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Psychoeducational Clinic Open House

The N.C. State Psychoeducational Clinic will celebrate its 50th anniversary with a public open house on Monday, Mar. 6.

The celebration, which will be from 3:30 to 5 p.m. in Suite 216, Poe Hall, is sponsored by the Department of Psychology's School Psychology Program.

The cost is free, with refreshments being served.

For more information, call 515-1713.

National Conference to Focus on Improving K-12 Science Outreach

The "Invitational Conference on K-12 Outreach From University Science Departments" runs Thursday, Feb. 10, through Saturday, Feb. 12, in Raleigh. The event is hosted by The Science House, N.C. State's statewide K-12 learning outreach center.

Every day science plays a larger role in our lives, making it increasingly important that we give our children a quality science education to keep them from being left behind as adults.

The third International Math and Science Study suggests that students in the United States already lag behind foreign students in math and science scores. But top university outreach educators from across the country think that can be changed. They will gather in Raleigh starting Thursday to exchange ideas and to learn about N.C. State's success in giving school districts access to quality high-tech programs that make science fun, interesting and relevant.

Preliminary Results of Chip Mill Study Released to Public

Preliminary results from a comprehensive study on the impact of North Carolina chip mills show that timber harvesting has increased as chip mill capacity has expanded across the state.

North Carolina forests are in better shape than they were 60 years ago, the study finds, but the demand for hardwood may exceed growth in the next decade.

The final study is expected to be released in March by scientists from N.C. State, Duke University and the N.C. Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), working at The Southern Center for Sustainable Forests.

At 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 10, they will discuss their findings at a public forum at Mitchell Community College in Statesville, N.C.

The study was led by Fred Cuhbage, head of the Department of Forestry at N.C. State, and Dan Richter, associate professor of forest soils and ecology at Duke.

Students Needed for Pilot

Television Production students are shooting a pilot and need men and women ages 18-24 to participate in the production.

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Five professors put NCSU as national science leader

TREY GOODWIN
Staff Writer

Everyone likes to be rewarded for hard work. Yet more often than not, rewards are reserved for those who achieve success for a sustained length of time. For five distinguished NCSU professors, their

time for recognition has arrived. It includes a journey up to the nation's capitol.

Leonard S. Bull, professor of animal science and vice president of the World Association for Animal Production; Dennis O. Gray, associate professor of psychology; Ann C. Howe, adjunct professor of mathematics, science and technology; Richard L. Sawyer, adjunct professor of horticultural science and director general emeritus of the International Potato Center in Lima, Peru; and Lee V. Stiff, professor of mathematics, science, and technology education, have been invited to present their research findings or

take part in scholarly symposium at the annual meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS), from Feb. 17-22, in Washington, D.C.

Just like any championship-caliber team, these individuals all have to work with each other in order to make NCSU a more world-renowned institution. Since this year's contingent is the largest ever to represent the university, Howe thinks NCSU is right on track. "N.C. State is taking its place in the international community of science, technology and education," she added.

However, Bull points out that hav-

ing such a large representation at the first AAAS meeting of the millennium underscores NCSU's stature as an international leader in research and outreach, particularly in fields of critical importance.

Sawyer established the International Potato Center in 1971. This non-profit scientific research organization is composed of hundreds of scientists and technicians that are advancing the use of roots and tubers for agricultural development and hunger relief in developing countries. About half of its funds go to research at regional locations throughout the world, enabling scientists to develop local-

ly appropriate solutions to food production.

George Wilson, coordinator of International Programs said that Sawyer is one of his mentors. "He is great at providing constructive criticism. He has been a real inspiration to my work," said Wilson.

Bull, a former head of the animal science department, is co-chairing a symposium titled, "What's For Dinner? A Menu for the 21st Century Food System." This will include a presentation by Sawyer titled "Global Interactions of Food System Research and

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Campout riots to a close

Student and university leaders gathered to discuss the future of student ticket distribution.

NATHALIE DUGGINS AND EMILY TOWNLEY
Senior Staff Writers

Following the melee that ensued during the Carolina campout this year, the university has called an end to the longtime N.C. State tradition.

Campout is no more; instead, a new random ticket distribution will be implemented for the dispersal of student tickets for the Wolfpack's remaining home

games against Duke and Clemson. According to the new policy, students will not be permitted to purchase guest tickets for either the Duke or the Clemson game. Students wishing to sit together will be allowed to do so, but groups are limited to four students.

"We felt that the best way to do it was the lottery system, but we couldn't, due to time and resource constraints," said Student Body Treasurer Andrew Payne.

Treasurer Payne and Student Body President Raj Mirchandani were among the Student Government representatives at a meeting between members of the Athletics, Transportation and Public Safety departments and the Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs Tom Stafford.

Both Payne and Mirchandani pledged to work to see that the new system is implemented in a way that is fair to students.

"Student Government's number one priority is to make sure that students are treated fairly and that everyone has equal opportunity to a ticket," Mirchandani said.

Mirchandani apologized for the events of last weekend and conceded that "we, as students, should understand that we made a mistake."

The revocation of the university's camp out policy isn't the only remnant of last weekend's camp out yet to be dealt with. According to Terry Wright, assistant director of Public Safety, officers issued at least five citations at camp out. However, Wright acknowledges that these numbers are only preliminary estimates and that actual numbers will not be available until Wednesday morning. Citations included those for underage drinking, disorderly conduct and assault on an officer.

"We're still in the process of looking into all aspects of campout before we decide on plans for future investigation," Wright said.



A scene from this past weekend's campout chaos.

Public safety did not issue citations for any of the property damages last weekend. Officers on duty do have videotape of some of the damage caused during camp out. Public Safety had no com-

ment at this time regarding their intentions for using the videotapes, according to Wright. They have not determined who will incur the costs of the damages, Wright said.

FILE PHOTO

Fire alarm saves students

RHONDA SCIRRAH

Daily Egyptian (Southern Illinois U)

(U-WIRE) CARBONDALE, Ill. — The strobe lights of a new fire-alarm system installed in Schneider Hall alerted SIUC police officer Marzine Rafe to Sunday's fire that destroyed the contents of a residence hall room.

The actions of Rafe, firefighters and University staff, the effectiveness of the fire alarm system and the construction of Schneider Hall were crucial ingredients to the safety of students during Sunday's blaze.

Marlo Kennedy, a sophomore in theater from Burbank, and Megan O'Laughlin, a freshman in pre-elementary education from East Peoria inhabited the room. Both women were not in the room when the fire started.

Brush Towers and University Park residence halls were recently fitted with "state-of-the-art" fire-alarm systems, equipped with strobe lights, fire sensors throughout the buildings, sirens and loud speakers.

An SIUC student expressed concerns that the new system failed to respond when a first-floor alarm was pulled. The system then responded when a second first-floor pull station was activated moments later, the student said.

"The opinion of the University is that the fire-alarm system worked exactly as it is designed," said Brad Dillard, assistant director of the Physical Plant. "A smoke detector outside of the room activated at the same time as the pull system on the first floor."

Assistant Housing Director Steve Kirk said every indication he has received from the Physical Plant

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Teacher evaluation system in question

Students and faculty explore reasons for lack of interest and credibility of N.C. State's current teacher evaluation system.

NICOLE MILLER AND BRANDY ANDERSON
Contributing Writers

While students bubble in teacher evaluation forms at the end of each semester, professors and students discuss among themselves why these evaluations are not taken seriously.

"I don't think many professors care at all. I don't think they change anything. If professors did, then you wouldn't continuously hear negative comments about certain professors. They'd attempt to change. I would think, if they considered student comments," said Heba Salama, a senior in

textile design.

According to N.C. State academic procedures, the purpose of teacher evaluations is that, "first and most critical, constructive student critique provides individual instructors with important feedback from the 'consumer's' point-of-view,"

and "secondly, student-generated teaching evaluation data are of value to administrators and senior faculty members in assessing the perceived effectiveness of instructors."

"The primary beneficiary of student-

teacher evaluations is the teacher," said Larry Tombaugh, dean of the College of Forest Resources.

Professors find the evaluations helpful for their future classes. Many professors use the evaluations to determine where to make changes in the classroom.

"I value the student input, particularly written comments. Many aspects of my teaching have changed because of this input," said Tombaugh.

While teacher evaluations are useful for each department, some feel they aren't working.

"My comments on a little piece of paper are not going to inspire a professor to change their ways. What's their incentive?" said Matt Lynch, a student of Lifelong Education.

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Will McClelland, a freshman, makes use of an overturned trashcan for a little recreational activity.

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KYLE WOODWARD

Will McClelland, a freshman, makes use of an overturned trashcan for a little recreational activity.

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The women's basketball coach readies for her 25th Anniversary at N.C. State.



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and Carbondale Fire Department has been that the system worked properly.

"When you have a serious accident and you have a lot of people affected, you will have a variety of opinions," Kirk said.

Dillard stated that because the structure of Schneider Hall is designed to contain a fire to one room, Sunday's fire was unable to spread beyond room 1208. Fire damage totaled \$18,000, and the entire contents of the residence hall room were destroyed.

Resident assistants and housing staff safely evacuated all of the residents at the time of the fire, while SIU police and the Carbondale Fire Department extinguished the flames. About 800 students live in Schneider Hall.

Rafe was sitting in his patrol car in Lot 45 when the alarm sounded. He and another officer entered the building's lobby and took the elevator to the 12th floor.

By the time Rafe entered the building with another officer, the evacuation of Schneider was almost complete. Thin films of smoke had filled the hallway as the officers gathered the 12th-floor's fire hose and opened the room's door.

"I was just trying to figure out if someone was in the room," Rafe said. "That is when everything went black. It is like you are choking. You smell it, and it burns your chest. Once it flooded the hallway, you couldn't even see your hand in front of your face."

Rafe was treated and released for smoke inhalation after Sunday's fire. He admitted himself into Memorial Hospital early Sunday morning. In the 11 months Rafe has worked for the SIU Police Department, he has responded to six residence hall fire alarms that have been false resulting from someone pulling a pull station.

"I was just doing what I was supposed to do, just doing my job," he said. "It was a big deal going into a building that has a room on fire and not knowing if anyone was in there. I hope students now realize the seriousness of a fire."

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NCSC's Provost Kermit Hall is currently looking into teacher evaluations and their effectiveness. "I think teacher evaluations don't have as much impact as they should have," Hall said.

Many professors agree with the provost, believing that evaluations do not offer productive feedback.

"I don't think they tell us what we usually think they tell us — that is, is the course a good one? Is the teacher a good one?" said Linda Holley, coordinator of advising for the English department.

Some students may not offer beneficial feedback because they don't feel influential results.

"I don't mind filling them out, but you don't feel like they make a difference, because I had a lot of bad teachers that have gotten bad reviews in the past, and they're still bad," said Sara Strickland, a senior in natural resources.

Teacher evaluations are given by professors from each department and are only used at the departmental level. The underlying question of all teacher evaluations is how well the professor teaches. Teachers are encouraged to challenge their students with proper academic work, regardless of how the student may view them afterward.

In marine, earth and atmospheric labs, class work is based on requirements, not what the teacher feels is nice. "I'm not here to be your friend. You must be a teacher first, and a friend second," said Rob Patchus, a Meteorology graduate student.

According to NCSU faculty, teacher evaluations do leave room for error, since there is an assumption that some students fill out the evaluations based on their grades and perception of the teacher, and such behaviors are very real.

"There is a degree of unreliability," said Hall.

"Each student probably uses different evaluation criteria. Some likely base their evaluations on the grade they expect to receive, some on the teacher's personality, some on other factors," Tombaugh said.

Some students fall into these assumptions. One student in the English department used the written section to express her admiration

for a professor declaring, "The professor was the reason I've chosen a career in my field." Other students used their written comments to assert frustrations experienced during the semester. One such student in the history department wrote, "I would recommend this class, recommend that you run from this class as fast as you can."

While some students may use grades or teacher personality as measures for evaluating, some do not. "I base it on how willing they are to help you out, not the grades they give out," said Sam Perkins, a sophomore in First-Year College.

Some base evaluations on the professor's teaching skills and how effective they are in the classroom.

"The best evaluations were given to the professors that make me think about the class after I walk out the door," the ones that inspire," said Alice Richman, a senior in English.

Not all students take teacher evaluations seriously. "Students aren't interested in filling them out, unless they really hate the teacher. They just want to get out of class," said Takara Ratcliff, a senior in mass communications.

In order to increase the effectiveness of teacher evaluations, Provost Hall is currently in the process of implementing "a program for peer evaluations of teaching." Peer evaluations would require that professors sit in their peers' classes and evaluate them based on their performance and teaching skills.

Some students agree with the provost and see possible benefits in mandating peer evaluations.

"I think professors would be under a lot of pressure if their colleagues were watching them. They should do something like in high school, where a teacher would sit in on a class," Ratcliff said.

"Peer evaluation teaching is real, real important," Hall said. Hall feels that such evaluating will be useful for determining professors' tenure and promotions.

Some students feel tenured professors are not influenced by teacher evaluations. "With that kind of job security, there is no pressure to ensure quality teaching," said Lynch.

Ironically, evaluations have been found to favor professors who grade the hardest and have a reputation as being a difficult teacher. Professors such as these are actually the ones who "consistently receive outstanding teacher evaluations," Tombaugh said.

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In order to increase positive student participation in evaluating, Hall believes that teacher evaluations need to be monitored and thoroughly explained.

While some students think their opinions do not have any influence, most professors take them to heart and find them useful in helping their teaching skills.

"I find the written comments especially useful. We learn how the student thinks about a course rather than what he thinks about a course," said Holley.

Some students recognize the importance of teacher evaluations. "It is one form of continuous quality improvement that many students understand," Tombaugh said.

"Some professors care. A professor of mine gave us his own questions when we did evaluations. A professor wouldn't do this unless he considered student opinions," said Perkins.

Students are often unaware of the impact of teacher evaluations due to the lack of feedback. This may explain why so many students have a negative perception of evaluations. "Feedback might make the student feel better," said Ratcliff.

While teacher evaluations are useful, there are still many changes that need to be made. Both students and professors have their own opinions on how this can be done.

"It would be good if you could do evaluations online. Require students to do online evaluations before acquiring grades and PINs. It would make sure people did them, and it wouldn't take up class time," Ratcliff said.

Currently the NCSU Student Senate provides some departmental online evaluations; however, these are not obligatory. Also available online are underground evaluation websites provided by students, where students are free to express their feelings toward courses and professors.

With improving teacher evaluations on Provost Hall's agenda, enhancements are expected. Perhaps Professor Holley summed it up best when she said, "I think real evaluations come over a whole semester, over a series of semesters, over repeated work to gain responses from students. I don't think the formal evaluations tell us nearly as much as we can learn from watching to see what our students' eyes tell us as they think and work — as they alternately grumble and glorify."

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Development." The symposium is crucial because one of the great lingering questions for the 21st century will be the adequacy, quality and sustainability of the global food supply.

Howe, former chairperson of the Department of Mathematics, Technology and Education, is organizing another symposium called, "College is Too Late: Teaching Mathematics to Children and Adolescents." One of the most

talked about subjects is the continuing decline of test scores of American children compared to other First World countries' children on one standardized test. "There is a huge interest to improve mathematics in elementary and middle school. Teachers need to start placing more emphasis on problem solving instead of memorization," Howe said.

Stiff, who is President of the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics, will also speak on this same topic with Howe.

Gray's presentation is called "Evaluating NSF Cooperative Research Centers Using Survey Feedback."

Weekend fire at Southern Illinois U.

DAVID FERRARA

Daily Egyptian (Southern Illinois U.)

(U-WIRE) CARBONDALE, Ill. — The smell of smoke still lingers on the 12th floor of Southern Illinois University's Schneider Hall.

Black soot stains the under part of a ledge outside room 1208's window, which is now boarded up with plywood.

Step off the 12th floor elevator Monday afternoon and you would have been encapsulated in a darker, smoke damaged floor.

Around 2:30 p.m., 10 maintenance workers and painters rinsed the brick and sandpapered the walls.

Linger down the A-wing. At room 1208 a new door with a makeshift hinge lock has been installed.

The room inside is unsafe and completely uninhabitable. In fact, it may be some time before that room is inhabitable.

Even with the door open, only a sliver of sunlight sneaks through the boarded up window.

Next door, in room 1206, Shawnte Bennett is cleaning up her room — with the door open to keep the air fresh.

Bennett, a freshman transfer student from Chicago who just moved into Schneider Hall this semester,

woke up early Sunday morning with the alarm above her bed blaring.

Around 1:30 a.m. Sunday a candle likely set her neighbor's room ablaze, fire officials said. The girls who live in 1208 were not in their room when the fire started.

Though she just moved to SIUC this semester, Bennett, first thought the alarm was fake. She had heard the stories. There were 81 mechanical malfunctions on campus last semester. Police said 21 times an alarm was pulled when there was no fire.

But when Bennett's room filled with smoke, she knew it was real. She threw on her robe and scurried outside.

"Seeing the smoke and everything — it's traumatizing," Bennett said. "That's something nobody should go through."

Those who live in Schneider's A-wing were forced out of the building for the remainder of the week. On Monday, between classes students were busy cleaning up their rooms.

More students are now saying they are going to take the sound of

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U. Virginia shoplifting an Honor problem

AMY SHAPIRO
Cavalier Daily (U. Virginia)

(U-WIRE) CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va.—Upon matriculation to the University of Virginia, students pledge never to lie, cheat or steal.

This promise is the cornerstone of the honor system, but are University students getting away with shoplifting?

According to legal experts, in the past, University students have been arrested for shoplifting and have not always been brought up on honor charges.

The honor system seeks to create a community of trust between students, faculty and the Charlottesville community. But when students are arrested and charged with shoplifting and not brought up on honor charges, for many, the community of trust is threatened.

According to some officials, University student shoplifting in Charlottesville is a significant problem.

"It's clear that it is not uncommon to have a University student charged with shoplifting," said Dave Chapman, Charlottesville Commonwealth attorney.

Chapman said because city courts do not keep an electronic record of misdemeanor crimes, it is difficult to determine the exact number of students who are brought up on shoplifting charges each year.

But these students often escape

the repercussions of intervention from the University and the Honor Committee.

Honor Committee Chairman Hunter Ferguson said cases involving student shoplifting rarely are brought before the Committee.

"Our Committee members have been aware of shoplifting, occasionally [a case] comes our way," Ferguson said. "No more than a few a year."

Police and legal officials say because they are not required to report student arrests to the University, student shoplifters often slip through the cracks.

"It's not part of my job [to report students]; I just defend the student," Student Legal Services Director Lester Wilson said. "It would be an ethical violation to report the students who come to me."

Chapman said the Commonwealth's Attorney's office is not required to report shoplifters to the University either.

"We are completely unrelated to the honor system," he said.

The Commonwealth's pursuit of criminal justice is separate from that of the University, he added.

Charlottesville Police Sgt. F.G. Upman stressed that although the police are not required to report incidents of students involved in shoplifting to the University, these files are available.

"It is public information once the arrest is made," Upman said. "It is up to the honor [system] to go to

the courts."

A student representative from the Honor Committee would need to go into the Charlottesville courthouse and search for files on students arrested for shoplifting so that the Honor Committee could be made aware of the arrests.

"It is the responsibility of University students or University administration to monitor local courts," Chapman said. "If someone wanted to monitor the court it would be time-consuming but not difficult."

Although these files are available to the public, many students' criminal activities go unnoticed in the University community.

"We don't police classrooms or police the community as a whole," Ferguson said. "We only take cases that are brought to us" by the students, faculty and community members.

In December 1995, two men's basketball players, Scott Johnson and Daryl Presley, were caught attempting to steal more than \$200 in clothing from a Leggett's department store which used to be in Charlottesville's Fashion Square Mall. Even though the students were caught by a store official, neither student was brought up on criminal charges and only were required to sit out two games during the 1995-96 basketball season, causing much controversy among the University community.

Similarly, in December 1997, women's basketball player Lauren

Swierczek was caught stealing \$60 of merchandise from Stone & Thomas, a store also in Fashion Square Mall. Swierczek was charged and sentenced by a Charlottesville judge. She still plays on the basketball team.

Ferguson said community members are welcome - but not obligated - to report cases of shoplifting, and they all are investigated in the same manner as all other honor issues.

"As of right now, no one is down at the courthouse" looking for offenders, he said.

Each year, the newly appointed Honor Committee meets with the police to create familiarity between the honor members and the police.

"We don't have an obligation to do so, but we work closely with [the] Honor and Judiciary Committees," University Police Capt. Michael Coleman said.

As for the future, Ferguson said he would like to see further communication between the police and the Honor Committee.

"We welcome working with police to curb shoplifting" in the future, he said.

In the 1998-99 academic year, a total of 69 cases were investigated by the Honor Committee, 15 of which were individual cases of stealing.

There were three individual cases of lying and cheating and two individual cases of lying and cheating brought before the Committee.

ers arrived at the hall around 5 a.m. Sunday and have been vacuuming the floor and washing the walls since. There's no telling how long it will take to finish cleaning the floor.

The door at room 1209 has to be replaced, and today, painters have to slap a layer of a stain-killing liquid on the ceiling and walls.

Painter Fred Gilbert said the stain killer will have a strong smell, but the smell won't last and will not stick to your clothes like enduring smoke.

"They could smell that for a day, or they could smell this for however long," Gilbert said.

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an alarm more seriously.

Victoria Wilson is one of them.

Wilson, a sophomore in political science from Belleville, said she walked past room 1208 Sunday thinking the alarm was fake.

She lives across the hall from where the fire started.

Her room is adorned with a few candles that she says will not be used anymore.

SIUC housing has no policy

against having a lighted candle in a residence hall.

"I think it certainly has to make you stop and consider it," said Steve Kirk, assistant housing director.

"Some of the issues we are going to have to talk about is our stance on candles in the residence halls."

As housing officials saunter over the housing candle policy, Wilson said she thinks SIUC should follow the lead of other universities.

"That should have been an SIU policy to begin with," Wilson said.

"Other campuses have it for a reason. I'm going to take mine home."

Karissa Jones, an undecided freshman from Bloomington, seems

unfazed by the fire. She was out of her room when the fire occurred and returned to find her floor closed off.

"I'll probably still assume it's a false alarm because we've had so many," Jones said.

She lit a candle in her room Monday to ward off the smell of smoke, but she was continuously eyeing the flame. She agrees with Wilson that the candle policy should be investigated.

"It just makes you paranoid," Jones said.

With students cleaning out their rooms, maintenance workers have hours of work ahead before the floor is back to normal. The work-

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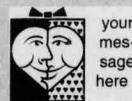
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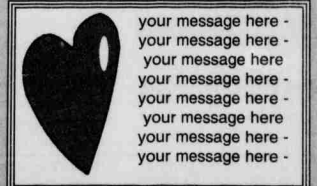
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Campout no more

The N.C. State administration, along with a group of student leaders, has done away with the NCSU tradition of camping out. While the students who camped this year—and those who have camped in

The university has announced that camping out for basketball tickets will no longer be allowed. Was there a decision a reasonable solution to the campout problem?

the past—certainly brought the ban on themselves, the decision was a knee-jerk one, rather than a well-thought-out solution to the problem.

The primary problem is enforcement. Public Safety officers will be on hand this weekend to arrest any would-be campers or dismiss those who would attempt to line up before the 10 a.m. line-up start time.

It's highly unlikely, however, that the university will consistently allocate Public Safety officers—precious resources on an urban campus—to what is essentially a house-sitting job at Reynolds Coliseum.

Furthermore, the policy does not allow students to get seats together in groups greater than four, nor

does it allow students to buy guest tickets, moves that could be construed as attempts to divert those tickets to other recipients, namely alumni and the paying public.

The meeting in which the new policy was adopted left a number of questions unanswered: will the four-student limit and guest-ticket ban endure? Does the

university intend to post Public Safety officers at Reynolds for every distribution from now on?

Between the student uproar likely to ensue with the release of the campout ban and the vast resource misallocation that maintaining a consistent Public Safety force at Reynolds would be, the university is not likely to find much success in maintaining its newest ticket distribution policy.

University officials would have been far better served by cancelling next weekend's campout outright and working with student leaders to improve the campout system. As it is, they've left themselves with a policy that will be unpopular and difficult to enforce.



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Quality basketball to blame



MARK ANDERSON

If you are looking for an idea for change regarding student ticket distributions to come, then you will find it right here. Here are my two cents.

After all the rumors have been started, heard, passed along again, then killed with official information, there are still some 2,200 students without tickets—to the Carolina basketball game, if you have been oblivious to all this campus-wide brouhaha.

Whom shall we blame? Well, we could fault the lucky folks ahead of us in line who received tickets. Then, there are the ticket distributors from Student Government. Of course, the Athletics Department and its director, Les Robinson, are easy targets for blame, too.

There is one group of people that has not received myriad phone calls. No one speaks disgustingly about this group. However, its members are guilty of causing the overflow of enthusiasm (to put it nicely) witnessed on Dunn Ave.

That group is the men's basketball team. With their shiny record, the

basketball players have sparked fans' anti-Carolina fire. The veteran players are stepping up. Justin Gainey has made two buzzer beaters in two victories against quality opponents. The freshmen are exciting and filling the holes the team has had in recent years.

Herb Sendek's team pushed Duke and UNC-CH to the brink of defeat before falling. State can play ball, folks.

When Sendek and the boys took up residence in the V Dome (yes, the Entertainment and Sports Arena), they brought fans. Old and young. Hardcourt experts and basketball novices. Student Wolfpack Club members who attend every NCSU sporting event and those students who come out just to see Carolina.

Excitement is back in Raleigh. Sure, NCSU has beaten UNC and other ranked teams in recent years, but consistent enthusiasm is growing here in the basketball capital of North Carolina.

Now, the day of the big game, there are lots of students with no way of getting in the arena (it's not Reynolds, people. Don't try to sneak in!).

Yes, over 2,000 students, myself

included, have no tickets. And yes, the miscommunication between Student Government and the Athletics Department did directly affect some students, although probably no more than 1,200 would-be spectators.

Aside: I got the shaft twice! As a Student Wolfpack Club member with nine points, I felt confident about receiving a ticket. As it turns out, something is awry with the club's distribution as well. We are devoted fans who pay \$30 just to join, then attend women's sports and non-revenue events to support our athletes. But, in a club of well over 1,000, only 300 tickets were available.

Surely, some kid with zero points and a handful of No-Doze staked his position at Reynolds Thursday night, thus taking my rightful, well-earned spot on the sidelines at the arena. Hey, pal, you better be loud, wearing red and eager to maintain a miserable racket to keep momentum in our favor!

Club members are devoted, loud, full of cheers, red-clad and deserving of tickets—even before the student body. Any Student Wolfpack Club member should have priority over the average student body fan.

The matter of the fact is that a

whole bunch of students want to go to the game, but there are not tickets for everyone. Somebody will be disappointed. We have to sell tickets to the alumni and other fans to make money. That is the red tape.

So, I urge those of you who will be sitting in your dorm room or your living room or in your favorite restaurant tonight to accept the unfortunate circumstances. Celebrate the opportunity to watch it with friends. No, it will not be the same as being there. Get over that point and cheer the team to victory.

Finally, as I celebrate tonight the triumph I envision—and I welcome you basketball players to envision it as well—I will take comfort in sincerely believing that those who faltered in the campout distribution will assure students not receiving UNC tickets first priority for the next distribution in a swift, just decision.

Stop calling Les Robinson!! He's not to blame. Demand is up simply because the team is better. Please send comments, equations, and home remedies to mbander2@unity.ncsu.edu. Have a great time tonight—wherever you are. GO WOLFPACK!!!

CAMPUS FORUM

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Fox's tuition plan "deceptive"

This letter is in regard to the Feb. 3 issue of the Technician and the article "Fox Talk Shop." I've been opposed to this tuition increase since its suggestion. I first want to point out how Fox uses the excuse that this increase is going to largely be put into financial aid.

I can't speak for others, but I do know that paying NCSU's tuition now has already put a great strain on my family and me. What I don't understand is, if I'm having trouble enough paying for my tuition, why should I have to pay extra to pay someone else's tuition? That's basically what Chancellor Fox is saying.

Along with our tuition, we need to pay more to cover financial aid, which is the tuition that other students will be receiving.

Second of all, this claim is deceptive. In general, this tuition increase will not help students currently on financial aid unless they receive even more financial aid. The students who are receiving financial aid now will also be affected by this increase, and have to pay it. So the argument that this financial aid will help them isn't true, unless they

wouldn't have to pay the tuition increase at all. However, their tuition fees will be affected the same way as everyone else's.

Even if more people can be put on financial aid (due to the projected increase in the amount of money expected), many more people will be hurt rather than helped. How beneficial is it when students need to receive financial aid to help them cover this tuition increase? Chancellor Fox spoke of the "number of students, for whom a tuition increase would not be a real burden," but she didn't mention the many others for whom it would be.

The cost of a college education is incredible considering what it was some years ago. Average family incomes have not increased very much over the years compared to how high college tuition has gone up (it's expanded far faster than inflation or the growth in average family income). This is especially bad now that it's practically a necessity to have a degree in order to get a good job.

Lastly, Fox tends to hedge quite a bit on whether or not the tuition increase will go towards teachers' salaries. In the beginning, the argument was that the tuition increase

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ERIC HUIDOR

Although I believe in God and Jesus Christ as my Lord and savior, I try not to force my belief on people. I realize I can't make people believe in what I believe in, but I can give my testimony to people.

God has blessed me with the ability to discern Scripture and apply it to understanding some of the ways of the world. I am not saying I know every scripture in the Bible and understand all the ways of the world.

What God puts in my heart, however, I am confident I know. Even when I was a little boy, I knew I would serve God one day, but I always thought I would be about 50 or 75. Something like that, you know exactly what I am talking about.

I am talking about when we reach the age when most people start thinking about death. That's when most people believe they could live a true "Christian" life.

I never thought God would call me to serve Him in the prime of my life. It seemed like I was just getting started. I felt like there was still more weed to smoke, more alcohol to drink and more women to serve.

Believe me, friends, it was not like I woke up one morning and said, "I think I'll start serving God." Trust me, I was not thinking about God four years ago. At least

not to the degree to which I think about Him now.

I remember my freshman year, when Lloyd Harrison used to come knocking on my door early Sunday morning, asking me if I was going to church. I would say, "Naw, man, you go ahead," then I would always say, "Pray for me, too."

As soon as Lloyd would leave, my roommate and I would either get up and smoke a blunt or go back to sleep. We would be tired or recovering from Saturday night's hangover.

Back then, I thought about God the way a lot of people think about God now. I believed in God, but didn't want to live the life of the Bible. If we are not willing to live the Bible, we have to consider whether we really believe in God.

If there were a bomb threat issued on campus, it wouldn't take long for us to vacate the premises. If we heard that Jesus was coming like a thief in the night, how many of us would believe it? If someone were to ask us if we really believe Jesus is coming back like a thief in the night, I believe most of us would say yes.

Our actions, however, would not support our answer. If we really believed, we would spiritually prepare for it. No one would have to tell us what to do in the case of a bomb threat (well, at least they wouldn't have to tell me what to do).

We know living the life requires us to give up those sinful ways that seem to give us so much pleasure. I say "seem" because we don't

actually realize the sinful side effects of some pleasures. Take, for example, having sex, or fornication. If we were to honestly write down the pros and cons of fornication—sex outside the institution of marriage—the pros would be very limited. I am not even going to list all the cons, which range from unwanted pregnancy to a numbers of STD's.

Let me list the pros of fornication. The only pro I can think of—outside of marriage—is the self-gratification experienced. I know some of you are saying, "It's more to it than that." I guess what you and your mate share is special, and it's love, too, right?

Well, let us think about this. If a person truly loves you, would he put your soul at risk instead of waiting until the appropriate time? Not to mention that it's a blessing to have sex once you are married.

Could you imagine you and your wife or husband being butt-naked and speaking in tongues? You probably wouldn't be speaking in tongues, but it would be good and honorable in the eyes of God.

What's another excuse? Oh yeah, we are going to get married. I pray that you do, but if you don't, keep this in mind: your body is the frame of your essence, because it houses the mind and the mind is where the soul of your being resides.

In a sense, when you give yourself to someone else you are giving them your essence. So, if that person decided not to marry you, could you blame him? Aside from material things, you have already given

everything you have to offer: you have given your essence.

Love isn't about an emotional feeling—despite popular opinion. Don't get me wrong; emotions are good, but we cannot allow our emotions to dictate our actions. Emotion doesn't stimulate love, but love stimulates emotion.

We have to realize that the feelings we experience during sex are strong because sex is intimate. Sex is not for us to get our rocks off. I know it feels good, but don't let your emotions deceive you into thinking there's more to it than the violation of your soul. Did you know that fornication is the only sin that defiles the inner parts of the body?

Look friends, I am not trying to tell you to stop having sex. That's not my place. You are grown men and women, and nobody should have to tell you what's right or what's wrong. By now, we all should know the truth of our actions. I just present the truth as best I can and you determine within yourself where you stand concerning the truth.

Your decision and the consequences of your actions are your choice to make. Please remember this: "Sex doesn't equal love, God is love." If we could only understand the love that God has for us, we would not be so easily seduced by our emotions.

Comments or questions? Send them to Eric at eridid@unity.ncsu.edu.

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wouldn't go to teacher salaries at all, but was to help students. Now her time has changed in the Monday article, where she basically avoids saying whether it will or will not, but does admit now that "we needed an additional increase for faculty salaries in addition to whatever it (tuition increase) is." Although she reaffirms that she believes this ought to come from the North Carolina Legislature, it seems more and more likely that a large chunk of our tuition is going there instead.

Although I can understand a tuition increase in some circumstances within reason, I already feel that there needs to be a change soon. If college costs keep rising at the rate they are now, too many people won't be able to afford it. The schools are already receiving plenty, and this argument for another increase is just ludicrous.

Lisa Carter
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SG, cleanup crew deserving of thanks

To all the people complaining about ticket shortages: You should have known! It is your stadium, and you should know how many tickets are allocated for each game. If you are 87th in line, do the arithmetic and you'll figure out you're not getting a ticket.

With roughly 440 groups camping and after all tickets are given out to athletes, cheerleaders and band, there really are not many tickets left for "regular students." Also, recall no one ever guaranteed you a ticket for the game. It is a lottery; you take a chance at getting one.

For people complaining about campout in general: It could be worse. Bonfires and broken newspaper stands are nothing compared to the potential havoc that could be raised without the guidance of Student Government.

I have been to all five campsouts since I came to NCSU. Each campout improves, as we all learn from our mistakes. The organization by Student Government has grown tremendously over the past year and a half, and I commend them.

And, what is the best way to thank someone for helping you have an inebriated campout? Give them tickets away. Which is exactly what happened to the tickets allotted for Student Government.

So, for all of you who did not receive tickets, take notice of other options. Student Government, in cooperation with UAB, is attempting to plan another "Big Event," and I'm sure there is a TV nearby that will broadcast the game. If you are so disgruntled that you wish not to take part in either of these, you don't deserve a ticket!

I would also like to say a special "thank you" to the cleanup crew for an excellent job.

Ricky Nichols
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Seat increase should be proportional

The campout this weekend and "loss" of tickets brings out a larger issue. With an increase of more than 7,000 seats by moving from Reynolds to the ESA, only 400 more

student tickets were allocated for the ESA than had been at Reynolds.

Some friends did the math, and this actually decreases the percentage of students at the games, from 20 percent at Reynolds to a measly 10.5 percent at the bigger ESA.

With students being the core of school spirit and crowd excitement at the games, this is appalling. The very least the Athletics Department and administration can do is allow the same percentage of the crowd to be student voices and enthusiasm. We earn it by paying our tuition, going to classes and representing N.C. State everywhere we go. We deserve the chance to support our teams.

It appears, however, that paying tuition is not enough to earn us seats at the games. Others who pay for tickets take high priority over the students. The students who make up the university.

That's the message being sent out by these types of shenanigans being dealt with by the university: money will always be the bottom line and students are secondary and expendable. Well, we, the students, are the future alumni and ticket holders for the paying seasons. Why should we come back to support our Pack if this is how we are treated now?

Stephanie Sharples
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Morgan not enlightened about SKS

I am not part of the Self Knowledge Symposium, but I think Mr. Morgan's editorial on the SKS (Feb. 2, "Seeking enlightenment on SKS") shows not only an underappreciation for SKS but also for his own tradition of Christianity. He views the questions that SKS asks only lead to more questions. But his own in its purest form offers not a scientific solution, but a stumbling block, Jesus Christ.

ERIC DICKENS
The Battalion (Texas A&M U.)

Who said being a drug addict does not pay? A private organization, Children Requiring a Caring Community (CRACK), is actually giving away money to drug addicts with the stipulation that they receive permanent or long-term birth control.

Since 1994, Barbara Harris' program has been sending a \$200 check to anyone of child-bearing age who has or had a drug problem provided that they go to their doctor for a sterilization procedure. Harris, who wins

Furthermore, Christianity's history has been shaped by people unsatisfied with easy answers. Aquinas and Augustine sought to apply Greek philosophy's profundity to Christianity. Luther himself was a monk. His beliefs were molded out of emotional experiences.

Protestants such as Calvin, Wesley, Fox, Niebuhr and Barth all once had unanswerable questions. Through self-searching and hours of contemplation, they sifted through the questions and found an answer. There is nothing wrong with questions. Questions push us to pursue answers to those questions. Even if answers are not so easy to find, even if they lead to more questions, so what? The point is that we don't stop looking.

If we lived by Morgan's rationale, there would be no need for Bible studies, there would have been no discovery of penicillin and Einstein would have been satisfied with everything then in his math textbook. If we are satisfied with not answering questions, then what is the point of our intellect? If we are satisfied with never seeking a community to help us ask and answer deep questions, why don't we forget church?

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Hate crime, love punishment

In order to maintain a basic sense of security and to deter any future hate-motivated crime, hate crime laws are essential pieces of legislation. Hate crimes go much further than an assault on people or property; they are an assault on America's fundamental belief that all people are entitled to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. They violate an entire group of people; in effect, hate crimes serve to punish individuals on characteristics beyond their control.

Education, coupled with legislation, will help to eradicate any future hate-motivated crimes.

This is precisely why hate crime laws are essential for our society. By committing hate crimes against just one individual, the individual, in effect, send a strong message of fear among every member of that particular group. Handing down more severe sentences to the perpetrators of hate crimes will send an even stronger message that such human inhumanity will not be tolerated.

I am confident that America will continue to strive toward a safe and bigot-free society; however, enacting hate crime laws is only first step in achieving this goal.

Andrew Borchini Freshman Political Science Student Government owes some answers

I know there are a lot of pissed-off individuals about the latest ticket fiasco. Most of them blame the Athletic Department and Student Government for the mistake. That is probably the truth, but what really bothers me is how nobody is giving anybody a straight answer. Most of them are saying "lost," "lost," and the police don't suddenly start "monitoring" ticket lines. The students are in the dark about what's going on, and Student Government should be the ones with answers, but they aren't. Where are their tickets? I bet they are going to be front row, just like usual. I think those tickets could go to help out the situation just a little bit. Perhaps at least restore a little faith that they care about the students, because right now it does not look like it. Just my two cents. I'm just tired of hearing lies or rumors.

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Should addicts get paid to be

a feel-good award for adopting eight drug-exposed babies, says her program is a direct way of preventing the birth of even more substance-exposed infants (SEI). Certainly nobody can fault Harris for her benevolent thoughts and good intentions.

However, somewhere in between wanting to save the children and giving crack addicts \$200 to blow on blow, her best-laid plans have gone awry.

Harris' CRACK effort falls into the major problem of the previous programs that it is trying to be an alternative to. What was intended to be a direct cure to the growing problem of

drug-exposed newborns has turned out to be just another misguided effort that puts a flimsy bandage on symptoms of a much larger problem. As of February 2nd, CRACK has wasted donors' money on 151 clients. That is not to say these people were not in need of it.

From just those 151 addicts, a total of 1026 pregnancies arose, 364 of which were aborted. For all the math majors out there, that is over 300 abortions per addict. And when the pregnancies were carried to full term, the numbers are equally grim. Seventy-seven babies were stillborn, 33 died during birth and 376 are currently in foster care.

Looking at these numbers, one can see what motivates Harris and her supporters. But taking a realistic look at the big picture shows the ineffectiveness of her good intentions. One study estimated that 11 percent of all newborns, almost 460,000 babies, are born exposed to illicit drugs. That number is not some half a million babies whose moms smoked cigarettes while pregnant, but the infants with crack, heroin, LSD, and cocaine-using mothers. This huge number of babies overwhelms the 662 delivered to the CRACK clients. Harris' program simply does not make a dent in the widespread problem of drug-exposed newborns. All it does is throw peoples' money out the window of good intentions.

The root crisis is not that so many addicts are having endangered children. It is that there are so many addicts.

Fortunately, there are thousands of drug rehabilitation programs across the country. Many of these programs are offered as free services to anyone willing to make a change in their life. However they treat them, rehabilitation programs help fight an addict's real problem, not just the symptoms. Furthermore, some of these programs, like Narcanon, are in virtually every community and will help many more drug-addicted parents than Harris' could ever hope to reach.

While these programs do not give out the financial rewards that CRACK does, in the battle against drug-addicted parents and SEI's, getting a person past their habit is incentive enough.

People like Barbara Harris are hard to blame. Her efforts are meant to help a problem that needs serious attention. However, for all its generosity, Harris' plan is fatally flawed. If she and her donors wish to make an impact against the tragedy of prenatal exposure to drugs, then they need to stop feeding the dependency of addicts by giving them a couple hundred dollars and saying, "Don't spend it all in one crack house."

As avenues for real preventive treatment that get to the root of an addict's troubles are available and need the help of people like Harris. If she wants to put in an effort to help substance-exposed newborns, she has to first look at the substance-exposing parents. Harris' Web site sums up the tragic flaw with her efforts by saying, "Barbara Harris does not have the answers about how to get people off drugs and alcohol." While she is trying to make a difference, the sad truth is that Harris' birth-control plan is just a short-term answer to a big-time problem.

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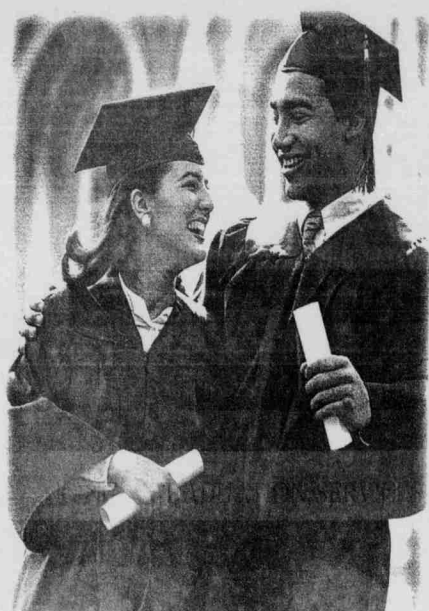
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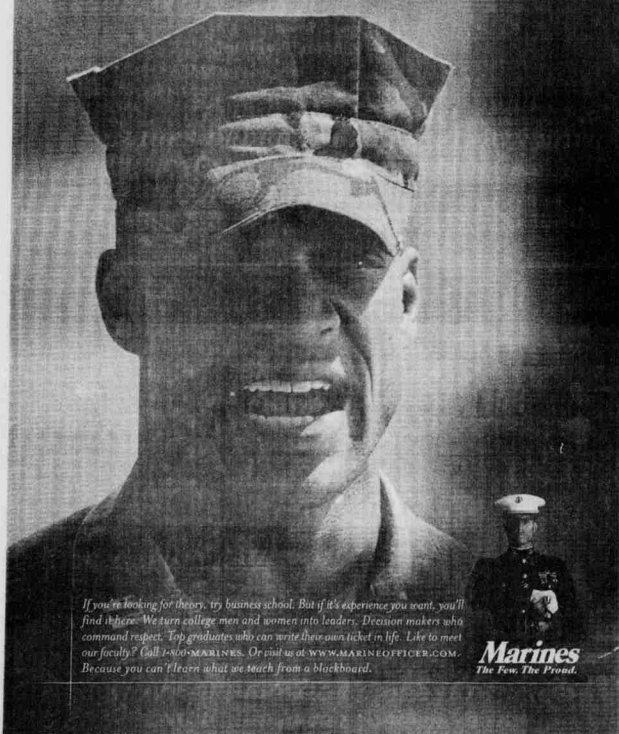
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P.O.D. — The Fundamental Elements of Southtown

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Upon reading pre-release buzz surrounding P.O.D.'s debut album for Atlantic Records, I discovered two distasteful things. One, P.O.D. is a rap-rock band. Second, P.O.D. is a Christian rap-rock band. While nothing is wrong with these two things, personally I find them wearing a bit thin.

I'm glad to say that my assumptions and pre-conceived notions were balled up and thrown out the window after listening to this release. P.O.D. is a band that has been together since late 1991 and The Fundamental Elements of Southtown is their 5th release. After starting to play shows in 1992 P.O.D. founded their own record label, Rescue Records, and released 2 full albums and 1 live album. The Washington-state based, Christian punk-rock label Tooth & Nail released their EP entitled, The Warriors. Atlantic finally took notice of them in 1998 and signed the band after



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witnessing P.O.D.'s near-legendarly live shows.

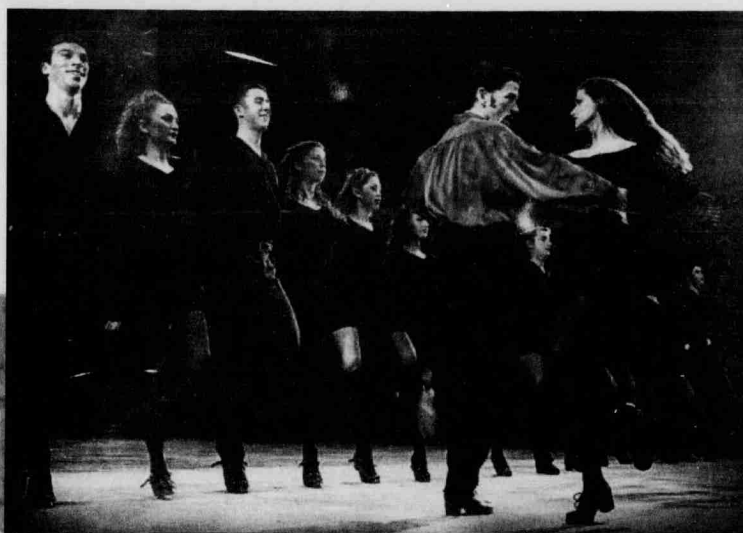
I generally don't believe that Christian religious beliefs belong in aggressive music and was a bit nervous about the extent of P.O.D.'s Christian beliefs. Again, I had my assumptions and pre-conceived notions chucked out the window. P.O.D.'s lyrics and message never come across as "preachy." Rather, the lyrics are positive and advocate keeping your head up even though the world may be getting you down. Not all of P.O.D.'s songs are "let's stay positive, keep your head up" chants either. "Rock the Party" talks about just hanging out with your friends while "Lie Down" speaks about the unpleasant childhood that all 4 members had to endure and work through.

It's hard to pin P.O.D. into the rap-rock genre. Their style ranges from reggae to Latin to hardcore and they do it effortlessly. P.O.D. can switch styles in mid-song and it works not only because they are talented musicians but also because the music is real to them.

Comparisons to Rage Against The Machine ("RATM"), seminal hardcore act Bad Brains and the Beastie Boys have been thrown around while referring to P.O.D. However, I find the last 2 comparisons a bit stretching. P.O.D. lacks RATM's political lyrics and message, and based on looks, I can't tell the lead singers from either band apart. Both RATM and P.O.D. are musically diverse and talented but in different ways. P.O.D. focuses on different styles of music and, like I said earlier, they flow from one to another with superb fluidity.

Highlights from their latest album include, "Hollywood," "Southtown," "Set Your Eyes to Zion," and a cover of U2's "Bullet the Blue Sky." As much as I was dreading reviewing this CD, I was pleasantly surprised after listening to it. Definitely pick this up at the record store. Currently P.O.D. is on tour with Primus and they will be playing The Ritz here in Raleigh on February 15th.

A mixture of American and Irish tap are used to make an impressive show



The Lee Company gets their kicks out at "Riverdance."

Tapping into Riverdance

◆ High expectations are met with the dancing sensation Riverdance, which runs until Feb. 13 at Raleigh Memorial Auditorium.

JONATHAN LANFORD
Staff Writer

"Riverdance" ... The Show. The sensation. The high expectations. And yet a total mystery to most of the people entering the Raleigh Memorial Auditorium this past Saturday, Feb. 5, at 2 p.m. Over 8 million people worldwide have experienced "Riverdance" since its beginning in 1995. It is not surprising that for tickets priced from \$30 to 60 in the nearly sold-out auditorium, a tremendous show was expected.

The show Saturday was excellently produced. Director John McColligan and Producer Moya Doherty obviously took great pains to build the drama and suspense for every scene. The opening number was quite impressive and exciting, especially for someone with no idea about what to expect for the show. Unfortunately, the show began to get tepid around the third scene, when the viewer realized that they could expect another hour-and-a-half of similar dances, with little or no explanation about the connection between scenes, if any existed.

A person experienced in tap could really enjoy the attention to detail the choreographer put into every dance and the precision with which the dances fit the music. However, to an inexperienced viewer with a short attention span, it was difficult to find new details to appreciate between dances. However the performances were not limited to dances. A few choral pieces provided a beautiful tex-

tured respite from the stomping. Unfortunately, the words en masse were unintelligible. Violin, soprano saxophone, and bagpipe also each took center stage during some part of the show. The most enjoyable was a scene for the mythical Irish hero Cuchulainn. Brian O'Brien played this piece on uilleann pipes, a softer, more expressive version of bagpipes.

The most memorable scene of the show received a standing ovation at its conclusion. Dancers performed a spontaneous, feeling competition between three American tap dancers and three Irish immigrant tap dancers. The American dancers were three African Americans, two males and a female, supported by a soprano saxophone, while a fiddle player backed up the three male Irish tap dancers. At the scene's end, the audience cheered for each of the dancers as they showed off their best moves, and triumphantly the two groups agreed to be friends. The background music provided a large part of the entertainment value of the overall performance. The Celtic music arrangements by Bill Whelan are intense, moving, and fun.

As a single release, "Riverdance" spent 18 weeks at no. 1 in the Irish charts and was a Top Ten hit in the UK. The album from "Riverdance" has gone Gold twice in the United Kingdom, reached double Platinum status in Ireland and Australia, and Gold in the United States and Canada.

What is "Riverdance"? It is choreographed group tap dancing. The tap dancing most Americans are familiar with is most likely the Sammy Davis Jr. variety, or perhaps the 12-year-old

niece starlet everyone has, who was pushed to take up tap-dancing by her attention-deprived parents. American tap dance is part of the "Riverdance" story, but not the whole. "Riverdance" actually takes the Irish form of tap and expands it to large groups of synchronized dancers, synchropaning their tapping to live Celtic music. It then explores forms of tap dance developed in other parts of the world, including Spanish and American, before returning to Irish tap.

Why is "Riverdance" so popular? The answer to this question is not so obvious. "Riverdance" was first aired in the 1994 Eurovision Song Contest as a 7-minute performance, and since then it has been expanded to its current two-and-a-half hour format. The most impressive performances of "Riverdance" are arguably the dance numbers, which have as many as 26 people take the stage and dance in tightly choreographed movements. The sounds made by 26 pairs of feet stomping in unison on synopacted beats and the visual fluidity of expert dancers in motion is very enjoyable. The problem is how can tap dancing keep one's attention for 2:30?

"Riverdance" has no obvious plot. A few of the scenes featured choral textures, which were largely unintelligible, and a few others acted out a brief story line. The sheer novelty of the show and the amount of talent on the stage, combined by energetic music are all compelling reasons to see it. However, if you do not enjoy tap dancing, Celtic music, or theatre performances without a clear plot, "Riverdance" may not be for you.

"Riverdance" Best of Broadway, 16 shows in Raleigh Memorial Auditorium; Feb. 4, 5, 8-12, 8 p.m. showing; Feb. 5, 6, 12, 13, 2 p.m. matinee showing; Feb. 6, 13, 7:30 p.m. showing. \$30.50-\$67.50. 831-6211. Inquire about student tickets.



Feeding the fire: gifts for your special someone

SARAH E. MIANO
Features Editor

It's just around the bend. Chocolates, flowers, dinner ... Most of us know the whole Valentine's Day scenario, and if you've been with your partner for a long time, you're most likely tired of the same old ways of expressing your love. Even if you're recently smitten - this trio still seems monotonous. So what to do? Here are a few suggestions to spice up this year's Valentine's Day - the dot comes out there not only offer unique gifts but they also save time. And my advice to you: Keep the home fires burning!



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This dual lip balm package satisfies your woman's various moods ... Not-Til-We-Marry Berry or "Virgin" keeps your lips soft and supple, while Floozy Fruit keeps your lips tight and tasty. \$7.

For more romantic notions turn to page eight...



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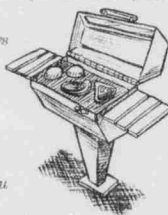
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chair to pool and back again. Days that beckon friends and firing of grills (we've got six of 'em - grills, not friends). These are days that last into the evening



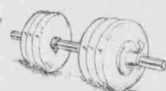
Plenty of gas grills around. Some even next to the pool.

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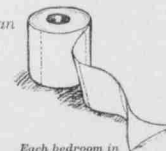
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Yow readies for her 25th anniversary celebration

◆ Coach Kay Yow has been the driving force behind the Wolfpack for the past 25 years.

DAVID HOBGOOD
Staff Writer

Many changes can take place over a period of 25 years. During the past quarter-century, the United States has faced an immensity of changes. For instance, there have been five different presidents at the helm, six Olympics have come and

WHAT:
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gone, and American teens have gone from playing Atari to surfing the internet.

Throughout this time of great change, however, there has been one constant source of stability in the N.C. State Athletics Program: women's basketball head coach Kay Yow.

It is almost impossible to come up with a concise listing of Coach Yow's accomplishments at the university. In this, her 25th season at N.C. State, Coach Yow has received nearly every honor possible, yet her assistance in the growth of women's athletics is sometimes overlooked.

Yow started her coaching career at Allen Jay High School in 1964-65, where she compiled a 77-20 record during her four seasons at the helm. She then moved on to coach her former high school, Gibsonville High, for one season in 1969-70, where she

compiled a 15-7 record.

After coaching five years of high school basketball, Yow took her coaching talents to the collegiate level. After leading Elon College to a 57-19 record over a four-year period, Yow could've never imagined the magnitude of her next coaching job.

After former Athletics Director Willis Casey named Yow Head Coach before the 1975-76 season, Yow entered an entirely new world. This was the first time Yow had ever been just a coach. At all of the other schools, she had been a professor at the school, as well as the coach for other sports teams. But then again, women's sports really weren't what they are now.

"In '75 Wake County schools didn't even have women's sports, so this was a totally different world for me," said Yow. "However, I was very excited

about the opportunity to coach at this level."

The transition from coaching at Elon College, which received hardly any exposure, to the ever-popular ACC was a drastic change for Yow in the beginning.

Every aspect of the job was much more overwhelming, whether it be fancy pre-game meals, nice weight-lifting facilities, or the presence of a more enhanced sports information presence.

"The biggest difference was definitely the budget," said Yow. "I went from scraping up money for uniforms and ironing on the numbers to being able to design our own home and away jerseys, as well as, warm-ups. This definitely brought about higher expectations because of all the attention we were receiving."

Yow has lived up to those higher



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expectations.

She experienced rampant success leading into a monumental opportunity in the fall of 1988. At that point, Yow had led the Pack to six NCAA Tournament appearances and three ACC Championships. With this impressive resume to offer, as well as, having previous coaching experience on the international circuit in 1981 and 1986, Yow was named Head Coach of

the women's basketball team in the Olympics in Seoul. This team went 5-0 and won the gold medal, which meant a great deal to Yow.

"I'm very patriotic, so it was the ultimate honor to be selected to be a part of that Olympic team when we won the gold medal," said Yow. "It was the thrill of a lifetime to represent the entire nation."

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N.C. STATE VS. UNC

Thornton's healthy at last

◆ Damon Thornton is showing what he can accomplish when he's healthy.

JACK DALY
Sports Editor

At times, it has appeared that Damon Thornton is cursed.

In his freshman season, State's forward was neck-and-neck with North Carolina's Ed Cota as an Atlantic Coast Conference rookie-of-the-year candidate, but a hip injury prevented him playing in the final

three ACC regular season games. He was also a spectator during the Wolfpack's remarkable run to the finals in the ACC tournament.

The hip injury lingered into his sophomore season, and just when he became healthy — at the start of 1997-'98 season, Thornton broke his foot. It would be a long redshirt season.

Just when it appeared Thornton might get over the injury bug, he suffered a strained ligament in his groin and hip area early in the '98-'99 season, his sophomore year. He



Damon Thornton defends.

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The North Carolina Story

◆ Carolina's men's basketball team finds itself in an unfamiliar position, unranked for the first time in 10 years.

JIMMY RYALS
Staff Writer

This season has brought a number of changes for the University of North Carolina, some expected, some unforeseen.

Uniform change: expected. Loss of one First Team All-ACC starter who seemed to have been in school forever (Ademola Okulaja): expected.

A freshman leading scorer, the first in Chapel Hill since some guy named Jordan? Injuries to expected contributors Ronald Curry, Kris Lang and Brian Bersticker? The first truly mediocre season in 25 years? That's been decidedly unexpected. But, reality frequently arrives

unexpectedly; the leading scorer is freshman guard Joe Forte, averaging 15.7 points per game; Bersticker and Curry have missed the entire season thus far and injuries have slowed power forward Kris Lang all year.

And, with only seven regular-season games remaining, the Tar Heels (14-9, 5-4 in the conference) are unranked for the first time in a decade and in danger of

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BRING ON THE HEELS

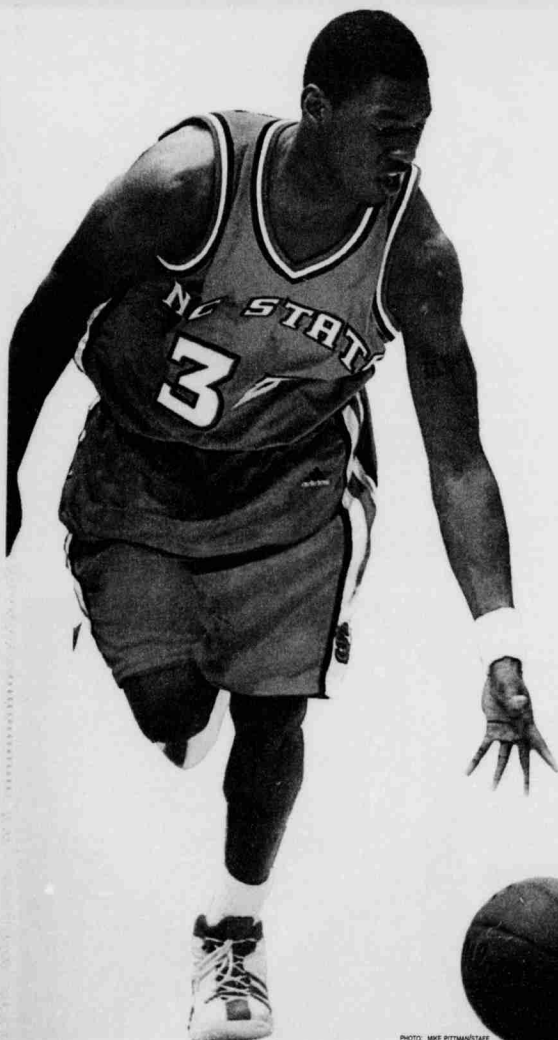


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DALY
Editor

nished N.C. State campouts, a contest around these parts. been out of the loop, N.C. State will Carolina tonight at 7:00 p.m. at the rts Arena. The game will be televised

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or Carolina, the game gives them an ortunity to snap State's 14-game win sk in its new home.

It will be interesting to not go to ynolds [tonight] when we go to leigh." Tar Heels head coach Bill thridge said. "We have some good mories from Reynolds and some not-good. I've not been in their new place will be interesting to see."

Guthridge alluded to, this marks the meeting between the two schools in SA.

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gs are going to get real interesting in ; next few weeks," Gainey said. Ve've got Carolina and we've got Virginia and all of us are right there in the middle."

In the first meeting of the season between the two in Chapel Hill, State used a strong first-half performance to bolt out to a 34-26 lead. The Tar Heels, however, used a 32-9 run over the next nine minutes or so to take control of the game. Carolina's senior point guard Ed

Cota was instrumental during that stretch. For the game, he finished with a career-high 23 points on perfect shooting from the floor.

"He made a lot of big shots," Grundy said. "As a matter of fact, he made all the big shots."

Tonight will mark the final time Gainey and Cota lock horns in a regular season conference match-up. The two point guards have stayed for four years — a rarity in today's ACC — and battled each other nine times.

"Justin and Ed are among the most experienced players in our league," State coach Herb Sendek said. "Both having not only stayed all four years, but both young men had an opportunity to play each of their four years, including their freshmen year."

So far Cota has had the edge over Gainey, eight to one. The game tonight will be only the second time since 1955 that State and Carolina have played with the Wolfpack ranked and the Tar Heels unranked.

For State's freshmen — Damien Wilkins, Marshall Williams and Clifford Crawford — it will be the first chance to experience the rivalry.

"Do I hate them yet?" Wilkins responded after being asked that question. "I hate any team that's beat us. I'm hating them right now."

State will be left to challenge the Heels without services of junior center Ron Kelley, who is still out after knee surgery. Kelley should return in a week or two, but in his stead, the Pack's players emphasized their need to use team speed.

Carolina-State, a battle for second place in the conference. Does that make this a big game?

"I would say so," Grundy said. "I'm pretty sure my fellow teammates would say so too. You don't want to look at it that way, but we do. We feel like we should have had that one [Sunday] night, but now, we want this one."

WHAT THEY'RE SAYING

"Every game at home, I feel we have to win, in order to be successful in this conference, you have to win your home games. This is a big game for us." — Justin Gainey

"The big thing about it that I'm looking forward to is just the intensity and the electricity that's going to be in the building. This is the first year that the game is being held in the ESA. It's going to be off the charts." — Anthony Grundy

"My only expectation is to win, I now there is going to be a lot of energy generated from the crowd. I can see how excited the students are about this game by them camping out. Everyone from professors to students are telling us to beat Carolina." — Damien Wilkins

"I think they're a very good team, I think that helps more than the home court does. I think Herb has done a great job in building this program. They're very athletic and I just think they're one of the best teams in the country." — Bill Guthridge, UNC Coach

