

WORLDWIDE

■ Senate approves welfare plan

WASHINGTON — In a vote of 87 to 12, the Senate approved a bill that would restructure the federal antipoverty policy, ending the government's policy of guaranteeing assistance to needy families.

The Senate vote was surprisingly bipartisan, with 11 Democrats and one Republican voting against the bill. The bill is moderate enough to provide material for many conflicts when conference committees convene to resolve differences with the House's more conservative bill.

Some of the bill's requirements are: a five-year limit on welfare benefits, a requirement on states that 50 percent of recipients must have work by the year 2000 and the official end of the federal guarantee of assistance to all qualifying families.

■ AIDS program gets supported

WASHINGTON — A National Academy of Sciences panel recommended Wednesday that the Surgeon General lift the current ban on federal financing of specific programs aimed at curtailing the spread of AIDS among intravenous drug users.

The panel specifically suggested that programs allowing drug addicts to turn in used needles for new ones would significantly reduce the spread of HIV without encouraging use of controlled substances.

The panel's final report said, "The HIV epidemic in this country is now clearly driven by infections occurring in the population of injection drug users, their sexual partners and their offspring."

Congress has prevented the use of federal money to fund needle exchange programs since the late 1980s. Legislation in 1992 called for the panel study, with the provision that if exchange programs are deemed effective the Surgeon General can eliminate the ban on federal financing.

■ Aristide bolstered by appeal

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti — A year after returning to his post with the aid of 20,000 U.S., President Jean-Bertrand Aristide continues to hold the support of millions of Haitians who believe in him.

He has used his broad-based appeal and burgeoning political power to calm a nation that had been splintered by three years of military rule stemming from a 1991 coup.

Aristide's advisers say that he has no talent for administration and that he rarely consults with his ministers. Furthermore, he has not done much to reorganize the Haitian economy or to control the disorder in the government. Nonetheless, Aristide has remained popular among the people.

The current deployment of United Nations peacekeeping forces in Haiti, which includes 2,000 American troops, is scheduled to end its presence in February 1996.

Workshop presents dating tips

David Coleman teaches students to add spice to their dating lives

By ERIC WILLIAMS
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Dave, I need to hear a fantasy.

Unless you were at Dave Coleman's Creative Dating workshop Tuesday night you probably have no idea what that meant.

The workshop was sponsored by the Panhellenic Council and was attended by a large number of women and a few men.

One of the first objectives was to break away from the old, over-used idea of a date being just dinner and a movie. Coleman handed out index cards and told members of the audience to write their fantasy date on one side and the best or worst pickup line on the other.

The audience laughed and "awwww"ed as Coleman read the cards in between the segments of introductions to slides on how to recognize that a relationship is going downhill.

After reading some more pickup lines ("Do you have a quarter? My mom told me to call her when I found the man of my dreams."), Coleman engaged participants in some audience

participation by having sophomore Dace West share the story of her best date and graduate student Lashonda Lawrence tell the story of her not-so-best date. Then the guys stood up and professed that even if they were asked out by a woman they would still pay for the date.

A few more cards were read ("I may not be the best-looking guy here but I'm the only one talking to you.") and the audience was split up into groups to brainstorm creative dating ideas.

were a lot of good ideas (presented at the workshop)." But he said, "It seems like there are no dating options."

Another guy said that he attended the workshop because "... I'm lonely, I'm sick of no-shows and I want to meet someone."

Senior Katherine Berlinger voiced her opinion on why more guys did not attend. "Guys have a tendency to think that they do not have to do anything to get dates," she said.

So why don't Deacons date?

Senior April Arden said, "The reason men don't date on this campus is because they get what they want on the weekends without having to spend money on them."

Coleman had a last bit of advice to daters on campus.

"Men on campus have to go the extra mile and take a little bit of an introspective look and put together a date. It doesn't have to be formal, but it should be pre-planned and have a beginning, a middle and an end," he said.

One final word of advice. Never use the following line: "Is your dad a thief? Because someone stole the stars out of the sky and put them in your eyes."

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Mary Gerardy, the assistant vice president for student life, said she brought the Creative Dating workshop to campus because "students consistently say that dating is a problem and I think dating can be great fun." Senior Garrett Baker said, "There



Kristin Thompson

Junior Taryn Hartnett practices introducing herself by using David Coleman's suggested techniques.

POLICE BEAT

■ Marijuana found on students

Three students and two visitors were suspected of smoking marijuana at 12:15 a.m. Sunday in Lot J near South Residence Hall. Four members of the group fled; the fifth was stopped and told officers the group had been smoking marijuana. The incident has been referred to Harold Holmes, the dean of student services.

THEFT — Someone removed \$50 in university money from an office in the facilities management building between 7 p.m. Sept. 7 and 7:55 a.m. Sept. 11.

Two watches, a wallet, clothing and keys belonging to two students were taken between 3 p.m. and 7:20 p.m. Sept. 11 from lockers in Reynolds Gymnasium. The items are worth more than \$200.

A student's portable cassette player and hat were taken from a Reynolds Gym locker between 6:30 p.m. Sept. 11 and 9:15 a.m. Sept. 12.

A student's bicycle worth \$500 was taken from a Worrell Professional Center bicycle rack between 2 p.m. and 3 p.m. Sept. 12.

Another student's bicycle worth \$200 was taken from the porch of a university-owned house on Polo Road between 8:45 a.m. Friday and 11 p.m. Sunday.

About \$30 belonging to a student was taken from a Palmer Residence Hall room between 12:30 p.m. Friday and 11 a.m. Saturday.

DAMAGE — Three windows in the Reynolds Gym basement were broken between 7 p.m. and 10:43 p.m. Sept. 12.

A large chunk of concrete was thrown through a window in a university-owned house on Polo Road between 12:45 a.m. and 1 a.m. Saturday.

A student broke a window in a Taylor House lounge at about 11:50 p.m. Saturday. The incident has been referred to the dean.

A stop sign at the intersection of Wake Forest Road and Gulley Drive was damaged Sept. 17.

MISCELLANEOUS — A student reported losing a wallet on campus between 8 p.m. Sept. 12 and 3 p.m. Sept. 14. Fifteen students reported losing their identification cards Sept. 11-17.

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