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WORLD

Spain prepares for arrival of Pope John Paul II

Pope John Paul II is going to visit Spain this weekend to speak with young people and to announce five new saints. Due to the pope's recent health problems such as Parkinson's disease and hip and knee ailments that require specialized lifts in order for him to move around, he has not been able to travel abroad for the past nine months.

Church officials in Spain are expecting thousands of young people to attend the rally on Saturday at an airbase outside of Madrid. The pope will be meeting with Spanish political leaders and King Juan Carlos before he will return to Rome on Sunday night.

Nigeria hostage talks end

Talks between oil companies and labor negotiators dealing with the hostage of 97 people, 17 who are American, have broken off after four hours. The strikers are angered by company moves to dismiss five union members and are protesting a company decision to use boats instead of helicopters to ferry Nigerian staff to the rigs.

Peter Akpatason, president of Nigeria's largest oil union, has accused Nigeria's government and company officials with plans to use force to end the 11-day standoff.

The standoff, which was started by about 100 Nigerian workers who were unhappy with the company dismissing five union members, will not allow foreign oil workers to leave offshore rigs. The hostages fear that if the captors don't get their way they will be killed.

NATION

Spammers can go to jail in Virginia

Virginia will be the first state to jail or seize assets from persons who send out excessive and bulky e-mail everyday. These punishments are not only for Virginians, but apply to anybody who makes money in clogging up users' computers.

"We want to be able to put out not only a potential criminal violation with the felony but also to seize the proceeds from this illegal activity — their cars, boats, airplanes, homes," said Gov. Mark Warner.

When there have been 10,000 copies of a message or \$1000 has been made via spamming, these penalties can be applied to the spammer.



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Back to school for students of murdered principal

Students from Red Lion Area Junior High School returned to school yesterday after the April 24 shooting of their principal Eugene Segro and suicide shooting of James Sheets, 14.

Sheets, who brought three guns to school, fatally shot Segro in the school's cafeteria. The cafeteria is now painted white and the walls are decorated with handprints that represent "The Hands Touched By Segro." There is a gold strip in honor of the principal.

After picking up backpacks, students attended an informational meeting.

Backpacks will not be allowed in school for a couple of days because Sheets hid his guns in his backpack.

STATE

Senate proposes taxes to sustain programs

The state Senate proposed a \$15.1 billion spending plan that will impose a sales tax to all candy, soft drinks and prepared food and restored many cuts that the House proposed. This tax will help decrease cuts from various programs throughout North Carolina.

If the House disapproves of the Senate's changes to the budget, then a conference committee will meet to work out differences between the House and Senate bills. Both the House and the Senate would like to have an approved budget worked out by July 1, 2003 when the new fiscal year begins.

Oblinger selected as NCSU Provost



James Oblinger, current dean of CALS, was chosen as the new provost on Wednesday. Staff Photo by Tim Lytvinenko

Chancellor Fox announced the new selection for provost Wednesday, current CALS Dean James Oblinger.

Anna Edens
News Editor

The N.C. State Academic and Personnel Committee named James D. Oblinger the new provost and executive vice-chancellor of academic affairs in a closed-door session Wednesday afternoon.

Oblinger, the current dean of the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences at NCSU, is the fourth provost to occupy the office in the five years since Chancellor Marye Anne Fox's arrival.

When asked about the previous difficulties in filling the provost position, Oblinger said, "I see that as history, and I am interested in the present and moving forward on an agenda that will be set as a result of conversation, consensus building on a variety of topics."

"If I didn't feel that I could do the job, if I didn't feel that I would be listened to, and if I didn't feel that there would be a dimension of trust between the two of us, then I can guarantee you I wouldn't have even responded to the letter of invitation when I was written to about being nominated," said Oblinger.

Chancellor Marye Anne Fox spoke highly of Oblinger's qualifications and said, "Jim and I have always had a very good personal relationship and very strong communication channels. He is strongly committed to cooperation and collaboration with the executive officers."

As provost, Oblinger is the second in command of the university and the chief academic officer. His major duties include managing all aspects of education and scholarship.

"I want to devote some time to hear-

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House bill gives student member vote

A bill in the N.C. House will give a vote to the UNC-System Student Government President if passed by the Senate.

Cetty Abraham
Staff Reporter

House bill 506 has been passed in the N.C. House, giving the student member a vote on the UNC Board of Governors if passed by the Senate. It was favored by the largest margin ever, 96-17. As a result, the 32 votes on the Board of Governors could increase to 33.

Though the bill has been brought up and passed every time in the last few years, it was never heard on the floor of the N.C. Senate, says Jonathan Ducote, president of the UNC System Association of Student Governments.

Among the reasons given for this trend were that the student member was too inexperienced to understand the value of voting rights on the Board of Governors, and that granting the student member a vote would enable the student to have tie-breaking privileges.

Up to this point, the student member on the Board of Governors was able to speak and represent the student perspective without any other input to the board, such as voting rights.

According to a statement given to the Daily Tar Heel, Democratic Representative Alma Adams of Guilford said, "students are the primary beneficiary of the Board of Governors."

Without a right to vote on the board, she continued, students are not being represented fairly. In essence, the passing of the bill would give them a real voice on the board.

The Board of Governors is comprised of 32 voting members — who represent the taxpayers, and one student member — representing students of the UNC school system.

The bill could now grant the student member voting privileges, which would bring the board to a total of 33 voting members. The bill can only do so, however, after undergoing debate and passing in the N.C. Senate. Reps. Adams and Earl Jones, also a Guilford democrat, were the primary sponsors of the bill. There was also substantial student support across the state.

Adams also stated that students have a major financial investment in the UNC system. Ducote put this in perspective when he pointed out that tuition and fees account for 17 percent of the UNC budget, yet students have no say in how this money is spent. Considering that the Board of Governors is largely funded through taxpayers' dollars, and that the taxpayers are being represented by the 32 voting members, having one voting student member is valuable and necessary, Ducote elaborated.

In 1991, the Board of Governors was

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Fabricius begins Senate term

Erich Fabricius won Student Senate President in a run-off election April 16, by a margin of 25 votes

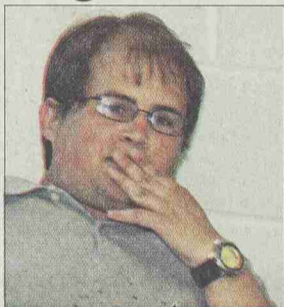
Josianne Lauber
Senior Staff Reporter

Erich Fabricius, a fourth year student in chemical engineering and economics won the run-off election with 50.4 percent of the votes, just edging Jamie Pendergrass out by .8 percent. Although Fabricius just won the election, he's already making preparations for his office.

"I started working right after the election and began by talking with returning and newly elected Senators about what they want from the Senate. That process is ongoing today," said Fabricius.

After the excitement from the elections calmed down, Technician sat down with Fabricius to discuss his plans for his future as student senate president.

Technician: What are your plans for next year?



Erich Fabricius began work as student senate president immediately after elections. Staff Photo by Tim Lytvinenko

Fabricius: I want to preserve the Senate's current strengths on issues such as ticket distribution and student fees, rebuild past influence on matters such as academic policies and expand the Senate's relationship with other groups on campus such as the University Standing Committees.

Technician: Have you started anything

for next year?
Fabricius: Since the day after I was elected, I've been busy setting up the leadership structure for the Senate. I'm just about to appoint the committee chairs, who are the major working leadership of the Senate. It's shaping up to be a real strong batch of chairs and committees, and I'm confident that they'll be very effective in addressing student issues.

Technician: When will you begin working on your first major duties?

Fabricius: I started almost immediately after being elected. By press time, there's been two meetings of the new Senate. I've appointed new Senators, portions of the Senate leadership, and assigned Senators to committees. With a meeting a week after the run-off results were announced, there's not been much of a transition period.

Technician: In the meantime, how are you working with getting students involved in the planning process?

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Recycling at a whole new level

N.C. State's Office of Waste Reduction and Recycling uses fun, games and smarts to help the environment and reduce costs and landfill space.

C. Seth Lester
Staff Reporter

N.C. State has a fair amount of departments and offices ranging in everything from student conduct to Student Housing. However, the Office of Waste Reduction and Recycling on campus is not commonly mentioned, and it catches very little of the same exposure received by many of the more well-known campus departments.

Located off of Motor Pool Drive on West Campus, the OWRR is charged with helping the university reduce the

amount of waste it generates.

"We work off a mandate provided by the governor to help state organizations reduce the amount of waste sent to the landfill. In addition, we always try and tie waste reduction into the bigger picture of sustainability," said Keefe Harrison, the coordinator of OWRR. "Recycling isn't the answer; it's just a small part of the solution."

Landfill waste isn't the only concern of the office, however.

The OWRR is hosting a Reuse-A-Shoe program that works collaboratively with Nike in recycling the material found in athletic shoes. The OWRR's goal is to collect 5,000 shoes by June.

The shoes are sent to Nike and recycled into materials useful for constructing children's playground materials, indoor court floorings and



Keefe Harrison displays some donated shoes. N.C. State is hoping to recycle 3,000 tennis shoes to make a basketball court. If 100,000 shoes are collected, the rubber could contribute to a running track. Staff photo by Rob Bradley

carpet foam.
Garrett Morgan, the student coordinator for the OWRR, established a partnership between the university and three local high schools for the Nike Reuse-a-Shoe Program, making them eligible for a \$25,000 grant that entitles them to a new indoor court.
For anyone interested in donating an old pair of shoes, there are bins in the recycling centers of each residence hall, as well as a collection bin in the entrance of Talley Student Center.

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High prospects out west



Bela Fleck and his Flecktones were one of many bands to keep the stage alive over the four days of this year's Merfest. Photo by Grayson Currin

Grayson Currin
Senior Staff Writer

Early Sunday afternoon, as the sun hung high and beamed overhead at the 16th annual Merfest, Doc Watson received perhaps the most fitting and sentimental tribute the legend, now 80, has ever gotten. As the five members of the phenomenal Nashville Bluegrass Band — the band labeled time and again as “the best in America” by Watson himself — stood onstage silently, the acoustic music hero slowly stumbled onto stage, guitar in hand, led by a volunteer sound technician in charge of one of the many stages at the festival, Watson began in memory of his musical confidant, pickin’ friend and late son, Merle.

The crowd erupted as George Hamilton IV introduced Watson “as a man [who] truly needs no introduction.” Watson nodded in appreciation, strumming his guitar and asking — as is custom by now — for more guitar in his downstage monitor.

It’s not as if the audience had been waiting for Watson to make some kind of rare appearance at the four-day festival. He began the festival Thursday afternoon with a welcome, followed by two sets that evening, two sets Friday afternoon and an unexpected guest appearance with The Nitty Gritty Dirt Band and fiddle deity Vassar Clements Friday night. He had been nearly ubiquitous the day before, performing some five sets with everyone from grandson Richard to dobro champion Jerry Douglas and T. Michael Coleman.

Rather, it was the unrestrained, sincere respect that each member of the crowd had for Watson that led to such a stirring, emotional eruption Sunday. It was in

their faces as they clapped. It was in the way each musician picked his guitar and remembered the lessons that Watson has given with nearly each set and each record he’s ever played — in the land of bluegrass, a nod to Watson is as common as a similar nod to Woody Guthrie. It’s in the way that — when Watson sings or talks — people listen.

Merfest is a haven. For a culture, a music, fans and musicians alike, Merfest — one of America’s pre-eminent roots music festivals — is something of a necessary safe way for a musician that almost seems threatened by the corporate entertainment trends it struggles so diligently to compete with.

And compete it does. Since its inception, Merfest has expanded exponentially from its meek 1987 beginnings of a mere 4,000 attendees watching the bluegrass action take place on a tractor-trailer and inside one auditorium. This past weekend, in fact, some 77,337 people took to Wilkesboro, N.C., flooding the area around Wilkes Community College and its 13 stages for four days, pumping some \$15 million dollars into the local economy and helping to make the college — the longtime home of Merfest — one of the most well-endowed and manicured campuses anywhere.

The success of Merfest is understandable enough. New-age hippies and teen-agers looking for a good time flock to the musical circus annually despite its tight restrictions on both drugs and alcohol, and parents don’t hesitate to bring their kids — some only a few months old — in strollers or on shoulders because of the same restrictions. The staff, a massive army comprised mainly of volunteers bar-

tering four hours of labor per day for free admission, smiles when they speak or direct you to a parking space, making the festival an absolute oddity among the majors.

The talent for the festival keeps growing with the festival itself. Merfest 2003 branched out to some of the finest roots and traditional artists across the world. For example, the Canadian-born, Celtic-fiddle dance family Leahy in the middle of a monumental Saturday night lineup featuring, among others like the incendiary Sam Bush Band, Georgia’s most important folk standbys Norman & Nancy Blake, Ricky Skaggs & Kentucky Thunder and The Del McCoury Band.

Fledgling musicians on the Nashville scene come to make bigger names for themselves with performances on smaller stages and through songwriting competitions; the more established players come to participate in fabled jam sessions with their peers and heroes alike.

“It’s always a lot of fun to come here to Merfest at the beginning of the season and play with some of my favorite musicians that I haven’t seen since the end of the summer,” former, country radio-star turned mandolin-wielding fiend Ricky Skaggs told a crowd that stretched for a few hundred yards Saturday afternoon. Then he headed into a memorably improvised marathon set with fellow virtuosos Douglas, Bush, Byron House, Raleigh’s banjo-picking Jim Mills and a flabbergasting host of others.

And it is that sense of collaboration that keeps the musicians — and, in large part, the fans — smiling for four days and returning year after year. Backstage, Douglas’ wife and children talk with five-string banjo, jaw-drop-

per Tony Trischka like he’s an uncle they haven’t seen in years. (Actually, the Douglas family is at Merfest every year in tow, though Trischka hasn’t returned in some three years.) Flecktones’ Jeff Coffin and Futureman Wooten discuss shop talk with Psychograss longbow fiddle standout Darol Anger with a longtime, no-see enthusiasm that is palpable.

Those collaborations lead to some of Merfest’s most special moments. Few in attendance will forget Sam Bush and Mike Marshall’s mandolin explosion on Sunday. (The two won a Grammy last year for their album with classical composer Edgar Meyer and violinist Joshua Bell.) Neither can they forget either of the two “High Lonesome Cowboy” sets beckoning back to the days of western pioneer folk music and featuring Blake, Tony Rice, Peter Rowan, Don Edwards and Billy and Bryn Bright.

This Merfest, more so than ones in recent memory, was chock-full of sentimental reflection, and for good reason. Homecomings abounded. Jim Lauderdale — who first performed with bluegrass pioneer and vocal stalwart Dr. Ralph Stanley at Merfest a few years ago — returned to the stage with the Clinch Mountain Boys. This was the first time, however, that the powerhouse, who was seamlessly pairing that Mountain Boys’ traditional ‘grass and Lauderdale’s ingeniously mercurial songwriting, performed at Merfest since winning a Grammy for their latest joint record, “Lost in the Lonesome Pines.”

The Nitty Gritty Dirt Band took to the Merfest stage in full form for the first in its quarrelsome, 38-year career. After leading the Friday night crowd in something of a sing-along, rock/country dance party, the Dirt Band invited old pals Watson and Clements — two men who proved essential for the authentic, down-home bluegrass flavor of the revolutionary “Will the Circle Be Unbroken” records — out for the encore.

“I’m awfully glad they have a carpeted stage up here ‘cause I get so carried away and get to stomping my foot, I might just wake up the dead,” joked Watson after “Way Downtown” as he invited his grandson Richard onstage. “Let’s do them ‘Milk Cow Blues,’ boys. Then I’m going to head back to the house.”

The band staggered into the classic Kokomo Arnold acoustic blues special, trading licks with Watson and taking that high lonesome sound down the delta and back into the mountains without missing a beat.

But the homecomings weren’t over by a country mile. Emmylou Harris, perhaps the most important, influential female

folk/country vocalist in the past three decades, lived as a child in North Carolina before attending the UNC-Greensboro. Though she makes frequent stops in the state (most recently in October on her award-winning Land Mine Free World tour), she has not returned to Merfest since her 1997 appearance. The crowd launched into its second true frenzy of the day Sunday when Harris hit the stage with Bush, House and guitarist Jon Randall Stewart. Signs reading “Welcome Home, Emmylou!” shot up in the first few rows.

Those still at the festival for her Sunday afternoon set stood transfixed by her gorgeous voice, capable of speaking volumes just as well as the very songs she croons in that timeless warble.

“That was a song by Gillian Welch,” she said, following a smart cover of “Orphan Girl,” coming just three songs into a one-hour set that touched on her heroes and friends, gracefully ranging from Townes Van Zandt and Lucinda Williams to Bill Monroe and Watson.

“Yeah, I first met her when she was real young at Merfest. She’s done all right for herself, I think.”

Yes, Merfest is a that bona fide labor of love that, over nearly two decades, has established itself as a fairytale utopia for music lovers by giving a dreadlock-wearing Victor Wooten room to twirl his electric bass around his neck only hours after former Flatlander Jimmie Dale Gilmore stood in the same spot singing unadorned country with nothing but an acoustic guitar. And it’s doing all right for itself, too.

Merfest 2004 returns to Wilkesboro, N.C., from April 29 to May 2, 2004. Check Merfest.org for on-sale dates.

The Four to Remember

David Holt and The Lightning Bolts: David Holt’s set was about as close to paradise as one can find East of the Appalachians. With a gentle breeze creeping past the stage, Holt — as much a meticulous folk musicologist as a diverse musician — is a downright scholar. One can almost get lost listening to the man as he describes steel guitar techniques or the development of the mouth bow. And watch out for Josh Goforth, the Bolts’ college-student-by-day fiddler. This kid’s good.

Darrell Scott: You may not know Darrell Scott, but you know his work. Scott, a former sideman for Guy Clark and Tim O’Brien, has one of the most delicate, intrusively intimate pens and voices in Nashville or anywhere else. He’s written for Garth Brooks, and his “It’s a Great Day to be Alive” was a smash for Travis Tritt. His short sets at Merfest sounded amazing.

Bela Fleck: Enough has been said about Fleck in the past, but the banjo-maestro continues to amaze with his uncanny, unwavering sense of timing and melody on the banjo. His Thursday night set with fellow pickin’ star Tony Trischka drove the crowd into hysterics as the two ran into a back-and-forth Beatles medley before playing the same banjo — with arms wrapped around each other — at the same time. And those Flecktones? Hold on, let me put my jaw back in its place.

Scott Carter: Winning a Merfest songwriting award (the Chris Austin Songwriting Contest, in fact) is like being thrown into a cage match with a gun specially designed for lion hunting and bragging rights for a lifetime (if you win, you probably have the approval and support of contest judges and writing mammoths Darrell Scott and Jim Lauderdale). Carter, an East Nashvillean by way of his Baltimore, Maryland birthplace, not only has the Merfest seal of approval by winning the General category this year, but he has the smarts to back it up. With a righteous touch on the guitar and a storytelling penchant that recalls Townes Van Zandt and Guy Clark, Scott Carter is something special.

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ing from people that I know very well — in the context of me now being provost — hearing from them about what their goals and aspirations are, and how I can help facilitate that," said Oblinger.

Oblinger identifies "front-burner items" as "everything from resource development and allocation — the budget," and enrollment planning and management.

Oblinger said he previously knew, "This provost needs to be in the planning, articulation and execution mode as it relates to the academic role of this campus, and he can't do it alone. And this person needs to emphasize communication across, not just within, and relationship building."

Oblinger has worked at NCSU since 1986, serving as associate dean and director of academic programs for CALS from 1986 to 1997, when he was selected the dean of CALS.

Oblinger previously worked as associate dean and director of resident instruction in the College of Agriculture at the University of Missouri-Columbia from 1984 to 1986. He was also an assistant professor, associate professor and professor of food science and human nutrition at the University of Florida from 1972 to 1984.

Oblinger's research interest lies in food microbiology, specifically food safety and the survival of pathogens. He is a tenured food science professor at NCSU, but he does not currently teach or operate a lab.

Also at the session, a vote was approved to extend the contract of head football coach Chuck Amato's contract until January 5, 2008.

In addition, resolutions were passed recognizing the completion of Herb Sendek's seventh year as head basketball coach and Marye Anne Fox's fifth year as chancellor.

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Center.

In addition, the office has just very recently succeeded in getting a grant from the Triangle J Council of Government to help cover the costs of B20 biodiesel fuel.

As it is commonly described, B20 biodiesel is to petroleum diesel fuel as ethanol is to gasoline. B20 is composed of 80-percent regular diesel fuel and 20-percent specially manufactured soybean oil. B20 runs as efficiently as regular diesel yet results in cleaner emissions.

"By next semester, we'll have 123 vehicles switched to B20, and we hope to have the Wolfline running on B20 within the next three years," said Harrison.

The OWRR is heavily involved in other projects as well and is looking forward to implementing food composting, energy management, Rocky Branch

Stream restoration and many other programs that pertain to the university's sustainability.

In addition, the OWRR recently hosted a Junkyard Wars competition, in which four teams competed in constructing tools out of everyday junk and raced around Harrelson Hall. In the end, prizes were awarded, and everything was recycled.

The OWRR is not all fun and games, however, and is very serious about waste reduction. "We promote reuse and recycling of more than just common household items. Anything from newspaper, lofts, clothing, food and even furniture is recyclable," said Harrison.

In the 2001-02 school year, 710.56 tons of materials were recycled, including 10.9 tons of materials during student housing move-in days and 3.5 tons during move-out days, helping the university avoid over \$35,000 in landfill expenses.

VOTE

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restructured, and students from across the UNC school system elected a representative to the board. Although the student member was given a seat, voting privileges were not granted.

Suggestions and efforts to achieve the student vote came

about a few years ago, and it was since then that Bill 506 has been in its existence.

House Bill 506, to be sent to the N.C. Senate, reads as follows: "An act to provide that the student member of the Board of Governors of the University of North Carolina shall have the same right to vote as all other members."

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Fabricius: Each of the Senate Standing Committees will meet prior to the first fall Senate meeting and begin to identify major issues the committee and the Senate needs to address in the committee's area of concern. From there, the Senate leadership can identify what are the top goals and objectives of the session.

Technician: Anything else you

want to add?

Fabricius: I think the student body has a lot to look forward to from student government over the next year. We've got an executive officer team with widely different, and I think complementary, strengths and abilities. At the same time, all throughout the organization we've got as many quality motivated people as I've ever seen.

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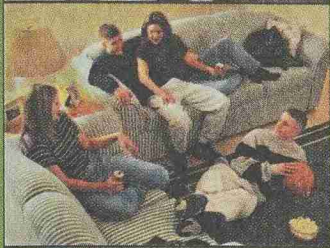
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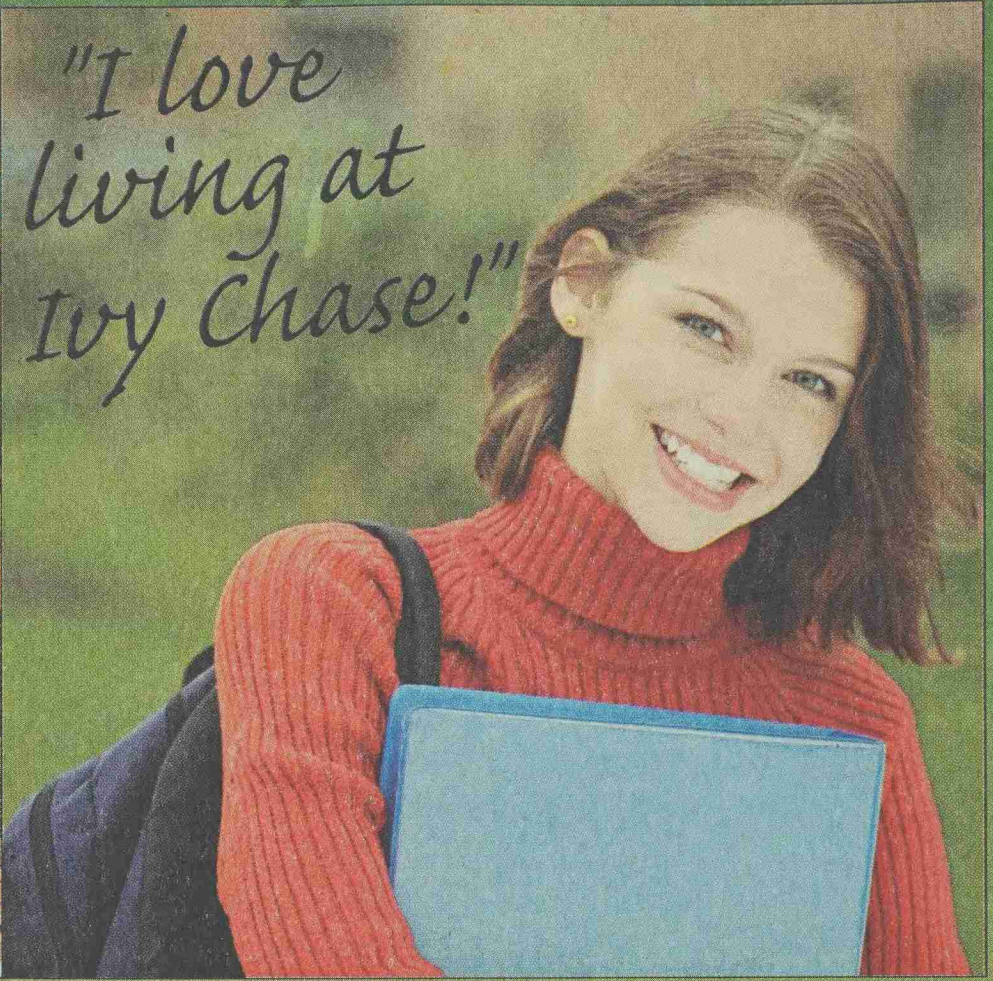
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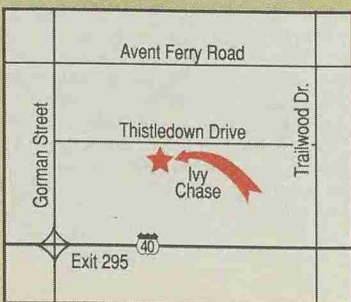
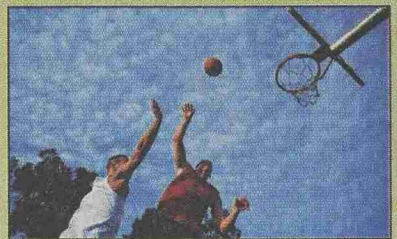
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TECHNICIAN'S VIEW

And the winner is...

Yesterday, the Board of Trustees and Chancellor Marye Anne Fox announced the selection of a new provost: James L. Oblinger, dean of the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences.

As a tenured member of the faculty in food microbiology and as dean of College of Agriculture and Life Sciences (CALs) since 1997, Oblinger brings to the beleaguered provost office stability and experience that will benefit the campus community and promote N.C. State as a nationally recognized land-grant institution.

Oblinger is the fourth person to hold the provost position in the last five years. He replaces Stuart Cooper, who resigned in January over the firings of two of his subordinates. Needless to say, the provost office needs someone who will rebuild relationships between the administration and the faculty, staff and students of N.C. State. But more importantly, the provost needs to stick around for a while in order to make positive changes that are necessary in order for N.C. State to become a nationally recognized university. While the choice of Oblinger is a good one, he faces many challenges ahead as he repairs the provost office and presents his long-term goals for the university.

Number one: Don't forget CHASS. The College of Humanities and Social Sciences took a big hit this year due to budget cuts. Many departments had to cut sections and drop whole courses because the university decided to cut CHASS' budget in favor of engineering and agricultural programs.

While CALs and College of Engineering are the big colleges, CHASS should not be left out. With the university facing even more budget cuts in the future, administration should not automatically cut funding for programs and depart-

ments in CHASS.

In order to make the university more balanced, Oblinger should stretch his horizons beyond his own interests in CALs and pay special attention to what is going on in CHASS. The English department has already taken a huge hit with the streamlining of the freshmen English courses. If CHASS is to compete on a national level, and it has the potential to, then leadership from the provost office is vital.

Number two: Be accessible to students. One issue many students and faculty had with previous provosts is that they were not accessible to listen to concerns they had. Oblinger believes that he will bring to the provost office a sense of accessibility not seen before. He mentioned the success Chancellor Fox has had with her faculty breakfasts. He said that programs like those are important in creating and mending lines of communication between the administration and the campus community. When it comes to the student body, Oblinger needs to be as visible as possible.

As executive vice chancellor of academic affairs, he should reflect the attitude adopted by Tom Stafford and his Office of Student Affairs, "Students First." Every academic program that he considers, every budget cut that he has to make, every major decision that comes across his desk, Oblinger must ask himself, "How will this affect the students?"

Chancellor Fox, when asked if Oblinger is the best choice for N.C. State, said, "Yes, absolutely. I am absolutely convinced of it." Well, Marye Anne, for the sake of the university, let's hope you are right. We have been too long without a strong provost. It is time for a change, and James Oblinger is the man for the job.

HIV on college campuses

Guest Columnist

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Since 2001, at least 16 individuals from Triangle universities and colleges have been diagnosed with HIV infection that

was acquired less than one year before their diagnosis. Wake County's HIV cases in 18 to 25-year-olds increased from six in 1998 to 23 in 2002. We are now seeing the return of syphilis and the sudden resurgence of HIV in young adults both nationally and now in North Carolina.

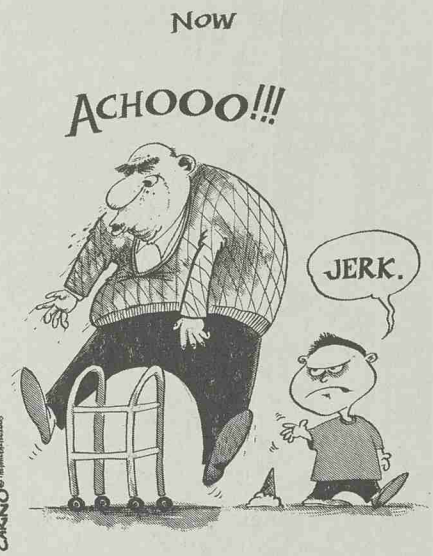
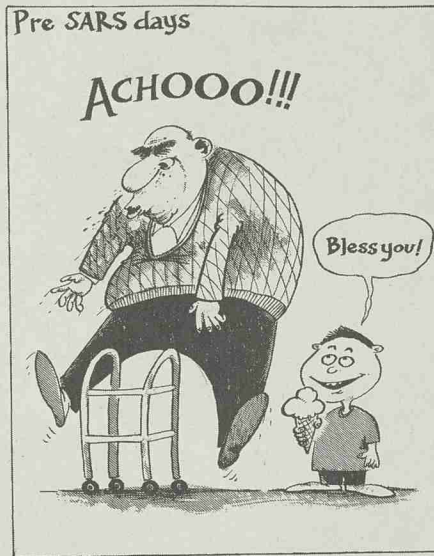
The new HIV cases suggest the transmission of HIV in sexual networks of young adults. A sexual network is defined as a group of individuals connected through sexual activity among various members of the group.

When syphilis and HIV are found within the same sexual network, the risk of HIV transmission and acquisition may

increase five to 10 fold. If HIV continues to spread in these sexual networks, we will continue to see a rapid increase in new cases of HIV.

Unlike syphilis, we cannot cure HIV with antibiotics. The decade-long decline in HIV infection rates among men who have sex with men (MSM) may be over. MSM continue to be at high risk for infection, accounting for an estimated 29 percent of all new HIV infections. Younger MSM and MSM of color are at particularly high risk because HIV and syphilis has been identified in these sexual networks. The proportion of male cases in persons aged 18 to 25 increased from 52 percent in 1998 to 65 percent in 2002. Heterosexual contact accounted for almost 32 percent of the cases while MSM activity was linked to 40 percent of the cases in this age group in 2002.

HIV and STD testing are available at local health departments and at Student See HIV page 7



Exercise can combat a cold



Holly Bezent

Staff Columnist

According to Elizabeth Quinn, M.S., and exercise physiologist, the average adult has two to three respiratory infections a year. If the cold symptoms are "above the neck," meaning a runny or stuffy nose, watery eyes, sneezing and scratchy throat, some health experts will condone light exercise. Otherwise it could be a more serious condition such as pneumonia. I agree with health experts, as exercise has seemed to work with my getting over a cold.

Obviously a person should get plenty of rest during a cold, and eat and drink plenty of nourishing foods and drinks. I do that during bad colds, but this time I had an itching to play some Dance Dance Revolution (DDR), a video game for the PS2. And yes, I am not embarrassed to admit that I play DDR.

My thinking was that the small amount of exercise I would get from two rounds of DDR would make my blood flow faster, and therefore increase the amount of white blood cells to the infection areas. That way, there would be a more successful battle against the cold.

The results: My boyfriend, whom I contracted the cold from, is still in bad condition after a few days. If this cold was supposed to follow that same path, it is not. Shortly after playing DDR, my throat started feeling a little better, and my headaches started to disappear.

Factors that lead to an increased risk of infection are old age, cigarette smoking, mental stress, poor nutrition, lack of sleep and over training. So it comes as no surprise that several people around me are getting colds during this time of the school year.

Exercise is a way to help build your immune system as a means of prevention. In a survey by the American College of Sports Medicine, 61 percent of 700 recreational runners said they'd had fewer colds since they began running. On the other hand, if you push your body too hard, you may up your risk of infection. Runners that logged 60 miles of running a week were found to be twice as likely to develop an infection than those that ran only 20 miles a week.

Other ways to prevent exercise are the obvious, such as a well-balanced diet. It is recommended that you eat 10-15 calories per pound of body weight. So at 125 pounds I would eat 1250-1875 calories a day. Well, I certainly go way above that in my daily food intake. But you get the point — keep it in good balance.

Other preventative actions: wash your hands regularly (especially after using the bathroom), get adequate sleep, drink at least 8 glasses of water a day and avoid putting your hands near your eyes, nose and mouth.

So if you follow these basic guidelines I bet you will feel a lot better. Remember to keep exercise moderate during a cold and only if the cold is "above the neck." Yes I am reiterating and may sound like Mom. But, hey, moms know best right?

On an endnote, I am stepping down from my position after writing for two years. I know there are probably many

people cheering, but I hope just as many are wishing me the best.

One thing that I have never done is give shout-outs. I feel that since this is my final column, Technician may allow it.

First to Quartazz, whom I unfortunately could not interview for a full column, congratulations on your graduation this year! May you have the best of luck in the job field.

Jason has to be next — for he has been my support throughout all the criticisms and compliments. He is my darling and I am glad to be with him for the rest of my life. Matt, Jen, Ricky, Owen, Chris, Scott, Kyle, Ivy, Donny, Nathan, Randall — I love hanging out with you all! You make the days very entertaining and fun.

Alex, Matt, Nick and all the rest of you, I love you guys and thank you for being there for me, especially during my first two years here and even after we lost some contact. Keep being fun!

To Tyler, Wes, Harsh, Ryan and the rest of the C-Store crew, Technician may not have to put up with me anymore, but you guys do! Deal with it.

Good luck to all of those who are graduating. You guys did what I was unable to do — graduate in four years.

"I don't know half of you half as well as I should like; and I like less than half of you half as well as you deserve...this is the END. I am going. I am leaving NOW. GOOD-BYE!"

If you didn't recognize the last paragraph, read Fellowship of the Ring, by J.R.R. Tolkien. Tell Holly bye at paz_rata@yahoo.com.

A lesson in political theory



Andrew Dugan

Staff Columnist

In 1997, the American government designated the Iranian resistance movement People's Mujahedeen as a terrorist group, and the status remains the same today. But in a breach of Bush's moral rhetoric that has been constantly repeated since the days following Sept. 11, 2001 — the beginning of the war on terrorism — the American government has negotiated a cease-fire with the violent organization.

Of course, if you ask anyone in the American government, they would be cautious to use the word "negotiate" when describing this rather unusual diplomatic endeavor. After all, American policy has been quite resolute for a long time on the matter of negotiating with terrorists — it is strictly forbidden.

Samuel Johnson once said, "It is difficult to negotiate where neither will trust." Indeed, but the American government trusts now that People's Mujahedeen will no longer pose any threat to the American forces within Iraq (The group has many different camps within the country), refrain from attacking personal or government property, and place its artillery guns in "non-threatening positions," as reported by the Associated Press.

Of course, in negotiations, if one par-

ty gives up so many things, as this terrorist group has, the party gets something in return. This is what is so fascinating; even though striking this deal doesn't qualify as negotiations (says the White House), the terrorist group is certainly getting something in return for its compliance to Washington.

The antecedent to the cease-fire is that American forces will not attack any of the People's Mujahedeen camps or its vehicles and — in the most alarming part of the agreement — the group will be allowed to keep all its weapons. To be fair, many American officials have repeated several times that this last point is temporary, that the group will be expected sometime to give up at least a portion of its weapon stock. But when this time will come is unknown, nor has anyone commented on whether the terrorist organization is aware of this last conditional. On any account, the group has its full arsenal now, with Washington's blessing.

According to NPR, Washington now shares a similarity with deposed dictator Saddam Hussein, who also had encounters with the terrorist outfit. The difference is that Hussein actually provided funds to the group, and Washington hopes that by allowing People's Mujahedeen to be free from worry of an American offense against the group, it will provide America with the names of other terrorist organizations that did business with Hussein, including the nadir of terrorist groups, al Qaeda.

That may be simple wishful thinking on part of the White House or may prove

to be a fruitful endeavor. The result aside, there is something fundamentally wrong about this whole thing. The war on terrorism is about dismantling the many terrorist networks across the globe, a goal stated by President Bush ever since the early days of this war.

Now, it looks like the new goal is not to eradicate the threat but simply buy them off as the Europeans once paid pirates sums of money in order to prevent the rogues from plundering their ships. Like how the Romans, in the end days of their long standing empire, made payments to the barbarians to stop them from attacking their cities and exemplifying how weak the Roman authority had become.

I'll admit these examples are a tad drastic, and in no way is the American government compromising with the People's Mujahedeen for the sole reason that our mighty military cannot last against a fight against it. The real cause for this unexpected agreement, I suspect, is that Washington just doesn't want to bother with them for the moment and would rather concentrate on rebuilding the government of Iraq — a mighty task.

But, it looks as Bush has adapted a political policy he has resoundingly detested, a political policy that most Americans refuse to believe their government uses from time to time, if not most of the time, in order to make sure its interests are represented throughout the world. The political policy? Realpolitik.

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Response to Mac kiosk problem

I am glad to see students take time to provide feedback. I must point out that ITD does not control all of the computing labs on campus. The lab in Winston belongs to a department and is not managed by ITD. Since I work for ITD, all I can do is provide resources, training and suggests for departments. It is important to realize that all versions of MacOS since v7 read and write dos (fat) formatted disks including Zip disks. Most machines in the ITD-supported Unity labs have Zip drives regardless of the OS they run. A Macintosh formatted

(HFS) zip disk is not required for use on Macintosh computers. The kiosks display the behavior described by design. Kiosks are not lab machines and are designed to enforce short interactions. This is a choice made by ITD management not by the technology. The kiosks are for the functions listed, and they work well. For longer usage or other functions, please use one of the ITD-supported Unity labs. All ITD-managed Macintosh computers run MacOS X 10.2.3 as of spring semester 2003, including the kiosks. They are all stable, but this is the first semester we have had MacOS X in production and we

welcome any feedback, bug reports and suggestions.

Please send all feedback to help@ncsu.edu so the information can go into our tracking system and not be lost. We want to fix what is broken and consider any ideas students, faculty or staff want to present. I agree that students should have the best computing resources possible, and we in ITD are committed to delivering those resources on every computing platform we support including the Macintosh.

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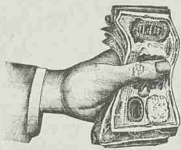
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Health Services. Traditional HIV antibody testing will detect the virus eight to 12 weeks after HIV infection. However, traditional HIV antibody testing will NOT detect primary HIV, the period immediately after an individual becomes HIV infected but before antibodies to HIV appear. Special screening tests have been developed that can detect primary HIV two to 14 days after an individual is infected. Many, if not most, individuals with primary HIV infection have nonspecific viral symptoms that may include fever, rash and swollen lymph nodes. Physicians frequently mistake the symptoms for the flu, infectious mononucleosis, genital herpes or a non-specific viral illness. Individuals with primary HIV have extremely high viral levels in blood and genital secretions and may be 10 to 1,000 times more infectious than individuals in later stages of HIV infection. Rapid transmission from partner to partner may occur during this phase, since individuals are not aware of infection and may not be using barrier methods to prevent transmission to partners. Unless primary HIV infection is suspected and an appropriate test for detection of HIV in the blood is done, the diagnosis may be missed entirely. Screening for primary HIV is part of the free, routine HIV testing at all local health departments in North Carolina.

Now is the time to take an inventory of your own risk factors for HIV, syphilis and other sexually transmitted diseases. The only safe sex is no sex, but there are other steps you can take towards risk reduction. Know your HIV and syphilis status and know your partner's status too. If you choose to be sexually active, then use condoms for oral, anal or vaginal sex. If you engaged in recent unprotected sex, get tested. Should you develop fever, rash and swollen glands

within two to 4 weeks of having unprotected sex, see your clinician and discuss having an HIV test done that includes testing for primary HIV. If you are sexually active, whether straight, gay or bisexual, you are potentially at risk for HIV infection. Abstinence is always the safest choice, but if you choose to be sexually active, take every step to reduce your risk of becoming infected or infecting someone else.



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year.

"It's an honor, first of all, to be back here at N.C. State and with a team that is doing so well," said Lee. "Ever since I started my professional career, I've been able to work out here at State, and I've kept an eye on how the team does over the years. I'm looking forward to being able to work with the team. I injured my arm and am doing rehab, but while I'm here, I'm fortunate to be able to stick it out for the rest of the year and help out."

Pitching through his junior season for the Pack in 1996, Lee compiled a 10-3 record with a 2.62 ERA, second best on the team. He threw for 103 innings and racked up 99 strikeouts. A success like that quickly gained the attention of various scouts, and in the following summer, Lee was a first-round pick by the Texas Rangers in major league baseball's June draft.

And he fit right in as a pro, finishing the 1997 season at Class A Charlotte of the Florida State League with a 15-5 record and a 3.47 ERA. He was later named to Baseball America's Class A Classification All-Star Team and was ranked the No. 63 prospect in

baseball.

As Lee moved up the system to Double-A Tulsa and on to Triple-A Oklahoma, his arm got stronger and stronger, to the point where the Rangers promoted him to the big show for one game. Afterwards, Lee became a free agent, and following the 2001 season, he signed with the Chicago White Sox organization. Last season, he pitched for Charlotte of the Triple-A International League and compiled a record of 7-6 with a 3.89 ERA.

"Corey has played with three different professional organizations and brings with him nearly seven years of pro experience," said Avent. "Unfortunately, he has had to step away from the pro level due to rehabilitation of his elbow, but while he's here, he is able to help us out by sharing not only his knowledge of pitching but also of the game. He's a very smart guy and is very valuable to us right now. He's going to do nothing but help us get even better as we finish out the regular season and head into post-season play."

And help is exactly what Corey has in mind.

"I'm not going to try and get in the way of what has been going on here this year," said Lee. "These guys are doing quite well, but I just look to be there to help them wherever I can. I just want to be

there for them to talk to and bounce ideas off of. The whole pitching staff is doing pretty well, and they're all competing and that's something I like to see.

"I often watch other guys in the pros, and note what they do well to help better my game. So, I think I've been able to learn a lot in regards to what it takes to be a successful professional pitcher. And, I think, we definitely have some guys here that are able to be pitching in the pros some day, and I hope to curve their careers to where they don't have to stay in the minors as long as I have."

While Lee will look to help aid this year's version of the Wolfpack nine, he is reminded of his junior season and the team that ended up finishing with a 42-19 record and a berth to an NCAA Regional.

"I see some similarities between this year's team and the one I was on during my junior year," said Lee. "This team has strong pitching and good defense to go with its hitters. The thing about this team though, ... like my team back then, they compete. They go out there and compete every game and that is very important to the success of a team."

The Pack will compete this weekend in a three-game series against Maryland at Doak Field.

ULTIMATE

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victory over Oregon 15-11. To team member Ryan Smith, it might have been the biggest win all year.

"Beating Oregon was big, too. Oregon has been a top-5 team all year, and we gave ourselves less of a chance to win that game," said Smith.

The secret to the team's success has been a combination of experience and dedication. There are three players remaining that were on the national championship squad, and their experience has

been valuable in both practice and play-calling. Of the players on the 20-man roster, 12 of them are seniors. Many of the players also play year-round, participating in summer and winter leagues to hone their skills.

"We have the advantage of having a lot of older guys playing," said Smith. "And we have a lot of natural athletes — most of these guys have done something else in the past."

State plays all of its games on the weekend, usually playing multiple games in one day during a tournament. The result of this scheduling is the team can play four to five games in a single day,

usually without much time between games. Ultimate itself is a constantly moving game, and playing multiple games in a day becomes a real test of endurance for the players.

"You come back from playing a tournament on the weekend ... just walking around campus, you are usually really sore from playing," said Moore.

For State, it has been a season of redemption after several years of struggling. State will be one of 16 teams traveling to Austin on Memorial Day weekend to try and capture the national championship.

BASEBALL

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Avent echoed Orvella's statements about last night's game and the ECU team.

"It was just a heck of a game. The fans for both teams were just outstanding tonight. I think what was most important was that it

was just a heck of a game and we came out on top and got the victory," said Avent.

State will remain at home this weekend for a series with ACC foe Maryland. The first game of the series begins Friday night at 7 p.m. On Saturday and Sunday, the first pitch will be throw at 1:30 p.m.

STEVE

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easier. Along those same lines, Annabelle Vaughan and the media relations department has been incredibly helpful. I know they have bigger fish to fry, so I've appreciated the help they've given Technician.

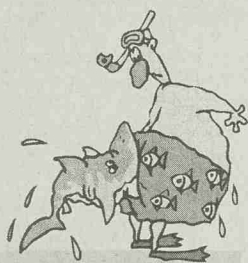
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Perhaps the greatest thanks I have goes out to the countless student-athletes and coaches who have given up their time to talk with me. From my first interview with Justin Gainey to those with Anthony Grundy, Jericho Cotchery, Brooks Teal and Elliot Avent, the pleasure has been all mine.

To all of you — thanks for reading. It's been fun.

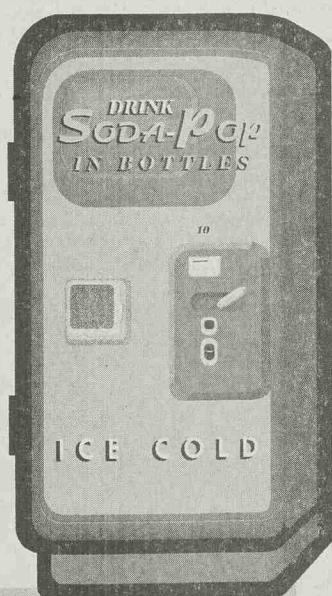
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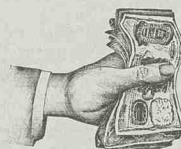


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FAREWELL

And I'm out



Steve Thompson

A few years ago, I stood on the edge of the soccer field at the Method Road Complex, waiting to interview a few N.C. State men's soccer players after a 1-1 draw with Liberty.

As I stood there, player after player passed me by without saying a word to me. Finally, one of the players told me the team wasn't going to talk to me because they did not like the preview article I had written about the game.

The team was upset that I had stated "its chances of winning will likely depend on which Liberty team shows up." Apparently, I should have said that lowly Liberty (which had won five straight games, including a win over top-10 Wake Forest) should be a pushover for the Pack (who was 1-6-2 at the time). After all, I was writing for the student newspaper.

Why should I *actually* report the truth? Over the past year, I've caught similar flack from friends and other students for being critical of State's teams, athletes and coaches.

You shouldn't pick against State football in *Pigskin Picks*; you write for the student newspaper, and you should pick State no matter what.

I, of course, disagree.

In the movie "Almost Famous," rock critic Lester Bangs gives the following advice to aspiring journalist William Miller, "You have to make your reputation on being honest and unmerciful." That's the approach I always took. As a journalist, my job was to report the facts for stories and offer my honest opinions in columns.

Some of you might say, "Technician isn't a real newspaper." Well, that's easy to say when the paper is just something you pick up on the way to class. Hell, it might not even be a real paper. But considering the time I was investing in it, you can be assured I treated it as a real newspaper.

But I'm done. I'm out. In all likelihood, this column is the last thing that I will ever write for any newspaper.

And thus, here are some parting shots — a few things that always bothered me but I never had the opportunity to write a column about.

Non-revenue sport athletes: You all need to chill out. You complain about getting coverage, and then, if you're covered, you complain if the article points out that you lost or that your team is struggling. If you go out and perform well, you will get recognition.

Herb Sendek: Perhaps you could lighten up. I'm not saying go out and become Larry Eustachy or anything, but after a loss, you can answer questions with more than one- or two-word answers. Do you think you're on the hot seat every year just because of wins and losses?

Along those same lines, coaches in general need to give up this whole cliched "coach speak" thing. Just say what's on your mind, not what you're "supposed" to say.

NASCAR fans: You may enjoy it; it may be entertaining, but it is not a sport. It's bad enough you've convinced ESPN. Don't even try and convince me.

Internet message board posters: Don't bother getting in arguments. Even if you make a valid point, some idiot is going to take something out of context to try and sound smart, which obviously he is not.

And nearly all of the people who claim to be an "insider" in such forums are generally not anything of the sort.

I could go on, but I'm not going to. I figure you all have read enough of my opinions over the years. Before I exit stage right, however, I have to extend some thanks to the many people that have made this experience truly enjoyable.

First of all, I have to thank my staff and especially my assistant editors Matt Middleton and Andrew Carter. All of your hard work made my job much

Orvella powers State by ECU in extras

Chad Orvella hit the game-winning home run in the bottom of the 11th inning to give N.C. State its final nonconference win of the regular season.

Memie Ezike
Staff Writer

Most baseball players do not experience nights like the one N.C. State senior shortstop/pitcher Chad Orvella had Wednesday night. Then again, Orvella did not expect a game like last night himself.

Orvella struck out 5 hitters in two innings of work, then sent the first pitch he saw in the bottom of the 11th inning over the left-field wall to give N.C. State a 6-5 extra-inning victory over the East Carolina Pirates. With the win, the No. 5 Wolfpack improves to 37-10 on the season.

"I don't think there is even words to describe tonight," said Orvella. "I'm shocked myself. I didn't pitch at all last year, and I'm not a home run hitter, by all means."

Things were looking good for the Pack early in the game. State plated four runs in the first two innings against Pirate starter Scott Greene to bolt out to a 4-0 early lead. Left fielder Matt Camp smacked a two-run double into the gap in left field to bring home Orvella and David Hicks in State's three-run second inning. Greene only lasted two innings, giving up three hits and four runs.

The Pirates sliced the lead in half by getting two runs in the top of the third off State starter Phillip Davidson. ECU's Kevin Rhodes came in and calmed the Pack's bats for a short while until the bottom of the fifth inning when the Pack tallied another run to extend the lead to 5-2.

Davidson pitched a solid 6 2/3 innings, giving up only two runs. He was taken out in the seventh for reliever Jason Duncan, who allowed two more Pirate runs before getting a strikeout to end the threat. State's defense did not help Duncan much, as an error by second baseman Adam Hargrave and a misplayed fly ball by right field-



Joe Gaetti signals teammate David Hicks to slide home in the second inning of N.C. State's game against ECU. Hicks would score, and the Pack also pulled out the win. Staff photo by Tim Lytvinenko

er Joe Gaetti allowed ECU to creep dangerously close.

With a one-run lead, the Pack's sensational closer, freshman Joey Devine, came in to end the game for the Pack. It was not to be for the talented reliever. Devine pitched a scoreless eighth, but with an ECU runner on third and two outs in the bottom of the ninth, Devine threw a wild pitch past catcher Colt Morton to allow the Pirates to tie the game at 5-5. State was unable to score in the bottom of the ninth, and the game went to extra innings.

Then Orvella began his heroics. Devine was taken in favor of Orvella, who got into early

trouble when ECU put runners at first and third base with no outs. Orvella somehow buckled down and struck out three straight hitters to keep State's chances alive. He struck out two in the top of the 11th, then in the bottom of the frame, he smacked the first pitch he saw, a fastball off reliever Greg Dunn, over the left field fence to give the Pack a thrilling victory. It was a performance even Orvella could not describe, and it also left head coach Elliott Avent speechless.

"I don't know what to say," said Avent "You play nine innings at shortstop for 50 games, then to do what he did in the

10th and 11th innings - I can't say enough about Chad Orvella. He's been doing this for us all year."

Although last night's contest was out of conference, the game had a championship feel to it. State and ECU are longtime rivals, and both teams had large fan bases at Doak Field. An ECU fan even waved a skull-and-crossbones flag behind the left field wall between innings.

"ECU is a great team, and their fans are great," Orvella said. "I have never seen anything like the flag. I was commenting their shortstop on how well ECU's fans came out."

Lending a helping hand

Former Major League pitcher Corey Lee has returned to N.C. State to serve as pitching coach for the remainder of the season.

Justin Sellers
Senior Staff Writer

The N.C. State baseball team took the field at the beginning of the season wanting to turn things around. Gradually, things began to change, but nothing was more noticeable than the success of the pitching staff, which probably rivals any unit in the country.

But success doesn't come without setbacks, and the Wolfpack suffered the loss of its pitching coach Bill Kernen, who stepped down at the start of the year. Already into the season, head coach Elliott Avent didn't bother spending time trying to find another coach. Instead, he put his focus on the team and turned to senior pitchers Daniel Caldwell and Derek McKee.

Both Caldwell and McKee are sitting

out this season to rehabilitate injuries, but they are now around to offer some experienced guidance to the younger pitchers.

And the team has thrived off of its pitching staff and is looking forward to its first post-season berth since 1999. But just when the Pack thought things were sweet enough, it got news last week that former pitcher Corey Lee would be able to join the coaching staff for the remainder of the season.

Lee, a left-handed pitcher for State from 1994-96, had been playing professional baseball for nearly seven years before undergoing re-constructive surgery on his left elbow during the spring. With the Yankees organization at the time, Lee negotiated his release from the club so that he could finish his rehab.

Originally from Clayton, Lee moved back to the Raleigh area and was excited not only about being closer to his alma mater but about being able to lend a hand to the team for the rest of the



Ryan Smith and men's ultimate are ready for Nationals. Staff photo by Tim Lytvinenko

Club sport of the year: men's ultimate

After a three-year hiatus, the men's club ultimate team is back at nationals.

Austin Johnson
Staff Writer

Three years ago, the N.C. State men's club ultimate team was the national champion.

After winning it all though, the team has struggled through the last few years. In fact, until this semester, the team hadn't won a tournament since the championship year. The team lost its head coach, becoming a team coached by its players, and recruiting new players who would stick around suddenly became an obstacle.

"Sometimes it's hard to motivate people to come out — we're not a varsity sport, so they don't have to come out and practice," said Mike Moore, president of the club. "It's hard keeping people out there [who] are dedicated to getting better."

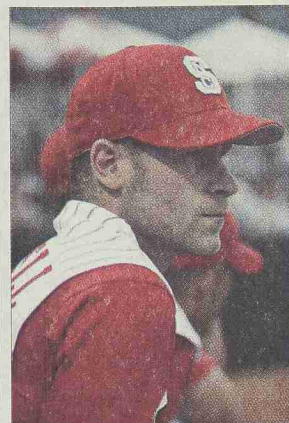
This year, though, the team has rediscovered its winning ways. After not winning a tournament for three years, it's

won five this year and is a mere two points away from being undefeated. The team currently stands at 37-1 after last weekend's regional finals, giving it the best winning percentage in the nation and a No. 6 national ranking. The weekend also saw the team advance to nationals in Austin, Texas, where it will compete for the national championship.

The regional final victory was even sweeter because it came against William and Mary, with State winning 15-12. William and Mary had given State its only loss of the season way back on Feb. 2, when William and Mary was victorious 15-13. Since the loss, State has tallied up a whopping 30 straight wins, dominating both the ACC conference and Atlantic Coast Region. Moore said it was unquestionably the biggest win of the season for State.

"Not only was it revenge, but it qualified us for nationals," said Moore. "Anytime you win a regional finals game, it's a big deal."

In a season with only one loss, it's hard to say you've only had one big victory. On March 30, State got an impressive



The arrival of Corey Lee will give the young Wolfpack pitching staff another mentor like Daniel Caldwell (left) and Derek McKee (right). Staff photos by Tim Lytvinenko