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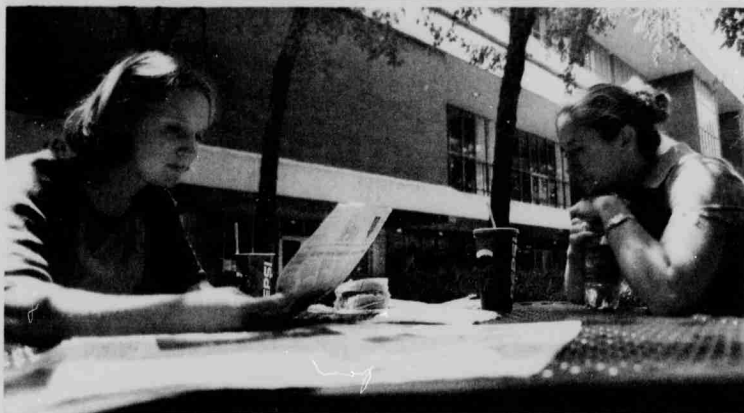


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This is irony. Junior Michelle Grove (L) reads a newspaper while lunching with Sophomore Laura Mitchell. And where does her picture end up the next day? In a newspaper. Coincidence? Perhaps.

Positions in Student Senate still open

◆ The Student Senate is currently accepting applications for its 26 vacant seats.

Jessica Propst
Staff Reporter

With the start of a new year, opportunities for student involvement abound on campus. And for students who are interested in representing their college and class in the NCSU student government, the 2000-01 session of the Student Senate is currently accepting applications to fill its 26 vacant seats.

men, and a variety of seats need to be filled. Some of the positions in need of representation include freshmen, First Year College, graduate new student, graduate, veterinary medicine, CALS and engineering.

The Student Senate is the legislative body and primary advocacy group for the student body. Students representing each of the university's schools and colleges hold 62 Senate seats.

Applications are available on the Student Government Web page—<http://students.ncsu.edu>. Applications are due no later than 5 p.m. Sept. 1, and candidates will be notified by phone if they are being considered for a position.

After interviews held Sept. 7 and 8, final appointment decisions will be made on September 13. All new appointees are expected to attend a mandatory retreat September 15-17.

The Senate is composed of seven committees, each focusing on a specific area of student concern, such as academics, campus life, diversity, finance, government operations, tuition and fees and university affairs.

"Being a member of the senate is a good way to get involved in a variety of activities on campus, and it's a good way to meet many people," said Gary Palin, chair of the Senate Commission on Fall Appointments.

Student Government has several other openings as well. Freshmen interested in Student Government are encouraged to apply for the Wolfe Aides freshman leadership program, in which they will work directly with Student Government to gain experience and build their leadership skills.

For more information on participating in NCSU Student Government as a member of the Student Senate or to fill out an application, visit the Student Government home-page or email Gary Palin at gupalin@unity.ncsu.edu.

Students, NCSU brass meet at BAR

◆ The IRC-sponsored Leaders Night provided an opportunity for students to meet and mingle with administrators and student leaders in the Bragaw Activity Room.

Andrew Buchert
Assistant News Editor

Among the numerous parties, barbecues and ice cream socials that commonly fill the afternoons and evenings of N.C. State students throughout the first week of classes, the Inter Residence Council hosted a new event Monday at 7 p.m. that provided students the opportunity to meet NCSU administrators, staff and student leaders face-to-face.

The IRC's Leaders Night was a unique way to "bridge the gap between administrators and students," said Jennifer Nettles, IRC senior vice president for hall council affairs.

"We wanted to offer an opportunity for students to get to know those [administrators and student leaders] whom they may need to contact [while at NCSU], and we wanted to provide an opportunity for students to meet the people that they may never get a chance to talk with in person again," said Nettles.

Among those present at the event in the Bragaw Activity

Room Monday were Chancellor Marye Anne Fox, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Tom Stafford, Associate Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs and University Housing Director Tim Luckadoo, Telecommunications Director Jennifer Van Horn, University Scholars Program Director Alex Miller and Greek Life Director Mindy Sopher.

"I've never seen all these people together in one room before," said Student Senate President Conen Morgan.

Fox was particularly excited about the opportunity to meet NCSU students face-to-face, as she has a "great memory for faces."

"I am very excited about this opportunity to meet with students and identify them at least by face," she said.

This is a very unique opportunity for students and administrators," said Stafford, "and it is a pretty good way to get the year started."

Fox and Stafford also took advantage of Monday's Leaders Night to celebrate a smooth first day of classes during which no major problems were reported.

"When you consider that we had 5,000 students going to class for the first time [today], and think about those possibilities for excitement and confusion, it is very good that

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NCSU sponsors e-commerce program

◆ The computer science department and the business department have teamed up to provide students with the tools that they need in today's Internet economy.

Ayren Jackson
Staff Reporter

Think back to the last time you found yourself in a crowded store, waiting in that long line to buy one item, wishing that the 10 people in front of you would suddenly decide to drop their items and leave the store.

The ease of online shopping has made much of the in-store frustration unnecessary. And N.C. State professors are pushing electronic commerce even further.

Peter Wurman, an N.C. State assistant professor of computer science, says "e-commerce ultimately has the potential to make

shopping much easier for the consumer, and it can also reduce the costs of business-to-business interactions."

With the popularity of such Internet companies as eBay, Amazon.com and Priceline, online shopping has grown dramatically over the past few years. At NCSU, electronic commerce is not only widely used, but it is taught to students and researched by professors, as well.

Wurman and four other professors from the NCSU computer science department have been hard at work on bringing e-commerce and its technologies to the university, making the computer science program one of the leading programs of its kind in the nation.

"There are many extensive projects related to e-commerce to look forward to in the future," said Munindar Singh, an associate professor of computer science.

Singh has led in the develop-

ment of a new online-shopping engine that compiles information from many online merchants into one online shopping tool.

As far as e-commerce is concerned, Singh wants to find a way to "bring back the personal touch that is found in traditional commerce."

Enrollment in the computer science program has increased consistently in recent years. That steady rise may be an indication of the popularity of Internet and its applications.

In 1994-95, the computer science program consisted of 495 undergraduates and 109 graduate students. This past year saw an astounding enrollment of 943 undergraduates and 210 graduate students.

Many e-commerce classes are currently being offered to undergraduates and graduate students. These classes, however, fill up quickly and professors frequently have to turn students away.

"There seems to be a buzz going around about these e-commerce classes," said Alan Tharp, head of the computer science department. "The number of students wishing to take an e-commerce class continues to grow," he said.

The e-commerce program is actually a joint program between the computer science department and the business department. Developed to include a wide range of career paths such as marketing, finance, human resources, information technology and computer science, the e-commerce program allows students to explore the transformations in business and society as a result of electronic commerce.

"By bringing the business department and the computer science department together, we're teaching and learning a new way of doing e-commerce business," said Tharp.

La. State named No. 1 party school

Kristen Meyer

The Reveille (Louisiana State U.)

Chancellor Mark Emmert and other Louisiana State University administrators expressed concern upon learning the Princeton Review named LSU as the No. 1 party school in the nation.

"I am disappointed that this was reported, and I'm angry because I know that it's not the truth," said Nancy Mathews, associate director of the Student Health Center.

Emmert said he received "informal notification"

Wednesday of LSU's placement on the list from the Associated Press and early information from the Princeton Review.

"LSU is no more of a party school than any other American university," Emmert said.

Representatives from the Princeton Review originally declined to make any comment on the list, which it includes in its annual guide, "The Best 331 Colleges," last Wednesday. But the company released portions of the list pertaining to LSU Thursday, after the media reported the information.

LSU tops the list of party

schools, outranking the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa, the University of Texas at Austin and Florida State University in Tallahassee.

Students may feel pride at hearing they are attending the No. 1 party school, but negative connotations accompany this title, said Sterling Foster, former LSU Student Government president.

"Top Party School" doesn't show the effort we have made in the past few years," Foster said.

A 1999 study by the Harvard School of Public Health shows

that LSU is below the national average for binge drinking, which the study defines as five drinks in a row for men and four drinks in a row for women.

The national binge-drinking rate for college students is 44 percent and the LSU binge-drinking rate is 41 percent, according to the results of the study.

Harvard's numbers and [the Princeton Review] study don't agree," Mathews said. "If we are below the norm nationally, it is inaccurate to list us as the No. 1 party school."

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Ordinance No. 2000-848, adopted July 18

An ordinance to create regulations for the control of certain parties and other social gatherings that tend to create neighborhood problems.

Section 1. A new Sec. 13-3006 of the Raleigh City Code is hereby enacted to read as follows:

Sec. 13-3006. Nuisance Party.

(a) Definitions. A nuisance party is a party or other social gathering conducted in the city and which, by reason of the conduct of those persons in attendance, results in any one or more of the following conditions of occurrences: public drinking or drunkenness; public urination or defecation; the unlawful sale, furnishing or consumption of alcoholic beverages; the unlawful deposit of trash or litter on public or private property; the destruction of public or private property; the generation of pedestrian or vehicular traffic which obstructs the free flow of residential traffic or interferes with the ability to provide emergency services; excessive, unnecessary or unusually loud noise which disturbs the repose of the neighborhood public disturbances, brawls, fights or quarrels; or any other activity resulting in conditions that annoy, injure or endanger the safety, health, comfort or repose of the neighboring residents or results in any obscene conduct or results in any immoral exhibition or indecent exposure by persons at the gathering.

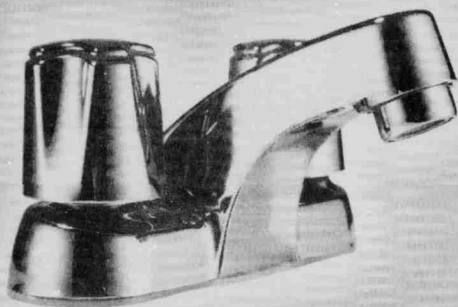
(b) Any person being the owner, occupant, tenant or otherwise having any possessory control of any degree of any premises who either sponsors, conducts, hosts, invites, suffers, permits or continues to allow a gathering to continue which is or becomes a nuisance as described in subsection (a) above is in violation of this section and may be punished by any of the criminal or civil enforcement penalties available to municipalities. Any person attending a nuisance party is also in violation of this section.

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we have had no major problems," said Stafford. "The day has gone very well."

"We had a great opening day," said Fox, "and I have not heard a single complaint about professors, either."

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LSU last appeared in the list of the top party schools in 1997, the same year as the death of a Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity pledge from acute alcohol poisoning, Mathews said.

Following this incident, the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation selected LSU as one of 10 schools to take a leadership role against high-risk drinking, and LSU's binge drinking rate has decreased since the death, she said.

"If [the Princeton Review is] actually conducting research of any kind, they are clearly inaccurate and we would like to see their report," Mathews said.

Students have expressed concern to Mathews that LSU's academic reputation suffers when people perceive the University as a top party school, she said.

"The reputation of their degree matters to them," Mathews said.

Emmert said he does not expect the survey to reflect the academic standards of the University.

"It is utterly contrary to what we see in terms of the academic progress our students have made," Emmert said.

"LSU ranking on the list will probably not affect incoming students' ideas about the university," Emmert said.

"I don't know anybody who makes their decisions based on the Princeton Review Guide," he said.

Many students made an effort throughout the past few years to change people's attitudes about binge drinking and help the University excel academically, Foster said.

"We want to minimize risks here at our University," he said.

Mathews said the Princeton Review uses research methods that are unscientific, and LSU requested procedures and actual results of the surveys, which the company has not yet provided.

"Their goal is to sell books," she said.

The Princeton Review originally declined to comment on its research process last Wednesday, but released a short description of the process Thursday.

The company surveys an average of 175 students at each of the 331 colleges in the book. Its survey includes 70 questions about academics, campus life, the student body and administrators as well as questions about students' personal study habits and opinions.

The company collected the data over the past three school years.

The Campus-Community Coalition for Change, an organization of students, faculty, staff and Baton Rouge community members dedicated to reducing high-risk drinking, and other student organizations will not stop their efforts and will continue to work to educate people, Mathews said.

"We don't need anything like this to ruin our image of academic reputation, especially if those rumors are false," she said. "I want people to know that it's not a reputable study. They should not pay attention. They should not give it credence at all."

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Want to be a Survivor?

Tips for incoming freshman that will make you ready to "survive" college.

Katie Kelley
Assistant Features Editor

By now, mostly everybody who is anybody has seen the summer's hottest show, "Survivor."

For those few who have not yet seen the show, 16 selected individuals of all races, shapes, genders and beliefs were thrown, with nothing but the clothes on their backs and good morale, onto either side of a deserted island. Why? To be crowned the "ultimate survivor" and to be named the winner of \$1 million!

As the weeks drag on, one tribal member is voted off of the island by his/her fellow peers and is forced to return back home. American audiences watch anxiously each week as the remaining tribal members spear their own fish, eat rats, shed their clothes, form alliances and enemies and either lose or gain respect from their team members.

In essence, the "game of survival" is tortuous and shows no mercy on the frail or weak-minded. The realities of college are similar to "Survivor." Every fall, kids 17 or 18 years of age are thrown, by their big, tough parents, onto an enormous college campus with nothing but the bare necessities (and maybe a few home-made chocolate chip cookies) and are forced to withstand their life's scariest test yet: their freshman year of college. For those selected individuals who have proven themselves worthy of attending N.C. State this fall, the challenge to survive is going to prove fierce and the stakes will be high. As NCSU's newest members, many difficult decisions are sure to test one's morals and beliefs. Also, encounters with a variety of people will dra-

matically influence life choices.

Like the cast of "Survivor," freshman will find themselves in many different survival situations. They will be fetching and making food, washing and drying clothes, sleeping in strange, uncomfortable places, getting lost and making and meeting new friends or enemies. They also have the pleasure of using not-so-clean facilities, caring less and less about your outer appearance, learning to make most of what you have, but grandest of all, all freshman will learn what it takes to

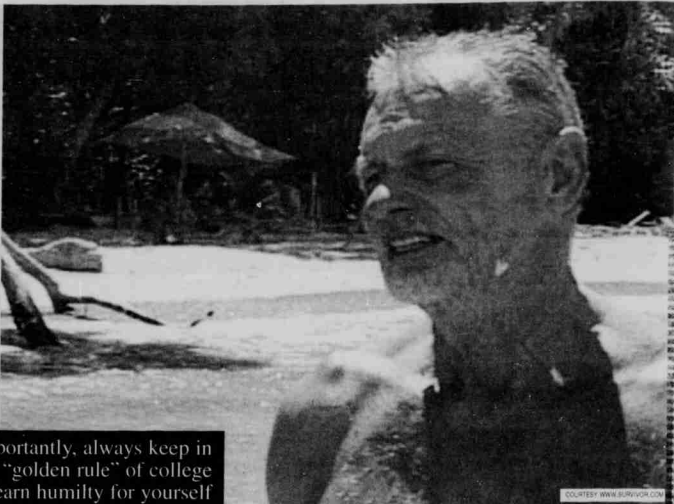
stick it out just one more day.

Why bother trying to survive day after day of life as a freshman?

The spiritual benefits one receives from freshman year are truly priceless. Even something as simple as making cookies, instead of asking mom to send more, becomes meaningful because of the satisfaction gained by doing a job without any help. This is just one step in learning to play the game of "survival."

Here are some tips to help ease the stress of being a freshman. Discover the joy of America Online Instant Messenger. Ethernet is always good and making use of Napster with a fast Internet connection is a smart move. Try some where other than the dining hall for dinner, like

Most importantly, always keep in mind the "golden rule" of college life: learn humility for yourself quickly because if you don't, somebody will most definitely teach you.



Taco Bell or even order some of Gumb's infamous pizza (and Pokey Sticks, too). Venture out and meet some new people besides an R.A. or your roommate.

There are several clubs around town just for minors. As a matter of fact, a quick trip to Club Zone (near Crabtree) will guarantee a night of good, clean, but crazy fun.

Hit the books a little because it might be a wild weekend. Attend a frat party or ask that guy or girl in a class out. Mom and dad will probably want to make a call on the weekend, so make time for that.

On Sunday, try to catch up on the sleep that was missed during the weekend, or if time permits, try to squeeze in that reading assignment that has been put off all week.

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As the days go by, getting adjusted to life at N.C. State will become much easier and less hectic. All it takes is time, patience, courtesy and a responsible work ethic. Before long, the distance between Jordan Hall and Tompkins Hall won't seem as painstaking as it once was. Soon, waking up five minutes before class will become the norm. When next weekend rolls around a healthy balance between work and "play" will be established. Soon, being a freshman will not be as humiliating and difficult as first suspected.

Well into the spring semester, even the youngest of freshman will feel like a seasoned "survivor."

Keanu at the helm

Ryan Hill
Features Editor

"The Replacements" is a quandary of a movie: it's a Keanu Reeves movie, which begs for tar and feathers, but it's also an unexpectedly funny comedy that comes from out of nowhere to say "Hey, we got some funny here." The weirdest thing about this movie is that Reeves plays the most normal person on the Sentinels, the fictitious team he plays for.

Pro-football players have gone on strike, so everyone in the league decides to pick up semi-pro players to finish out the season. Among the players recruited by new coach Gene Hackman are a former SWAT officer with an aggression problem (Jon Favreau), a chain smoking kicker (Rhys Ifans), and an attitude filled wide receiver ala Keyshawn Johnson (Orlando Jones, the "7-UP" guy). Hackman doesn't expect them to win, but he at least feels "they'll be a lot of fun to watch."

And they are. "The Replacements" is filled with so many crazy characters that it makes

the viewer wish they were all on-screen more, instead of Reeves. This could

The Replacements

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Director:
Howard Deutch
Starring:
Keanu Reeves
Gene Hackman

have been possible, but since this is a generic football movie the quarterback has to chase a girl, in this case the head cheerleader (Brooke Langton).

There is an interesting segment in which Shane Falco (Reeves) makes a move on his would-be lover. Instead of just having mushy music and lots of sappiness, a play-by-play commentary by John Madden is provided. That is the beauty of this movie, it's just different enough to make it watchable and entertaining.

The funniest of the characters has got to be Clifford Franklin (Jones), receivers with a soft spot for "I will survive" who isn't afraid to let everyone else know about it. Favreau ("Swingers") and Ifans ("Notting Hill") are comedic

opposites: Favreau is the slapstick character full of anger and Ifans is subtler with his humor, like throwing his cigarette on the field before making a kick.

Director Howard Deutch seems to not really be sure what kind of movie he wants to make, so he just shoots everything and patches it together. Had this movie been in the hands of a more qualified director, it could have gone down as a classic comedy. Instead, "The Replacements" is stuck on the bench instead of out on the field. Reeves has really upped his acting chops since "Devil's Advocate," but

now he has gone from God-awful to mediocre. "Woah," as Reeves would say.

"The Replacements" is nothing special or wonderful. It is just a funny movie, the kind that would be watched by a bunch of drunk people. While it won't make a lot of money on its initial run, this movie could easily be popular among the \$1.50 theaters. For a \$7.00 movie, "The Replacements" is a slight rip-off. For \$1.50, it's a good time at the movies.





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COURTESY NEW LINE CINEMA

Ryan Hill
Features Editor

At first glance, Jennifer Lopez has come a long way since her Fly-Girl days on "In Living Color." She is a music-star and one of the most popular female actresses around. Look closer, and you'll see she hasn't really come that far after all. Trying to gain status as a "serious" actress, a choice to star in the psychological thriller "The Cell" would be a step in the right direction.

Unfortunately, it is a step in the wrong direction. There is a shot early in the film that accentuates Lopez's buttocks,

as well as the rest of her body. Granted, Lopez is a gorgeous woman, but trying to show off her body in a serious movie just doesn't work. From this point on no matter what she does in the movie, she's undermined her chances of gaining respectability.

Lopez plays Catherine Deane, a child psychologist who goes into the mind of her patients to see what their problem is. It's an interesting method, but doesn't seem to work. Her boss is ready to stop the program until the FBI needs her help. They have just caught a serial killer (Vincent D'Onofrio—when doesn't he play a psycho?) but he is comatose and

he has one victim still out there. After a certain amount of time, an automatic sprinkler will drown this girl.

Catherine is recruited to enter the mind of this psychotic to try and find out where this girl is. Inside the killer's mind she discovers a history of child abuse that has driven him to do what he does. The killer views himself as a child and periodically his father will come in and "beat" him.

Catherine tries to stop this, but she in turn is stopped by a different version of the killer, a

demon-like guardian who transforms her into his sexual minion.

In comes FBI Agent Peter Novak (Vaughn) to save the day. He also enters the killer's mind and also discovers the child abuse, as well as the guardian, who disembowels him (in one of the smarter moves by the director, the guardian was supposed to use the intestines as a cello, but they tastefully

cut this out). "The Cell" is an acid-trip gone horribly, horribly wrong.

The images inside the people's minds are at the same time fascinating and ridiculous. The movie deals with such a complex topic that a better story could have been used as a backdrop, but instead the "candy," or the mind sequences, are what the movie hinges on. This is most likely the fault of first-time director Tarsem (REM's "Losing My Religion" video), who isn't capable enough to handle such complex material.

Too many unbelievable things happen in this movie. A killer's mind could really be like that, but there is no way that someone would be able to enter the killer's mind. There is also no way Jennifer Lopez can play a

psychologist without drawing a chuckle or two.

What could have been an atmospheric scary-as-hell thriller ended up being a cheap parlor-trick that further shows how far computer-generated special effects have come. "The Cell" is borderline ridiculous, and deserves to be. Both the writer (Mark Protosevich) and the director are first-timers and neither are experienced enough to do justice to the material.

Save your money for such upcoming movies like "Almost Famous." Everything that is worth seeing in "The Cell" is in the trailer.

The Cell

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Director:

Tarsem

Starring:

Jennifer Lopez

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General Education: Generally lame or GERrreat?



Staff Columnist
Cindy Spurluck

When most students enter N.C. State the first time, whether fresh out of high school or as a non-traditional or transfer student, many are shocked and horrified when their advisor presents them with a copy of their program's degree requirements. Surprisingly enough, students are not stupefied by the courses that meet the requirements of their majors. Instead, students recoil with fear and hesitation when they are informed that they must complete up to 60 hours of General Education

Requirement courses in order to graduate. These courses, although providing students with an enlightened worldview and supplying them with countless tidbits of trivial information that they can use to impress others at cocktail parties, not only waste the time and money of many students, but also discriminate against non-traditional students. For many students, being forced to cram a Rolodex-full of useless information into their brains because of a university mandate provides the impetus needed for many to drop out prematurely.

Although some of the core GER courses are helpful, others seem to be required simply as a sly way of filling the university's coffers and filling the seats in obscure, under-enrolled classes, such as Introduction to Fungus. Besides, in today's booming economy, one can always hire a funeral consultant if one really needs to know the difference between earth stars and giant putfalls.

Everyone needs to know how to present themselves effectively through their speaking, writing and interactions with others. However, is it really necessary for English majors to know the finer points of chemistry? How many editors and writers are asked to calculate the specific density of seawater while in the workplace? Sure, many engineers and computer science majors are in need of communication skills, but it is likely that they will ever write an application or draft a blueprint based on Chaucer's *Canterbury Tales*? Yes, it's nice to be able to match wits with contestants on "Jeopardy" and on "Who Wants to be a Millionaire?", but is it worth spending an extra two years in school to amass an otherwise useless body of knowledge?

Not only do these extra courses force students to spend thousands of extra dollars on tuition, room and board, school supplies and books, the courses

also force students to make a four or five year commitment to a program that should only take two to complete. Furthermore, the GER courses demand that students put their professional lives on hold in addition to lowering their GPAs tremendously. Communication students did not come to NCSU because they are talented in the natural sciences, nor are crop science students necessarily well versed or even interested in persuasion theory. GER courses serve to distract students from focusing on the knowledge base that they need to acquire in order to succeed in the real world.

Additionally, the GERs serve as a barrier wall for many non-traditional and transfer students. Most high school students who come to NCSU directly after graduation are fluent in the language that they studied in high school. Many alternative students have not uttered a foreign phrase aside of "Yo quiero Taco Bell" since their high school days, and subsequently fail the foreign language placement exam. This forces them to complete two additional semesters of a foreign language before they can enroll in the 200-level class that is required for graduation by many majors. Aside from foreign language majors and those who plan on enlisting in the armed services or traveling the world, is it really necessary for everyone to be forced into learning a second language?

NCSU was founded as a trade school — a place where students could guarantee that they would be trained by industry professionals who would give them the skills that they needed in order to "get the job done" in their fields. Instead of forcing students to complete the required GER courses, the university should instead allow for students to use those hours to supplement their majors with a co-op experience or with elective hours. Forcing students to take classes that serve no other purpose than to fill the rosters of obscure classes and to fill the Wolfpack piggy bank so that the administration can ensure that funds will be available for future misappropriation defies the very principles upon which this university was founded. The elimination of the GER courses from the graduation requirements would not only open the doors for current students to succeed in the workplace, but it would also make a university education accessible to those for whom math, foreign language and science are more than difficult subjects, but roadblocks to a better life.

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One of the most confusing and intimidating parts of planning out an academic career at NC State is finding one's way through the General Education Requirements, or GERs. The GERs prescribe a minimum amount of coursework that all students must take in various areas of study, regardless of their major. At first glance, many students don't see why they need to have 21 hours of humanities and social sciences credits in order to become computer engineers (or, in reverse, why they need 11 hours of natural science to become English professors).

And I must confess that I have, at times, found all of the different levels of requirements confusing. It's been especially difficult for me because I'm in an engineering major (chemical engineering) and a social science major (political science), and lining up all of those university, college, and departmental requirements has taken quite a bit of planning. But, when it's all said and done, I think the GERs are a vital part of a college education.

A four-year college education, particularly at a public, land-grant institution like NC State, is about much more than preparing a student for a career in the field he or she is majoring in. It is also about preparing the young (or the young at heart) to become broader-minded and better citizens. In order for a democratic nation to function properly, it has to have an educated population in order for the people to make informed decisions. Such was the belief of Thomas Jefferson, a belief which many people, including our state's leadership, have taken to heart.

This belief is the basis of public funding for education. Training in a particular area of expertise, which increases productivity and boosts economic growth, is also a very important reason why higher education is funded by the state, but it is not the *raison d'être* for the American public university.

General education is not necessarily about imparting knowledge on people. It is about teaching advanced thinking and reasoning skills. A good general education class should make a student think in a way that he or she has never had to think before, a way that may enable him or her to approach a problem later in a different way, whether that problem is in a work setting or some other part of life.

GERs are of particular importance at NC State because they haven't always been in place here. This institution was not founded with the name "North Carolina State University". Rather, it was chartered in 1887 as "North Carolina State

College of Agricultural and Mechanic Arts". In its humble beginnings, NC State was not intended as a place to provide a general education. Instead, it was intended to educate the sons of the rural farmers and factory workers of the state in the trades in which their families worked. Gradually, its focus was broadened (notably to include women, people of all races, and people of more diverse backgrounds) until it was renamed North Carolina State University.

The word "university" was not just placed in the title to make it sound more impressive. It is indicative of the fact that students at NC State are now able to receive the kind of general education that is expected at a university. As much as we may hate to admit it, the folks down the road in Chapel Hill have been in the business of general education a lot longer than we have, and they have been a university since their inception for that reason.

In our modern society, general education is more important than ever before, because "the real world" is more multidisciplinary than ever before. In the not-so-distant past, it was possible to get through an entire career in a good job without understanding any more of technology than how to dial a telephone. Now, as we all know, the computer and the Internet are essential tools in virtually every workplace, meaning that even pure liberal arts majors have to have some technical expertise, which GERs can ensure. By the same token, the days of the "mad scientist" working in his laboratory and barely interacting with the outside world are long gone. Success in scientific and technical fields requires graduates whose communications skills are much more refined than those of the past. Employers are constantly telling our engineering and scientific departments that its graduates need to be able to communicate better. The GERs are a step in this direction.

The current system of GERs is not perfect. That's why efforts are underway to attempt to reform them with the goals I have stressed, i.e. broadening of the mind and more multidisciplinary ways of thinking, in mind. A lot of the imperfection, however, comes from trying to beat the system by taking the class that one may have heard is the easiest or is at the most convenient time. (And yes, I'll admit that I'm as guilty as the next person of doing that a few times.) The GERs are an essential way of achieving a noble purpose — broader-minded students who are more prepared for life in a challenging world.

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It allows the guy a little spare time to think about the situation and decide whether being chivalrous is really worth it or not. It's harsh, I know, and guys will deny it up and down. But we all know it's true — chivalry is — and always has been — really all about the booty.

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Les no more

Staff Columnist
Andrew Payne

Last semester in one of my columns, I predicted that Les Robinson would not be around for another term as athletics director. Fortunately or unfortunately, depending on your point of view, my prediction was correct and Coach Robinson is leaving N.C. State for The Citadel.

But rather than being fired by Chancellor Mary Anne Fox, Coach Robinson has said that he is leaving "to be in a special place." It would be nice to believe this, but knowing university politics, especially under the rule of Chancellor Fox, there is another story.

Let me relay you the real story as I see it. The school year ended and NCSU athletics did not do as well as expected.

Head football coach Mike O'Cam was fired at his home and then later was shown on television wearing Carolina Blue. NCSU Men's Basketball Team failed to reach the NCAA Tournament and another member of the team was leaving before graduation. People speculated about the future of Herb Sendek's tenure. But, he was given leeway because of the excitement generated by the new Entertainment and Sports Arena and the team's appearance in the National Invitational Tournament.

One side note to freshman: around here the ESA is affectionately known as the Herb Garden.

Really, the only thing left in the old era of NCSU athletics was athletic director Les Robinson. But getting rid of Coach Robinson was not as easy as getting rid of Mike O'Cam. NCSU Coach Robinson is well respected around campus and is one of the most student-friendly

administrators in the university. Also, Robinson played basketball at NC State and one of his teammates and friends was Smedes York, Chairman of the NCSU Board of Trustees.

Another thing holding up Coach Robinson's removal was his participation on the NCAA Tournament Selection Committee, a well respected position. Getting rid of Coach Robinson would not have been easy for the Chancellor, and it would have taken some strategic maneuvering. However, Chancellor Fox is accustomed to working under such conditions: just look at the turnover rate of College Deans and Vice Chancellors.

So this is what I think happened: the timing was perfect and the school year was over, Coach Amato was the new head football coach and there was enough dissatisfaction with Coach Robinson to move forward. Then, I think the Chancellor let a few key people know that she was not pleased with Coach Robinson's performance. She herself had promised to live up to, like the university winning a National Football Championship in the next ten years. Then, those key people contacted the Citadel Administration and made it clear that if they ever wanted Les Robinson back, this was the opportune time. Plus, the Citadel knows that it is better to hire an athletics director that willingly leaves his old position rather than getting fired.

The rest is history, and soon NCSU will have an entirely new athletics program with two new facilities and an athletic director whose personality fits Chancellor Fox's. I may be wrong, but it sure sounds good.

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USA: Nazi-lite

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Starting, I suppose, in about eighth grade, I was saturated with information about Hitler, the Holocaust, the Nazis, etc., and I remember being incensed by all of the atrocities I heard about: the compulsory relocation of the Jews, the forced labor camps, and the unsanitary conditions. In ninth grade world history, teachers told us in more complex detail about Hitler's social plan — his plan [in which he succeeded] to pull Germany of what was perhaps the worst depression in its history as a unified empire. Hitler recognized the economic merits of demoralizing and enslaving a scapegoat ethnic group. In doing so, he revived the flailing German economy and aroused strong nationalism and made himself the authority.

The story goes that the Allies, sick of Hitler's tyranny and atrocities, came in to save the day, being the freedom fighters they were. The Jews were free, as was Germany — free to be good little capitalists, like children rescued from abusive parents now free to gobble up whatever ideological porridge their surrogate parents fed to them.

Needless to say, I felt great about my country. We had rid the world of an immoral government. And managed to establish ourselves as a world power with the strength to carry on the white man's burden by giving democracy to all and sundry. After all, it's democracy, right? Freedom, justice, equality. Who wouldn't want those things?

And we went through with it, spreading democracy to Third World countries in Africa, Southeast Asia, and South America, supplying them with arms, food, and money to help their fledgling governments. Sounds good, right? Well, sounds like looks can be deceiving, especially when those sounds come from government.

It sounds similar to "give." Giving money to these countries is something we certainly did not do, at least not in any significant amount. What your high school history class didn't tell you is that we loaned money. They got it with the expectation that they

would pay it back...with interest. In many cases, we would overwhelm the government of a particular country by making accusations of human rights violations and then giving unbelievable amounts of support to one or more factions opposed to that government. When the side we supported won the war [as was inevitably the case, with few exceptions, one of those being Vietnam], we would be in a position to loan money to them with the hope of being able to extort it from them [plus interest] in the years to come.

Many of these countries were weak and underdeveloped to begin with because their tropical climates aren't conducive to large-scale agriculture, unlike our climate. Adding to the problem is that tropical countries produce exotic rare forests, which we won't let them cut down because of issues like global warming. Yet clearing forest, which mankind has done for millennia, doesn't contribute to global warming nearly as much as driving inefficient, environment-unfriendly gas-guzzlers — known euphemistically as "sport-utility vehicles" — which we Americans insist on doing.

The victims of our capitalistic ideological imperialism, which amounts to little more than thinly veiled economic imperialism, are forced to squeeze all of the resources they possibly can out from the reluctant earth they live on, only to turn the majority of those resources over to their Western loan sharks. The leftovers provide for the basic needs of the country, but don't allow these countries anything to grow and develop on. And this is how we have effectively enslaved millions of people.

We are just like the Nazis. The only crime they were guilty of, that we as Westerners are not, is being subtle. We make ourselves feel better by saying that capitalism provides individuals with the freedoms that their human spirits were made for. But all of this ideology about democracy and capitalism is merely a smokescreen that allows us to conveniently not see all of the lives we destroy every day.

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Love. 8. In giving and receiving love's solaces let modesty be ever present. 9. Thou shalt speak no evil. 10. Thou shalt not be a revealer of love affairs. 11. Thou shalt be in all things polite and courteous. 12. In practicing the solaces of love thou shalt not exceed the desires of thy lover.

Huh? If you turn on any television, you'll see a majority of

these rules being broken, with Jerry Springer and dating shows running rampant. The fact is, dating isn't what it used to be, so neither is chivalry. But it is far from dead.

No, it's just changing, like everything else. Chivalry used to be a noble act, one where the man was the initiator. But, with the advent and advancement of equal rights, the responsibilities are lying more towards the center. So even the littlest acts of honor take on a whole new modern twist.

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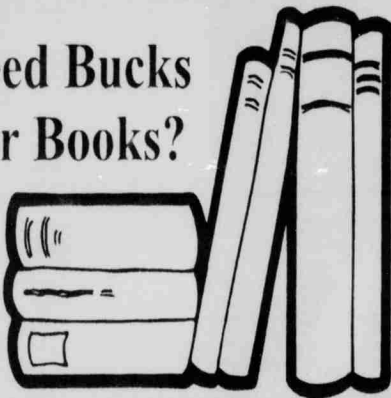
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Key concerns are strengthening the offensive line and attaining help in the backfield.

Tremayne Hall, a top-15 running back out of Florida, has State on his shortlist and has scheduled a campus visit in December. The battle for the prized recruit will give Amato a chance to take his first recruit away from Florida State, where he had long served under Bobby Bowden. Many consider FSU to be the State's main competition in acquiring Hall's service.

Another player who has been offered a scholarship by the

Pack is Robert Boulware, the cousin of former FSU linebacker Peter Boulware, who is currently with the Baltimore Ravens.

A corner back out of Charlotte, Boulware currently seems to be choosing between State and East Carolina, although a number of other ACC schools continue to pursue him. A recent addition to the mix is Tennessee, who has not yet offered a scholarship but has been heavily recruiting Boulware.

Amato has asked for permission, saying that it will take a couple years for his recruiting efforts to show results. In terms of high school talent, however, Amato is already showing that he can compete with the best.

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Cross Country, Wolfpack Invit., 9/16

Looking for a few good men



Chuck Amato and Marye Anne Fox.

◆ Football coach Chuck Amato is anxious to start recruiting players to N.C. State.

Steve Thompson
Staff Writer

The football season has not even started, yet Chuck Amato and his staff are already planning for the future.

When Amato was hired last January, he was months behind every other coach in recruiting. Most of his initial recruiting exposure involved trying to get Mike O'Connell's recruits to solidify their commitments to N.C. State.

The results were mixed. Although he retained many of State's recruits, including quarter-back Philip Rivers and kicker Austin Herbert, the recruiting class was widely regarded as the worst in the Atlantic Coast Conference.

This year, Amato is determined to bring in a top-level recruiting class. "We're excited about recruiting,"

said Amato. "We came off the road recruiting, and we're excited about going after our first recruiting class."

Amato has already begun, signing two of North Carolina's top players: Kenny Covington and Dovonte Edwards. Those players alone have garnered the Pack a No. 33 rating by PrepAtlantic.com.

Covington, a linebacker from Laurinburg High School, was Amato's first signing. With the combination of size and speed, Covington has also played tailback since his sophomore year and was recruited by many schools at that position.

"I want to play where the coaches feel I can reach my potential and contribute the earliest in my career," Covington told *Prep Atlantic*. "Coach Amato said that they think I would do best as a linebacker, and that's fine with me."

Covington had received many offers from both ACC and SEC schools, but eventually chose State because of its coaching staff and his desire to become an engineer.

Edwards, Amato's latest recruit, is considered by many to be the top receiver in North Carolina. He chose the Pack over North Carolina, Clemson and a number of other ACC schools.

Playing for Chapel Hill High School, Edwards has been both a football and a basketball star. He aspires to play both in college and has been guaranteed by the Wolfpack basketball staff that he will be able to walk onto the team.

His being assured of playing basketball essentially is what clinched his playing for the Pack. The popularity of being a two-sport athlete has grown, and other schools' hesitation on him playing basketball cost them Edwards.

As a receiver, Edwards caught 69 passes for over 1,300 yards, reaching the end zone 16 times. Edwards has said speed and agility are his strengths.

In addition to these recruits, the Pack has many other needs to fill with this year's recruiting class.

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athletics

10 to watch in 2000

The beginning of the 2000-01 athletic year brings plenty of hope to the teams at N.C. State.

Anticipation is high for the athletes and coaches fans excited and everyone starts out with a record of 0-0.

There are plenty of reasons to watch.

Wolfpack sports this year, most notably the athletes who will add their names to the State tradition.

Several athletes wearing red and white are ready to have breakout years.

Here's a look at a few of them:

Jeremy Ashton

Tommy Davis, Wrestling

The State wrestling team overcame a tremendous amount of adversity during the 1999-2000 season to claim the regular season Atlantic Coast Conference title. Senior Tommy Davis was a big reason for that success, acting as one of the team's few constants.

Davis has won two consecutive ACC championships in two different weight classes, 141 and 149. He has also made a trip to the NCAA Tournament in each of his three seasons with the Pack. And there's no reason not to expect more of the same this year.

Braden Holloway, Valter Magnusson and Greg Solt, Men's Swimming

Picking one member of the talented trio of Braden Holloway, Valter Magnusson and Greg Solt to focus on is kind of hard to do. These three swimmers, along with the departed Jared Proto, made up one of the most successful relay teams in school history, earning All-America honors for the second consecutive year in the 200-meter medley relay.

The members of the group are no strangers to individual success, either, as Holloway and Solt, both seniors, won ACC titles and competed in the recent U.S. Olympic Trials. Holloway, Magnusson and Solt should form a solid nucleus for the men's swimming team during the 2000-01 season.

Eric Jackson, Men's Tennis

Before last season, only three men's tennis players from State had ever made the All-ACC team. Senior Eric Jackson's name can now be added to that list.

E.J., as his teammates call him, spent the entire season at the No. 1 singles position and knocked off numerous ranked opponents, including Doug Root of Duke, who made it to the national semifinals with his partner Ramsey Smith in doubles. Jackson went 4-3 against ACC opponents, upping his career mark in conference play to 14-10.

Amy Langendorf, Gymnastics

After winning back-to-back East Atlantic Gymnastics League titles, the gymnastics team appears primed for another outstanding season, led by a senior class that includes Kara Chalks, Monica Berry, Sara Dolan and Amy Langendorf.

Already, Langendorf is one of only two State gymnasts ever to qualify individually for the NCAA Championship meet. She might just be the most consistent member of the team, nailing her routines every week. That kind of consistency is what State needs to three-peat at EAFL and qualify for the NCAA Championship.

Tynesha Lewis, Women's Basketball

Now that Summer Erb has moved on to the WNBA, Tynesha Lewis is undeniably the star of the women's basketball team.

Lewis went through a shooting slump during the second half of last season but still played well enough to earn second-team All-ACC honors for the second year in a row. The senior guard averaged 11 points a game, third-best on the team, and shot 31.6 percent from behind the three-point arc.

The Pack has the talent to be considered a contender for the ACC title. But with a core of young players and a challenging schedule, the State women have to get a good season from Lewis to make that dream a reality.

Christy Nichols, Women's Cross Country

Given the lofty standards that the

Women's golf starting from scratch

◆ Page Marsh Lea has had five months to prepare for the first women's golf season at N.C. State in 14 years.

Jack Daly
Sports Editor

Page Marsh Lea's to-do list for the summer was rather imposing.

After finding named women's golf coach at an April 5 news conference, she was given five months to resuscitate a program that had been extinct for 14 years.

First, Lea had to find enough players to field a team. Then, there was the whole business of setting up a schedule. Throw into the mix coordinating equipment and a practice facility for the team, and Lea had one busy "off-season."

"There was everything to do," Lea said. "Number one was to recruit players because we had already missed the first signing season, and we were into the second. The pool of players had already diminished."

So far, Lea has five golfers on the roster, but that number will probably change. All five are freshmen.

Chloe Ritson, a 22-year-old freshman from Scarborough, England, could be the team's best player. She has been a member of England's under-16, under-18 and under-21 teams and has competed

throughout Europe, winning various events.

The other women on the team are from four different states. Sarah Davis went to Millbrook High School in Raleigh and finished 13th in the N.C. High School state tournament. Margaux Hennessey competed in the USGA Girls Championship last summer while attending high school in St. Louis.

Alli Henderson was a member of the All-Atlantic junior golf team in 1998 and played in Southeastern Junior Golf Tour events. Finally, Rebecca Randolph comes to State from Boise, Idaho, where she won a silver medal at the Idaho State high school championship in 1999.

Lea said that even with the lack of familiarity between recruits and the program, her recruiting pitch was received well by a number of players.

"There is always a certain number of prospects who have in mind where they want to go to school immediately," Lea said. "You have never been on their screen and you would never be on their screen, whether you have an established program or not."

"There are other people who recognize that N.C. State is an ACC school," she continued. "They are the type of program that is going to be consistent with the other programs in the athletic department. They see it as a really unique opportunity. You get to step right in and play for an ACC school."

The players that will play for State said they weren't deterred by the program's lack of tradition.

"I like the idea of starting fresh," Ritson said.

"At first I was intimidated about the idea of starting from scratch," Hennessey said. "But then when I came here and really learned more about everything, I wasn't scared at all. It sounds more fun because everyone is going through the same thing."

As far as the schedule, Lea committed to 10 tournaments, excluding the ACC Championships, which will be held in April in Orlando, Fla. The team's first tournament is the Unlimited Potential/Bay Tree Classic, which will be held Sept. 8-10 at the Bay Tree Club in Myrtle Beach, S.C. The Pack will be closest to Raleigh on Oct. 6-8, when they compete in the Franklin Street Trust/Tru Heel Invitational at Finley Golf Course in Chapel Hill.

While Lea and the program wait for construction to finish on the new golf course/practice facility on Centennial



Women's golf coach Page Marsh Lea has been busy this summer.

Campus, State will practice at a variety of local courses, including MacGregor Downs, Presnwood and Crooked Creek. Those are also some of the courses that the men's team practices on.

"That has been a huge help, to have Coach Sykes," Lea said. "He's really embraced the women's program and he has really looked at it as the golf program. Now we have men and women."

for Doak Walker Award

Junior running back Ray Robinson is a 2000 nominee for the Doak Walker award, given to college football's best running back.

The 1998 ACC Rookie of the Year rushed for 822 yards in his debut season, and picked up 438 yards in 1999 though he battled injuries from the season's outset.

Former N.C. State golfer wins Buy.com event over the weekend

Former N.C. State golfer Tim Clark collected \$72,000 after winning his first Buy.com tournament Sunday.

Clark, no. 14 on the tour's money list, finished at 16-under-par.

In 1998, he was the NCAA East region champion, capturing All-American honors, and participated in the Masters.

"Those last few holes are tough and I didn't think anybody would be making a lot of birdies," said Clark. "I thought pars would be enough."

And pars were enough to hold off a charge by fellow South African Tjaart Van der Walt, who shared the lead at 15-under-par through 12 holes.

Wolfpack's Ray Robinson nominated

ACC/Wolfpack Notes

ACC releases women's basketball schedule: N.C. State hosts Wisconsin, Oregon, others

Atlantic Coast Conference officials released the N.C. State women's basketball schedule on Aug. 17. Thirteen teams that participated in the 2000 NCAA tournament or women's National Invitation Tournament make the Wolfpack's schedule.

The team begins the season in the Glaxo Welcome Invitational at Reynolds Coliseum with games versus Wisconsin, the defending WNIT



Sarah Davis is one of five freshmen that will play for N.C. State's first women's golf team since 1986.