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N.C. State plans for significant reduction of state funds

With potential budget cuts that could reach 5 percent, NCSU prepares for the worst.

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Assistant News Editor

With no final word from the state legislature concerning the state budget cuts, the UNC System is struggling to run smoothly with uncertain funding.

Last spring, N.C. State officials

submitted a proposed budget cut to the UNC System President Molly Broad that ranged from 1 to 4 percent in cuts. Gov. Mike Easley had asked the UNC System to identify potential cuts that would not harm instruction. According to NCSU Provost Stuart Cooper, budget-cut scenarios ranging from 1 to 3 percent would keep instruction intact. But a 4-percent cut would cause NCSU to suffer severe consequences in instruction.

Chancellor Marye Anne Fox said in an online interview that NCSU is currently "operating under the assumption that a 5 percent budget reduction may be required."

As a result, NCSU has cut some non-faculty support positions and has terminated more than 50 staff members.

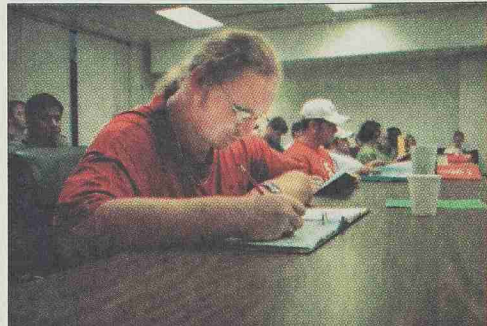
Although Easley made it clear earlier in the year that his goal is to protect classrooms at all levels of education, the General As-

sembly is looking to cut \$480 million from education.

According to David Redwine, co-chair of the N.C. House Appropriations Committee, universities did well [in the budget cuts], compared to community colleges and public primary and secondary schools.

"Part of the reason for this was that we raised tuition - 8 percent for in-state students and 12 percent for out-of-state students," he

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Scott Stephenson, a sophomore in mathematics, takes notes at the Student Senate meeting Wednesday night. This is his first year as a senator. Staff photo by Blake Lane

Student Senate outlook

NCSU's Student Senate held its first meeting of the year Wednesday evening.

LaWanda Ray
Staff Reporter

On Wednesday, a group of well-dressed, professional students assembled in their usual spot, the Student Senate chambers. The Student Senate, comprised of student representatives from each college, held its first meeting of the school year, in which senators discussed current student issues, swore in new members and welcomed back others.

The meeting began with Josh Cox, Student Senate president, calling the roll and introducing Campus Police representatives who were the guest speakers for the night.

Chief Thomas Younce, Lt. Col. John Dailey, and Sgt. Jon Barnwell gave a presentation on the status of student safety and some of the effects of the recent budget cuts and the new crime mapping system. The officers said that the majority of campus crime is committed during the week and added that the best way for students to protect themselves is by locking doors and keeping valuable items out of sight in cars.

Committee heads gave accounts of the activities currently being worked on, including Academic Integrity Week, a week-long promotional campaign for

new students to become familiar with and old students to realize the seriousness of the NCSU Honor Code.

Changes were also announced in football ticket distribution. This year, students will no longer be able to receive both individual vouchers and block seating. Students will have to pick one or the other but cannot do both.

Jonathan Ducote, president of the UNC Association of Student Governments, brought before the senate a call to action for students to voice opinions on the recent cuts in financial aid for public colleges and the increases in aid to private institutions.

Student senators also made it known that there is funding available for student organizations on campus meeting certain criteria. In order to receive this funding, an organization must fill out an application and gain sponsorship from one of the 64 student senators.

Michael Anthony, Student Body President, also spoke on increasing voter registration and SG night, and he swore in the following students to various positions after the senate voted to approve their appointments: Mathew Spence, director of government relations; Cliff Ray, director of implementation; Kate Dulaney, Service Raleigh project chair; David Conrad, Feed

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Police brace for Brent Road

Officers will take extra precaution to keep the annual party under control.

Rachael Rogers
Staff Reporter

The first week of school marks the return of many traditions, including the infamous Brent Road Party, which attracts N.C. State students, other university students and area kids to the Brent Road area during the first weekend of school.

And just as many students are getting prepared to party, the Raleigh Police Department is once again prepared with various precautions to keep the tradition in check.

In the past, residents have complained about various violations taking place around the area, and the RPD has since decided that monitoring the party for those violating the laws is the best way to keep the party under control.

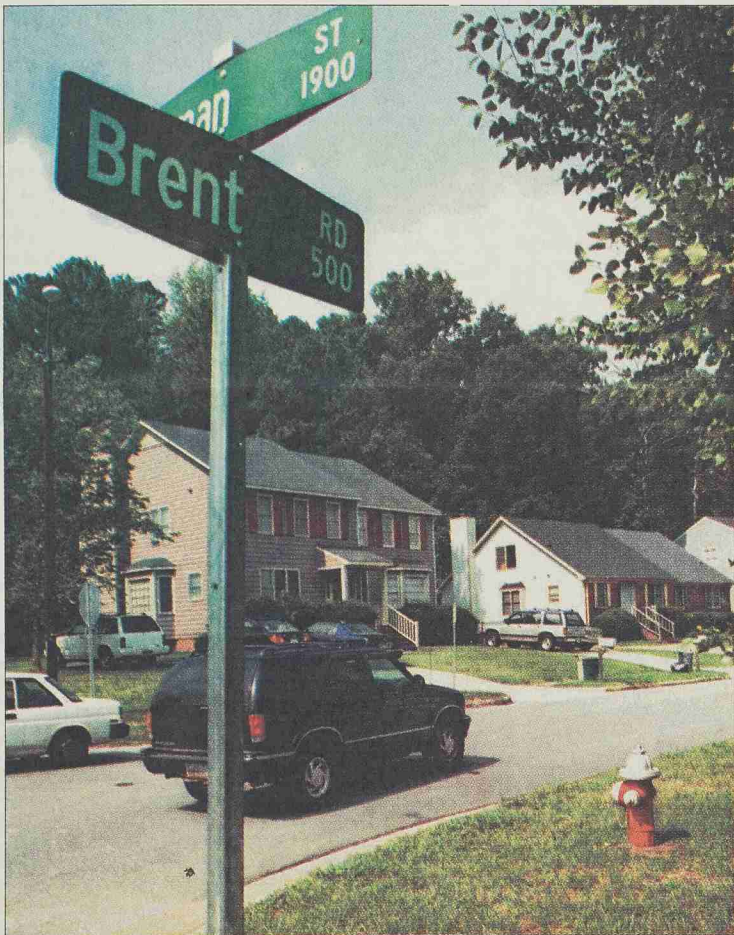
Captain in Special Operations Dennis Poteat said the RPD "can't change the rules and laws for one day. We don't tolerate it any other time of the year, so we can't let it happen for this one occasion."

The police department is not anticipating the thousands of people that past parties were famous for, but police are making plans for any situation so that they will be adequately prepared, should the need arise.

He said the police "want to make sure that residents are not exposed to violations such as inebriated exposure, underage drinking, drug use, littering or property damage," which have all been problems of past parties.

Poteat said that people have been forewarned that there "will be a strong police presence to prevent these events from happening" and that people should be aware that "if violations take place, [the police] will take action" through various means, such as arrest. No warnings will be given; however, the police hope not to discourage people by their presence.

Patrolling the party will require the help of police officers and other people, but Poteat is not sure



Area homeowners have complained about the annual Brent Road block party in the past, prompting increased police presence in recent years. Photo by first Carl Hudson

about the actual number of police officers who will be on duty tomorrow evening. He will just make sure that there is "a sufficient force to handle any situation."

The Raleigh police are not handling this party alone.

Several other agencies have come to their aid, including the N.C. Highway Patrol, NCSU Campus Police, the Wake County Sheriff's Department, the Department of Corrections and other town forces.

DWI checkpoints will be in place, particularly at the inter-

section of Avent Ferry Road and Gorman Street. The DWI Joint Task Force will patrol these sites, and the towns of Garner, Apex, Cary and Morrisville will also participate in these checkpoints.

Other than these checkpoints, the roads will be left fairly open.

Poteat said that they want to "keep the road opened by posting 'No Parking' signs that will modify the parking patterns. We don't want the road blocked and congested."

These signs will be posted early on Saturday and will remain through Sunday.

Overall, the RPD seems adequately prepared to handle the party if it gets out of control.

Also, Poteat mentioned that "if for some reason the party does not occur this weekend or at this particular site, we'd be prepared to bring out officers elsewhere."

He said that the police department is fairly informed from reading Web sites and talking to people, and that the department is prepared to handle this party whenever and wherever it does take place.

"We are prepared to tailor our

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FREE MOVIES AT THE ESA

Austin Powers: International Man of Mystery and Austin Powers: The Spy Who Shagged Me will be shown on the Jumbotron at the Entertainment and Sports Arena following the football game on Saturday. Shows will begin 30 minutes after the conclusion of the game or at approximately 8 p.m. Football tickets not required for entrance. (Doors open at 7:45 p.m.; ESA concessions will be available.)

Biking on bricks



Mark Bray, a junior in textile technology, shows off his skills to promote N.C. State's bicycle team. Staff photo by Andrew Knapp

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force to fit the number of people," said Poteat. "You won't see an army of police if few people turn up, and police will be patrolling all areas of the city."

Poteat also declared his high hopes that the football game against New Mexico on Saturday will give people another means of kicking off the new year.

"We don't want to put a damper on the beginning of the school year, but the university is good about holding events and that's what we encourage," he said. "We can't allow anything to take place that is illegal."

SENATE

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Raleigh commission Chair; Jessica Modeen, ReCreate State commission chair; Anna Grant, Wolfpack Student Initiative director; and Taymour Hammoudi, Wolfpack Student Initiative treasurer.

Student Senate leaders all have common goals for the year. Alan Bennett, a senator representing First Year College students, "hopes to see each individual senator become more involved within their respective colleges."

Stuart Wright, senator for CHASS seniors hopes to see the senate accomplish specific things this year, including "helping prevent further tuition increases."

Currently, there are still freshman and first-year graduate student senate seats open. Students interested in applying for Student Senate positions, learning more about their representatives or keeping up with other Senate events can either sit in on any of their open meetings or visit students.ncsu.edu.

CUTS

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said. "Our goal going in was to protect education, and I think we did that."

However, while the General Assembly looks to only cut between 2.5 and 3 percent, other potential reductions are included in the House bill. These include reducing graduate tuition remission, funding only 98 percent of the university payroll and transferring a portion of the university overhead receipts to other uses off-campus, such as parking tickets.

This, says Fox, could "drive a reduction to an amount in excess of 5 percent. We continue to plan for a worst-case scenario."

Already, the university has taken steps to reduce costs including delaying purchases, not only of computers, but also of other office equipment and furniture.

"Campus units were asked to continue to be conservative in their expenditures," said Fox, explaining that they were also told to limit travel, photocopying and long-distance telephone calls.

In addition, a Web site was established to educate university employees about the emergency budget guidelines.

But students are already worried about the cuts made thus far. NCSU Libraries has had to reduce its hours for the Fall 2002 semester. D.H. Hill Library will no longer operate full-time, but will close at midnight on weekdays and 10 p.m. on weekends. During final exams, it will remain open until 3 a.m.

"Every student has their own schedule, I work better at night, and after working all day that is the only time I have to study and use the library," said Karen Fisher, a junior in business management.

Students were also concerned about increased class sizes for the current semester.

Fox, however, said that the average undergraduate class size will be approximately the same as last year. But the number of sections being offered this year in classrooms with seat counts greater than 100 is 9 percent higher than last year.

"The deans, associate deans, and the university registrar's office are working diligently to ensure that every student who needs a required class has access to a seat, although not necessarily in their preferred section," said Fox.

Students have already felt these repercussions.

Jonathon Bagwell, a senior in communication, said that, after he returned from summer vacation, he found that two of his classes had been cancelled.

"I worked to get those classes back, and ended up having to drop others to replace those that were cancelled," Bagwell said. "As a result, I now have two night classes."

NCSU faced budget cuts in the area of 7 percent, or \$125 million, last year. This year, the university could face cuts as high as 10 percent. But Redwine has said that there is no set time that this decision will be made.

Fox said that NCSU is doing everything in its power to maintain quality within instruction.

"[UNC System] President Moly Corbett Broad has asked each chancellor to do everything possible to minimize the impact of the eventual budget cuts on the academic mission of the university, especially on classroom instruction," said Fox.

Bush tours wildfire site, wants fewer limits on cutting trees

Bush recently told supporters that efforts to thin forests would not only prevent fires but also help revive a struggling economy.

David Jackson

The Dallas Morning News (KRT)

CENTRAL POINT, Ore. — Seeking common cause with victims of massive wildfires, President Bush said Thursday that logging restrictions should be eased because dense forests have served as kindling for the catastrophic blazes.

The suggestion did not soothe environmentalists, who accused the Bush administration of using the summer spate of western fires to open national forests to corporate logging interests.

While trying to burnish his environmental credentials, Bush also used his visit to Oregon to play an increasing common role, comforter in chief. He told supporters at a fairground exhibit hall that efforts to thin forests would not only prevent fires but also help revive a struggling economy by easing the blow to Western farmers and ranchers.

"If you have good forest policy, it will yield to a better economy," Bush told thousands of supporters near the California border.

Environmental groups said that drought and other factors have contributed to the fires and that the administration is using them as an excuse to support their business backers. "Thursday's visit comes in the broader context of efforts by the Bush administration to take advantage of the terrible tragedy of forest fires to roll-

back environmental laws at the behest of corporate special interests," the National Environmental Trust said in a written statement.

A protester at Bush's speech held a sign that was more blunt: "Stop forest genocide." Bush spoke after an Air Force One tour of the largest wildfire in Oregon history, a 471,000-acre blaze that began with a lightning strike and spread an acrid, smoky haze across the mountainous area. Bush and his aides argued that such fires were fed by unlimited growth policies that have created dense packs of trees, deadwood and underbrush.

"It creates bonfire, tinderbox-type conditions," said James L. Connaughton, chairman of Bush's Council on Environmental Quality.

Bush wants to make it easier for timber companies to harvest wood in 190 million acres that are most susceptible to quickly spreading fire. The plan would have to be approved by Congress and has already drawn opposition from Democrats.

During a speech that also touched on fighting the war on terrorism and corporate corruption, Bush said: "We need to understand, if you let kindling build up, and there's a lighting strike, you're going to get yourself a big fire." Bush and aides said current land management practices have led to one of the worst burning seasons in memory. They said more than 6 million acres have burned this year, twice the annual average and about the size of the state of New Hampshire.

Environmental groups countered that the administration has

fingered the wrong culprit for massive fires, which are a normal part of ecosystems. They said modern fire suppression techniques have actually made fires worse. Countering the Bush plan, environmentalists proposed a \$10 billion plan designed in part to alter the mission of the U.S. Forest Service. They said the service should focus on homes and families most threatened by naturally occurring fires.

"America needs the Forest Service to make protecting lives and communities from fires its Number One mission," said Carl Pope, executive director of the Sierra Club. "By deploying Forest Service resources and manpower to safeguard communities at risk of fire, this plan will save lives, save homes and ultimately save money."

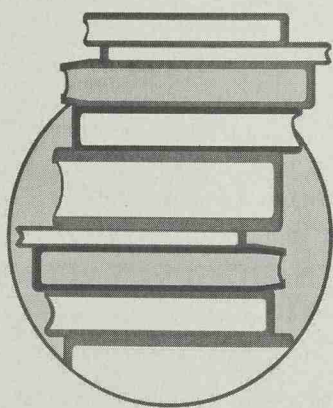
Environmental groups have consistently attacked Bush's policies, and Democrats hope the issue will help them in November congressional elections and the presidential race two years hence. Some groups accused Bush of seeking to reward his contributors in the logging industry, a state he almost carried in 2000 and hopes to win in 2004. After his tour of the devastation,

Bush told reporters: "What the critics need to do is come and stand right where I stand." Saying the fires have wrought economic damage on ranchers, farmers and other residents, he said: "There are a lot of people in this part of the state that can't find work because we don't properly manage our forests."

Such displays of presidential

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empathy, combined with policy proposals, are a relatively recent creation but have become permanent part of politics in the television age, analysts said. "Mostly, they show they care," said Charles O. Jones, a political scientist from the University of Wisconsin. "There is an expectation that the president _ if not showing up personally _ should at least express some concern."

Bush appears to be more comfortable with the concept now than earlier in his presidency, these analysts added. Just months after he took office, for example, he declined to attend the returning ceremony for U.S. military personnel who had been detained in China after their surveillance plane crash-landed on a Chinese island. And he did not visit Cincinnati after race riots last year. Aides pointed out that Bush wanted to give the servicemen time to re-unite with their families and that he met with them later. And they noted that he has spoken out frequently on racial tolerance. The key, they said, is knowing how to pick and choose your spots.

"The president's focus is really first and foremost on helping families to make it through tough moments in life," said White House spokesman Ari Fleischer said. "Sometimes it means the president should visit, and sometimes, it means the president should stay away and visit later."

"In recent months, Bush has also reviewed fire damage in Arizona, and visited coal miners in Pennsylvania just days after their nationally televised rescue. It is a role Bush enjoys playing, aides said. "Compassion is a very important part of the job," Fleischer said.

It's hot now, but scientists predict there's an ice age coming

If the next cold spell is like the last one, which ended 10,000 years ago, glaciers would cover much of North America.

Faye Flam

Knight Ridder Newspapers (KRT)

PHILADELPHIA — It may be hot now, but it's never too early to start thinking about the next ice age. Based on the earth's historical cycle of warm and cold periods, we're due for a big freeze any millennium now. If the next cold spell is like the last one, which ended 10,000 years ago, glaciers would cover much of North America, creeping as far south as New York City.

Over the whole planet, ice ages reduce temperatures by only about 5 to 9 degrees, but the chill is more pronounced in temperate zones _ such as most of the United States. "If you were living in Philadelphia, you could have taken a day trip to see the ice sheet," said Duke University climatologist Tom Crowley. A 50-foot thick glacier covered Long Island back then. But there's the possibility that ongoing global warming could delay the onset of the next big freeze by thousands of years, according to Belgian researchers, writing in Friday's issue of the journal Science.

"We've shown that the input of greenhouse gas could have an impact on the climate 50,000 years in the future," said Marie-France Loutre of the Universite Catholique de Louvain in Bel-

gium. Ice ages and warmer "interglacials" alternate in cycles. In the past few cycles, the relatively warm "interglacials" lasted about 10,000 years. Since our current interglacial started about 10,000 years ago, it's due to end any time now. The ice ages last much longer _ 80,000 to 100,000 years.

But factoring in the higher concentration of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere, Loutre and colleague Andre Berger found the deep freeze might not come for a few more tens of thousands of years.

The increase in carbon dioxide, many scientists believe, has come primarily from the increased burning of fossil fuels, such as coal, oil and gas. Scientists don't normally connect global warming with ice ages since they happen on very different time scales _ decades for global warming, compared to tens of thousands of years for ice ages, said Princeton climatologist Jorge Sarmiento. Still, he said, "it's not an unreasonable idea....It's something I've contemplated." His own work, he said, has backed Loutre's claim that today's increased carbon dioxide should linger for millennia _ long enough to influence the far-future forecast. Some of the extra carbon will be eventually dissolved in the oceans, he said, "but that takes a long time." This summer notwithstanding, we're in a relatively cold period compared to most of the planet's history.

When dinosaurs roamed New Jersey, 100 million years ago, it was about 15 degrees warmer

than today, with little permanent ice anywhere. But it's considerably warmer now than during the last ice age.

Very long-term changes happen, in part, because the continents are slowly drifting around. When there's a lot of land near the poles, ice accumulates there, and that reflects sunlight and generally cools the planet. Earth started getting cold over the last four million years, accumulating permanent ice over much of the Arctic and Antarctica. But the geologic record shows that the ice has retreated every 100,000 years or so for the last several million years, each cycle giving us warmer interglacial periods that last about 10,000 years. Why this cycle repeats is not known, but the prevailing theory attributes it to the elliptical nature of the Earth's orbit and a slight wobble in its tilt on its axis.

Seasons occur because the Earth's tilt gives one hemisphere much more sun exposure than the other at any given time of year. But we also feel a small influence from changes in our distance from the sun, which varies from 91.5 million miles away to 94.5 million.

The Earth's orbit actually gets more elliptical, making the seasonal variations more extreme. Right now the orbit is relatively round. Currently, the earth is closest to the sun in the northern hemisphere's winter, making the winters milder and summers cooler.

Most of the Earth's land is now in the northern hemisphere, so

this situation means more snow can stay on the ground all summer, reflecting more sunlight away and thereby pulling the temperature further down, which encourages still more snow and more cooling. That could start to pull us back into the next ice age.

Without human influence, the cycle is likely to repeat. But now the total concentration of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere is more than 30 percent higher than it was at the beginning of the century, and temperatures are rising.

"The warming will certainly launch us into a new interval in terms of climate, far outside what we've seen before," said Crowley. He said it's a big enough influence to cause the cycle of ice ages to "skip a beat."

Loutre and Berger estimated that human activity will double the concentration of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere over the next century, raising temperatures as much as 10 degrees Fahrenheit.

Still, "it could get much worse," said Crowley. There's a huge reservoir of coal and if people keep burning it, they could more than quadruple the present carbon dioxide concentrations, he said. "I find it hard to believe we will restrain ourselves," he said. "It's really rather startling the changes that people will probably see."

Despite the temptation to blame this summer's heat on the carbon-dioxide buildup, Princeton's Sarmiento said it's impossible to attribute a single summer's heat spell to that. The seasonal temperatures in different

places normally vary from year to year, while global warming is a long-term trend. The ice ages, on the other hand, come over a much longer time scale.

"The silliest thing people could say is: We've got an ice age coming, so why are we worrying about global warming?" Sarmiento said. Whether Loutre and Berger's theory is right or not, "We're going to get a lot of global warming before the ice age kicks in."

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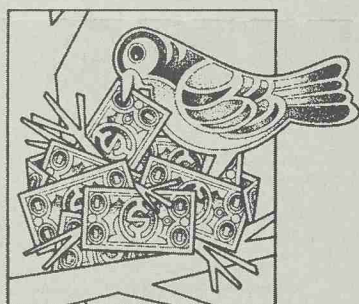
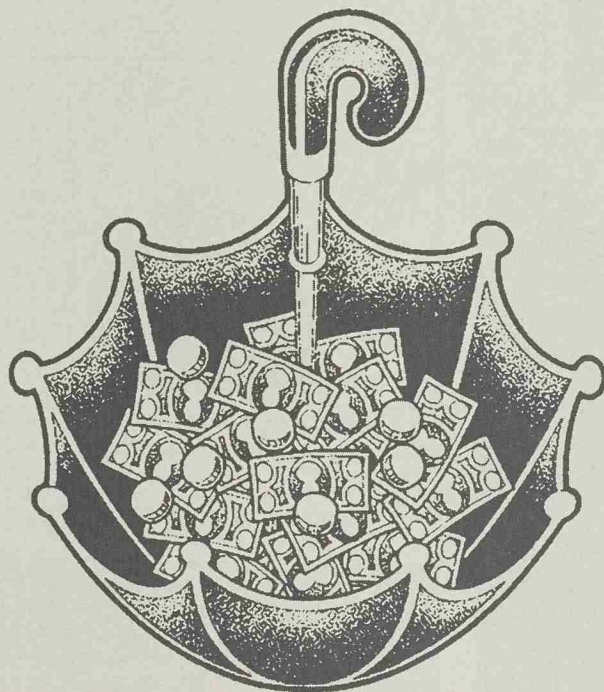
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 And saddle up your steeds
 Killing scores with demon swords
 Now is the death of doers of wrong
 Swing the judgment hammer down
 Safely inside armor blood guts and sweat
 The Horsemen are drawing nearer



(above) The "angel" Maxine. (below) The feline Matajuro. Illustrations by Mark McLawhorn

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But breakfast was not to come so easy. Maxine had just met Matajuro when a giant multi-cannoned war-machine rolled over a snowy hill and began to fire mortars at them. The feline Matajuro swiftly amputated several of the firing mechanism...but it was not until maxine hurls thunderbolts of

"angel" Maxine. He knew whenceforth the destructive mechanism came, but Maxine couldn't understand a word that came out of his mouth. It was as if they had come from two completely different worlds and times (which was perhaps true,) and everything that came out of his mouth was garbled and foreign to her. He knew that the war machine was merely wondering through the tundra of Deyja, a

traterrestrial fallout. But Maxine would never realize that. She was a stranger in a strange land, brought to him by a portal between two worlds that had been long forgotten by many. Maxine was only interested in her own occupations and cared not for Matajuro, and merely wanted to use him for her own devices. He knew this and turned as she landed in the white powder behind him.

"What is the matter?" she asked him. "Is the feeling of victory over this primitive iron beast not enough to fill the hole in your soul? Is it not enough? The lust for domination is the primary function if a being is meant to live," she stated, still breathing heavy, as if she wished to destroy hundreds more.

Matajuro turned and looked in the distance. He was trained to fight, yet knew its emptiness of loss. His eyes almost made out blossoms over the snow-laden hills. Could it be that an end to the desolate winter-kissed lands he treked was near? He thought of his dear friend Oskar, who had perished miles south in the terrible spacecraft entry of this war-torn planet, and how his feline friend would have loved to have smoked a cigar and say, "Matajuro, my boy, we are almost there...soon we'll be soaking our

paws in the warm water and listen to the birds chirp as we decide which ones sing badly enough to eat..."

But Oskar was gone and here stood a creature before Matajuro; with smooth ivory skin, clay-blond hair, and wings of fury petarding from her back. She was always unsatisfied, always wanting more insted of understanding the value of the moment. "What is your problem?" she asked, her eyes focusing into his. He looked back at her and did not know how to respond, as he was caught up in the promise that there would be trees blossoming colors over the hills. For a moment, Maxine forgot about her mission to dominate Earth with her Queen's mission (though it didn't matter because she had currently warped to another planet by accident, (though she did not know this,)) and gazed in Matajuro's deep, black eyes. Her icy heart trembled, like a glacier striking the sun in first light, and she didn't know what to make of it. She scooped him up in her arms and they took flight. Matajuro guided her to an old familiar place some 100 miles north of their current snowy surroundings.

And so they took sabbatical to Mount Futara, and there they lodged for one month.

Maxine and the samurai cat Matajuro left the safe quarters of Mount Futara, where the feline master Banzo resides, always perfecting his meditations.

The two venture some 300 miles southwest to the impact zone of the once-bustling futuristic metropolis of Achillia.

They search for survivors of the city, as a doomsday comet has lain waste to the urban district.

They soon discover a group of chalky-white skeleton men worshipping a strangley familiar figure. The pair hide behind a rock in hopes of remaining undiscovered.

But, alas, they are spotted and the horrible spirit the skeleton men have conjured seems hell-bent in destroying Maxine. The spectre aglow sends Maxine hurtling into a canyon wall. Hurt and defiant, she is not deterred.

With furious strength Maxine lifts the malicious shadow-dæmon over her head and prepares to drive him into the stoney earth, as a spear into a watery stream.

But as she holds him over her head she feels him stop kick-

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~The Four Horsemen,
 words by James Hetfield

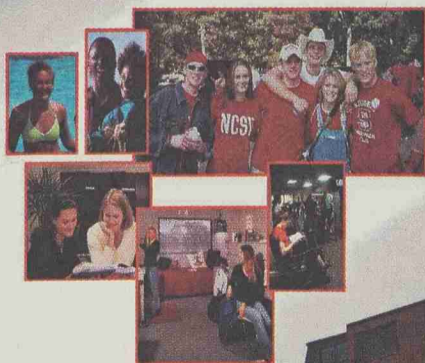
great force is the contraption destroyed! Matajuro was accustomed to landing from great heights. Landing softly on all fours in the snow, he felt the warm glow as the gigantic multi-cannoned war-machine exploded, destroyed by the

place that had been fought over in the Myrmidon Wars, before the destruction of the city Achillia, by a doomsday comet. It was a relic of the past that was never unarmed because its masters had perished in a blaze of fire produced by the destructive ex-

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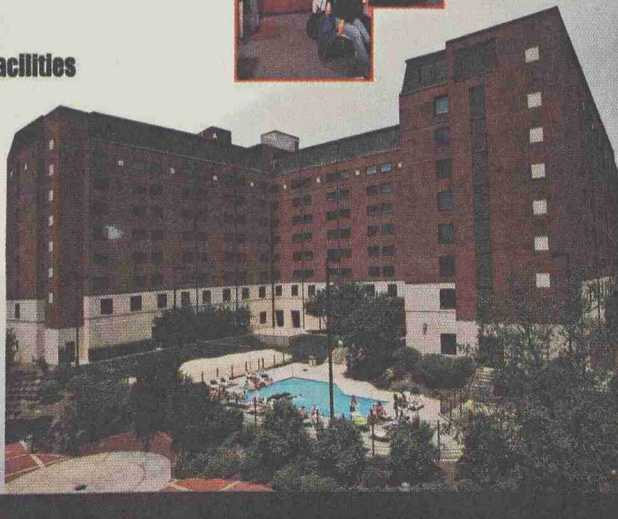
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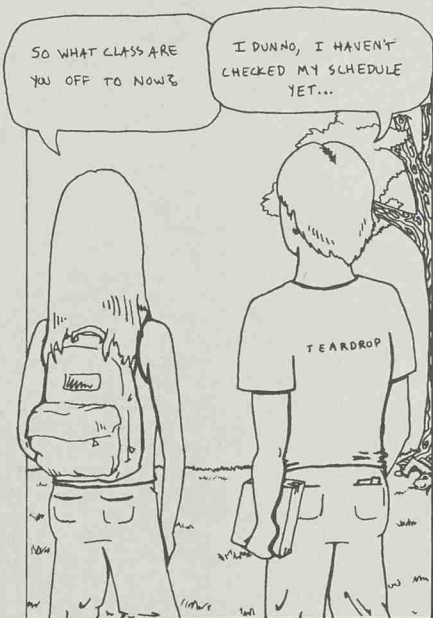
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Yeah, next time use liquor.

I.Q. Prerequisite by Laura Venning



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TRANSONIC AERODYNAMICS???

ANOTHER PERSON LEARNS THE HARD WAY: NEVER DRINK AND REGISTER.

DOUGHBOY

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ing...and she ponders reasoning with the evil ghost...but Maxine isn't the sweetest thing herself.

But what has become of her compatriot, Matajuro? The feline eyes the skeleton-men with nerves of steel still a strange transformation occurs before his furry self. Lo! The strange conjurers merge into a giant skeleton titan, smashing wildly at the pussy cat, who leaps to avoid the thrashing blows. Though it looks like it may be the end for our fuzzy hero when the monster claps his gargantuan hands, the entity is surprised to find the samurai atop his head.

Reacting quickly, Matajuro plunges his sword into the head of the monster and watches as the beast dissolve back into the seven conjurers it was previously.

Maxine slammed the shadow into the ground. She punched him a thousand times square in the face. He bruised none. And he bled nothing at all.

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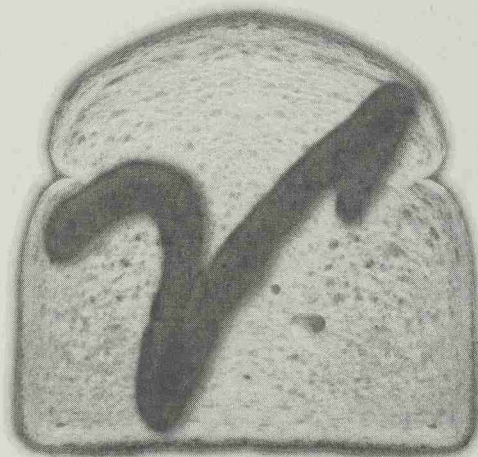
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TECHNICIAN'S VIEW

Traditions fade as restrictions mount

The Brent Road block party is changing, but students will find ways to have fun.

Certainly this year's party at Brent Road will not be as active as those in years past, but although this celebration has decreased in magnitude, students will find ways to celebrate.

Who is to blame for this fading tradition? Students are quick to criticize the university or individual police officers for ending the large scale of the party, but most of this responsibility can be attributed to Raleigh City Council's "nuisance party" ordinance passed last year and its excessive enforcement.

N.C. State administrators have recognized students' need for a new back-to-school tradition, and alternatives have been suggested in recent years such as the Union Activity Board's "Crossroads" event and the upcoming "Friday Fest" as alcohol-free ways for students to celebrate. Although these may not equal the popularity of the Brent Road parties, they are positive ideas and will provide enjoyment for those who wish to celebrate in different atmospheres.

One can easily understand why some police involvement in the area is critical; past Brent Road celebrations involved over 5,000 individuals in one area. But there was once a time when protection of the area did not essentially end the festivities. A Technician story on Aug. 24, 1992 covering the Brent Road block party featured a quote from Sergeant E.B.

Gaskins, the senior officer in attendance. Gaskins said, "We're not interested in taking enforcement action as long as everybody behaves within reason and cooperates with us. We're here to maintain safety and make sure everybody is having a good time." The opinion of the Raleigh Police Department has clearly changed in the last decade, because this year, "Raleigh Police plan to aggressively enforce the law," according to the Chancellor Marye Anne Fox's open letter to the NCSU community. Normal enforcement should be expected — even encouraged — for group gatherings as large as the Brent Road event in the past to maintain a safe area, but excessive enforcement is completely a different situation and is rarely beneficial.

In the past, many of the problems caused at Brent Road were not because of NCSU students. In 1992, over 5,000 people attended the party, yet only two NCSU students were arrested. As enforcement grew, so did the number of arrests, yet last year only 16 of the 42 individuals arrested were university students.

A massive party at Brent Road may not be the best tradition for students to rally around, but the loss of it does symbolize other waning traditions — such as the Lawn Party and large-scale campouts. Students may be disappointed about this loss, but as one celebration fades, another will begin to take form.

It may take time to begin a large, well-known event, but students will always find new ways to celebrate.



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Fire away

Kevin McAbee
Staff Columnist

Everyone should know how to handle a gun. One of my coworkers this summer told me she refuses to ever pick up, handle, shoot or have anything to do with a gun. I think this is a very immature statement. I can understand people not wanting to own guns or have them around, but I believe that for safety one must at least know how to use a gun. To me, it's like learning CPR. There is a great chance of never applying the training, but if a situation arises in which you need the training, you would sure hate to be without it.

Never being educated on gun operation or safety creates a dangerous situation whenever one is near a firearm. An adult who has never operated a gun knows only slightly more about firearms than a child. Adults may know not to point it at someone's head, but they wouldn't be able to tell if it was loaded or if the safety was on.

My coworker tells herself that she won't ever pick up a gun, therefore she doesn't need to know how to use one. I don't understand how she can be so foolish to

think that there is no way she may ever need to handle a gun. We live in violent times with violent people. There is no way she can predict if she will one day be in a position of violence.

If at any time someone attempted to mug, kidnap, rape or kill her, there is a good chance that person would have a gun. If she wanted to defend herself and not roll over for the aggressor, she might use mace or a nice knee to the groin. This may cause the aggressor to lose the gun. Is she going to let it sit there on the ground to be picked up again?

She may simply run away after such an encounter, and yes, a person only has a small chance of shooting a moving target, but I sure wouldn't want to be one of the few that gets hit. The much smarter move would be to grab the gun and run. However, running with a loaded, active firearm is not the safest thing to do.

A simple lesson in firearm safety would allow her to unload the gun and click on the safety. Now she is far away from a weaponless aggressor. This seems to be much better than running from bullets flying at your head.

Now, let's just say that the attacker lost

the firearm, yet my coworker had nowhere to run. She should most definitely pick up the gun, but now she needs knowledge of it in order to be comfortable using it. She should know how to both click on the safety and point it, giving her the advantage so that her attacker will either run away or be held at gunpoint until the police arrive.

Suppose this attacker isn't so intimidated by a gun — he believes that this is a scared woman who is petrified and doesn't have any idea how to use the pistol in her hand. This attacker decides to advance and take the gun back.

A person that has never used a gun may be too scared to fire, may not be able to aim straight or may try to fire a gun that has a safety on. The attacker now has the gun again. The victim is right back where she started from, only the attacker is much angrier. A person comfortable with a gun could have given a nice shot to the chest, leg, or my favorite, the knee. (This really hurts and puts an attacker in a wheelchair for a long time).

True, this is far fetched, and most of us

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Freshman orientation: what they didn't tell you



Larisa Yasinovskaya
Staff Columnist

Welcome freshmen! I'm sure I'm not the first to say this, nor am I going to be last, as one of the things you'll quickly discover is that people are going to be nice and helpful. So in that spirit of helpfulness, I am

going to bestow upon you some wonderful knowledge that would normally only come from experience. However, here you will be privy to the information gathered by my experience as well as those of other students.

My first tip is one that I think is the best advice a freshman can get. It may seem simple, even obvious to some, but here it is: go to class. Oh sure, you think you'll go — you're a responsible adult; or maybe you think that finally nobody

can make you go to class, so you're sleeping in. For the first case, you will eventually want to skip class — but don't. Once you start skipping class it's addictive, and you'll continue to do it. For the latter case, just don't do it. Don't skip. Even if you're tired, even if you don't take notes or sleep in class, just go.

This brings me to my second bit of advice: under no circumstances do you ever need to have an 8:05 class. Whatever it is, it can wait until you can take at a better time. This reminds me of another tip: you do not have to take classes in the order that you are told. That means that most prerequisites (with the exception of math and a few others) are suggestions. Yes, you can get into a class that you do not have the requirements for. It may be harder without having taken them, but you can try it. You can also get into closed sections. Not always, but on the first day of class, or a second, or a third (though you're pushing it then) you can just go to the class you want to

take and ask the instructor if you can add it. No elaborate story necessary, just tell them you want to be in that class and maybe they'll add you.

But, and this is very important, do not take more than 15 hours a semester. Why would you? You will do better if you take fewer hours, and when you go to apply for a job a potential employer will care about your GPA but will not care about the fact that you took 21 hours in any given semester. Oh, and if you're thinking that you're going to finish early or on time and you want to take more hours than that end, disabuse yourself of that notion while you still have a hope in your soul. You will most likely not get out of here within the next four years. This is not a reflection of your academic ability, or lack thereof; but rather a reflection of the university's ever-decreasing selection of classes and sections. So don't even bother.

The 15-hour limit is also good advice if you want to be able to have a life out-

side of class, and you should.

Go to clubs, even just to meet people. And go to clubs you wouldn't normally consider — you would be surprised how many interesting people you can meet.

Let's see, a few more quickies; talk to your professors, get some sleep, don't walk out in front of cars (they're bigger than you), turn your cell phone off in class and do not take the free crap in the Brickyard (it's not actually free — the real price is your soul). Also, always bring your own condoms, use School Tool on TheWolfWeb.com and try to be open-minded without compromising your own identity.

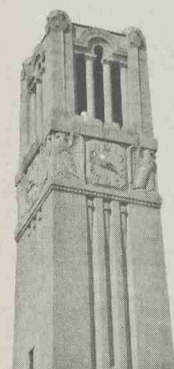
Oh yeah, there is a spiral in the middle of Harrelson and the stairs are color-coded.

Larisa also wanted to advise students to e-mail Campus Forum. Send your advice about school or Larisa's columns to larisas_opinion@hotmail.com.

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CAMPUS FORUM

Mixed reaction over Pullen Road roundabout

I didn't know whether to laugh or cry when I read the article in Thursday's News and Observer concerning the Pullen roundabout. The paragraph which triggered my mixed reaction reads as follows: "The university even sent out an email message to employees and students with instructions for maneuvering through the roundabout."

Does that tidbit suggest the upper echelons of N.C. State have become so immersed in elitist liberalism that they truly think rational people do not know how to negotiate a baby traffic circle? Or perhaps due to so many years of forced diversity programs in hiring and enrollment you have managed to pop-

ulate the greater part of the campus with folks who are indeed idiots?

You folks needn't concern yourselves with the your student's lack of responsibility on Brent Road so much as the fact that there seems to be a lack of intelligent role models from whom they can learn common sense.

Steve Crisp
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A rebuttal to Brent Road

I hope that I am not the only one that found the chancellor's open letter regarding the party on Brent Road extremely uncompassionate and closed minded. We are expected "to be good neighbors at all times and obey all laws," including the broadly defined "nuisance

party ordinance." There will be "zero tolerance" for those of us that choose to participate in this event. Perhaps I've been under a rock the past year, but isn't a state run university in a post 9-11 world the last place you'd expect to find intolerance?

The university's mission statement stresses responsibility. Why do we need 300 police officers watching our every move? The NPO is so broadly defined and narrowly enforced that I'm willing to wager that most of the 16 N.C. State students arrested last year on and around Brent Road were arrested for something that would go unnoticed any other night of the year. A friend of mine was arrested for littering because he put a cigarette out and it rolled down the driveway into the street. Of course when these numbers hit the media, they don't say what the

Oil-soaked administration overlooks Exxon's corporate crimes

Stephen Kretzmann
KRT forum

(KRT) It didn't take long for the Bush administration to show its true stripes on corporate crime — and they look a lot like the Exxon tiger's.

Never mind President Bush's signing of the Corporate Responsibility Act. The State Department is busy asking a federal judge to dismiss a lawsuit against Exxon Mobil for its alleged complicity in human-rights violations in Indonesia.

The suit alleges that Indonesian military troops committed "genocide, murder, torture, crimes against humanity, sexual violence and kidnapping" while providing security for Exxon Mobil's natural gas project in Indonesia's conflict-ridden Aceh province. The company allegedly aided and abetted these abuses by paying, feeding, housing and generally

supporting the security forces. In a July 29 letter to federal Judge Louis F. Oberdorfer, State Department counsel William H. Taft IV acknowledges that while his argument "does not address the legal issues before the court," the "adjudication of this lawsuit at this time would in fact risk a potentially serious adverse impact on significant interests of the United States, including interests related directly to the ongoing war on terrorism."

In other words, we shouldn't investigate a U.S. corporation accused of complicity in terrorism because it might get in the way of our war on terror. But there are other concerns.

In mid-July, Indonesia's ambassador to the United States sent a letter to the State Department that noted ominously that the lawsuit "will definitely compromise the serious efforts of the Indonesian government to guarantee the safety of foreign investments, including in particular those from the United States." Two weeks later, the State Department dutifully relayed this

threat to Judge Oberdorfer.

Perhaps the most ironic assertion by the Bush administration is that U.S. corporations remain a model for the rest of the world to follow. "Working side by side with U.S. firms, Indonesian companies and government agencies see the advantages of modern business practices, including transparency, respect for contracts, fair labor practices, anti-corruption, efficiency and competitiveness," the State Department argues.

"Modern business practices" hardly include paying, feeding and housing troops that allegedly torture the local population. And the idea of U.S. corporations teaching others anti-corruption measures is, to put it diplomatically, somewhat less credible today than it was before the revelations about Enron, WorldCom and ImClone.

The administration's support for Exxon Mobil is hardly unique. Since the Reagan years, the promotion of U.S. business interests abroad has been a top foreign policy goal. Billions of dollars in sub-

sidies have been allocated to companies like Exxon Mobil and Enron by public institutions like the Overseas Private Investment Corp. and the World Bank. These institutions often give a veneer of respectability to corporate-driven projects, while minimizing local environmental and human rights concerns.

Despite credible evidence of corruption and human-rights abuses by Enron in several countries, including India, the Dominican Republic and Mozambique, it wasn't until it collapsed on its workers and investors at home that government agencies and lawmakers woke up. It's not the business of our foreign policy to help corporations.

The State Department should not do the public relations and legal work for Exxon Mobil. And if Exxon Mobil can't operate in a region without relying on an army that even the Bush administration admits is guilty of human-rights abuses, they shouldn't be there in the first place.

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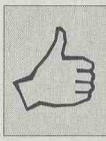
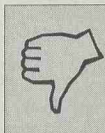


Faculty endorse academic freedom

The N.C. State Faculty Senate unanimously passed a resolution on Tuesday in support of a free exchange of ideas, on the heels of UNC's controversial summer assignment of a book about the Qu'ran to all incoming freshmen. The senate was quick to caution State students: "We didn't really mean it, so don't get any crazy ideas. Just shut up and write your papers."

Musharraf increases power

President Pervez Musharraf of Pakistan unilaterally enacted 29 amendments to his country's constitution on Wednesday, giving himself the power to, among other things, change the constitution at will and dissolve the country's elected parliament. Insiders report that Musharraf is installing a button-operated trap door in his office.

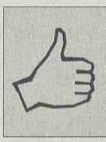
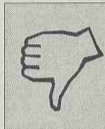


Martha turns over docs

Lawyers for Martha Stewart turned over phone and e-mail records to Congressional investigators this week, but many of the pages had information blacked out. "It's absolutely indefensible," said a spokesman for the investigating committee. "We would have expected Ms. Stewart to use a nice navy or hunter green, instead of drab old black."

Bush reiterates Iraq wishes

President Bush, at a news conference on his Texas ranch on Wednesday, reasserted his belief that ousting Saddam Hussein from Iraq "is in the interest of the world." When pressed for more detailed justification of action against Hussein, Bush said, "Well, I think my dad would be really proud of me. And that would be cool, right?"

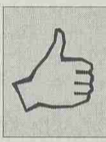
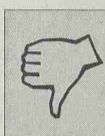


Poopy power in place

Engineers at Myeka High School in rural South Africa have built a system that harnesses methane gas from the school's own decomposing sewage to provide more electricity for lights and computers. Officials at the school have been pushing a high-fiber diet for students and teachers since the system came online.

Bush to ease logging rules

President Bush announced this week that he would soon suggest easing logging restrictions in national forests in the wake of this summer's gargantuan wildfires. "This is just one more step in my plan to eliminate all trees from our nation, and, God willing, the world," said Bush on Wednesday. "You're either for us or against us in the fight against nature."

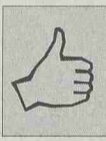
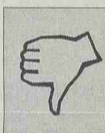


You're pretty when I'm drunk

British scientists released the results of a study this week showing that alcohol makes other people look better to the imbiber. Two pints of beer or four glasses of wine, the researchers say, can increase the perceived attractiveness of another person by about 25 percent. Ugly people have started handing out free beer to passersby in bars around the world.

Dust to diamonds?

LifeGem Memorials, of Chicago, announced this week that it has developed a process for turning cremated human remains into diamonds that can be worn as jewelry. A quarter-carat gem would sell to loved ones for \$4,000, according to the company's president, Greg Herro. Next week, the company is expected to announce plans to openly deface tombstones.

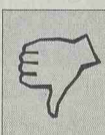


So long, "Satans"

The Devils Lake (N.D.) school board voted Monday to drop the 80-year-old mascot name, the "Satans," of the local high school. A few of the school's students were dissatisfied with the change. "We were really hoping to grab the state football title this year," said one junior. "But without the powerful carcass of the Dark Lord's favor, I don't know."

Mom charged for sunburn

A 31-year-old Ohio woman was charged with felony child abuse last week for letting her three children attend a county fair without any sunscreen, resulting in second-degree sunburns for all three. Mothers in other states have stopped feeding their children, afraid that a case of food poisoning will result in jail time.



KEVIN

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would never encounter this situation. Yet, I know lots of people who go to self-defense training, carry mace and don't walk alone at night. Learning how to fire a gun would be a simple way to only bolster a feeling of safety and self-reliance to add to these measures.

And this goes for males and females; I only used "she" because my coworker was female. I think that guys without gun experience are more dangerous than women. Most guys would pick up a gun and have a macho, "I know what I'm doing" attitude. This is much more dangerous than someone who is timid around a firearm.

There are many other situations that could cause a gun to end up in your own hands, no matter how much you despise or fear them. Take the time to simply learn how to operate one safely.

Kevin wonders why N.C. State doesn't have a pistol range or a skeet-shooting field. If you also think these would be a great addition to the NCSU campus, e-mail him at ktmabee@unity.ncsu.edu.

Warnings of date rape should not go unheard

Staff Editorial (U-WIRE)
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ministrators who spend the first six weeks of a freshman's college tenure warning them of the dangers outside the classroom never want to be right.

All the planning that goes into warning new arrivals about drug abuse, binge drinking, DUI and rape is an attempt to prevent any of those things from actually happening.

Monday night's reported rape should serve as proof that all the programs and preventative efforts undertaken by the university aren't just to sound good. These things happen. One freshman woman in her first week of school filed charges against another UM student for date rape.

While no details are currently available about this specific case, many date rape charges stem from alcohol use by both parties. As long as students drink, whether it be responsibly or not, unwanted sexual situations will occur. In this case, the female fell asleep on a couch and woke up to forced intercourse.

The best rule for women going to parties and bars is to travel in groups. Staying around familiar people, preferably girlfriends, can prevent unwanted advances. And believe it or not, the goal of drinking is not to slip into a motionless coma at the end of the evening.

The more you drink, the less your inhibitions are and the more suggestive things get. All this information is drilled into students starting in high school, yet these

situations continue to occur.

As for the accused, if he's found guilty it is strongly recommended that officials create a precedent and punish the perpetrator to the fullest extent. By sending a message that rapists, even date rapists subject to the gray areas of "he said, she said," will be dealt with severely, future offenders will hopefully think twice.

A case of date rape at a late-night party is a collegiate story as prevalent as DUIs. Despite the respectable steps taken by university officials in trying to prevent rape from occurring, women still feel invincible to the offense. Women of campus, especially freshmen, listen clearly: This can happen to you.

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The talented group, led by senior Bryan Peterson, includes junior Jericho Cotchery and sophomores Sterling Hicks, Dovonte Edwards, Andy Bertrand and Chris Murray. Edwards, who suffered a knee injury in the preseason, may not be available for the New Mexico game, but he should return to the team sooner than the original six-week prognosis.

One of the main question marks for the Wolfpack offense will be the running back position. After sitting behind four-year starter Ray Robinson for three years, Cotra Jackson appeared to be the fix for this year before be-

ing ruled ineligible in August.

Former cornerback and kick-off return specialist Greg Golden has made the switch to running back and has been named the starter for the New Mexico game. Also likely to see significant game experience are newcomers Josh Brown and T.A. McLendon.

"We're going to mix a couple guys at the running-back spot and all of them should be successful," said Rivers. "[McLendon's] got what is takes to be a big-time back. It's going to be different for him [transitioning from high school to college], but he's got what it takes to help us."

One of the main concerns for the Wolfpack offense will be the

offensive line, which has been particularly thin over the last few seasons. If Scott Kooistra and Chris Colmer can stay injury free, the Wolfpack will be solid at tackle, but the guards are unproven heading into the season.

"The offensive line is not there yet, but they're starting to jell," said head coach Chuck Amato. "This is the strongest offensive line since I've been here. The consistency isn't there yet, but when it is — it looks pretty good."

Despite losing All-American Levar Fisher to the NFL and having defensive end Terrance Chapman ruled ineligible, the Wolfpack defense figures to be one of the deepest and most athletic sides in the ACC.

The strength of the defense is in the secondary, where first-team All-ACC member Holt anchors a crew largely composed of Amato-recruited talent.

At cornerback, big things are expected of sophomore Marcus Hudson, who was selected at the No. 6 corner in the nation by Herbstreit. Joining him in the secondary will be Lamont Reid, J.J. Washington, Andre Maddux, Julius Patterson and Troy Graham. State will miss freshman standout A.J. Davis, who was lost for the season with a broken leg suffered in practice.

At linebacker, senior Dantonio Burnette seems ready to take over the reins from Fisher as the unit leader. He will receive help from

Roger Pollard, Pat Thomas and Freddie Aughtry-Lindsay. Despite the loss of Chapman, defensive ends Shawn Price, Terrance Martin, Drew Wimsatt and George Anderson should provide an attacking force up front.

"We're as good as our defensive linemen make us," said Holt. "If they can rush the passer real well and give us some opportunities to make plays in the secondary, I think we can be real good."

Overall, Holt feels like the team's cumulative talent could lead to a special season.

"This is a year that we have built depth, this is a year that we can turn the corner," said Holt. "We have people behind starters that come in and we won't miss a beat.

That's more important than having a top-notch guy at a starting spot and then not having any depth behind him. We can beat the teams that we're supposed to beat in the league and we can also beat the teams that maybe, on paper, we're not supposed to beat."

With two games against Division I-AA opponents and another two against Division I-A doormats Duke and Navy, State has a realistic shot at eclipsing the 10-win mark for the first time in school history.

The first step along that journey begins Saturday in Carter-Finley Stadium against the Lobos.

RIVERS

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two years and have two to go, and I really need to take that next jump to be one of the top quarterbacks in the country. With the athletes I have blocking for me and [the athletes I'm] throwing to, I certainly think I can accomplish that."

In the year of the quarterback, Rivers maintains that he deserves to be mentioned in the same breath as the Grossmans, Leftwiches, Rixes and Gessers. As far as goals go, how does winning every game while throwing no interceptions sound?

"An individual dream for me as the starting quarterback is for us to win every game," said Rivers. "Another ... is to throw no interceptions the entire year. I know it's almost unrealistic, but that's one goal that I always put down before the season."

Winning games and throwing zero interceptions sounds like a piece of cake when compared to changing diapers. Rivers insists,

however, that the conversion from bachelor to married man to father has been as fluid as one of his 41 career touchdown passes.

"It's been a very smooth change for me," said Rivers. "She [Halle] does great; she's changing everyday, and Tiffany does a great job of being with her and handling her. It's certainly different having someone depending on you all the time."

In the meantime, between diaper changes and 2 a.m. feedings, Rivers still finds the time to squeeze in a little video game-playing with the team — insisting that he's the best, of course.

"Not as much," laughed Rivers when asked how often he breaks out the gaming console. "Holt, Pete [Bryan Peterson] and those guys, we play a good bit. I'm the best, though they would tell you differently."

And the best player the Pack has to offer will take the opening snap from center in just one more day, this time as a husband, father and dark horse Heisman Trophy candidate.

LOBOS

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namely linebacker Charles Moss and safety Terrell Golden.

"We are trying to make it so that when people think of great defenses in the country, New Mexico's name will start to pop up," said nose tackle Hebrews Josue.

Best known for producing sensational Chicago Bears linebacker Brain Urlacher, the Lobos defense will probably have to adjust their aggressive blitzing schemes because of State quarterback Philip Rivers' ability to quickly find the open man.

"I think he's extremely tough to blitz because of his experience," said Long, who starred at quarterback for the Lobos from 1969-71. "He's not afraid in the pocket and gets rid of it quick while being very accurate. [Rivers] and the Texas Tech quarterback [Kliff Kingsbury] are the two best returning quarterbacks I saw on film, and I've watched a lot of film."

Quarterbacking the Lobos will



It's easy to intercept passes against Duke, but the N.C. State defense will face a tougher challenge vs. New Mexico. File photo by Jason Ivester

be former walk-on Chris Kelly, who boasts a 5-2 record as a starter with those two losses coming late in the fourth quarter against 2001 bowl teams Colorado State and Brigham Young. Kelly is a scrambling passer that also gives the Lobos the ability to

mix in some option looks that were New Mexico trademarks under former head coach Dennis Franchione, who is currently head coach of Alabama.

"He runs the option pretty well," said Long. "He's not a great ball carrier, but he runs it well

enough that they have to stop overload blitzing us."

Whomever Kelly is looking to pitch to on the option, however, remains a problem. Much like the Pack, New Mexico has essentially no experience at running back, and the Lobos' running back depth took an even bigger hit when freshman Dontrell Moore was injured in preseason practice.

"None of them played very much," said Long. "[Quincy] Wright carried the ball just six times [in 2001] on our team, and he is the starter. We're very concerned about that position."

Even more concerning for Long could be his team's ability to adjust to the humidity in Raleigh. With game-time temperatures expected to exceed 95 degrees, depth will certainly come into play.

"I think the weather will play a factor," said Long. "It's hot here, maybe 90 or 100, but it's not the same humidity. We're going to play a lot of kids on offense and defense to keep them fresh."

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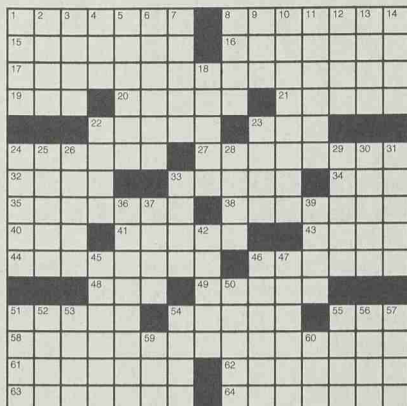
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Friday Sports

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Football vs. New Mexico, 8/24, 4:30
 W. Soccer vs. Old Dominion (exhib.), 8/24, 7
 M. Soccer vs. Montreat (exhib.), 8/25, 2
 Volleyball @ Florida Atlantic, 8/30-31

Scores

No games scheduled



TECHNICIAN

Here comes the Wolfpack Family man behind center

N.C. State opens a season full of high expectations against New Mexico in the BCA Classic.

Steve Thompson
Sports Editor

At 4:30 p.m. Saturday, the N.C. State football team will open the ledger on what will be its longest season on the books.

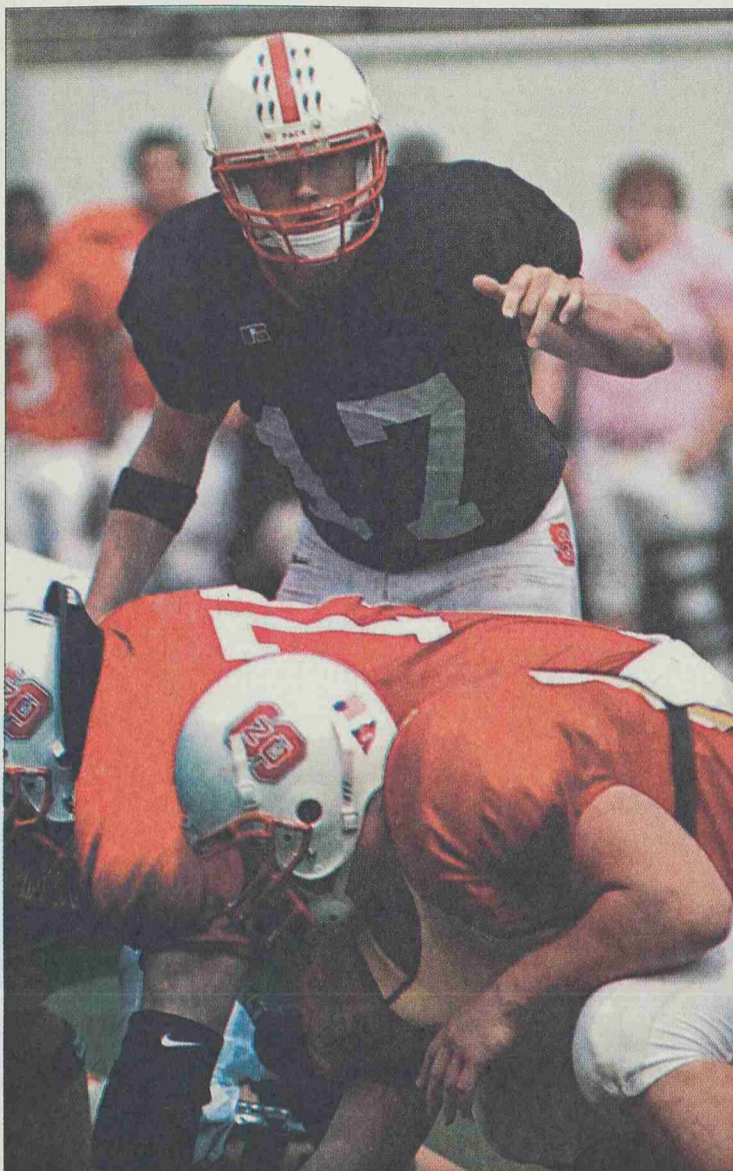
When it was announced last spring that the Wolfpack would host the New Mexico Lobos in the BCA Classic, the Pack guaranteed itself a 13-game schedule. The regular season stretches a full three months, from Aug. 24 to Nov. 23, with State only having one week off. The long schedule doesn't phase the players, however.

"I like to envision myself playing in the NFL next year, so I'm trying to treat it as a semi-NFL season," said senior free safety Terrence Holt. "We have a lot of games on hand and it's just a lot of opportunities to showcase our skills and showcase that we're becoming a program that is turning the corner and be reckoned with in the league."

Selected in the preseason to finish No. 2 in the ACC, the season brings high expectations for State. The Pack returns five starters on offense and six on defense, with a wealth of experience and athleticism at wide receiver, quarterback and in the defensive secondary.

On offense, junior quarterback Philip Rivers undoubtedly leads the Pack. After a freshman year spent throwing deep routes to the uber-talented Koren Robinson, Rivers spent much of last season improving his completion percentage (65.2 percent in 2001, best in school history) and passing efficiency (130.04 over his career, second best at State and No. 17 in ACC history).

This year, with more depth and experience at wide receiver, Rivers should again approach the 3,000-yard mark. He is currently 286 yards shy of passing Terry Harvey to move into second in career passing yards at State. He already has the single-season high-water



Philip Rivers leads N.C. State into Saturday's season opener against New Mexico. The Wolfpack has won its last five openers, including a 35-14 win over Indiana last year. File photo by Jason Ivester

mark for completions, attempts, passing touchdowns and 300-yard passing games.

"The thing that all of us are impressed with is his poise," said

ESPN's Kirk Herbstreit before the season. "Look at his numbers — he is going to go on and eventually break every school record and possibly every ACC record."

This year, Rivers will be able to throw to a talented receiving corps that goes at least six deep.

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Lobos maintain defensive state of mind

New Mexico's defense must rebuild, but the offense will benefit from the return of an experienced quarterback.

Matt Middleton
Assistant Sports Editor

To the residents of Raleigh and the surrounding N.C. State university area, the city of Albuquerque, N.M., will forever be linked to the 1983 NCAA cham-

ampionship run by Jim Valvano's team. The "Darlings of Destiny" ended their championship run at "The Pit" in Albuquerque with the famous last-second dunk by Lorenzo Charles, and Valvano subsequently vowed to name his next child Al. B. Querque.

The city of Albuquerque is of course also home to the University of New Mexico, whose football team travels to Raleigh with the idea of gaining respect.

"People still talk about it [83

championship] down here, about what a great time they had. I don't think it's too faded a memory," said New Mexico head coach Rocky Long.

Long will bring his team to Raleigh as double-digit underdogs, although not to the same degree that State team was against Houston in '83. Gone are four Lobos that earned either first or second team Mountain West Conference honors, including the backbone of a defense that as-

tounding ranked fifth in that country against the run (87.4 yards per game) and 18th overall.

Replacing defensive lineman Brian Johnson and linebacker Gary Davis — both first-team All-MWC members — is surely not an easy task, but the Lobos return seven starters from a defense still trying to gain respect in an obscure southwest location,

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Junior quarterback Philip Rivers' responsibilities have grown in the last two years, both on and off the field.

Matt Middleton
Assistant Sports Editor

It is with the right arm of his 6-foot-5-inch and 236-pound frame that he

unleashes that familiar jerky throwing motion, doing so with the colossal weight and expectations of an entire fan base hanging on that arm.

It was that same jerky motion that earned him a standing ovation from those same fans in Carter-Finley Stadium after his first career pass attempt — an incomplete one.

It's certainly not ordinary being Philip Rivers. For starters, in a world that most bachelors call paradise — college — Rivers is already settled down before his 21st birthday with his childhood sweetheart, Tiffany.

And, oh yeah, he's also a dad. Halle Elizabeth Rivers, born on July 7, has added yet another responsibility to the life of the Wolfpack's signal-caller, who has had a lion's share of responsibilities since arriving on campus in early 2000.

Who is this guy?

Rivers enrolled at State a semester early, eager to participate in spring drills that allowed him to get a head start to succeed State's career leader in virtually every passing category, Jamie Barnette.

His first start as a relatively unknown talent gave a glimpse of a season full of heart-stopping comeback wins that reincarnated the term "Cardiac Pack" from some 17 years prior. Against Arkansas State in hurricane-like conditions, Rivers threw for the fifth-best yardage total in school history — 397 yards — a mark that he would best twice more before the culmination of the season.

"I think [that] naturally as a freshman he was a leader," said teammate Terrence Holt. "He's a very mature guy, he speaks well and the players respond to what he says."

After being named ACC Freshman of the Year and throwing for 3,054 yards and a school-record 25 touchdowns, the Alabama native led the Pack to (What else?) a come-from-behind win in the Micron PC Bowl — the school's first bowl victory since the 1995 Peach Bowl.

Rivers' competitiveness was

probably the one palpable thing that willed a lot of those comebacks.

"I've been in a lot of tight games growing up in high school; I love the pressure of having the ball in the fourth quarter and needing to score," said Rivers. "Those type of situations make you better, win or lose."

Encore performance

Rivers came back to school for the 2001 season no longer a single man, having married Tiffany in May, and looking for a curtain call after enjoying by far the most prolific season by a State freshman ever.

After a 243-yard, 3-touchdown performance to open the season against Indiana, Rivers endured a season in which he eclipsed the 300-yard mark just twice. The yards went down, the touchdowns weren't lighting up the scoreboard nearly as often, but Rivers still insists he improved as a quarterback.

"The numbers last year wouldn't show [that I improved], except the completion percentage — but to me, I got better," said Rivers. "It's not so much the numbers; it's just the idea of continuing to win games, because if you win games [then] you're doing something right as a quarterback."

And win games the team continued to do, posting seven regular season victories for the second straight year, including an unprecedented road win by an ACC team at Florida State.

It was during that game in which Rivers didn't put up the eye-catching numbers of 2000, but instead looked remarkably poised directing a complex offense engineered just for that game, employing shifts and motion on virtually every play in a variety of formations.

Great expectations

Entering the 2002 season, expectations for the Pack's football program have multiplied. Being an overwhelming choice to finish second behind FSU is a lot to shoulder — even for a married father of one.

"What everyone has to realize is that Philip is just 20 years old," said State head coach Chuck Amato. "He'll do just what you tell him to do, and he makes things happen that an ordinary quarterback will not."

He also is far from satisfied, speaking in terms of what he wants to accomplish here in Raleigh.

"I have had two certainly successful years, but I'm not satisfied," said Rivers. "I've finished

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