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Natural resources gains new dean

Larry A. Nielsen will take over as dean of the College of Natural Resources on Aug. 1

William Stufflebeam
Staff Reporter

There will be someone new in the Dean's office of the College of Natural Resources beginning Aug. 1. The appointment of Larry A. Nielsen, who was named to the position and then approved by the N.C. State Board of Trustees and the University of North Carolina system's Board of Governors, was announced on June 8 by Chancellor Marye Anne Fox and Interim Provost Charles Moreland.

Nielsen will be heading up the college, which consists of roughly 800 undergraduates and 200 graduate students between its three departments: Parks, Recreation and Tourism Management, Wood and Paper Science and Forestry.

"N.C. State has a national and international reputation as one of the finest colleges of natural resources anywhere," said Nielsen. "It has always been my dream to be part of this college and university."

"He already is widely recognized as one of the leaders among natural resources administrators and will add excellent new collaborations and management expertise to our College," said Dr. Fred Cabbage, head of the Department



Larry A. Nielsen

of Forestry. "I will be thrilled to have him come."

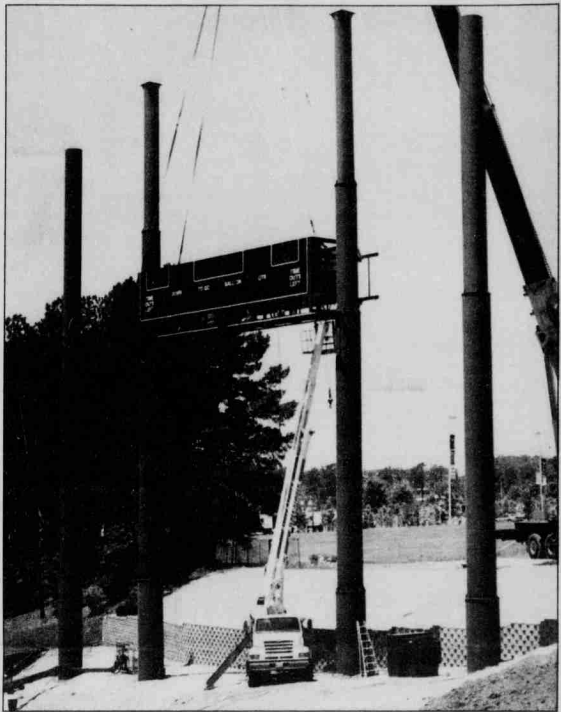
Nielsen is currently the director of the Penn State School of Forest Resources, a position that he has held since 1994. During his time there, he has raised over \$12 million in funds, established student and faculty exchange programs with the University of Freiburg in Germany, received authorization for the construction of a new building and co-created a Center for Watershed Stewardship.

He also created and is the head of a professional development program, the Finchot Scholar program, which is for a select group

of outstanding natural resources graduate students. The program allows the students to travel to attend workshops, meetings and other various activities in order to enhance their education outside of the classroom.

"Dr. Nielsen has published extensively on a broad range of natural resource issues from natural resource management and wildlife management to human dimensions of natural resources including recreation activities," said Phillip Rea, head of the Parks, Recreation and Tourism Management department. "I am impressed with the breadth of his background in natural resources sciences, education and extension; and his enthusiasm is contagious." Nielsen also spent a year at the Bureau of Fish Management in the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources as a special assistant, served on the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Committee of Scientists, and served in Vietnam as a military policeman and laboratory technician.

"The N.C. State College of Natural Resources plays an important role in helping to manage and use natural resources in an economically and environ-



JASON WESTER/STAFF

Carter-Finley Stadium renovations are expected to be completed before the season starts. The first part of the new scoreboard went up Monday afternoon.

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Student loan interest rates to decrease

◆ Rates are lower than they have been in years, and borrowers could consolidate to ensure the new rate.

News Staff Report

Beginning July 1, interest rates on federal higher education loans will be 2.2 percent lower than the current rates, and will be the lowest in years. The new rates could save borrowers at least \$1,800 over the span of their student loans, according to the State Public Interest Research Group Higher Education Project.

One option for borrowers is to consolidate lenders to secure the new lower rate.

"Students often have multiple lenders, and they get private loans and federal loans," said the President of the Association of Student Governments Andrew Payne. "This will allow them to have one person to make the payment to."

Payne said consolidation coupled with the lower rate will save money and be more convenient. The new rate can be secured by consolidating loans after July 1, 2001, and before June 30, 2002. Consolidation could also help students lengthen their repayment period and base loan payments on percentage of income. Most federal loans can be consolidated with the Department of Education of

private lenders.

"Because North Carolina has a lackluster state financial aid program, students find that they must depend on the federal government a great deal," said Payne. "This is an opportunity to save money over the long term."

Since interest rates vary depending on the year, it cannot be guaranteed that consolidation is the best option for students. However, the low rates make consolidation more attractive for this year.

Eligible student loans that are consolidated before September 30, 2001, will see an 8 percent interest rate reduction. To retain this rate, the borrower must pay the first 12 payments on time. After that, the 8 percent rate reduction is secured. The incentives could in the long run save money for borrowers, lenders and taxpayers.

Payne said the cuts in interest rates by the federal reserve put the federal government in position to offer the incentives, in turn encouraging "students to pay back loans in a timely manner."

Student borrowers interested in consolidating loans using the lower interest rate should contact the direct loan program or their private lender, and see <http://loansconsolidation.ed.gov/> for more information.

N.C. State partners up with NFL and NRPA

◆ N.C. State will begin pilot tests this fall designed to curb parents' inappropriate behavior at children's sporting events.

Trey Godwin
Senior Staff Writer

Go to any local park on Saturday mornings and you hear kids screaming, parents yelling and coaches shouting. Whether it's a Little League game or a cheerleading competition, strong verbal communication is a fixture of competitive sports. While this comes as no surprise to those who participate or follow sports, researchers strive to make sure these verbal messages don't have adverse effects upon children.

N.C. State, under the direction of Michael Kanters, assistant professor of parks, recreation and tourism management, has received a \$72,000 grant from the National Football League and widespread support from the National Recreation and Park Association to prevent inappropriate behavior from adults who come in contact with children's sports.

Approximately two years ago, Kanters submitted a proposal to several professional sports leagues, including the National Basketball Association and NFL, to help form an educational program that would minimize the impact of inappropriate parental involvement in children's sports.

While the NBA simply acknowledged Kanters' proposal as a good idea, the NFL was quick to offer him financial support to teach parents how to help children get the most out of their sport experiences.

According to Kanters, his plan fit in with the NFL's mission to reach out to the community at the grassroots level. The NFL views

kids as the ultimate ambassadors of good sportsmanship, but without proper education they can become lost in the ever-increasing importance of winning at all costs.

The National Recreation and Park Association is the medium through which the NFL's agenda will be implemented throughout the country in a series of pilot tests conducted at 10 various public parks and recreation agencies in four states. But in order for the NRPA to do their job, they had to hire an organization that could determine the specific components of the program, which is where NCSU's Recreational Research Services came into play.

Recreational Research Services consulted with cities throughout the country that had different demographics, populations and resources. Because the Youth Sport Education Program will take place at parks and recreation departments that have various categorical differences, Kanters said that the organizers can accurately determine what is essential for the program's continued achievement.

"Every parks and recreation department doesn't have the same number of volunteers, same budget or same resources," said Kanters. "By spreading out the program in diverse areas, we are getting a more accurate read into what we will need to implement in every city, regardless of these categorical differences."

Last weekend, organizers of the pilot test program convened at the Crabtree Valley Marriott in Raleigh and gathered input from youth sport experts and the administration of youth sport programs about the integral components of an effective curriculum.

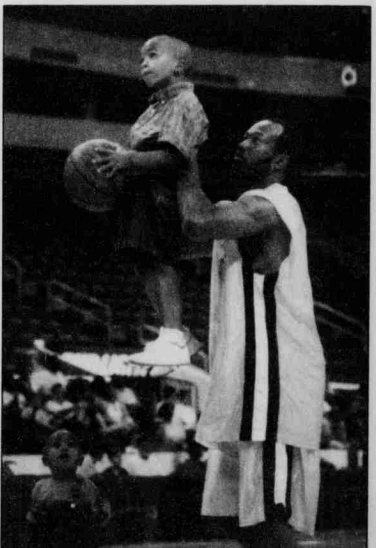
Lots of fresh ideas and genuine concerns were discussed in a plethora of focus-group activities. One of the most talked about issues was how to extend the cur-

riculum to parents and to what set of parents. It was clear to the organizers that the pilot tests could do one of two things: encourage or criticize parents.

Ultimately, the summit organizers chose to take the path of least resistance by using positive tactics to target first-time parents - instead of problematic long-time parents - who are eager to ensure children have fun sports experi-

ences. Kanters said if the new program targeted parents who are perceived to be verbally abusive or violent than the curriculum would self-destruct; tempers would flare and fingers would point in order to attribute one single source as being the primary cause of a perceived increase in violence at children's sports

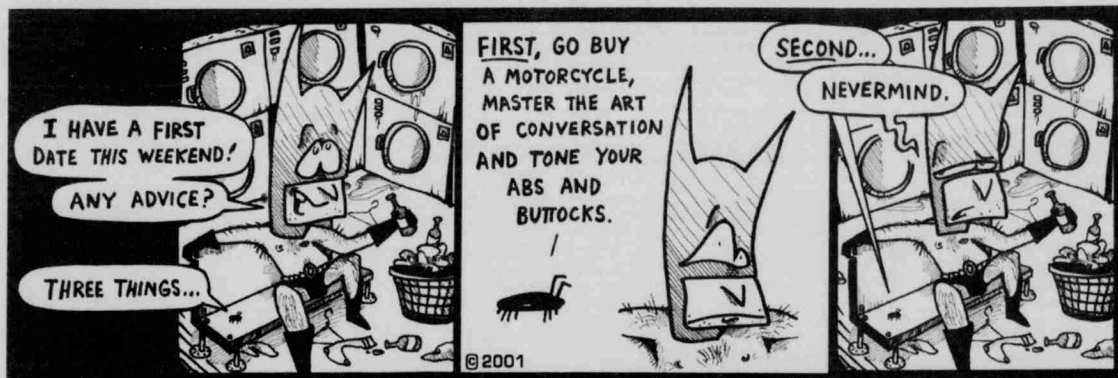
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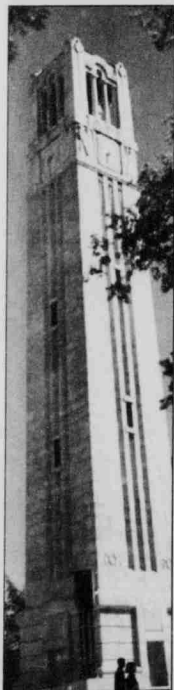
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Former Wolfpack wide receiver Torry Holt helps out with a slam dunk at the A&B Celebrity Basketball Game. For more on this event, head on over to Sports, page 10.

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NIELSEN

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tally sustainable manner," said Chancellor Fox. "Nielsen's extensive teaching and research experience make him the ideal candidate to lead the college's education, research and extension missions."

Nielsen earned his bachelor's degree in honors biology from the University of Illinois, his master's in fisheries biology from the University of Missouri and his Ph.D. in fisheries biology from Cornell University. He is also a fellow of the American Institute of Natural Fisheries Biologists, an honorary member of the American Fisheries Society and a certified fisheries scientist.

From 1977 to 1994, Nielsen was a faculty member at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, where he was recognized three times for teaching excellence.

He served as the head of the Department of Fisheries and Wildlife Sciences for the last five years that he was there. Nielsen has either co-authored or co-edited three different books on fisheries management and is working on a fourth on ecosystem management right now, which will most likely be published sometime within the next year. He also has over 100 other publications to his name.

Nielsen said that when he arrives, he plans on doing a lot of listening.

"My initial plans are to get to know everyone-including our students-and find out what everyone feels is important about our future," he said. "I come in with no particular agenda; as I said often during the interview process, 'our' vision is important, not mine."

Nielsen will be succeeding Dr. Larry Tombaugh, who is retiring after leading the College of Natural Resources since 1989.

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events.

Kanters wants to avoid the aforementioned situation entirely and put a positive twist on the program by educating parents who are eager to learn information that will have a significant effect on children's self-esteem and their decision to stay in

sports.

"We want to create a long-term impact, so the campaign must get off to a smooth beginning," Kanters said.

Even though the media has given greater attention to parents' irresponsibility interfering with children's sports and therefore their interpersonal skills, Kanters points out that there aren't many statistical analyses which prove this is, indeed, becoming the norm.

"I'm really not sure if parents' behavior has gotten worse. One goal of the education curriculum is to examine the prevalence of the situation," said Kanters.

The pilot tests, held in cities throughout North Carolina, Virginia,

Maryland and Missouri, will serve as an indicator of the level of problematic parental behavior.

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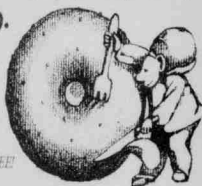
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RAIDERS OF THE LOST CAUSE

Ryan Hill
Features Editor

Movies like "Tomb Raider" piss me off. Seriously, you have an event movie (which, if done right, guarantees \$200 million at the box office) with all the potential in the world and it's all squandered away. Generic villains, piss-poor writing, shoddy directing and awful special effects help to make this one about as smelly as a thousand-year-old tomb.

Angelina Jolie (Academy Award winner for "Girl, Interrupted"), the most passionate and emotional actress working today, steps into the pants (and wonder bra) of Lara Croft, the heroine of the "Tomb Raider" video game series (which is absolutely awful but is still popular because the creators were smart enough to give Croft big breasts).

The "plot" revolves around a clock (yes, a clock) that is the key to dis-

covering some sacred triangle (yes, a triangle, and they call it that) that will give the holder of it the power to go back in time. This is good for Croft because she can go back to 1985 and save her dead pops, played by Jon Voight. The funny thing about Lord Croft's death is that everyone acts like it was a year ago, but it was 16. Nice thing.

The bad guy, Wilson (Leslie Phillips), is stupid. He's a Zen master obsessed with clocks. Really, I'm not making this this up. He does the whole "ohm" bit and everything. He's a bad guy! I guess they're trying to show the duality of the villain, which was done a whole lot better in the "Star Wars" films.

So anyway, Wilson steals Lara's clock, so she goes around the world chasing him trying to get it back and

destroy the triangle. I don't care if it is a special clock with a really cool glowing thing in the middle; it's still just a clock.

The movie starts out with Lara fighting a big robot. It's cool and all, until you find out it's just for training. Yay, action that is there to entertain and in no way relates to the story. I've seen this before in "Armageddon," "Sword Fish" and every other awful summer action movie you can think of (although "Armageddon's" meteor showers are really cool).

Not even Jolie, who brought such passion to her roles in "Girl" and even "Playing by Heart" can give Croft more than a spark of life. She plays Croft like a spoiled rich girl who does what she pleases and doesn't care about who gets in her way.

Driving through the streets, cutting cars off with no concern for anyone's safety is just one of the bratty things Croft does. The worst part is when she gets all concerned she may have accidentally bought a house in an auction for two million (not mecelion) dollars when she owns a place about as big as the Biltmore House, if not bigger.

The action in "Tomb Raider" is borderline ridiculous. Usually if the action is cool, I can ignore many stupid, ridiculous things going on in the movie. When the action itself is stupid (Croft kicks a two-ton swing -- and actually moves it), the cause for a not builds up within me. The problem is, these movies keep making money. Until they stop, we, the movie-going audience, are going to have to eat up and ask for seconds. Or thirds. Or fourths. Or fifths and sixths in the case of the "Batman" franchise. Just let the insanity end!

Tomb Raider
★
Director: Simon West
Starring: Angelina Jolie

IMAGE FROM PARAMOUNT PICTURES

RAISING ATLANTIS

Joel Isaac Frady
Assistant Features Editor

"Atlantis" is a surprise and a disappointment in the same package, like a TV at Christmas would be if you asked for a DVD player. On one hand, it is one of the most imaginative Disney fantasies in a long time, full of dazzling effects and a plot that is smarter than most Disney films. But on the other hand, it's a film that's only good, which is depressing when it had the potential to be great.

The film starts out thousands of years ago, during the last fatal minutes for the city of Atlantis, as a huge tidal wave crashes over the city (a very good animated sequence, though still nothing compared to the Red Sea scene in "The Prince of Egypt"). We then get shot ahead to the early 20th century, as a young Milo Thatch (voiced by Michael J. Fox) is about to ask for funding to take a team on a journey to find the lost city. He's quite a loser, working in the boiler room and spending all of his free time following his grandfather's steps as an explorer. Then he finds a strange, beautiful woman in his apartment, Helga (very reminiscent of the vixens of the 1920s), who takes him to meet with Whitmore, a friend of his grandfather, who has already planned out an entire voyage to the lost city. Using a journal that was

found in Iceland (not Ireland), they are quickly able to find the lost city, which mysteriously still has people populating it.

What works here is the mystery that comes with all of the characters. Other than the characters of

eye-candy), the film was well on its way to greatness. Unfortunately, especially toward the end, it's almost as if the filmmakers remembered that it's a Disney film and succumbed to all of the typical Disney formulas.

The bad guys crank up the evil, the previously wimpy lead gets tough, real fast and the city and tunnels surrounding it become nothing more than a place to remake the final action scenes from countless other Disney films and one non-Disney film (we'll get to that later).

Luckily enough, there is no singing, which would have really been a rock around this PG-rated film (only Disney's second PG-rated animation, the first being "The Black Cauldron").

What is also slightly annoying is the resemblance this film has to last year's animated flop "Titan

A.E." The animation, characters and even some of the plot's elements have a very distinct feel that seemed totally new in "Titan" but feel a little fake here. The main villain seems like a direct rip-off from the Korsko character, the flying ships look a lot like the space vehicles, "The Mole" gives off the same vibes that Gune gave off (who was also a much funnier character).

Unlike "Titan," which added a bit of humor at the end, this one falls all the way through at the end, going for that happy-go-lucky s---t that ends all of it. What no one seems to notice is that some happy endings actually come with feelings of happiness and joy (much like the recent "Shrek," which kept hitting perfection to the last frame), while other endings just bring closure. Here it's just the closure, the effects are over and it's time to go. Yes, it was a fun hour and a half of your life, but give it some time and you'll have forgotten all about it. Which is sad, for me at least, knowing that I'll only remember how great "Atlantis" could have been. The moral here is, no matter how good the first 30 minutes are, never get your hopes up for a Disney film.

I also think there is another moral: If you have to make a submarine to get somewhere, it's not worth the trouble, so you might as well leave it the hell alone.



Rourke (voiced by James Garner) and Helga, the motives of the rest of them are questionable at any point of the film, making it impossible to know what they're going to do next. With this, a few plot twists that work well and the animation to support it (save the character animation, the rest here is

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ATLANTIS CHARACTER DESIGNS BY MIKE MIGNOLA

Summertime and the livin' ain't easy



Joel Isaac Frady
Assistant Features Editor

Summer, a time of intense heat and long, sunny, humid days that always signified the end of a school year and a few months of peace away from school. But even back in the old school days, there were those trouble students who found themselves having to play catch-up with their summer to stay in the right grade, and here in college not much has changed. Whether they're trying to keep up or get ahead, Carroll Hall and countless local apartments are filled up with these "trouble students" who are using their summers to further their educations, so here are the top five pros and cons of Summer School:

Cons

1. It doesn't last very long (from six to 12 weeks), so either way you're moving all your stuff in and out of that dorm room in a very short amount of time. Is it really worth all that work?
2. The assignments are a lot longer. Normally it's bad enough doing the homework assignments you get when it's 20 pages a night to read. Now they've upped the norm to 75 and expect you to remember half of it. No fun at all. And to add to all this, the best place for studying (and making out) closes at 11 p.m.: the library!
3. People scatter like leaves in the wind. All those people you've spent the entire school year getting close to all go back to wherever it is they call home and you're stuck in this big, scary town with very few people to keep you company.
4. The class periods are longer. Much longer. You're looking at 90 minutes a day, five days a week! That has to A) take it out of the teacher fast and B) put you right to sleep even faster. Especially with all the reading they assign, sometimes it's impossible to keep up and stay awake in class.

1. YOU CAN'T SKIP CLASS! Sure, you can if you want to, but an absence over the summer session hurts you 10 times more than a normal absence does over the school year, so you can't just skip class whenever you feel like it (the way you do the rest of the year). But if you have a day or two you can miss, I highly recommend budgeting the days you skip wisely.

Pros

1. It's cheaper!! That's right, the cost of getting those three credit hours is a whole lot less over the summer than it normally is, especially if you factor in room and board for four months compared with five weeks. Just beware of the "Summer Crowd," the people who take only summer classes and work the rest of the year to afford those classes.
2. It's quicker! Yes, the workload is a lot heavier, but you get it over with really fast, like a shot at the doctor. Sure, it hurts to expose your rear to a total stranger, but that sharp little object is in and out before you know it, just like summer school.
3. The people are all trouble students just like you. They too are trying to make up for that D they got in history that occurred after they continually went to class high, so there's no one around (that you'll care about) to embarrass you if you mess up! Well, unless you really mess up, but that's just a risk you'll have to take.
4. The long distance is free! All calls to anywhere in the U.S. free from anywhere on campus! Cheap rates overseas! This is only a guess, so don't take my word on this, just call and see what happens.
5. It gives you a reason not to go home! Those pesky parents who try to put a curfew on you and enforce rules when you get back from college are no more; you can use classes as an excuse to stay in Raleigh away from home where there are no rules, curfews, bedtimes or younger siblings who might throw off the roof.

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New provost nothing new

CHANCELLOR FOX'S APPOINTMENT OF NEW PROVOST, DR. STUART COOPER RAISES REAL QUESTIONS ABOUT N.C. STATE'S COMMITMENT TO THE HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES.

If you were to ask Dr. Marye Anne Fox, a distinguished chemical engineer and researcher and our very own chancellor, about N.C. State's commitment to scholarship in the humanities and social sciences, she'd probably start out by telling you the positive things she's done to improve NCSU's position in these highly overshadowed areas. She'd probably start by talking about her provost, an Ivy League grad and a humanities student himself... At least that's what she would've said until former provost Kermit Hall resigned a couple months ago and Dr. Stuart Cooper was hired.

Chancellor Fox has always articulated her commitment to the humanities and social sciences even though she herself has been 100 percent scientist: "Kermit Hall is absolutely the right person to chart NCSU's future academic course. Dr. Hall brings a valuable perspective as a history and humanities scholar and administrator to our traditional strengths in science, engineering and technology" (source: Technician, March 15, 1999).

Well Chancellor Fox, we say to you: "Where has this commitment gone?" On June 8, 2001, NCSU announced the hiring of the new provost -- Dr. Stuart Cooper. Cooper is no doubt an outstanding individual. He is a world-class researcher, is highly regarded as an expert in several areas and comes to us as the former vice-president of his school. The only catch? Cooper has his doctorate in chemical engineering, is an expert in polymer science and bio-materials, and comes from a school whose name ends in "Institute of Technology" (Illinois Institute of

Technology). This sounds all too familiar.

It is no secret that NCSU is more highly regarded nationally and locally for its sciences, engineering and technology than for its humanities and social sciences. Founded as a land grant institution with strong and deep agricultural ties, this comes as no surprise. What is a surprise is that the hiring of the new provost could make one think that we are striving to improve the already outstanding sciences while ignoring the humanities. Do we really need more "world-class researchers" on our campus? As our chief academic officer?

The hiring of Dr. Cooper strongly contradicts Chancellor Fox's commitment to the humanities and social sciences. Due to the sheer nature of our campus' organization and the amount of money technological research brings in (see Centennial Campus), we will never be a liberal arts school. We don't need to be. Even so, we must not lose our commitment to excellence in areas other than the sciences and technology. We students just want the best for NCSU as a whole. We hope that Dr. Cooper proves us wrong -- that a person so deeply rooted in engineering can reach out to our non-technological colleges and programs. After all, who would be a better example of the multidisciplinary environment for which NCSU is supposedly striving than our provost becoming a friend of the humanities and social sciences?

Provost Cooper and Chancellor Fox, please prove us wrong. Show us that we do "all go to N.C. State" and that we all are equally important.



There are some problems NCSU's administration will never solve...

This cartoon, published in 1947, demonstrates the frustration with student parking. Enrollment for Fall 1947 was only 5,334 and it seemed that NCSU had already mastered the art of creating parking spaces too small for actual automobiles. Over 50 years later these issues still exist. There are some things that the student body will complain about until the end of time.

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Tommy Bakane

GUEST COLUMNIST

In my time at N.C. State, I have noticed how easy it is to get tangled up in your major. All of the math, engineering, physics and other technology-related classes I have taken have their own special little place on the degree audit marked as "required." I would say they are pretty important to any engineer. I spend most of my homework time drudging through them. But that's just because the pressure is higher in those classes to get better grades. But you have to step outside the boundaries of "what you are good at" to get a total and more rounded perspective on things.

As an engineer, I think the most important classes you can take are English, psychology and social science classes. The same thing goes for the English majors: math and physics are the most important. Yes, it would be a total contradiction to your personal major, but that's exactly the point. In deciding your major, you probably chose something you like (duh!), and therefore, you are probably good at it. But to be a well-rounded person, you have to be able to relate to as many things as possible. I

don't even want to think about how many times I've tried to explain the concept of a mathematical function to a political science or psychology major. I get so upset. "There's X, there's Y! Come on now!" And not to be biased, how many times have you asked a science person, "Can you explain it so I can understand it?"

Having a firm grasp on science can go to your head. You could think that you know thermodynamics and differential equations... and anyone can read, so you've got it all down! Wrong. Science is highly overrated. The truth is that many engineers will use common sense and basic math when they hit their careers. Example: I recently got a summer job at a local engineering firm in Raleigh. Talking to my boss, he told me that he's been trying for 30 years to find a use for calculus in his field. Trying to find a use for calculus? All this time I thought calculus was the end-all, be-all of higher education! It turns out that being able to communicate with your co-workers and BS-ing your way out of trouble is way more important. Unless you get a job in research and development at NASA, you'll probably need to talk your way out of screwing something up more

often than deriving the Navier-Stokes equations.

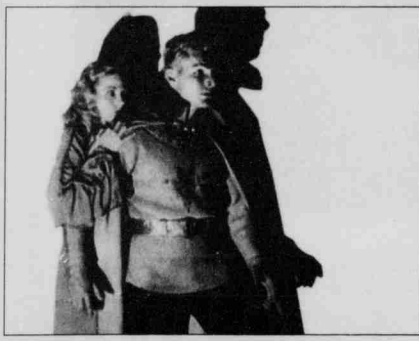
This goes for the other side of the coin as well. Non-scientists and non-engineers should be exposed to as much physics as they can stand. It is true that you won't use it at all in your life, but it will change the way you look at things. The basic laws of physics will show you how things are dependent on each other; a lot of the mystery is taken out of the universe when you learn them. As an undergrad bonus, you'll be able to understand all those dorky things that engineers have to say.

So basically, I'm encouraging everyone to totally contradict themselves and whatever academic choice they have made. Taking a tour down every available path is pretty nice. You may find some things you never expected. It's much better than getting too involved in one specific kind of study and developing academic tunnel vision. I love engineering; it's a nice hobby. But I can honestly say that I've gotten more out of Kerouac, Eliot and Dostoevsky than I've ever gotten out of a math book.

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Working at the University of General Carpentry

Jonathan Smith

GUEST COLUMNIST

I work with the queerest. They yell "To me! To me! Away! Away! Rip it! Run it! Cut! Hammer! Shoot!" all over blasting nail-guns and shrieking rotary saws. For work, we say less than 20 words. Contractions, which may only be endemic to a certain redneck accent in western North Carolina, are uttered with every adverb. "Ov'er! Up'er! Back'er!" As for profanity, the simile "cuss like a sailor" pales in comparison to "cuss like a carpenter."

At first sight, they're a crew of imbeciles. This is the perspective, of which even I have adapted to some degree. However, as soon as we stop for lunch -- lettuce, ham and mayonnaise sandwiches (every day) -- a profound change occurs. Perhaps because of heat stroke, wood workers become theologians, and philosophers, or philologists, sometimes psychologists, usually physicists, chemists, and geologists, even economists and sociologists at times. With such a comprehensive spectrum of topics, it would take three universities, with 30 different colleges and over 600 areas of study to encompass all that we discuss.

On one such occasion, the coworker I call "The Historian" ignited an academic exchange concerning the origination of cap-tossing after graduation ceremonies. One said it was

strictly an American tradition; another said it was universal from the very beginning. I, supposedly the scholar, usually assumed the last word. This time, however, I was stuck.

I summarized the growth of regalia and attire from the 12th and 13th centuries in Europe, explaining their purposes like any good professor dodging a student's inquiry. They all nodded, somewhat impressed by my knowledge, but we were all aware I could not satisfactorily answer the question. It bugged me. It bugged me to the point of obsession that I thought about it in that otherwise peaceful moment of repose right before sleep. When I have researched it enough, and have answered it thoroughly, maybe I'll write an article.

On another occasion, the guy I call "The Physicist" challenged my knowledge of force. He asked, "Could you balance six nails on the head of one?" Of course, I said he was insane. It was a trick. Vertically, it was impossible -- horizontally, they were unattachable. Sure enough, he balanced six nails on the head of one, and went on to explain the physical properties behind his feat.

A third occasion humbled me further. For the construction of a balcony, the "Mathematician" asked that I solve an arc length, given the radius. After I scribbled my calculation on the sheeted floor, I said it was impossible without further detail.

But, of course, he solved it.

My head hot, I searched for the time I might assert my esteemed education and show these guys up. I would have to formulate an attack on these grammar. Then someone said, "Hey, just take lunch to him and me."

"Ah, ha!" I proclaimed. "Him and I!" Confused, he looked sidelong with squinted eyes. "You should have said, 'him and I.'" I repeated.

I was wrong. I must remind you that none of these men have surpassed a high school diploma. Therefore, by conclusion, the red color on the necks of these men has everything to do with ultra-violet radiation and nothing with intelligence.

In the first month of my mock-internship with Gary's General Carpentry, what have I learned? Not much about carpentry. I did, however, learn a lot about education.

To save time, the moral of this story (a condensing student, humbled in the presence of rednecks) doesn't need to be repeated.

On a higher, more pleasant note, I have had great conversations with my coworkers thus far. I can only hope to share some in the weeks to come. My favorite, so far, has been in regards to the clandestine strike held by our country's screenwriters.

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Disgraceful anonymity

Shawn Barnes The body of Precious Doe was found on April 28 in Kansas City, Missouri. Her decapitated head was found May 1. Police still do not know her real name or who murdered her. Police are hypothesizing that Precious is only 3 or 4 years old.

How is it possible that no one knows who Precious is? Are there no grandparents out there who haven't spoken with their grandchild in the last month and a half? Where are her aunts, uncles and cousins? Why haven't they spoken up? Where are the neighbors, day-care workers and ministers who have witnessed portions of this child's short life?

With all the time that has passed and lack of leads, police are speculating that Precious' parents are dead, involved in the murder, or that Precious is not from the Kansas City area. Then again, it shouldn't matter where Precious is from. The media is a powerful tool - Precious Doe could be a household name. Precious' computer-generated photo could be on your mind right now.

Could, should, but probably isn't.

I really and truly hate to play the race card, but perhaps it is warranted. Could it be that because Precious is an African-American child her case is not deemed as important to the media?

Five years later, I can still picture Jon-Benet Ramsey's painted face and big blonde hair in my mind. Upon the tragic death of the now famous beauty queen, media coverage was out of control. The Ramsey case was the lead story on the news night after night. The entire nation embraced the tragedy; there were countless news specials to prove it. Jon-Benet's face can still be seen in your local grocers' checkout line. And if you haven't gotten enough of five-year-old girls going on 30, check out the recent HBO special "Living Dolls: The Making of a Child Beauty Queen."

I first learned about Precious just the other night while watching BET news. I was appalled for two main reasons: I was shocked that the media had not informed me of this brutal murder back in April, or even in May. I think I watch the news regularly -- I even read the top news stories on the Internet. How did a story of this importance pass me by? My room-

mate had never heard of Precious, nor had anyone in the office where I work.

Secondly, I have a four-year-old niece for whom I would do anything. I know just how much life, energy and potential a pre-schooler can possess. I know that children deserve love, attention -- the best. Precious deserved the best life possible. Now, after her death she deserves to be recognized as who she really is. She deserves to be remembered with a headstone bearing her name, and she deserves to have her killer or killers brought to justice.

What is wrong with the nation when a child is brutally killed and left unidentified? Violence is entirely too common place. The people of Kansas City have rallied together to find the identity of this child. Kansas City can't do it alone. The media has failed Precious Doe terribly. Now it's up to us as individuals to spread the word about the death of little Precious Doe, identify her and bring the responsible party to justice.

Questions? Comments? Email Shawn Barnes at shawn_barnes@hotmail.com.

CAMPUS FORUM

Parking situation worsening

As a senior at N.C. State, there has been one ongoing problem ever since I started school here -- parking. I have become very upset with the parking system, and it doesn't look like it's going to get better. Something must be done to change the current parking situation here at N.C. State. When I was a freshman here, I got on the waiting list for a parking pass. I was told by older students that I would get a pass at least before I became a senior. Well, I'm still without a parking pass and left very frustrated. In these past four years I have known other students who were on the same waiting list as I was; they got a parking permit when they were sophomores. Why does it take some students their whole college careers to get passes and some students just a couple of semesters? It

just doesn't make sense. Parking has long been a problem at NCSU. Most people believe that there aren't enough parking spaces on campus and that we should build another huge parking deck. All that would do is make campus more congested and traffic even worse than it is now. The real problem is the parking pass distribution. In reality, there should be enough passes to go around if the passes are distributed in a consistent and organized fashion. Perhaps I will get a parking pass the day I graduate, along with another sophomore.

Eric Cochran
Senior
English

Jailall's criticism off base

Robert Jailall's column "Celebrating America," June 6, 2001 was poorly written, was diffi-

cult to follow and was nothing less than inflammatory. The point of Jailall's column escapes me. Was it the moral superiority of Americans? Jailall just liberally discusses World War II and "Pearl Harbor" (a lousy movie I will agree) and how our soldiers were duped by the vast U.S. government machine that took away their individuality to fight a war that was unjustified (This is why there is trouble following Jailall). Is Jailall not considering the Holocaust? Does he think it never happened? I think the U.S. government did quite a bit to stay out of the war. Where would we be today without those who were "improperly honored" on Memorial Day? I would bet that such liberties as the freedom of the press, allowing Jailall to write for Technician, would not be as they are today.

Dewayne Fox
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RULE OF THUMB

Father's Day



More fathers than ever before were bombarded with new tools, ties with golf balls on them and subscriptions to Sports Illustrated this past Sunday. If it weren't for the stores, how could we be expected to remember this time-honored holiday? Thank you department stores and greeting card manufacturers!

Firestone Tires ... again



Attorneys announced this week that they will be seeking \$1 billion in compensation for a rollover accident caused by the Firestone tires on a Ford Explorer, leaving two dead and three injured. Mental note to self: change tires ... don't buy Firestone ... again.

Tiger Woods



Tiger who? At press time, still no winner for the U.S. Open had been declared as some foreign dude and a no-name American finished a playoff round, giving Americans a much needed break from the Tigermania currently sweeping the nation. Grreat!

Blood pressure and cholesterol



A study released Friday cited high blood pressure and cholesterol as significant risk factors for Alzheimer's among the elderly. Out of 1500 surveyed, 200 had recurring high blood pressure and 500 high cholesterol. The remaining replied with either "Please scratch my corn" or "When is Matlock on?"

Canine Road rage justice



A Santa Clara County Judge ruled to allow key testimony in a case against a man accused of throwing a dog out a car window in a fit of road rage. Close friends of the victim mourned him, saying that he was always up for catch and would almost never pee when he got excited.

Knight Ridder Inc.



The newspaper publishing group announced Monday that it plans to cut 1,700 jobs nationwide. Insiders say that Kit's job is indispensable (there just aren't that many talking cars) but that Hasselhoff might have to go, even though he is a smash in Germany.

The final frontier



Power shortage, shmower shortage. Berkeley based Sea & Power Associates unveiled a new way to harness the energy of waves. The downside is that sea power is much more costly than other renewable sources like wind and sun. There was no mention of fire ... or of Captain Planet's take on the issue.

Apple Computer Inc.



In a sad display of religious intolerance, the rebels of the computer industry stated that they are not allowing Satan, or his church (Church of Satan), to use their "Think different" campaign on the Church of Satan's web page.

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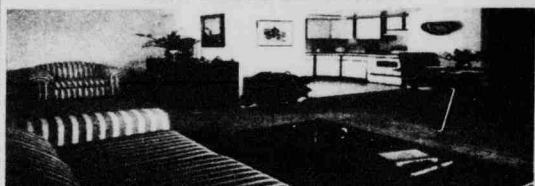
The week-long convention, in Charlotte now, includes many classes for the faithful. Two of the more popular ones: how to preach and how to put masking tape on those tab thimbles to record over all your old Disney classics.

Earth's linguistics



Statistics suggest that 90 percent of the world's 6,800 languages (and consequently, cultures) could disappear in the next century. Researchers attribute this to the worldwide dissemination of boy bands, Old Navy Performance Fleece and "The Weakest Link."

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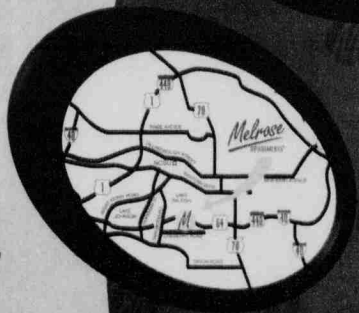
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Wilkins will not return

◆ Head coach Herb Sendek will not bring Damien Wilkins back next year if he withdraws from the NBA Draft.

Sports Staff Report

N.C. State head men's basketball coach Herb Sendek announced Tuesday that junior forward Damien Wilkins will not return to the Wolfpack basketball team.

"Having talked with both Damien and his father, Gerald, I have decided that Damien will not return to the N.C. State basketball team, even if they choose to withdraw from the NBA draft," said Sendek. "He has



Damien Wilkins won't be back at N.C. State

demanded assurances and explanations that I am unable to provide and am not obligated to

provide. Moreover, they have repeatedly expressed dissatisfaction with our program. As a result, I believe that his return would not be in our best interest, and as caretaker of our program, I will continue to make decisions that benefit our team and N.C. State."

"I am in full agreement with and wholeheartedly support Herb Sendek's decision to not have Damien return to the team," Athletics Director Lee Fowler said. "Herb has kept me informed each step along the way until this inevitable conclusion. I really believe that he has done what is best for N.C. State and our basketball program."

Wilkins entered his name in the

2001 NBA Draft in April but did not sign with an agent in order to preserve his college eligibility. In the weeks following his decision to test the pro waters, Wilkins has attended several pre-draft workouts and has been told by several scouts to return to college. Wilkins has until 5 p.m. today to pull his name out of the draft if he chooses to do so.

Sendek's statement came on the heels of a story run earlier Tuesday on The News and Observer's Web site in which Gerald and Damien Wilkins said that Damien would consider transferring if he withdrew from the draft.

"The bottom line: he has to improve," Gerald Wilkins told

The News and Observer. "Did he improve at the rate that he needed to over the last two years? Halfway. I think they could have gotten a lot more out of him [at N.C. State] where he wouldn't have to fight an uphill battle."

"He has two years left of eligibility, and he needs to be in the right program and playing under the right system in order for him to achieve his goal, and that's our plan."

Wilkins played in 26 games for the Pack last season, averaging 11.7 points per game, the third-best mark on the team. He shot 40.8 percent from the field and pulled down 5.8 rebounds per game.

basketball Troubled times at UNC

Around the Atlantic Coast Conference, there is never an inopportune time to discuss college basketball.

And although the N.C. State basketball program is in disarray — with the exodus of the entire frontcourt and a sophomore

McDonald's American in addition to being 10 years removed from the N.C.A.A. Tournament — there is still a reason for Wolfpack fans to look forward to next year.

North Carolina is not much better off.

After a solid initial season coaching an experienced and talented group of players, Tar Heel coach Matt Doherty will certainly have his work cut out for him.

Although Doherty tried to act like the Heels squad from a year removed had depth, by the end of the season Carolina was only using seven or eight players in any significant role. Next year, five of those players will not be donning the powder blue (at least not on the basketball court).

Lost due to graduation are Brendan Haywood and Max Owens. First-team All-American Joseph Forte opted to leave his superstar role in college for the life of a highly paid bench warmer in the NBA. Now it seems as if the two-sport 'stars' for the Heels, Ronald Curry and Julius Peppers, are going to stick to football alone next year.

So whom does Carolina return? The hard-working (if not overly talented) Jason Capel and the big (if not overly attractive) Kris Lang. One could throw Adam Boone and Brian Morrison into the mix, but neither have the all-around package to run the point.

So the backbone of the Heels will be the oft-injured Capel and Lang.

When healthy, Capel is a solid ACC basketball player capable of making the All-ACC second or third team. In the ACC Tournament last year, Capel caught fire and drove the Heels to the championship game, hitting three-pointer after three-pointer from the top of the key. Still, Capel has his limitations. While he is fundamentally sound, he is not as athletic as most ACC-caliber players. This was the case even before his recent back troubles. If Capel gets injured this season, Carolina will not have a good chance at even placing in the top half of the conference.

The other senior on the team will be Lang. While he has a top-notch arsenal of low-post shots, Lang is so unathletic that he makes Capel look like Carl Lewis. Even at 100 percent, Lang is unable to be counted on for over 30 minutes a game, and he hasn't been 100 percent since his freshman season.

This is not to say that the Heels are destined for the bottom tier of the ACC, however, because Chapel Hill is able to keep hope alive by pointing to a top-five recruiting class. Jackie Manuel, Jawad Williams, and Melvin Scott all possess the athleticism lacking in Capel and Lang. Unfortunately for Carolina, they don't have any of the experience.

The last time the Heels had a mass exodus of this magnitude — after the departure of Rasheed Wallace and Jerry Stackhouse following the 1994-95 season — they struggled the next year, limping to a third-place finish in the ACC and a second-round exit from the NCAA Tournament. That was even with the tremendous play



Steve Thompson

One-on-one with Torry

Former N.C. State star Torry Holt recently discussed the NFL, N.C. State and Koren Robinson with Technican.

Jeremy Ashton
Sports Editor



(above) Torry Holt's career has taken flight with the NFL's St. Louis Rams. (top right) Holt has taken Vikings quarterback Daunte Culpepper helped put together Saturday's charity event at the ESA. (top center) Koren Robinson returned to Raleigh to play in the game. (top left) Holt helped a little fan get closer to the rim prior to the game.

Torry Holt can't seem to do much wrong no matter where he goes. Holt left N.C. State following the 1998 season after a record-setting career with the Wolfpack. The 1998 Atlantic Coast Conference Player of the Year owns nearly every receiving record at State and is one of only five players in school history to have his number retired.

In the 1999 NFL Draft, the St. Louis Rams selected Holt with the sixth overall pick. During his rookie season, he was an integral part of the Rams' run to the league title, catching seven passes in the Super Bowl for a touchdown and 109 yards, a record for a rookie in the big game. He continued rising through the NFL ranks last season, hauling in 82 passes for six touchdowns and a league-high 1,635 yards to earn his first trip to the Pro Bowl.

Holt was back in Raleigh on Saturday for the Daunte Culpepper A&B Celebrity Basketball Game, held at the Entertainment and Sports Arena. Following the game, Holt took time out to talk to Technican about life after State.

Technician: How'd you get involved in this event this week-

end?
Holt: Me and Culpepper came out of school at the same time; we got drafted at the same time, and we became friends down in Florida. We've stayed in contact somewhat, and he invited me to come out here. So it was no problem for me to come out and support a friend of mine.

Technician: It looked like you were doing pretty well out there. Did you ever think about playing basketball?

Holt: I used to play when I was in high school. If I'd have stuck with it, I probably could have had a pretty good career in it. But I decided to play football, and so far, everything's been going pretty good with this football thing. Hopefully, I can stay in shape, stay healthy and just keep delivering every year.

Technician: When you came out two years ago, did you think you'd be at the point you are now with a Super Bowl ring and an appearance in the Pro Bowl already?

Holt: No, I didn't realize I'd have a Super Bowl ring so early because that's so far-fetched. As far as the Pro Bowl, that came up on me pretty quick, too. My

second year, I knew I was going to have a better year, but I didn't know I was going to end up leading the league. I went into the Pro Bowl as an alternate, which was cool. Hopefully this year, I can come out and continue to play hard and develop some respect from my peers, and they'll vote me in, as well as the press.

Technician: How do you like playing in St. Louis with the Rams?

Holt: It's cool. It's the perfect system. It's a receiver-friendly system. Any receiver that goes there with any kind of talent and ability and work ethic that's willing to adjust and learn the system will have a good career. It's just a blessing from God that I was able to go there and fall in that system and fall in with the group of guys that I'm with — Isaac [Bruce] and Ricky Proehl, Az Hakim. So it's worked out pretty well for me so far.

Technician: I've seen you in the ESA a couple of times, but how much do you get a chance to come back to Raleigh and visit?

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Culpepper hosts game at ESA

◆ Minnesota Vikings quarterback Daunte Culpepper brought some of his friends to Raleigh for a celebrity basketball game.

Jeremy Ashton
Sports Editor

Seeing Minnesota Vikings wide receiver Randy Moss on a basketball court these days isn't too far-fetched.

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Football seminar educates, entertains

◆ Chuck Amato and the N.C. State football team hosted a football seminar for women Thursday night.

Jeremy Ashton
Sports Editor

Football coaches get paid big money to explain a complicated game to young players. That's what they'd like you to think. But N.C. State head coach Chuck Amato let a group of women in on a little secret Thursday night in the auditorium of the Weisiger-Brown Building.

"We try to make football, which is a very easy game, complicated," Amato said. "The object of the game is simple — kill the guy with the ball."
Amato shared other pearls of wisdom about the game of football with 125 women in a seminar Thursday night. The clinic was sponsored by the Wolfpack Club and the N.C. State Computer Training Unit in an effort to give women interested in football an opportunity to learn more about

the game from the Wolfpack coaching staff.

"We got a group of women together in February of this year that were members of the Wolfpack Club, and we asked them what are some things we can do to get more women involved in N.C. State athletics and in the Wolfpack Club," said Emily Barbour, the director of endowment, grants and corporate giving for the Wolfpack Club. "One of the ideas that they said would be great would be to have Chuck Amato do a seminar on football for women."

The idea was nothing new for Amato, who participated in a similar program during his days as an assistant coach at Florida State. The group of women, known as the Extra Point Ladies, contained around 400 members, and Amato said that every member knew football inside out.

Barbour and the other organizers couldn't have been more pleased with the response to the event. The demand far outweighed the allotted space, which

was limited to 125 women because of the size of the Weisiger-Brown auditorium.

"We actually had a waiting list, so we're contemplating possibly doing another one of these to accommodate the women that were on the waiting list," Barbour said.

Athletics Director Lee Fowler set the tone for the evening with a few opening comments.

"I promise you in three hours, you'll know more than your husbands do about football," Fowler said.

Don Shea, the host of the Chuck Amato Show, and Barbour followed Fowler before Amato took over the program. The always-charming head coach kept the mood light and told the women what they could expect for the night.

"We're going to be as elementary as we can," Amato said. "This is first grade now."

Although Amato promised to keep things simple, many of the women in attendance appreciated the fact that no one talked down



Coach Chuck Amato talked pigskin strategy at the seminar.

to them. The material was also presented in such a way that it was fun for the participants.

"It wasn't as basic as I thought," said Mia Matthews, a graduate of Meredith College who has season tickets. "I actually learned positions, what they were, what zone was, what 4-3 defense was."

"It was very educational and

entertaining," added Sloan Barber, Matthews' friend.

Amato introduced each member of his coaching staff, who then took the time to explain the responsibilities of the players at his position. The seminar continued with sessions on sports med-

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