

Drug use often due to lack of confidence

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"Coyote Medicine" was the topic of a lecture given April 19 by Morgan Eaglebear Maez, Apache medicine man.

Maez, a great-great grandson of Geronimo, used the image of a coyote or a trickster to discuss the deceptions of substance abuse.

"Our people have a legend about the ability of the coyote to go between man and his creator," he said. He said the

key to stopping the wide-spread use of drugs is to teach people to "use the power of their mind."

He said this lack of self confidence is more often the reason young people will do drugs. According to Maez, they feel they have to be accepted by their peers before they have any self-worth. He said parents must teach their kids they don't have to be like everyone else to be accepted.

He said parents must encourage their kids to be themselves, individuals, and help them to believe in themselves as individuals.

"Sit down and tell your child it's okay to be you. Show your child

love, your emotions. They must know they are loved," he said. "Reach out a helping hand. Show acceptance and share it with all ages."

Maez also said the young people must realize drug use does not help them to be accepted any more than just knowing who they are.

"The illusion is being what you're not. You're not cool; you're not accepted; you're even not liked when you're on that drug because you don't even know who you are," said Maez.

According to Maez, "You need to sit down and understand your own self-worth." He said, only

then, will you be able to defeat the coyote.

Maez said everyone must begin working with this self-empowerment now because of the rampant spread of substance abuse.

"The coyote's running wild out there, and it's going to get worse," said Maez.

Maez expressed his concern over working to stop the spread of substance abuse. He said there is an immediate need to stop its spread.

"The drug people are coming this way. They don't give a damn about who they kill. All they want is that money in their pocket," said

Maez.

According to Maez, parents can begin this work by not denying what their kids might be doing, by openly talking to their children, and by making them understand they are an individual and they don't have to prove anything to anyone else.

He said everyone must "reach out a helping hand. Don't just sit down and close your eyes." He said, "You can make a difference by working a little extra time."

He also said each person must help to prevent others from falling into the snare of substance abuse by telling people around they are worth something.

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official.

In addition, Jones (who was wearing "street clothes" at the time of the incident with no visible badge) said that he did not identify himself as an officer until Bass questioned him about his authority to not only give him a citation, but to arrest him. According to police procedure, an officer must identify himself unless he is in full police uniform.

Attorney C.C. Walker of the N.C. Attorney General's Office said, in referring to the general statute included above, that the question of whether or not an arresting officer has the authority to "unarrest" a subject has not been specifically answered by a high court in the United States.

However, he said that as the statute stands today, officers are obliged to take subjects who are arrested before judicial officials without unnecessary delay, and advise them of their rights and the charges against them.

Sammy Bryson, a resident of Scott Dormitory and witness to the incident between Jones and Bass, said that he heard someone screaming in pain outside his window at the time of the incident.

"I heard someone screaming, so I woke up and went over to the window. When I came to the window, Bass was screaming in pain to make the officer let him go because I could tell he was in pain. The officer had his arm twisted into the small of his back and while he was doing that, the guy's chest was laying on his car. Jones had him in that position all the way to the ground, with his knee in his back on the ground. He took his handcuffs off and put them on Bass.

"And, then the student said, 'Come on, man, I'm sorry. I was going to move my car.' So, I go outside and watch the officer take Bass into the security office. And, I heard the officer say, 'I'm going to make you think kiss your white ass.'"

Bryson said he believes the arrest was a racist act on the part of the police officer.

"I think if it had been a black student, and he said 'kiss my ass,' I think that the police officer would not have treated him in the manner he treated Bass. I think the officer's behavior was extremely unethical -- especially for someone who is second in command."

Economic outlook promising

By Jami Shippe
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UNCA's economics department and the First Commercial Bank co-sponsored the sixth annual Crystal Ball Outlook Conference held April 19 in the Owen Conference Center at 7 p.m.

Topics included the housing market and the business and investment climate.

The conference was well attended, although of 150 people only about eight were students, according to Joe Sulock, associate professor of economics.

"I'm glad it was well received, but I also want students to know they are welcome and encouraged to come," said Sulock.

The purpose of the conference is to bring in speakers who specialize in economics and who are in larger cities where much of the action is, according to Sulock.

"Asheville is out of the way and not in the action," said Sulock. "There are a lot of knowledgeable people here, but these people's (conference speakers) jobs are to keep up with the economy."

This year's speakers were David W. Berson, Ph.D. and James F. Smith, Ph.D.

Berson is vice-president and chief economist for the Federal National Mortgage Association, also known as Fannie Mae, where he forecasts interest rates and the housing market. He is the former chief financial economist at Wharton Econometrics and a visiting scholar with the Federal Reserve Bank.

Berson is also on the board of directors of the National Association of Business Economists.

Smith is a professor of finance at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and former chief

economist for Union Carbide. He was also Director of the U.S. Regional Services with Wharton Econometrics Forecasting Associates.

He has appeared as an expert witness on the state of the economy at congressional hearings.

"These are busy guys," said Sulock. "Berson is having lunch with President Bush next Tuesday and Smith had lunch with him as vice-president."

"They're on top of what is going on," Sulock said.

Both Berson and Smith were optimistic about the future. Neither expects a recession until after the 1992 election.

Both scholars said they felt North Carolina's economy is one of the healthiest in the nation due to legislative spending.

They also said they expect housing interest rates to go up the

rest of the year and pointed out that a drop has only occurred in selected areas such as New England.

They said they also felt that Alan Greenspan of the Federal Reserve has done a superb job.

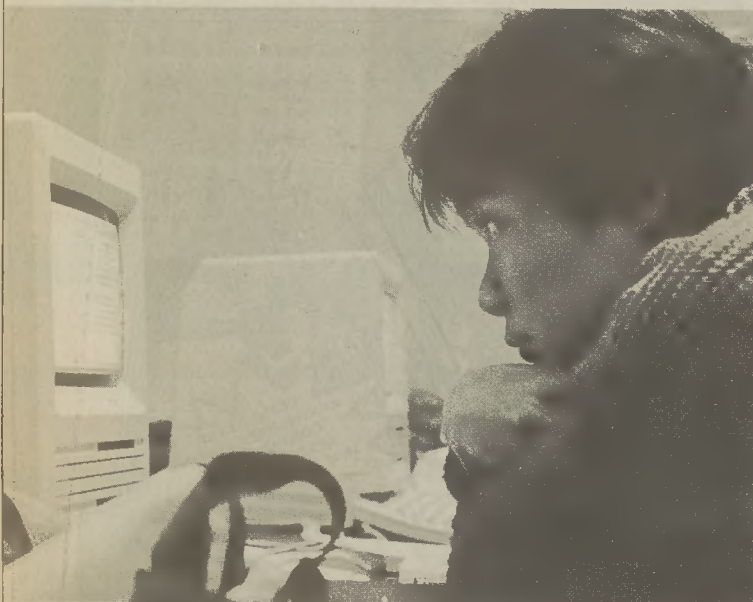
The program concluded at 8:30, but Berson and Smith stayed to answer questions until 10:00.

Berson, who has an undergraduate degree in economics and history, extolled the virtues of liberal arts schools.

He said liberal arts and communication skills are very important unless you're only going to be a technician.

"In order to be a highly successful person, it's necessary to develop the whole person and to be a good communicator," he said.

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