

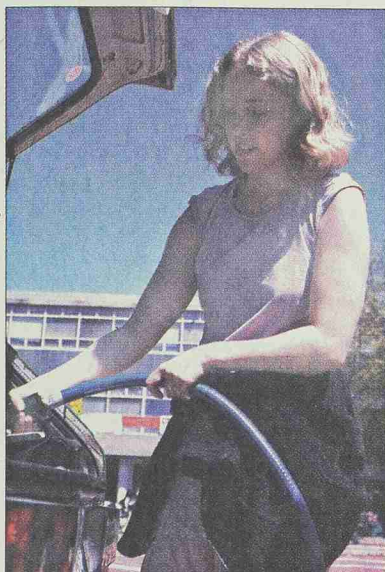


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Elena Everett fills up the "green car" with vegetable oil during a demonstration in April. File Photo Ivan Wilson

Democracy via vegetable oil

Carie Windham
Staff Reporter

As if apathy, ballot regulations and busy student schedules were not enough, the N.C. State Campus Greens' summer project came to a crashing halt this summer. Literally.

After weeks of traversing the state with the Green Car - a Volkswagen Rabbit fueled by vegetable oil - club members crashed into a telephone pole near Charlotte, putting their summer campaign on hold and starting off a string of fundraisers to fund their next vehicle.

"I didn't believe [the driver] when he told me," recalled Elena Everett, facilitator for Campus Greens. An open window had sent a stack of flyers soaring past the driver's face, forcing him off the road and into the pole. Though all students escaped without major injury, Queeneta Allen - an incoming freshman at Peace College - had to be taken to the hospital.

They eventually got another green vehicle - this time a Chevy Suburban - but their fundraising efforts continue as they work to pay off the rest of the SUV and the medical bills of the injured student. In the next weeks, they will hold a benefit at the Brewery on Thursday and at Global Village on Monday.

The benefits, the car and the travel are all part of a larger effort by the Campus Greens called Project Green Bus: Democracy via Vegetable Oil. During the summer they have crisscrossed the state in their vegetable oil-powered transport, starting at the coast and eventually ending in the mountains, to educate the public about alternative fuels. Along the way, they are also register-

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UNIVERSITY BRACES FOR BUDGET CUTS

A five percent tuition increase is final but the severity of budget cuts remains unknown

Josianne Lauber
Senior Staff Reporter

Set. HIKE...tuition hike that is. Tuition is on the rise again.

The General Assembly decided on a five percent tuition increase for students in the 16-campus University of North Carolina system, which includes N.C. State. The increase adds up to about \$141 for in-state undergraduates and \$705 for out-of-state undergraduates.

Tom Stafford, vice chancellor for student affairs, wanted to make stu-

dents aware that the tuition increase was decided by state legislators, not the university.

"The Board of Trustees at N.C. State and the Board of Governors recommended no tuition increase this year," he said.

"When the General Assembly convened and started working on the budget, they decided that in order to help provide enough revenue for the budget that they finally passed, that they needed to increase tuition by five percent."

Although tuition was increased, Stafford pointed out that that money may not necessarily come back to the university.

"If the Board of Governors had

approved a campus-initiated tuition increase that money would come straight back to the campus," he said. Since lawmakers approved an across-the-board increase for every student in the UNC system, the money will return to the state to be allocated by the General Assembly to the campuses.

"That money may not come back to N.C. State at all," Stafford said. "That's the reason we usually don't support that tuition increase by the General Assembly as opposed to a campus initiated increase."

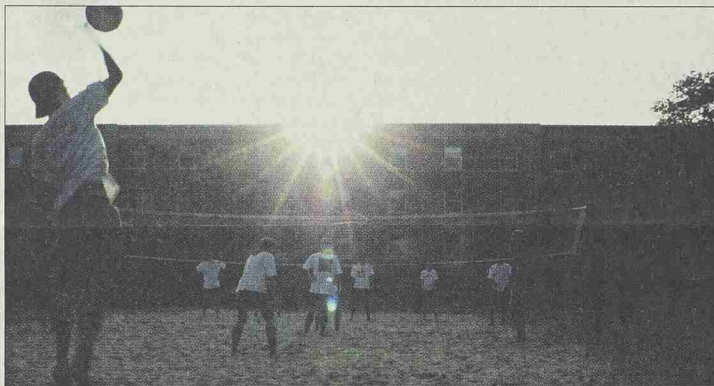
But tuition increases are just the start of the university's financial challenges. They will also be facing a potential \$10.5 million cut.

The UNC system received across-the-board operating reductions and each individual campus will be dealt individual reductions to their university. Those numbers have not yet been finalized.

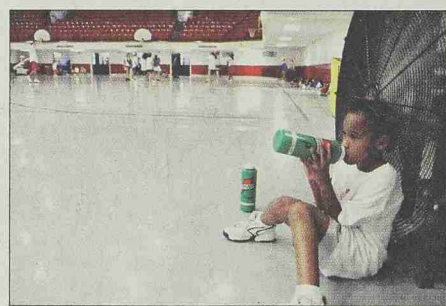
"I will talk to the deans on Thursday and tell them what I know then, that this is the amount of budget reduction we've got and we will discuss ways in which that will be addressed," said Provost James Oblinger. "Not all colleges have the same budget--therefore, historically we have also assigned the reductions in proportion to the amount of the overall budget that a particular col-

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...not so lazy days



Revenue sports are out for the summer making way for sports just for the fun of it. Whether it's soccer, volleyball or basketball, N.C. State students are getting in their fun anyway they can. Josh Yohannan (above), a grad student studying chemistry, serves during a volleyball game on Tucker beach. NCSU soccer player, Katherine Warman (left), fights for the ball at the intermural fields, while "Chica" (upper right) heads the ball in a game the day before. Seven-year-old Gabrielle (right) takes a break from the action to cool off a little bit. Gabrielle is participating in the NCSU women's basketball camp inside Reynolds Coliseum.



photos & text by Tim Lytvinenko

Starting with service

Service N.C. State will pair incoming freshmen with volunteer organizations for a day of service.

Carie Windham
Staff Reporter

In between buying books and toting cardboard boxes up dormitory stairs, some of N.C. State's freshmen will be taking time out of their final days before class to give back to their new community.

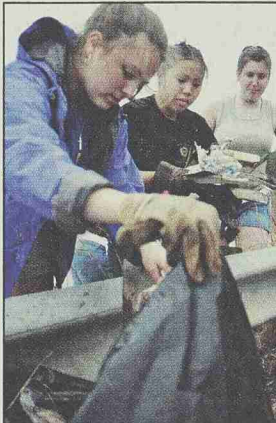
Service N.C. State, a new service project by the Center for Student Leadership, Ethics and Public Service, will send over 200 of the newest members of the Wolfpack around the Raleigh community to do service. From painting murals to playing Bingo cards, volunteers will be introduced to their fellow classmates while getting introduced to their new home and ways to get involved.

"Primarily, we want to get students in touch with who the community is and what the needs are in the community," said Tierza Watts, associate director of the Center for Student Leadership, Ethics and Public Service. "But we also want to help students meet other service-minded students."

Upperclassmen who have been involved in service will serve as group leaders for the day, leading reflection activities and serving as site liaisons. In addition to being another "friendly face" on campus, organizers hope they'll serve as role models to their peers.

"We're excited that freshmen are able to see upperclassmen that are really involved," said Cameron Wells, a junior in history education and service liaison for CSLEPS. "We hope they get to know these leaders and then say, 'My group

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Service N.C. State hopes to encourage more freshmen to participate in events like Service Raleigh. File photo

More than a resource

In addition to Service N.C. State, CSLEPS will be offering one-time service opportunities.

Carie Windham
Staff Reporter

When Tierza Watts addresses the freshmen volunteers at Service N.C. State, she wants to be sure that they get the message - and the inspiration - to volunteer throughout their college career.

And she has just the way to do it. Starting this fall, the Center for Student Leadership, Ethics and Public Service will host Helping Others with Leadership and Service (HOWLS) each month to bring one-time service opportunities to N.C. State students.

"Some people don't have the time to commit an hour a week to tutor or mentor," she said. "But there are people out there that can go out on a Friday evening

or Saturday morning."

The program is an extension of the center, which Watts said has been a valuable resource for service-minded students over the years. But when she joined the staff, she realized it could be more than that.

She thought, "We could not only be a resource - we could take them to do things."

So beginning in September, the center will be doing exactly that; loading up eager volunteers in campus buses and taking them to sites around the community for a few hours of service each month.

In the past, the center did not have enough staff to facilitate such a project but this year they are ready to hit the ground running with their first service day set for Sept. 13. That Saturday, student volunteers will team up with

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A bargain for all?

When students return to the NC School of Science and Math (NCSSM) in Durham this fall, they are likely to be talking about one thing-free tuition. Now that the state's budget has been passed, a small program has been created that will entitle every NCSSM graduate to attend any UNC-system university without having to pay tuition.

NCSSM is a free two-year residential school for bright North Carolina students who have a strong interest in math and science. The school has a wide range of college-level courses such as organic chemistry for its student body, which usually ranges around 260 students.

Many of these students attend UNC-system schools upon graduation, but Sen. Kay Hagan wanted to ensure that NCSSM graduates would have an extra incentive to stay in the state after graduation. She feels that free college tuition will likely increase UNC enrollment, and it will also convince more students from around the state to apply to this special high school in the first place.

The only problem is that there are hundreds of incredibly intelligent high school students around the state that - for whatever reason - do not want to move to Durham for their last two years of high school. These students will have to compete for scholarships the old-fashioned way by filling out extra applications and attending numerous local interviews. North Carolina could benefit just as much by enticing these students to stay in the state, but our legislature has decided to limit free tuition to only a handful of North Carolina's top students.

Many students at NCSSM go from being one of the top students at their respective hometown high schools into a pool of high SAT-scoring individuals, but their transcript at NCSSM often helps them through the college application process. Many of these students

end up competing and often winning scholarships at local universities, and NC Central already gives NCSSM graduates free tuition to attend there. They are not having difficulty obtaining funds to attend college, and since many are already choosing to stay in the state, it is unnecessary to tempt them further.

North Carolina could learn a lot from Georgia, a state that has used their lottery profits to give every student with a 3.0 GPA free tuition at Georgia public universities. The Hope Scholarship does not exclude students because they don't attend the right high school, and it also does not distinguish between liberal arts and science students.

This new state program, which will cost around \$2.4 million a year once fully implemented, is limited to a small number of bright kids. It will not change any UNC school's NCSSM contingent by more than a few students, and it will cost the state money that could be used to help students who are less likely to have a clear path to higher education.

If UNC schools are worried that NCSSM graduates will leave the state for college then each school should decide whether to award these graduates free tuition upon admission just as NC Central has done. The state has already done these students a service by creating such an advanced and inexpensive high school in the first place and it is not their duty to make college a bargain for them as well.

However, since the money has already been allocated, these students will hopefully only apply for other scholarships that will cover the rest of their college expenses and not cover their tuition as well. There are a lot of gifted students in North Carolina who might just need the money.

And why weren't YOU in class today?

Staff Editorial (U-WIRE) OXFORD, Miss. - Academic advisers, step aside. Resident advisers, it's time to

bow out gracefully. Your services are no longer needed.

A mere five years ago, Mississippi State University began the Pathfinder program, which consists of a group of people who "come together to offer their time, skills and resources to ensure student success."

Participants in the program, mainly faculty and staff, devote time to calling, e-mailing and (gasp) even occasionally visiting freshmen with more than two class absences in the first six weeks of school.

Three absences are definitely the telltale sign of a slacker-in-the-making. You'd better watch out, kiddies. Last

week's toothache, Friday's hangover and tomorrow's stomachache may add up to a big headache for you.

Way to go, Mississippi State. You've really outdone yourself this time.

We all know that freshmen who are enjoying their first real taste of freedom in life a little too much will be easily reigned in by a friendly e-mail or phone call from a complete stranger.

Those "personalized" calls or e-mails expressing genuine concern should definitely be enough encouragement for students to lift their groggy heads from their comfortable pillows in time to make it to that excruciatingly boring 8 a.m. class every Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

After all, every 18-year-old student is worried about pleasing authority figures and making total strangers proud, aren't they?



State civics provision not enough



Ben Kraudel
Staff Columnist

Less than ten percent of North Carolina teens under 18 can successfully name the state's U.S. senators. So now a provision in the state's budget is going to try and improve the civics knowledge of the state's youth.

Included in the budget signed June 30 by Gov. Mike Easley, this new provision hopes to make social studies more important in the classroom. The provision looks for a greater focus on civics, while also creating more elected student councils and increasing the study of current events in schools.

Unfortunately, the recommendations are in no way going to be become actualities, as the provision does not fund programs or require any changes in schools. Once again, a great idea will wither away without any force behind it.

The state hopes that by recommending these changes, North Carolinians will become more civic minded and more likely, in the end, to vote. It is never a good idea to fight apathy with apathy, however. To try and change schools without providing better funding is not likely to yield very many positive benefits.

I agree that it is more than necessary for students in schools to learn about civics, which was always my favorite subject. It was harder, though, for those students

who did not share my unbending love for government and history. I can remember the girl who raised her hand in my tenth grade civics class and asked, "Who is this Al Gore guy you keep talking about?"

I realize now that there are people, adults and children both, who do not talk about politics, who do not know how government works and thus can not appreciate the great society they live in. We are obligated to take an interest in these things, to learn and appreciate these things, so we may understand just how lucky we are.

So now the state has issued a recommendation that schools bring social studies back to the forefront. June Atkinson from the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction recommended that teachers find ways to teach civics in other subjects. For example, teachers might use civics texts in reading classes.

Well, this would be a great idea if not for the strict state-set curriculum that classes must adhere to. While it has been a while since I was in a "reading class," I don't seem to recall there being a lot of extra time read Newsweek while cramming for the end of school exams.

"We know one of our challenges, especially at the early grades, is to help school districts become more efficient at integrating social studies into the curriculum," Atkinson said. Isn't that what the provision is? Apparently, the biggest challenge to the provisions success is the provision itself.

A recent study showed that young people in the state knew less about politics than adults, though the adults

were also poorly informed, with less than a third of adults in the state being able to identify the state's U.S. senators. We have not identified a cyclical problem. Adults are poorly informed and so are children. I have serious doubts as to how helpful recommendations of modified curriculums are going to be here.

I have an idea that I think would be far more effective, but it actually involves spending a little money. If you want the youth of the state to be informed about the world around them, then give them the opportunity. Beyond that, give them the responsibility.

Buy every child over 10 a subscription, five days a week, to the local newspaper. Have it delivered to school or however you'd like it done. Give them each a paper as they walk out the door and tell them that tomorrow everyone is going to talk about what was in that day's paper.

It may not go over very well at first. Kids will complain, they'll try to figure out ways around it, but then, eventually, I think they'll realize that a certain power comes along with being informed. Not only that, they might realize that it's also fun to have opinions and to know what you're talking about.

Then, ten years later, you'll find there'll be a lot more people voting on the issues and writing for the paper.

Ben's really just embarrassed because he just realized that he can't name a single U.S. senator from North Carolina. Clue him in at: bpkraude@unity.ncsu.edu.

Portrait of a consumer as a young man



Benjamin Strickling
Staff Columnist

When I first moved to Raleigh, I got a job working in a small bookstore around the corner from where I lived. I remember how much enthusiasm I had for the job when I first began. I love to read and talk about books, and what could be better than a job that allowed me to do just that?

Now, two and a half years have passed and my enthusiasm has waned considerably. I began working at a bookstore idealistically expecting to be working for a company that loved books and to be talking to customers that loved literature, language and imagination. What I have discovered is that the publishing industry is not so different from any other corporate vehicle of mass production; it cares more for publicity, merchandising, productivity and profits than literature. Even more sad, in many of our customers I found willing, mindless acolytes to this corporate beast, a host of "consumers" who constantly need to be told what they should be reading.

Every once and a while, when I am in a really sadistic mood, I tell someone that one of their favorite pulp writers is ghost written. I feel bad every time I do it, but the truth is that so many of writers on the bestseller lists today do not even write their own books.

Of course, publishers will never fully admit that any particular writer has long since passed the torch on to an anonymous freelancer, but here are a few things to look for:

- 1) Books written by dead authors. Don't laugh - I can name three or four authors off the top of my head who are publishing from beyond the grave.
- 2) Authors with more than two or three new releases every year. Just talk to any

author that publishes regularly for a living and he or she will tell you how hard it is to publish more than three novels by oneself in a year. I know of one popular, ghost-written romance writer who supposedly wrote over twenty novels in 2002.

3) Small Print. Many ghostwriters are often acknowledged as co-authors in the fine print.

Ghostwriters show just how corporate the book industry has become. The idea of the writer as an artist is all but dead; the writer is a means of production, a brand name. People recommend authors the same way they recommend a brand of jeans or the make of a car. Because many authors do not even write their own books, their names on the jacket represent a particular style or story line, rather than an assertion of authorship.

People say, "I like the way [insert your favorite author's name here] reads," the same way they say, "I like the way McDonald's tastes." In many ways, publishers are mass producing novels the same way fast food chains mass produce hamburgers.

Another great contributor to the sad state of the book industry is Oprah Winfrey.

For many years, no one has influenced the tides of demand in the industry more than Oprah. Any book seen on her show is almost guaranteed to hit the best-seller lists, and yet Oprah (with a few exceptions) has done more to encourage Americans to read mediocre literature than any other individual alive. Oprah book picks are extremely dangerous in that they often are written competently, thus posing as "great" literature and fooling many readers into failing to see how overly melodramatic and lacking in original thought these novels are.

Oprah disbanded her book club a year ago, claiming that there were no more good books out there, and only recently reestablished it by declaring that she would now only choose classics

because, once again, there are no more good books out there.

When I heard that Oprah choose Steinbeck's "East of Eden" as the first book of her new book club, I was scared that she would debase one of my favorite books by associating it with a vast corporate marketing scheme.

Unfortunately, I was right.

Now every copy of "East of Eden" in the store is branded with a bright red ribbon bearing Oprah's name and the slogan "The Book That Brought Oprah's Book Club Back." Go to Oprah's Web site and you will see more information about Oprah's new "Book Club Boutique" than you will about the book itself. Oprah describes the book by saying, "East of Eden has it all! Sex, murder, suicide. . . no subject is taboo." It almost makes me cry to think that everyone is now going to want to read "East of Eden" because of the sex and murder.

Oprah's book club fits perfectly into the extremely corporate publishing industry, for she creates a host of mindless consumers who rush to buy anything she advertises. I can't tell you how many times I've heard a customer complain to me about every one of the Oprah books only to rush to buy the newest one when it is announced. More and more Americans seem to want to be told what they should be reading by some sort of corporate authority. After all, if a book's not on television or in the papers, it can't be good.

Perhaps I was too naive or idealistic to expect more from the book industry, but it still makes me sad when I see readers become senseless consumers, authors brand names and literature become merely a product to be promoted, marketed and sold.

Oprah's quotes and more information about her book club can be found at oprah.com, and comments and questions will reach me at bpsrick@unity.ncsu.edu.

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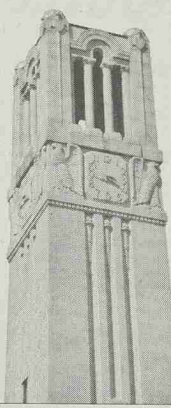
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ing citizens to vote and trying to gather signatures for the Green Party ballot access.

"[The car] has been a good way to get people's attention," explained James Sellers, a senior in English literature. "Then we can get them to register to vote."

Campus Greens is a student organization that promotes social justice, grassroots democracy, ecology and peace through panel discussions, forums and activities throughout the year.

"We're the youth movement for the Green Party," said Elena Everett, a senior in film and political science. "We're activists but at the same time, we get people involved in social justice, ecology and peace."

This year, they tried to spread awareness of the public transportation system by organizing a CAT "Scavenger Hunt" and they took their messages of alternative fuels to the Brickyard during Earth Week by demonstrating their green car.

They also worked against the city council's proposed "Roommate Law" and lobbied for support of House Bill 867, dubbed the "Electoral Fairness Act." The bill would have lowered ballot access regulations in North Carolina, making it easier for third parties to get on the ticket. It never came to vote in the House.

So the students took their project to the road - loading up in the green car, which they converted

from a diesel-powered engine to a vegetable-oil powered engine during the spring semester. Since then, they've been using it to educate people about the relative ease and low cost in converting their own vehicles to vegetable oil.

Their most recent project has been the green car, which they converted from a diesel powered engine to a vegetable-oil powered engine during the spring semester. Since then, they've been using it to educate people about the relative ease and low cost in converting their own vehicles.

"We've had nothing but positive responses," said Everett. "Nobody wants to pay for fossil fuels and they love the fact that they can do it themselves."

Everett explained that it took club members roughly four hours and \$500 to convert each car. And in the end, the vegetable oil burns cleaner and is a recycled fuel.

It's also much cheaper. For the organization, they get used vegetable oil from local businesses.

"People are always saying that alternative fuels would be great but that they're not available - there's always been alternative fuels," said Sellers.

Diesel engines were invented in 1901 by Rudolph Diesel and were meant to be fueled by plant oils, Everett explained. The first diesel engine was unveiled at the World's Fair running on peanut oil.

Along the way, they've also been collecting signatures for Green party petitions.

Then came the crash, which forced the students to refocus their efforts on finding another

vehicle. Early fundraising secured a down payment for a second car, this time a Green SUV, but now they are trying to raise the remainder of the Suburban's price tag in benefit revenues and donations.

That's why they'll be taking over the Brewery on Thursday and Global Village on Monday. At Thursday's Brewery benefit concert, the doors open at 8 p.m. for a concert featuring Ironboss, Funky Munky Spunk and the Flamming Caskets. Cover charge is a \$6 donation.

Monday's benefit at Global Village will feature jazz by students from the NCSU Jazz Ensemble. Entrance fee is a \$2 donation.

They'll also be demonstrating their new vehicle - the GUV or green utility vehicle - on the Brickyard on Thursday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Organizers hope that freshmen, especially, will come out to the events and learn more about their organization.

"We're an active club. If [students] care about the environment and social issues, we're the most active club on campus," Everett said. "We do things directly in the community."

Sellers chimed in, "And if activism and social justice doesn't appeal to you - we're also for the legalization of marijuana."

For more information about Campus Greens or Project Green Bus, visit their Web site at: www.ncgreenbus.com. For more information about vegetable - oil powered engines, visit www.greasel.com



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"Terminator 3: Rise of the Machines"

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Starring: Arnold Schwarzenegger, Nick Stahl
Director: Jonathan Mostow

First impressions can sometimes be far from reality - this is the lesson that I learned immediately after "Terminator 3: Rise of the Machines" ended. As soon as the screen went black and the credits began to roll, my first response was "That's it! where's the rest of the movie?"

A quick glance at my watch, however, informed me that the film runs just short of two hours, much longer than the 80 minutes I was originally guessing, which caught me off guard. Attempts to guess the length of a film without checking the press notes are frequently 10 or 15 minutes off ... but 30?

The difference wasn't caused by a load of trailers or incredibly long credits, but instead by an in-

credibly intense film. "Terminator 3" starts the action early and barely lets off, each action scene managing to be bigger, louder and more intense than the one it follows.

What director Jonathan Mostow ("U-571," filling in for James Cameron) pulls off is something that Cameron couldn't claim after two "Terminators": it's never boring, not even for a second. That isn't to say that it's as good as "Terminator 2," but it gives it a good run for the money.

After a summer filled with mediocre ("The Matrix Reloaded") and simply awful ("Charles Angels: Full Throttle") action films, "Terminator 3" is exactly what we've all been hoping for.

Note: Much like "X2," "The Matrix Reloaded," "The Hulk" and half of the other films to come out this summer, "Terminator 3" fails to bring any closure, once again leaving us with a nice cliffhanger ending. Some of us are used to it: "being in limbo," for lack of a better phrase, knowing that you have to wait years to find out what happens next. So if you're fed up with

the trend of films that don't really end, well, tough luck.

"Whale Rider"

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Starring: Keisha Castle-Hughes, Rawiri Paratene
Director: Niki Caro

"Lord of the Rings" isn't the only thing cinema coming out of New Zealand these days, even if it is getting all the publicity. And while it's almost sure to find Academy Award glory next year after the third and final chapter is unleashed, don't be surprised if you see Niki Caro's "Whale Rider" making a few waves of its own.

In it, we meet Pai (newcomer Keisha Castle-Hughes), a girl who survives her birth, even though her mother and twin brother do not. Her father and grandfather had large stake in her brother, since her family has led her tribe for generations and they wanted a son, and her entire life she's been left to feel sub-par.

After her father leaves for Germany to pursue a career as an artist, her grandfather looks to the boys in the tribe hoping to find someone to fill his shoes. Pai desires to learn the ways and live up to her bloodline, but she isn't allowed because - you guessed it - she's a girl.

I'm typically quite wary of stories like this, for the 'girl overcoming male oppression and proving her worth as a human being' idea has been run into the ground. But "Whale Rider" skirts around the cliches that it could have so easily fallen into, instead focusing on the dreams and de-

termination that keep a girl alive when any other person would probably just fall into a deep, dark depression.

A typical performance for someone as young an inexperienced as Castle-Hughes could have easily hurt the film; instead, she delivers the best performance for a child actor since Haley Joel Osment made a name for himself in "The Sixth Sense." She has the passion, heart and energy of a soul, but her face displays a child with the kind of maturity and patience that many adults never reach.

Bad news, guys: I was going to finish this review after seeing "Pirates of the Caribbean," but I'm a little on the [irked] side right now so I'm just going to finish my "Whale Rider" review inside the "Pirates" review!

"Pirates of the Caribbean"

ZERO STARS

Starring: Johnny Depp, Orlando Bloom
Director: Gore Verbinski

First, before saying anything, it's important to state this: I like pirates. I like pirate stories and I like pirate movies. I only have one bumper sticker on my car, and it says "Pirate," in black letters in a white circle. If it were possible to simply throw my moral compass behind and not go to jail for decades, I'd absolutely love to be a pirate.

With that stated, there's one question I'd like to ask after seeing the Walt Disney Company's

"Pirates of the Caribbean:" What the hell is happening to the once loved pasttime of cinema? Remember when movie ratings were used to warn parents about the content so they could use these ratings as an indicator of what they should take their children to?

Well, those days are over. Don't get me wrong, I like higher rated movies. I like seeing nudity, drugs and hearing dirty words on the big screen, because that's what life is like. Those are realities.

What's also a reality is that ratings are used to sell movies. First, let's look at "Whale Rider," a sweet, innocent, heartwarming film about a young girl chasing her dreams. To say the least, I'd let my 10-year-old niece watch this inspired film, and I'd give my left nut to keep her pure little mind pure.

But "Rider" contains "brief language and a momentary drug reference." By "momentary drug reference," they mean that a character is sitting with a bag of reefer and a "marijuana pipe" in his lap, before he hides it quickly when his niece arrives. This quick glimpse of the pipe and bag, which most kids wouldn't even pick up on, got the film a "PG-13" rating. "Whale Rider" has been rated "PG" (or the equivalent) in every other country that it has been released.

Now take "Pirates," which got the exact same "PG-13" rating for "action/adventure violence." Somewhere in the description they forgot to add "large amounts of (bloodless, the blood that accompanies stabbing or shooting

someone is "R-Rated") violence, gore and frightening images." While I have nothing against this type of material (I'm giving "Terminator 3" three and a half stars, for Pete's sake), I do have something against the rating of "Pirates of the Caribbean," and here's why:

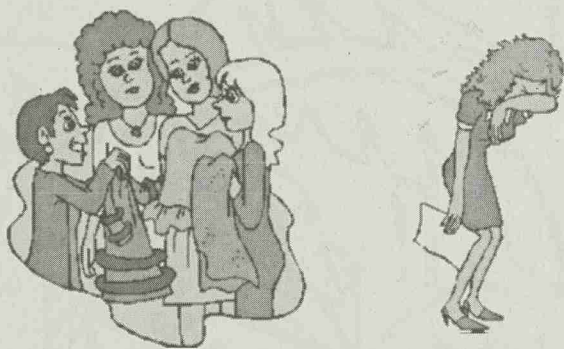
"Pirates," judged on it's content and the content of other films I have seen that were given ratings by the MPAA (Motion Picture Association of America), is an "R-Rated" movie. Because of it's blockbuster size and probably a nice donation from Disney, it got the blessed "PG-13." And now, what's basically an R-Rated movie, is being marketed at -

CHILDREN! Your children, your sisters and brothers and cousins and 'nieces, all being tossed video games and action figures and Happy Meals (I'm not sure about that one, but from McDonald's, I wouldn't be surprised) to go along with the happy, brainless, violent little movie that they'll see and be given by their parents when it comes out on DVD.

And sadly, they'll probably never see, or even hear about, a magical little film named "Whale Rider," one that pushes thought and imagination instead of throwing two and a half hours of bloodless, mindless violence at them.

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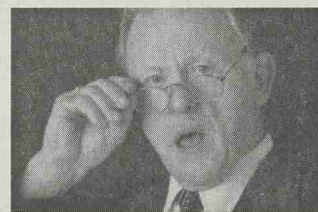
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CUTS

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lege has." Oblinger explained how budget cuts have been handled in the past and indicated some of the same actions may be taken to deal with this particular budget cut.

"If you look at how [cuts] handled, historically we have done everything we can to minimize the impact on students in the classroom," said Oblinger.

Since the final figures are unconfirmed, Oblinger and others have only speculated where the cuts may come from within the university.

"I think you may see some sections of classes that are larger, but they will still have high quality faculty in them...we're not turning faculty loose, however, we might be hiring less temporary faculty and we might be asking our existing faculty to do a little more, which they have already done," said Oblinger.

Stafford hopes for 'total flexibility' when it comes to the budget cuts.

"The chancellor and the provost and the vice chancellor for finance decide how to 'dive' up the cuts and if they depend on any guidelines the board of governors gives us, what we hope they will say is that we have total flexibility - then we can do it any way we want to as long as we come up with five percent of the budget," said Stafford.

Stafford offered an explanation for the budget cut; "I think it shows that they [the general assembly] face a significant challenge because the tax revenues from which they plan a budget have been down and are not projected to grow in any significant way. By law, the

state budget must be a balanced budget, in other words, they can't spend more than they collect. What some people say is what they need to do, is raise taxes to generate more money. Politically right now the people who represent don't support tax increases, especially when the economy is like it is right now."

Stafford offered advice to students.

"Students can organize and protest, start letter writing campaigns, rallies. [Students] can make direct contact with people in the general assembly. Students can organize campaigns to get students to encourage the people who represent their district wherever they vote those who are in the general assembly who support higher education," he said.

But there is some relief when it comes to financial aid.

Julie Mallette, the associate vice provost and director of scholarships and financial aid said, that her office will make every effort to adjust aid packages to reflect the tuition increase.

For special cases, Mallette mentioned that her staff is willing to help students in any way they can.

"There may be cases where students have already received the maximum aid available based on their need levels and year in college," she said. "If this happens, the office of scholarships and financial aid staff will recommend other alternatives for the student and family to consider."

While the exact numbers of the university's budget are still unknown, Stafford points out the importance of students to stay aware. "This is a very important topic, it is important for students to know what is happening and know what the impact of it is going to be."

HOWLS

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NCSU's chapter of Habitat for Humanity to work on a Habitat construction site.

That day, Watts hopes to pique the volunteer's interests not only about her project - but about Habitat as well. That way, the benefits are two-fold.

"They get to say 'Well, if you liked this today, we do this every week' and then they get to pull in students," she said.

The next month, HOWLS

volunteers will officiate events at the N.C. Senior Games. The idea is to offer a variety of service opportunities that will appeal to a wide variety of interests.

By the end of the year, the center will send students to Explorer, the Helen Wright Women's Center, the Salvation Army soup kitchen and area parks for activities ranging from park cleanup to an overnight lock-in.

And students won't have to attend each service day to take part in the program. Each activity will have its own online sign-up a few weeks prior.

Watts hopes it will be a way to extend the reach of the office and get more students interested in service. And in turn, strengthen the ties between NCSU students and the surrounding community.

As the program's motto reads,

"When the Wolfpack HOWLS, great things happen."

For more information about HOWLS and the Center for Student Leadership, Ethics and Public Service, visit their Web site at: www.ncsu.edu/csleps.

SERVICE

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leader did this... maybe I'll go there too." We hope they make that connection."

Wells and Watts have spent the summer making plans for the project, which will take place on the last day before fall classes begin.

The project is actually part of a weeklong "welcome back" celebration planned for all NCSU students that will include an organization fair and a convocation. But Service N.C. State is only targeted at freshmen.

"We noticed that we have the lowest numbers of volunteers in freshmen and we just wanted to catch these students as they were coming in and who them that service is easy to do - both on campus and close to campus," Wells said.

While still in the planning stages, the tentative schedule will call for volunteers to arrive at Talley at 9 a.m. on Aug. 19. They'll go to their respective sites - some within walking distance and others across town - and be finished by 3 p.m. Campus vans or buses

will provide transportation and their lunch will be taken from their campus meal plan.

"It's going to be a lot of fun," said Wells. "We're not getting up too early, the schedule's not too demanding. We're doing a lot of neat projects."

Projects that include a butterfly garden at Fred Olds Elementary School, distributing food at the Salvation Army, cleaning up trails at Lake Johnson and playing Bingo with residents at Morningside Assisted Living.

The only remaining piece, then, will be luring in enough volunteers.

"We're going to start small but continue to grow each year," explained Wells. This year they've set their goal at 200 students. Freshmen will have the opportunity to sign up at orientation organization fairs.

And though the volunteer goal may seem lofty, Watts knows what she would say to encourage freshmen to come out:

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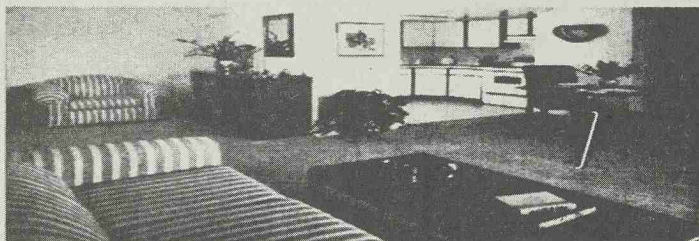
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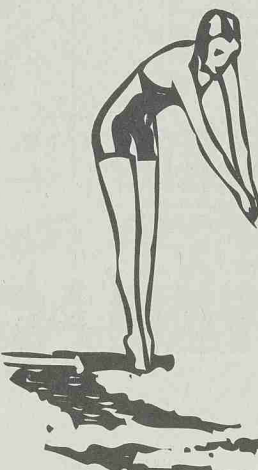


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the 50-year-old league along with Virginia Tech.

The modest, private school seated in the city suburb of Coral Gables will be the third private school in the ACC, joining Wake Forest and Duke. But what it brings to the table and what made it the ultimate prize - and the key to expansion's success - is exactly the opposite of those two basketball-inclined private institutions.

The football program that Miami brings into the league, that of the 34-game winning streak variety that would have been extended if not for a bogus penalty in last year's Fiesta Bowl, is obviously going to do wonders in terms of the television-rights negotiating.

Along with Tech, the ACC now has two schools that have won a combined six national titles since 1987.

"We're bringing in two schools that bring a lot across the board in this [football] area and in all areas, but specific to football, [they are] two perennial national-caliber football programs, both of whom have a superb history of television ratings," said Swofford in a press conference last week.

But there's television with Virginia Tech, and there's television with Miami. The Hurricanes

have been involved in the last two national title games and will almost certainly enter this season as a top-three team at worst.

Since winning four national titles in the 1980s and early 90s, Miami has undergone a rebirth that has brought the team back to national prominence - and also a boatload of cash that will be partly the ACC's beginning in 2004.

"There's no question the league in football is getting better," said N.C. State head coach Chuck Amato when the possibility of the Hurricanes joining the ACC was tossed around. "I think what we're doing is what the Southeastern Conference did in basketball. For years and years, there was just Kentucky. Now the SEC is a pretty salty basketball conference, as well."

In the ACC, first there was Florida State, now, just when the rest of the league seems to be on the cusp of catching the Seminoles, their bitter rivals from south Florida enter the league.

Miami athletics director Paul Dee spoke kindly of FSU in a press conference discussing his school's matriculation.

"We have seen all of the things that it meant to them and to their fine university; we watched them grow into a tremendous university through this conference," said Dee. "They are our friends. We look forward to the friendships of all of the other schools in this conference."

But as strong as the Hurricanes are in football, their basketball program leaves a little to be desired. But even that's in the midst of change.

"One of the areas of where our program had not been fully funded and fully taken care of was our basketball programs," said Dee.

The program was so woeful in fact, the university dropped it entirely from 1971-85. Since then, the team has played in arenas all over the city, including once in a theatre.

"I think in the history of the university we played at 16 different venues in the city, the largest of which sat about 10," he joked.

But that was the past. What the present holds is a new, on-campus arena that was christened earlier this year with an overtime win over North Carolina.

Combining the marquee football program with a rising basketball team clearly foots the bill for the Hurricanes' admissions.

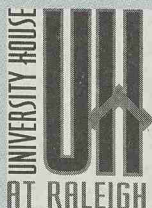
No matter what happens in 2004 and on, the ACC will be happy with what it landed. Even if it didn't sweat it out too much - just ask John Swofford.



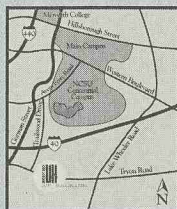
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Two male roommates needed at University Woods condo. \$275/mo. +1/4 utilities. Private bed/bath. Available August 1st. Call Stephen at 618-4895.

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Room for Rent

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Condos For Rent

4BD student corido for rent. University Woods. 1 free month rent. \$1200/mo. 417-0019.

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Picture Framer needed for local art gallery. Fulltime, experience required, fax resume and salary requirement 833-2210 or e-mail to localart@bellsouth.net

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end not with periods, but with magnanimous, glorious minia- ture Bill Gates heads.

Let the bidding begin.

For tips on corporate sponsorship, ask the RBC Centura, the company that spent the GNP of Saudi Arabia to get its name plastered all over the Entertainment and Sports Arena. Or any of the other 1,868 corporations that have purchased naming rights to stadiums in the past decade.

Remember names like Tiger Stadium, Riverfront, The Spectrum, the Boston Garden and the Los Angeles Forum? Remember when ballparks were ballparks and not just multi-million dollar corporate playgrounds? Baseball - a sport rich with stadiums that would make your heart skip a beat upon entrance - has only a few anti-corporate gems left: Fenway Park, Wrigley Field, Yankee Stadium and Camden Yards. The NBA and NHL have Madison Square Garden. Football has Soldier

Field and Lambeau Field.

Now we've got stadiums named after banks, cellphones and ketchup. We've got arenas named after electric companies, telephone companies and beer. Names that were more than just names have practically been sold on eBay. Candlestick Park, Jack Murphy Stadium and Comiskey Park have been dumped for 3Com Park, Qall-com Stadium and US Cellular Field.

Even a team's name is worth a healthy portion of Fort Knox. Just ask the brussell-sprouts-for-brains lump-noggin with Bank One. Those guys threw \$30 million at the Chicago Bears for the right to be the team's "presenting partner." That means, for the next 12 years, "Chicago Bears football presented by Bank One" will rival "Who let the dogs out" and "Tha-a-a-a-a YANK-ees WIN" for the title of The Most Vomit-Inducing Phrase in Sport.

Team names, stadiums, playing surfaces, racecars, backstops, backboards and uniforms enjoy a Microsoft-esque monopoly on corporate partner-

ships. That's why this column will be the first in the country to sign a multi-year, multi-dollar deal with YOURCOMPANYNAMEHERE. Since I don't have any standards or integrity, I'll sell out to any corporation stupid enough to make the contents of my wallet greener than Kermit.

And history? Screw it! I don't care if I've had the same name for 22 years - if I like its offer when Nike calls, I'll just change it to Jumpman Mc-Swoosh. Has a better ring to it, anyway. And besides, with the "Mc" in there, I might be able to squeeze a few bucks out of McDonald's. If a certain brewery wins the bid, I could come to be known as Bud Weiser. My mug would be replaced by another - this one a big, satisfying and frothy mug of brew.

And should Budweiser win the right to be my corporate sponsor, I'd end every column with ...

This Bud's for you.

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was quicker to make the decision to join the ACC. Officials at the school felt that the ACC was a perfect fit for Virginia Tech.

"Given our geographic proximity, our historic and cultural affinities as well as current academic partnerships with many of these schools, it is clear that the affiliation with the ACC is in the best long term interest and is the best fit for Virginia Tech and our extended university community," said Rocovich.

Virginia Tech does make sense as an expansion candidate, as its located in the heart of the ACC and has numerous ties to ACC schools. ACC Commissioner John Swofford joked that they won't even have to change the logo with the two new teams coming into the league.

"We couldn't figure out how to do a different seal and [this

way] we could keep the same seal and simply add two stars," said Swofford.

The decision to include Virginia Tech is considered by many a football decision. It's not a hard allegation to support given their history in both sports.

In football, they posted a 10-4 record last season that included a win over Air Force at the San Francisco Bowl and ended the season with a top 25 ranking. As recently as 1999 they played in the national championship, falling to Florida State.

Head coach Frank Beamer was named national coach of the year in 1999 and has also led Virginia Tech to nine straight bowl appearances. The star of that team, quarterback Micheal Vick, currently plays for the Atlanta Falcons and is quickly becoming a household name. The addition of Virginia Tech certainly strengthens the conference from strictly a football standpoint.

On the basketball side of things,

the tradition of Virginia Tech is not nearly as positive.

They finished last season last in the Big East conference, ending the season with an overall record of 11-18 - a record much worse than any of the ACC teams had last year.

But the school has recently shown a commitment to turning the program around.

In April they announced the hiring of a new head coach, Seth Greenberg, who coached for seven years at the University of South Florida and posted a winning record in six of those seasons. The newfound exposure and presence in the ACC should help with recruiting as well, but the team is still in a rebuilding process that will take some time.

Though the scheduling has not been worked out yet, plans are to have both Miami and Virginia Tech competing within the conference by the 2004-2005 academic year.

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Mr. Phil Knight, imagine this: Cause he might have a jumper than could burn nylon one day, you just pulled a third-grader off the monkey bars, wiped the jelly off his mouth and signed him to a billion-dollar shoe deal. Meanwhile, the human rights activists are on you as if you're Saddam's brother, just because you <I>only</I> pay a few cents an hour in the overseas market, which - let's point out - is very reasonable sweatshop wage.

But when Nike becomes the official sponsor of this column, all those worries will disappear faster than the letters E-N-R-O-N from a certain Houston ballyard. Picture every sentence ending not with periods, but with magnanimous, glorious swooshes. Imagine that mug in the upper left being replaced by the Air Jordan insignia.

Bill Gates, you can get on this, too. Wherever there's an "e" in print (hey there's already five in just this sentence!) it will appear as the Microsoft Internet Explorer logo. Sentences will

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ACC Expansion

The new kids on the block



Canes are just what ACC wanted

When Miami accepted a bid to join the ACC, it saved the conference's image and substantially upped its football quality.

Matt Middleton
Sports Editor

The long-awaited invitation had been sent, and the wait had begun. After all, ACC commissioner John Swofford had all the reason to be as nervous as a man in fast-sinking quicksand.

At least he *should* have been. As the future and reputation of his conference was on the line while Miami weighed its options on whether or not to jump from the Big East to the ACC, Swofford didn't waste away the weekend biting his nails or waiting for the telephone to ring.

Instead, the former North Carolina football player took in a movie and played some golf with his wife - refusing to let the vastly important decision control his life.

Finally, on Monday morning the call came and the future of the ACC was firmly set on a concrete foundation when Miami - and more importantly, Miami's football program - accepted the invitation to join

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Miami Hurricanes

Location: Coral Gables, Fla.
Enrollment: 14,000

Varsity Men's Sports (7): Basketball, football, baseball, cross country, swimming & diving, tennis and track & field

Varsity Women's Sports (9): Basketball, cross country, golf, rowing, soccer, swimming & diving, tennis, track & field and volleyball

Success in the main revenue sports: Football

Since winning four national titles in the late 80s and early 90s under the bad-boy image set forth by former coaches Jimmy Johnson and Dennis Erickson, the Hurricanes have once again risen to national prominence -- without the off-the-field distractions this time. The Canes have lost just two games the past three seasons and will enter this year - and many years to come - as a strong national title candidate.

Men's basketball

It's no secret the basketball program at Miami has long hovered in the shadow of its powerful football counterpart, but its inclusion into the ACC will likely reinvigorate a program that was finding solid footing for the last decade.

Hokies happy to be in

Virginia Tech joins Miami in the ACC's expansion and will tentatively begin competing in 2004.

Austin Johnson
Staff Writer

Virginia Tech is now a part of the ACC, whether it was the first choice for expansion or not.

After weeks of targeting Boston College and Connecticut to join the ACC with Miami, officials were in the end forced to include Virginia Tech in order for expansion to happen. With Duke and UNC voting against expansion, Virginia became the deciding seventh vote.

Political influence meant that Virginia, a public school, would only vote for expansion if Virginia Tech was included. The role of politics was made clear by John Rocovich, who represented Virginia Tech at the expansion press conference.

"We acknowledge the many efforts of Gov. Mark Warner to seek resolution to the conflict and to seek an optimal situation for the two conferences and for Virginia Tech," said Rocovich.

While Miami took some time to deliberate joining the conference, Virginia Tech

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Virginia Tech Hokies

Location: Blacksburg, Va.
Enrollment: 27,500

Varsity Men's Sports (10): Football, basketball, baseball, cross country, track & field, wrestling, tennis, golf, soccer and swimming
Varsity Women's Sports (9): Basketball, tennis, swimming, volleyball, track & field, soccer, cross country, lacrosse and softball.

Success in the main revenue sports: Football

It's been four years since the Hokies officially arrived on the scene of college football on the back of a freshman quarterback named Michael Vick, who led Tech to the national title game in 1999. Since then, Tech has been a perennial top-10 team year-end and year-out.

Men's basketball

Basketball and Virginia Tech. The two hardly go hand-in-hand. Since the school is now a member of the basketball-rich ACC, it obviously needs to bring its game up to par. This past offseason, the Hokies hired South Florida's Seth Greenburg as their new coach; he will have one year to tweak the program before the school makes its ACC debut.

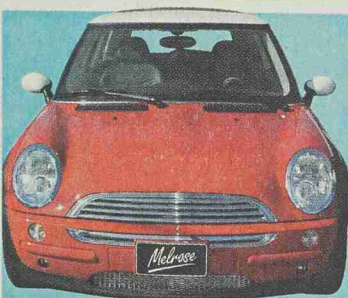
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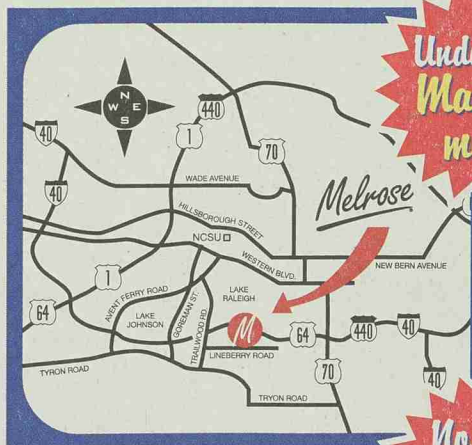
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