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Bush decides against settling Eastern strike by intervention

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush on Tuesday virtually ruled out intervening in the Eastern Airlines strike, saying "man-to-man negotiation" is preferable to a government-imposed settlement.

While he didn't flatly rule out stepping in to end the walkout, Bush said his police ""."

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said his policy "will hold firm" despite pressure in some congressional quarters to force him to act.

Fielding questions for more than 40 minutes in the White House briefing room, he insisted that 'there isn't malaise" in his administration because of the drawn-out fight over confirmation of Defense

"A lot is happening," the president said. "Not all of it good, but a lot is happening. . . . We're on track."

Bush defended his chief of staff, saving John Sunum, the former

saying John Sununu, the former New Hampshire governor, knows his way around Washington and is doing his job well. Bush said he has "total confidence" in Sununu. Bush noted that Tower has

pledged not to drink a drop of liquor if he gets the job and told his nationally televised news confreence, "You'll have 25,000 people in the Pentagon making sure that's true."

The president said his backing of Tower against Democratic opposi-tion in the Senate "isn't iron-willed stubbornness; it's a question of fundamental principle here.'

The president had spare time in

news conference statement to "restate my belief that free collective bargaining is the best means of resolv-

Wednesday, March 8, 1989

ing" the strike.

He exhorted Eastern management, the Machinists union and other unions to conduct "head-onhead, man-to-man negotiation" and said he thought that would be "better and more lasting . . . than an imposed government settlement, which could cause the airline to totally shut

On other subjects during the more than 40-minute question-and-

answer sesion, Bush said he wo like to see Palestine Liberation Organic nization Chairman Yasser And "speak out" against raids that has been carried out by Palestinian gue rillas against Israelis in south

Lebanon. Bush said he hoped these idents would not jeapordize talks with PLO representatives said he thought that Arafat sho 'forthrightly condemn any ter that might be perpetrated by the Pe

President intends to replace immigration head, source says

WASHINGTON (AP) — The 1986 immigration reform law, white Bush administration will replace provided for massive amnesty for Alan C. Nelson as head of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, an administration source said Tues-

Attorney General Dick Thorn-burgh, who recently received a department audit that criticized management and operations of INS, is searching for someone to take over the agency, said the source, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Tuesday's editions of the Los Angeles Times that Nelson would be

INS became embroiled in a num ber of lawsuits charging that it was improperly making it difficult for legal aliens to obtain legal status was der the new law.

The Justice Department and completed two weeks ago, cited IN for its failure to conduct background checks on many applicants for a izenship and found that 23,000 va The source confirmed a report in able naturalization certificates h been lost by the agency's Miami

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To know a friend again

By Brian McCuskey ■ The Daily Tar Heel U. of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

The phone rang early Wednesday morning. "Hello?" I gurgled, wiping the sleep from my eyes. "Hello . . . Brian?"

Immediately I got that ominous feeling some telephone calls have, when you know the voice but can't place it, when there is an overly long pause between the "hello" and your name, when you feel that something totally unexpected is about to happen.

"This is Brian," I said. "Brian, this is Alex Delarge."

Alex Delarge. A rush of high school nostalgia forced my head back onto the pillow. Alex and I racing down Sunset Boulevard in his little white MG, huge movie billboards lit up against a purple midnight sky. Budweiser and playing poker in the basement of Alex's house. Alex "Cameo" Delarge driving 100 miles every Saturday night to appear for five to 10 minutes at six or seven parties. Me shaking Alex's hand in the reception line at his mother's funeral and feeling helpless as I looked into his distant eyes. Alex and I suffering through classes together until graduation.

I hadn't seen or spoken to Alex since graduation day. No explanation, no excuses, no reason. I hadn't gone back to Los Angeles much, but that wasn't it. We just drifted.

"Alex," I said, "how are you?" I could think of nothing else to say, and hated having to say it. How are you, as if I were meeting a friend of a friend, instead of someone I had known for almost half my life.

"Not bad," he said, and now his voice was unmistakable; how had I not recognized it? "Guess where I

"I don't know. Chapel Hill. Down-

stairs. Where?

"Raleigh-Durham airport." "What the hell are you doing

"Coming back from nine months in South America," he said.

"Hey, I was just down there too!" "I know, I heard. I tried to find

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Group helps out students who must cope with death or fatal illness.

Critiquing the critics

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the mind behind the controversial comic. Page 12

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its lead singer Ian McKaye. The lyrics to a song arep "I'm a person just like you / But I've got better thin do / Than sit around / hang out with the living dead white up my nose / pass out at the shows / I don't even

about speed / that's something I just don't need / I'w & straightedge.' The music is raw, powerful and seemingly violent, connection does exist between the peaceful and he ideology these students share and the harsh music "Punk isn't violent. . . The music (punk) is total e

which is more related to straightedge. You can't be ene when you are screwing up your body with drugs," Ba Banfield said that for a time the movement and then

Aaron Rosenberg, George Draguns and Mike Banfield

on a wall in their living room:

went downhill, but that it is now starting to make a eback, primarily on the East Coast. It is not so m movement now as much as it is an individual religion Sophomore Aaron Rosenberg said that he be

straightedge early on. At age three, his babysitter got

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Page 11 STRAIGHTEDGE WHAT IN THE STATE OF THE STATE

Group dispels stereotypes; excels by tapping into a life free of drugs

By Margit Detweiler ■ The Daily Collegian Pennsylvania State U.

The inner walls of their brick house are haphazardly plastered with cartoonish drawings. A stickered skateboard leans against the wall. Six guys, some with mohawks and skinheads, others with equally unconventional appearances, sit around a kitchen table. Hairstyles and attitudes? Perhaps, but not what their outward displays would suggest.

All but one have not had a beer, smoked a joint or engaged in casual sex in over a year. Their stand to not partake in what some consider a part of

college life is a lifestyle philosophy they know as "straight-

Sophomore Kurt Zettlemayer was sick of being a "void"

"We have 10 times more brotherhood than people in fraternities. Our brotherhood isn't 'All for the king of beers'

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person. Sporting a shiny black mohawk and bright eyes, Zettlemayer said that, "Before I went straightedge, I was pretty much of an alcoholic. I drank by myself in my room a lot. I wasn't going anywhere and I was pretty unhappy about it. I got help and I went straightedge.

To many straightedge adherents, a black "X" is the symbol of their affiliation. A

black "X" tattoo on the shoulder of Dave Smallie, singer for the band All, tells the world he is a member of the straightedge society. Though some straightedgers convey their belief with the black "X" on the back of their right hand, none of these Pennsylvania State U. students do.

Straightedge, they say, is a philosophy defined individually. Each person has their own way to show it and their own reason to believe in this pure way of life. "There is no rulebook for it," said sophomore Mike Banfield. Banfield has long, frizzy curls that hang over his face.

He explained that the straightedge movement began in 1982, inspired by the hardcore punk band Minor Threat and



Comedian Gary Heflin has secured himself a future with Columbia Pictures

Film deal gives comedian last laugh

By Theresa Livingston ■ The Daily Egyptian U. of Southern Illinois, Carbondale

"I'm doing something that other people dream about," said senior Gary Heflin. Indeed. The aspiring comedian has turned a hobby into a career by signing a multi-picture con-

tract with Columbia Pictures. Heflin, a marketing and management major, has been involved with comedy on the local level for two years, but it was only in the last year

that he began to take it seriously. When he graduates in May, Heflin will review scripts. In September, a "decision will be made, with casting hopefully starting in October and production in December," he said.

Columbia allowed Heflin to plete his degree before begin work. This was crucial in his det to work with them, Heflin said, his education is "very important

He describes himself as mor storyteller and a satirist the stand-up comedian, since "ar can crack a joke." In the off cha that being a star doesn't work Heflin would go to law school, he

And his plans go beyond his cal "I'd like to be a role model for children, especially black child Heflin said. "They don't have models. All they see are people while wrong things. They don't see pe like us who are going to school to "cosmic ho making something of their lives

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