

TIER

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boards reminiscent of a junior high school science fair, was a chance for each STAR and faculty partner to show what they had accomplished and perhaps to attract some new clients.

"Our main focus of TIER is for the faculty; we want to have other faculty get interested by presenting this," Ellis said. Alicia Vitti, a visiting instructor of Romance languages who is considering working with a STAR, was drawn to the fair out of curiosity. "I came to see what the possibilities are," she said.

Projects can involve virtually any subject area. The 28 projects displayed ranged from a Divinity School Web site, to streaming video of scientific demonstrations, to art slide galleries, to visiting assistant professor of sociology Timothy McGettigan's interdisciplinary sociological journal, *Theory and Science*. McGettigan's

STAR, sophomore Ryan Hupp said he "basically showed (McGettigan) different designs. He went from there and picked out which one he liked the best." "I'm pretty good with technology; I figured I could help somebody with it," Hupp said.

One of the most valuable results of STARS is not the products created but the relationships forged. "To be able to work with faculty as a mentor gives students the chance to interact with on a different level," Ellis said. Or in the words of assistant professor of Spanish Ton Pujol on his STAR sophomore Jonathan Crosson, "He's the best. We were learning together."

The pair collaborated on a Spanish for Business Web site, with Pujol supplying the ideas and Crosson the know-how. As the two joked about Pujol's buying food to keep Crosson happy, Crosson explained one of the benefits of the STAR program: "(Spending) time with faculty, you get to see a different side of them; I think it's one of the best oppor-

tunities." Senior STARS veteran Amanda Spain agreed. "You get to know two to three faculty very well outside of class, as well as administrators; it's also great for resumes", she said. Selected STARS present their projects in the corporate setting, at the Technology Advisory Council attended by CEOs.

"It's a lot of experience normal students don't usually have," Spain said. The group's size has fluctuated through the years, and it is currently downsizing, hoping to maintain a membership of 25-30 STARS. STARS apply for their positions and must fulfill requirements determining their technical knowledge and satisfy a minimum GPA requirement.

As students and faculty discussed the world of technological and educational possibilities over finger foods, Ellis praised her STARS.

"This is a phenomenal group of kids," she said. "They've just done an exceptional job this year, and I'm really proud to be affiliated with them."

Baptists

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to approximately two dozen students each year. The Baptist Convention currently gives about \$28,000 each year for the Poteat Scholarships.

The university also provides money for the N.C. Baptist Historical Collection in the Z. Smith Reynolds Library and the Wake Forest Office of Denominational Relations, which serves to promote the relationship between Baptist churches and the university.

The overwhelming majority of the Baptists at the convention agreed on preliminary actions to remove the university from the portion of their constitution that names this university and Meredith College as schools affiliated with the convention.

In addition, the proposal stipulates that the university would no longer be mentioned in convention publications and the univer-

Regardless of the constitutional change, the convention will continue to financially support the Poteat Scholarship, the NC Baptist Historical Collection and the Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Hospital.

city would lose a non-voting seat on the convention council.

Delegates will meet again in November 2000 to vote on constitutional changes. The convention could not vote on the proposal because it was not reported in the Southern Baptist newsletter, the *Biblical Reporter*, before the convention.

The measure will need a two-thirds majority to change the convention's constitution. Regardless of the constitutional change, the convention will continue financial support of the Poteat Scholarship and the Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center.

The convention has had no

governing ties with the university since the 1980s. The university, which has an autonomous government, established a fraternal relationship with the convention in 1986. "We will enter as friends in any discussion that we have had with the North Carolina Baptist State Convention during the next year," Hearn said.

The convention did approve a statement that strongly encouraged the university to reconsider its stance on the same-sex ceremony, saying the ceremony "violates not only the spirit but also the letter" of the university's fraternal ties with the convention.

On Nov. 16 the convention approved a statement against same-sex unions and another proposal creating a personnel policy that would fire any convention employees who preside over same-sex covenant ceremonies.

This policy would not affect Christman, as a university employee, but it could affect campus ministers at this or other universities who are paid by the convention who preside over a same-sex ceremony.

OFF THE WIRE

Homemade bombs threaten MSU students' safety

ANN ARBOR, Mich. - Nine homemade bombs were found outside a residence hall at Michigan State University Nov. 10, three of which exploded sometime between 11 p.m. Nov. 9 and 8 a.m. the following morning, according to the Michigan State Police.

The bombs, which were constructed using household containers and 20-ounce Gatorade bottles, were discovered between Philips Residence Hall and Snyder Residence Hall by a Philips resident.

The bombs did not injure anyone, according to MSU Police Detective Tony Willis.

"This is pretty much a random incident," Willis said. "Right now, it seems to be a college prank."

MSU students were concerned because

the bombs were placed in the courtyard, where many students often play football. "It doesn't make us feel safe," Philips resident Ashley Dehr said. "It makes us have to be more careful."

According to Willis, the police have no suspects, but will first focus its investigation on Philips residents and expand from there. MSU Police is using fingerprints found on the bottles to identify a suspect. Any suspect found guilty of making the bombs could be charged with a felony offense of possession and creation of an explosive device, which carries a minimum sentence of four years in prison.

-The State News

Clinton pals around with national golf champs

LAS VEGAS - Usually, when a collegiate sports team wins a national champi-

onship, it is invited to the White House to meet the President.

But for the 1998 national champion golf team at the University of Nevada-Las Vegas, President Clinton made the occasion just a little more unusual when he played a round of golf with the squad on Nov. 8.

After the team won the NCAA Championship in June 1998, Clinton promised to bring the squad to Washington for a match at the Army-Navy Golf Course in Arlington, Va. The match was divided into two nine-hole rounds, with Head Coach Dwaine Knight and team members Jeremy Anderson and Scott Lander playing the first nine and team members Calvin Kupeyan, Adam Scott and Michael Kirk joining Clinton for the back nine.

"It was hard to forget we were playing with the president, but he was so relaxed and loose, and it made it easier on us," Anderson told the *Las Vegas Review-Journal*. "After a while, it was like playing a social round of golf with one of our buddies' fathers. He got mad when he hit a bad shot and he was excited when he hit a good one," Anderson said.

"He didn't strike it too well and said he is usually a lot better," Kirk told the *Review-Journal*. "But he did make about a 90-foot putt from off the green for a birdie on the par-5 and boy, was he excited about that."

Before the match, the team presented Clinton with UNLV gear, including a golf bag that said, "In case you ever carry your bags."

-The Rebel Yell

Varsitybooks.com may not be the bargain it claims

HANOVER, N.H. - The National Association of College Stores has filed a lawsuit against Varsitybooks.com, an Internet retailer of new and used college books, for purportedly giving students false and misleading information about textbook prices.

In the suit, the association, which represents more than 3,000 bookstores nationwide, claims that Varsitybooks.com advertises textbooks at up to 40 percent off prices suggested by publishers, al-

though only a small percentage of those books are available at that price.

"I think that (the association) has an excellent chance because students are being misled regarding the number and percentage of books that come at the discount," said Reed Freeman, a lawyer at the Arent Fox law firm in Washington, which is representing the association in its case.

"In this case, the false and deceptive claims reach every single college student in the country by being on the Internet."

Members of the association and bookstore sellers alike have objected to Varsitybooks.com's advertisements of lower prices.

"They're telling students that bookstores like the Dartmouth Bookstore are overcharging, which just isn't true," said Dave Cioffi, the general manager of the Dartmouth College bookstore. "If you're a Dartmouth Bookstore member and you take away the postage, the prices are basically the same."

The case is expected to be settled before January, which is the next major college textbook-buying session.

-The Dartmouth

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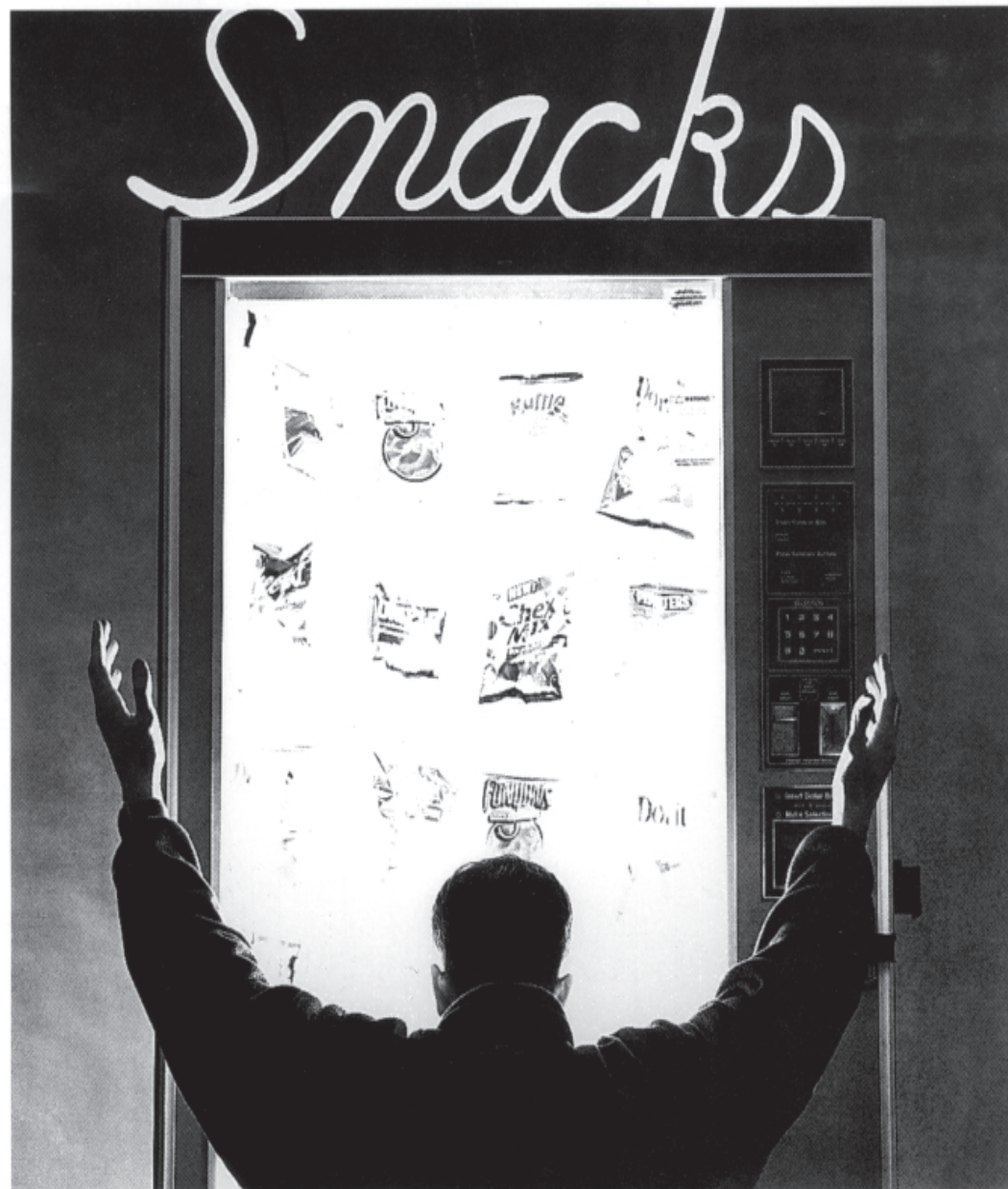
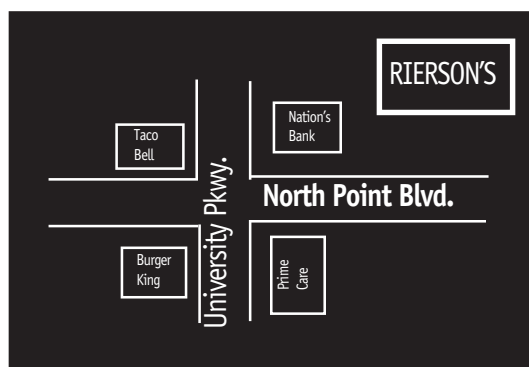


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