



THINK! Before You Vote

ABSENTEE BALLOTS

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Absentee ballots, are voting ballots for people who cannot vote at their designated precinct.

It is easy to get an absentee ballot. If your precinct is in Wake County, write or go to the Wake County Board of Elections office in Raleigh and tell them that you are attending school away from home and will not be voting at your precinct. They will provide you with an absentee ballot, which they begin issuing March 9. If your precinct is not in Wake County, you need to write your home county's Board of Elections office and ask them to send you a ballot. All Board of Elections offices begin issuing the ballots March 9 and stop at 5:00 the Thursday before the election. They must receive your ballot by the day prior to the election.

This is the policy for most states.



STATE GOVERNMENT OFFERS SPRING INTERNSHIPS

STATE GOVERNMENT LOOKING FOR STUDENTS TO SERVE IN SPRING INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

If you are a post-secondary student looking for a way to gain experience in an area related to your academic and career interests, North Carolina state government is offering you the opportunity to do just that. By participating in the state government internship program, students can gain the exposure to public service professions and learn about government. The program is directed by the Youth Advocacy and Involvement Office, an agency within the N.C. Department of Administration.

To serve as an intern during the spring of 1984, an applicant must be a student attending a North Carolina college, university, community college or technical institute. There is no stipend available for spring internships and students are encouraged to seek academic credit. Applicants must be willing to work at least 10 hours per week for one semester.

Applicants should submit a State of North Carolina employment application, a letter stating reasons for wishing to participate, a transcript of post-secondary grades and a resume listing previous employment, activities and honors. Students should include both the school address and permanent address on the resume.

Applications are available at career placement offices, local Employment Security Commission offices or the Office of State Personnel at 116 West Jones St., Raleigh. All application materials should be submitted to the Youth Advocacy and Involvement Office, 121 W. Jones St., Raleigh, NC 27602-1334.

State government offers a variety of fields such as business-economics, human-health services, biological sciences, communications, engineering-computer science-mathematics, physical science, art-design, social sciences and law.

For more information about the Spring Internship Program contact Michelle Rose, Youth Advocacy and Involvement Office, 121 W. Jones St., Raleigh, NC 27603-1334 or phone 919-733-9296.

Campus News Notes

THE FIRST OFFICIAL SURVEY OF THE STUDENT JOB MARKET SHOWS THAT MANY EMPLOYERS DO INTEND TO INCREASE CAMPUS RECRUITING THIS YEAR.

The College Placement Council, in the first scientific survey of the season, found a majority of the 443 firms it asked expected to hire more college grads this year than last year.

Last year was generally conceded as the worst student job market since World War II.

Firms expected to hire 19 percent more business grads, 21 percent more engineering grads and 20 percent more "non-technical" grads.

But it's no boom, the Council warned. Instead, "it may mean a return to a normal level of hiring."

THERE ARE MORE INEFFECTIVE STANDARDIZED TEST COACHING COURSES THAN EFFECTIVE ONES, SAY THREE U. OF MICHIGAN RESEARCHERS WHO ANALYZED SCORES OF PEOPLE WHO TOOK DIFFERENT COURSES.

They found "the effect of taking a simple practice exam" is "surprisingly strong," and that practice and a coaching course could help push scores up an average 11 points.

But most coaching claims are inflated, especially for the S.A.T., add Robert Bangert-Drowns, James Kulik and Chen-Lin Kulik, the researchers.

LEGES' SCIENCE LAB EQUIPMENT IS OLD, OUTDATED, TOO EXPENSIVE TO REPLACE AND JEOPARDIZING SCIENCE TEACHING, THE NATIONALEUCATION ASSOCIATION SAYS.

The teachers' union says most of the equipment was bought with federal grants that no longer exist.

It calls for additional federal funding for new lab equipment.

THE PENTAGON ARRESTS U.C.L.A. SOPHOMORE RONALD AUSTIN ON CHARGES HE BROKE INTO MILITARY COMPUTERS AND "VERY SENSITIVE" DEFENSE FILES.

Summer government internships offered

Sophomores, juniors and seniors currently enrolled in a North Carolina college, or North Carolina residents attending an out-of-state college are eligible for the Institute of Government Summer Internship Program in state government.

Twenty-three students will be selected by an advisory committee to participate in a living-learning internship in North

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN RALEIGH



CONCERTS

Van Halen - Feb. 3, 8 p.m., Greensboro Coliseum

The Police - Feb. 10 & 11, Greensboro Coliseum

The Pretenders - March 23, 8 p.m., Memorial Aud., Raleigh, tickets at Civic Center. Info. 755-6060.



PLAYS

The Dining Room - comedy, Jan. 26-28 & Feb. 2-4, 8 p.m., Art School, Carr Mill, Carrboro. Info. 929-2896.

"Ain't Misbehavin'" - Fri. & Sat. through Feb. 19, 8:15 p.m. Triangle Dinner Theatre, Governor's Inn. Info 549-8951.

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THOMAS WOLFE ESSAY CONTEST



The 1984 Thomas Wolfe Essay Contest will award a \$75.00 prize for the best paper written by a St. Mary's student on the works of Thomas Wolfe. Copies of the winning paper will be distributed to other major Wolfe collections, including Harvard, UNC, and Pack Memorial in Asheville, to the St. Mary's community, and to laymen and scholars interested in Thomas Wolfe.

The contest is sponsored by the Sarah Graham Kenan Library to encourage academic excellence at St. Mary's and to stimulate interest in Wolfe as an author.

The essay should be an appreciation paper of 10 to 15 type-written pages, including the bibliography. Your own thoughts and analysis of Wolfe's works will be the emphasis of the essay. Support your ideas with material from books and articles about Wolfe and his writing. Follow the *MLA Handbook* for footnotes and citations.

Although the previous winners of the contest have all written on *Look Homeward Angel*, we encourage study of Wolfe's other novels, novellas, and short stories. Your theme may either explore one work or compare and contrast two or more.

Among Wolfe's novels are *Look Homeward Angel*, *Of Time and the River*, *The Web and the Rock*, and *You Can't Go Home Again*. Some of his novellas are "The Portrait of Bascom Hawke," "The Web of Earth," "The Party at Jack's," "Lost Boy," and "No Door." His short stories include "Circus at Dawn," "Child by Tiger," "Only the Dead Know Brooklyn," and "Chickamauga."

The library has a large circulating collection on Wolfe's life and works. The Thomas Wolfe Collection, housed in a special room, is also available for your use. Either Mrs. Brown or Mrs. Thomson will be glad to assist you in gathering information and in formulating ideas. Your English teacher will also be of assistance.

Turn in your completed paper to Mrs. Brown at the library by 5:00 p.m., Monday, April 2. Judging will be done by an English professor from a college other than St. Mary's.

The winner will be announced at the Academic Honors Convocation, April 13, 1984.

Carolina state government directed by the Institute of Government. Institute interns will work from May 31 through August 10, 40 hours each week in a responsible position in a state department and participate in evening educational seminars. They will be paid approximately \$150 per week.

Students interested in the program should secure a brochure announcing the program and a State of North Carolina application form from their college or university placement office or local Job Service office. A brief description of possible internships is available in college placement offices.

Students interested in the Institute of Government program should mail an application to Mrs. Carolyn White, Institute of Government, Knapp Building 059A, The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Chapel Hill, North Carolina, 27514, by February 10, 1984.

Applicants will be accepted without respect to race, sex, color, national origin, religion, or handicap.