

WORLDWIDE

■ AMA objects to new proposal

WASHINGTON — The American Medical Association expressed concern over the recent Republican proposals to redesign Medicare after months of silence on the issue. AMA claimed that new limits that would be placed on payments to doctors would ultimately cause the program to be unsuccessful.

Democrats in Congress have criticized the plan for including so many reductions that would cause many doctors to refuse to treat Medicare patients, thus forcing these patients to obtain care through a private insurance company.

The AMA's main concern is the fee schedule for doctors.

Since 1992, each physician service has been assigned a number based on the complexity of the procedure being performed.

The number was then multiplied by a fixed amount of money, based again on the complexity of the procedure, to calculate the doctor's payment.

■ Indians end exile, are arrested

EVERETT, Washington — A judge ended a judicial experiment Tuesday that had sent two teenage Native Americans into exile for a year, sending them instead to prison.

Judge John Allendoerfer of the Washington State Superior Court had sent the two teenagers to a tribal court for banishment after their conviction of robbing and beating a pizza delivery man in August 1993. The two teenagers spent the last 12 months at a remote Alaskan island.

The judge said he was ending the experiment because of reports of inadequate supervision and conflicts among members of a tribal court which had recently split into two factions.

■ Macedonian president is hurt

ZAGREB, Croatia — In a car bomb attack that killed his driver, Macedonian President Kiro Gilgorov was seriously injured from shrapnel wounds to his head that resulted in a fractured skull and heavy internal bleeding.

Gilgorov was attacked on Tuesday. A car bomb exploded on a central street, detonating in a parked car while Gilgorov was only 250 yards away.

The loss of the president would be a setback to U.S. efforts to end the enmity between Macedonia and Greece.

Gilgorov was instrumental in securing Macedonia's peaceful transition to an independent nation after it broke away from Yugoslavia in 1991.

He had just signed a plan with the United States to end the dispute with Greece resulting in a Greek embargo against Yugoslavia.

Result of O.J. trial causes debate

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It wasn't an athletic victory that prompted the loud cheers across campus and the toilet paper on the Quad Tuesday afternoon. Believe it or not, it was the acquittal of O.J. Simpson of double murder charges that occasioned the ruckus.

Students gathered together at numerous points around campus, including Pugh Auditorium, to put an end to their suspense and hear the jury's verdict, which was broadcast on nearly every major TV station a few minutes after 1 p.m.

Junior Amanda Pipkin, who lives on Student Drive, said people who lived near her congregated outside to celebrate the jury's decision. "They were all in the street screaming," she said.

Freshman Drew Markham said, "We had a whole bunch of guys in our room watching the trial." He said he noticed that the Quad was rolled after the verdict was announced.

According to sophomore Stephen Kroustalis, "Up here in the dorms everyone had the TV on watching O.J. Some people across from us cheered."

He said that when he went to an anthropology class after the televised announcement, the verdict was the first item brought up for discussion.

Though numerous students shared an interest in the outcome of the case, their opinions regarding that outcome differed extensively. Pipkin said, "I thought there was no possibility of him being called not guilty and getting away scot-free like that." She said based on the trial as well as information not provided to the jurors she feels Simpson committed the murders.

But Markham said, "I don't think he's guilty. There are too many holes in the prosecution's case."

Both Markham and Pipkin were surprised by the verdict. Though he said he thought Simpson is innocent, Markham said he expected a guilty verdict because of the amount of evidence presented by the prosecution and because of the abnormally short length of jury deliberations.

Kroustalis said he was not surprised by the verdict. He said the short length of the deliberations led him to believe the jury would rule not guilty.

"I do feel he is guilty, but there was reasonable doubt raised by the defense,"

Kroustalis said.

Sophomore Brian Ostasiewski mirrored the sentiments of Pipkin and Kroustalis in a post to the wfu.misc newsgroup. He said, "OK, if he didn't do it, who did? If he's innocent why didn't he pull the bronco over when the cops were chasing him? Was the accelerator stuck and miraculously free when he got home?"

Kroustalis and Pipkin both said money played a crucial role in Simpson's acquittal. Markham, however, said it was a fair fight because the prosecution and defense spent nearly equal amounts of money.

"If it had been anybody who couldn't afford the million dollar lawyers they would definitely be in jail for life," Pipkin said.

Kroustalis said, "Money I'm sure played a big deal because you can buy the best lawyers in town." He also said race and Simpson's celebrity status probably also had an impact on the outcome.

Pipkin said she thought race was less of a factor than money, while Markham said race unavoidably played a role because of the discovery of the Mark Fuhrman tapes.



Back to nature

Freshmen Brooke Kennedy and John Lanuti relax on a swing at the Inter-Varsity Retreat last weekend.

POLICE BEAT

■ Visitors arrested with drugs

Two visitors were arrested in Reynolda Village at 9:15 p.m. Sept. 25 after an officer observed them in a parked car with drug paraphernalia.

The driver was arrested for trespassing because he already had a previous trespass warning on file, and the passenger was charged with possession of drug paraphernalia.

THEFT — A university employee's portable stereo system worth \$60 was taken from a desk in the Athletic Center between 10:15 a.m. Sept. 24 and 9 a.m. Sept. 25.

A student's purse and wallet worth more than \$130 were taken from a bookbag left in Reynolda Hall between noon Sept. 25 and 9:10 a.m. Sept. 26.

A parking sticker was taken from a student's car between Sept. 22 and Sept. 24.

A cellular phone worth \$130 was taken from a university employee's car in Lot Q near the Scales Fine Arts Center between 2:30 p.m. Sept. 24 and 8 a.m. Sept. 28.

A calculator worth \$80 was taken from a student's bookbag in Scales between 4 p.m. Sept. 28 and 9 p.m. Sept. 30.

A television worth \$350 and other items belonging to a fraternity were taken from a cabinet in a Davis House lounge over the summer.

A bicycle worth about \$225 that had been found on campus and was being stored in the impoundment lot was taken between Sept. 14 and Sept. 26.

DAMAGE — A fire started in a student's room in Davis Residence Hall at about 12:15 a.m. Oct. 1. The fire, which apparently was caused by candles in the room, burned some papers and damaged a coffee table as well as the carpet. The incident has been forwarded to Harold Holmes, the dean of student services.

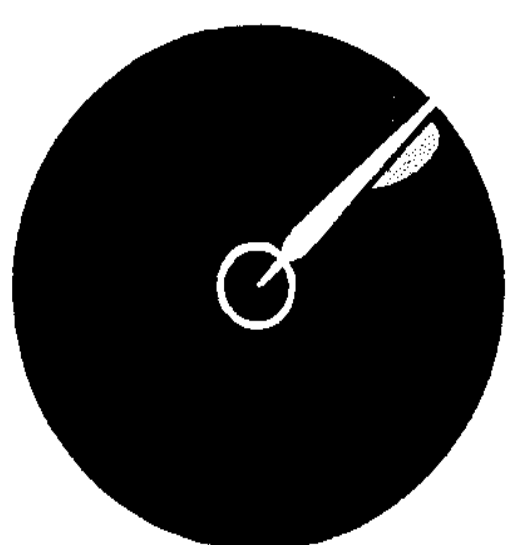
Someone entered a Taylor House room that had been left unlocked and pulled all of a student's clothing out of the closet and drawers between 10:30 p.m. Sept. 30 and 4 a.m. Oct. 1. The clothing was found to have been smeared with toothpaste, shampoo, alcohol and laundry detergent.

MISCELLANEOUS — A student in Poteat House reported receiving harassing phone calls between 5:05 p.m. and 5:10 p.m. Sept. 25.

A visitor was arrested for driving while impaired at 12:46 a.m. Sept. 28 in Reynolda Village. He struck a bridge near a parking lot and then failed several field sobriety tests.

Fourteen students reported losing their identification cards.

Campus Police handled 53 calls Sept. 25 through Oct. 1, including 27 incidents and investigations and 26 service requests.



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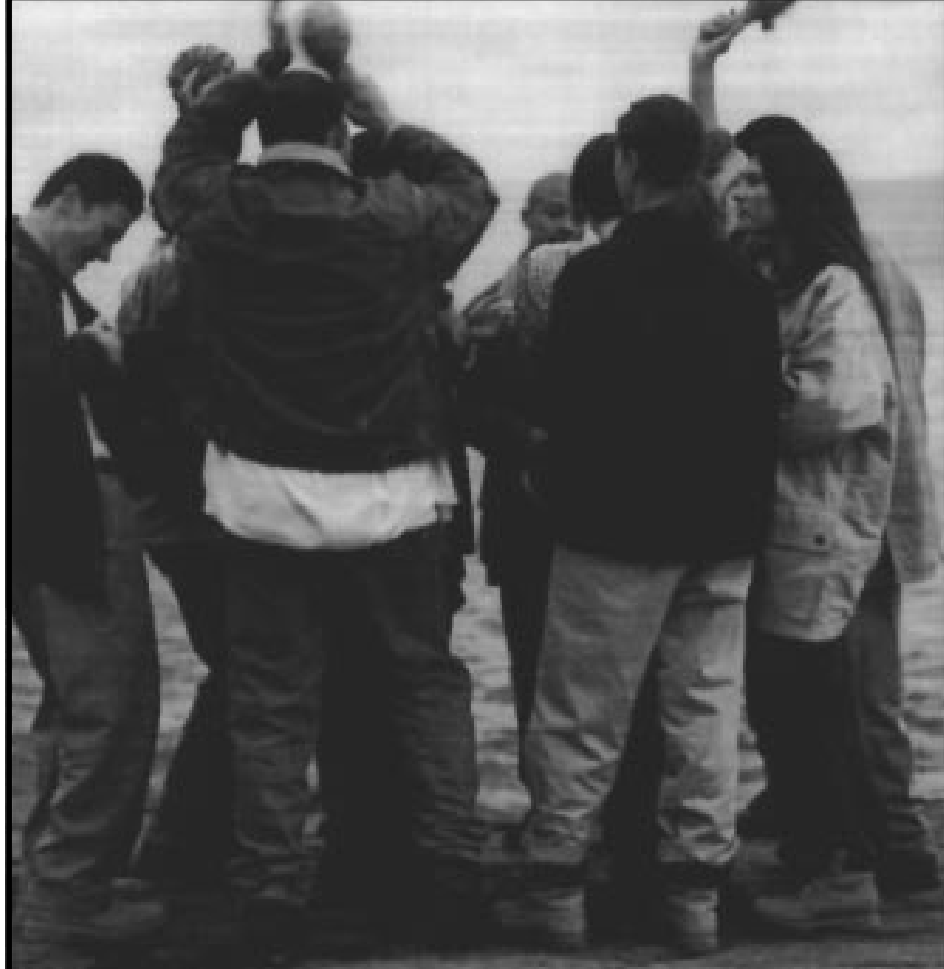
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