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NEWS FROM AROUND THE NATION

Duke-ing it out for presidential support

A shared logo has given Duke U. an undesired association with presidential candidate David Duke. Both David Duke and the university use white block letters on a royal blue background to spell "Duke." This logo appears on university clothing and paraphernalia as well as on David Duke's campaign posters, bumper stickers, and other items. The school has received phone calls from alumni concerned about the association with Duke, said John Burness, senior vice president for public affairs. While displaying the university logo, the alumni were asked if they supported candidate Duke. Burness said he does not believe the candidate chose the university logo by accident. Mark Ellis, chief of research for the Duke campaign, said, "We didn't know Duke University had a copyright on the color blue. Second of all, we won't hold it against you if you copied it off one of our bumper stickers." The university will not take any action to disassociate itself from Duke, Burness said. "If you call attention to the issue, you call attention to David Duke," and no one is interested in giving him any attention." ■ Michael Arlen, *The Chronicle*, Duke U.



DUKE PRESIDENT DUKE

Talk about bombing a test

A St. Cloud (Minn.) State U. student, hoping to avoid a test, was sentenced to 25 days in jail for calling in a bomb threat to the library. Junior Heather Dawn Mudek admitted that she called the library twice within five minutes and said, "There's a bomb in the building and it's going off in five minutes." Mudek said she made the calls that Friday because she had a test in the building and was hoping to postpone it until Monday. The test was postponed, but Mudek said she still did poorly. She was too worried about the bomb threat to study. "You find it's not worth it," she said. "When I read in the paper that two cars had crashed and the bomb threat had slowed the fire truck's response time, I feel so bad." In addition to the jail sentence, Mudek also was sentenced to 40 hours of community service and \$2,000 restitution. ■ Andrea Friedenauer, *University Chronicle*, St. Cloud State U.

Minority enrollment figures set record highs

Minority enrollment at colleges rose by 10 percent from 1988 to 1990, setting record highs for every minority group, said the U. S. Department of Education in a recently released statistical survey. The survey, put out every two years, compiles figures on racial and ethnic groups at higher education institutions. Black students made their largest enrollment gain in a decade, the survey showed. But according to Robert H. Atwell, American Council on

Education (ACE) president, the black enrollment increase should be viewed in perspective. "It's a very small uptake after years of downturn," Atwell said. "We have miles to go." According to the ACE report analyzing the education department statistics, the number of black male students increased 7.4 percent. This brought the total of black males in college to 476,000, which topped their previous high of 470,000 in 1976, the first year of the education department survey. The number of black females rose 8.7 percent in the same two-year period, reaching a record total of 747,000 black female students, the report said. ■ Jason Grant, *The Diamondback*, U. of Maryland

Tuition lockout leaves unpaid students in the cold

In an attempt to collect \$300,000 in overdue tuition, Hiram College locked several students out of their dorm rooms after they did not comply with a written warning. "There was nothing else we could do," said Russell Sibert, director of public relations for the Ohio school. During Christmas vacation, the university sent a firm letter to students delinquent in payments, warning that if attempt at payment were not made, they would not be permitted to return to campus in January. Most students responded to the letter, but about 10 others found their rooms locked upon their return. "I'm really disgusted," said Tim Toth, a senior who was locked out. "I'm not even going to recommend this school to anybody after I graduate." Sibert said, "There was no joy in doing this. We hope it doesn't have to happen again." ■ Paul Curl, *The Jambos*, Youngstown State U.

OU officials sound alarm on backpack thieves

Thieves at the U. of Oklahoma now are literally left holding the bag. In an effort to deter book bag theft, OU Department of Public Safety officers have placed "dummy" book bags equipped with 110-decibel alarms around campus. When someone swipes a bag, the alarm sound within five seconds and out-of-uniform officers respond, said Joseph Lester, the department's director. The thieves "will be standing there holding the bag, so to speak. They will have some explaining to do," Lester said. Since the program's inception two months ago, one student has been caught red-handed in front of a crowd of about 300, Lester said. No reports of stolen book bags have been filed since the program was enacted. ■ Holly Clavahan, *The Oklahoma Daily*, U. of Oklahoma



AUSTIN HOLLIDAY, THE DAILY TEXAN, U. OF TEXAS

UNC senior 'destroys' yearbook, charged with embezzlement

A U. of North Carolina senior was charged with embezzling more than \$75,000 from the campus yearbook. Tracy Lamont Keene was the Yackety Yack's business manager in charge of all transactions when he stole the funds over a period of more than a year. Keene had orchestrated the theft by sending multiple checks to his mother and aunt, according to Clay Williams, police lieutenant detective for UNC, Chapel Hill. "He sent the checks to them, and they'd send him money as he needed it," Williams said. "Just about every bit of the money is spent already." Yack Editor Shea Tisdale said the incident wreaked havoc on the yearbook. "Now we're going to have to try and rebuild from the damage he's done. Whether that was his goal or not, he very nearly succeeded in destroying the yearbook," he said. Keene was scheduled to go before a grand jury Feb. 17 on 21 counts of embezzling. He faces a maximum of 210 years in prison and/or a fine. ■ Bonnie Rowhman, *The Daily Tar Heel*, U. of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

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