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WEEKLY DOSE

Stumbling down the road less traveled

FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

Almost 30 Vermont teens who broke into Robert Frost's former summer home for a party will be forced to attend classes about Frost's poetry as part of their punishment. Call it poetic justice.

Fifty people attended the party, which turned destructive after a chair was broken and thrown into a fireplace. When the dust settled, more than \$10,000 in damage had been caused to the home.

"I guess I was thinking that if these teens had a better understanding of who Robert Frost was, and his contribution to our society, that they would be more respectful of other people's property in the future and would also learn something from the experience," Addison County State's Attorney John Quinn said.

NOTED. Proving once and for all that clothes make the man, scientists in Washington, D.C., have proven that coloring birds' wings with black magic markers ups their appeal to females in the wild.

This increase in mating leads to increased testosterone, which then leads to weight loss and an increase in self-confidence. In many cases the changes occurred in less than one week.

QUOTED. "She was very neat and clean."
— Hiroki Itakura, Tokyo police officer, upon the discovery of a homeless woman who had been living in the closet of a Tokyo home without being detected.

According to MSNBC, the woman brought a mattress into the closet and even took showers when the homeowners were away. Missing food prompted the homeowners to call police.

Lawmakers looking into admissions

Illegal immigrants are focus of new bill

"The problem is the law regarding immigration is very vague. It needs to be clarified"

BY DEVIN ROONEY
STATE & NATIONAL EDITOR

Illegal immigrants in North Carolina could soon see a clearer path to higher education if a new bill passes the N.C. General Assembly.

N.C. representatives have proposed a bill that prohibits the UNC-system and the N.C. Community College System from considering immigration status in the admissions process.

N.C. Representatives Rick Glazier, D-Cumberland, Pricey Harrison, D-Guilford, Dan Blue, D-Wake, and Paul Luebke, D-Durham, are all primary sponsors of the bill.

Audrey Bailey, spokeswoman for the N.C. Community College System, said the recent controversial policy disallowing illegal immigrants from acceptance into degree programs was made at the behest of legal advice by the N.C. Attorney General's Office.

Bailey said if the bill passes and is signed into law, the community college system would once again accept illegal immigrants but charge them out-of-state tuition.

"All we want to do is educate as many people as we legally can," she said.

"We follow the law, if the legislature changes then we will change," Harrison said she decided to sponsor the bill because she was not happy with the policy set by Scott Raas, the N.C. Community College System president. The policy was instituted May 13.

"I was pretty upset with the (N.C.) Attorney General and with the Community College president for instituting that policy."

Harrison added that she had previously sponsored a bill to guarantee illegal immigrants in-state tuition, which she said was greeted

AUDREY BAILEY, NCCCS SPOKESWOMAN

with "ugliness and venom."

"I was expecting it to be like that with this bill," she said.

But she said she was surprised because the responses she's received to the latest bill have been overwhelmingly positive.

Luebke said that he sponsored the bill because he believes educating illegal immigrants empowers them to give back to the state.

"It only makes sense to allow those who are wanting an education, and who are bilingual, who have much to contribute to multicultural North Carolina to get a higher education."

He added that because illegal immigrants pay out-of-state tuition, the state actually makes a profit when they take classes.

Bailey said the community college system is only trying to stop short of being a lawmaking body. She added that the federal laws don't provide much guidance on the issue.

"The problem is the law regarding immigration is very vague. It needs to be clarified; it needs to be rewritten. It needs to have strict guidelines, it doesn't," she said.

"It is frustrating but we don't set law."

When system leaders first set the new policy, they asked the N.C. Attorney General to provide federal clarification from the Department of Homeland Security. They are still waiting for clarification.

"A letter has been sent," she said. "We have to wait. We are very patient."

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

THURSDAY

Environmental meeting: Several volunteer groups and Durham Stormwater Services will speak about water quality problems in Triangle waterways as part of the "State of Our Waterways" presentation. For more information e-mail michael_pollock@yahoo.com.
Time: 7 p.m.
Location: Durham Department of Solid Waste Building, 1833 Camden Avenue

Stand-up night: DSI Comedy Theater is presenting six to eight stand-up comics every Thursday to entertain the audience with short sets. Tickets are \$10 for the public and \$8 for students.
Time: 8 p.m.
Location: DSI Comedy Theater, 200 N. Greensboro St.

FRIDAY

Wine tasting: A Southern Season is holding a wine tasting featuring five of June's bestselling wines. There is a cost of \$10 per person. Call 929-7133 for more information.
Time: 5 p.m.

Location: A Southern Season, University Mall

SATURDAY

Youth fishing rodeo: Children ages 3 to 15 are invited to a fishing rodeo by Orange County's three parks and recreation departments and the 4-H Club. Some fishing poles, bait and equipment will be provided, and there will be a free hotdog lunch. Call 245-2660 for more information.
Time: 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Location: Strayhorn's Pond on New Hope Church Road

Concert: The ArtsCenter is holding a Pieta Brown concert. In her bare-bones Bohemian upbringing in Iowa, Pieta was exposed to folk music through her father, two-time Grammy Award nominee Greg Brown. Tickets are \$17 for the public and \$15 for members. Call 929-2787 for more information.
Time: 8:30 p.m.
Location: The ArtsCenter, 300-G E. Main St., Carrboro

SUNDAY

Jazz brunch: Enjoy jazz, Celtic, blues,

percussion and more music while enjoying hot coffee and fresh baked goods at Weaver Street Market in Carrboro.

Time: 11 a.m.
Location: Weaver Street Market, Carrboro

Family program: The N.C. Botanical Garden will hold a family environmental program called "The Secret Life of Turtles." Families can learn about what species of turtles are found in the Triangle and which are endangered. Live turtles will also be on hand. Tickets are \$22 per family or \$10 per individual. Call 962-0522 for more information.

Time: 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.
Location: N.C. Botanical Garden, Fordham Boulevard and Old Mason Farm Road

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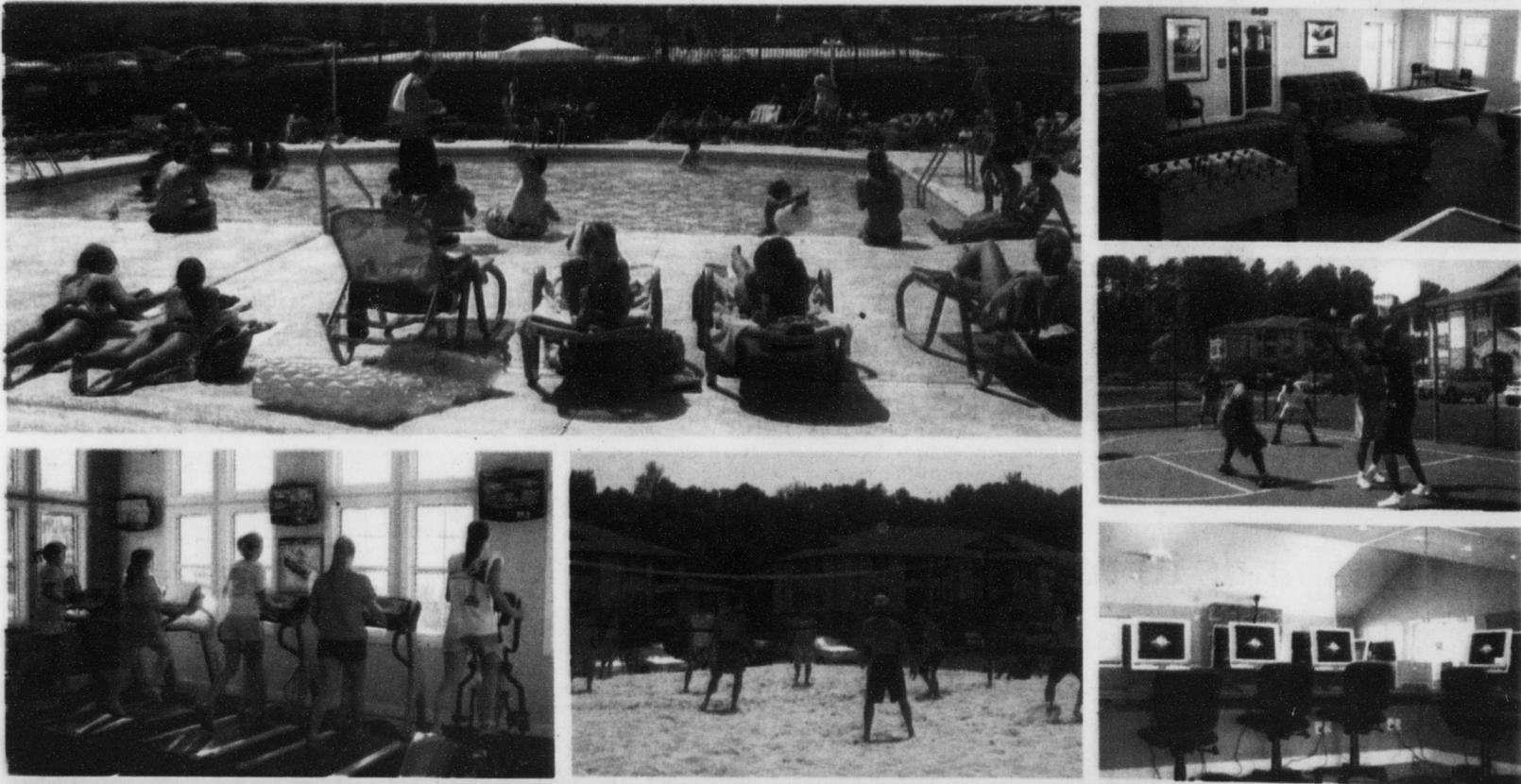
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