

# College paper shut down after slur

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ethics manager who will act as an ombudsman and a content review board will monitor future editions of The Tartan, he said.

The board will include Dean of Student Affairs Michael Murphy, Vice Provost for Education Indira Nair and Gloria Hill, the

director of the Carnegie Mellon Action Project, a support service for black, American Indian and Hispanic students.

Advertising revenue pays for the newspaper editors' small stipend. But the staff receive \$2,500 in student activities money to produce the April Fool's Day edition.

"We all make mistakes and people err in judgment," Murphy said. "The Tartan is sitting in judgment of itself ... the administration will also sit in judgment of The Tartan and the students involved in this."

Demonstrators on Saturday demanded the newspaper suspend publica-

tion, the editorial board resign and the university suspend or expel the students responsible for printing the racial slur.

"As a Jew, I'm outraged that something like this would happen on this campus, at a school that prides itself on diversity," said sophomore Rachel Gross.

# Coalition expands AIDS drug plan

By Shankar Vedantam  
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A year-old deal that offers AIDS drugs at a steep discount to 16 countries has been expanded to all the world's poor nations, a key step toward making treatment available to millions of vulnerable patients.

Broadening the program to more than 100 countries could dramatically increase the number of AIDS patients being treated and offers hope that the World Health Organization (WHO) might achieve its goal of getting 3 million poor people on anti-retroviral therapy by 2005, advocates said.

The groups that negotiated the agreement — the World Bank, the Global Fund, UNICEF and the Clinton Foundation — combine for the first time some of the largest funding agencies with those that have the best public health expertise, including WHO.

Missing, however, was one prominent funder: the U.S. government, which has its own plan to help AIDS patients in poor countries. The \$15 billion U.S. plan seeks to buy medicines involving multiple combinations of pills from Western pharmaceutical companies that hold patents on the drugs, while yesterday's deal will rely on fixed-dose medicines made in India and South Africa, which combine

three drugs in one pill.

Despite the agreement, the participants said, the ambitious "3 by 5" target set by WHO faces daunting challenges, mostly because of a lack of public health infrastructure to deliver the medicines in the poorest countries. But quality drugs at affordable prices are an essential first step.

The cheapest test-and-drug combination will cost about \$200 per patient per year under the new agreement.

"It's not a good excuse to say, 'I won't give lower-priced drugs because they don't have infrastructure,'" said Ira Magaziner, chairman of the Clinton Foundation's AIDS initiative, referring to the historical resistance by some U.S. and European pharmaceutical companies to efforts to provide steeply discounted generic medicines to the world's poorest AIDS patients.

Of about 6 million people with AIDS in poor countries, only 200,000 currently receive the treatment that can save their lives. The manufacturers who are to supply the generic medicines will make them available at about one-third to one-half the cost of the cheapest prices being offered by companies in wealthy countries.

Countries that want to get medicines under the agreement will have to build up health systems to deliver

them to patients and prevent diversion of the drugs to rich countries, where they could be resold at sizable profits.

"The program could fall apart if black marketeers get in and start diverting medicines," Magaziner said.

Some poor countries already have the public health infrastructure to sign on to the new program immediately, while others may take months or even years before they have a system that can test patients and deliver the medicines correctly, he said.

The new agreement takes advantage of the complementary strengths of the four organizations that worked it out.

"For us, it is not a problem with money, it is a problem of using the money appropriately and being able to implement the project," said Yolanda Taylor, senior specialist for procurement/health at the World Bank. She said the bank had committed \$1.6 billion for AIDS, and about 75 percent of that money remains to be spent.

The Global Fund is a public-private partnership that raises money to fight AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria. UNICEF has expertise in procuring drugs, assessing demand and creating distribution networks. By banding together, the groups expect to guarantee generic manufac-

turers large sales, along with longer contracts and bigger upfront payments — all of which lower the risk for manufacturers and the cost for participating countries.

"We need low prices, we want the lowest prices possible," said Liza Barrie, a spokeswoman for UNICEF. "And the Clinton Foundation needs volume. So it's a question of marrying different priorities."

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Both Taylor, age 12 and his brother Tyquante, age 10 live an active life. They like swimming, skating, playing video games and watching cartoons. On this special day they take time out to just hang together.



Taylor and Tyquante are two of many children waiting to be adopted in Mecklenburg County.

not only in his eye but also in his heart. He is very sweet and lovable."

One thing both boys share in common is their desire for an adoptive family. Taylor and Tyquante live in foster care. They have never lived apart and want to be adopted into the same family. If you are interested in finding out more about these boys or other children awaiting adoption, call Mecklenburg County Department of Social Services at 704-336-KIDS (5437).

Today, we honor and celebrate the lives of these handsome brothers and recognize their special talents, which include drawing and singing. Both Taylor and Tyquante are also avid readers.

Taylor's favorite series of books is Harry Potter and Tyquante's favorite book is Curious George.

"Taylor's most endearing qualities are his smile and his witty behavior," says long-time friend

Christine O'Brien. "Tyquante has a sparkle

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