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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Can't get no satisfaction

To the editor: Way to go, Gene Krcelec ("Fighting to revive mikeman," DTH, Sept. 13)!

had forgotten one of the best parts of a Carolina football game. I think Dean Boulton has forgotten about the mikeman.

get an appointment with Dean Boulton in hopes that a five-minute sensible discussion would convince him to re-establish the mikeman.

pletely out of the question this week, try again next week.

I am not trying to stir up a full-fledged controversy. Nor am I proclaiming that my diplomatic skills can solve this misunderstanding.

Tommy Warlick Stacy

Are we not men?

To the editor: After reading the emotional protests from some of this university's liberated women about the cartoon "The Man from Uncle,"

as a result of chauvinism, prejudice, etc.) will no longer be tolerated, but the complaints against Jeff Hiday's decision to run this harmless cartoon



To be honest, there was a pleasant degree of realism incorporated into that simple, comical strip. Thus far, during my short inhabitation in the Blue Heaven, I have enjoyed my exposure to all of these lovely specimens

Stephen Young Ehringhaus

Ups and downs of drug tests

The announcement last week that UNC was starting a voluntary drug-testing program raised the ire of athletes, but considering the way the University and director of sports medicine Joseph L. DeWalt are implementing the program,

athlete. This is the best part of the program — its establishment of an educational program designed to reduce the hazard of continued drug abuse.

That is still no guarantee that the program will work, for an athlete with a drug problem must realize that he has a problem, seek help, and submit to the test.

But would an athlete who has a problem with drugs take the test? Might not he see it as an infringement on First Amendment rights, a concern DeWalt himself expressed?

The NCAA has suggested a plan that includes mandatory testing and then punishing athletes whose tests reveal drug use. UNC's testing, on the other hand, will not result in punishment of offenders.

Under UNC testing guidelines, each athlete will be reminded several times before taking the test that it is strictly voluntary. To protect the athletes' fears and encourage them to take the test, the results — regardless of their verdict — will not be given to coaches.

Any program similar to the NCAA plan for mandatory testing of athletes and punishing offenders should be avoided, because such a program would infringe on the rights of a defined group of the student body.

All assurances from DeWalt aside, we can't help but keep a wary eye on the promises that testing will be strictly voluntary. Coaches, we've seen, can be very effective arm-twisters.

Also, Dewalt must be firm in his admonition to keep athlete's test results confidential. We don't mean to doubt Dewalt's integrity; we want only to reinforce it.

One problem with the testing is that it just isn't that accurate. The proposed NCAA test would react to more than 800 drugs, including many over-the-counter medications.

If an athlete's test does turn up positive, the most serious repercussions will be the distribution of literature and the possibility of counseling for the

Saturday's Bloom County



Soviets equate peace with Reagan defeat

By MATTHEW TIEDEMANN

The Soviet Union does indeed seem to be engaging in "a deeply cynical campaign to prevent international tension from easing prior to the November elections."

Reagan refuses to accept the legitimacy of the Soviet state. Unpleasant as the fact may be, the Soviet Union has a legitimate right to exist simply because of its tremendous military and economic power.

The president's "focus of evil" speech and "joke" about outlawing and bombing the Soviet Union offer two conspicuous examples of his attitude.

Reagan's actions, based on his view of the Soviet state, seem directed toward achieving both moral and military superiority. This can only serve to increase Soviet insecurity, which in turn increases the threat of conflict.

The accuracy of the Pershing II is not necessary for the U.S. to maintain the ability to destroy Soviet cities in response to a first-strike by the Russians.

necessary only for destroying enemy missile silos. Rather than increasing our security, the MX will tempt to Russians to launch a first strike of their own.

The Pershing II and cruise missiles being stationed in Europe are even more destabilizing. The U.S. bomber and submarine nuclear forces already in the area are of countering any number of SS-20s, SS-4s, or SS-5s the Soviets may have stationed in Eastern Europe.

The "Star Wars" space weapons program and the Strategic Arms Reduction Talks, though, are both original Reagan Administration initiatives.

Reagan's START proposal initially called for a one-third reduction in the number of land-based missiles of both countries. The only problem with this seemingly equitable proposal is the difference in the composition of the two countries' nuclear forces.

Ironically, the most frightening aspect of the START proposal was not the strain it placed on U.S.—Soviet relations but the insight it offered to the president's ignorance concerning nuclear weapons.

Reagan's great difficulties with Soviet relations stem primarily from a lack of understanding of that country's perspective. He has never visited the Soviet Union. Reagan has not even met with any high-level Soviet official, becoming the first president to fail to do so since the United States established diplomatic relations with Moscow in 1933.

I am in no way attempting to excuse or belittle Soviet behavior. I deplore the Soviet actions cited in "The Empire" article as much as that particular DTH editor. Unfortunately, there is little we can do to influence Soviet behavior.

Matthew Tiedemann, a freshman from West Hartford, Conn., is majoring in political science and peace, war and defense.

DTH editorials this week

Monday: As the school year begins, the United States faces the enormous and exciting task of implementing hundreds of new policies aimed at reforming public education.

Besides the obvious goals of higher teachers' salaries and tougher standards for teachers and students, one of the best suggestions is an "open school" system.

Instead of grade levels based largely on age, students would move at their own pace continuing, moving up after passing the proper examinations.

This plan would have to be coupled with other reforms, but it would undoubtedly have a positive impact on student motivation.

Tuesday: If the Jesse and Jim "debate" proved anything, it showed how futile it may be to try to learn what Helms and Hunt think of any of the real issues in the campaign.

Hunt and Helms chose to give only cursory attention to the meaty topics of the day and devoted most of their time to bickering about trivial matters.

The best solution to this lack-of-debate problem would be to have a conventional debating format in which a single, real issue is the sole topic of discussion.

Wednesday: Recently the Soviet Union has blocked two attempts, one by East German leader Erich Honecker and the other by Bulgarian leader Todor Zhivkov, to seek renewed dialogue with West Germany.

Moscow is turning the screws on East Germany, Bulgaria and other East Bloc nations as part of a deeply cynical campaign to prevent international tension from easing prior to the November elections.

Thursday: Mondale's detailed plan to cut the federal deficit \$177 billion by the end of the decade, while raising taxes \$85 billion, is overly optimistic on certain points but still worthy of praise.

It is a politically shrewd move that will force Reagan to do some tricky footwork to justify his lack of a detailed deficit-reduction plan.

World and nation

"I think they have decided that the president is going to be re-elected. They have a paranoia about certain things, but now that they are convinced the president is going to be re-elected, I would presume they feel a continuing dialogue is necessary."

— Sen. Charles Percy, chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, speculating Wednesday on reasons that Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei A. Gromyko has accepted an invitation to visit the White House later this month.

"I'm sure that they're shown primarily for the cameras and not for me because I know about all those things and in due course will mention them to the proper people."

— Evangelist Billy Graham commenting on a small number of protestors who attended his sermon to Soviet Baptists in Leningrad Wednesday. The protestors briefly held up signs in English calling for greater distribution of Bibles and for release of about 200 Soviet Baptists jailed for their beliefs.

State

"It's upon us right now. We are at the mercy of nature and God."

— Long Beach Mayor Ben Thomas, describing the fury of Hurricane Diana. The hurricane swept across the coast near Wilmington Thursday morning, snapping trees and trapping residents who had returned to their homes at the beach.

"I want to support this thing, and I will, provided it is not railroaded."

— Sen. Jesse Helms, giving his reasons for delaying the Senate

Week In Review

Foreign Relations Committee ratification of a 35-year-old treaty that makes genocide an international crime. Helms said he was not sympathetic to genocide but feared that some provisions of the treaty would threaten the "sovereign independence" of the Constitution.

"You've been in Washington 12 years and maybe you don't know what's been going on here. This is 1984. This is North Carolina. This is a progressive state. We're not going to go back now and open those old wounds."

— Gov. James B. Hunt Jr., countering criticism from Sen. Jesse Helms over Hunt's support for the

Campus

"I was so naive. I dreamed it would be off the ground in no time."

— John Wilson, Student Television programming director, discussing the trials and triumphs of getting STV on the air. STV presented its fall premiere Wednesday.

"I'm completely elated. It was my

number one choice. It's too wonderful."

— Vicki Herbert, a sophomore from Fairfax, Va., expressing her pleasure Sunday after receiving a bid to join Phi Beta Phi Sorority. Sorority rush was held under revamped procedures this semester as activities were scheduled to minimize conflict with the academics of rushees.

Sports

"I haven't talked with him yet. But if I can work with Bobby Knight, I can work with anyone."

— Michael Jordan, speaking of Chicago Bulls' coach Kevin Loughery. Jordan signed a seven-year contract with the professional basketball team Wednesday and will earn a salary that, according to some sources, will make him the third-highest-paid rookie in NBA history.

Opinions from Wall Street Journal

Monday: The Federal Aviation Administration has asked 100 airline executives to come up with a plan to ease congestion at major airports during peak hours. Delay-weary travelers may applaud the effort, but it could lead to a cartel among major airlines.

Tuesday: President Reagan should resist increasing pressures to impose new import restrictions on steel and other goods. The president's best course would be to let Walter Mondale take the protectionist side of the trade issue.

Wednesday: American voters will be taking a gamble if they buy off on Walter Mondale's economic program. Mondale is asking the questionable promise that an \$85 billion tax increase will put an end to foolish government spending.

Thursday: Where is Japan number 21? It gets the lowly rating in the amount of national wealth absorbed by the government. That's one of the findings of a survey of the 23 nations of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development.

