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YVC focuses on student registration

As the Nov. 5 elections draw near, the Youth Vote Coalition hopes to increase student participation in the voting process.

Bess Futrell
Staff Reporter

N.C. State's Student Government and the local partners of the Youth Vote Coalition are making a tremendous effort throughout campus to increase the number of young voters in the upcoming Nov. 5 election. During the next few weeks, NCSU students will be able to easily register to vote if they have not yet done so.

The Youth Vote Coalition is a national nonpartisan organization that works to increase the political activity of Americans, between 18 and 30-years-old.

Colleen Sarna, North Carolina Youth Vote Organizer, said that only 20 percent of registered voters between the ages of 18 and 24 actually turn out to vote on Election Day. This is a small amount compared to the 50 percent of their parents that go to the polls.

"Getting more young people to vote increases our political voice so the candidates will start addressing our interests," said Sarna. "Everyone needs a political voice and they can start now by voting in this election."

The Student Government Association is the primary driving force behind the Youth Vote Coalition on campus. It has been collaborating with Youth Vote to get more students registered to vote and also get those same students to the polls by holding various meetings informing the student body about voting, conducting the Tackle the Vote raffle contest, and organizing possible candidate forums on campus.

"This is a student effort and there are plenty of opportunities to get involved on campus," said Sarna.

While some students may be indifferent to the voting process, others do see the importance of voting.

"Even though it is just one vote, if enough of us do go out and vote, we can make a difference," said Brad Lupton, a senior in mechanical engineering. "This is one of our rights as an American and many of us take it for granted."

For many, Governor Mike Easley's recently defeated lottery referendum, which would allow North Carolinians to choose whether or not the state gets a lottery, also emphasizes the need for increased participation in this year's election. When they go to the polls, voters will be able to see whether each candidate supported or rejected placing the lottery referendum on the ballot, which may or may not affect their decisions.

"The lottery referendum will definitely not be the deciding factor when I go to the polls," said Tiffany Washburn, a junior majoring in architecture and political science.

Wendy Aves, a sophomore psychology major, said that although the lottery would bring more money into North Carolina, she is not going to cast her votes based on whether or not the candidate supported the referendum.

"There are more important issues," concluded Aves.

Student Senate passes eligibility bill

The amended Disciplinary Probation Disclosure Act will allow more students to run for Student Government offices.

LaWanda Ray
Staff Reporter

After hours of grueling debate, the N.C. State Student Senate passed Government Bill 16, which will allow a student to run for a Student Government position one year after receiving a citation that results in disciplinary probation.

Although the bill will benefit some students, it does not, however, allow students who are actively serving a second probation to run for office. Students who have been suspended for any non-academic reason are also ineligible to run.

Students running for government office must "make public record their judicial standing." In addition, the student must be in "good standing" academically with the university at the time of appointment or election.

The bill is in response to an ongoing effort to open the doors of Student Government to more students. Students who wish to view the bill or see how their senator voted can check the Student Senate Web page.

"Anyone should be given a second chance; if they re-

ally want to run [for office], they should make sure that we understand that they have learned from their mistake," said Crystal Currie, a senior in pulp and paper science. "If they win, then I think they should have some type of probation period, just so they would know that no one is really condoning their behavior, but instead it is an opportunity to improve their image."

Sgt. Jon Dailey addressed the senators on behalf of Campus Police in regards to the recent campus robberies. Although he reminded the students that no arrests have been made yet, he noted that Campus Police have launched an intense media blitz, added more contact security in resident hall areas and contacted other universities to inquire about any recent incidents of a similar nature. According to Dailey, students can expect to see random ID checks, traffic stops and other techniques for added campus security.

It was also announced during the meeting that "Leader of the Pack" applications are online and due by Oct. 11, and that this Saturday, a women's leadership conference will be held at Peace College at 9 a.m. The cost of registration for the conference is \$5.

The following student appointments were made: Olivia Holloman, chair of Commission on Tradition; Bryce Ball, associate director of Government Relations for Capital Funding; Sen. Wes Gray, Rules Committee;

Sen. Jamie Pendergrass, Rules Committee; Sen. David Joyner, Rules Committee; Sen. Gary Palin, Rules Committee; and Jeremy Spencer, Rules Committee. The following were elected to new positions: Eric Fabricius, president pro tempore; Sen. Mital Patel, secretary; Tommy Ozbolt, sergeant-at-arms; and Michelle D'Uva, legislative secretary.

Student Senate meetings are open to all students, faculty and staff. The Student Senate Web site is available at students.ncsu.edu/index.php.

STUDENT SENATE SPOTLIGHT



This week's Student Senate spotlight focuses on Abdullah A. Tharpe, a sophomore representing the College of Education. Tharpe feels that the Student Senate should become "a more powerful force for students on this campus." "We are here for the [student body]," said Tharpe. "We are not here to side with the administration [or] against them." To the student body, Tharpe says, "My door is always open, and my constituents are always able to address any concerns to me, as it relates to them."

Abdullah A. Tharpe
Sophomore
College of Education

Hispanic N.C. State students defy recent study

According to a study released by the Pew Hispanic Center, Hispanic graduation rates are decreasing.

Anthony Exum
Staff Reporter

A recently released study says that the retention of Hispanic students in the United States at four-year universities is going down.

The study, conducted by the Pew Hispanic Center, found that of the 42 percent of Hispanic students who attend four-year universities, only 16 percent reach the goal of a bachelor's degree. The Pew study goes on to say that universities with a higher international and multicultural atmosphere have a greater Hispanic enrollment.

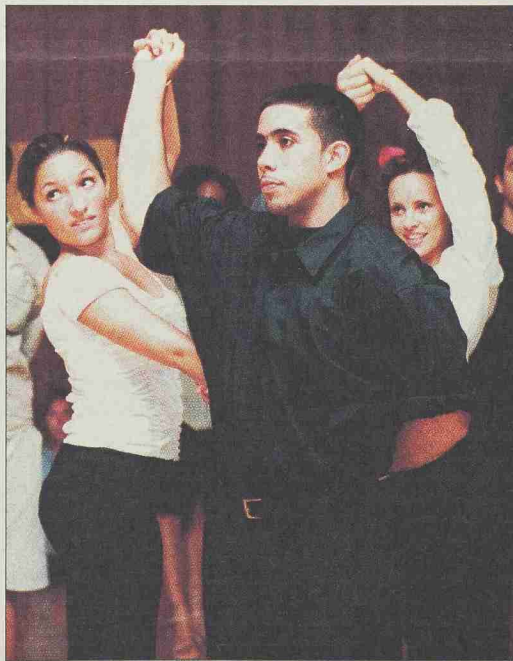
According to Tracy Ray, Director of Multicultural Affairs, Hispanics make up 1.9 percent of the student population at N.C. State. But this number is expected to increase due in part to the fact that the Hispanic population is the most rapidly increasing sub-population in the United States. However, that only reflects students who identify themselves as Latino-American. That means that the approximately 423 self-identified Hispanic undergraduate students and 104 graduate students may be undercounted.

At NCSU, the overall average graduation rate from 1994-2001 is 64.4 percent, and the average graduation rate for Hispanic students is 63 percent for those years. Even with 67 new Hispanic students, return enrollment is reflected as being consistent. Broken down, that translates to 77 undergraduate bachelor's degrees and 17 master's degrees.

The survey suggests that once at four-year universities, Latino-American students fail to thrive and succeed to the point of graduation. But this is not the case at NCSU. Ac-

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Salsabor gives campus taste of Latin culture



Participants in Mi Familia's first event of the semester, Salsabor, practice their Salsa moves. Staff photo by Shemeka Cudup

The event, sponsored by SHPE, Mi Familia and the Office of Multicultural Affairs, is part of Latino History Month.

Anthony Exum
Staff Reporter

The Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers (SHPE) is a group for Hispanic students at N.C. State who plan to become engineers. In the spring of 2002, members of the ex-

ecutive board of the SHPE decided that it was time for NCSU to have a cultural group oriented toward Latino-American students.

The result was Mi Familia. As part of Latino History Month, Sept. 15 through Oct. 15, Mi Familia has planned activities to expose the general population of NCSU to Latin American culture, explained Mi Familia advisor Brett Locklear.

The main event on the schedule was Salsabor, which took place

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Inward Bound is a journey for the soul, say organizers

The Self Knowledge Symposium Foundation will host Inward Bound Oct. 13-15.

Rachael Rogers
Staff Reporter

Do you find yourself engaging in philosophic, religious and spiritual questions? Are you interested in knowing what the life worth living is? Do you want to know how you can make a difference in the world? You may find answers to these questions or at least discover ways to start finding answers to these questions by attending Inward Bound on Oct. 13-15.

The N.C. State chapter of Self Knowledge Symposium is a student group that examines and asks such questions in an effort to search for finding the wisdom and the knowledge necessary to obtain our individual goals toward a more meaningful life.

The Self Knowledge Symposium Foundation (SKSF) will be hosting Inward Bound, which is a first-of-its-kind grassroots gathering that will focus on transforming education so that it integrates personal spir-

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World traveler stops at N.C. State

Doug Lansky has visited over 100 different countries in nine years.

News Staff Report

For the past nine years, Doug Lansky has traversed over 100 different countries, speaking four different languages and going on countless adventures. But on Monday and Tuesday, he'll be visiting N.C. State to discuss his world travels and how other students can follow in his worldly footsteps.

Lansky, a syndicated travel columnist, will be speaking to students as part of the University Scholars Forum series. His talk, "The 60-minute World Travel Survival Course," will take place in the Campus Cinema at 2:35 p.m. on Monday and Tuesday. It is free and open to all students.

Using vivid pictures and anecdotes from his own travels, he will cover topics such as finding jobs and volunteer projects abroad, avoiding dangerous and costly travel mistakes, saving money on world travel and taking the least-traveled path.

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Business school tells students: work, don't just study

Some universities are now encouraging undergraduates to be much more open to cooperative education or internships.

Thomas J. Brady
Knight Ridder Newspapers

PHILADELPHIA — In these tough economic times, Widener University's business school is advising its students to get to work. Even while enrolled in college.

"We're encouraging our undergraduates to be much more open to cooperative education or internships because they help you get (permanent) jobs. With the tighter economy, more and more employers are looking for experience," said Eric Brucker, dean of the School of Business Administration. "It was a hard sell before, when the market was so good in the '90s. But now that the job market is not growing, it re-

ally does make a difference," he said in an interview last week on the university's Chester, Pa., campus.

With recent corporate accounting scandals in mind, the school also has a new topic for its undergraduate honors program this fall. Called "Corporate Law and Social Policy — Enron's Black Box," Brucker called it "a case study of Enron, corporate responsibility and business ethics."

The business school, with 38 full-time and 16 adjunct faculty members, boasts among its alumni 1984 MBA graduate H. Edward Hanway, now chief executive of Cigna Corp., the Philadelphia insurance company.

Widener started an undergraduate business program in 1947 and added graduate students twenty years later. The business program became a separate school in 1979 when Widener became a university. The school had 564 undergraduate students in

the 2001-2002 year and 356 master's degree students, mostly part-time.

Among recent innovations at the school is a two-year-old program in financial planning, which Brucker said is increasingly important with the aging of the baby boomers. "A good financial planner can raise the right questions," he said. He said the school also has a program in information systems in cooperation with the German software company SAP Inc., which has its North American headquarters in Newtown Square, Pa.

Another new program is technology management in cooperation with Widener's engineering school. As a result of the slow national economy over the past 18 months, he said, there are more students in the full-time MBA program.

"That's clearly impacted by the fact that a lot of people can't get decent jobs as easily as in the

past," Brucker said. Even so, Widener's MBA program is comprised mostly of part-time students who have full-time jobs. "The biggest cost of getting an MBA (while going to school full-time) is not the tuition," he said. "It's forgoing employment."

Gary Lehman, 20, an undergraduate, said he has been in the business school for three years — just the period during which the stock market has gone bust and the accounting scandals have surfaced. "A lot of teachers make note of it, especially in the accounting classes," he said of the scandals that have rocked such companies as Enron Corp. and Arthur Andersen. "There's some but not too much discussion of ethics," he said. The most important thing he said he had learned is that business is always changing. "I take a lot of accounting classes," Lehman said, "and the accounting standards get changed from year to year."

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And Lansky, through his travels and writing career, should know.

Growing up in Minnesota, Lansky graduated from Colorado College before interning at "Late Night with David Letterman," "Spy Magazine" and "The New Yorker" magazine.

He quickly discovered that traveling was in his blood, however,

and in 1992, he hit the road.

Since doing so, he has chronicled his adventures in a nationally syndicated travel column called "Vagabond." He has also written two books, "Last Trout in Venice" and "Up the Amazon Without a Paddle."

He currently lives in Sweden. All students interested in making their travels more budget-friendly and exciting or who just want to learn about someone else's are encouraged to attend this free event.

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ity.

This event, organizers say, should not be confused with a conference.

"This is going to be very experiential. Inward Bound is like Outward Bound for the soul. It's like taking you through an adventure," said Doug Friedlander of SKSE.

David Scott, chancellor at University of Massachusetts at Amherst, states in a SKS press release that "Inward Bound is an exciting project because it represents a growing movement worldwide to explore the education of the whole person. Our complex world needs people with fully developed rational, emotional, physical and spiritual intelligence to overcome the extraordinary state of fragmentation, isolation and pain of disconnection confronting our society. We need people to explore their inner worlds as well as the outer worlds. I am convinced that the work of Inward Bound will be an important vehicle towards this goal."

Inward Bound will be using a series of activities to engage students in experiences that will help them learn about themselves and life in general. The activities will be a big part of Inward Bound, but there will be several speakers from all walks of life at the event.

"The speakers are there to model — not lecture," said Friedlander.

"It will be very personal [and] intimate. They will be talking about turning points in their life," Friedlander said. "These people lived it; they are not talking heads."

Many of these speakers veered from their intended courses in search of a more credible, authentic, sincere life.

A few of the speakers who will be sharing their experiences are August Turak, who is the keynote speaker, and Father Francis Kline.

Turak is a CEO and spiritual philosopher. He founded the Self Knowledge Symposium and studied under an American Zen master.

Kline was a Julliard-trained musician who gave up his musical career to live the life of a monk.

There is also a split within the event that gives it an interesting dynamic. There is a student track and an educator track. The student track is geared more toward

teaching one how to live a more deliberate life in order to have a better college life. This aspect of the event is not as theoretical. The goal is to teach people to take what they have and get more out of it.

The educator track's goal is to show how to set up similar events at other universities. This aspect focuses somewhat on how to make higher education more about gaining real wisdom.

The event is primarily focused on students and can be seen from many angles.

Inward Bound could be considered a movement in higher education that focuses on making education more than just learning a trade and moving it toward a transformational experience.

Inward Bound could also be seen as a practical response to post-9/11 culture, when many people are refocusing on what really matters.

Inward Bound is also a big student movement. Inward Bound is youth driven and run almost exclusively by students and recent graduates who are familiar with the program.

These are just a few ways that Inward Bound can be seen in everyone's community. This event is attracting people from all over the world who are interested in or concerned with these various issues. People from as far as British Columbia, the West Coast, Australia and Africa have registered for this event.

"It's just a cool, huge event. It's historic. It could be the Woodstock of student movements," Friedlander said.

Others agree. "Inward Bound is at the forefront of a quiet revolution in the university. Many students are no longer content with higher education as merely pre-professional training. They are beginning to demand authenticity and depth in their education. They want to pursue what really matters," said Scotty McLennan, dean of religious life at Stanford University.

Sponsors for Inward Bound include Self Knowledge Symposium Foundation, Education as Transformation Project, NASPA (National Association of Student Personnel Administrators), Duke University Chapel, BeliefNet.com and Exhibit Resources, Inc. For additional information on this event, visit www.inward-bound.org.

Mary Garrison contributed to this article.

HIV sharpens growing pains

There are approximately 31,293 13- to 24-year-olds known to be living with AIDS in the United States.

Mayrav Saar
The Orange County Register (KRT)

ANAHEIM, Calif. — Cameron Siemers is 20 and living out of the house for the first time. He's going to college. Lamenting his lack of a girlfriend and the tedium of classes. He's growing up. But he wasn't supposed to.

A hemophiliac, Siemers contracted HIV from a blood transfusion as a toddler. Doctors told his family that his 10th birthday would be his last, and his childhood is filled with stories of narrowly evading death.

His immune system has been severely compromised for 10 years. He hooks up to a feeding tube at night and takes 15 pills a day to keep his disease in check. His mother, Linda, marvels at how he can even be alive, but he continues to live. He continues

to grow, and to grow up. He is one of the 31,293 13- to 24-year-olds known to be living with AIDS in the United States.

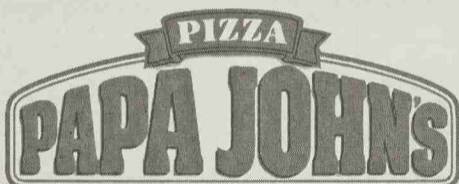
They are young people who didn't expect to live long enough to struggle with the transition into adulthood. Twenty years ago, kids born with HIV were expected to die during childhood. Their lives were about Make-A-Wish and AZT, not the high school prom and homework. But treatment advances led to a 40 percent decline in AIDS-related

deaths between 1996 and 1997, according to the Kaiser Family Foundation. Pediatric AIDS patients have started to be given hope, and with that hope comes confusion.

When you've been told the future is finite, how and why do you plan for it?

"I spent most of my life in the hospital. I never went to a regular high school. I'm just starting to experience things," said Hydeia

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CRIME REPORT

The following is a description of reports Campus Police issued Tuesday.

7:23 a.m. Fire alarm

Alarm activation at Sullivan Hall. Activation due to housekeeping.

7:24 a.m. Breaking and entering

A student reported the student's vehicle had been broken into and items were removed.

8:37 a.m. Fire alarm

Alarm activation at Carmichael Gym. Activation due to smoke detector on second floor.

10:13 a.m. Safety program

An officer conducted a safety program at the Morris building for 15 people.

10:28 a.m. Assist other agency

An RPD officer asked if N.C. State Campus Police could find the driver of a car that was blocking a driveway on Vanderbilt Avenue. The driver was affiliated with the university but could not be located.

The following is a description of reports Campus Police issued Wednesday.

9:04 a.m. Larceny

A staff member reported that two computer towers were stolen from their secured room in Partners I.

10:01 a.m. Damage to fire equipment

A staff member reported that some detector equipment had been damaged and removed in the Sigma Phi Epsilon house.

12:12 p.m. Suspicious person

A staff member reported an unknown subject had exited D.H. Hill Library via the wrong exit and refused in adamant fashion to adhere to the instructions of personnel to correct their exit. Officers canvassed the area with negative results.

12:44 p.m. Medical assistance

A subject reported difficulty breathing while in the Venture Center Deck. The subject reported that the subject breathed in paint fumes over the weekend, which might be adding to the problem. The subject was transported to the hospital.

12:56 p.m. Traffic accident

A student reported that the student was struck by a vehicle in Dan Allen Deck. The student

10:30 a.m. Fire hazard

Police responded to a report of a cut gas line at Central Stores Warehouse. Upon arrival, officers set up a perimeter and assisted Fire Protection with evacuating the Central Store Warehouse. The utility company was contacted and upon their arrival the pipe was capped. The building was cleared and employees were allowed to re-enter.

10:51 a.m. Damage to property

A staff member at the Vet School Large Animal Hospital believed that a lock on a small safe was tampered with. The lock did not appear to be tampered with; it was just very difficult to open.

10:46 a.m. Gas leak

Officers responded to Central Store Warehouse in reference to a gas leak.

11 a.m. Supplemental

A supplemental report was taken regarding the breaking and entering of a vehicle. The student later discovered that approximately 70 CDs and two CD cases were removed.

went to Student Health for minor injuries; the vehicle left the area.

1:09 p.m. Medical assistance

A staff member reported that a student was displaying signs of being suicidal and was in need of involuntary medical assistance. The subject successfully vacated the area prior to the arrival of police assistance. An extensive search with minor assistance from the Johnston County Sheriff Department was conducted, and the subject was discovered to have admitted self to Holly Hill for treatment.

2:09 p.m. Damage to fire equipment

A staff member reported that a smoke detector in the Sigma Alpha Epsilon House was damaged and removed.

2:28 p.m. Larceny

A student reported that unknown persons had taken the student's NCSU ID while the student was in the Wolves' Den.

2:40 p.m. University policy violation

A staff member reported that a student was in possession of a stolen parking decal. Police responded and referred the student to the university for corrective action.

11:34 a.m. Fire alarm

Alarm activation at Vet School finger barn 1. Activation due to staff member wiping off the smoke detector.

11:55 a.m. Fire alarm

Alarm activation at Vet School. Activation due to contractors working in the area.

6:56 p.m. Medical assistance

A student suffered a knee injury at Miller Field. The student was transported to the hospital.

9:25 p.m. Breaking and entering

A student reported a CD player was removed from the student's vehicle while it was parked on Thurman Drive.

10:39 p.m. Medical assistance

A student was transported to the hospital due to accidental overdose of prescription medicine and alcohol. The student was issued a CAT. The RD and on-call counselor were notified.

11:56 p.m. Dispute

A student reported that a non-student (the subject) was accus-

2:56 p.m. Safety program

An officer conducted a safety program at Environment Health for new employees.

4:02 p.m. Larceny

A student reported that persons unknown had removed the student's bookbag from the equipment room in Carmichael Gym.

4:31 p.m. Larceny

A student reported that persons unknown had removed a textbook from Williams Hall.

7:12 p.m. Patrol directive

Officers patrolled selected areas.

7:23 p.m. Patrol directive

Officers patrolled selected areas.

7:24 p.m. Patrol directive

Officers patrolled selected areas.

7:47 p.m. Traffic stop

A subject was cited for driving on Morrill Drive with an expired inspection and tag.

8:12 p.m. Patrol directive

Officers patrolled selected areas.

9:34 p.m. Traffic stop

A student was cited for driving on Dan Allen Drive with an expired tag and no insurance.

10:01 p.m. Patrol directive

Officers patrolled selected areas.

ing him of getting the subject pregnant. The student denied the accusation and refused to pay any medical expense. The subject was advised that the situation was a civil matter. The student agreed to pay certain expenses. The subject was trespassing and complied to leave the area.

12:08 a.m. Suspicious person

A staff member reported a subject entering D.H. Hill Library without stopping to show ID. The subject was identified as a student who was advised of library policy.

2:52 a.m. Traffic stop

A nonstudent was cited on Yarborough Drive for an expired registration tag.

*Calls to 5-3000 - 50

*Calls to 5-3333 - 46

*Escorts - 20

*Assist Motorist - 9

*False Intrusion/Panic alarms - 7

*Actual Intrusion/Panic alarms - 0

*Key Request - 5

10:38 p.m. Check point

Officers conducted a driver's license checkpoint at Morrill Drive and Carmichael lot.

11:28 p.m. Check point

Officers conducted a driver's license checkpoint at Dan Allen Drive and Central Campus Pay Lot.

11:29 p.m. Suspicious vehicle

A student reported that a vehicle occupied by four subjects was stopped at the intersection of Research Drive and Main Campus Drive and would not move. Officers located the vehicle and determined that students from Shaw University were waiting for people.

12:38 a.m. Suspicious person

A student reported that a subject had written on the student's suite wall with whipped cream. The subject was located and trespassed.

Calls to 5-3000 - 75

Calls to 5-3333 - 67

Escorts - 20

Assist Motorist - 4

False Intrusion/Panic alarms - 4

Actual Intrusion/Panic alarms - 0

Key Request - 1

HIV

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Broadbent, 18, of Las Vegas, who just started her junior year at a public high school. "My mom's biggest concern was making sure that I was healthy, because you can always get an education, but you don't have a second chance for your health."

It's typical for kids like Broadbent to fall behind in schoolwork. Some teens even lack basic reading and math skills, said Jennifer Robbins, vice president of programs and marketing for Camp Heartland, a national charity retreat for youths who have HIV or have siblings or parents with the disease. "What were they preparing for?" Robbins said.

But over the years, workers at Camp Heartland started seeing very sick 7- and 8-year-old campers return as healthier 15-year-olds, and issues of education and career planning became real.

"It was an eye-opener," she said. "We never guessed we'd be struggling to meet the needs of these young people. It's a wonderful problem to have."

Researchers, doctors, advocates and patients met recently in Anaheim for the sixth annual United States Conference on AIDS to talk about some of these "wonderful problems," and many more less joyous ones.

Every hour, two Americans younger than 20 become infected with HIV, according to the Office of National AIDS Policy. And more than 9,000 children younger than 13 are living with AIDS nationwide.

Children who are infected experience an almost cartoonish version of growing up, as typical teen problems are magnified, experts at the conference said. Teenage rebellion, for instance, can be deadly, as some teens choose to eschew their medicines as their way of asserting independence.

Jonathan, 25, of Santa Ana, Calif., said he has been HIV positive since he was 19, but he is still not ready to start taking the pills that will control his HIV. "I know I should. My T-cells keep dropping, but I'm too young to change everything in life," said Jonathan, who asked that his last name not be used to protect his privacy. "I don't want to take these pills that give me nausea and make me have uncontrolled bowel movements."

HIV-positive kids also face adulthood with unique anxieties about romance.

Lisel, 18, of Florida, was born

HIV-positive but had relatively few medical complications from it. Socially, however, having HIV has been awkward. Lisel, who did not want to use her last name, said she dated her first boyfriend for a year and a half. As teen boys do, he brought up sex. She batted away his advances for a while, and then decided to tell him why.

"He was like, 'Oh man,'" she said. "He didn't freak out about it. He didn't break up with me." Lisel said her boyfriend still wanted to have sex. "I thought, 'This is the stupidest thing I've ever heard.' A couple of months later he brought it up again. He said, 'I know I'm putting myself at risk.' But he figured if he took the proper precautions he would be OK." His reaction put Lisel at ease, but disclosing the disease will always be difficult, she said.

For Siemers, who graduated from Los Alamitos High School two years ago, dating has been filled with disappointment. AIDS stunts a child's growth, and at 5-foot-three and 100 pounds, Siemer looks like somebody's younger brother when he sits among peers at California State University, Long Beach.

"It's hard to be taken seriously," he said. "It's not like a typical teenager who is like, 'This person is good-looking and I'm going to go out with them.' I've got other things to worry about."

Like most emerging adults, Siemers has a growing list of worries. At the top is the struggle to become independent after a life of kid-gloved coddling. Siemers' mom, Linda, says she regrets never teaching her son how to do laundry or cook or apply for a job.

But Siemers says even more difficult is mastering the tricky regimen of drugs — those fistfuls of pills he has to take twice a day — and the trips to the doctor's office. He's changing this year from his pediatric doctor of 10 years to a new physician. And it's unnerving for Mom and son.

"Now, I'll just sit in the waiting room or not go at all. As hard as it is, if he's going to go forward in life, I have to take a step back and not do everything for him," Linda Siemers said.

Siemers said his friends from high school, who have become his roommates, look out for him. But their lives are filled with heavy school loads, part-time jobs and girlfriends. The difference gets to him.

Microsoft moves beyond office

Futuristic work stations are on display at Microsoft's Redmond, Wash., campus.

Brier Dudley

The Seattle Times (KRT)

SEATTLE — Having a window seat won't be as important in the office of the future Microsoft envisions. Workers will spend their day facing a bank of flat-panel computer screens, or perhaps a wraparound monitor large enough to run a handful of software programs at once.

The futuristic work stations are on display in the Center for Information Work, an interactive exhibit that opened last month at Microsoft's Redmond, Wash., campus. More than \$1 million was spent on the Disneyesque showcase of Microsoft's research into office technology of the future. The company expects to bring more than 1,000 executives and technology buyers a month through the 2,400-square-foot center.

The center was the brainchild of Jeff Raikes, the executive in charge of business-productivity software. He came up with the idea after visiting the Microsoft Home, an exhibit of future home technologies in the company's on-campus conference center. Raikes said the center serves the dual purpose

of showing customers where Microsoft is headed and getting early feedback on those ideas.

Visitors so far include technology managers from Home Depot, Paccar and BP.

"It was pretty impressive, I thought. It was something I was looking for," said Curt Smith, BP's applications director in Chicago. His company uses about 75,000 Microsoft-based computers.

Smith said it was helpful to get hands-on demonstrations of technology such as the Tablet PC, large displays and mobile devices. "We get bombarded by 'Here's the new applications' or 'Here's the new technology, cell phone or mobile device blah blah blah,'" he said. "But 'What are you supposed to do with this?' is the question I've been asking people."

Raikes may build additional centers at other Microsoft facilities and perhaps a mobile version.

Public tours are not offered, but Raikes would like to build a similar exhibit at the Pacific Science Center in Seattle, an idea he suggested last year to director George Moynihan.

"I love the concept of a truly interactive office of the future," Moynihan said. There are no formal plans yet for a science center version, but it could take a year to develop if pursued, he said.

Microsoft's center also gives visitors a chance to participate in the carefully scripted product demonstrations. Chairman Bill Gates performs at large trade shows. Visitors are asked to pretend they work for a widget company. They are assigned an entry card that is triggered by their thumbprint. Passing through dark hallways dotted with flat-screen monitors provided by Sony, visitors see a video e-mail from a supervisor urging them to prepare for the chief executive's upcoming TV interview. Next, visitors sit at desks with an array of monitors where they conduct "business" and receive messages. The monitors can display large spreadsheets all at once or be configured so that work is done at the center while messages pop up on one side and folders are arranged on the other.

A conference room demonstrates the "RingCam" developed by Microsoft Research to capture both panoramic and close-up views of meetings for live broadcasting, or recording and editing.

Displayed as the extension of the office are the dashboard of a Toyota sedan with a prototype display to receive digital messages, and a "family room" complete with a couch and big TV, where visitors pretending to be home with a sick child can watch a Webcast of a business conference.

Watermelons may help fight diseases

By Brooke Hayton

Daily O'Collegian (Oklahoma State U.)

(U-WIRE) STILLWATER, Okla. — The refreshing taste of watermelons isn't just for the summer holidays anymore. A research project in the Oklahoma State University horticulture and landscape architecture department evaluates the health benefits and economic value of watermelons.

Studies show that lycopene in watermelons has positive effects in a daily diet, along with a new value for wasted melons after harvest.

Lycopene is the red pigment in fruits such as tomatoes, pink grapefruit and watermelons that plays a significant role in the human immune system for fighting diseases.

"Lycopene can reduce cancer and heart disease," said William McGlynn, extension and research food science specialist. "Nutraceutical foods, such as lycopene, are naturally occurring food supplements that are beneficial to human health."

Harvesting watermelons is expensive and often results in low yields due to the amount of labor, investments and influence of weather. Many damaged melons are left in the field to rot after harvesting.

Lycopene can be extracted from wasted watermelons, resulting in a new economic value for watermelons along with the health benefits.

Niels Maness, professor of horticulture and landscape, said lycopene can be described as the red droplets left on a paper towel after eating a piece of watermelon.

OSU researchers are extracting the red liquid portions of watermelons by simply squashing the melons and working strictly with the liquid portion.

Watermelon test runs were conducted in the Noble Research Horticulture Laboratory Sept. 11 and 12. Maness was among researchers present during the watermelon testing and explained that in the beginning they discovered the abundance of lycopene in the liquid portions of watermelon by accidentally leaving the pulp out overnight.

"We began research by discarding the liquid from the watermelons but later realized we were losing a lot of lycopene," Maness said. "Thirty to 45 percent of the lycopene in a melon will follow the liquid portion when extracted."

Now the primary focus is on the liquid substance of the melons and increasing the yield and quality of the extracted lycopene. The process involves squashing the watermelons, filtering the liquid portions into beakers and storing them in coolers. This process is repeated at least three times to separate as much of the solids as possible.

"The process only requires water to rinse the melons," Maness said. "No dangerous chemicals are added to the water."

Maness explained how the process is easy and is just nature doing its work by making nothing worth something. After using the wasted watermelons, less than 10 percent of the solid weight of the melon is thrown back into the field.

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According to Ray, Hispanic students are not only excelling in their schoolwork, but many of them are also getting involved with every aspect of student life at NCSU. From intramural sports to varsity sports, from student media to Student Government, from fraternities and sororities to social clubs, Latino-American students are expanding their college experience beyond classes and into other aspects of the university.

In addition to general campus organizations, there are also organizations specifically designed for Hispanic students. The two main organizations are the Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers (SHPE) and a fairly new organization, Mi Familia. These groups exist, Ray says, so that Hispanic students can come together to share experiences and combat the number one problem amongst Hispanic students: The difficulty Hispanic students often have in finding and communicating with other Hispanic students.

Andrea Hernandez, president and co-founder of Mi Familia, says, "The reason that Hispanics might not graduate or thrive in a college setting is because there are not enough resources and professional groups for them."

Yet, there is one program that aims to help remedy this situation, the Hispanic Peer Mentor Program. The main goal of the program is to give new Hispanic students a chance to be exposed to college life by someone of their own culture who has already experienced the familiar culture shock of college entrance.

In the last 10 years, the Hispanic population in the United States has experienced an increase of 395 percent. This growth is reflected in the population of NCSU and calls for changes in the university's atmosphere.

"The main reason I helped to co-found Mi Familia was because I want to see more of our culture represented here at State," said Hernandez. "Another thing is that it is hard to get people motivated to participate."

Mary Garrison contributed to this article.

MI FAMILIA

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Wednesday night in the Talley Student Center Ballroom.

SHPE, Mi Familia and the Office of Multicultural Affairs jointly organized the showcase for Hispanic culture. The event, which took three weeks of preparation, was the brainchild of sophomore Andrea Hernandez.

It was what Mi Familia hopes to be the first in a series of cultural events geared toward the entire student population of NCSU.

The event, which was catered with native Latin American foods, brought out more than just Hispanic students.

Students not accustomed to the culture exhibited at Salsabor found the event more diversely oriented, rather than aimed at a single ethnic group.

This is what Mi Familia advisor Locklear says aides in the success of a large-scale event like this.

"When you walk in, you see not only Hispanic students, but Asian, Indian, African-American and white students," said Locklear.

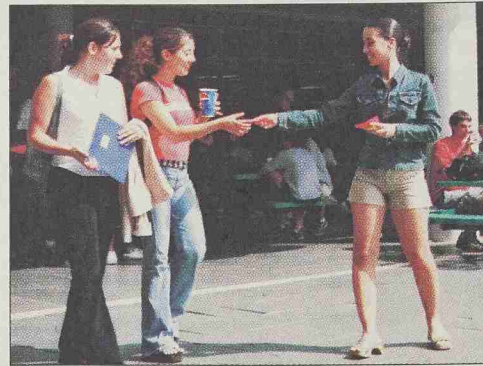
The event even brought out

Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs Tom Stafford.

An introduction made by Lisa Smith, a board member of Mi Familia, was followed by a dancing exhibition. Andrea Hernandez, president of Mi Familia and a sophomore in mathematics, and Jose Rafael Bueiz, a senior in mechanical engineering, gave examples of the salsa and merengue. Hernandez also gave lessons on how-to-do steps for each type of dance, and she even showed Stafford a few steps.

Locklear explained to the vice chancellor that in true Hispanic tradition, if a lady asks you to dance and you refuse, you are directly insulting her family. So, when Hernandez asked Stafford to dance, he had to say yes.

Simultaneous with the dance tutorial was the showing of the movie Mi Familia. There were also table displays set up with carvings, art and other significant items from various Latin American countries. The exhibit included soccer jerseys from Mexico and Peru, carvings from Colombia and Ecuador, and flags from Latin American countries.



Andrea Hernandez, a sophomore in mathematics, hands out fliers for Mi Familia's Salsabor event. Staff photo by Tara Zechini

While all these things were underway, there was also a wide range of Latin music playing.

The upbeat atmosphere of the event outshone all other aspects of the evening.

Joselyn Lopez, a sophomore, believes that events like Salsabor accurately represent her Latino-American culture. It also expresses her experiences and ideals as a Latino student.

However, she feels that with the

growth of social groups, there is still a need for more academic and professional groups at NCSU.

With the food, music, dancing and art, Salsabor was favored by many of the students in attendance. According to Hernandez, nearly 250 students from N.C. State and surrounding universities attended the event. Many students agreed that they would return to following programs put together by Mi Familia.

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I caught a petal fallen from cherry tree in my hand.
Opening the fist
I find nothing there.

—Kyoshi Takahama

That morning, at the makeshift campsite, Chalkhydry continued to give instructions on how the city of Achillia was to be rebuilt. Zathael, Matajuro, and MekaOscar were paying strict attention, but Maxine couldn't stop thinking about what she had seen last night in the ruined temple, located deep in the heart of the ruined metropolis Chalkhydry was trying to rebuild. She separated herself from the team yesterday afternoon and decided to go sight seeing in the impact zone of Achillia, former home of millions of people. Most of the city consisted of gigantic metropolitan design, on which thousands of buildings stood (though many had toppled over because of the comet), a steely mesh of iron mountains and steel caverns that stacked up into the sky, dwarfing all the natural landscape around the thousand-square mile megalopolis.

But Maxine had told no one at the campsite what she had experienced before returning to Chalkhydry's campsite. It was so vivid and fresh, but she dared not say a word, as she didn't know what to make of it, and she retraced the memory in her head in an attempt to construct some order to her thoughts...

Maxine spotted a piece of architecture and swooped down to investigate further. It appeared to be a vast entranceway. Maxine meandered through the giant stone pillars. She stepped over tons of rubble rock and stood in the middle of the shrine. It was curious that it had become dark outside, yet she hadn't remembered the sun even setting. Most of the temple's walls had been destroyed, so she could easily see the stars in the nighttime sky. The other buildings of Achillia towered over the stone temple, empty shells of the former structures they had been, the only light com-

ing from those in the heavens that twinkled ever so softly. Maxine sat on a fallen column and looked up at the night sky. She felt like she was dreaming, yet she knew she was awake.

All of a sudden all of the lights in the city went on! She could hear the roar of traffic and could see people bustling in the streets outside the temple walls. The skyscrapers lit up and aircraft and zeppelins navigated their way through the buildings and trains bellowed by on overhead tracks. And then she heard the screams of the inhabitants.

A great comet had appeared in the sky and was hurling downward towards the city of Achillia. People began running havoc in the streets and cars jammed the roads, trying to escape. Alarms went off, and sirens echoed through the corridors of the steel metropolis. The people who weren't trying to futilely escape lay in the streets shell-shocked or praying.

The comet grew brighter and brighter in the sky, and Maxine felt static electricity dance around the back of her neck just below her earlobe. The people grew more and more frantic as they began to realize that the end was nigh. Then Maxine heard a woman's voice shrieking a million-fold the sound of white noise. Everything went dark.

Maxine rubbed her eyes. Everything around her was covered in obscurity. In the distance she saw something that looked like a match flickering. The flame grew larger and brighter, and she saw that it had the figure of a woman.

The figure was golden and luminous! She had lighting bolts that grew from her hair and as she stepped forward, the sound she made was that of waves fleeing from the shore. In her right hand she carried seven more bolts that glowed hot like fired iron. The darkness became lighter and lighter the closer the electrical woman came to Maxine. The electrical woman smiled at her in

a motherly way and opened her left hand. There were seven seeds in it.

Around the electrical woman and Maxine, the fallen stones began to rumble and shake, dissipating into the earth on which they had fallen until nothing remained but the framed square structure of the temple's stone pillars. Usually in times like these, Maxine would have done something irrational, yet for now she dared not move, waiting to see what the resplendent figure would do next.

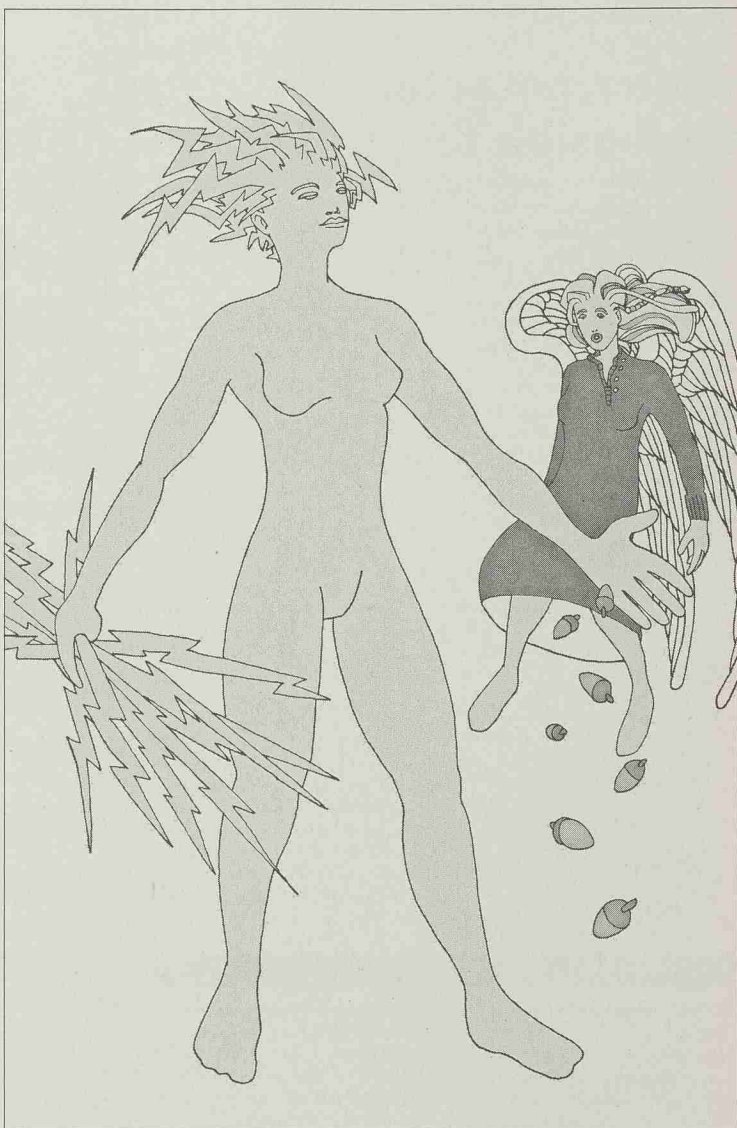
The electrical woman took her seven lighting bolts and drew a circle with them in the middle of the temple. Around the circumference she planted the seven seeds, an equal distance apart from one another. She stood in the middle of the ring and spiked her seven bolts atop the seeds, like markers where she had planted them. It was quiet for a moment as the electrical woman stood in the middle of her work as the lighting bolts actually buried themselves into the ground where the seeds lay. Wind picked up, and a great force rose through the columns of the temple.

Mighty oaks swelled from the spot the woman had planted the seeds, and grass spread from the roots of the trees. The leaves and branches reached out into the sky and a rumbling began to shake the foundation of the temple. The columns moved from their underpinnings and slid into new positions. A thunderous wave of light swelled through the area, and Maxine felt a warm, embraceable wind hold her to her feet so that the vigor of the even would not knock her down.

Through the bright lights, Maxine could see the electrical woman, still smiling at her. The woman looked to the sky and shot straight up into the heavens of the morning vista, a crack of thunder emanated through Maxine's ears.

"Wait!" Maxine cried, shielding her eyes from the intense light of the woman.

But it was no use — the electrical woman was gone. Maxine looked around. Her jaw dropped. The original temple was gone!



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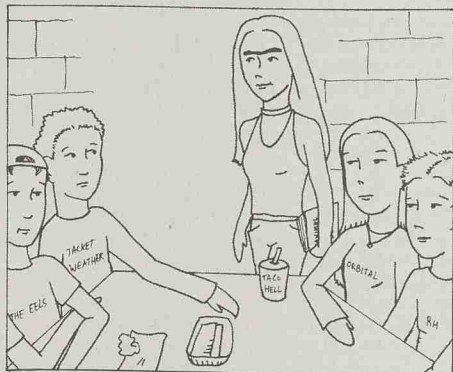
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There were no more square crumbling walls and columns, but now a colossal circular colonnade formed the borders of the temple. Seven massive oaks formed a circle within the outer colonnade and grass covered everything on the ground within the

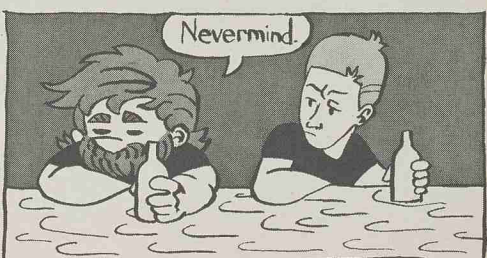
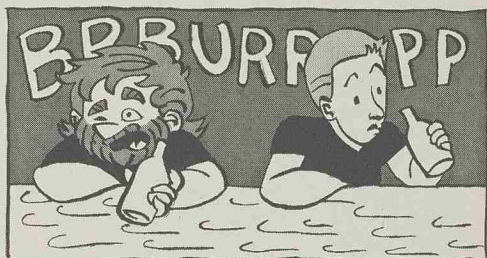
boundaries. Maxine entered the circle of trees and saw a golden key in the middle of the clearing. It was warm to the touch and it almost felt as if it had a little magnetic vibration to it. Maxine picked the key up and flew back to the campsite where the others

were just waking up. They hadn't asked her where she'd been all night, and she wasn't so sure she wanted to tell them. Maxine just let Chalkhydry continue explaining her plan on how they were going to rebuild the city of Achillia.

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Center, not volunteer, responsible for girl's death

Wake County prosecutors were right to not file charges against a day-care volunteer who accidentally left a 2-year-old in a van.

Whenever a child dies, someone is normally thought to be held responsible for those actions. Although people are quick to place blame on one individual, in the case of Tim Day, a volunteer day-care van driver for Corinth United Church of Christ, Wake County prosecutors took appropriate actions when choosing not to file charges against Day personally. Instead, the focus of the investigation should be on the day-care center as a whole and their organizational structure that allowed a missing child to go unnoticed.

Day, 63, was driving Ranika Dena Clifton, 2, to the day-care on Sept. 17, but when he arrived at the center he forgot to take her inside, and the child was left in the van for seven hours. Day may have been the one to actually leave the child, but the true problem lies in the fact that no one from the center noticed she was missing. "It appears as though Mr. Day made a tragic error, and there was not a good system in place to prevent that error," Wake County District Attorney Colon Willoughby told The News and Observer.

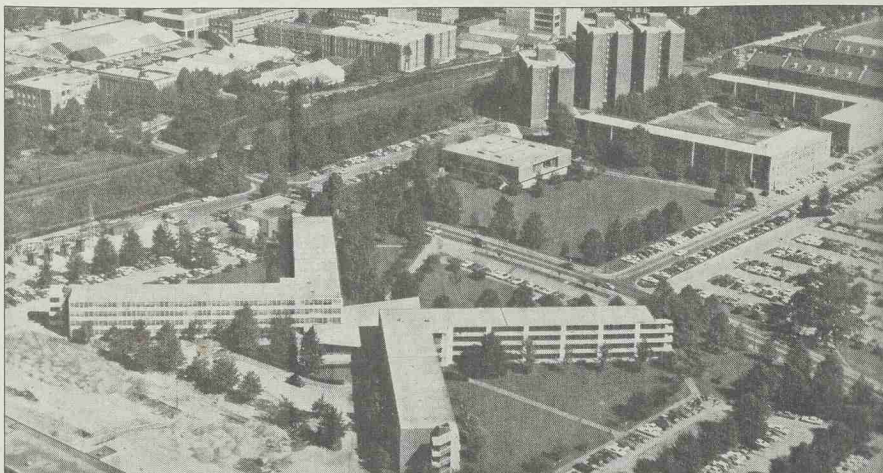
Certainly, the events are horrific, and they will have a lasting impact on Day.

The problem with charging Day with abuse centers on the fact that the state must prove Day was aware of his actions and willingly neglected the child. If prosecutors knew that any trial involving Day would be difficult, they took proper action to avoid such a trial that would probably be won by the defense.

Instead of focusing attention on Day, the Corinth United Church of Christ should be investigated concerning their procedures of operation. State child-development officers believe the center could face sanctions such as probation, fines or even closure.

This is the best approach for the situation, because not all responsibility lies on the individual driver. When parents place their child in a day-care, the entire center, not just one volunteer, is responsible for each child's safety. In fact, officials are even looking into whether or not Day met state regulations to drive a day-care van, since he was a volunteer.

As saddening as this event is, Day had no malice or wrongful intentions in his actions on Sept. 17. He must live his life with the reminder of that day, but serving criminal charges against him would not benefit the situation. The day-care center, however, should be investigated because if they continue to care for children and their policies show a lack of communication, child welfare is endangered.



My school is better than yours



Michele Decamp
Staff Columnist

I went to high school in a medium-sized county with a slightly above-average school system. I was lucky in some aspects because I had the opportunity to go to what I consider the best school of the three that were in my county. I was not sent to that particular school because I had a bigger brain than my neighbors, but just the opposite; it was dumb geographic luck.

While I was happy to go to the school with the most Advanced Placement (AP) classes, I was also aware of the fact that it was not fair that my school had somewhat better opportunities than schools that were a mere 15 minutes away.

How and why does this difference occur? In some ways I can forgive my county for having different programs in the schools, because it did not appear to be intentional. Each school had the programs that they were capable of running; if a school had an AP-certified biology teacher on staff then that school had an AP Biology class. Now that I live in Raleigh, I wonder what it would have been like to have options as to which high school I could attend. Behind door number one is Broughton High School: a gothic structure that holds the International Baccalaureate (IB) program. This school can lead you to academic success with completion of the IB curriculum.

Door number two conceals Enloe High School: one that boasts both the IB program and a vast array of electives not available at any other high school in Wake County, according to the Wake County School's Web site. Enloe gives its students the opportunity to learn one of

nine different foreign languages, participate in and learn about television broadcasting or get a jump-start on their future NCSU engineering studies.

Behind door number three is Southeast Raleigh High School: a wonderful learning environment with an accelerated studies program that allows each student to study and learn at his/her own pace with an academic coach by his/her side to make the learning experience that much better.

Of course, there are also 12 other high schools in Wake County, but according to the numbers, these schools prepare fewer students for college than the three magnet schools listed above. I had never heard of a magnet school until I came to Raleigh, and I cannot help but wonder if it is okay for Wake County to raise three high schools above the bar they have set for the rest of the public schools in the county.

Of course, I could just be jealous. I would have loved to go to a high school that had its own broadcasting department, because it would have saved me from having to perform on my local cable access station on "Will C's Flea TV."

I know most of the reasons why wealthier counties like Wake County have magnet programs. These schools are usually placed in lower-income areas to attract kids from all over the county to come and learn in an exceptional academic environment. The three magnet high schools in Wake County possess diverse student bodies that combine people of varying race and ability along with some of the most accomplished teachers in the country. Students can learn, participate and prepare for greater things to come. I just wonder what it must be like for the students in the other 12 high schools that do not participate in IB programs and art-intensive extra-curricular activities.

In my idealistic way of thinking, I wish that Wake County would put forth the same amount of energy and funds into

all 15 of their high schools. Why shouldn't all the teenagers in Wake County be able to go to school in one of the top 40 high schools in the nation?

It is true that not every teenager has the drive or the natural ability to learn at accelerated rates. However, I imagine that those students would still benefit from programs that try to open the mind as well as give students the knowledge they need to be successful out in the real world. There is also the idea that students of varying abilities can help one another.

If you have a school that has predominantly gifted students then they may be able to bounce ideas off one another, but just think about the difference that one of those students could have on someone who does see the importance in going to school. It is OK for students to go to school with kids who do not like school or kids who could not do Calculus if they tried, because students can learn just as much from one another as they can from their teachers.

I am going to be an English teacher someday, and I'll admit that Enloe sounds like an amazing place to teach. But I think that by setting up a hierarchy of academic success in our area's high schools, we are setting up our students for certain future opportunities. The only thing that should hold back a student from achievement is him or herself, not the school they are in.

I'm sure that all of Wake County's schools do a remarkable job of teaching their students, but I also feel that this county's school system has already suggested that some schools are better than others, and I feel that is exactly what public education is supposed to combat.

Michele would like to hear from any Wake County School System survivors to wake out the real truth behind area high schools. E-mail her your academic horror stories at mlhagama@unity.ncsu.edu.

CAMPUS FORUM

Student Patrol needed now more than ever

I tried to warn them. I started a huge fuss across the university several months ago when they decided to drastically cut funding for Student Patrol. I tried to tell various members of the administration and this very newspaper that the actual impact of Student Patrol was never as an escort service but as a visible uniformed crime deterrent. I likened them to a sticker on a car that says the car has an alarm system even when none is present.

Nobody ever listens to the students, unless you "wake them up" in the middle of the night.

Well this is the wake-up call to the rest of campus; you've lost your only crime deterrent. All respect possible to Campus Police, but they're hardly visible in the highly trafficked areas; they have to spread themselves far too thin to be around where the students are all the time. And the criminals have realized it. We have had robberies and assaults on students (as printed on your own front page), and there is nothing to discourage somebody from simply walking up to a student or two and robbing them blind. You call for a buddy system, but we're talking about at least two people doing the robbing, and one of the robberies involved a semiautomatic gun, hardly something even a group of students should be asked to defend against.

Last time I talked to a member of Student Patrol (about three weeks ago), they were begging for some funding to even add two more members to the staff, anything to help them become more visible around campus. Perhaps these incidents will force the hand of the people signing those checks. They need to realize that while Student Patrol didn't escort people as much as they would have liked, it did much more to protect us than they ever realized.

Tim Wright
Senior
Biological Engineering

Chicken soup for the student's soul

To many, Clark Dining Hall is considered to be just a normal everyday dining hall. To them it's just a place to pick up some food, sit down and find out some gossip around State. But in my search for food, I find Clark to be one of the most intriguing places on campus.

When I first go into Clark I always go straight to the different-meal-a-day station that manages to have some of the strangest food choices ever. The food never goes together. One day I picked out spaghetti and there was pork right next to it. Pork! Does anybody eat spaghetti with pork? To add to that there

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Bring on a hurricane



Kevin McAbee
Staff Columnist

We need a hurricane this semester. My apologies go out to anyone who has been affected by the destruction caused by hurricanes, but the campus of N.C. State needs some excitement. The semester is in full swing and fall break is just around the corner.

However, other than our 6-0 football team (keep it up boys), nothing out of the ordinary is happening.

Back in the fall of 1999, we were in the middle of a pretty normal semester when Hurricane Floyd interrupted our melancholy times. Everyone knew he was coming and that he was strong. University officials braced for a huge storm and canceled classes the afternoon before Floyd was supposed to hit. Why did this matter to students? It meant an unexpected break from the stress of school.

The grocery stores were mobbed with people making hurricane survival packs of bread, milk and most importantly, beer. Candles and matches were stocked in case of a lack of electricity. Rain jackets and boots were gathered in case travel was needed. And then the students began to gather, preparing for a night of excitement.

Being a freshman, I left the dorms and

ventured to my cousin's house on Chamberlain Street with a group of seven other NCSU students. The coolers were full of ice and the clouds were moving in. We were tailgating for a hurricane, and this wasn't a NHL game.

At first we were very disappointed, as the rain was nothing more than a regular thunderstorm that didn't let up. We wanted the pounding rain and ferocious winds of a true hurricane. By the very early morning, we were growing belligerent and tired. Then our requests were answered and the rains came.

I lack an exact figure for the amount of rain that NCSU received from Floyd, but I can tell you that at the nearby Rocky Mount airport, they received 15.15 inches (according to the National Hurricane Center Web site). As the streets began to fill with water, the winds grew stronger and we grew more excited.

Very strong winds, flooded streets and rowdy late-night college students could only mean one thing — it was time to get wet. Hurricane football, Wiffleball and a natural slip and slide were found deep in the night on Chamberlain Street. By the end of the night we had managed to lose four Wiffleballs, a football, two hats and one sled.

One of the best times I have had at NCSU was the short break Floyd provided in the fall of '99. It was similar to a snowstorm, yet it wasn't that cold, and the university was able to tell us classes were canceled well before the brunt of the storm hit. This meant we were able

to better prepare for the festivities. We didn't wake up one morning with 6" of snow outside the dorm, unable to get the car out of the parking lot. We were able to find our friends, figure out a place to ride out the storm and enjoy the break any way we chose.

During the school year of 1999-2000 we had breaks from both Hurricane Floyd and a huge blizzard in the spring semester. Yet since then, we have had nothing more than small snowstorms during the semesters (the large snow during Christmas break last year doesn't count). These powerful forces of weather bring the student body together in times of celebration. We rejoice in a break from school and a chance to be as crazy as the weather.

What better time for a hurricane? We are in a miserable drought with water restrictions everywhere in North Carolina. A hurricane would provide enough rain on the state to alleviate the drought at least temporarily.

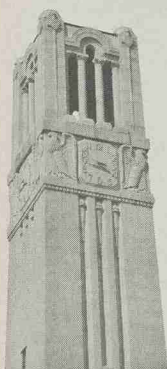
A hurricane would clearly reduce stress levels of the students on campus, aid in the drought ravaging our state and make for a great party. Now if I could only figure out how a storm could solve the budget crisis.

Nothing in this world would be more special to Kevin than an Oakland-Atlanta World Series. E-mail him at ktm-cabee@unity.ncsu.edu with your anecdotes from past snowstorms and hurricanes.

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Fight the corporate menace: long live Napster



Ben McNeely
Staff Columnist

There are many great reasons to come to college besides parties, football games and the eventual education that one receives. The best thing about college is the high-speed Internet connection and the world it brings right into one's dorm room. And the best thing about the Internet is the peer-to-peer file swapping programs.

As soon as I got here my freshman year, I plugged up my computer and immediately downloaded Napster and began downloading gigabytes of music. It was great. I could get anything and everything my musical heart and soul wanted. With the high-speed connection, downloads were completed in less than a minute and I was bathed in the sounds of my favorite artists. Two years later, Napster is dead and there are some, especially in the music industry and in Congress, who would destroy the P2P systems and bring about a silence heard around the world. A new bill in Congress threatens to allow the music industry to use reasonable means to get rid of P2P programs. But the music industry, and Congress, is fighting a losing battle.

Ever since a consumer could go out and buy a tape deck, people have been stealing music and sharing it with their friends. With the advent of the Internet and CD drives that can rip and burn music, music-swapping is now a part of everyday life. A person now can use their computer to search and mix the sound-

track that fits their life. Services like Napster, Gnutella, Morpheus and KaZaA provided the masses with the free music they yearned and craved. But thanks to the music industry, led by artists such as Metallica, Napster was shut down, sold to a German conglomerate, and eventually phased out completely, thus allowing the corporate criminals to enter the Internet, a no-boundaries forum for the free exchange of ideas. And now Congress wants to shut down all P2P sharing programs and the servers they run on permanently to protect the music industry, who rips off the consumer and the musicians they supposedly "manage." Fortunately, they cannot do that.

Despite the best attempts of the music industry to make CDs rip-proof, the advantageous computer user can get around such feeble technologies. The wonderful computer geeks at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology have already broken the latest encoding techniques the music industry implemented to stop music piracy.

Whatever technology is created to stop the pirating of music, there is someone who can get around it. Technology is evolving so quickly that no one can control or stop it, not even Congress. (But don't tell them that; they think they are invincible.) The only way to stop file-sharing is to physically turn off the servers and remove them from people's homes. But since personal computers are basically servers in their own right, that means practically everyone who owns a computer will have it confiscated. And that, my friends, is against the Constitution. By the way, the only reason music piracy happens is because the music industry has such a high mark-up on its products. It cost about \$1.45 to record a CD. But it costs much more to market that CD to

consumers. So, in actuality, when you buy a CD, you are paying for all the useless advertising crap the music label fills the record stores and MTV with. Why would anyone want to go out and buy a \$20 CD when they can get it for free thanks to Gnutella and their trusty CD burner?

No one. You know why? People are getting sick and tired of being ripped off and overcharged when they buy music. The future of the music industry is a bleak one. With CD sales down 20 percent from last year and blank CD sales surpassing recorded CDs, the people have spoken: consumers are not going to spend a fortune on a CD so that the music industry can force down the throats of the public prolific marketing of talentless artists.

I believe that one day there will be no music industry; that music will be shared freely, as it should be, across borders, languages and, yes, computer networks, much like it is now, but without the fear of being shut down. The music industry has already hit Internet radio stations. It is only logical that they go after the common man with the personal PC. (How else can one listen to Aaron Copeland's *Fanfare for the Common Man* in one's home?) This is the future and there is no room for money-grubbing corporations that own all the radio stations that play the same thing over and over again. Instead there will be just music for all people. I know this sounds very innocent and idealistic, but hey, we can all dream, right?

Ben will go into hiding from the FBI when they come for him and confiscate his hard drive full of music. E-mail him bail money at bmmcneel@unity.ncsu.edu.

cause I am afraid of what might be inside the chocolate ice cream container. After months of never being used there may be cobwebs or fungus inside of there. The ice cream machine seems to wish for people to have chocolate, though. Because all those that wish to be treated to vanilla ice cream get treated to an ear piercing squeal as they pull down the handle of the machine.

After my many trips to Clark all I have to say is ... thank goodness for Fountain.

Jonathan Nemargut
Freshman
Computer Science

Times have changed since the '70s

I will not stand silently while you antagonize the gay and lesbian communities, Mr. Phillips [Campus Forum, Wednesday]. There was no bias in either of Technician's Oct. 1 articles. The articles were discussing the Student Senate's action to emphasize the fact that all students are welcome at this university. This is a salient issue and its coverage by Technician does not equate to promotion. I find your opposition to the free exchange of this information to be remarkably puritanical. Furthermore, your attempt to solicit support

through a subtle reminder of school rivalry is a strong indicator of your inability to grasp this situation. I find your comparison to not only be irrelevant, but also a gross trivialization of the issue. I revel in our schools' rivalry, but I am not so blind as to entangle healthy competition with unhealthy and destructive attitudes.

The stand that the Student Senate took is one of free and open affirmation of all individuals. As you suggested, this may not have been a popular view in the '70s. In fact, I believe your generation had a lot of problems learning to merely endure quite a few "sub-cultures," so your reactionary letter is not entirely surprising in its content. However, I refuse to live under the shadow of you and your peers' misguided beliefs.

I am not a pawn to be used in your discriminatory games. I support and applaud the move to codify acceptance of all persons, regardless of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, sexual orientation, age, veteran's status or disability.

I am the future. I will be heard.

Matthew Youngblood
Senior
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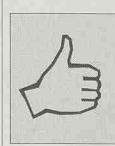
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are some food items that are placed in the different-meal-a-day section just to trick me. For instance, I once picked up what I thought was cheese-filled manicotti. I was all happy when I first picked up the manicotti but I soon found out that it definitely wasn't cheese-filled. From what I remember, something green came out of it.

The pizza section of the cafeteria is also quite strange. Sometimes I go over there and see nice, plump pizzas ready for eating. Other days, though, the pizzas seem to have been flattened. Why or how they have been flattened, I do not know. There have been a lot of theories going around from what I've heard. There's the running out of dough theory, the large man who sits on them theory and the everso famous cafeteria worker that's trying to slowly make the pizzas smaller and smaller theory. I don't think anybody will ever discover the true answer.

Another station in the cafeteria of weirdness is the ice cream section where people can get their choice of vanilla or chocolate ice cream. Every single person at the cafeteria gets the vanilla ice cream. I do myself, be-

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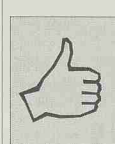


France, Canada oppose attack

The leaders of both France and Canada reiterated their staunch opposition to a unilateral military action against Iraq on the part of the United States. Anti-war activists in this country were completely unimpressed. "Canada and France, huh?" remarked one local dove. "Well, now victory is surely within our grasp."

College more expensive

The National Center for Public Policy and Education released a report on Wednesday stating that higher education has become less affordable in every state except California over the past two years. Most N.C. State students were too busy trying to pay for lunch with pocket lint to react to the findings.

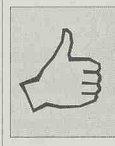
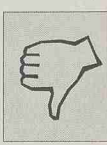


Democrats can replace Torricelli

The New Jersey Supreme Court ruled on Wednesday that the state Democratic Party could pick a ballot replacement for beleaguered Senator Robert Torricelli, who bowed out of the Senate race on Monday. "Well, democracy's cool, I guess," said one justice. "Why not let the voters have a real choice? It's not like this is Communist Russia. Or Florida."

NSA upgrades eavesdropping tools

The National Security Agency has signed a \$282 million contract to upgrade the system it uses to cull useful information from the data it collects daily from phone, e-mail, and other electronic conversations. "Now we can be at your door about 60 seconds after you say 'kill' and 'president' in the same sentence," said an Agency spokesman.

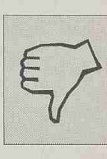


Drug makers reform marketing

The nation's major drug companies adopted a set of reforms this week aimed at cutting back on the lavish gifts often given to doctors by company representatives. "While we maintain that taking doctors to football games is an appropriate educational tool for the industry, we realize that it may appear a bit suspicious," said one industry insider.

Gore admits weight gain

Former Vice President Al Gore admitted to a reporter this week that he was not wearing his wedding ring because he has "gained so much weight" since the election of 2000. When pressed for reasons for his weight gain, Gore mumbled something about "eating my own political future for breakfast every day."

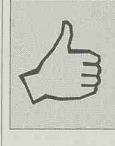
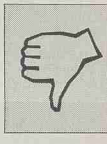


Judge tosses cancer case

A federal judge on Monday threw out a Maryland doctor's \$800 million lawsuit against Motorola claiming that a cell phone manufactured by the company had caused his brain tumor. The man was forced to admit in court that he had not, in fact, strapped the phone to his head 24 hours a day.

Blissful silence ending?

Britney Spears, in an interview with Reuters News Service this week, indicated that she might be cutting short her self-prescribed six-month vacation to head back to the recording studio. "I can't help it. I want to work for the fans," said Spears. "That's okay, honey. You just take your time," said the fans.

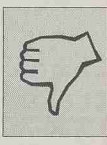


FDA confirms: sprouts dangerous

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration on Wednesday reiterated a warning to Americans not to eat raw or lightly cooked alfalfa, clover or other sprouts because of the danger of salmonella and E. coli infection. To all the mothers who said it wouldn't kill us to eat them: told you so.

N.C. man steals alligator

Derrick Dale Cooper, a resident of North Carolina, was arrested in Daytona Beach, Fla., on Monday for stealing a live alligator from a miniature golf course. Cooper was apprehended in a hotel parking lot, clutching the gator and holding its mouth closed. "But I love her so much!" he shouted, as police stripped the 3-foot animal from his arms.



Recycle Me!
(this message brought to you by Jessica and the font Gadget.)

Adaptation for survival hallmark of agriculture

Danelle Zellmer
Iowa State Daily
(Iowa State U.)

(U-WIRE) AMES, Iowa — As I walk the halls of campus a sad thought comes to my mind. Where are all of the students? Recently the very steady decline in the percentage of Iowa State University students choosing agriculture as their field of study has come to my attention.

The average student would feel that this is more of a blessing than a hardship, mostly because of the lack of professors to teach the classes. One less kid means more room and attention for everyone else in the ag college.

However, as agriculture declines we lose interest in agricultural issues. The fewer the people involved the smaller the interest there is in the field of agricul-

ture. This small interest can be attributed to the constant thinning of the number of farmers still around. Obviously agriculture will always be around in one form or another, otherwise consumers would be hungry. Nonetheless, the family farm is quickly being eradicated from the face of agriculture. Corporate farming has become the only way to produce agricultural goods efficiently enough for the consumer.

This corporate farming has created a different breed of agriculture student. Really it is not the loss of the interest in agriculture — it is a different perspective on agriculture.

Just as breeds of animals change to accommodate their surroundings, so do the students in the ag college. Whatever

the industry needs is what the new graduates will provide.

Sales seem to be the new and important job, as the industry sees constant buy-outs, mergers and overall constant change. Every student watches to see what jobs would be available when they graduate and feels somewhat apprehensive with the inconsistency of the agriculture industry. What will happen next? Will we ever feel secure with our jobs?

The "fast flight" from the agriculture industry is somewhat disturbing, but really it is just an accommodation for how the industry is changing. I don't mean to speak lightly of the reduction in the amount of interest in agriculture; we all know how I feel about small farm eradication.

I do, however, feel that being a stick in

the mud can sometimes do more harm than help. I have been struck by the realization that as the way business is conducted changes, so does the way that agriculture business works.

It may not be a comfortable thought, because we like to think that ag business is so much different than every other kind of business. However, we may have to admit that they are more similar than we would like to admit.

As a child I was adamant that I was going to come home and do exactly what my dad does — farm. But growing up showed me that life doesn't always work out the way that you plan it to when you are nine years old.

Sometimes it saddens me to think that someday my children may never know what agriculture was like when I was a kid.

Experiencing a harvest, weaning calves, a variety of things. I know it bothers my dad that I have never experienced what he did as a kid growing up on a farm. Living in the past won't give you the future and as much as we would like to stay right where we are, we cannot.

Life will change and agriculture with it. The new project for most agriculture students is to find a way to fit and stay in the industry. The apprehension of a no-guarantees industry is frightening.

This "fast flight" attitude also is a little unnerving, sort of like missing the bus. However, change is not all bad and sometimes it is for the better. Having a positive attitude about the way that the agriculture industry is changing is the most important tool for a successful career in agriculture.

U.S. should disclose all prior weapons shipments to foreign nations

Staff Editorial
The Post (Ohio U.)

(U-WIRE) ATHENS, Ohio — The U.S. government created a potentially catastrophic

problem for itself when it shipped samples of several biological agents to Iraq in the 1980s. The samples were sent to sites that U.N. weapons inspectors later determined were part of Saddam Hussein's biological weapons program. The Centers for Disease Control and

Prevention, under the Reagan administration, approved the delivery of anthrax, botulinum toxin and germs could cause gas gangrene.

Just as the United States created a future problem by financing Osama bin Laden in the Afghan war in the 1980s, it did the same when it provided the makings for Iraq's chemical weapons program, which President Bush now says is a major threat. The government already has disclosed

that the United States continued to provide assistance to Iraq even after president Saddam Hussein used chemical weapons against Iraqis and Kurdish dissidents, but the new revelation is particularly shocking. Equally as maddening is that under a program administered by the Commerce Department at the time, the transfers of toxins to Iraq were completely legal.

The Reagan administration suffered a very public embarrassment in the Fran-

Contra scandal, when it was revealed the president either approved or "didn't know" about illegal transfers of drug money and weapons. Now we are seeing that scandal was just the tip of the iceberg, and that the Reagan administration may have had many more skeletons in its closet.

This policy decision was incredibly short sighted. It robs the United States of even more diplomatic credibility, helped create a new international threat

and worst of all endangers thousands of lives around the world.

The U.S. government owes it to its citizens and the rest of the world to disclose any other transfers of American weapons or deadly materials to other countries. And to forestall future international threats, the U.S. government owes it to itself not to provide deadly weapons to uncertain allies.

BIG WIN

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ni. The quick development of State's freshman has been a big part of the team's improvement. Freshmen forwards Aaron King and Bryant Salter have stepped up and contributed early and often, and will need to continue to do so if State expects to give Wake

Forest (7-0-2, 2-0 ACC) its first loss of the season. Salter and King both scored against Radford on Wednesday.

"This year's freshman class is a really good class, and we bring a lot of heart to the team. I think [that during] the last 10-15 minutes, it's all about heart," said King.

Saturday, State's offense will be up against one of the best defenses in the nation in the De-

mon Deacons, who haven't allowed a goal in their last three games and has only given up five goals in their first nine games. The anchor of their defense is goalkeeper William Hesmer — this week's ACC Men's Soccer Player of the Week.

"As a team, I want to get some big wins, some upsets," said King. "No one's expecting N.C. State to beat the Wake Forests or the Dukes. I want a couple of really big

wins to really get us going. I think that would help of confidence not just for this year — but for next year and the future."

If State expects to get its first upset win against Wake Forest, the defense will have to stay consistent. State's defense has kept the Pack in almost every game this season, and it will need to step up against the Wake Forest team that doesn't allow many goals. Senior goalkeeper Mitchell

Watson will also need to continue his stellar play. As long as the defense around him can keep control of the ball and limit scoring opportunities for Wake Forest, State will be in good position to win.

State's defense will be trying to contain a balanced attack from Wake Forest, led by forwards Ryan Alexander, Vincent Bastidas and Brian Carroll. Alexander has scored four goals, while Basti-

das and Carroll have three goals apiece.

State's change in attitude and confidence may be the biggest difference coming into the Wake Forest game. For the first time this year, State appears anxious for a chance to prove itself against elite competition.

"I cannot wait until Saturday night. I always think we can do it," said Tarantini.

SOCCER

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Yet, head coach Laura Kerrigan was in no mood to celebrate after almost outlasting a top-ranked team.

"The fact that we didn't pull off the win is very frustrating to us [as a team]," said Kerrigan. "We knew that we were capable of playing with Wake and beating them. We were close, but it would have been great to come out with a win."

However, the tie does solidify State's place as a contender in the ACC, and the league is starting to take notice of the Pack's emergence.

Adrienne Barnes, who scored State's only goal against the Demon Deacons, was named ACC Co-Player of the Week.

"We had several players who easily could have been named ACC Player of the Week but we're very proud of the fact that Adri-

enne was picked," said Kerrigan. "We take a lot of pride in that because you don't get that honor if your team doesn't really impress people that week."

The Pack plans to continue impressing their opponents tonight when they travel to No. 23 Maryland, but they will not be playing to tie.

"I think this team has known that we can play at this level for a while," said Kerrigan. "Now it's just a matter of doing it and not just knowing it."

The Terrapins (7-3-0) come into the 7 p.m. showdown in search of their fourth-straight victory. In recent competition, the Terps have defeated George Washington, Duke and William and Mary.

Leading the way for the Terps will be the extremely talented forward, Ali Andrzejewski. The precocious freshman scored twice versus George Washington for her second two-goal performance of the season, and her six goals in

10 games are more than Maryland's leading scorer for all of last season.

Juniors Katie Ludwig and Audra Poulin also pace the Terps with five and four goals, respectively.

Annika Schmidt continues to lead the Pack with 15 points while Adrienne Barnes and Lyndsey Underwood are not too far behind with 11 points each.

The contest also features two stellar defenses.

Maryland freshman goalkeeper Mariel Wilner will put her 1.75 goals against average on the line against State goalkeeper Gretchen Lear's 1.11 mark.

The Pack spent much of the week in practice preparing not only for the strength of the Terps' legs but for their arms as well.

"They have one player who throws the ball in as far as any corner kick," said Kerrigan. "They've scored an awful lot of goals this year off that, but we have faced her before so we know to expect it."

BURNETTE

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practice this week and will wear a soft cast in next weekend's game against North Carolina.

The Warner Robbins, Ga., native has experienced the two extremes of what a rivalry game can be. As a freshman in 1999, 1-8 Caroli-

na stole a win from a heavily favored State team in Charlotte when Tar Heel safety David Bomar stopped Chris Coleman on the goal line to preserve a 10-7 win.

A year later, Burnette tallied 10 tackles in a 38-20 State win — its first in seven games.

So, naturally, Burnette is itching

to exact revenge on the Heels after their 17-9 victory a year ago.

"There isn't a single injury that would have kept me out of that game," said Burnette. "Maybe if I had something really wrong with my legs, but that's about that only way I wouldn't play in it. Even if the game was this weekend, I would be able to play."

COTCHERY

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broke out from his specialist role and proved himself as a receiver. Averaging nearly four receptions a game, Cotchery was the third-leading receiver on the team. In the Clemson game, he scored three touchdowns, and against Maryland, he caught 11 passes for 123 yards.

He garnered another award last year — the Bob Warner Award

for integrity and sportsmanship.

"I really don't talk that much," said Cotchery. "I try to listen. But every once and a while I'll say something to catch their attention, and they'll respect that."

Nearly everyone is respecting Cotchery this season.

State's receiving core has been one of the key components in the Pack's high-octane offense. State is leading the ACC in passing yards and scoring over 40 points per game. Cotchery is simply enjoying the ride.

"It's a lot of fun, because you know that if you're scoring a lot of points and putting up stats then everybody's involved," said Cotchery. "Once you keep scoring points like that, you feel you can't be stopped."

When it comes to his role on the team, Cotchery takes on a simple yet highly effective mantra.

"When the ball's thrown to me, I catch it and make something happen," said Cotchery. "I just leave it at that."



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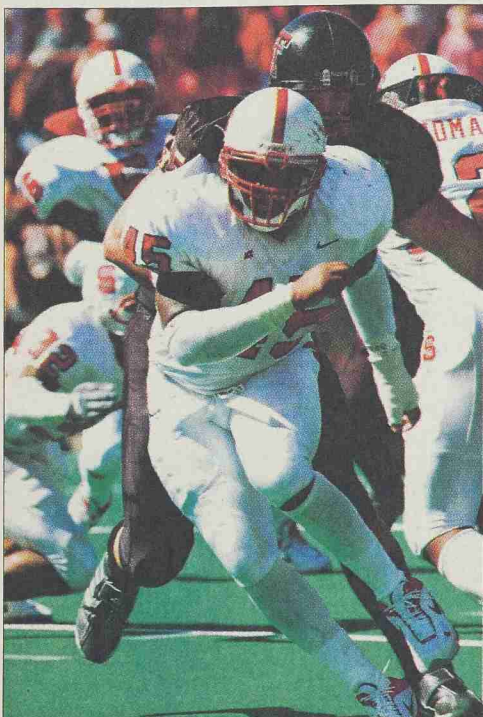
Scores

No games scheduled



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Burnette rarely comes up short



Dantonio Burnette will return against North Carolina after missing the UMass game with a broken thumb. Staff photo by Matthew Huffman

Dantonio Burnette is quieting the naysayers who insisted he was too short to play linebacker.

Matt Middleton
Assistant Sports Editor

Undersized. Not tall enough. Vertically challenged. Dantonio Burnette has heard them all. The 5-foot-10-inch linebacker has spent a good portion of his N.C. State playing career proving to his doubters that his relatively small stature can produce big play after big play and big hit after big hit.

Not to mention put up some eye-opening numbers. "I've heard all that since I got here," said Burnette with a smile. "Look at my stats, look at the numbers I've put up and look at the way I play. I tell those people who say that to put the pads on and line up against me, then we'll see."

Clemson witnessed it firsthand last year. All Burnette did in that game was tie Bill Cowher's gaudy school record of 24 tackles in a game. Despite battling a knee injury late in

the season, Burnette broke out last year by recording at least 10 tackles in eight games.

And if he needs to prove anything else to those who still question his ability, Burnette is on pace to crack the top three of State's career tackles list this season after already passing the likes of Cowher and Billy Ray Haynes.

"The records are not a big deal to me," said Burnette, who is also fifth in State's record books for 32 career tackles for loss. "I thought about it last year, but once the season started, it really wasn't a big issue."

"My team goals are higher than my individual goals, and I want to win a national championship. In order to do that, I was going to have to give up a little bit of playing time in the beginning of the year to get those young guys playing time. Giving those guys experience really helps the team."

But Burnette has maybe given them a little too much playing time. The senior missed the entire Massachusetts game and parts of the tilt against Texas Tech with a broken thumb.

In Burnette's absence, young

linebackers with loads of potential such as Pat Thomas, Freddie Hughtry-Lindsay, Manny Lawson and Oliver Hoyte have gained invaluable experience that will, like Burnette said, help the team immensely in the long run.

"If we had 100 of him, we'd be a great team," said teammate Philip Rivers. "You're never going to look out there and see him loafing. He may be a little short, but he makes up for it in his effort."

Burnette has become this season what Levar Fisher was to last year's unit: the man in the middle who anchors the defense. The former teammates still speak frequently to discuss the Pack or how Fisher is adjusting to life in the NFL as a member of the Arizona Cardinals.

"I talk to him often," said Burnette. "We talked last week, and he wanted to congratulate us on our start and to tell us to keep it up."

Burnette, whose 372 career tackles are well behind Fisher's school record of 492, resumed

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Too fit to be tied

Women's soccer travels to Maryland to face its second straight nationally ranked opponent.

Jon Page
Staff Writer

To the victors go the spoils, to the losers the agony of defeat and to the teams that tie — well, what does a team take away from neither winning nor losing a game?

In the case of the N.C. State women's soccer team, it would be easy to assume that Wolfpack (5-3-1) would look at Sunday's 1-1 tie with Wake Forest as a moral victory. After all, prior to their meeting with State, Wake boasted an unblemished record and was ranked No. 7 in the nation, while the Pack was a pre-season pick to finish dead last in the ACC.

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Melissa Pressley dribbles past a Wake defender. Staff photo by Josh Aycock

Hot and quiet

N.C. State's Jerricho Cotchery is establishing himself as one of the top receivers in the ACC.

Steve Thompson
Sports Editor

On a team known for its brash, cocky athletes, it can be easy to overlook a humble, soft-spoken player from Birmingham, Ala.

N.C. State wide receiver Jerricho Cotchery, however, will not be overlooked. While he may remain quiet off the field, Cotchery's play is making a lot of noise on the field.

Thus far into the season, Cotchery ranks among the top receivers in the ACC in nearly every receiving category — first in yards (441), fifth in catches (20) and fifth in touchdown catches (3). On a team loaded at the receiver position, Cotchery is beginning to establish himself as one of the best.

He's quick to downplay his accomplishments, however. "I guess it's just a matter of

getting open," said Cotchery. "He goes to people who are hot ... so I guess he's going to keep going to me."

"When you have an opportunity to make plays, you just make them. That's what I'm trying to do. I know I've got guys behind me [who] can do the same thing, so I'm just trying to take advantage of the opportunity."

Coming out of high school, Cotchery's opportunities were not as numerous as he would have liked. A longtime Auburn fan, Cotchery hoped to don the Tiger uniform in college. But the Tigers didn't overly pursue him, nor did Alabama.

Assistant head coach Steve Pate did recruit Cotchery, however, and the Pack is glad he did.

"When I was looking at colleges, I saw that N.C. State got a lot of exposure being in the ACC," said Cotchery. "I saw Torry Holt doing his thing on TV, so that motivated me a lot [to come to State]."

In his first collegiate season,

Cotchery played in all eleven regular season contests (missing the Micron PC Bowl with a shoulder injury). He was mainly used on special teams and there he excelled — registering 10 special-teams tackles en route to being named a co-winner of the team's Most Valuable Specialist Award. He only caught six passes all season.

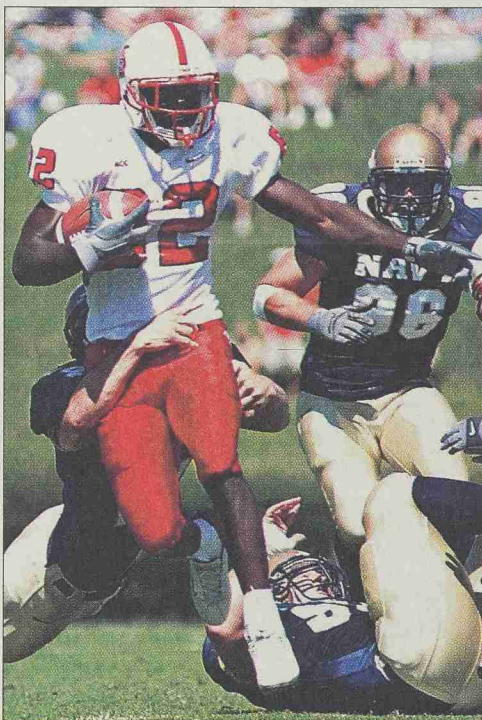
"It wasn't frustrating," said Cotchery. "When I was a freshman, I just wanted to get on the field. I knew it was going to be kind of hard [to get] playing time [as a receiver]. Over the course of the year, I grew to love it."

In fact, Cotchery still plays special teams.

"It gives me a chance to return the favor," said Cotchery. "During the whole game, the defense gets to hit on you. During parts of the game, I just get to return the favor and get a hit on one of their players. That's the best thing I like about [special teams]."

Last year, however, Cotchery

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Jerricho Cotchery (82) leads the ACC in receiving yards.

Staff photo by Jason Ivester

State in search of big win

Fresh off Wednesday's win against Radford, State looks to upset No. 2 Wake Forest at home.

Austin Johnson
Staff Writer

The N.C. State men's soccer team did just what it needed to prepare for Saturday night's match with unbeaten No. 2 Wake Forest at Cary's SAS Soccer Stadium — prove it can score.

With a 5-1 victory over Radford on Wednesday afternoon, the Wolfpack (3-5, 0-2 ACC) proved to itself and to its opponents that it is capable of scoring goals in bunches. It has been the lack of offense that has cost State in its other ACC matches, all of which have been against top-10 teams. State has still yet to win an ACC game since 1999, a losing streak of 16 games.

"The ACC is the ACC; you've got five teams in the top-10. We've worked hard, we've tried hard and we've come a long way," said head coach George Tarantini.

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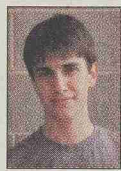
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| Record | Place |
|---------|-------|
| (39-16) | T-2nd |

Maryland at West Virginia
North Carolina at Arizona State
Virginia at Duke
Wake Forest at Georgia Tech
Texas Tech at Texas A&M
Pittsburgh at Syracuse
Kansas State at Colorado
Penn State at Wisconsin
Georgia at Alabama
Southern Cal. at Washington State

| Record | Place |
|---------|-------|
| (41-14) | 1st |

West Virginia
Arizona State
Georgia Tech
Texas A&M
Syracuse
Colorado
Wisconsin
Alabama
Washington State

| Record | Place |
|---------|-------|
| (38-17) | 5th |

West Virginia
Arizona State
Georgia Tech
Texas Tech
Syracuse
Colorado
Wisconsin
Alabama
Washington State

| Record | Place |
|---------|-------|
| (36-19) | 6th |

Maryland
Arizona State
Virginia
Georgia Tech
Texas A&M
Syracuse
Kansas State
Wisconsin
Georgia
Southern Cal.

| Record | Place |
|---------|-------|
| (39-16) | T-2nd |

Maryland
Arizona State
Virginia
Georgia Tech
Texas A&M
Syracuse
Colorado
Penn State
Georgia
Southern Cal.

| Record | Place |
|---------|-------|
| (35-20) | T-7th |

West Virginia
Arizona State
Virginia
Georgia Tech
Texas Tech
Syracuse
Kansas State
Penn State
Georgia
Washington State

| Record | Place |
|---------|-------|
| (39-16) | T-2nd |

West Virginia
Arizona State
Virginia
Georgia Tech
Texas A&M
Pittsburgh
Kansas State
Wisconsin
Alabama
Southern Cal.

| Record | Place |
|---------|-------|
| (35-20) | T-7th |

West Virginia
North Carolina
Virginia
Georgia Tech
Texas Tech
Pittsburgh
Kansas State
Wisconsin
Alabama
Washington State

| Record | Place |
|-----------------|------------|
| (4-6-last week) | (7-3-best) |

West Virginia
Arizona State
Virginia
Georgia Tech
Texas A&M
Pittsburgh
Kansas State
Penn State
Alabama
Southern Cal.

Monday's trivia question: In the last two games, N.C. State has scored 107 points. When was the last time N.C. State scored more in a two game stretch (year, games, scores)?

Answer: In 1920, the Pack beat Wofford 90-7 and then Wake Forest 49-7.

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