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Looking out for student-athletes

overdue.

recommendations, which now must be this direction. incorporated into the Faculty Code.

committee members and the chair.

mended that a stated purpose be end.

Previously, the committee had no mittee will be a vehicle to that end.

Three cheers for the Faculty Coun- agenda from year to year, drifting at cil. Following this month's council times from issue to issue. This meeting, changes for improving the approach is no longer sufficient, given council's Faculty Athletics Committee the phenomenal growth of the athletic are in the works. They are long program in the past 30 years. The scope of University athletics now An ad hoc faculty group recom- requires the committee to be consistmended that the nine committee ent, thorough and committed in its members be elected by the faculty and work. Establishing a broad role as that the chairperson be selected by the monitor of the athletic-academic committee. The council approved the relationship moves the committee in

But while increased responsibility is Under the proposal, the committee warranted, the committee must be members would be elected to staggered careful not to become lost in the three-year terms, and could serve no myriad of issues related to University more than two consecutive terms, athletics. What has recently been of Now, the chancellor appoints the primary concern to the committee the academic experience of the Elections will ensure that the com- student-athlete from admission to mittee members can be held accoun- graduation — must remain at the table, and that the council will have forefront of discussion. An athlete legitimate authority to direct the work should be viewed and treated as any of the committee when appropriate. other student, and the committee The ad hoc group also recom- should continue to work toward this

established, requiring the committee to In keeping with its mission, the report to the council at least once a committee must balance general and year, and to advise the chancellor on specific concerns — from Educational any athletic matters of concern to the Foundation involvement to admisfaculty. According to the recommen- sions standards for athletes — while dations, these matters include the increasing its scrutiny of the Athletic conduct and operation of the athletic Department. A more credible and autonomous Faculty Athletics Com-

A surreal encounter with fashion

was warned not to attend. My three friends in the fashion show were all slightly embarrassed by the whole thing. "It's ridiculous," one said. "I hate the clothes," said another. "I look terrible next to all those models," said the third. With comments like those, how could I stay away?

I was also no mere spectator, having actually helped one of the girls select a robe at Victoria's Secret. The plan was to buy the robe, wear it in the show, and then deviously return it. We wandered through the store, talking loudly of her fictional twin sister's birthday. After much fingering of silk, we decided on a long robe of light pastel colors. With this shopping time invested in the robe, I felt an obligation to see it worn in the show.

So, there I sat, front row center in the middle of University Mall, ready and waiting for 45 minutes of voyeurism. Well over a hundred people milled around the stage, giggling and pointing at the models lined up against the wall. I waved to my friends, who looked horrified. A big guy sitting next to me leaned over and muttered in a Mafia voice, "My girlfriend's in the show, you look at her and I break your spine."

"Absolutely no problem," I said. "I can't see a thing without my glasses anyway."

The emcees stepped to the podium -Miss Greater Raleigh, whose hairstyle could only be termed "crafted," and a suave guy who was either a reporter or a Playgirl Playmate, I couldn't make out which. Thunderous applause, and the show was

The models paraded across the stage, sometimes twirling alone, sometimes acting out mimed skits with a partner. Guys with chins cleft like the Grand Canyon strutted around, looking very preoccupied and concerned - perhaps about the **Brian McCuskey** In the Funhouse

situation in Central America, but I can't be sure. Girls with perfect smiles and enough hair mousse to style a vak strolled and tossed their heads provocatively. These people would have looked good with dead hamsters tied around their necks.

The girlfriend of the guy next to me waltzed across the stage, and so I dutifully averted my eyes and watched the audience. Female spectators giggled and nudged each other with every twitch of a stomach muscle and steely blue-eyed stare; male spectators wiped the drool from their chins and sighed at the smooth tanned thighs and sweet smiles. I don't think the audience was paying too much attention to the models' clothes.

The skits were reminiscent of Shakespeare's timeless classics - guy sees girl, girl avoids guy, guy chases girl, girl relents. Or just for variety, she doesn't relent. Or another twist - the girl chases the guy. I pondered the thematic implications of these dramas, but could only conclude that sometimes the romance works, and sometimes it doesn't. True words, but hardly profound. One disturbing moment sticks in my mind — a bathing-suited girl crawled across the stage toward her stern and beckoning lover.

And there it was! The robe! Floating up over the steps, billowing out as it moved across the stage, cinched snugly at the waist, silk rustling, and the pastels! Delicate blue, delightful yellow, ambiguous pink . . . I was overcome. I searched the faces in the audience, waiting for the approving nods, hoping someone would pat me on the back, a few claps breaking out into real applause, me standing up, bowing, smiling modestly, Ralph Lauren on the phone, Yves Saint Laurent on hold, a ticker-tape parade, women all over the country lounging in "Sleepwear By Bri"

The scattered applause woke me from my fantasy. "Dare to dream," I told the guy next to me. He shook his head and muttered, "Whatever."

It was over. For the finale, the models took one last stroll across the stage. One girl had actually changed back into a bathing suit for her grand exit. I had to admire that kind of confidence, that kind of security, that kind of supreme vanity.

I can't really blame her — everyone harbors some degree of vanity. Deep down we'd all like to dress beautifully and have people admire us. Otherwise we wouldn't brush our hair, or match a tie to a sport

But a fashion show is a slightly surreal experience — for 45 minutes the audience bought into a world where men with perfect hair and biceps strut around like peacocks, and exquisitely made-up women with heartbreaking smiles glide across the

It sounds good, but real beauty isn't the empty myth of the perfect tan or white silk leisure suit. While I enjoyed my journey into Fashionland, I missed the truly beautiful things in this world - a crooked grin, a gap-toothed giggle, the puffy and unguarded face of a sleeping girl, a little boy with chocolate all over his face.

But I did go home and brush my hair a little more carefully, and tried to find just the right tie for that tweed jacket . . .

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formal purpose and it defined its - Kelly Clark Boy killer needs help, not prison

Fifteen-year-old Rod Matthews was kill someone." Such a sentence is as motive, to kill "to find out what it was much a travesty as the murder itself.

two friends to view the bludgeoned rehabilitate him. body.

then deciding on Ouillette. Ouillette as wrong. was chosen, the two said, because

tally unstable. After conviction for killings of men, women and children. second degree murder, Matthews was

is similar to N.C. law, a minor keep this crime from recurring; undersentenced as an adult.

it's that time of year again. It's National

long celebration of sex and all its pleasures

is Dr. Roger Libby, a 44-year-old sexologist

who lives with Roxanne Ribbit, a 5-foot,

Roxanne symbolizes all the good things

about sex — she is fun, relaxed, assertive,

independent and unconcerned about her

flabby, green thighs. She usually dresses in

Libby and Roxanne are in Daytona

Beach now, helping students celebrate by

soft-sculpture frog (horny toad, get it?).

a black, leather mini-skirt and T-shirt.

The man we have to thank for this week-

Orgasm Week.

While there are instances when this convicted of murder and sentenced to law should be applied to youths who life in prison last week for beating a commit serious crimes, it should not classmate to death with a baseball bat be used in cases that involve extreme "to find out what it was like to psychological problems. Matthews' like," indicates his mental instability. Matthews had premeditated the To sentence this 15-year-old boy to murder. He lured the classmate, fellow prison — state prison — is incompre-14-year-old Shaun Ouillette, into some hensible. Such an action is devoid of woods and then beat him to death with understanding of Matthews or his his Louisville Slugger. He later took crime, and it makes no attempt to

Matthews' age and mental state Apparently, Matthews first started should have taken precedence over the having homicidal thoughts after seeing heinousness of his crime. Even trying the movie "Faces of Death." The Matthews as a juvenile would have not movie repeatedly depicts mutilations dealt effectively with the problem he and deaths of animals and humans. presented. Matthews and people like Two of Matthews' friends testified him need psychological treatment during the trial that he had told them before serving any prison sentence. of his desire to kill in the fall of 1986, They must be made to comprehend mentioning two possible victims and what they did before they can see it

Finally, we need to understand why Matthews said he would not be missed. Matthews killed Ouillette. Fifteen-Matthews pleaded not guilty by year-old boys have impressionable reason of insanity. His defense attor- minds. Matthews was prompted into ney argued that Matthews was men- action by a movie that shows actual

This same crime could happen sentenced to life in prison. Judge again. And again. There are millons Roger Donahue rejected a motion by of young people across the nation, and the defense to classify Matthews as a millions of videocassette recorders. juvenile and reconsider the sentence. Putting Rod Matthews in a state Under a Massachusetts law, which prison for the rest of his life cannot convicted of a violent crime can be standing why it happened in the first place can. - Stuart Hathaway

Readers' Forum

Real Israel not represented

To the editor:

As a visiting student in the One Year Program at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, I never thought of myself as a foreign correspondent for your paper.

However, after reading the press accounts about what's been happening here and comparing that with what I'm actually experiencing in Israel,

I feel compelled to write to you. Nightly press in the United States is bombarded with pictures of violence in the streets, burning tires, petrol bombs and the unrest occurring in Gaza and the West Bank. A comparison could be made to placing TV cameras in all the slums in America and broadcasting this abroad as an example of "Life in the United States.'

The same is true for current American coverage of Israel As a student who has lived and travelled throughout Israel for the better part of a year, I am free to travel as I please (and we travel quite a lot on study trips), and I feel safe and secure.

I particularly resent the sloppy comparison made between South Africa and Israel. Apartheid exists throughout all of South Africa and is part of their law and society. Military rule, and the demonstrations seen on TV, are confined to the Gaza Strip and West Bank, not Israel proper. I am not denying that there are problems in the territories, and Israelis in general seem very concerned with the situation, but the country as a whole is



at peace and is a very pleasant and interesting place to visit.

I am glad I came here as a visiting student, and I encourage you to come for a visit, too, if you want to get a true perspective of what is really going on here.

> DANIELLE NIEMAN Psychology

Parking a grievous task

To the editor:

I am writing this letter to air a grievance which may possibly be of concern only to me, but I doubt it. This subject of my chagrin is campus parking.

I do not understand how or why the employees and stu-

dents here are standing still to truly an accountable one, spabe charged to park a car for the purpose of work or study. Some unfortunates are paying as much as \$250 a year and for what? I for one would like to know what is happening to this money being paid by thousands of employees and students. There is absolutely no evidence that is being used for the purpose of improving the parking situation here at UNC.

It is totally ridiculous to have a parking fee extracted from your salary and then still be unable to find a parking space. In many cases people who are having this money taken out of their paychecks are still having to pay for a private parking lot because there is no place to park on or near the campus

If this parking program were

ces would be allocated to an individual by name so that the University would not be getting from \$10 to \$250 per year and selling one space to as many as twenty people.

I am anxious to see in print the opinion of others on this

ALPHONSO DONALDSON **UNC Physical Plant**

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Reagan's policy repeats past mistakes

The recent actions of the Reagan administration against the legitimate Nicaraguan government follow old patterns of American hegemonial interest in Latin America. There have been more than 50 American military interventions in Latin America since 1900. Because American interventionism adds up to existing anti-American and nationalist feelings in the area, it is in the best interests of this country to reconsider its policy and discard military options in both Nicaragua and Honduras.

Unlike most Americans, Latin Americans are keenly aware of the legacy of United States influence in the area. Mexicans have not forgotten the American seizure of half of their territory in the 19th century. Guatemalans remember the CIAassisted coup of 1954 in which a reformist, democratic government was replaced by a military dictatorship that has been responsible for the death of more than 100,000 Guatemalans. And Nicaraguans will never forget that Americans occupied their country, selected their presidents, collected their customs, supervised their elections and trained their National Guard for most of the time between 1912 and 1933. The Somoza dictatorship, the indirect result of this policy toward Nicaragua, is still fresh in people's minds. Except for a few years before the fall of the dictator in 1979, Washington condoned the sell-out of much of the small country to the Somoza family and foreign capital, and the U.S. government did very little Jurgen Buchenau

Guest Writer

to oppose the flagrant human rights abuses of the National Guard.

When the Sandinistas attempted to establish a new political and economic system, the Reagan administration cried foul. Particularly, the nationalism of the new rulers worried them. The Sandinistas desired a neutral, non-aligned Nicaragua. The new government was soon labeled Communist and Soviet-influenced, even though Cuban and Soviet assistance to the Sandinistas was very small at that point.

Ortega and his colleagues repeatedly asked the United States for help in the early 1980s, because the Sandinistas had no interest in getting into the orbit of the Soviet Union. Instead of nationalizing all foreign property in Nicaragua, as Cuba had done, they pledged themselves to a mixed economy, pluralism, a land reform returning millions of acres to landless peasants, and health and literacy programs. The United States did not assist in all these efforts, while Canada and Western Europe poured millions of dollars of economic aid into Nicaragua.

Without giving the Nicaraguan experiment much chance and time to succeed, the Reagan administration contemplated methods to bring about the overthrow of

the Sandinistas. With the help of a few former Sandinistas that had lost out in the power struggle within the movement, Washington then launched the contras as the "democratic alternative" to Sandinism, leaving Ortega with no choice but to ask the Soviet Union for help.

Even with a heavy dose of American military aid, the contras have failed in their mission to restore a pro-American regime in Managua. They have, however, succeeded in interrupting the the constructive process of the early 1980s, which has made it easier for Sandinista foes to justify their

Today's debate over whether the contras are thugs or heroes is as unnecessary as the one about the success of the revolution. The fact remains that the United States has no business in supporting a rebellion in Nicaragua, but it should respect every country's right to self-determination.

Without the United States' intervention, we would have been able to assess correctly the success or failure of the Nicaraguan experiment. The course that U.S. policy has taken - and last week's venture into Honduras will show this even more clearly - will only serve as a reminder to Latin America that the United States chooses the "Big Stick" just a little too often over political solutions.

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handing out free condoms and buttons which proclaim, "I came for National Orgasm Week." Today, Libby will speak on "Caring Sex" at Florida Atlantic University (if you leave now, you might make it).

In honor of this spring ritual, Libby suggests that college students and other libidinous enthusiasts hold a sexual fantasy ball. He encourages students to act out their erotic imaginations by dressing as their amuse your roommate.

Spring has sprung, bringing with it most arousing fantasy.

thoughts of love, romance, chance encoun- So in honor of National Orgasm Week, 1 ters, Certs and, of course, orgasms. Yes, we'd like to offer a few suggestions of our | own for your delectation. ■ Visit a nudist colony. (Check the yellow

pages for the location nearest you.) Go to an exhibit of erotic Rococo paintings and gawk at the naked women

and cherubs. Buy satin sheets complete with matching pillow shams. It makes stealing the covers a new and exciting experience for both (or all).

■ Invest in a few pairs of edible underwear and invite your favorite person to

Play "Suck 'n' Blow" with a deck of cards and a few close friends. ■ Dress up as Dr. Ruth and advise

Preregister for Health Education 85, "Topics in Human Sexuality."

 Purchase several brands of condoms, now available in designer colors, and have a condom-testing party. Or you could use them as balloons.

Install a mirror over your bunkbed;