involved."

Keto contends, however, that the bond fee will disappear as soon as the bonds are paid off, which means around the year 2008.

However, he projects that someone will ask for a new fee to help pay for major maintenance on Carmichael.

Dean

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Meanwhile, Masnari is a proponent of the American Society of Engineering Education (ASEE). The ASEE is an annual series of four books totaling 1000 pages, according to Masnari. Each individual school submits statistics and fills out a survey via the Internet.

The ASEE in turn publishes these statistics, so anyone is able to view statistics of any engineering school in the country.

"The ASEE doesn't look to rank schools," Masnari said. "It provides factual information for students. There is no subjective opinion."

By looking at ASEE statistics, the

engineering program at NCSU places in the top 10 in the country, in a number of different categories.

Some of these categories include women enrollment in college, undergraduate enrollment, number of BS degrees and total degrees, participation in co-ops and support by industry of programs.

"[The companies] will put their money where they think the best work is being done," Masnari said in regard to being in the top 10 in support by industry of program.

On top of using the ASEE statistics, Masnari said the best way to decide on where to go for graduate school is to do some independent research.

"I think the best thing for students is to talk to other students, visit the campus, talk to the professors and to talk to the alumni about their program."

Money

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On Thursday, the committee met from 7 p.m. until 12 a.m. making the final cut of 15. The senate will vote on the list after spring break.

"We favored events of people coming to campus instead of sending people away from campus. Things such as an environmental rally will bring more prestige to campus, while sending people to conferences will only effect a small group of people," said Whitaker.

Both Whitaker and Todd believed that bringing things on campus serves the entire student population more than sending groups off campus.

"Some organizations just asked

for beer and food for their meetings," said Todd.

Some organizations were easier to throw out than others.

Whitaker and Todd also see a need to review the new process of funding requests.

"This won't happen again. I was in support of this at first. It was one of those things that looked good on paper," said Todd.

Whitaker has sponsored a bill that would make this new procedure conditional for this semester only, in order for the senate to reevaluate the procedure and perhaps make changes. Whitaker believes that more than one deadline may prevent another flood of funding requests.


"I just want students to know that the Student Government has the ability to give money to students and that it is being used to benefit them," said Whitaker.

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Track

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Beukirch finished fourth in the 5000 meters and Meredith Faircloth finished sixth in the 3000 meters. While Sherlane Armstrong scored well in both the long and triple jump, with sixth- and fourth-place performances, her jumps were off earlier jumps that had qualified her for nationals.

Tennis

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said. "Their biggest strength is their ability to fight. We have lost two in a row now, and some of the guys are starting to question themselves." "We just have to keep pecking,

"We finished fifth, which is up one from a year ago," Geiger said. "We were just nine points out of third, and we think we have enough people in this program to finish third, so we're a little disappointed."

With two weeks left till nationals, individuals will have one more chance to qualify this weekend at the USTA Nationals in Atlanta this weekend.

"Everyone really pulled together this weekend," Smitas said. "It was the first time this season we've had everyone giving it their all, and we were pleased."

They just have to settle down and trust their instincts, but what we need is some wins to give them confidence. We are going to have a huge breakthrough this year, but, before we do, we are going to have a few breakdowns, and this is a case of it."

With the return of nationally ranked Bracone and a good work ethic, State should have plenty of those wins coming to it.

No. 2 finish

N.C. State's golf team takes second at the Puerto Rico Golf Classic.

Sports Staff Report

Tim Clark finished third, while Will Huntley tied for ninth, helping lead the Wolfpack to a tie for second place overall at yesterday's Puerto Rico Golf Classic.

The Chapel Hill finished first in the team competition, with five players combining for a low score of 875 strokes.

State tied for second place with Georgia Tech, led by Matt Kuchar, who shot a 208 for the third round Classic.

Kuchar tied for first in the

Classic with Columbus State's Wilfredo Morales. Columbus State finished in a tie for fourth with Clemson in the team competition.

ACC member schools at Virginia Tech and Wake Forest University also competed. The Cavaliers finished 12th, while Wake tied the University of Florida for seventh.

Duke finished last, finishing with a +81 at 945.

NCSU's Korky Kemp finished with a tie for 24th, individually. James Bunch bounced back from an opening round 79 to shoot an on par 72 on the second trip around the course. Bunch was part of a four-way tie for 40th.

Mark Gauley tied with Clemson's Chad Starliper for 44th, shooting a 230.

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Swim

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off Ramirez's pace, though.

1650-yard Freestyle

A trio of Wahos leads the standings for this race, the marathon of the swim meet. Ramirez, Fuller and Jamie Grimes look to lead the way for Virginia. State's Mark Eberlie could disrupt the sweep. Eberlie posted the third best time for the season in the 1600-yard, and the fourth for the 1650-yard. But the trio from Virginia is 10 seconds better than any of their

competitors.

100-yard Butterfly

Parry, Tucker Shade of the Tar Heels and Virginia's Shamek Pietucha would be the top three finishers if the event was on paper. But in the pool, Petic and Cav D.J. Finch will look to grab top finishes as well.

200-yard Butterfly

Parry could walk away with this race as well. His time is close to three seconds better than Pietucha. The two will be chased by a three-man pack.

100-yard Backstroke

Five swimmers all posted times within a second-and-a-half of each other. It could get interesting. The Wolfpack doesn't seem to have

anyone in the mix, though.

100-yard Backstroke

Virginia senior Jason Webb posted the conference's top time, over one second better than UNC's Runberg. Parry and Finch could find their way into the medals as well.

100-yard Breaststroke

Maryland's Scott Grayson is the Terps biggest shot at an All-ACC team member, posting the second best time in this event, half a second behind Dedekind.

200-yard Breaststroke

Look for junior D.J. Gallagher to walk away with this victory for the Cavaliers. Behind him are two swimmers from the Tar Heels, who both turned in strong performances

but are unlikely to catch Gallagher.

200-yard and 400-yard Individual Medley

Parry again leads the standings for both of these events. Like UNC-CH's Richelle Fox on the women's side, Parry seems to be the swimmer that could dictate the meet. There are more than a handful of events that Parry has the ability to win, or at least significantly alter the outcomes of.

One-meter and Three-meter Diving

The Wolfpack defends both events for the second straight year. Andy Johnson and Kevin Cutts are the Pack's top prospects. Johnson comes into the meet ranked in the top five on both boards.

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| 2. Connecticut | 27-2 |
| 3. Old Dominion | 24-2 |
| 4. Louisiana Tech | 21-3 |
| 5. Stanford | 17-5 |
| 6. Texas Tech | 20-4 |
| 7. Arizona | 18-5 |
| 8. Duke | 20-6 |
| 9. NC State | 21-5 |
| 10. UNC-CH | 21-6 |
| 11. Florida International | 23-1 |
| 12. Florida | 20-7 |
| 13. Illinois | 18-8 |
| 14. Vanderbilt | 19-7 |
| 15. Virginia | 18-8 |
| 16. Clemson | 22-6 |
| 17. Western Kentucky | 21-7 |
| 18. Utah | 21-3 |
| 19. Hawaii | 23-2 |
| 20. Alabama | 20-8 |
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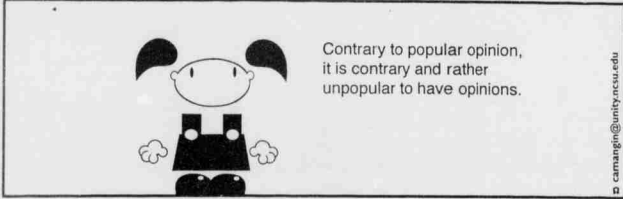
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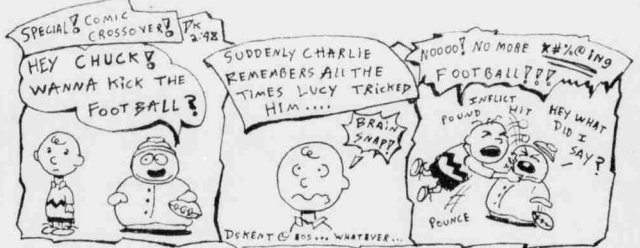
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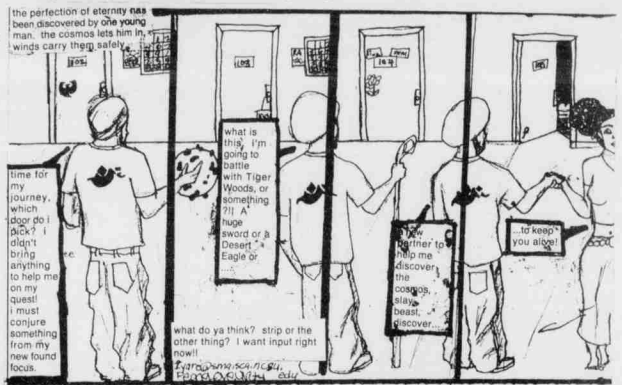
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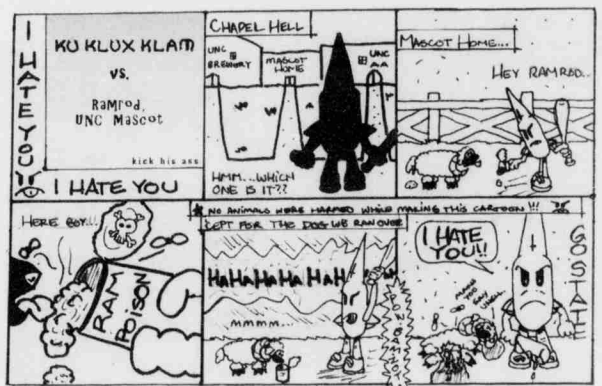
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Sound

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Meanwhile, "Last Word," "Let it Be So" and "Allergic Boy" all place the post-apocalypse in the merry confines of the back yard with assured delicacy. Yes, I'm sure 13-year-olds will still be holding hands in the sun the day before doomsday.

These songs are so pleasing that the flops become that much more obvious. "Rainmaker" is simply stale, with little motion. And the two closing songs, "Grandpa in the Compach" and "Blackbird's Rise," while certainly bringing the nature themes to an endpoint, steal the overall steam from the record. It is true, however, that Williams is more interested in the standing water than the steam that rises from it when you add heat. So, though it may be a difficult album to dive into, "Musings" is certainly refreshing on a hot pop day. —R. Greene

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Soaps

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not the man they think he is. While Lucy grew weaker, Katherine told Kevin of Rex's fear of spiders that could bring them a step closer to finding the antidote. Chris sent Matt an anonymous letter in hopes of getting him to leave Port Charles. Wait to See: Grace makes a startling realization.

The Young and the Restless: Hoping to end Sharon's apparent

Astro

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habits are inconsistent this week, alternating between cheapness and extravagance. If you can't get what your heart is set on, you tend to become indiscriminate. Realize this to prevent it.

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obsession over Cassie, Victor asked Grace not to bring the child to the ranch so often. Meanwhile, Alice called the police to report her daughter (Cassie) had been kidnapped. As Chris and Paul spent a romantic Valentine's Day together, Kay urged Danny not to give up on winning back Chris' love. Veronica had fantasies of having Joshua learn she's alive. Jill met Ben, the man who has her father's (William) comes. Victor then put Ben in charge of Newman Enterprises organ/tissue donation campaign. Wait to See: Grace makes a decision about her and Cassie's future.

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Pisces (February 19 to March 20)- You could find yourself returning an item you purchased recently. Still, pleasure pursuits are accentuated toward the end of the week. Learn to handle guilt better by analyzing its source.

Oldham

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have lived a full life — a life that taught them important lessons. Hmm...an important lesson... oh let's see...come in when drops of water fall from the sky? And as far as being ignorant, I would say that anyone making stereotypes is ignorant, but once again, I'm just a college student. What do I know? And as far as not giving a damn about anything, we must care a little, or we wouldn't be continuing our education in the first place.

Secondly, what students of any university think is important, because when we graduate, we will be your colleagues. We will be in the work force. We will be the administrator.

Rodgers started off on the right foot — enforcing rules that are fair to all is only just. But the rest of his scathing assumptions scare me. Is this how all people who aren't college students feel? I sincerely hope not. I like to think that everyone's thoughts matter — whether they belong to college students or to those in the work force. But perhaps that is too idealistic or, at the very least, rampant with idiocy.

Oh, and one more thing. I, along with most college students, know that I have a lot to learn — not only about books but about life. That's why I'm in college.

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Barletta

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this about anti-abortion advocates: Their hearts are in the right place, but their heads aren't. Sure, it would be great to be in a world where every child is brought into the world as cherished and loved as most of us were. Unfortunately, that's not always the case. Many pregnancies are unwanted, and passing laws that force unwanted children onto their parents won't change a thing. We have to look into society itself to combat this problem — not skirt around the issue with freedom-limiting abortion legislation.

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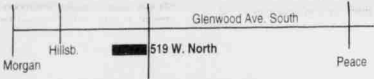
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happen," UNC-CH forward Antawn Jamison said following Saturday's game. "Every time you play in the ACC, anything can happen; you can win or lose on your home court or away."

In fact, the Carolina game also proved that big wins can beget big losses. The Tar Heels, sailing along with a No. 1 ranking earned after beating Duke by 24 on Feb. 5, got caught looking too far in the future at this Saturday's rematch in Cameron Indoor Stadium. The Pack will have to be careful not to suffer the same fate if it starts thinking postseason too early.

The task at hand Thursday is to defeat an irate Tiger team looking for revenge, led by the 5-foot-9-inch McIntyre. A senior originally from nearby Hoke County High School, McIntyre currently averages 5.2 assists per game at the point guard position, in addition to being the second-highest Tiger scorer with 14 points a game. Greg Buckner, a senior forward, leads Clemson's offensive production with 16.2 points per game.

Both teams are looking to this game as a must-win for an NCAA tournament bid. Both schools are currently tied 5-9 in the conference, and, with two games left, two wins by either team would do wonders for helping remove the "bubble" stigma in the eyes of the selection committee.

Tip-off is set for 7:30 p.m. Thursday night in Reynolds Coliseum.

Meeting

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this was cause for relief. "He was one of the best known accounting persons in the country," he said. "You get the best we've got so we can get you going," said Lewis. "The parents were reassured."

Like NCSU in the late 1980s, MSU underwent adversity in athletics in the late 1960s, resulting in NCAA probation. "We got a new AD, got in trouble and it was a sad day. Probation is a downer," Lewis said.

He recalled the process the university engaged in for a recovery. "We got our accounting department to look at the system; we started looking at the marketing system," he said. "In a new regime, good things happen in the interim."

When athletic teams are not performing well, or there is a controversy-laced environment present, fans become critical and often lose interest. Lewis highlighted several instances. "People at MSU were dejected," he said. "People were grumbling. There were problems with fans not standing for the national anthem."

"We were saying, 'How do we build the right image for MSU?'"

Several ideas were sent to the drawing board for Lewis and MSU. One area of improvement was the bodily image of the campus. "Physical differences, something visual is what we're looking for," he said.

MSU took a path known as the "Folger's Approach," an ad campaign employed by the Folger's company, which bombarded the markets with advertisements in every form possible for 30 days. Lewis commented on the importance of the increased advertising for a short amount of time. "The repetition brought you here," he said. "We wanted to blitz the market. At MSU, we asked, 'What can we say?'"

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advertising techniques that MSU fed to prospects, citing scholarship students enrolled at MSU, coaches promoting the school, athletic teams on talk shows and billboard promotions.

"We had more Rhode's Scholars and National Merit Scholars than Michigan and Harvard," said Lewis, who cited then-MSU Chancellor John Hanna for knowing how to recruit these kinds of students.

"You politely let the world know you had some good things going."

The same thing was in effect with the football program, Lewis said. Billboards had the words printed in huge letters saying "Follow Spartan Football," and coaches appeared on talk shows. "They were on the J.P. McCarthy Show a lot," said Lewis, in reference to a talk show in Michigan at the time. "He did a beautiful job asking the right questions."

Art Cooper, the council's chairman, asked Lewis if he felt that NCSU was organized to do what he wanted. "I don't think organization is the only thing," said Lewis. "People first have to believe. People need a buy-in."

"What can be done visually?" Lewis simply said that more needs to be done to live up to the visual environments of the campus.

Once again, he cited John Hanna for his accomplishments at MSU as chancellor while attempting to improve the image of MSU. "John Hanna was the God at MSU. He was revered."

However, Lewis was upset at the fact that The News & Observer failed to mention a feat accomplished by an NCSU student in the College of Management. The student made the highest score in the nation on the Certified Management Accounting (CMA) examination.

"We sent this to the N&O three times and they never printed it," Lewis said. "I can't understand why that kid hasn't had his day in the sun."

"I think the N&O is biased against NCSU," said Council Member Ernie Knowles, who is an associate professor in marine, earth, and

atmospheric sciences.

Lewis commented on the efforts basketball Coach Herb Sendek has made to get responses from the different colleges on academics with basketball players.

"Coach Sendek has been going from college to college getting feedback," he said. "There has been positive feedback to this. He's done an excellent job."

Athletic Director Les Robinson also spoke at the meeting and gave updates on various areas of interest, namely the sportsmanship controversy surrounding the men's basketball game against UNC-CH at Reynolds Coliseum this year. Several UNC-CH players had ice, cups and pennies thrown at them during the game and were taunted with obscenities.

"We're not tolerating throwing, cussing. There's no need for that," Robinson said.

Robinson mentioned the possibility of implementing certain guidelines to be able to sit on the sidelines. "We are going to great extents to make sideline seats a privilege," he said.

In other business, Tom Brooks and Nancy Payne, who work for NCSU Athletics Marketing and Promoting, gave an overview of accomplishments for the year and future goals. One tour de force was the improved attendance at men's non-conference basketball games, which has increased this year from 6,725 per game to 9,221 per game. "Sendek's No. 1 priority is attendance at non-conference games," said Brooks.

An attendance record was broken in the gymnastics ranks this year, with an all-time single-meet record of 6,108 at Reynolds Coliseum.

Art Cooper emphasized how important women's sports are. "Women's sports are the most rapidly rising sports in this country, especially for affordability," Cooper said. "You want an experience that's a good influence on your kids, especially girls."

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Connecticut prof violates evaluation anonymity

■ A Connecticut College English professor responds to a student's negative evaluation of his course.

KATH STEPHENSON
The College Voice (Connecticut College)

(U-WIRE) New London, Conn. — On Jan. 25, Brenda Johnstone '00, a member of George Willauer's English 203 class, received a letter from him in response to her "confidential" end-of-course evaluation. Included with the letter was a copy of another student's evaluation form

that also voiced negative opinions of Willauer but it was not the evaluation belonging to Johnstone. Johnstone's evaluation had the standard questions that give students the opportunity to vocalize their opinions of their own class performance as well as a chance to share constructive criticism on the teaching performance of an individual professor. Willauer stated in the letter to Johnstone that he felt "obligated to write" because "your [Johnstone's] evaluation of me and the course was anomalous in

relation to the others and because of your responsibility on the advisory committee of the English department and the chaplaincy search committee and the crucial judgments to be made therein." When questioned about the accusations being made against him, Willauer refused to comment, responding that he felt it would be "inappropriate to respond." Johnstone admits that her evaluation was "critical," but also felt that it was "not insupportably critical. Most of the criticism was of a constructive nature." After receiving the letter from Willauer,

Johnstone went to Professor Alan Bradford, chair of the English department, as well as Samantha Myers '99, chair of the English Department Advisory Board, with the letter and her objection to the fact that her evaluation was not confidential as she had believed that it would be. Myers declined to comment on the issue at this time and Bradford did not return telephone messages asking for a response. An English major, Johnstone also spoke with her advisor and other faculty members in the department but felt that the basic response that she got

was that "it probably shouldn't have happened" but there was rationale behind it because she included "an identifying incident" in a response to one of the questions on the evaluation. As a member of the English Advisory Board, Johnstone said that the point of the evaluations is to get a "fair and accurate portrayal of the teacher from the students' perspective." Another student from the class, who wished not to be identified, said that he felt Willauer "was obnoxious in class and disrespectful of students' ideas." The student mentioned that

Willauer was also criticized by survey responses received by the ConnReview as well as Blats Magazine. Johnstone added that bringing this issue into the public eye was not in an attempt to "bash Willauer." Her intention instead is to "initiate dialogue on the topic which desperately needs to be discussed. If the evaluations are not going to be confidential, students have to know that. If they are, then professors have to respect that anonymity."

Calif. English teaching criticized

■ The opponents claim the methods used by the school board to teach limited-English students are unrealistic.

ANN KIM
The Stanford Daily (Stanford, CA)

(U-WIRE) STANFORD, Cal. — A teaching method used in California for limited-English students that is widely supported by educators and academics will be challenged in June by Proposition 227, the "English for the Children" ballot initiative.

Currently, there are 1.4 million limited-English students in California. State education guidelines call for the use of transitional bilingual education programs that teach content-based subjects such as math and social studies in the student's native language while developing the student's proficiency in English.

Once the student's English proficiency is at grade level, the student is moved back to a mainstream classroom, without being behind in content-based subject areas. Proposition 227 proposes drastic changes to this method, requiring the use of a one-year intensive English curriculum that makes little use of a student's native language.

According to Ron Unz, the Stanford alum and Silicon Valley businessman who drafted the initiative, bilingual education has not worked because it waits too long before introducing reading and writing in English.

As Unz sees it, English should be taught right away, as young children are quick learners and can acquire language skills within short periods of time.

The text of the proposition "English for the Children" requires the placement of limited-English students in "sheltered English immersion" classrooms for no longer than one year, after which they will be placed in mainstream classrooms.

This method of teaching makes no use of a student's native language for explaining concepts or meanings. Instead, drawings and sign language are often used while the level of English spoken in the classroom is tailored to the proficiency level of the students.

In some cases, teachers may have bilingual aides who can communicate with students in their native languages. The initiative allows for the placement of students of different ages in the same classroom if they have the same English proficiency level.

Parents may request waivers to place their children in a bilingual education program, according to the initiative, but only if their children are already proficient in English, are at least 10 years old, or have special needs.

Special needs can only be determined after a student has spent at least 30 days in a sheltered English classroom.

In schools where 20 or more parents request such waivers, the schools must provide a bilingual education classroom for these students.

If a quorum does not exist, then the school must allow students with waivers to transfer to another school where a bilingual program does exist. Proposition 227 also gives parents the legal standing to sue school board members, teachers or administrators who do not comply with any of its provisions.

The debate on the proposal. A main point of contention for opponents of Proposition 227 is its provision for only one year of English language instruction.

"Ron Unz has no research that indicates that kids can learn fluent English in one short year," said Kelly Hayes-Raitt, the director of the "No on Unz" campaign. "All research indicates that it takes kids at least two years to learn enough academic English to be successful."

This one-year business is very unusual. As far as I know, it's not based on any research or pedagogical methods," said visiting Linguistics

Prof. Shahrazad Mahootian. "[Unz] seems to have pulled this number out of the air." Unz insists, however, that young children are able to quickly learn English if they are taught at a level they can understand. "You just teach them English," he said.

"If you are just beginning school, preschool or kindergarten, it's pretty easy to grasp English," said a local preschool teacher who asked to remain anonymous.

Unz's detractors argue that children must be taught academic English so as to ensure future success, not simply conversational skills. Unz responded, "Advanced academic English takes a lot longer to learn. If kids are in kindergarten, teach them kindergarten English, so they're even with all the other children."

"When you're talking about 6-year-olds, they don't know advanced English either. If at the end of kindergarten, they all know kindergarten English, I don't see why that's a bad thing."

Opponents also feel that Unz is unjustly attacking bilingual education programs as the reason for poor academic achievement statewide.

As Education Prof. Kenji Hakuta explained, about 80 percent of limited-English students are from families below the poverty line.

He also said that there is about one standard deviation between the average scores on standardized exams of poor students and middle-class students nationwide.

According to Unz, the effects of bilingual education have been shown to make up for only about a quarter of this difference. Children of immigrant, middle-class families generally do reasonably well

in school, he said. Even though research evidence has shown bilingual education programs to be better than its alternatives, Hakuta said, "If the question is, will bilingual education as currently implemented make up for language as well as socioeconomic barriers, the answer is no."

Based on state figures showing that 5 percent of limited-English students are moved back to mainstream English classrooms every year, Unz has interpreted a 95 percent failure rate for bilingual education.

"But of all the limited-English kids in California, only 30 percent are currently in bilingual programs," said second grade bilingual education teacher Chris Neale, Stanford Class of '97. "He hasn't shown causation."

"I look at that and say, '95 percent of students didn't learn enough English in one year to be academically fluent,' which just proves that the initiative isn't going to work," Hayes-Raitt said of the same statistic.

The "English for the Children" campaign has focused on the problems with bilingual education, but "the initiative should be judged on the merits of what it proposes and not the merits of bilingual education," Hakuta warned.

"It may fly because people are suspicious of bilingual education, not because they like [the initiative]," Hakuta said. "It's a heck of a way to run educational policy."

Though bilingual education programs that have not been well implemented do exist, Proposition 227 "will outlaw the best

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UW sophomore fired for press comment

■ An Assembly page made a fatal mistake in complaining about her job to the local newspaper.

DUSTIN BROCK
Badger Herald (U. Wisconsin)

(U-WIRE) MADISON, Wis. — Jenni Cole-Optiz learned an important lesson Feb. 18 — don't joke with the almighty of Wisconsin politics.

The 19-year-old UW-Madison sophomore, an Assembly page for 13 months, was abruptly fired last Thursday morning for comments she made to The Badger Herald about working as a "go-fer" to Wisconsin politicians.

In the front page article headlined "Raise the Roof: A look inside the Capitol and how UW students help make it work," Cole-Optiz spoke about the occasional absurdity of pandering to legislators.

She described a scenario in which Assembly Speaker Scott Jensen wanted a Coke when there was only Pepsi left in the Capitol. Cole-Optiz told The Herald she was sent to Walgreen's for the speaker's preferred cola, prompting the comment: "I was just standing there in awe. He's the speaker of the house, not Jesus Christ."

"It didn't mean anything," said Cole-Optiz, who has retained a lawyer to contest her firing. "I told the story because I thought it was funny."

The comment ignited a series of events that left Cole-Optiz without a job, the state Capitol without copies of The Herald and a lot of questions about First Amendment rights.

"Employees have work rules they are expected to follow, and there are consequences when they are not followed," said Sergeant-at-Arms Denise Soile, though she would not cite the exact rule Cole-Optiz broke.

In a letter Cole-Optiz read to The Herald — her lawyer asked that it not be released — she was told by Soile that she was fired for the comments that appeared in The Herald. Cole-Optiz said she was told they were disrespectful and violated the pages' code of conduct. "I'm very upset about this," said Cole-Optiz, adding, "I've learned more about politics in the

last day than I did in the past year." Soile had close ties to Jensen. The speaker directly appointed her as the Capitol's first sworn sergeant-at-arms on Jan. 1 and has worked at the job for five weeks.

Jensen's office said the relationship had no impact on the decision to fire Cole-Optiz. "Denise told me that it didn't matter if it was the speaker or a freshman member of the minority party," said Steve Baas, Jensen's press secretary. "It's unfortunate when pages with access to members abuse their privilege."

UW Prof. Robert Drechsel, an expert on First Amendment issues, said public employees are allowed to fire their employees for comments they make to the press. "It is possible for public employees to be fired for the things they say," Drechsel said. "The Supreme Court itself has made that clear."

In addition to firing Cole-Optiz, several pages, speaking under the condition that their names be withheld, said Soile asked a page to remove all copies of The Herald from the Capitol.

Pages estimated that between 30 and 50 Heralds were collected and brought to the sergeant-at-arms' office Thursday morning, a claim supported by Mike Verver, a legislative assistant to state Rep. Tammy Baldwin, D-Madison.

"I was told from a source in the sergeant-at-arms' office that somebody from the office removed every copy of The Badger Herald from the Capitol yesterday [Thursday]," Verver said.

"I got my 'personal' copy Thursday afternoon by asking the sergeant-at-arms' office for one from their private staff. A page brought two copies to my office." Soile denied ordering that the papers be removed and explained that her office employed more than 30 staff members Thursday. "It could be that they all wanted papers," Soile said.

Because The Herald is a free newspaper, Drechsel said it is questionable that removing

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programs along with the ones that aren't working," Neale said.

Those opposed to the proposition also disagree with the unilateral imposition of one teaching method on all California public schools.

"This will create a one-size-fits-all, state-mandated program for all limited-English children in California," Hayes-Raitt said.

"Right now, control is local," Neale said, "so a school district that feels its students are fine in immersion programs can have those programs. But in other school districts, it may be more necessary to have a stronger bilingual

program, and there's local control." Unz pointed out that his initiative allows for parents to request waivers which would provide for exceptions to the initiative's provisions.

Neale disagreed, citing the narrow circumstances under which waivers can be requested. "He can say it's parental choice, but it's an iota of parental choice with all the obstacles."

The initiative has been criticized for allowing the placement of students of different ages in the same classroom if they have the same level of English proficiency.

But "it's not like the kids are running around doing all kinds of crazy things," the preschool teacher said. "All ages should be able to mingle together without an accident, with supervision."

Hayes-Raitt disagreed with the

provision allowing for lawsuits against teachers and administrators, which might prevent them from using a student's native language when necessary for fear of being sued.

Opponents have questioned Unz's lack of background in education, wondering if he is the most qualified person to be dictating educational policy for the state.

Erica Keil, a bilingual education teacher at Robert Sanders Elementary School in San Jose, said, "I don't tell him how to run his software company. I'm a teacher and I know what's best for kids."

Unz admitted his lack of a background in education. "That's perfectly true," he said. "But I do have common sense, and with the claims of academic theorists, I think they're a bunch of lunatics."

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them from the Capitol was against the law. The Herald runs a disclaimer on page two, stating: "Each reader is welcome to pick up one complimentary issue of The Badger Herald each day, any additional copies must be picked up at the Badger Herald offices."

Though the sergeant-at-arms' office may not be legally punished if the papers were ordered removed by the office, Drechsel said killing the messenger - Cole-Opitz or The Herald

-is rarely productive.

"Was it a wise thing to have done? It seems fairly petty and thin-skinned," Drechsel said, "and all it does is attract nothing but more attention to something they didn't want to attract attention to... I'm always amazed that people continue to do these things."

Jensen's office said they supported Solie's actions and doubted that she ordered the papers removed.

"It's unfortunate whenever someone loses their job but it's also unfortunate someone who worked there for 13 months made such an irresponsible comment," Baas said.

He added that he saw copies of The Herald in the Capitol Thursday morning, but all copies of the

newspaper were gone by the afternoon.

"I don't think there's any evidence for that (the papers being seized). I frankly doubt that happened," Baas said.

Cole-Opitz's lawyer, Tim Provis, said the situation's savior may be Jensen, who was vacationing in Arizona when the situation erupted. Provis compared the seizure to the television show "Gunsmoke" by Marshall Dillon.

"On the show, the marshal would leave town and all this crazy stuff would happen," Provis said. "Let's hope when the speaker gets back to town cooler heads will prevail."

Michigan St. U. students falling deeper into debt

Borrowing is becoming an increasing problem among graduate and undergraduate populations.

ERIN TONER
State News (Michigan State U.)

(U-WIRE) EAST LANSING, Mich. — Justin Wood probably wouldn't be at MSU if he didn't get financial aid. But the biosystems engineering junior said the debt he's accumulating is worrying him.

"I'm a little bit scared, because I don't know if I really comprehend what I'm getting into," Wood said. "It was my only choice, though — that or don't go to school."

And Wood isn't alone. A new study shows more than half of all undergraduate and professional students borrow to finance their educations and find themselves in debt when they graduate. The statistics are about 10 percent higher than surveys compiled from 1992-93.

But an MSU official said there isn't solid evidence to show that

students suffer from financial aid debt after graduation.

"We don't really know what kind of negative effect it is having on students, because there isn't much research," said Tom Scarlett, director of MSU's Office of Financial Aid. "People keep borrowing, and we don't know if that has a bad effect on our society or if it's something we keep absorbing."

The report released last week by the U.S. General Accounting Office showed a sharp increase in the number of students who finance their educations through loans. The study compares debt surveys from 1992-93 with debt reported in 1995-96, which is the most recent data on debt available.

Jay Eglin, assistant director for higher education issues with the accounting office, said the report suggests the cost of education affects the amount of aid students borrow. He also said future office studies will examine the burden graduates feel from debt.

"We found there are some

studies on debt burden, but they are limited in scope, so you can't draw sweeping conclusions as to the effect the debt has on students," he said.

At four-year public institutions, 60 percent of seniors graduating in 1995-96 took out at least one loan. Three years earlier, only 42 percent borrowed, the study showed.

The report was conducted on a request from U.S. Sen. Carol Moseley-Braun, D-Illinois, who sponsored a provision in the Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997 that made interest on student loans tax deductible. Moseley-Braun, a member of the Senate Finance Committee, said the report further justifies the broadening of the exemption, which is now capped at \$2,500.

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