

# News

## Celebration held to raise support for hemp

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The second annual Hemp Ball was held at 31 Patton on March 1. The organizers sold products made from hemp to raise money in efforts to fight marijuana prohibition laws.

Dan Waterman, an Asheville resident, said he wants to see the prohibition laws concerning marijuana repealed. Waterman presently heads N.C. Hemp. The organization is a group of activists dedicated to fighting marijuana prohibition. "We (N.C. Hemp) have a couple of actions in mind. We are circulating a petition to present to the Asheville City Council to ask that Asheville be declared a compassionate use zone," Waterman said. He explained the meaning of compassionate-use zone.

"In other places, such as San Francisco, people have started cannabis buyers' groups that are cooperatives to buy cannabis for AIDS patients, cancer patients, people with glau-

coma or various medical problems." He added that people who want to acquire the marijuana must have a prescription, or a letter from their physician verifying medical need for the plant.

"Besides the medical uses, we (N.C. Hemp) would like to see the laws in the greater Asheville area changed, so no one will be arrested for possessing small amounts of marijuana for their personal use. Last year, there were 481,000 people arrested and charged for marijuana possession in the United States," he said. Waterman said of those arrests, 83.7 percent were possession charges.

The physical damage a marijuana user inflicts on their health is comparable to tobacco, North Carolina's most infamous cash crop, Waterman said.

Waterman also said marijuana income for N.C. is equal to tobacco.

The tobacco industry is a multi-billion dollar business. Legalizing marijuana would

add the equivalent of a second tobacco industry to the state's taxable economy, he said.

"Hemp can be processed into paper, fabric, lamp oil, plastics, and many other products," said Waterman.

"The plant has many uses and can be grown easily. Businesses may fear the competition a legal marijuana crop could give them," Waterman said. "People who want the laws repealed should contact politicians and state their position."

He also suggested pleading not guilty when charged with simple marijuana possession. "It may be a small fine the first time, but it goes on your record permanently. If you are ever charged again, you are perceived as a repeat drug offender," he said.

Waterman moved to Asheville after living in Washington state.

He was active in working to change marijuana laws in Washington, and founded N.C. Hemp.

## Test

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is some preparation available at the Sylvan Learning Center. "That's fairly new," said Williams.

Williams said many people go far out of their way to keep from taking the GRE on the computer. Some reasons could be because the computer test is not as good and some because of peoples resistance to change, she said.

"I wasn't very happy about that (the elimination of the October date) but in ETS's defense, these are the choice years. You can take it either way. In the past, you couldn't," said Williams.

There is a maximum capacity of people who can take the test on a particular date at UNCA, explained Williams. "We don't often reach that maximum capacity, it depends on when they register," she said. The first 100 or 120 stu-

dents that register can be accommodated here, she said.

"We also take people on a walk-in basis, and since I have been here giving test, three years now, we haven't turned away any walk-ins," said Williams.

If a student registers and the total registered is over the maximum capacity, then that student gets the next closest site, which might be Charlotte, NC.

But, they can show up that morning at UNCA to see if there is an opening, said Williams.

"We can't guarantee them that they can take it here," said Williams, "but since I have been here we have accommodated all walk-ins or change-of-site requests."

Williams said that this is usually on first-come-first-serve basis, but ETS sends between 20 and 30 extra tests.

A student registers to take the GRE by getting a registration booklet from the career center.

This booklet contains the registration form and envelope and it explains the payment schedule, and what kind of identification is needed.

Williams said ETS accommodates special needs request and learning disabilities.

"ETS has been extremely student-centered," she said.

The 1995-96 General Test Descriptive Booklet, available at the career center, explains the computer-adaptive test (CAT). It marks the beginning of several planned changes in the GRE General Test designed to improve assessments of the abilities of potential graduate students.

CAT provides precise information about an examinee's abilities using fewer questions than the traditional General Test, because questions are tailored to an individual examinee's ability level in each of the three standard General Test measures (verbal, quantitative, and analytical).

## Plan

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building a new entrance to the university that would have Edgewood road bypass the campus by running across the parking lot below the Belk Theater.

This lot would be replaced by a parking building in that area and one across from the Humanities Lecture Hall.

This drawing also showed the traffic moving one way around University Heights.

This idea would allow a four-foot-wide bicycle lane and easier entrance to parking lots, Pruet said.

He also said the new entrance would keep through traffic away from the campus.

The last set of plans Pruet showed included the development of the north end of the campus located beyond the Health and Fitness Building and the south end of campus located across W.T. Weaver Boulevard.

The drawing of the north end showed Division Street being lengthened to connect with the street that leads up to Chestnut Ridge.

The land between the track and Division Street could be a site for a new baseball and soccer field.

The area above Division Street could be a site for a new convocation building and parking lot.

This could also be the new location of the Physical Plant, Pruet said.

The south end of campus could also be the site for a new convocation building and a soccer stadium, or a building including both a conference center and convocation center.

This area would be a better choice for the center, because it has more space to put the parking lots needed, Pruet said.

The final drawing Pruet presented was a proposal of a small conference center located on Chestnut Ridge.

In this plan the ridge would only be 40 percent developed, said Pruet.

The drawing also proposed a small university retreat building and conservation area.

After Pruet finished his speech, he opened up the floor for questions.

A student asked why the science building was the largest

new building on the plan.

John Stevens, professor of chemistry, helped Pruet answer the question by saying the math and science departments use 40 percent of the class room space presently on campus.

Stevens asked why there was not anything planned for the area between Division Street and Broadway where the church used to be located. Pruet said that area was just too small for anything like a building or a ball field.

Pete Williams, director, housing and residence life, went up to the drawings and pointed out that the area where the gravel parking lot is presently located could be another alternative site for new dormitories.

He also said he liked the idea of building the new dormitories on the wooded area beside the Dining Hall.

"We are starting to hear common threads of concerns," Pruet said as he ended the forum.

He will record the comments that he receives from these meetings and consolidate them into one or two final concepts in April.

## Oscar Mayer intern praises Weinermobile

(CPS)-Work experience: Hotdogger. Ambassador of good will for hot dog company. Skills include greeting people at parades, festivals, other public events. Can parallel park a 27-foot-long hot dog.

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Without a doubt, the Oscar Mayer Weinermobile wins the award for the world's zaniest internship. Where else can one spend a year road-tripping across the land in a gigantic hot dog-on-wheels? To get the full "flavor" of this internship, Dan Duff, one of 12 "Hotdoggers" who piloted the Weinermobile during 1995, tells his story.

What does it take to be a Hotdogger?

You have to be extroverted. You've got people coming up to you everyday asking all sorts of questions. You can't be shy. Some people ask about the history of the Weinermobile, others ask about the specifications of the vehicle. Occasionally,

someone will ask if (the Weinermobile) floats, because the buns look like pontoons to some. Others ask what it runs on. I usually say, "High-octane mustard."

What is your favorite memory as a Hotdogger?

On July 4th, we did a Fourth of July parade in upstate New York, and then we hauled our buns down to Washington, D.C., for the Fourth of July party at the White House. We actually didn't take the Weinermobile onto the driveway of the White House—we parked on the Ellipse. Then we went into the party and watched the fireworks display from the South Lawn.

Are hot dogs actually available from the Weinermobile?

Although we have a microwave and a refrigerator, we don't go around grilling dogs in the Weinermobile. Sometimes we'll go to an event, and they'll have a grill for us, and we'll actually work the grill.

What does the Weinermobile

license plate read?

Our license plate is "OUR DOG," and the other ones are "HOT DOG," "BIG BUN," "YUMMY," "WEINER," and "OSCAR."

Have you ever been pulled over in the Weinermobile?

We've been pulled over by policemen a lot. New Jersey and Pennsylvania state troopers love to pull us over—just to see the inside of the Weinermobile.

But, I've never been pulled over for speeding or gotten into any accidents.

Is the Weinermobile a magnet for romance?

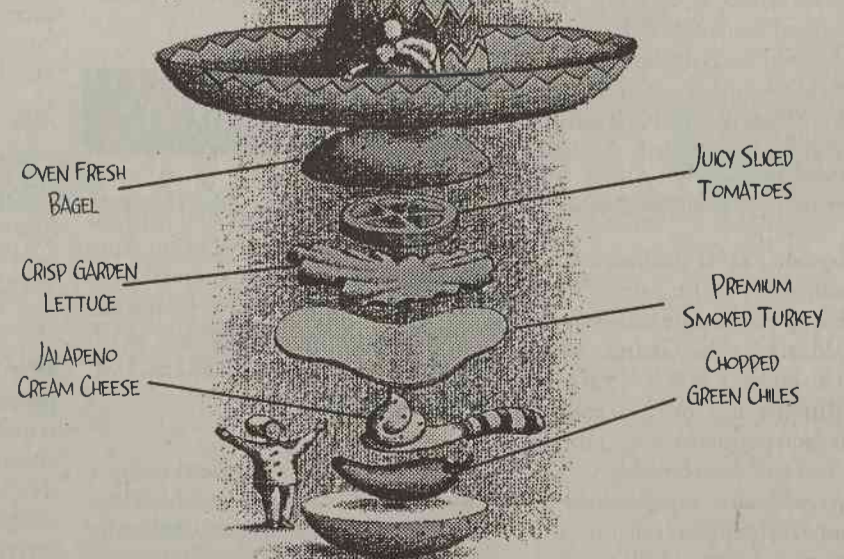
Well, sure. You meet all sorts of people. You definitely get people coming up and flirting with you.

It's kind of funny, because my partner is a woman. We witness how guys will come up and talk to her, and girls will come up and talk to me. It's kind of fun to watch your partner when people start totally flirting.

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