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Vending machine price increases justified

◆ The 15-cent price increase for Pepsi products in on-campus vending machines is not groundless, according to Randy Lait.

Robin Worrell
Staff Reporter

Increased production costs of 20 oz. Pepsi products and a change from Lance Vending to CFW Vending this year has resulted in the first vending machine cost increases at N.C. State in more than a decade.

However, the increase is not without benefits for students, said University Dining Business Manager Randy Lait.

Lait gave his approval for a 15-cent price increase on 20 oz. Pepsi products two months ago, due in part to Pepsi's loss of an entire bottling plant near Wilson to Hurricane Floyd, making it necessary for the company to increase production costs.

Part of the increase is also being used to offset the cost of installing card-based vending in the residence halls and other parts of campus to enable students to use their cash points at certain vending machines.

"We have spent around \$50,000 so far to provide this service to students," said Lait.

Another change occurred at the end of July when CFW Vending was awarded the NCSU snack vending contract in a competitive bid process.

"CFW Vending provided the best overall proposal and has done an excellent job so far with



their vending program," said Lait. "There were a few small price differences in products compared to last year's program provided by Lance, but the selection of products, the reliability of the machines, the installation of the card readers and the improved service of the machines more than outweigh the price differences."

Prices of snacks in NCSU vending machines range from 50 to 75 cents.

The changes in price are confined only to products in vending machines and will not apply in on-campus convenience stores.

Compared to prices off-campus, the present on-campus costs of Pepsi are actually still about 10 cents cheaper than at area convenience stores, and the costs of snacks are the same.

Students show mixed thoughts on the vending machine increases.

"Although I think using our AllCampus cards is convenient,

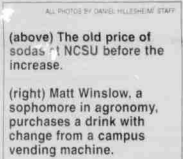
a great deal of students live off-campus and will not benefit because they don't have cash points, so I think it's unfair to them," said sophomore Kristen Longmire.

"Ninety cents for a Pepsi is unfair, but people are going to keep paying for it, so Pepsi has every right to keep raising the price," said Josh Wander, also a sophomore.

Sophomore Josh McCollum is in favor of the change. "I guess the price increase is okay because I've noticed that there's been a lot more card-readers around campus, and that makes it more convenient for students and it's only a 15-cent increase," he said.

Another way some students may see the results of their spare change is in the form of scholarship money. More than \$100,000 is generated annually by the vending program for the general scholarship fund, said Lait.

The university must approve any changes requested by companies, but Lait expects no further price increases in the near future.



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(above) The old price of sodas at NCSU before the increase.

(right) Matt Winslow, a sophomore in agronomy, purchases a drink with change from a campus vending machine.



ESA to open up for FSU game

◆ Fans can watch Saturday's home football game against Florida State on the Jumbotron at the Entertainment and Sports Arena.

Jimmy Ryals
News Editor

The Entertainment and Sports Arena will host more fans for Saturday's N.C. State-Florida State football game than it ever has for an NCSU football game.

Of course, if the arena hosted one fan for an NCSU football game, that would be a record number.

The ESA will remain open after the men's basketball Red-White Game Saturday for the general public to come and watch the NCSU-FSU football game.

According to ESA Event Coordinator Rob Douglas, the game will be shown on the ESA's Jumbotron. Gate Forces will sponsor shuttles running from campus to the arena for the football game; all of the arena's concession stands will be open.

General parking will be available for the football game viewing at the rates usually charged for ESA events. Douglas said that there will be free parking at the North Carolina State Fairgrounds, where the gates will open at 1 p.m. Three shuttles will run from the fairgrounds to the ESA from 1:30 p.m. until 3:30 p.m. They will pick passengers up at Gate B.

Assistant Athletics Director Charlie Cobb expects plenty of people to watch the game at the ESA.

"We wouldn't do it if we didn't expect a big turnout," Cobb said.

The Red-White game will tip off at 4:05 p.m. Saturday and end at 5:15 p.m. NCSU basketball players will sign autographs from 5:30-6 p.m.

Cobb also commented on the ticket distribution for the football game, which left many NCSU students ticketless and unhappy.

"If we had 70,000 tickets, it wouldn't be enough," said Cobb.

Cobb said that members of the Delta Zeta sorority "correctly manipulated the ticket distribution process." Delta Zeta has been a target of anger for some students at the Monday morning general student ticket distribution. The sorority received approximately 300 student tickets.

Cobb said that some sorority members stood in line while others stepped aside to avoid making the lines at Reynolds Coliseum ticket windows too long. Those who were out of the lines moved in when it was time to get tickets.

"They got shut out of block seating and then organized their members," said Cobb.

Cobb said that any criticism the sorority has received is "unfair."

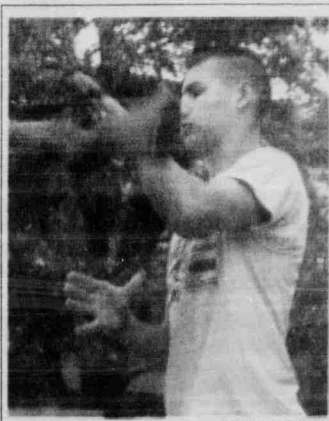
Cobb also refuted a claim made by Alpha Delta Pi sorority in a story in Monday's "Technician." In that story, Alpha Delta Pi Sergeant-at-Arms Leigh Pratt said that the sorority never received notification that it had not gotten block seating tickets.

Cobb said that he assigned two members of his staff last Friday to call the 53 groups that did not receive block seating tickets. One of the staff members made the phone calls while the other witnessed. The staff members finished their calling at approximately 11:30 a.m.

Cobb said that all the groups that did not receive block tickets were notified via phone call or phone message last Friday morning. Though Cobb acknowl-

edged that block seating makes it easy for student groups to be visible and attend NCSU home football games, he said that the block seating system does have its problems.

"We check IDs and social security numbers on block seating applications," said Cobb. "But the reality is that one person still has 100 tickets for the game, and we don't know how many of the people getting those tickets are students and how many of them are former students or students from other colleges."



Tony French, a sophomore in Aerospace Engineering and a member of State's Navy ROTC program, practices his rifle work for an upcoming exhibition.

NCSU student premieres film at Witherspoon

◆ N.C. State graduate student, Robert Seligson premiered his first film, a documentary on the creation of Medicare, at Witherspoon Student Center Cinema Monday.

Rob Cauthen
Staff Reporter

Robert Seligson is not a typical college student. Along with attending classes and working towards a Master's degree in liberal studies at N.C. State, he is the executive vice president and chief executive officer of the N.C. Medical Society, and in his spare time he is also a filmmaker.

"Right From the Start," Seligson's documentary about Medicare, premiered on Oct. 23 at a premiere in Witherspoon Student Center Cinema. The film focuses on the creation of Medicare in the early sixties and, in particular, one doctor, Edward Annis, who became Medicare's most outspoken critic. Annis himself was on hand for the film's premiere in Witherspoon, addressing the crowd and fielding questions about the film and current topics, such as the costs of prescription drugs.

"I'm a strong believer in history and in telling both sides of history," said Seligson. "I felt it was important as a tribute to Dr. Annis and to tell the story [of Medicare] at the same time."

Once Seligson decided to make the documentary, he contacted NCSU Film Professor Joseph Gomez to obtain input and advice on making the film. In his introduction to the film, Gomez remarked that he had his doubts that anyone as busy as Seligson could spend the necessary time to make a full length documentary.

Seligson surprised Gomez, however, putting in more than 1,200 hours of work on his "labor of love." Even on the day of the screening, Seligson was working on the film, making last minute changes, re-shooting scenes and making final editing decisions.

"I wanted it to be a meaningful piece," said Seligson. "I like to do things that aren't boring." Although the crowd for the screening was small, consisting largely of Seligson's colleagues, family and friends, several notable persons were in attendance, including Richard Morgan of the N.C. House of Representatives and Donald Chaplain, President of the N.C. Medical Society. The crowd reacted enthusiastically, giving standing ovations to both the film and Dr. Annis.

"I was pleased," said Seligson. "I felt bad though, because I forgot to thank Dr. Gomez for his help. I have a lot of admiration for him," he said.

crime report



Pitbull puppy stolen from Avent Ferry

Early on the morning of Oct. 24, Kristin Skinner, a freshman

in biological sciences, reported the theft of a black and white pitbull puppy.

Skinner left her room at 426A Avent Ferry to go to a computer lab at 9:30 p.m. Monday. When she returned at 11 p.m., the six- to eight-month-old puppy that was in her room was gone. Skinner had not locked her door.

A witness told Skinner that he saw three people dragging the dog out of the Avent Ferry "A" building, but he couldn't remember what time he had seen them.

Skinner had found the puppy three weeks earlier and posted fliers seeking its owner. In the meantime, her residence advisor gave her permission to have the dog in her room. Someone named "Brad" called Skinner repeatedly asserting

that he was the dog's owner. Skinner withheld the dog, as "Brad" could offer no specifics about the dog.

Students damage bicycles

On the morning of Oct. 21, Public Safety Officer William Davis saw two white males "jumping up and down on a bike" outside of the Avent Ferry "A" Building.

Davis approached the two males, identified as NCSU students Ryan McCallum and Jason Perez. According to Davis' report, McCallum attempted to run away; Davis gave chase and McCallum soon stopped.

McCallum told Davis that the two were going home from a

party and stopped to let the air out of a friend's tires "as a joke." Perez said that, while letting the air out of a friend's tires, he fell onto other bikes parked in the area. The pair then began damaging the other six bicycles, letting air out of their tires, damaging wheels and trying to take the tires off the bikes.

Davis notified Vernon Rice, McCallum's roommate and owner of one of the bikes. Rice did not file charges. Davis left cards with his name on the other six bikes.

Davis noted in his report that Perez and McCallum had been drinking underage.

ID card stolen, used repeatedly

An N.C. State student had his

student identification card stolen and used 98 times last week.

Dionysius Dton Bell, a sophomore in computer engineering, left his ID card in the second floor shower at Owen Hall at approximately 5 p.m. on Oct. 15. He returned to the shower to find it an hour later.

Bell reported the loss of his ID to Public Safety on Oct. 18 after checking his AllCampus account. Ninety-eight transactions worth a total of \$47.85 had been made with the card since its disappearance. Most of those transactions occurred at vending machines around Carroll Hall.

Public Safety Officer Anthony Gurganus had no known suspects at the time of his report.

Rugby ref robbed of 'RUGBYREF'

Retiree Paul Gauthier had been refereeing rugby games Oct. 22 at Miller Field when he returned to his car, parked in the Central Campus pay lot. The rugby ref looked at the back of his red 1999 Mazda Miata and noticed that a "RUGBYREF" was gone.

Gauthier's North Carolina vanity license plate, number "RUGBYREF," was missing from his car. Gauthier reported the missing license plate to Public Safety at 4:28 p.m. Officer James Dudley performed a search of the immediate area and found no sign of the license plate.

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Second hog pact benefits N.C. State

N.C. State is the beneficiary of a second swine waste management agreement between the state of North Carolina and a major hog-producing company.

This binding agreement between N.C. Attorney General Mike Easley and Premium Standard Inc., the second largest pork producer in the country, was announced Oct. 2, Under

the agreement, Premium Standard will pay \$2.5 million into a trust that will be used to help develop "environmentally superior" hog waste treatment technologies.

As with an earlier agreement between Easley and Smithfield Foods - the largest pork producer in the country - NCSU is asked to identify, develop and test the waste treatment technologies. In that deal, announced in July, Smithfield agreed to pay NC State \$15 million.

Once a technology is developed and identified by the university as technically and environmentally sound, the companies will be required to implement it. The research effort is to begin immediately and not exceed two years; the companies are given three years to convert to the new technology.

University Theatre presents August Wilson's "Fences"

University Theatre at N.C.

State presents August Wilson's Pulitzer Prize-winning play "Fences." The play will be performed Nov. 2-4 and 8-11 at 8 p.m., and Nov. 5 and 12 at 3 p.m., at Thompson Theatre.

The play is the story of an African-American family in the late 1950s, when sports are becoming integrated and job equality is being challenged. Troy Maxson, a middle-aged former Negro League baseball player, now garbage collector, is immersed in a series of conflicts with family, friends and employers.

The play also won a Tony Award and Drama Critics Circle Award. The show opened in 1985 with James Earl Jones in the part of Troy Maxson. It was initially presented as a staged reading at the Eugene O'Neill Theatre Center's 1983 National Playwrights Conference.

Patricia Caple, associate professor of communications, will direct this University Theatre production. Set design is by Terri L. Janney; costume design is by Ida Boskovic.

Tickets are \$5 for NC State students, \$11 for NC State faculty/staff, senior citizens and

students and \$12 for adults and can be ordered by calling Ticket Central at 515-1100. For more information, call 515-1100 or visit the arts web site at www.ncsu.edu/arts.

Scientific comparison a challenge, Fox says

Policy-makers and scientists agree that the United States should be the clear leader - or among the world's leaders - in every major field of scientific research. Comparing our research with that of other nations, however, has proved to be a challenge.

On Oct. 4, N.C. State Chancellor Marjorie Anne Fox testified before a Congressional committee about "international benchmarking," a promising research measurement approach.

Benchmarking, Fox told a subcommittee of the Committee on Science in the U.S. House of Representatives, appears to be a rapid and inexpensive technique that can complement and improve evaluation based on

quantitative research indicators, such as research funding or number of researchers supported in a specific field.

Fox was invited to testify in Washington as a member of the Committee on Science, Engineering, and Public Policy (COSEPP), a joint panel of three honorific societies - the National Academy of Sciences, the National Academy of Engineering and the Institute of Medicine. From 1998 to 2000, Fox chaired the guidance groups for three COSEPP panels that studied the feasibility and usefulness of benchmarking.

That panel concluded that international benchmarking should be regarded as an encouraging first step toward the design of an efficient and reasonably objective evaluation tool. Fox told the Congressional subcommittee

"Additional benchmarking exercises could lead to more effective assessment methods, better understanding of the factors that promote research excellence, and better decision-making by those who fund science and technological innova-

NCSU alum hosts haunted house benefit

Thomas Allen, a former N.C. State student and housekeeper, is hosting a haunted house benefit that began Saturday and will last through Halloween night.

The event is a fundraiser for Allen's aunt, Mary Mitchell, who is a stroke victim. Proceeds from the event will go toward covering Mitchell's medical costs.

The haunted house is located at 2730 Knowell St. in Hertford Village, a subdevelopment off of S. Wilmington Street, and remains open from 6:30-11 p.m. each night. Admission for adults is \$2, while children under 10 enter for free. Everyone can receive candy free of charge.

Anyone interested in more information on the haunted house can contact Allen at 856-0299.

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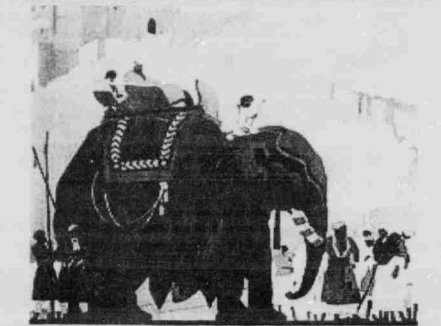
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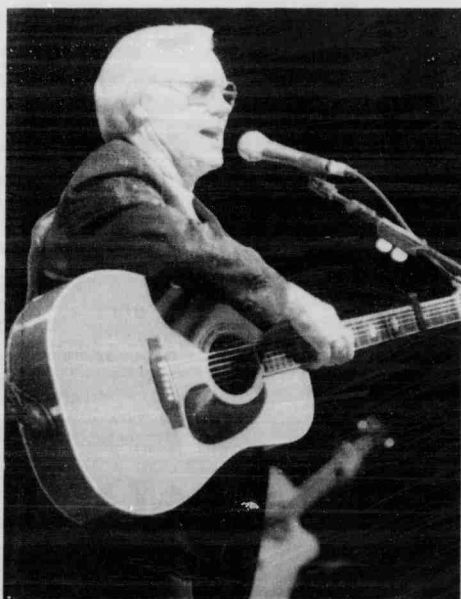
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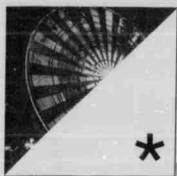
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BACK IN THE DAY

Ryan Hill
Features Editor

Most students feel that their parents don't know how to have fun. They think that their parents have no idea what it's like to be a kid. Only through experience do students today learn that their parents had just as much fun if not more than they do right now.

N.C. State's traditions are all deeply rooted in the past. Campout, rivalries and even practical jokes have been done year in and year out. One of these time-honored traditions is students scrambling for tickets. This has always been an issue, especially before Reynolds Coliseum opened in 1949.

Before then, the basketball team played in Thompson Gym, which was built to hold 2,500 fans. The basketball team had seen a rejuvenation under new head coach Everett Case and fan support was greater than seats allotted. In 1947, the Raleigh Fire Chief canceled one game because he said a crowd of over 1,200 in Thompson would be a fire hazard. 3,800 showed up, so the building was closed.

During the next season the school created a rule where only half of the students could attend the games (school attendance was at 5,000). This satisfied the Fire Chief until Duke came into town in January of 1948. State fans wanted to avenge a one-point loss to the Blue Devils and were hungry for revenge. The demand to see the game was so high that four hours before game-time, Thompson was condemned. The final game in the gym was played behind locked doors against High Point College with only college officials and newsmen present.

Reynolds Coliseum cost a mere \$2.5 million to build, while the Entertainment and Sports Arena cost \$158 million to construct. The first game played there was on Dec. 2, 1949 against Washington and Lee University and State won 67-47. Reynolds also provided a new arena for students to watch the Wolfpack take on their rivals.

Paul Blankinship, a graduate student at NCSU in 1971, said that the rivalry with the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill was "huge. We'd go over to Reynolds to watch the game and it just rocked. It seemed like the roof was going to go off. It just was electric."

Woody Jones, a member of the class of 1942, was a member of the football team and remembers the hatred with UNC-CH. "Some students stole the ram [from Chapel Hill] and brought it back over here. They painted it half red and half blue and we paraded it around the school with the band. President Graham said the game would be called if the ram wasn't returned, but it was stolen again while it was being returned."

Jones also blocked a punt to seal a 13-7 victory over the Tar Heels, the first win for the Wolfpack after 13 straight losses. Just as students do today after a big win, "the students marched up Hillsborough Street in celebration." When NCSU won the NCAA Championship in basketball in 1974, Bruce Upton, a graduate of NCSU in 1976 said, "Hillsborough was wall-to-wall people. Any car that came through got rocked. I feel sorry for the old people who came through. There wasn't any violence, it was all in fun. The whole city was out of their minds."

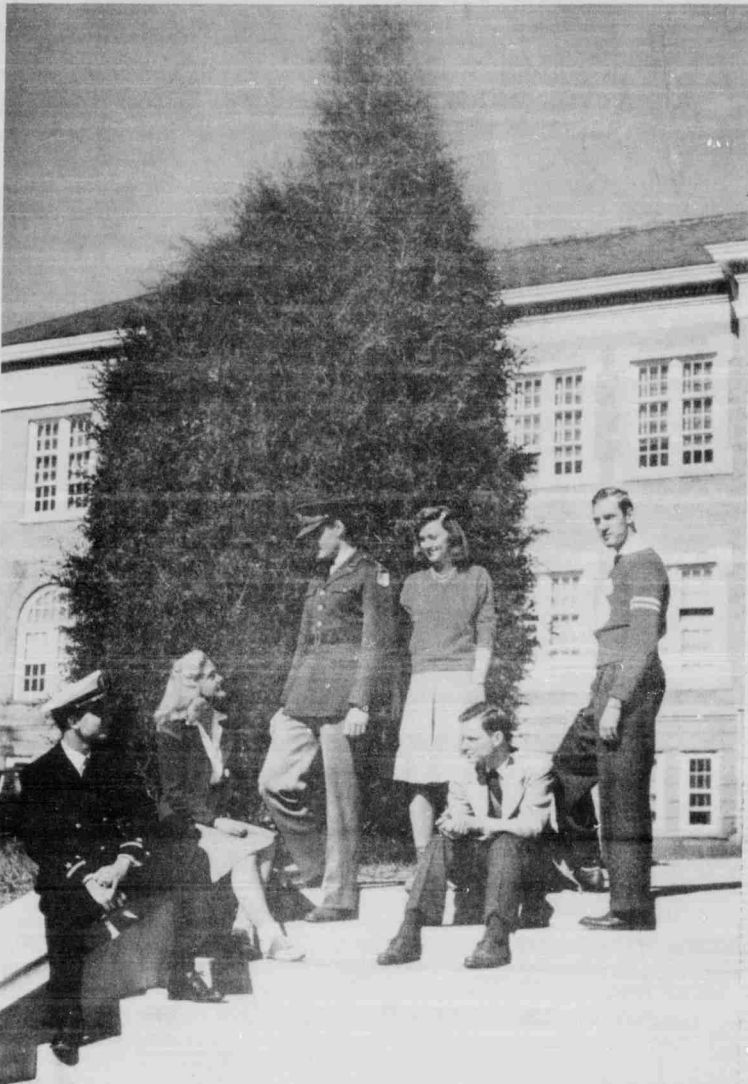
Wolfpack teams have always been exciting and the term "Cardiac Pack" can be applied to more than one team. Today's football team is sometimes referred to as that and the '83 Men's basketball team was also given that name. The football teams in the '70s can also bear that name. Upton says, "If there ever was a time when there was a Cardiac Pack it was then. It was so exciting, they really made you crap your pants."

Rivalries have been around for several years but also musical acts have also been a familiar face. "Bands would play at UNC on Friday night, Duke the next, and State on Sunday. It was a grand time," Jones said. Musical acts that came through during this time included immortals like Benny Goodman.

From 1959 to 1960, NCSU sponsored the Friend of the College concert series, which featured classical concerts that were performed in Reynolds Coliseum. It soon became so popular that it rivaled football and basketball. In 1970, students created the All-Campus weekend, which was also called A-C 70. 5,000 students attended, and the weekend included a concert with Steppenwolf and Don MacLean. Later All-Campus weekends included the Steve Miller Band, Alice Cooper and B.B. King. 1978 saw Reynolds Coliseum get in the act with the New Arts programs, which featured artists like Billy Joel and Stevie Wonder. Today students enjoy local concerts at places like the Brewery and big-name groups that perform at the ESA.

With all of this great live entertainment going on, it's a shame that not everyone could enjoy it. During the early '60s, women were forced to follow a curfew during the week. During the weekend they were only allowed out at night if they had written permission from their parents. In 1968, Juniors and Seniors had their curfew rescinded and in 1971 all women were exempt. Luckily women today don't have to worry about getting home before a curfew.

The '70s not only saw the total abolition of curfews, but it also saw students use their freedom to the fullest. Upton adds, "It was the age of marijuana. It was becoming more freely used and you'd come out



of class with outside smoking." According to Upton, drug use wasn't the only outdoor activity students took a liking to. "It was also the age of streaking. People would go to a girl's dorm, ring the doorbell, and girls would chase you across campus while you were naked." This wasn't the only time streaking was seen on campus. Not only was Hillsborough Street crowded when State won the National Championship in '74, but "there was a guy on top of a VW [Volkswagen] Beetle, naked as a jaybird, trying to keep his balance while showing off his package."

The awful clothes worn by some in the '70s was even considered bad during that time. "Norm Sloan's plaid jackets were the worst, even back then," Upton said. Most students today would not argue with this.

Another mainstay with NCSU students is parking, which hasn't

come too far over the years. Jones recalls that "I could count all of the students' cars on two hands." Upton remembers "parking was awful. If you weren't at school by 7:30 a.m., you couldn't park. Some people said you could park for free behind the bowling alley, so I did that." Even today students pray for their number to come up in the waiting list for on-campus parking spots. The Wolfline helps to alleviate the problem, but it is still a problem nonetheless.

Many things that students enjoy today, like music, sports and rivalries, were also present long before any N.C. State student today was born. While the times, clothes and technology have changed, the mentality of the students to have fun at all possible times hasn't changed.

IMAGE FROM 1943 ARCHIVE



Alan Back

The Technique (Georgia Tech)

What a difference a year makes. Ask the members of Blues Traveler and they'll tell you some stories. Personal tragedy, health problems, and a long break from performing add

up to a triple whammy that could sideline most other bands built on relentless touring and dedicated fan support. For one of the pioneer groups on the modern jam scene, though, it's been a chance to figure out where to go next and how to keep everybody coming back

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New roads for Blues Traveler

for more.

After Bobby Sheehan, the group's original bassist, died of a drug overdose in New Orleans last August, rumors of a breakup began to spread among the fans. However, the three members of the singer-harmonica

virtuoso John Popper, guitarist Chan Kinchla, and drummer Brendan Hill) chose to push on and look for new blood. Several people sat in on bass during a short private tour last November. Chan's younger brother Tad ended up with the

job.

He had been involved with a band during his time at Brown University and continued with them on the New York music scene, also touring up and down the East Coast. After the group broke up, he began to play with other bands around the city while considering his options.

"I was kind of at a point where I was thinking, 'I need to be making some more money. I've been in the city five years playing around'—I was going to pull that back a little and start trying to make more money free-lancing on the computer stuff." He had been working on Web page design and programming as a side job before being asked to audition for Blues Traveler.

On the other hand, new keyboardist Ben Wilson had been thinking about going into car-

entry after leaving his own group in Ann Arbor, Mich. When Popper and company visited Ansin in February to start writing songs for their upcoming sixth studio album, they flew in a handful of prospective players to audition. Before Wilson found out about the opening, he had been planning to head for the Far East and then start swinging a hammer back in the States.

"He was the last one to come in," Tad recalled. "It was a unanimous decision—the band just said, 'You're the guy.'" The new five-piece lineup has given rise to a different sound, both in the studio and in front of an audience.

"My influences are a lot of old soul songs, like Parliament and their funky bass playing. And to bring in the keyboard and organ with Ben, it fills the space

where Bobby used to be. He was almost organ-like in his playing, very wandering and psychedelic, and he really filled up a lot of that sound while Chan and John used to solo," Tad explained. "Now it's like we're a little more rooted in the groove, and Ben fills a little bit of that space. It's kind of a rootsy, little older sound."

However, he readily pointed out that the other elements that make Blues Traveler what it is are still very much present—Popper's limber voice and harp, Chan's masterful guitar work, and Hill's dead-steady drumming. The loss of a founding member couldn't break up the act, and neither could a serious medical crisis.

Popper checked into the hospital last summer, complaining of chest pains, and ended up

HILLING TIME



Shawna Ferrari
Special to Technician

As the paper inches its way out of the printer and the second hand on the nearby clock pulses its way around, the moist hand waits. The student listens and watches as the printer tattoos the last line of ink onto the waiting paper. With a swift double tap on the nearest flat surface, the student searches the area for a stapler. One hand pushes the stapler down while two feet head for the door. It's 1:20 p.m.—the paper is due at 1:30 p.m.

The student had known about the assignment for weeks, in fact, since the first day of class. The professor had trudged through the syllabus highlighting the assignment. The student sat remembering that first cold beer of the summer as the teacher droned on. Now, adri-

line pushed the student through the crowded walkways of campus, hoping to cross the classroom threshold before the professor started her lesson. If asked, this student would likely admit he or she was a procrastinator.

Procrastination, in its simplest meaning, is to defer or delay action. To students, it means putting off writing papers and studying at the last minute around the mid-term to finals push. "I had a paper due at 1:30 p.m. that had just come off the printer at 1:20," said Aron Archie, an N.C. State University freshman. "I procrastinate on everything."

Spiders estimate that between 25 to 90 percent of college students procrastinate.

Procrastination has a history. Researchers found a 17th Century sermon among the microfilms at the University of Ottawa in Ottawa, Ontario (which talked about procrastination as a sin). The writer referenced other ministers who had researched procrastination and found that sermons about the subject were some of the most effective ever preached.

People procrastinate for a multitude of reasons. Mark Wilson, a professor of industrial psychology at NCSU, has his own theory of why it's so prevalent.

"As the pace of work increases, people are constantly in crisis mode," said Wilson. "People are having to put off tasks that are less important. Students today have competing issues and interests for their time, which often forces them to put things off to the last minute."

An "Overcoming Procrastination" link on the web site for the counseling center at the State University of New York at Buffalo cites William Knaus, a psychologist, who estimates that 90 percent of college students procrastinate. This site lists eight reasons why students procrastinate, including:

- poor time management
- difficulty concentrating
- fear and anxiety
- negative beliefs
- personal problems
- finding the task boring
- unrealistic expectations and perfectionism
- fear of failure

Many N.C. State students echoed these reasons. "In college especially, we think we're going to miss out on something if we're in our room studying," said NCSU senior Pierre Pryor.

"Or we just can't get motivated until the pressure's on. I feel I do my best when I procrastinate

because I'm under pressure. I had a five-page paper due a couple of weeks ago. I started at midnight and it was due at 9 a.m. I got a B plus on it."

"I'm a procrastinator," admits junior Jessica Cole. "But I'm a healthy procrastinator, meaning I may wait until two days before the assignment to actually sit down and write a paper. But, before that, I'm organizing what I'm going to write about in my mind. If I'm cleaning the bathroom or something, I'll think about what I want to say instead of being under the initial pressure of staring at a blank screen. By procrastinating, I'm able to calm myself and organize the paper in my head."

Archie, like Cole, defends procrastination as a method for focusing. "I believe Samuel L. Johnson said it best when he said 'Nothing focuses the mind like the prospect of a hanging,'" said Archie, referring to a deadline as a powerful motivator.

Katherine Dexter, a reference librarian at NCSU, knows all about deadlines. "Students come to me all the time, especially on night shift, saying 'Oh my God, my paper's due tomorrow. Help me!'" A lot of the time it translates to frustration. "I don't care how to search the data base, I just want the article."

Dexter estimates that 50 percent of her reference questions in the evening are requests for something that's due the next day. Time, she believes, plays a

big role. "Mid-term and end of the semester are busy times. Everyone is trying to wrap things up. Sunday evenings are really busy too. Nobody wants to do anything over the weekend."

Wilson thinks that the big issue is discipline. To overcome procrastination, he suggests students break down projects into smaller parts. Other researchers recommend similar solutions. (See sidebar)

Ferrari and his colleagues also say a key element to understanding and overcoming academic procrastination is being aware of "five cognitive distortions which promote and maintain task avoidance." These five distortions are: overestimation of time left to perform tasks, underestimation of time required to complete tasks, overestimation of future motivational states, misperception on the necessity of emotional congruence to succeed at task and belief that working when not in the mood to work is suboptimal.

Ferrari and his colleagues further recommend that students cope with these cognitive distortions through the use of "cognitive self-statements, relaxation therapy, and visualization geared toward increasing the frequency and concentration of the academic effort." Or as Cole might suggest—clean the bathroom.

In their book "Treatment of Academic Procrastination in College Students," authors Ferrari, Johnson and McCown suggest these strategies:

- Make a list of everything you have to do.
- Write an attention statement.
- Set realistic goals.
- Break it down.
- Make your task meaningful.
- Promise yourself a reward.
- Eliminate tasks you never plan to do.
- Estimate the amount of time you think it will take you to complete a task, then increase that amount by 100 percent.
- There are many references and resources for students that are interested in overcoming procrastination, so want to understand it better.

At N.C. State, students can go to the counseling center Web page and access information through the "Pamphlet Collection" link. Students can also participate in workshops offered at the center for time management, study skills, and test anxiety or make an appointment to meet with a counselor. A comprehensive Web site at www.calculation.com has information, references, and selected web site links in a user-friendly format.

BLUES

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having surgery to clear a blocked artery near his heart, Tad stated that Popper's health has been excellent since then—"He's in probably the best shape since he was 16"—and the fans can hear the improvement.

Blues Traveler's current tour, which began on October 6 and runs until Thanksgiving, is a chance for fans to hear the mix of old and new grooves. It also gives the band a way to field-test some of their new material and get comfortable with each other in a live setting.

After the new album is released (February 2001, by Tad's estimate), they plan to hit the road again for a full-scale national tour. In the meantime, they will be offering four new tracks on their Web site (www.bluestraveler.com) for fans to download. These songs are from the first sessions on which Tad and Wilson played

with the group.

Whether they or any of the other new songs end up on radio playlists is anyone's guess, but it's not something that keeps the band awake at night.

"Good songs do make the radio all the time, but there are other songs that—you don't know what the hell they're doing there," Tad commented. "Songs are on the radio because people are buying the albums, or the (publicity) machine has created an album that sells itself."

He continued, "With any band, anyone involved that spends a lot of money is going to say, 'Hey, we're going to need something we can play that will sell the album.' That's a pressure that's there, and how a band reacts to it is kind of its own thing."

For the most part, Blues Traveler chose to deal with that pressure by ignoring it and doing what they did best: touring, expanding their fan base at every turn, and giving a leg up to fellow road warriors. Tad

explained that the H.O.R.D.E. (Horizons of Rock Developing Everywhere) tour, which Popper headed up until its last run to date two years ago, helped bands such as Widespread Panic and Phish gain exposure even without heavy airplay.

"The great thing about being in this band is the fans, that grassroots idea that we just tour and that's what we do the best...And it's cool because there's no influence on the writing end like, 'We want to get a hit.' If it happens, it happens and everyone's happy. But it doesn't penetrate the ideology of the band."

With or without radio airplay, the show must go on—and that's the idea that keeps them rolling from gig to gig. When a big guy with a rifle cartridge belt full of harmonicas draped over his shoulders steps up to the microphone, you know he and his buddies mean business.

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TECHNICIAN'S VIEW

Baked Alaska

ALASKA'S BALLOT MEASURE NO. 5 WOULD COMPLETELY LEGALIZE MARIJUANA. BUT WHAT SHOULD HAPPEN WHEN A STATE ASKS FOR SOMETHING THAT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT FORBIDS?

According to the Web site of Alaska's Division of Elections, Ballot 5 (initiative no. 98HEMP) involves "allowing uses of hemp, including marijuana." The legal language bluntly states, "this bill would do away with civil and criminal penalties for persons 18 years or older who use marijuana, or other hemp products. These products include hemp used for paper, fiber, food, fuel, medicine, or personal use in private. Marijuana would be regulated like an alcoholic beverage. Doctors could prescribe marijuana. The bill allows for laws limiting marijuana use in some cases to protect public safety. It grants amnesty to persons convicted in the past of marijuana crimes. The bill creates an advisory group to study restrictions for these persons."

California's Mendocino County is attempting similar legislation. These cases raise the issue of the Constitution's 11th Amendment topic of states' rights versus federal rights.

Imagining the nation using Alaska for drug violations may be unlikely after the U.S. Supreme Court, when closing out its 1998-1999 term this summer, set precedent by ruling against a state court lawsuit by dozens of state probation officers seeking to enforce a federal labor law and collect overtime pay from Maine. The 5-to-4 decision, led by the conservative coalition of Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist and Justices Sandra Day O'Connor, Antonin Scalia, Anthony M. Kennedy

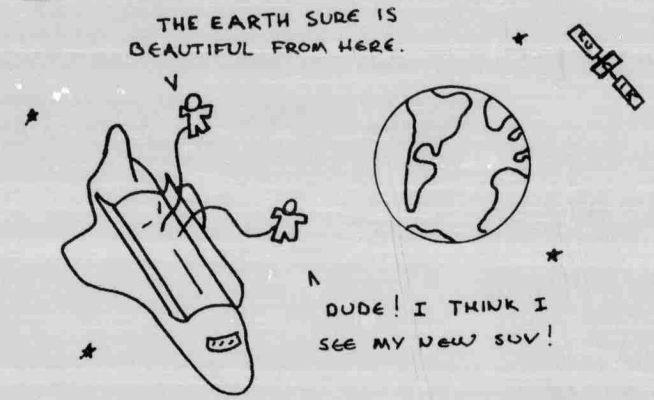
and Clarence Thomas, ruled, "the powers delegated to Congress under the ... Constitution do not include the power to subject nonconsenting states to private suits for damages in state courts" and that "Congress must accord states the esteem due to them as joint participants in a federal system."

Of course, it's easy to defend states' rights on something as safe as overtime pay. But why should laws about drug policy be any different? Why should the action be any different for a law that deals with the same idea over a different topic?

If government is supposed to be a representative democracy, the nation must both honor and stand behind the wishes of Alaskan citizens if Ballot 5 is passed. Otherwise, the nation becomes nothing more than a tyrant, weeding out the voting process in favor of its own wacky agenda.

If registered citizens vote for Ballot 5, who is the government to tell them that drug legalization is not something on which citizens are allowed to make their own decision?

Prostitution is illegal in Alaska, but legal in Nevada. And this nation respects both sides of that argument. If citizens want to wave a white flag in the failed "war on drugs," that is their right. If the nation does not respect that right, then the notion of being "of the people, by the people and for the people" goes up in smoke, forcing the government to run on nothing but mirrors.



The University of Everybody



Richard Morgan

Should everyone go to college? Initially, you'd think, "Yes. Of course. College is part of the American Dream." But at what point does the benefit of providing everyone with a college education become a problem? If everyone has a bachelor's degree, what's the point of having one? Doesn't college just become an extra fourth year of high school that you have to pay for?

On Aug. 5, 1997, President Clinton signed both the Balanced Budget Act of 1997 and the Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997. The legislature targeted tax relief for America's working families struggling to pay for college.

Furthermore, the President's Hope Scholarship and Lifetime Learning tax credits, which are worth up to \$1,500 for each student and \$1,000 per family, respectively, help taxpayers pay college expenses for themselves and their children.

Today, more and more people are going to college out of high school, returning to college after dropping out, or coming back to pick up a second degree or continue some kind of lifelong education. But are too many cooks spoiling the broth? Isn't college supposed to be elitist?

The state university systems of both California and Florida pride themselves on guaranteeing college admission to the top fill-in-the-blank percent of the

state's high schools' graduating class. But education isn't supposed to be common; it is inherently involved with the idea that it grants someone power over someone else ("I know something that you don't! Nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah!").

The sad fact, however, is that technological training requirements are forcing universities into a trade-school mentality, lowering their standards in order to be able to supply Big Business with a skilled workforce.

High school woodshop ain't cutting it anymore. These days, workers need to be Cisco-certified; they have to know HTML and C++.

After all, only the cream of the digerati crop are chosen to play Solitaire in fluorescent-lit boxes for eight hours a day.

Community colleges are booming. Specialized engineering programs are booming. But all that booming is really just making the university system go bust.

College used to teach. Now it trains. College used to provide America with its future leaders. Now it provides America with its future cubicle clerks.

Education has become Big Labor's lackey, peddling diplomas as little more than r sum  boosters.

Case in point: The U.S. Department of Education's Project EASI (Easi: Access for Students and Institutions). Project EASI's goals read like a company training manual:

- 1) Create a student, prospective student and family-focused "system" to support post-secondary education.
- 2) Provide the customer a single point of interface for federal programs and potentially with the larger post-secondary education community.
- 3) Streamline, simplify and improve

the accessibility of processes and data associated with post-secondary education.

4) Reduce costs and improve program integrity and oversight associated with the management and delivery of post-secondary education services.

5) Support lifelong learning at multi-levels.

Sure, when is a customer's study body made up of "colleges?" Since when do colleges deal with nothing more than "the management and delivery of education services?" What exactly do colleges do? Collate, laminate and (might as well) teach? When did the role of Chancellor become synonymous with the role of General Manager at Kinko's?

College isn't supposed to be easy (or "easy," for that matter). College isn't supposed to be for everybody; it is supposed to be elitist.

Sure, I'm in college already, naturally. I'm going to want it to be elitist because I want to be part of that elitism. Honestly, who doesn't? But this is not about my own greed or pride.

The truth is the cultural cache that was once carried by a bachelor's degree has now been cashed out by the proscription of the educational process at the hands of corporate culture. In the biggest economic boom in our nation's history, educational standards are going bankrupt.

TV's "Fall Guy" has "never spent much time in school but he taught ladies plenty." Riordan has spent too much time in school, and taught ladies nothing. Email him at ncsu_writer@yahoo.com.

'Girls are strange, too'



Rachael Overcash

Girls are the strangest creatures. I have a lot of best "girl friends." I have spent numerous hours with girls, but still to this day, I cannot quite understand the reasons behind the things that we do.

For girls, we spend much of our time together conversing about guys, clothes, life and how others view us. We always talk out our problems to the nth degree and ask anyone who appears remotely qualified on the subject their opinion. Too many girls are thought of as dependent — dependent on other's actions and opinions of them.

The place where girls most often get caught up in, however, is guys. I don't know how many times I have had a girlfriend of mine come in to me in tears sobbing about this guy. Girls often place too much emphasis on guys and their importance in life. There is something about having a boyfriend or being in relationship that stresses girls too much.

Now, don't get me wrong, boyfriends are great; I like dating someone. Yet, I feel every girl at least once in her lifetime needs to be single and experience fully what it is like to be an independent woman.

I have a couple of friends that can never be without a man. They do not exist without a man. They will settle for any old man, as long as he likes them. These girls need to grow up. They need to know that there is a life out there without them. That it is okay to be single, that no one is going to look down

on you.

My question for these girls: Why do you always settle for just any guy? Who tells you that just because he is a guy he is worth your time? I always feel sorry for the girl who settles. She doesn't know her true potential. She doesn't know that there is maybe an awesome guy out there who will care, love and respect her in every way. She is just too busy settling with whomever.

Being single is not that bad. It is a time to figure out what you want in life, a time when you don't always have to think for two, a time in which you can concentrate on meeting people, having fun and discovering more about yourself.

To those girls, have some respect for yourself. Be picky about who you date. Get some confidence; know that you are desirable and that the perfect mate is out there for you.

You never know what you are going to find if you don't get out there and look for it. So take a chance, ask a guy who you think is cute out from one of your classes. Give a sweet smile back to the guy eyeing you in class.

Don't be afraid of rejection. It is a natural fear that everyone has. It happens to even the best of us. Without going through rejection, you will never know how good it feels to be with a guy when you actually do get one.

So next weekend, when that sleazy pickup asks you out as a "bootie call," think about it for a little while and ask yourself if this guy deserves to spend time with you; is he even worth the effort? You never know what your answer might be.

Rachael decided to criticize girls for once. So what did you think? Email her with all your questions or comments at rovercash@unity.ncsu.edu

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C A M P U S F O R U M

Ticket fiasco makes student 'ashamed'

I waited almost three years for this game. The chance to see the ACC's most dominating team ever face N.C. State with the chance of an upset. I got out early for tickets. I stood 10 yards from the ticket window for three hours amid the shoving and screaming while Public Safety looked on. I got to Reynolds at 4 a.m. I left at 8:15 a.m. with no ticket and in shock.

I was 19th in line and got no ticket! I was amazed at the lack of organization of the whole ticket distribution, the miscommunication to the students and the disregard for our safety. I am ashamed.

I first must extend my concern for the obvious. We are the state's largest university and have one of the largest stadiums, yet we allow the least accommodations for students. 8,800 tickets we were allotted. Our student population is near 27,000. There is obviously a problem. Block seating gets half of those tickets. After that, about 600 tickets go to the Student Wolfpack club, then the cheerleaders, band and etc. get theirs. That leaves 3,500 tickets for 20,000 students.

The university knew that this game was a nationally televised, mega-match-up between our coach's old team. The university knew that students would want to go to this game, seeing as we beat FSU last time they came here. Knowing all this, I saw a total of six public safety officers oversee thousands awaiting the distribution.

At 5:30 a.m. we students stamped the gates (no apparent signal was given); people fell and could have been trampled. They blame the ending of campout on us students, but they failed to realize that if they had adequately supervised and controlled the festivities nothing would have happened. We as students are easy scapegoats; we are "apparently" powerless to the wills of the administration.

Too often this university waits for bad things to happen before they act. How can we ever hold the administration and athletic department accountable? The checks all end up in the same account. I say we all that got shafted go to the game, march, stand outside the gates and demonstrate.

It will always be a chess match between the students' rights and the administrative power.

Decker Ngongang
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'Ticket policy failed'

Well after they took campout away from us last year I thought there would be no possible way that the students would get shafted again so easily. On Friday there was an article in Technician saying no one could camp out for tickets meaning stay out all night (or all weekend) but at the previous games you could be in line after midnight and the lines were more organized. This game was different however. Originally line up wouldn't begin until 7 a.m. but that was changed to 6:30 a.m.; however the masses decided it would be good to line up at 5:30 through a mad dash.

This is not fair to students because some are not good runners. If you were out there it was scary and unfair; people came out from the woods and the stairs on the side of Reynolds giving them an unfair advantage. Then the biggest blow came once the ticket lines were open a group of three or four students were in line rumored to be a fraternity and a sorority. They got around 300 tickets from what I heard. The ticket policy says 6 tickets per student well they had all their people there by 7:00 a.m., but those three or four were in line and the other people off to the side to say they were there.

The ticket policy failed and students got left out in the cold. When is the Campus Life Committee going to learn

that there new policies need lots of work and need to be examined more closely using to day as a reference point? I leave with this question: What is this policy going to be like for basketball season when there are less student tickets available?

Josh Auten
Sophomore
Textile/Technology

More on tickets: 'where's the logic?'

OK, I agree that something needed to happen to stop everything I went on last year at the camp out for JNC and Duke basketball tickets. But things have gotten a little out of hand.

I got to Reynolds Sunday night. As I arrived I noticed that someone had spent a little money to make signs telling students not to park in the lot next to the coliseum, a nice little touch briefly stating, "no parking for student ticket distribution." Inside the lot I noticed that there were two Wake County Sheriffs Deputy's crs. I walked up to them and they alimly (while watching game two of the World Series) told me that there would be no line forming before 6:30 a.m. Maday morning. So I went and asked the NCSU Public Safety officer about that was going on and he told me that the order had come down from "upstairs" and that no one was allowed to be in front of Reynolds before 6:30 a.m. the morning. He also told me that there would be three more sheriff's deputies arriving, and two more NCSU Public Safety officers that would be coming to patrol the area.

Have these people higher up (Chancellor Fox, Dr. Staiford) evn been to a distribution for football. There have been no Public Safety need ed for any games yet this year, why do we need eight patrol cars there now? Do you know how things work at these distributions? Do you realize this is *not*

THE OTHER HAND C A M P U S F O R U M Death Penalty CONTINUED FROM PREVIOUS PAGE

Editor's Note: A staff columnist was given the opportunity to present an argument for the death penalty as part of this debate. That columnist did not submit an argument. This space is where the argument would have run. *Technician* regrets any appearance of one-sidedness but it was unavoidable. The argument for the death penalty may run in the future.



'Death be not proud'

Richard Morgan
STAFF COLUMNIST

In attacking the death penalty, I debated whether or not to write a clever argument, whether or not to dress up my position with slick catchphrases and persuasive writing devices. Rather than bother with all that pomp and circumstance, however, I have opted to represent my view against the death penalty as pure fact, countering as many prevailing arguments for the death penalty as space permits.

I will let the data speak for itself:

- Deterrence: Capital punishment stops crime.** The 1980 FBI Uniform Crime Reports Division publication, *Crime in the U.S.*, showed murder rates in states which have abolished the death penalty averaged 5.1 per 100,000 population while states still using the death penalty averaged 9.1 per 100,000. This data is consistent with a study on deterrence by the Council on Crime and Delinquency in 1992. Furthermore, the U.S.-based Bowers-Pierce study, analyzing executions between 1977 and 1993, concluded that an average of two additional homicides were committed in the month after an execution took place, noting a "brutalizing" effect on society resulting from executions.

- Guilt: Capital criminals deserve to die.** Between 1973 and 1997 at least 69 men were released from death rows in 17 states with significant evidence of innocence. Flaws inherent in the death sentencing system had allowed them to be wrongfully convicted. For at least 23 people executed in this country in this century, the discovery of those flaws came too late.

- Price: Death is cheaper than jail time.** California spends an extra \$90 million per year on capital punishment. In Florida, each execution costs the state \$3.2 million (six times more than incarcerating a prisoner for life). Texas, with the highest execution rate and one of the highest murder rates in the country, spends an estimated \$2.3 million per capital case, roughly three times the cost of keeping someone in prison for 40 years. Dr. Philip Cook and Donna Swenson of Duke University released a report in April 1993, "The Costs of Processing Murder Cases in North Carolina," which compared the costs of prosecuting murder cases capitally and noncapitally in North Carolina. North Carolina spends approximately \$2.16 million per actual execution. The overall costs to the state for having the death sentence are \$4 million a year higher than if it only sought life sentences in first-degree murder cases.

- Fairness: the justice system works.** Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall, in his opinion in *Godfrey vs. Georgia* (1980) wrote, "The task of eliminating arbitrariness in the infliction of capital punishment is proving to

be one which our criminal justice system — and perhaps any criminal justice system — is unable to perform."

- Mercy: death is better than life in jail.** "For there to be an equivalence" between criminal homicide and execution, Albert Camus wrote, "the death penalty would have to punish a criminal who had warned his victim of the date at which he would inflict a horrible death on him and who from that moment onward had confined him at his mercy for months. Such a monster is not encountered in private life."

- Law: the death penalty is legal.** The use of the death penalty for crimes committed under the age of 18 is prohibited under international human rights standards, including the *International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights*, the *Convention on the Rights of the Child*, and the *American Convention on Human Rights*. Still, the U.S. has executed 13 minors since capital punishment's reinstatement in 1976. According to the NAACP's Legal Defense Fund, there are currently 77 under-18 offenders on death row.

- Painlessness: the death penalty is not cruel and unusual punishment.** Utah, Oklahoma and Idaho allow death by firing squad. Delaware, Washington, New Hampshire and Montana allow death by hanging. At a 1990 Florida execution, a malfunction of the electric chair equipment caused flames to leap six inches above the prisoner's head each time the current was turned on. In 1992, a prisoner in Oklahoma had a violent reaction to the drugs used in the lethal injection. While he gasped and gagged violently, the muscles in his jaw, neck and abdomen reacted spasmodically; 11 minutes elapsed before the man died. In 1994 it took five minutes for David Lawson to die in North Carolina's gas chamber. During that time he screamed, "I'm human! I'm human!"

- Holiness: the death penalty is biblical.** According to the Book of Matthew, Chapter 5, the people supporting the death penalty have to be sinless; sinlessness in these cases does not mean merely that the people supporting capital punishment have never committed murder, but that they have never held hate or anger in their hearts at any time. Those who interpret the scriptures of "an eye for an eye" to give the right for vengeance are told to forgive their enemies and bless those who have harmed them.

If you have read these facts and still support the death penalty, read these facts again. I beg you.

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run by student government and that we are not camping out. There was no alcohol out Sunday tonight, no fire, no loud music, just fans of the football team that wanted to get the best seats. Why can't we decide to send down these messages again, check things out, do some research on football ticket distribution.

Someone made a big mistake. A lot of money has been wasted, students are once again unhappy with the school, and God only knows what Coach Amato would think to hear that fans of his football team just trying to get tickets were run off by cops.

Jeff Flanagan
Junior
Pulp and Paper Science

Student Senator's ticket view

I anxiously awaited as the clock began the lowly descent to 6:00 a.m. When we stopped to tempt the Public Safety officers with doughnuts and coffee; they kindly told us to keep moving and that the best place to wait was directly through the tunnel across from Reynolds. Having no real guideline for the barrier of where we should stand, the crowd grew antsy and approached the coliseum only to be thwarted by public safety. As we then stood by the coliseum deck, the crowd grew larger by about one to two hundred people. The clock now read approximately 5:35 a.m., which was dreadfully the time at which I first heard a rebel yell. It seems as if someone in the group realized that with only three public safety officers guarding the ticket booths, with only three Wake County Sheriff's cars around, it was the perfect time to place a surprise attack. Yelling and running all three hundred students from the east side of the coliseum charged the fort. The fort, being vastly outnumbered, was quickly overtaken. It was a classic example of what happens when a crowd is too riled and cannot be controlled by a mere three people. What happened next probably averted rioting and mass murder.

Had the public safety officers attempted to disperse the crowd, numbering approximately 600, there would have been no happy non-campers. The bottom line is this: future ticket distributions using a campout, lottery, or first-come-first-serve basis need to be planned out in full. We Student Senators, as chief participants in the planning process need to set clear lines for where the mob will wait prior to charging the ticket window. We need enough Public Safety officers to hold those lines and we need more tickets. But let us focus now on new and improved methods for distribution. Remember, each of us, as students, played a large role in the dissolution of campout; remember, each of us, as student senators, ought to play a large role in finding a solution to a recurring problem — a problem that can only be solved through creative and collaborative planning.

Garrett Bugg
Student Senator
Chair, University Affairs Committee

Alumnus' ticket view

I am an alumnus of NCSU and have been reading about the difficulties associated with student ticket distribution for the football game against Florida State. From the different sources I have read, I have come to the conclusion that the University Administration has handled that opportunity in a highly inefficient and unfair way. Students, who are generally perceived to be the most loyal and vociferous supporters of the University's athletic teams, were denied the opportunity to support the football team in what is arguably its most important game of the year. Worse than that, those students were denied that opportunity so that some groups could get hundreds of tickets by rushing to line up ahead of those who were willing to be out early in the morning to line up for tickets.

It is my understanding that campout was eliminated by the administration due to problems with underage consumption of alcohol and bad behavior

by campers. It seems to me that underage drinking (which goes on every day and every night in the residence halls) and a little bit of rowdy behavior (another common occurrence in on-campus housing) are a small price to pay for the increased fan support and overall NCSU pride produced by those that are willing to camp out and stay in line for days in order to go to football and basketball games and support our athletes in their endeavors.

Jeremy Wilson
Class of '97
History

Technician editorial 'ridiculous'

How can *Technician's* editorial (Oct. 24) say students with social affiliations are the root of the ticket problem? That is a ridiculous notion! Do your research next time. First of all, you ought to be thanking those groups that have been applying for block seating as long as athletics have been around. Had it not been for those groups continually showing a demand for tickets over the years, we most likely would not have as many tickets allotted to the student body as there are right now.

You convenient fans that show support only when big teams come around are lucky that you had a chance at one of those 8,800 tickets. As well, the list for block seating did not consist of just "Student organizations and Greek societies." Secondly, why are you using "Student organizations and Greek societies" as scapegoats? You obviously noted the fact the number of students at this university far exceeded the number of tickets allotted. Why did you not draw the conclusion that "more tickets need to be allocated for students" in general? Did that idea not strike any of you as a solution? Why are you not on the backs of the administration here at N.C. State for not giving everyone of us a chance to watch our school this Saturday? Why?

Because you people who write these editorials have two problems: (a) you're scared of the administration (have some backbone and place blame when and where it lies), and (b) you have an ongoing desire to make those of us who choose to gather in larger social groups than you look bad to the rest of your audience.

In four years at this university, *Technician* has said nothing but bad items about affiliated groups here at NCSU. Leave us alone and take on the real culprits who have robbed you of items like campouts, Brent Road and now your right to see your alma mater play football.

Brant Wellons
Junior
First Year College

'Fairness, not tickets' is real loss

Who was at fault? In an organization as large as this university, blame is easy to place. I don't think it is fair to place the blame on anyone or anything but the top. The ticket distribution this morning was mishandled from the top. Utter chaos ensued at the bottom. Fairness, not tickets, went out the window.

But this wasn't the first time. We all remember campout last year. The home Duke basketball game last year in the rain (with the alleged lottery) was mishandled as well. The Georgia Tech football game this fall was mishandled with the center line not swiping ID's like the other lines. Why are the ticket distributions continually being mishandled and leaving people in the cold? Why are the chances of getting tickets at the ticket counter approaching zero for any fan? Why are people losing faith?

The problem boils down to this: The administration has invested millions into our new athletic programs but has not coupled it with the resources to make attendance eligibility fair. Perhaps the ticket distribution control is in the wrong hands. Nevertheless, with the advent of rapid increases in demand for tickets over the past year, the administration has not addressed the fact that the lion share of students who pre-pay for the games with their fees have little to no chance of getting a seat.

The average student at the booth this morning, whose fee base is over \$4 million per year for intercollegiate athletics programs, was hustling for seven percent of the available seats at Carter-Finley. The administration may not want to provide the student body with a larger share of the available seats as sales are quite lucrative when selling Carter-Finley to the public at a revenue potential over \$3 million per season. With all of this revenue floating around, the very least the administra-

tion could do is to put the necessary people and resources in place to upgrade the ticket distribution system from the current intractable situation. There are plenty of examples of big schools in this country with big time athletics coupled with well-organized student ticket distribution systems. If we are heading for the big time, we need to do better.

Peter Miraglia
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Materials Science

Distribution discontent

Recently I've heard many offer their feelings that they were screwed out of some tickets, and those people seemed to have no shortage of people to blame. And truthfully I am one of them. Not only was it my group that was two groups away from the last window open on Monday morning when it closed, but I was also in a group that lost in the good of N.C. State lottery system. So whose fault is it, and how can it be made fair in the future?

Some people blame the Public Safety officers on hand Monday morning who not only allowed lines to form before the previously stated 6:00 a.m. (I won't complain about this, I was there at 5:15 a.m.), but then allowed people to jump from closing ticket lines into ones next to them without saying a word. Some people blame the groups who were allowed to get more than their share of tickets, such as Delta Zeta, who received nearly 300 tickets, on Monday morning or Campus Crusade for Christ, who received three groups worth of blocked seats. Others have complained about how it was done by the ticket distribution people themselves, and how they handled giving too many seats to block seating. But it's not that too many were giving out to blocked seating, but that they were given out unfairly.

Why was it considered unfair to give the tickets to the 40 groups, like mine, who have been signing up for tickets together from the beginning? Why give it to the ones who decide they want to go see just this game? And those who are mad that organizations can even get blocked seats at all need to realize that anyone, with a group of more than 50, can sign up for blocked seating. Your floor, your dorm, you and your 50 best friends; it doesn't matter. And those who are mad at anything on Monday morning, those people to blame are the people who you think can't be blamed, us, the students.

Blame the people burning everything from trees to newspaper boxes to couches at basketball campout last year. Blame the person who went around ripping off car bumpers. Without them there may have been a more reasonable lineup time which could have been fairer to all. But don't automatically put blame on those who don't deserve it. And if anyone has an extra ticket, I'll feel free to take it.

Chris Hight
Sophomore
Computer Science

'Delta Zeta got tickets, did not get in line'

I'd just like to say a few things about the ticket distribution Monday morning. While I got tickets, there were a lot of people there that did not. I wanted to confirm that I saw the Delta Zetas get their tickets. They arrived late, around 7 a.m. or 7:30 a.m. and did not get in line, but stood to the left of the line that I was in next to the ticket window. They were the first to receive tickets when the window opened. How or why I don't know, but I'd like to know. Also there were several other groups that got more than 100 tickets. This seems to be very unfair to the general student population. What can we do about it? Who knows, but there has to be a better way.

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Sorority 'should feel ashamed'

The ticket distribution on Monday was a farce. This event was more unsafe than campout ever was. At 5:30 a.m. on Oct. 23, 2000, I saw what seemed like a scene out of the movie, "Far and Away," and everyone was trying to stake their claim. There were many people who were trampled running to the ticket windows. I saw one student being pushed to the ground and had her shoes knocked off. This in no way proves to me that we have a better ticket system in place.

A certain sorority on this campus, and I think you all know who that sorority is, went to the front of the left line and demanded they get their tickets. Now

just after witnessing the running of the bulls, I concluded that there was no way that they could have fought their way to the front by simply running there. It is a disgrace to those in line, way in the back, when a group of two students can simply jump in line and request almost half the stack of tickets at the ticket window. It took almost 15 minutes for the ticket person to dole out their tickets, while hundreds of students waited in uncertainty and wondering why the two remaining lines were moving and their line was not. After this sorority left the window, the window closed approximately 10 to 15 minutes later. To the outrage of many, the sorority trotted off with their tickets. Later that day, I came into allegations that they had more tickets than they needed, which means that there will be many students that could have gone to the game but will instead be forced to flip to it on ESPN. One group should not be able to siphon off the amount of tickets that this sorority received in one sitting. Each one of those girls should have had to be waiting in the line with the rest of us, or even half of their request. Yet I only counted about 25 group members myself. I hope that someday we will stick to the policies that have been outlined for ticket distribution. I know that this sorority was not the only group that did this, but they should all feel ashamed for their actions.

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Delta Zeta was just 'resourceful'

I want to clear up many misconceptions about the incident Monday morning with the Delta Zeta sorority. Since many, many students on campus are very ignorant of the situation or why it happened, I felt it necessary to state the facts.

They missed the lottery by approximately three groups, and if the university had not taken away tickets, the entire situation would have been avoided. Through my knowledge, another organization (Campus Crusade for Christ) split up into three separate groups and received 450 tickets through block seating, yet no anger is directed towards them. Therefore, they had to resort to mass distribution to receive tickets, as did many of the rest of us. Every person had equal opportunity to receive these tickets, and they received them fairly. Why? They had about 75 percent of their organization there around 4:00 a.m., far before the estimated time to line up. They were organized. They had cell phones and walkie talkies in between all of their sisters so that they would all be there.

They were prepared. They had a single check for all the tickets they bought and had organized all of the IDs into one pack. When the stampede broke around 5:30 a.m., they were resourceful enough to get near the front of one line. Instead of all 70 girls getting in line, they allowed two of their sisters to stand there and the rest patiently waited off to the side. The same happened with my group, yet because they were organized they were ostracized obscenely. Why? Because the people that were in line immediately after would have to sit five rows deeper than if they had not gotten tickets? Is it worth it to completely belittle and berate these women, only because they were intelligent and organized enough to get tickets the right way? That is incredibly petty. As for the people in the back of the line, you wouldn't have gotten tickets anyway. They were there far before you, and if they had all gotten in the back of the line when it initially formed, it would have been the same outcome.

This is misplaced anger. This anger should be towards the Athletics Department and their distribution policy. Chancellor Fox, Charlie Cobb and every else involved, this should be a wake-up call. Campout did get out of control. We all admit that. But the scene Monday morning definitely is not the answer. It was far more dangerous than any campout ever was. A stronger police presence at campout would control the instigators of any vandalism, and we would have our much loved and revered tradition back. To all of the students at N.C. State, please step back and examine the situation before you direct anger at someone. We all are on the same side, and for issues like this to provoke so much hatred towards someone or a group, we should be ashamed. This organization followed all the correct steps, and they received tickets fairly. I stand behind them 100 percent. I hope that misconceptions have been cleared and at least some anger is appeased. Go State.

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NCSU censorship 'deceptive and pointless'

Passing through the free expression tunnel Friday morning, I saw something very disturbing. No, the tunnel wasn't painted Carolina Blue again, and no, all the paint hadn't fallen off. It was worse than that: university employees were out in full force, busily painting over every obscene or offensive word in the tunnel with a coat of fresh white paint. Apparently, they wanted to make N.C. State's Open House last weekend as pleasant an experience as possible for prospective students and their families.

But censoring students in an area of "free expression"? And with university (read "our") money? That's absolutely ridiculous. Trying to hide this facet of college life from parents is just deceptive and pointless. Instead, why not cut the grass in the sidewalks on Morrill Drive or provide the visitors with wide-brimmed hats to protect them from falling acorns (trust me, it hurts).

Stephen Jeffcoat
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Animal Science

NCSU pushes 'bigoted dogma'

I find myself stunned by the comments of Professors Ort and Ferster regarding the feminism (sexism) of the English department.

Perhaps the professors in the English department need to walk outside the doors of Tompkins Hall and look at the reality of feminism. Feminism is not about equality in any way. Feminism is about equality as much as the Ku Klux Klan is about equality.

If feminists were in favor of equality, they would not be fighting tooth and nail for a law called the "Violence Against Women Act" when men are equally as likely to be victims of domestic violence.

If feminists were in favor of equality, they would not be actively promoting efforts to prevent fathers from having a fair chance to get child custody in divorce disputes.

If feminists were in favor of equality, they would not be in favor of programs to put girls even more ahead in education than they already are while boys fall further and further behind.

If feminists were in favor of equality, they would not invite people like Jackson Katz to come to this campus and spread malicious statements that abused men are like people who say that alien spacecraft land in their backyards.

I have nothing personally against the English department here. My own English professor is very kind and an excellent instructor, albeit a little tough on grading. I have a problem with an educational institution promoting a sexist and biased philosophy as gospel, prohibiting any question of the bigoted dogma of feminism. I consider this to create a hostile environment for male students, for which the university can and will be held legally liable if it is not corrected.

Chuck Jones
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Judicial Board 'regardless of truth'

Technician concludes in an Oct. 20 editorial about the judicial process at N.C. State, "The NCSU community has no reason to see a need for the re-evaluation of its own student-centered justice program." Apparently *Technician* had not looked closely at the details of our student judicial process. There are a number of areas of concern in the Code of Student Conduct as well as the activity of the Student Judicial Board: Students are not allowed to be represented by legal counsel before the board. The Code also states, "formal rules of evidence shall not be applicable," allowing the accuser to enter all evidence regardless of whether it was obtained legally in stark contrast to the ideals of justice set forth in the fourth and sixth amendments to the Constitution.

On Sept. 30 this year, *Technician* reported, "for the academic year 1999-2000, a total of 75 students went before the judiciary board for either an academic or non-academic hearing. Of the students tried, seventy-one were found guilty on at least one charge." This rate is highly suggestive of the possibility the process does not allow students, or fair chance to prove their innocence, or that the judicial board is too willing to find the accused guilty. There is perception among the student body that the Judicial Board is merely an agency that will "rubber stamp" everything that is put before it. Because of the

method of selection of student members of the board, it is not beyond considering that the students are chosen because of their willingness to agree with the administration and uphold the accusations of the university against students, regardless of the truth. It is in the student body's best interest to drastically change the Student Code of Conduct as well as the judicial process. The principles of justice as set forth by the Constitution should not end when one enters NCSU.

Kevin Blair
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Food Science

Praise for Patricia

In Patricia Crane's "Spray Paint" column (Oct. 24) she wrote that, if asked to choose, she'd choose Israel because her personal loyalties lie in her Jewish-Christian roots. Such a framework is fine for deciding which sports team to root for, but it's hardly appropriate for deciding whether Israel's policies and actions (or those of the Palestinians) are humane or conform to international law. Imagine applying the same decision-making guidelines to the situation in apartheid South Africa... On what is literally a "life-and-death" issue for others, below, declaring any loyalties you should become informed on the issues and not rely on emotions. I think problems in the Middle East are so difficult to overcome because people there and elsewhere let their own emotions guide them instead of reason and understanding for other points of view.

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Tandon 'malicious'

Manav Tandon exposed his malicious views in his irresponsible piece on Oct. 23. I won't go into the Palestine or Kashmir issue because there isn't enough space to give him a history lesson. Also, he wasn't born in a refugee camp outside of his country, so he is not qualified to comment on those kids throwing rocks at the Israeli army. Neither was I, but I personally know a lot who were. By the way, he conveniently forgot to mention the numerous U.N. resolutions against Israel and India with regards to Palestine and Kashmir, respectively.

I am going to address another issue that he mentioned in his article: the bombing of our country (Iraq), which ended up killing 5,000 children every month for the last 10 years (do the math). Maybe it imposes an arms embargo on you (Bosnia) and refuses to defend you while you are slaughtered by others, or just maybe it bombs your pharmaceutical plant (Sudan) alleging that it produced chemical weapons. So, Manav, if your children died of starvation, or were slaughtered by dictators in any of those hypothetical situations, wouldn't you want justice? You know you can't touch those who made those cruel policies, so you bomb some military installation belonging to that country. Why? Because in doing so, you kill those who are enforcing those policies. Would I call you a "terrorist"? Hardly! But the rest of the so-called civilized world would, however, deep down inside you, you would know that what you did was only "just," in a way. Personally, I don't condone the bombing of the U.S. Cole; neither do I condemn it. But, if you should know, that monster Albright condemned the deaths of so many children in Iraq by saying "it's worth the price." The only thing that distinguishes terrorists from U.S. policymakers is that the terrorists don't have bombers or the capacity to inflict an embargo on the American people. I hope every "enlightened" individual who is under the delusion that the USA is the "most" civilized country on the face of this earth will ponder after reading this.

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Tandon 'racist'

Thousands of students are reading *Technician* everyday. The sad thing is that one of the articles published Oct. 23 contains enormous racist information not based on facts at all. Whatever happened in Kashmir has nothing to do with Palestinians' case. Fighting for their own land and human rights. I tell you I'm not a Muslim nor a Palestinian but I am from Lebanon and do know Israel's behavior in that region. I was really surprised to read such a racist

article against Islam and Palestinians.

Tandon failed to mention or doesn't know that Palestine is based on a mixture of Christians and Muslims, as well as other religions. Israel was established in Palestine in 1948 and as a result hundreds of thousands of Palestinians were kicked out of their own land and their own homes to neighboring countries such as Jordan, Lebanon and Syria. If the Jews has the right to claim the land which was theirs thousands of years ago, then Native Americans have the right to kick everybody out and establish their own country. You were an American but now you are left with no identity and have no rights, how does that feel? Israel's government is not satisfied with just Palestine but also attacked Egypt and Lebanon leaving hundreds of injuries and dead people. They occupied south of Lebanon for almost 23 years killing innocent people, bombing every utilities and even three years ago, mistakenly they claim, bombing U.N. campus killing children and elderly people. They occupy your country and expect you not to defend yourself in return. When you do, you are depicted as a terrorist by some people on your staff columnist.

Last but not least, Palestine has sat on the peace table and has been willing to talk peace with Israel. For almost last 10 years, Palestinians have agreed to live with Israelis in peace in return for some of their land, the "Land for Peace" deal. What is happening in Palestine today is the result of Israel not following through with these deals because they do want peace but they don't want the existence of Palestine. Palestinians, both Christians and Muslims, are human and deserve to exist. As a NCSU student, I feel that Palestinians and Muslim people in general deserve an apology for such an unfairly stated article.

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Tandon 'offensive' with 'no understanding'

As a Muslim, at first I found Manav Tandon's article, "Islamic fundamentalism: a serious problem," offensive. Then, I was just saddened because I would think that Tandon, being an Indian, would understand Islam better considering his ancestors have lived amongst Muslims for hundreds of years. Instead, Tandon shows that he really has no understanding of Islam and has simply accepted the view of the American media concerning Islam. For instance, Tandon refers to jihad as a holy war, but that definition is only partially correct. Jihad is a mental and physical struggle to spread Islam to others and to fight against those enemies of Islam who oppress and kill Muslims. And last time I checked, the Israelis and the Indians have been killing and oppressing Muslims. So, are we (Muslims) just supposed to sit around and let them do that to us? No, of course not. Did the African-Americans just sit around and continue to let the whites use them as slave labor? No, they did not. They fought back. Both peacefully and violently. That's what the Palestinians and the Kashmiris are doing as well. They are fighting back the only way they can, with rocks in the case of the Palestinians, to regain their land and show that the Muslims will not accept oppression as a way of life. Does that make the Palestinians "Islamic Fundamentalists"? Yes, by Tandon's definition. I guess that makes me and the majority of the Muslims "fundamentalists" as well and if Tandon and others want to label us as that, fine by me. However, I prefer to call us real Muslims who submit to the commands of Allah, the Lord of the Worlds.

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Tandon 'flat out wrong'

Mr. Tandon identifies one of the most worrisome things happening in the world today, but some of his views are unfounded and flat out wrong. I must first start out by saying that I am not Muslim or Jewish, so I have no emotional ties to the views of either religion.

Tandon addresses the fact that Palestinians are fighting the Israelis with rocks as compared to guns, and says that the Israelis are justified in using live ammunition. I'm sure Mr. Tandon also believes that assault helicopters are an effective way to counter stones, but, as the Israeli military believes, the problem with this conflict is the overuse of military force on the Palestinians. The Israeli military is one of the world's best trained and best equipped, and for them to use their mil-

itary prowess on those who cannot effectively fight back is just wrong. Not surprisingly, that's why the U.N. issued an edict condemning the Israeli's use of force. These Muslims are being slaughtered for fighting to gain back their own country.

Israel did not even exist until 1948, and it was given to the Jews by Christian nations, with complete disregard for Muslim sentiment. I agree that both the Jewish and Muslim religions have occupied that land for many hundreds of years, but who gave Christians the right to determine the balance of an entire region? Certainly, Christians are not the rulers of the world, but for centuries they have acted as such, and have wrongly influenced billions of people into conformity.

Tandon goes on to allege that Muslim fundamentalism started this conflict, when in most obviously did not, Ariel Sharon, an upper member of the Israeli Parliament, is the sole reason for this conflict. His decision to visit the West Bank was most obviously a political ploy to start the fighting, and a way for him to swing his right-wing party's views into favor and alliance with the rest of the Israeli government. Setting off Palestinians is kind of like blowing into a pit bull's nose. It doesn't take much blowing before it: dog bites you. There are certain times, when as the leader of a group, you must follow the sentiment of the people. That is exactly what Arafat is doing. He could no more stop the fighting than he could fly without wings.

There are also members of the Jewish community that would fight to the death before they would agree to peace with the Palestinians. Tandon also unfairly categorizes the Palestinian freedom movement. The PLO is not a "fundamentalist" organization. The PLO exists solely for the liberation of Palestine. The brave members fight for their oppressed nation by means that they deem necessary. Included in that fighting may be attacks on the allies of their enemy, which is normal for any group fighting for freedom. This is not to say that I support their methods, but I can understand where they are coming from, since I'm sure many fundamentalists would fight in much the same manner as the Palestinians if they were put in the same situation.

I do, however, agree with Tandon on some points. Indeed, the children should not be out in the streets throwing rocks. The children should not be anywhere nearby, and I must question the type of parent that would continue to live their daily life of freedom fighting with such reckless abandon for the safety of their children. There are also those Muslim fundamentalist groups who would bring about the end of western civilization, and with that I cannot agree. Ideally, the United States should not be taking sides in this conflict, but from the beginning the US has always (and unfairly) been on the Israeli side. Peace is not brought about with partisanship or predicated loyalties.

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Bush, Gore 'similar'

In his Opinion column of Oct. 20 ("Big Gore Government"), Nathan Lintner makes Al Gore sound like a would-be dictator, in contrast to the supposedly enlightened George W. Bush. The truth is that Gore and Bush are similar in several important ways. For instance, according to the amusing and informative Web site <http://www.billionairesforbush.org>, both candidates support NAFTA as well as corporate welfare, often at the expense of the ordinary citizen.

The issues that Lintner writes off as "environmental ideals" include the water we drink and the air we breathe, not to mention the endangered species that we have no right to wipe off the face of the Earth.

I suspect that many student loan recipients at NCSU would take issue with his stance on education funding as well. His glib and unsupported characterizations of Gore's agenda, and of elected government in general, make it clear that opponents as well as supporters of "big government" are capable of using scare tactics.

Still, Lintner makes a good point about inconsistencies in Gore's record—even though it is incredibly naive to believe that a Bush administration would be less beholden to corporate interests. This is why I'm thinking of voting for Ralph Nader for President.

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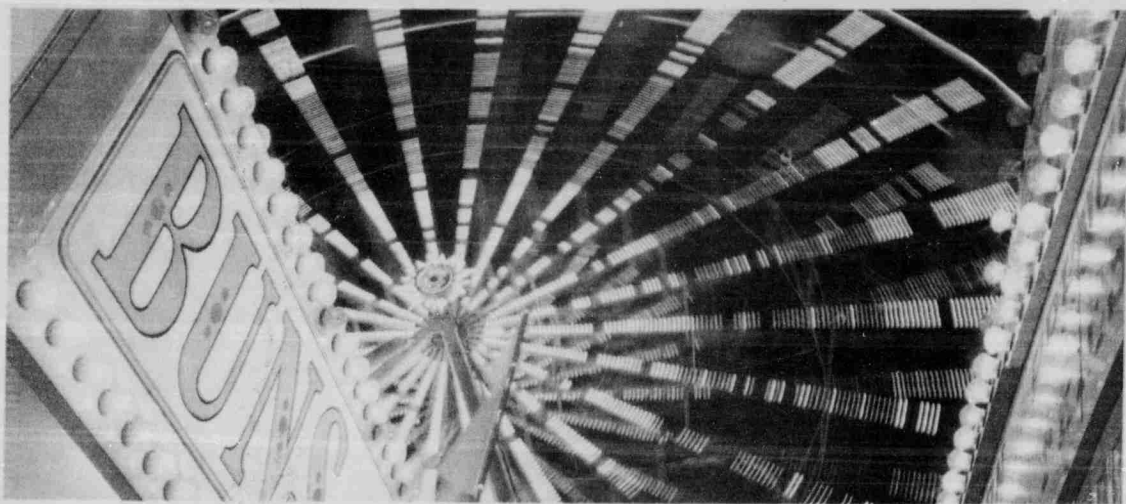
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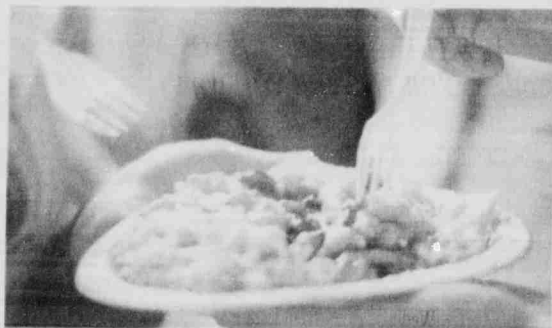


...There comes a time every October when citizens of the Great State of North Carolina and those from places beyond flock to Raleigh to take in the N.C. State Fair. In a time when talk of the New Millennium and the Internet echoes a theme of change in America, the Fair is a gentle and pleasant reminder that sometimes things are best when they stay the same. When nutritional news dominates the headlines and everyone seems to be watching their calories, the Fair—with row after succulent row of greasy, high-calorie food vendors—seems to say, "Leave your diet at the door for a day." Pay a buck and take in a Freak Show. You may live in the heart of the city, but it's important to take time and visit the agricultural exhibits in praise of a time when pastoral life was the only life.

The rides are gone, the food's all been eaten, but take a moment to look back, through the eyes of Technician's photographers, at the first Fair of the New Millennium. One that screamed anything *but* 21st Century.

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eral ACC matches. They both bring different skills and attributes to the team and will be relied on to be ready for different game strategies.

Junior outside hitter Charece Williams, who leads the Pack with 281 kills this season, had 20 kills against FSU. Senior right-side hitter Meredith Price played well defensively, tallying 13 digs.

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"Just like all of our players, Lindsay has come through when we've needed someone to come through," the coach said. "That's what's been so great about this team; when we aren't expecting it, a player like Lindsay can explode for two goals against a great team like Duke."

The freshman class, including Underwood, has impacted

Stephanie Stambaugh and Alison Kreager are hitting at .263 and .258, respectively. Stambaugh is second behind Williams for most kills on the team with 208. Williams also stepped up with a .317 hitting percentage and racked up 18 kills.

"Our middle hitters, Stephanie Stambaugh and Alison Kreager were large reasons for our success," Hall said. "We will need to make sure that we can continue to get them the ball as they are effective offensively with their quick attack."

the conference, not just the State campus. For example, Carmen Israel broke a scoreless tie in the 54th minute as the Pack defeated Maryland.

The class is one where the players know each other well and look forward to guiding State back to the NCAA Tournament.

"Our freshman class is very tight," Underwood said. "I see us in a couple of years becoming a real national power. With the coaches and especially the players in our class, we have so much potential."

IM/RecNotes

Intramurals

Flag football playoffs begin this week. Come by 1000 Carmichael Gymnasium to find out the schedule. The intramural department wishes all the teams participating good luck.

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Club sports - results

The club baseball team beat Duke 8-3 Saturday. Corey Moore sparked the Wolfpack at the plate with three hits, including a home run. Michael Lowdermik, Justin Putnam and Paul Stettner each had two hits.

Lower Miller Field was the site of the N.C. Rugby Union State Tournament on Saturday and Sunday. Although North Carolina swept the men's and women's collegiate state championships, the N.C. State teams had a great showing. The women beat Duke 5-0 in a consolation game after falling to Elon, and the men had their best showing in several years, upsetting Appalachian State and UNC-Wilmington to reach the final game vs. UNC. The State men put forth a valiant effort going ahead 14-10, but UNC scored a try and an extra late in the game to win 17-14.

The club equestrian dressage team fared well at the Virginia Intermont Horse Show on Saturday, with Autumn Tedder placing as the Reserve Champion (second place). The dressage team travels to Laurinburg to participate in the St. Andrews Horse Show on Friday. The club equestrian hunter team goes to Greensboro to participate in the UNC-Greensboro Horse Show on Sunday.

The women's club volleyball team played host to UNCG on Saturday at Carmichael Gym. The State "A" team swept UNCG's "A" team in two separate matches, winning 25-14, 25-21, 25-9 and 25-22, 25-17, 26-24. In addition, the NCSU "B" team swept the UNCG "B" team 25-21, 25-21, 29-27.

The women's club tennis team defeated

UNC in a dual match this past weekend in Chapel Hill 5-4.

The club ice hockey team opened its league season on Friday at the Cary Ice House with a blowout. The Pack defeated Virginia Commonwealth 10-3. State's next home game is Saturday at 10:30 p.m. at the Cary Ice House against Pittsburgh. The team invites everyone to come out after the football game and support the Pack.

Club sports - upcoming events

The women's club basketball team hosts a six-team tournament in Carmichael Gym on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Virginia, Maryland, Richmond, Loyola (Md.) College and James Madison will join the N.C. State club team for the event.

The women's club soccer team travels to Charlotte on Sunday to play Davidson at 2 p.m.

The cricket club will participate in the annual Six-a-Side Cricket Tournament at the Shiloh Grounds in Morrisville this weekend. The tournament is a fund raising event held every year by the Mid-Atlantic Cricket Conference, which is a tax-exempt organization dedicated to spreading the game of cricket throughout the United States. Durham Cricket Club, Carolina ANZACS, Triangle Cricket Club and Commonwealth United are the other teams scheduled for the tournament. The games will be fast paced and will feature cricket at its best.

For more information, log on to <http://www.geocities.com/ResearchTriangl9191>.

Informal recreation and fitness

Participate in squash on Wednesday from 5:15 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. on courts E11-E15. Badminton will be held on Friday from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on courts 4, 6, and 8.

Workshops for Qigong Relaxation

Techniques will be held on Nov. 14 and 28 from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. Massage Techniques will also run on Nov. 14 and 28 from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m. Registration has already begun and can be done in 1000 Carmichael Gymnasium.

Registration for the Intramural-Recreational Sports 5K Fun Run/Walk has also started. Stop by 1000 Carmichael Gymnasium to sign up. The registration fee for the event is \$5. The race will be held on Centennial Campus on Saturday, Nov. 4. Race day registration will begin at 7:30 a.m. and the race gets underway at 8:30 a.m.

NOTE: The Intramural-Recreational Sports department will not be providing transportation to Centennial Campus. All participants will need to meet at Centennial Campus on race day.

Officials

Clinics will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 31, and Wednesday, Nov. 1, from 5 to 7 p.m. for anyone who would like to become a basketball official. Both clinics will be held in Room 127 of Carmichael Gymnasium. For more information, call 515-3161.

Jason Cheek, Justin Ford and Pete Whitesides officiated in the Arizona State University Flag Football Regional Tournament this past weekend. The top four officials from the tournament earned bids to the National Intramural Flag Football Championships in New Orleans. Ford placed fifth overall, and special congratulations to Cheek and Whitesides for receiving the top two awards and earning a trip to New Orleans.

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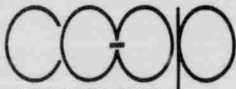
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Wolfpack not underestimating Camels

◆ The women's soccer team needs impressive showings against Campbell and Wake Forest to solidify its NCAA Tournament hopes.

Jerry Moore
 Staff Writer

As the Camels ride into Raleigh Wednesday, it's the Wolfpack that will be looking to get over the hump.

WHAT: The N.C. State women's soccer team takes on Campbell (4-10-1) Wednesday at 4 p.m. at Method Road Soccer Stadium. State (9-5, 3-2-2 Atlantic Coast Conference) will attempt to break its habit of posting sub-par results against non-conference competition.

WHEN: In the first match of the season on Aug. 28, State thoroughly outplayed East Carolina. However, the Pirates found a way to score in the final minute of regulation to upset the Pack. Then, on the road at Davidson in September, State fell 1-0 despite outshooting the Wildcats 16-10.

TODAY: Recently, however, the Pack has played well against several tough ACC foes. In its last three matches, the team has faced three nationally ranked opponents. State posted scoreless ties against No. 17 Florida State and No. 4 Clemson and beat No. 23 Duke 3-1.

WHERE: A major factor in the team's recent success has been goalkeeper Gretchen Lear. She has posted five shutouts despite missing nine matches earlier in the year with a separated shoulder. Her goals-against average stands at a paltry 0.58.

METHOD ROAD: Monday, Lear was named the ACC

Player of the Week after allowing just one goal in two games against Duke and Clemson. It was the first time since 1996 that a State player had garnered the award.

It is obvious, however, that Lear and her teammates are much more concerned with the success of the entire team than individual accolades at this point in the season.

"We're looking to win our last two games, and hopefully we'll get a bid to the NCAA Tournament," Lear said.

The Pack now ranks No. 5 in the Southeast region according to the National Soccer Coaches Association of America and also received votes in its national poll. State checks in at No. 15 in Soccer America's national rankings.

Head coach Laura Kerrigan likes her team's chances to return to the NCAA Tournament for the first time since 1996. She knows, however, that the last two matches on the regular season schedule, against Campbell and Wake Forest, could determine her team's fate.

"With a tie against Florida State, a tie against Clemson and a win over Duke, we're certainly making a good argument for why we should get into the NCAA Tournament," she said. "The next two games will be key for us."

"The coaches and players are acutely aware that lastlacker early season showings could come back to haunt them in their effort to secure a spot in the 48-team NCAA Tournament field.

"We lost earlier at ECU and Davidson, and that just hurts us so much now," said sophomore Collette Seville.

"Another loss at this time, especially to Campbell, would be disastrous. Kerrigan wants to make sure her team is focused so she isn't forced to relieve any of the previous disappointments.

"Campbell is one of those teams like ECU and Davidson that could knock you off if you're not playing well," she said. State has turned its full attention to ex-



Lindsay Underwood and the Pack take on Campbell today at Method Road.

cuting its game plan against Campbell. Kerrigan would like nothing more than to see her squad reverse its early season trend. She wants the Pack to dominate on the field and the scoreboard against the Camels.

"We haven't really put away a team, but that's what we have to do," she said. "We must have a big game against Campbell and just take care of business."

Last year, the Pack traveled to Buies Creek for the first match of the season and downed the Camels 2-0. Patrick Ferguson has since taken over the head coaching responsibilities at Campbell. Previously, he had served as the head coach at Malone College and Mount Union.

Campbell, a member of the Trans America Athletic Conference, has lost five matches in a row. Most recently, the Camels were torn apart by Central Florida 8-0.

Freshman midfielder Sara Davis leads the Camels with four goals and four assists. Goalkeeper Jamie Olson has two shutouts and a 2.30 GAA in 15 matches.

The State players are blunt in their assessment of their team's situation. They know the magnitude of Wednesday's match.

"We cannot lose," Seville said. "We have to play our best against Campbell to help us get into the NCAA Tournament. That's our biggest goal right now."

basketball Bigger than basketball

In Greensboro Sunday, Atlantic Coast Conference women's basketball packed the agenda as coaches, players and media met at the Greensboro Coliseum to talk about a new season.

Gail Goetsenkor was there to talk about her Duke team, picked to win the conference.

Sylvia Hatchell, from North Carolina,

was there, too. She brought LaQuanda Barksdale, the leading scorer and rebounder in the ACC last season, and they both made it clear that the loss of Nikki Teasley wouldn't keep the Tar Heels out of conference title contention.

Then there were Debbie Ryan of Virginia and Kay Yow of N.C. State, members of an exclusive club.

Their club is not comprised of coaches with 500 wins (although both have won more than 500 games). And it's not a club for ACC coaches with more than two decades experience.

It's a club of much greater significance. It's a club that trivializes those based on basketball accomplishment.

It's a club of survivors. Ryan and Yow are cancer survivors. And they - though it may have been unintentional - bestowed upon me invaluable wisdom Sunday when they talked about surviving cancer.

"Don't let the urgent get in the way of the important," Yow said. "In that line lies the main point Ryan and Yow tried to convey.

These women live fast-paced lives much like the lives college students lead.

In the hysteria surrounding game day or the stress surrounding classes, coaches and students alike can get too caught up in the urgent at the expense of the important.

Whether they neglect their families and friends, or whether they neglect rest and healthy eating habits, coaches and students sometimes don't recognize skewed priorities until sickness or trauma forces them to conduct what human rights activist Marian Wright Edelman calls "a personal audit."

Yow echoed Yow's sentiments when she said, "Someone who plays golf every weekend when they have three children at home isn't a cancer survivor."

Virginia won the ACC regular-season title last season, a feat that surprised some. North Carolina had been the choice among the media to win the conference.

Ryan collected her seventh conference coach of the year award and guided the Cavaliers to the NCAA Regional Semifinals. The Cavalier coach underwent surgery for pancreatic cancer in August. And she intends to coach full-time in the 2000-2001 campaign, having completed treatment prescribed by her doctors.

Yow battled breast cancer in 1987, almost missing the 1988 Summer Olympic games. The Wolfpack skipper went on to coach the U.S. women's basketball team to the gold medal in '88 and, of course, celebrated her 25th year on the State sideline in 2000.

In a statement Ryan released through Virginia, following her surgery, she alluded to another sports personality, one who successfully overcame testicular cancer.

She quoted cyclist Lance Armstrong, who said that his fight with cancer and his campaign against the disease through his foundation was "not about the bike."

Similarly with Ryan and Yow, it's not just about basketball. It's about life.

Rob Godfrey's columns appear on Wednesdays. He can be reached at 515-2411 or dewshire@aol.com.

Freshman scoring in bunches for State

◆ Lindsay Underwood's debut season with the women's soccer team has met with fabulous results.

Rob Godfrey
 Assistant Sports Editor

Talk to some freshman soccer players, and they will tell you that the physical nature of Atlantic Coast Conference soccer is what makes the transition from the high school game to the college game difficult.

Talk to freshman Lindsay Underwood, and her answer will be a little different.

"In the ACC, the speed of play is definitely more than I was used to," Underwood said. "It's very physical, too. But I was pretty much used to that coming in."

Underwood, a forward from Princess Ann, Md., leads N.C. State in total points (14) and shares the lead in goals scored (six) with Laura Scott. She started on the boy's soccer team at Washington High School as a freshman and sophomore. Though she missed out on expertise from coaches more familiar with women soccer players, Underwood learned from playing with boys.

"I became used to physical soccer because I played on a guys team in

high school, which gave me that aggressive style of play," Underwood said. "And in the ACC you pretty much need that."

Later in her high school career, she transferred to Bennett High, where she was first-team All-State. It was during her years at Bennett that the N.C. State coaching staff discovered her.

"When our assistant first saw her, she told me that she was strong, fast and tough," State head coach Laura Kerrigan said. "But she needed coaching."

Underwood agrees with Kerrigan's assessment.

"I look at myself as a very raw player," Underwood said. "The area I came from I didn't have a lot of coaching and I just played from natural ability. Now, here I am playing in the most prestigious conference. I want to be

the player Coach thinks I can be."

So far, Underwood is developing into a competitive college soccer player. Last week at Duke, she scored two goals in the final 15 minutes of regulation to lead the Wolfpack to a 3-1 win.

Earlier in the season, Underwood recorded two goals in a game against UNC-Charlotte.

"The Duke goals were the ones I remember the most because we were just a step behind the whole game," she said. "The second half came, they kept pulling us offside. Then I got that one chance when the linesman didn't call me offside, and it was like I went into slow motion."


One of several Pack scorers to finish when her team needs a goal, Underwood's offensive prowess hasn't gone unnoticed by Kerrigan.



Freshman Lindsay Underwood scored two goals in N.C. State's 3-1 win against Duke on Oct. 17.

LINDSAY UNDERWOOD

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Volleyball on the prowl for ACC wins

◆ A hungry N.C. State team heads down a bumpy road in search of wins.

Justin Sellers
 Staff Writer

A tough road trip begins this weekend for the N.C. State volleyball team with games at Wake Forest and Duke.

The Pack (7-16, 1-10 Atlantic Coast Conference) is coming off two losses in a row, including a 3-0 loss against Florida State last Saturday.

State hopes to bounce back from the disappointing last weekend and avenge a 3-1 loss it suffered to the Demon Deacons earlier in the season this Friday. In its prior match against the Deacons, State won the first game 15-3 but only managed to score 15 points in the next three games of that match.

"Wake Forest (14-7, 5-5 ACC) is coming off a strong win over Clemson. The Deacons were led by senior middle-block-

er Jessica Hood's .667 hitting percentage and 16 kills. Freshman outside hitter Sara Beth DeLisle and sophomore setter Ashley Phillips had 13 and 10 kills, respectively. Phillips also had a match-high 53 assists.

WHAT: VOLLEYBALL AT WAKE FOREST, DUKE

WHEN: FRIDAY, SUNDAY

WHERE: WINSTON-SALEM, DURHAM

"Wake's De Moya leads the ACC in kills per game and is really hard to stop," said head coach Kim Hall. "We will be preparing very hard this week on a variety of defensive changes in order to keep her from taking over the game."

After its battle in Winston-Salem, the Pack will travel north to Durham to take on a decent opponent in the Blue Devils.

Duke is looking to bounce back from a recent heart-breaking 3-2 loss to the Clemson Tigers. The Blue Devils (15-7, 4-5 ACC), unlike Wake Forest, fell to the Wolfpack, becoming State's only ACC win so far this season.

The Devils are led by junior outside hitter Terina Maso De Moya. De Moya had 11 kills against Clemson. She has been named ACC Player of the Week this season and is the Deacons' leader in kills per game and digs per game.

Harris leads the team with 230 kills so far this season, and Dill has tallied 189 kills for a hitting percentage of .362. Gottfried had a big game against Clemson, with 46 assists, 12 kills and eight digs.

"They are both big, physical teams," said Hall. "Our blocking and setting will be keys to our success this weekend. We have been using both our setters, Jackie Stratton and Crystal Shannon, the last sev-



Charce Williams collects a dig.