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## A second chance

On Oct. 24, Michael Warren Forte tried to kill himself in his room at the Wake Juvenile Detention Center. Last week, on his third attempt he succeeded, his death pointing to the glaring inability of state facilities to treat the emotionally disturbed. For years, Forte had been diagnosed as unstable and often had spoken of suicide. He'd been turned down for treatment at three area hospitals and was placed on a waiting list. There just hadn't been room.

Forte was first placed in the detention center in early October after stabbing a classmate. By State standards, he was one of the 1,000 children across North Carolina described as eligible for the "Willi M" program, a program that provides comprehensive treatment for emotionally disturbed adolescents. Willi M children, named after a 1979 lawsuit that mandated the state provide such treatment, are often the products of broken homes. They are usually victims of sexual abuse at an early age and now try to hurt themselves and others.

Yet, of the 1,000 Willi M cases, only 400 will receive the appropriate treatment; the rest to be placed in detention centers where they receive inadequate, if any help. As it now stands, there are only 55 spaces available in state mental hospitals for the severe cases such as Forte's. As one court official in charge of placing the children said, it's "like an ongoing game of Russian roulette."

To lessen the chance of another suicide, state officials have taken steps to tighten security at detention centers. They've proposed ways for optional care to be provided should a child with severe emotional or behavioral problems be turned away from a hospital. Perhaps most important, they've designed a \$7.2 million plan that would double the 55 spaces available for the severely disturbed. It is estimated that about 108 of the Willi M children need such treatment.

Although the plans were announced just this week, they've already drawn large amounts of criticism, especially because of their high costs. But as Forte's death has demonstrated, it's the odds against the Willi M children that are exorbitantly high. State officials are not to blame for Forte's death, but they carry the responsibility to make sure that the next child, through adequate treatment, may have a second chance.

## What's up, Doc?

In an astounding move to preserve the status quo, the Campus Governing Council Wednesday night discarded discussion and voted unanimously to require any student running for election under a pseudonym to list both his chosen and legal names on the election ballot. The campus politicians ostensibly decided on the elections policy change to better inform the students about whom they might be voting for. More likely, council members have become terrified that one of the "joke" candidates might supplant them and so they have acted to decrease the effectiveness of running under a fake name.

The option to run under an alternate name was placed in the elections rules to give students another outlet for expressing their dissatisfaction with campus policies or leaders. By effectively destroying this avenue, the CGC has resorted to an underhanded and cowardly restriction of the students' right to make a statement — a move made all in the name of keeping the students informed about candidates. The students — if interested in the candidate's legal name — are fully capable of discovering such facts for themselves.

The council's paranoia stems from the recent strong showings by long-shot "joke" candidates in campus elections. Hugh G. Reckshun — Hugh Lamb incognito under his Black Label beer helmet — shocked students and the campus political establishment last spring when he knocked a prominent candidate out of the student body president run-off. Whether because he had a captivating pseudonym or because students were interested in his plan to abolish the executive branch of Student Government, Reckshun became a mocking symbol of student dissatisfaction with the political status quo on campus.

This fall, another "joke" candidate picked up on the novelty of pseudonyms and captured the crown of Homecoming Queen under the guise of "Yure Nmomma." The election of the new campus queen, Teague resident Steve Latham, proved that students may find crowning a Homecoming Queen a dated and possibly sexist ritual.

Some students may argue that the CGC has not restricted students from running under pseudonyms, but by forcing these candidates to place their legal names on the ballot, the council has displaced much of the message carried through using a fake name. Both Reckshun and Nmomma showed that such candidates are anything but jokes, and the CGC has no right to hamper the efforts of such anti-establishment office-seekers. Perhaps the council members are simply afraid that they may become the real jokes of campus elections.

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## What about our children?

By DOROTHY N. GAMBLE

On the last Wednesday of each month, my husband and I spend our lunch hour in front of the Franklin Street Post Office with other friends from the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom trying to engage people in discussions and persuade them to take action in favor of peace and freedom and to put an end to war and the nuclear arms race. Why have we become part of the oldest international peace organization in the world, and why do we stand there trying to slow the pace of the usual lunch hour stampede?

Anyone who has paused to witness the birth of a human being must have marveled at the miracle of it. What a miracle that each tiny cell in each tiny toenail became properly specialized and correctly related to all the other specialized cells to make that little toe! As we watch the mental and physical development of children, we are awed by the magic of this development and the large responsibility we have for its guidance. Any parent, grandparent or teacher who engages with a child in the process of development senses the awesome nature of the magic and the responsibility and begins to have respect for nurturing life.

Parents too often engage in the growth relationship only long enough to ensure that the child contributes to the family's pride. The child too often is seen not for his or her own sake but as an extension of the pride and vanity of the parents.

If one follows this vain use of children to its extreme, it becomes the rationale for using children, in the prime of their youth, to defend home and nation. It seems to me that one of the most cruel hoaxes the leaders of any nation can play upon their people is to convince them to send the country's youth to do battle in the name of freedom when the real purpose is to flex the national muscle. They send the country's youth to do battle in the name of peace when the real reason is to maintain the status quo for greedy profiteers.

Freedom needs dedicated and concerted action in order to be created, preserved and defended. Conditions that enhance and facilitate freedom need to be actively produced. Conditions that inhibit freedom need to be non-violently eroded. But people need to learn much more about freedom and much more about war and peace in order to be able to distinguish between a hoax and the defense of freedom.

When I stand on the street asking people to write letters to their congressmen about the deployment of the MX and Pershing missiles, there are two responses that are most troublesome to me. One of these is young women who coyly reply, "But the experts should decide; I don't know enough." The other is that of young men who say, "I'd rather be dead than Red!" To both of these replies I say, "But what will you tell your children?" I wonder, what would they tell my 11-year-old son if he were in their care. Would the young woman tell my child he had no responsibility to help the nation decide what it should do about nuclear arms? Can anyone old enough to reason absolve themselves of the responsibility to struggle with this complicated but vital issue?

When I think of the young man's response I wonder what kind of an education we have given to young men to make them believe they should be ready to kill or die at the mention of an ideological symbol. Would this young man know a communist if he saw one? Does he have any recognition of the millions of people in Russia, Poland, Yugoslavia, Grenada, El Salvador or Nicaragua who, like him, want to get on with the business of learning, making a living and raising a family? And like him, must all these ordinary people live in fear of an opposing, warlike government preparing to attack another because each has been convinced the other is its mortal



enemy? If we were watching a television documentary of Nicaragua and a young man interviewed said, "I'd rather be dead than overrun by the Yanki Imperialists!" we would say he had been brainwashed. When we watch a 14-year-old soldier fighting in Tripoli say to a television interviewer, "We fight to the death!" we assume this child is in a condition in which he cannot think or act for himself. Why would an 18- or 20-year-old man living in a country that has not been invaded or has not had to fight a war on its soil for more than a hundred years say to me, "I'd rather be dead than Red!"?

Perhaps the fear of totalitarianism has made it impossible for him to think. Or perhaps it is because he knows we are not innocent. Even before the Vietnam War, we had in the collective memory of this nation the knowledge that we used the atom bomb on a civilian population. I have often heard adults older than me talk with pride and enthusiasm about exactly what they were doing on the day Pearl Harbor was bombed and exactly what they did immediately afterward out of patriotic duty. I have rarely heard people older than me talk about how they felt when the atom bomb was used on a civilian population. I have heard the bitter tales of the holocaust and have visited Auschwitz, one of the most devastating and unforgettable things I have ever done, but people rarely

talk about the "firestorm" bombing raids on German civilians that had little to do with winning World War II.

While it may be human nature to avoid talking about guilt, revenge or excessive behavior, it seems we have no other way out if the planet is to survive. Now we have gone too far. We have enough nuclear weapons to destroy the world several times over. We can no longer hide behind our innocence or our national pride. We must strengthen world organizations that facilitate dialogue rather than flaunt our nationalistic nose at them. We must do it for our children and the children of the U.S.S.R. and of Nicaragua and of Lebanon.

We all view the world in slightly different ways and define our roles in the context of our personal experiences. I am a mother and a sister and an aunt and a wife and a teacher, and I feel an obligation to facilitate public discussion about how to abolish nuclear arms and violent conflict.

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## THE WEEK IN REVIEW

### Cameras not set to roll at UNC

By GIGI SONNER

North Carolina defensive tackle William Fuller may have been named to the 1983 Kodak All-American team Monday, but another UNC All-American may not be seen on campus.

Warners Bros. was denied permission Tuesday to film part of their \$13 million movie, *Everybody's All-American*, on the UNC campus.

The distraction the filming would cause and policy on use of the University's facilities were the main reasons for the refusal, according to Rollie Tillman, vice chancellor of University relations.

"Any major motion picture anytime classes are in session would be subject to very careful scrutiny by the chancellor," he said. "We have a facilities-use policy that says this campus is not to be used for something which will disrupt this university's academic mission."

The film, which will star Tommy Lee Jones and Jessica Lange, is based on a novel by Frank Deford that tells about a fictitious UNC football star and the years after his graduation when his fame has diminished. It will be directed by Michael Apted, who also directed *Coal Miner's Daughter*.

"They wanted to come at a time when people are settling into exams," Tillman said. "It is ultimately a judgment call, and I think the chancellor made the right call because our job is to educate students."

Without permission to film on campus, Warner Bros. would have to find another university that would be willing to permit filming.

The N.C. Film Commission is still planning to find a way Warner Bros. could use the campus, according to Paula Wyrick, the commission's assistant director. Without permission to film on the UNC campus, the chances of the movie's production coming to North Carolina are greatly diminished.

#### Proposed fee increase for STV

The Campus Governing Council agreed Wednesday to hold a student referendum on a proposal to raise the Student Activities Fee to help support Student Television.

The proposal, if passed by a two-thirds majority during the campuswide elections in February, would increase the fee by 50 cents per student per semester for one academic year only.

The fee increase would provide about \$20,000 of the \$35,000 necessary for the STV Committee to purchase the videotape, cameras, recorders and editing equipment needed to produce programs for the university access channel on Village Cable.

Since students who live in dormitories or in Carboro are not served by Village Cable, CGC member Steve Reinhard (District 1) questioned whether all students should pay for STV.

But the STV programs will be shown in the Union, making them available to all students. The price of two soft drinks seems a small price to pay to give students interested in all aspects of broadcasting a chance to learn more about the field. STV will also increase awareness of campus happenings, a service that will benefit everyone at the University.

In other business, the CGC approved a \$10,000 loan to *The Daily Tar Heel* and passed a bill requiring joke candidates running in campus elections to provide their legal names on the ballot as well as any pseudonyms they wish to use.

The loan to the *DTH* will offset a cash flow problem the paper faces in December when it does not receive advertising revenue or student fees.

The bill dealing with candidates who use pseudonyms is meant to insure an informed electorate, according to CGC Rules and Judiciary Committee Chairman Reggie Holley (District 11).

"This is not to harm joke candidates," he said. "Our intent is to inform students as to whom they're voting for."

#### Florida man executed

Convicted murderer Robert Austin Sullivan was executed Wednesday at the state prison in Starke, Fla., despite an appeal by Pope John Paul II to spare Sullivan's life. He was the ninth man to be executed in the United States since the Supreme Court lifted its ban on capital punishment in 1976. He was 36 years old.

Sullivan's execution came 10 years after his 1973 murder of Donald Schmidt, an assistant manager at a Howard Johnson's motor lodge in Homestead, Fla., and brings to an end 10 years of court reviews.

Sullivan was adopted when he was two weeks old and his family life was described by friends and neighbors as marked by bitterness and frustration. During his years on death row, prison officials described him as a model inmate. He was a practicing Roman Catholic and served as a counselor for other prisoners. He once talked another prisoner out of committing suicide. An accomplice in the murder, Reid McLaughlin, testified against Sullivan in exchange for a lighter sentence; he is living in Massachusetts on parole.

Vernon Bradford, state corrections spokesman, said the execution was carried out "very smoothly."

#### Hope for Lebanon

Lebanese President Amin Gemayel met with President Reagan and Secretary of State George P. Shultz yesterday in hopes of finding new ideas for trying to get the foreign troops out of Lebanon.

Earlier this week, the United States

and Israel reaffirmed their support for the May 17 pact in which Israel pledged to withdraw its forces from Lebanon in return for security and political concessions from Lebanon. The catch is that Syria must pull out at the same time. This has not happened.

"The only basis for a settlement of the Lebanese problem is the full implementation of the May 17, 1983, agreement in all its parts," Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir said before leaving Washington.

Syrian President Hafez Assad condemned the pact, claiming it makes Lebanon a puppet of Israel. Assad and Lebanese leftist and opposition groups insist that Israel withdraw unconditionally.

After meeting with Shultz yesterday, Gemayel said that both the Geneva talks on Lebanese national reconciliation and his meetings with Shultz and Reagan will help to end the chaos in Lebanon.

"Despite the present difficult situation in my country, I am here with a strong sense of hope rather than of uncertainty; of resolve, rather than hesitation; of accomplishment, rather than inertia," he said.

But six months ago, when the troop withdrawal agreement between Israel and Lebanon was signed, the pact was considered to be the Reagan administration's single foreign policy success in the Middle East. Now this same pact has become a major obstacle to peace in the region.

#### Yet another shuttle

This week's space shuttle launch was greeted with nonchalance by pretty much everyone other than the scientists and astronauts involved.

This was the first shuttle to carry a non-American. Ulf Merbold, a physicist from West Germany, accompanied five other crew members on the flight. The shuttle was also the first to put the \$1 billion Spacelab to work.

But if those on the ground weren't excited by the flight, those in the air were more enthused.

"It is so neat up here," said mission commander John Young, who is making his sixth flight. "It is really something."

Pilot Brewster H. Shaw Jr., making his first flight, said, "It's a beautiful flying machine. It's really some ride."

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