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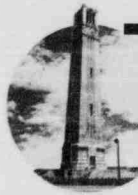
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Harper stepping down

◆Public Safety Chief Ralph Harper announced his retirement last week. He will leave his post on Sept. 1.

Jimmy Ryals
News Editor

After more than 28 years in law enforcement and 11 years at N.C. State, Public Safety Chief Ralph Harper has announced his retirement, effective Sept. 1. Harper's announcement comes on the heels of a pair of events that could damage NCSU Public Safety's reputation.

The university has agreed to pay a settlement in former NCSU student Stephanie Pryor's sexual assault suit against former Public Safety Officer Pierre Debnam. According to a report in the May 18 *News & Observer*, the settlement was worth \$75,000. Vice Chancellor for Finance Jeffrey Mann declined comment on the settlement.

Also, Harper is facing assault charges brought against him by NCSU electrician Gene Areno. The university is paying for Harper's defense in the assault suit.

Sources close to Harper stressed that his decision has nothing to do with the Debnam settlement and the assault charge.

"[Harper] decided, based on his years of service in law enforcement, to retire," said Terry M. Wright, assistant director of Public Safety. "There's nothing unusual about a 61-year-old who's been in the field for more than 28 years retiring."

Mann said that the university is paying for Harper's defense in the Areno lawsuit, his retirement notwithstanding.

Harper succeeded the late Jim Cunningham as Public Safety director in 1989 after Cunningham left to take a position at Cornell University. Mann said that Harper had completed Public Safety's evolution from a security department to a full-fledged police agency.

Mann said that the greatest change Harper has effected at NCSU is the drop in crime. In

1992, Public Safety reported 238 crimes on the NCSU campus to the United States Department of Education. In 1998, Public Safety reported 95 crimes.

The crimes reported annually to the U.S. Department of Education are sexual offense, homicide, robbery, motor vehicle theft and burglary.

During Harper's reign, Public Safety also added bicycle patrols and launched an agenda of "community policing," as Mann called it.

"The idea is to put the police officers in the midst of the people they serve," Mann said.

To that end, Public Safety has added substations at the School of Veterinary Medicine, Ricks Hall, Carter-Finley Stadium (during football games) and on Centennial Campus.

"I think [Public Safety] serves the university marvelously and Chief Harper's a big part of that," Mann said.

Mann also praised Harper's personnel practices during his time as Public Safety chief.

"He's hired excellent people and he's trained them very well," Mann said.

Although uncertain about Harper's exact plans for his retirement, Mann said that he anticipates that Harper will spend more time with his children and grandchildren and will likely work with his wife, Sarah, on an online insurance training application the two are developing.

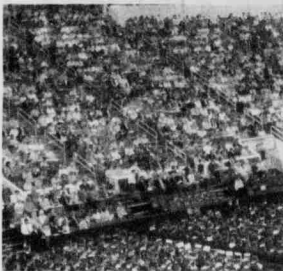
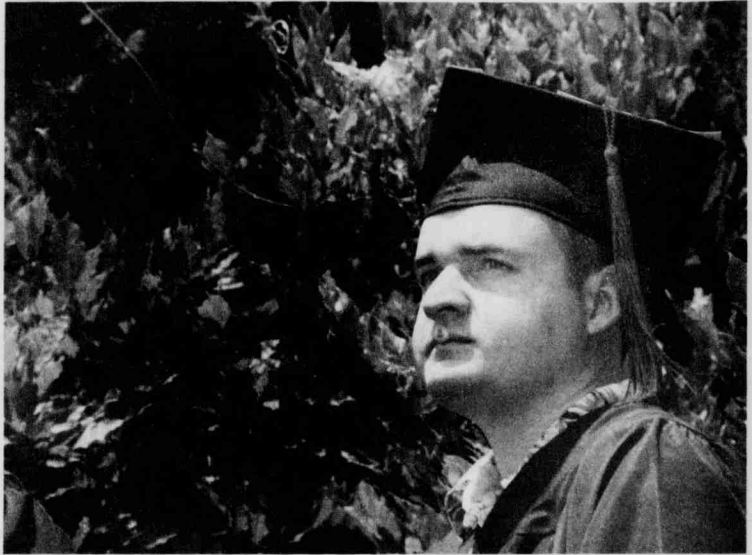
Mann said that Harper's legacy is the safety of the NCSU campus.

"This is a safer place to live, work and study," Mann said. "And that's a heck of a legacy."

Harper came to NCSU after spending two years as public safety director at Winthrop University. He had previously headed up a federal drug task force.

Harper received his bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Brigham Young University in 1970.

Harper could not be reached for comment for this story.



N.C. State held its spring commencement ceremonies at 9 a.m. May 20. Chancellor Marye Anne Fox conferred 3,143 degrees, and United States Secretary of Health and Human Services Donna Shalala delivered the keynote address. The Entertainment and Sports Arena hosted the ceremony.

Faculty member murdered

◆Authorities have charged a homeless man in the May 18 robbery-murder of an N.C. State faculty member.

Heather Millen
Staff Writer

A member of the N.C. State horticultural sciences department was slain in what appears to have been a random robbery at the Method Road Post Office on May 18.

Eric Bish, 30, an extension associate in the department, stopped by the post office on his way out of town on a business trip to western North Carolina. Gerald Britt, police lieutenant said that an assailant robbed Bish of his car keys shot him in the

head. The suspect fled the scene in the stolen NCSU car.

Police arrived at the crime scene around 8 p.m., after a postal customer checking his mail found Bish's body in the post office lobby. The incident occurred after post office hours, but the lobby stays open all day to allow customers access to their post office boxes.

Britt stated that investigations led to the arrest of Robert Earl Avery, a man with no apparent Raleigh address, the following day. A tip given by one of Avery's acquaintances led police to his whereabouts.

Avery has been charged with first-degree murder and robbery. He is currently being held in the Wake County Jail without bond, awaiting his trial. No date has been set for

the trial, but Britt said that it will likely take place in the next three to six months.

Bish had held his position in the horticultural sciences department for more than two years. As an extension associate, he worked with county extension directors and members of the strawberry and grape industries.

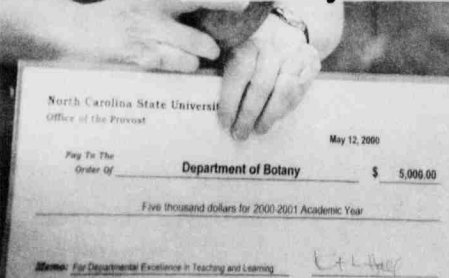
"Eric loved his job," said T.J. Monaco, head of the horticultural science department.

Monaco went on to describe Bish as "very likable," saying that he had a good sense of humor and was very well liked by his clientele.

"This was just a senseless slaying," said Monaco. "The department's been pretty

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Botany and history departments honored



◆Members of the department of botany received one of two 1999-2000 Department Awards for Teaching and Learning Excellence on May 12. History department faculty members received the other award in a ceremony last month.

Spaine Stephens
News Editor

Armed with a box of apples and followed by a brigade of members of the recommendation committee, Provost Kermit Hall presented the N.C. State department of botany with one of two

1999-2000 Department Awards for Teaching and Learning Excellence at its May 12 department meeting.

Hall surprised those present at the meeting, as the department was previously unaware of its accomplishment.

The history department was also presented with a Department Award for Teaching and Learning Excellence on April 18.

"Students cherish and honor what you do," Hall told faculty members at the botany award presentation, who listened with smiles of mixed pride and disbelief on their faces.

As part of the award, Hall presented Margaret Daub, interim head of the botany department, with two checks. Fifteen thousand dollars will be avail-

able to both the botany and history departments beginning in 2000-2001, that money will supplement each department's base funding and will be renewed annually.

Each department also received a \$5,000 reward to enhance its strength in teaching and learning.

Hall read a citation written in explanation of the department's accomplishment of the requirements for the award. According to the citation, the department of botany thrives on three major ideals: the department focuses on students, their needs and diversity; it balances teaching and research on a

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During the summer session, the limitations inherent in running one editorial per week prevent the Technician from voicing its opinions on issues that perhaps do not warrant an entire editorial. In this new weekly feature, we will attempt to make our thoughts known on some of the issues that slipped through the cracks.

Thumbs Up: to the N.C. State departments of history and botany for receiving the first-ever departmental awards for teaching and learning excellence. The history department received the 1999-2000 Departmental Award for Teaching and Learning Excellence for improving students' skills of communication and ethical awareness, while the botany department was honored for striving to meet students' personal and professional development. Bravo!

Thumbs Down: to the open objection of U.S. pharmaceutical companies toward Clinton's executive order declaring an increase in the availability of AIDS drugs appropriated for use in Third World countries at a reduced cost and the right of those countries to produce the drugs on their own. This constitutes yet another example of pharmaceutical companies losing their focus: profit margins reign supreme over the welfare and well-being of individuals, especially the poor, in their eyes.

Thumbs Up: to nineteen-year-old Sarah Fisher of Columbus, Ohio on becoming the youngest woman to race in the Indy 500. Fisher proves that women are quite capable of handling the physical, emotional and mental stress of auto racing.

Thumbs Down: to the Wake County school board for not requiring job testing before investing time and money into the Moore Square Museum's magnet school. How much of the taxpayer's money was wasted on this project because no one bothered to find out whether the soil contained hazardous chemicals, such as gasoline, diesel and oil?

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Thumbs Up: to the U.S. Supreme Court for ruling this month that employees that use ethnic slurs toward coworkers while on the job are not protected by the First Amendment's right to free speech. Bigotry and racism cannot be protected as free speech, especially when the setting is not one of choice for those on the receiving end.

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An unhappy marriage "Real" women?



Staff Columnist
Justin Paris

In the news recently, the Catholic Church reaffirmed its stance on same-sex marriage, stating, "Only a lifelong commitment between a man and a woman could form the basis of a family."

While being opposed to many of the Catholic doctrines and the Church's insistence on pushing them onto the world in the form of a press release, I'd have to say that I kind of go along with this one, but not for the same reasoning. More or less, I feel that marriage is the property of the Church and therefore should be dictated by its cre-

ator. After all, isn't marriage defined as "holy" matrimony? The way I see it, there is nothing wrong with someone wanting to go the route of homosexuality. It is a personal choice. I also see nothing wrong with an organization such as the Catholic Church publicly expressing their opposing viewpoint. What I do have a problem with is the incessant bickering.

The solution to the problem is simple, really, and it follows a logical thought process. Marriage is a vehicle of the Church. According to Church doctrine, homosexuality violates that vehicle. Therefore, marriage just isn't the way to go for those of same-sex persuasion.

Why would a same-sex couple even want to be associated

with religious connotations anyway? Why would they support the very system that oppresses them? Marriage for all intents and purposes, is just a piece of paper: a written contract. In this day and age, that contract isn't worth the paper on which it is written. Divorce rates are higher than those of successful marriages. The term "ex-wife" has become a colloquialism, so why bother?

Why not be happy with the person you choose to be with and leave the marriage mumbo-jumbo to those who are accepted by its "holy" originators?

Here is the problem until PEOPLE — not just homosexuals — feel that they are

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Staff Columnist
Sadie Shearon

This week it was brought to my attention that *Ladies Home Journal*, a popular women's magazine, has compiled a list of the most important women of the past 100 years.

Silly me. I thought that because the title of the article was "The 100 Most Important Women of the Century," it would actually be about the 100 most important women of the century. I forgot to add the most consequential factor, the feminist agenda. Read the article for yourselves and count how many times they use the word feminist.

Although the title said "important," it actually meant "influential." It's true. Myra Blyth, the editor in chief of the publication, had only one remark about the article: "The women on our list... have made contributions that influence women today and will continue to influence women's lives well into the millennium." The key word here is influence. She used it twice.

You see, to influence means to have power over, to dominate, or to rule. Go ahead and look it up.

Influential women instigate and arouse by fear, threat, intimidation or outright bullying. In America, we have laws prohibiting that kind of behavior. It is called extortion and it is illegal. Yet, some people manage to get around that law if their actions are neatly wrapped in tiny little packages called "The First Amendment," or "Women's Liberation," or "Peace Activism."

Here is an exercise that could be completed by a first grader. Just for kicks, see if you can find the one item that is not like the others:

Woman A is a peace activist that goes into Ho Lo, Communist occupied Vietnam in 1978. When taken into the camp, three desperate POWs who had spent 27 months in solitary confinement, one year in a cage in Cambodia, and one year in a "black box" in Hanoi, manage to hand her their social security numbers when they shake her hand. At the end of the line she turns to the communist officer in charge and hands him the paper, the man dies from the resulting beatings.

Woman B is a wife and journalist when she becomes pregnant. As her employer does not offer maternity leave, she loses her job. She settles into her comfortable suburban life, all the time regretting the career she had lost and resenting her family. She gets angry. The anger grows, swells, and festers until she is compelled to write a

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Catastrophes preventable



Staff Columnist
Cindy Spurlock

In a parallel demonstration of governmental ineptitude and apathy toward the welfare of the general public, the states of North Carolina and Pennsylvania were found to have put the interests of big business before public safety when tragic catastrophe struck each this past month.

As each state scrambles to recover from the negative publicity associated with their lack of involvement in maintaining the safety of privately owned/publicly used structures when tragic catastrophe struck each this past month.

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The fact that these states do

not find themselves responsible for ensuring that privately owned structures are safe for use by the general public reflects their unofficial motto: "We look out for big business. It's too bad if the public gets hurt in the process."

Regardless of who owns a structure, the ultimate responsibility for assessing and ensuring its safety rests with the state government, as they are responsible for the general welfare of their citizens. Leaving the ongoing inspection process of these structures in the hands of their owners has proven to be a bad idea; to believe that a corporation would regulate itself with as stringent safety requirements as would a state regulatory agency is absurd.

According to the *Charlotte Observer*, "County building inspectors monitor construction

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Staff Columnist
Andrew Payne

The semester has ended, the academic year has come to a close, and while many students were celebrating at graduation, thousands of others were standing in lines waiting to return their textbooks. Returning textbooks is, more often than not, a painful experience for students as college bookstores refuse to give them more than a scant refund.

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Instead of overspending profits gleaned from overpriced textbooks to finance the education of a few students through profit-for-scholarship programs, the NCSU Bookstores should institute a textbook rental program. In essence, such a program would be a scholarship for every student.

An example of this program in

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Fly fishing is life-long recreation

When it comes to choosing a physical education elective, N.C. State offers many options. We can choose from sports ranging from wrestling to orienteering, but with the vast amount of natural fish habitats in the area, it would make sense that that fly-fishing would also be offered. We are not offered that option, however, due to a perceived lack of student interest in the sport. This is a shame because students miss out on the opportunity to learn a sport that is fun, educational and not too physically demanding. Like golf, fly-fishing is a lifelong leisure activity, and there is nothing better than being out on the lake at dusk when the fish begin to take interest in anything that lands on the surface of the water. If you think that NCSU students should have the opportunity to take fly fishing to fulfill the physical education elective, please contact the department and let them know that students are interested in learning this useful, lifelong sport.

Gabe Kessler
Junior, English

Photography a Necessary Skill

Photography is more important than life itself. Okay, that may not be true for some of us, but it is an important skill for design students. When a design student applies for a job, the employer is going to want to see examples of their work. The majority of the time, these examples are going to appear in the form of photographs. Even if the designs are spectacular, poor photography will make them look laughable. This reflects negatively on both the student and the educational institution; when graduates enter the working world, they are representing their alma mater. Do we want representatives that are not completely skilled in their professions, representatives that are going to be laughed at when they apply for jobs? If not, then it is imperative that the Design School create a photography program that will provide our representatives with skills that will reflect positively upon themselves as well as upon N.C. State.

Kerry O'Connor
Senior, English

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"equal," there will be no end to the good fight for equality. Never mind that no one is truly equal, including the heterosexual, white, Christian male, who it seems is the easy target these days in most arguments alleging inequality and injustice. Forget that diversity is different. Just preach diversity and ask for equality and you, too, can sound like you know what you're talking about.

But can diversity and equality truly exist together? Are they not contradictory ideals?

If we are all diverse, that means we are not all equal. Cultures clash consistently with each other over which belief is the right belief, each believing that theirs is superior to the others. Is that equal?

If we are all equal, everyone would believe the same thing because there would be no conflict over beliefs. It is in no way possible to have differing religious beliefs and live in harmony. It has taken at least 4,000 years of war and genocide to figure that out and yet we're still mulling it over.

It's all a matter of accepting

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level of equal importance; and it has the capacity to expand its curriculum into a world-wide classroom.

The citation praised the botany department for "striving to meet the students' personal and professional development in addition to their educational development..."

A similar citation was written in honor of the department of history, whose presentation was held on April 18. Noted in the citation was the history department's willingness to accommodate the growing diversity of the university.

The citation also lauded the history faculty for improving the "development of students' skills of communication and ethical awareness," and for finding new and innovative ways to teach and technologies that enhance the learning experience.

Hall referred to the award as a "tremendous compliment" to both departments at the botany presentation.

The Department Awards for Teaching and Learning Excellence were created at the

things as the way they are. The only beliefs that we can control are those of our own. So when the Catholic Church issues a decree stating that gay marriage is wrong, no one should have an eye except for those who choose to believe in the Catholic doctrine. The decree does not apply to anyone but the Catholics. If someone is gay and Catholic, they should change religions. God knows there are enough religions out there, so it should be pretty easy to find one that is acceptable and accepting.

The gay movement's stance on the Catholic Church's doctrine against homosexual marriage is rather radical; they have called Catholics bigots and accused the Church of violating human rights. Yet, the Church speaks out against abortion and euthanasia. And I haven't heard of a public outcry to physically harm homosexuals since the days of the Ku Klux Klan.

Is it a violation of human rights to speak one's opinion on an issue? If it is, I apologize because I've just committed intellectual genocide on all of you.

Questions or comments?

Email Justin at jmparis@univ.ncsu.edu.

beginning of the fall 1999 semester to recognize educational departments at NCSU for going above and beyond the call of duty and being committed to students. Departments are nominated annually by their colleges. After a selection process that spanned the 1999-2000 school year, the Department Awards for Teaching and Learning Committee recommended their choices for the awards.

The criteria for consideration for the award are:

- Commitment to maintaining excellence in teaching and learning;

- Continual improvement of the quality of teaching and learning;

- Enhanced faculty development for teaching;

- Availability of resources for students; and

- Incorporation of research and innovative ways of teaching into the curriculum to enhance the experiences of students.

At the botany award presentation, Hall presented faculty members with the box of apples, timeless tokens of students' appreciation of quality teaching.

"We really thought this was a long shot," said Daub. "This says to everyone what we already knew."

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of ripping students off. For example, students who were enrolled in CH 221 (organic chemistry I) during the Spring '00 semester were required to purchase *Organic Chemistry*, which is also the required text for organic chemistry II.

At first glance, this appears to be a great buy; however, some curricula only require CH 221, which means that students are in reality buying two textbooks and using only one of them. Additionally, many students

discover that organic chemistry is not for them and are thus left with a textbook to sell back.

This year our friends at the bookstore decided that they would only buy back this textbook if it accompanied a solutions manual. I would understand this policy if the two were originally sold together, but the bookstore sold the textbook without the manual. Subsequently, there are hundreds of students left with a useless hundred-dollar textbook.

At Texas A&M, for example, students run the bookstore. I believe that students should fight for a book rental program as well as the opportunity to

restructure the bookstore from its current focus on profit to a focus on students' needs. It is time to end the raiding of students' wallets and place the focus on fairness, affordability and practicality.

Students interested in participating in a revival of last year's student-sponsored book exchange can check out www.packstudents.com in the near future.

Next time, Payne will discuss the higher education bond package and its flaws. Questions? Comments? Email Andrew at andrewpayne@wknc.org

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but walk away once the buildings are approved. North Carolina does not require follow-up visits to ensure that buildings are structurally safe. It's up to the building's owners." A similar view is echoed in *The Philadelphia Inquirer*. "No single state, city or federal [agency] is responsible for underwater inspections ... [the structural integrity] is the responsibility of the owner."

Yet in each case, the owners claimed that they had done what was expected of them to ensure safety by simply making visual inspections, even though each was warned of the potential for structural collapse. In Philadelphia, the owners of the nightclub were allegedly informed by a surveying group on the day of the accident that there was a danger of "imminent collapse," yet they were not bound to report those findings to a city or state regulatory agency.

If the law required them to do so, the government would have closed the nightclub immediately for such serious safety violations. However, because the law

does not require independent surveying agencies to report their findings, even when those findings could save lives, a young woman and her two colleagues died while celebrating her 26th birthday. If those women were aware of the danger beneath them, it's safe to say that they would have chosen to celebrate elsewhere and would still be here today.

When responsibility is continually passed from one group to another and back again, it's no wonder that no one ever stops and accepts that responsibility; needless to say, the finger-pointing and placing of blame by the state and the owners has yet to come to a decisive conclusion. When asked about the state's involvement in funding and approving the Lowe's Motor Speedway bridge, State Senator David Hoyle was quoted in the *News and Observer*. "We try to accommodate business and industry in every way we can, but this may have been a stretch."

It's rather obvious that the North Carolina and Pennsylvania state and local governments are blind to whose interests are really being served when corporations are allowed to set and enforce their own

standards for safety. Have they conveniently forgotten that the main goal of a commercial enterprise is to turn a profit, and that history has demonstrated that the public philosophy of a corporation is not always a mirror image of the private philosophies? It is the privately held philosophies that, more often than not, guide the hand that makes the decisions.

These governments have placed the lives and well-being of the public in the hands of big business without informing the public that they have done so, and have violated their end of the social contract between the public and the government that they elected to act on their behalf. It is imperative that the American voter is aware of the current relationships between government and industry that are not in the public's best interest during this important election year. The people that were injured at Lowe's Motor Speedway and at Pier 34 should hold their states liable for negligence. By not accepting responsibility in the beginning, the states are now ultimately responsible for accepting it in the end.

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book that would free her from her agony. The book becomes a national best seller, and many inspired women also abandon their husbands and children in the pursuit of self-indulgence.

Woman C is not yet a woman, but a girl who was prematurely thrust into adult feelings and questions because of her ethnicity. Day-in and day-out she was scared for the safety of her life, as well as the lives of her family members, as they hid in a space no larger than a modern household-sized bathroom. She silently recorded her thoughts and experiences in a journal.

Innocent people who had no way of helping themselves, i.e. POWs and children, suffered at the hands of Woman A and Woman B, while all people continue to be edited by the gentle writings of Woman C. People are angered and spawped to choleric action by Woman A and Woman B, while the writings of Woman C promote patience and kindness.

While there is no doubt that Woman A (Jane Fonda) and Woman B (Betsy Friedman) are influential, one might question their importance. On the other hand, there is the altruistic inspiration of Woman C (Anne Frank). Strong women strive to be truly important rather than merely influential.

Should I decide to make a list entitled "The Biggest Insults to the Female Gender," you'd better believe this would be at the top.

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BISH

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much stunned." Bish received his bachelor's degree in horticultural sciences from Delaware Valley College and his master's degree in the same field from the University of Florida. At the time of his death, Bish was working toward his doctorate, also from Florida.

Raised in Kittanning, Pennsylvania, Bish is sur-

vived by his parents, Kirk and Sarah, and three siblings -- two brothers and one sister.

A candlelight vigil is planned for Bish Thursday at 6 p.m. at the Method Road post office. The department also plans to dedicate a bench at the J.C. Raulston Arboretum in his honor. A memorial will service will be held on May 29 at the Resurrection Lutheran Church in Cary, where Bish was an active member.

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FADE IN:

EXT. SYDNEY - DAY

AN EVIL TERRORIST (Dougray Scott) kills some OLD SCIENTIST (Rade Serbedzija) and steals a killer virus. This is a bad thing.

Mission:
Impossible 2

★ ★

Director:

John Woo

Starring:

Tom Cruise

Thandie Newton

Ving Rhames

Dougray Scott

EXT. ROCKY CLIFF - DAY

ETHAN HUNT (Tom Cruise) is interrupted from his vacation with a new mission. This is a cool scene, that was already in the TRAILER. He goes and recruits thief NYAH HALL (Thandie Newton), in a series of scenes that are in no way identical to "Entrapment," "The Thomas Crown Affair," and "Goldeneye." There are a lot of HOT LOVE SCENES that take place OFF-CAMERA. DIRECTOR JOHN WOO gets a PG-13 rating.

INT. SOME HOUSE - NIGHT

SIR ANTHONY HOPKINS shows up in an UNCREDITED CAMEO ruined by the trailer, commercials and publicity information.

ANTHONY HOPKINS

Hi there! I just came in to inform you that I really wanted you to recruit Thandie Newton because she used to be involved with the evil terrorist and I figure she can go Mata Hari on him even though she's now involved with you, which is in no way identical to the plot of "Notorious." Now let's stand around and exchange silly one-

liners while I recap the plot to the film again, since no one understood what was going on in the first one.

WRITER ROBERT TOWNE

Wow, what a great script! This is obviously the same work as the guy who wrote "Chinatown," "The Last Detail" and "Shampoo" in the 1970s and not a bitter old man who hacks out blockbuster rewrites for extra cash! God, I need a drink. Did anyone see "Without Limits"?

EXT. SYDNEY - VARIOUS-NIGHT/DAY

A lot of STUFF happens, including a STING OPERATION at a racetrack that is BORING, a NIGHT HEIST BY CABLE that is in no way just like the one from the first film. Then VING RHAMES shows up and does NOTHING except sit around and make jokes about designer clothing. Then Brendan Gleeson shows up. He was GREAT in "The General" but is WASTED here. The PLOT is recapped about another fifty times, and is really EVIL since it involves a KILLER VIRUS, and even worse, INTERNET STOCK TRADING.

DIRECTOR JOHN WOO

Uh oh, I'm losing the audience. Better throw in some slow-motion gun battles with backlit pigeons like in all my other movies to keep their attention. That always works.

A lot of SLOW-MOTION GUN BATTLES WITH BACKLIT PIGEONS follow, that will win a lot of MTV MOVIE AWARDS next year. THE AUDIENCE is pacified, with the more EASILY-ENTERTAINED members forgetting how overlong and derivative the film is, and how its paper-thin characterizations defeat the purpose of using talented, charismatic actors like Cruise, Hopkins, Scott, Gleeson, Rhames and Newton. The film makes a lot of MONEY, and is a hit on VIDEO.

STAR/PRODUCER TOM CRUISE

Thank God. I was losing my audience by appearing in deep, riskier films like "Eyes Wide Shut" and "Magnolia." Now they are appeased and I am a star again! Well, I'm off to the bank.

FADE OUT.

THE END.

**Virginal
distresses**

by Sarah E. Miano
Features Editor

Adapted from Jeffrey Eugenides' novel, *The Virgin Suicides* is a dark comedy featuring the young Sofia Coppola (Francis Ford Coppola's daughter) in a powerful directorial debut. The story unfolds through the eyes of a group of fascinated teenage boys watching the flowering of five beautiful neighbor girls (they read the girls' diaries and listen to records) in 1970s suburban Michigan. The narrative of Giovanni Ribisi, one of the high school boys now grown, creates a nostalgic and dreamlike atmosphere to the film.

The Virgin Suicides

★ ★ ★

Director:

Sofia Coppola

Starring:

James Woods

Kathleen Turner

Kirsten Dunst

Josh Hartnett

The Lisbon family includes the girls' emotionally absent father (James Woods), who teaches math at a high school, their strictly religious mother (Kathleen Turner), and the lovely girls, ranging from 13-year-old Cecilia (Hannah Hall) to 17-year-old Therese (Leslie Hayman).

In the outset, young Cecilia slits her wrists, causing her parents to seek the advice of psychiatrist Dr. Hornmicker (Danny DeVito). The doctor tells Cecilia, "You're not even old enough to know how bad life gets." She looks at him, wrists wrapped, and replies, "Obviously, doctor, you've never been a 13-year-old girl." When the doctor tells the parents that the girls should be allowed to socialize with boys, the Lisbons have a basement party ala fruit punch and records, which ends in Cecilia jumping out of her bedroom window onto a fence to her death.

The boys watch as the Lisbon family goes into a temporary seclusion and the two-story house is let go. When the girls return to school, Lux (Kirsten

Dunst) attracts the eye of a weed-smoking stud named Trip (Josh Hartnett). Trip, by assuring Lux's father of his good intentions, gets permission to take Lux to the homecoming dance - with three of his friends escorting the other sisters. However, after the dance, Trip seduces Lux on the football field and then abandons her, dooming her and her sisters' chances for freedom thereafter.

The Lisbons pull their daughters out of school, while their mother keeps close watch over them. Meanwhile, Lux has sex with random boys - sneaking to the roof - as the neighbor boys



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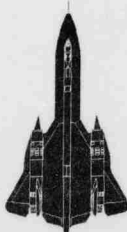
watch with their binoculars. The Lisbon chase culminates in a final moment when the boys finally have a real opportunity to rescue the girls from their sad seclusion.

With moments of both humor and melancholy, *The Virgin Suicides* captures the nuances of adolescence and young female

sexuality in all its confusion. Perhaps what is most poignant is the parental confusion and withdrawal throughout the process. Unfortunately, it is because of this withdrawal that Woods and Turner as Mr. and Mrs. Lisbon are not given enough space to show their amazing acting abilities. However, Dunst and

Hartnett make two marvelous performances, stealing the show. Coppola creates a 1970s world that is very believable - and one is bound to walk away with at least one scene or song mulling about in the head for days afterward.

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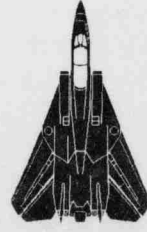
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SHANGHAI SUPRISE

by Zack Smith
Senior Staff Writer

"Shanghai Noon" is not a film that is concerned in the least with being an accurate depiction of the old west, or even an original movie. It is, however, great fun,

and what the movie "Wild Wild West" should have been, a silly, light-hearted romp through old Western movie clichés, with Jackie Chan's best American work so far and a breakthrough performance by Owen Wilson.

The film concerns Chinese palace guard named Chon Wang (say it out loud), played by Chan, who, like most Chan characters, is a bit of a clutz. Chon gets his chance to shine, however, when he inadvertently helps the princess Pi Pei be kidnapped to America and gets in on the rescue mission. This, unfortunately, comes to a screeching halt when the train he and his fellow guards are on is robbed by outlaw Roy O'Bannon (Wilson), a laid-back fellow who's more concerned with scoring girls than robbing safes.

Predictably, Roy and Chon wind up being thrust together, in a series of adventures involving much gunplay, fistfights and frequently being rescued at the last minute by a Native American

woman (Brandon Merril), who Chon inadvertently married while under the influence of a peace pipe.

This is all extremely silly stuff, and is ripped off from a large number of other Western comedies ("Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid," "Blazing Saddles," "Cat Ballou" and "Little Big Man") come immediately to mind, with a subplot about abused Chinese workers straight out of the old "Kung Fu" series). Still, director Tom Dey manages to keep the action moving, with Chan's typical rapid-fire fighting scenes (he does things with horse-shoes, church bells and even elm trees that must be seen to be believed.) The true pleasure of "Shanghai Noon," however, is Wilson's performance. For years, Wilson has been a reliable screen presence, as both a writer (he co-wrote "Bottle Rocket" and "Rushmore") and as a supporting player ("Armageddon," "The Haunting"), but here is where he finally comes into his own as an actor. As Roy, Wilson has a nicely laid-back, mercurial screen presence; he's as much an anachronism as Chan, and has an easy, likable chemistry with Chan. Several of the scenes they have together have an almost improvised feel to them (a "Chinese Drinking Game" scene is a comedic highlight).

"Shanghai Noon" is the kind of film that you can enjoy if you're willing to put your brain in neutral and just enjoy the ride. It should be one of the big hits of the summer, and the studio seems to be expecting that; a sequel is already being written. If it's anything like this one, it should be a lot of fun.

Shanghai Noon

★★★

Director:

Tom Dey

Starring:

Jackie Chan

Owen Wilson

Lucy Liu



(Top) The Far East meets the Wild West in a battle for honor, royalty and a trunk full of gold in this great action/comedy. (Bottom) From left: Jackie Chan, Owen Wilson, Lucy Liu, Brandon Merril, Roger Yuan round out this fantastic cast.



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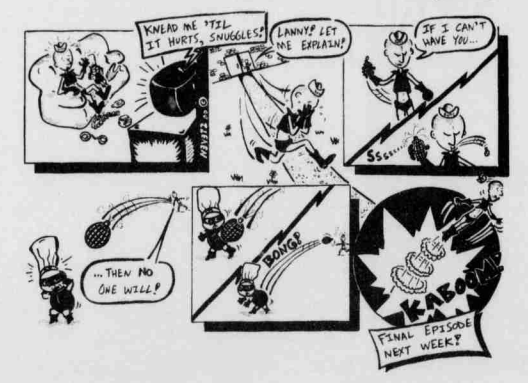
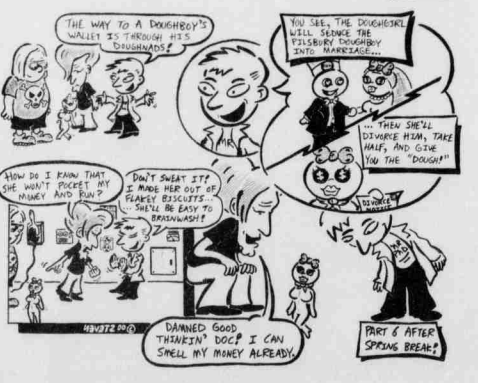
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WolfpackNotes

Phelps named assistant men's basketball coach

Mark Phelps, a member of the N.C. State men's basketball staff each of the past four seasons, has been named an assistant coach, head coach Herb Sendek announced Thursday. In addition, Kenya Hunter, an assistant coach at Duquesne University the past two seasons, has been hired as Director of Basketball Operations.

"Mark has been a tremendous asset to our program the past four years, and he'll certainly continue to add great value in his new capacity," said Sendek. "We are also very happy to have Kenya return to N.C. State. He is familiar with our program and will help us a great deal."

Phelps had served as State's Director of Basketball Operations each of the past four seasons, overseeing the day-to-day administrative responsibilities for the program. As an assistant coach, he will be responsible for on-floor coaching, scouting and on-campus recruiting, as well as various other tasks within the program.

Prior to joining the State program, Phelps had a highly successful tenure as a high school head coach. During his six years directing a pair of Virginia independent high school teams, he compiled a 148-53 (.736) overall record. In two seasons at Atlantic Shores Christian High School in Virginia Beach, Va., Phelps' teams went 44-12. Two of his former Atlantic Shores players are Wolfpack rising seniors Damon Thornton and Kenny Inge.

Phelps also coached four years at Rock Church Academy, posting a 104-41 record, while twice earning Metro Conference Coach of the Year honors. He also served as athletics director at both high schools.

Phelps replaces former assistant John Groce, who was named an assistant at Butler University earlier this month.

Kenya Hunter served as an assistant coach at his alma mater, Duquesne, for the past two seasons. Prior to that, he was a student manager at State from 1996-98 while completing his master's in education. As a player at Duquesne, Hunter finished his career third on the Dukes' all-time assist list (439). He also totaled 971 points and 218 steals while shooting 74.4 percent from the free throw line and 35.1 percent from the three-point arc.

Men's basketball among nation's leaders in attendance

N.C. State ranked seventh in the nation in average home attendance for men's basketball this season, averaging 16,535 fans per game, according to statistics released by the NCAA.

Following the opening of the 19,722-seat Entertainment and Sports Arena this year, State led the nation in average increased attendance from the 1999 season with 5,735 more fans per game.

State drew a total of 330,709 fans in 20 home game this season. The average attendance for home Atlantic Coast Conference contests was 19,027. The Wolfpack averaged 10,800 fans per game in 19 home games in 1999, the final season in Reynolds Coliseum. The Pack drew a total of 205,201 fans last season.

Six Wolfpack student-athletes receive Arthur Ashe Award

Six N.C. State athletes have been chosen to receive the Arthur Ashe Jr. Sports Scholar Award. The award is given annually by Black Issues in Higher Education to recognize outstanding student athletes of color from the nation's colleges and universities. The recipients were William Brown (football), Devan Desai (men's tennis), Derek Green (football), Cameron Morris (track and field), Shane Serey (men's tennis) and Charce Williams (volleyball).

All recipients for the award must be a student-athlete of color with at least a cumulative grade point average of 3.2 and have a demonstrated record of service to the institution on community.

ASHTON

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a tournament because of their efforts in the regular season. That edge should not come from an uneven playing field that is created when one team gets more time to rest than another does.

The play-in format isn't perfect. The regular season champion still gets an added advantage by tipping off at noon on Friday against a team that finished its previous game around 9:30 p.m. on

Thursday.

But the new old bracket — or is it the old new bracket — does even things out somewhat, which is good for everyone involved. The fans can once again look forward to the excitement of ACC basketball from noon to midnight on Friday. And the possibility of improbable runs, like the one N.C. State made to the championship game in 1997, just got a little more believable.

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COMMENTARY

The longest day is back

JEREMY ASHTON

The dirtiest words in the Atlantic Coast Conference basketball dictionary used to be "play-in game."



Players despised it.

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coaches feared it and fans cringed at the mere thought of seeing their team play in it. But after a three-year absence, the play-in game is back, and this time around, it's a sight for sore eyes.

The ACC announced on May 17 that next season the conference tournament will return to the format that debuted in 1992 when the league first expanded to nine teams. The switch finally means the end of the silly schedule that the ACC Tournament has recently followed.

The old format, which was the new format up until two weeks ago, had been in place for the last three seasons. In this scheme, the seventh seed played the eighth seed on Thursday night for the right to face the No. 2 seed Friday afternoon. The regular-season champion also saw action Thursday night against the conference's cellar dweller, with the winner getting Friday off before playing in the semifinals.

Confused? Well, the new bracket, which used to be the old bracket, makes the tournament infinitely simpler. The No. 8 seed will play the No. 9 seed Thursday night in the play-in game, and the winner will move on to face the top seed in the first game of a quadruple-header Friday.

The whole scheduling dilemma came about in 1992 when Florida State was brought into the ACC to boost its standing as a power conference in football. The Seminoles' entry into the league created a problem for the crown jewel of the ACC, the men's basketball tournament. The ACC's membership went from a symmetrical eight to an uneven nine.

There really is no easy way to set up a nine-team tournament without stepping on someone's toes, but scheduling can be done in an economical manner. The play-in bracket, which the ACC adopted from 1992-1997, is easily the most efficient format.

But the play-in game created problems that did not sit well with the league's coaches and athletics directors. The coaches believed that their peers were losing jobs because of the stigma associated with the eight-nine game. Many said the game did not feel like a part of the tournament because it was the only action on Thursday. As a result, very few people attended or watched on TV.

The league tried to remedy these problems by adding a game on Thursday night. Unfortunately, the switch created an even bigger mess. Seeding in tournament play should reward and punish teams for their performance in the regular season. Yet the 1998-2000 format went too far, increasing the advantages for the top teams and the disadvantages for the bottom teams.

The No. 1 seed should have the easiest path to the championship game of anyone in the tournament, but last year's schedule removed a major road block by granting the regular season a day off between games after facing the worst team in the conference. That rest day made the test of endurance, which every ACC champion must pass, easier for the top seed.

Life was also easier for the second seed in last year's format. Instead of facing the No. 7 seed in the opening round with both teams well rested, the No. 2 seed got to face the winner of the seven-eight game, which took place less than 24 hours earlier. Higher seeds deserve an edge in



Carl Petterson.

♦ **Wolffpack golfer Carl Petterson won the NCAA East Regional but was disqualified after inadvertently signing for a five instead of a six. The error cost State a berth in the NCAA championships.**

Sports Staff Report

How's this for overcoming adversity? Two days after he was disqualified for signing an incorrect scorecard at the NCAA East Regional, N.C. State golfer Carl Petterson fired a 66 on Monday to place

second at a U.S. Open qualifier at the Plantation Golf Club in Pinehurst, N.C.

Petterson's round included a hole-in-one on the 171-yard par three 11th hole. Monday's round earned him a spot in next month's U.S. Open sectionals. The U.S. Open will be held at Pebble Beach Golf Club in the middle of June.

At the East Regional in Moosic, Pa., Petterson was conducting interviews, after completing his final round on May 20 alone atop the leaderboard, when it was discovered that he had inadvertently signed an incorrect scorecard. On the par four eighth hole,

Petterson signed for a five after hitting his approach shot into the water. In fact, he had a six on the hole. He was disqualified from the tournament and his final-round 70 could not count toward State's team total.

The 14th-ranked Wolffpack dropped into a tie for 14th place with Duke and missed earning a bid to the NCAA Championships held in two weeks in Auburn, Ala. The top 11 teams from the East Regional advance to the NCAA Championships.

Clemson, the nation's second-ranked team, won the event with a 19-over-par 871,

12 shots ahead of runner-up North Florida. With Petterson disqualified, Georgia's Michael Morrison won the event with a three round total of one-under 212. Wolffpack senior Marc Turnesa was State's top player, finishing in a tie for 34th with a tournament total of 225.

Three former State golfers also advanced in U.S. Open Qualifying on May 22: Tim Clark and Mark Slawter fired 67's while Korky Kemp carded a 68.

Boys of summer see season end



♦ **Virginia eliminated N.C. State from the ACC Tournament as Georgia Tech won the overall title.**

Sports Staff Report

FORT MILL, S.C. — Virginia scored a run in the top of the eighth inning and five in the top of the 10th on May 18 at Knights Stadium to defeat N.C. State 9-5 and eliminate the Wolffpack from the Atlantic Coast Conference Tournament.

The Pack also lost its first-round game against Florida State 6-3, leaving the team with a final record of 30-28. State's near-500 mark prevented the team from getting a NCAA Regional berth for the first time in head coach Elliott Avent's four-year tenure.

The Cavaliers, who were eliminated by Clemson two days later, improved to 25-20-1 on the season with the win.

Reliever Tim LaVigne worked 4 2/3 innings for the Cavs, allowing one run on three hits to pick up the win and raise his record to 4-0. Josh Schmitt, the fifth of six State pitchers, took the loss to drop to 0-4.

State drew first blood in the game, pushing a run across in the bottom of the second inning. Mike Prochaska led off for the Pack with a single, took second on a groundout and scored on Schmitt's RBI single to give State a 1-0 lead.

The Cavaliers tied the game and took the lead in the top of the third. David Stone singled with one out, stole second and took third when the throw went into center field for an error. LaVigne, who

started the game at shortstop, doubled to drive in Stone, and Robbie Marvin followed with a RBI single to left-center to score LaVigne and make it 2-1.

The Cavaliers added to the lead in the fourth when Luis Giraldo led off with a double to left-center. He took third on a wild pitch and scored on Ben Himes' groundout to make it 3-1.

Virginia continued to threaten when Hunter Wyant reached on a one-out single and Stone walked. But Jason Blanton came out of the bullpen and got



The Wolffpack failed to slide into the NCAA Tournament after a loss to UVa.

eventually scored on Jeremy Dutton's sacrifice fly.

The Pack took a 4-3 lead in the fifth on back-to-back solo home runs by Jamey Shearin and Lee. Shearin's home run was his third in the last three games. Virginia, which stranded 11 runners from the fourth through the ninth innings, tied the game at four in the top of the eighth on an unearned run. With two outs, Stone walked and went to second on Floyd's single up the middle. LaVigne singled to load the bases, and

Mooney led off the bottom of the 10th with a solo home run for the Wolffpack, his 12th of the season, for the final run of the Pack's season.

Top-seeded Georgia Tech won the tournament to claim its first ACC title since 1988. The Yellow Jackets won five consecutive games en route to the title, including an 8-4 win in the championship game over second-seeded Clemson.

Tech's Jason Basil was named the tournament's Most Valuable Player, going 13-for-19 at the plate with three home runs and 10 RBIs. Basil went 3-for-3 in the championship game with a homer and two RBIs.

The Jackets also ran away with the ACC's postseason awards as Mark Teixeira was named Player of the Year and Danny Hall was named Coach of the Year.

North Carolina's Adam Greenberg won the ACC Rookie of the Year award. Brian Wright was the only State player to earn postseason recognition by getting a spot on the All-ACC first team.

The Cavaliers blew the game open in the top of the 10th. Stone led off with a single up the middle but was erased when Mooney pounced on Floyd's bunt attempt and got the lead runner at sec-

ond of the jam by striking out Michael Floyd.

The Pack got a run back in the bottom of the fourth when Craig Lee led off by beating out a bunt single. Lee went to second on a wild pitch, took third on Prochaska's single to right field and the run scored when Marvin's grounder was booted for an error.

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N.C. State track and field sends five to NCAA championships

Sports Staff Report

The N.C. State track and field team will send five individuals to the upcoming NCAA Outdoor Track and Field Championships held at Duke University May 31-June 3.

The men's team will send junior Tyrone Dozier, junior Chris Dugan, and senior Brendan Rodgers. Dozier, from Raleigh, N.C., will be running in the 400 meters. On May 20, Dozier set a new State

school record with a time of 45.74 in the 400 meters, and he is currently ranked 15th in the country in that event.

Dugan will be running the 3,000-meter steeplechase, an event in which he currently ranks 12th. The final Pack member will be Rodgers running in the 1,500 meters, an event that Rodgers has notched back-to-back NCAA qualifying times in the past two meets.

Two distance runners qualified for State's women's

squad. Senior Lindsey Rogers will run in the 10,000 meters, an event she won at the Outdoor ACC Championships earlier this year, also held at Duke. Rogers is ranked 13th in the country in the 10,000 meters. Junior Katie Sabino will be running in the 3,000 meters, an event she posted two NCAA provisional marks this season.

Rogers will be running in the finals of the 10,000 meters Wednesday night, and Dugan will be running the semifinals of the 3,000-meter steeplechase Wednesday night as well. The rest of Pack's participants will be in semifinal action Thursday.

At the Reebok Invitational two weeks ago, where Dozier set his school record, other results saw Isaiah Oglesby take 10th in the hammer throw (190'11"), Annemarie Clark placed ninth in the pole vault (10'8"), Zack Whitlow also placed ninth in the pole vault (15'9"). Also, at the Reebok Invitational, Rodgers ran a sea-

son-best 3:43.78 in the 1,500 meters and brought home a third-place finish.

At the Gatorade Twilight Classic, which was the same weekend as the Reebok Invitational, two Pack members recorded impressive results. Zack Whitlow posted the highest State mark in the pole vault this season, by registering a mark of 16'08.50" for an eight-place finish. Also, Dozier took fifth in the 400 meters with a time of 47.14.