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Fee Forum tonight

Public forum will address fee increases for the coming year

Tyler Dukes
Staff Reporter

The Tuition and Fees committee will be holding a public forum tonight from 7-9 p.m. in the Talley Student Center Ballroom. The committee will be discussing the proposed fee increases for the 2004-2005 school year.

The administrators attending tonight's meeting will be representing the proposed fee increases for Education and Technology, Athletics, Carmichael Expansion, the Physical Education and Recreation Program and the Student Centers.

Each representative will be given 15 minutes to explain specifics of their fee increase, such as the amount and intended use. At the end of the presentations, the floor will be opened to all students for questions and comments directed toward the representatives in attendance.

Any student interested in learning more about the proposals for next year's fee increases, or who wish to express concerns directly to the departments requesting fee increases themselves are encouraged to attend the meeting.



Denise Grubert prepares a donation box inside the Women's Center on Monday.

Center continues to educate and assist women on campus

The Women's Center, located in Talley Student Center, offers a multitude of various programs and activities to educate students.

Kristen Healey
Staff Reporter

Since Oct. 1990, the Women's Center has been expanding their size, the number of services they sponsor and the assistance they are able to provide to the campus community.

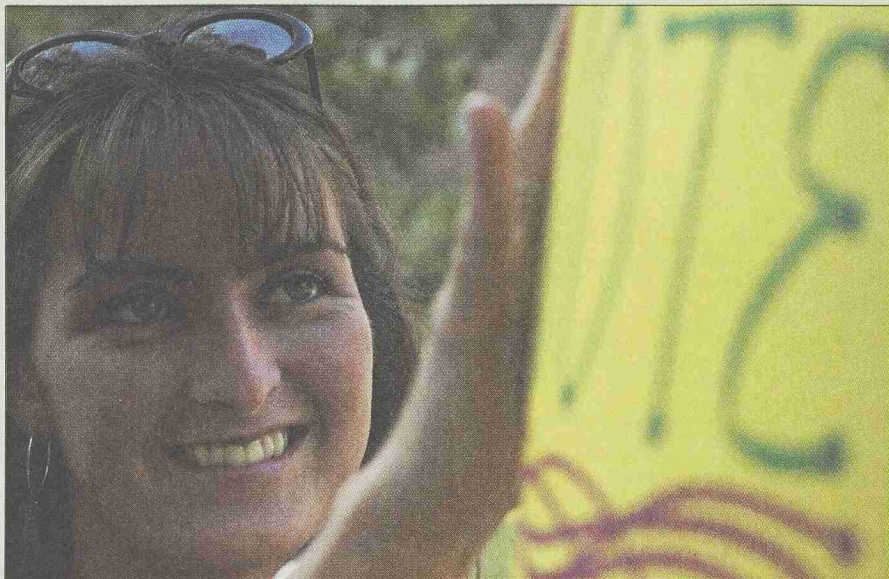
The Women's Center started in the basement of Nelson Hall where Meta Uzzle, director of the Women's Center said, "I could only see legs of the people walking by."

According to Uzzle, the Nelson basement was not the most ideal place for the Center because it was not noticeable. They wanted to reach many students but participation was minimal.

Eventually, the Women's Center expanded further and moved to its new location, Talley Student Center, room 3120.

Uzzle said, "It's more visible and has a centralized location."

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Jennifer Crutchfield, coordinator for Student Services, posts a sign at Monday's Battle of the Bands encouraging students to vote in today's elections. Says Crutchfield, "One vote makes a difference."

VOTE TODAY

The results of today's local elections will determine who Raleigh's mayor and city council will be for the next two years, and Wake County's Board of Education for the next four years. Two Wake County referenda and one Raleigh bond referendum will also be on the ballot. Issues for the mayoral and city council races include downtown redevelopment, student housing, Hillsborough Street redevelopment and plans for a possible new convention center and hotel. You can find District D council candidates' responses to two questions related to students and one question based on their debate statements in Technician's election coverage. And for voting students, there is a list of polling sites in the area.

ZACK MEDFORD



1. What distinguishes you as the District D candidate who will best represent N.C. State students?

Obviously, the fact that I am a student distinguishes me the best, but I also think that my dedication to registering students to vote on campus shows my commitment to this university. My volunteers and I helped 2,000 students get registered to vote in Raleigh and have a chance to voice their opinions in our city.

2. Past student apathy in local politics has been attributed to students not identifying themselves with Raleigh. How might you make students feel more like citizens instead of a student at a university that happens to be in Raleigh?

I think that the city council should show more support for NCSU events like Service Raleigh and Feed Raleigh. The city needs to show us that we are part of the community. We have a very big impact on this city, and I believe that students should always be consulted before the city council passes any laws that will affect them, just like any other citizen.

3. You have the least professional experience of all four candidates. How should this factor into students' voting

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THOMAS CROWDER



1. What distinguishes you as the District D candidate who will best represent N.C. State students?

As a native, born and raised in District D, an architect and planner with over 30 years experience in design and planning and an employer of students and graduates of NCSU, I have a full understanding of the issues which plague both students and full-time residents here. As a licensed professional, rather than a politician, I am more apt to take a fair and balanced approach to solving challenges, which tear at the fabric of community relationships and sense of place in our District.

2. Past student apathy in local politics has been attributed to students not identifying themselves with Raleigh. How might you make students feel more like citizens instead of a student at a university that happens to be in Raleigh?

For one to feel ownership in their city, they must first be involved and engaged. I would not hesitate to appoint a qualified student to a city commission, or task force. Once on council, I intend to propose a Student/NCSU Administration/Citizen Task Force to study community relations and hous-

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BENSON KIRKMAN



1. What distinguishes you as the District D candidate who will best represent N.C. State students?

Third generation NCSU graduate with three degrees; Incumbent with experience working with students and Student Government, particularly, in forming partnerships such as with the Park Scholars and Service Raleigh; Active participant with NCSU Campus/Community Coalition; First counselor to ever have office hours on campus, and students are the only constituency for which I make this effort; Actively recruit and nominate students and recent graduates for advisory bodies, including Neighborhood Preservation & Housing Task Force; Welcome interviews with the Technician and WKNC; I am the only candidate who gives every group the very same message.

2. Past student apathy in local politics has been attributed to students not identifying themselves with Raleigh. How might you make students feel more like citizens instead of a student at a university that happens to be in Raleigh?

I try to take advantage of every opportunity to interact with groups like the Park Scholars, Service Raleigh or classes.

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JACK ALPHIN



1. What distinguishes you as the District D candidate who will best represent N.C. State students?

Leadership is a critical skill for a councilor to be effective. If the students will compare my record of leadership with the other candidates it will be clear that I will be the most effective on the council representing the interests of our student citizens.

2. Past student apathy in local politics has been attributed to students not identifying themselves with Raleigh. How might you make students feel more like citizens instead of a student at a university that happens to be in Raleigh?

Student apathy in local politics is probably inherent as many students are not registered to vote here and/or do not intend to live here after graduation. As I stated at the student forum on Oct. 1, 2003, I will make myself available on campus, with the cooperation of the administration, to explore possible ways to engage students in this community.

3. In the District D candidate debate, you said that after looking over the Nuisance Party Ordinance, you didn't think it specifically or unfairly targeted students. What is

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Author brings history 'back to life'

Rick Atkinson, three-time Pulitzer Prize winner, talked history, writing and war at the Scholar's Forum on Monday.

Carie Windham
Staff Reporter

Just months after shedding his flak jacket and stepping away from the sporadic firefights and brutal uncertainty of Operation Iraqi Freedom, Rick Atkinson was standing in front of a hushed, civilian-clad crowd of college students in Stewart Theatre to talk about war.

But he wasn't talking about the war he saw through the lens of the 101st Airborne as an embedded reporter in Iraq. Instead, his war - "the greatest story of the 20th century," as he called it - took place 60 years ago on the shores of North Africa.

"World War II was the largest and most catastrophic event in history and if you're a story teller - if you're compelled to spin yarns - it's really the greatest story of the 20th century," he said. "Someone once said that war, next to love, most captures the world's imagination and this war seems particularly compelling."

Atkinson, a three-time Pulitzer Prize winning writer, spoke at the University Scholar's Forum Series on Monday about his book, "An Army at Dawn: The War in North Africa, 1942-1943," which chronicles British and American forces in the opening years of World War II in North Africa.

In telling the story, however, he drew connections to his own experiences in Iraq, the U.S. army as an institution then and now and how America and its military have evolved.

That's part of what was attractive to the University Scholar's Program when they brought him to campus.

"He talks about something relevant to all of us: a country at war," said Ken Johnson, assistant director of the University Scholar's Program. "It's not just relevant to us now with us in Iraq and his experiences in Iraq but how we coexist with our military through its ups and downs is important and something students need to know about."

Atkinson said his ambition - both in writing the book and talking with students - was to "bring [the soldiers and events] back from the dead."

To do so, he briefly touched on the historical facts surrounding the invasion of North Africa. The diplomatic maneuvering and strategy between Allied leaders led to the plan that they would have to take down North Africa in order to get to Germany. And to many of the students surprise - evident by the laughter and gasps scattered throughout the crowd - Atkinson told them that the first soldiers Americans encountered in World War II were actually French.

But Atkinson stressed that the center of all great historical stories - beneath the dates and facts - are the characters.

"...At the center of the action are human beings and that's really what mesmerizes me about this saga," he said. "The characters are fabulous and they're fabulous not because they are flawless but because they are so flawed."

To bring them back from the dead, he said, one must explore the human face of war.

"It's history illuminated by emotion," he said.

He demonstrated it to the crowd with the story of Brig. Gen. Lucian K. Truscott.

By reading lines from a letter Truscott had written to his wife and describing both his physical appearance and his disposition, Atkinson transformed a historical footnote into flesh and bones.

"Sentimental... he was also abrupt, profane and capable of hawking tobacco with the most unweathered private in the Army," Atkinson

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Student begins a career of caring

Sam Brewer will soon be a graduate of N.C. State, but before he receives his diploma, his name will appear on the ballot for the District 5 Board of Education seat.

Michele DeCamp
News Editor



RAY BLACK III/TECHNICIAN

Sam Brewer will be surprised if he wins today. Brewer is running for District 5's Board of Education seat, but this is his first attempt at running for public office, and he considers his time spent campaigning to be an important learning experience regardless of the outcome.

"I've learned a lot already about the [education] system here," Brewer said. He will graduate from NCSU in December with a degree in Spanish, and before he decided to run for the board, Brewer was going to seek out a position in the classroom. But he decided to hold off on applying for a position in the Wake County Public Schools (WCPS) until he first tried to make a difference outside the classroom.

"The last year or so, I knew I wanted to get involved in the community in some way. I always thought education was important and it was an area that I was knowledgeable in," Brewer said.

Brewer is a product of Wake County Schools. He began his education at North Ridge Elementary School, continued on at West Millbrook Middle School and finished his time in WCPS in 1999 at William G. Enloe High School. Brewer enjoyed his experiences at each school, and he credits WCPS with having some of the best programs and schools in the nation.

However, he still sees room for improvement. Brewer feels that the schools have yet to fully equip their teachers with the necessary resources to help students with physical disabilities. Brewer's sister has a hearing impairment, and he was able to evaluate his sister's experiences in school.

"There was a lack of resources but not a lack of caring about her problem," Brewer said.

The same problem extends to learning disabilities, and it is important that we work on that," Brewer said.

Brewer also hopes to connect NCSU with area public schools.

"I think there are a lot of things you could do to get the two working together," Brewer said. He would like to implement a program where students of all majors could get course credit for tutoring

in area public schools. While education students often participate in similar programs, this kind of initiative has not been created for all students at NCSU.

"You will expose college students to teaching. I think you would find a lot more people interested in teaching, which would help with our teacher shortage," Brewer said.

Brewer hopes to have the chance to make his ideas become realities in the school system, but he has enjoyed his "learning campaign." Brewer has participated in Board of Education forums, met with state education leaders, shot a commercial that aired on Monday, handed out business cards

and braved fire ant bites to put up lawn signs.

Brewer is also very gracious about one of his opponents, Susan Parry, who currently holds the seat.

"If she gets re-elected then I think that would be very good for this county," Brewer said. But Brewer does want the job. "I signed up to become involved and put my two cents in."

If Brewer does not win the board seat, then he will likely try to use his Spanish major to become a Spanish teacher or English as a Second Language (ESL) instructor.

"That way I can learn more about the ins and outs of the profession," Brewer said.

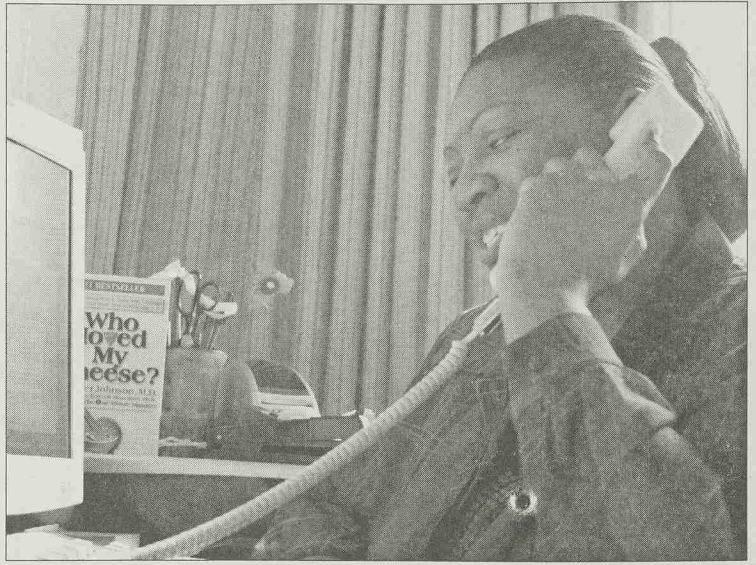
Brewer will be on campus tomorrow encouraging students to vote. He finished his degree work over the summer, so he is just waiting to officially receive his diploma in December.

Brewer hopes that his experiences campaigning will help him the next time he runs for an office, and he also would like other students to take note of the students making waves in the elections this October.

"I would encourage everyone to be active in their communities and have a say in what goes on in their lives. And vote!" Brewer said.

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~Sam Brewer



RAY BLACK III/TECHNICIAN

Frances D. Graham, director of the women's center and assistant provost for gender affairs, hard at work in the N.C. State women's center on Monday.

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Within these years, the staff also increased from two full-time employees to three full-time employees, two graduate assistants and several volunteers. Dr. Frances Graham is the Director of the Women's Center. She has received her Ph.D. in education at University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Next to her, Meta Uzzle works as the Assistant Director of the Women's Center. She received her undergraduate degree in Communication Studies with a concentration in interpersonal communication at UNC-Chapel Hill and then received her Masters of education in Counselor Education, Student Development in Higher Education from N.C. State. The Office Manager, Lois Crowe, is responsible for coordinating volunteers, managing the Web site and mailing list. She has worked with NCSU for 12 years. Finally, Amiee Pantan and Cynthia Meekins-Mattocks are graduate assistants. Both accomplished their undergraduate work at NCSU and are now fulfilling their graduate requirements.

The goal of the Women's Center is to continue to power, support and promote women at NCSU. This goal has led to the expansion of many new programs and new

themes each year. Also, the center recognizes current women issues on campus and provides ways to deal with them.

Sharon Eatmon, a senior in communications, said, "There are a lot of body image and self image issues." According to Uzzle, "[There are also] many safety concerns."

In order to consider these issues, Carmen Lilly, a sophomore in design, said that the Women's Center "helps educate students on topics that are usually brushed under a rug, and they always find a fun and creative way to do it. The Women's Center is a very friendly environment and the staff there is great."

Some programs that students can attend include etiquette dinners, Sorority Sip and Love Your Body Day. They also participate in national campaigns such as Domestic Violence Awareness Month in Oct., Take Back the Night and the Vagina Monologues.

They also put together defense classes, knitting classes and forums for general knowledge.

"We offer many programs that are fun and interactive as well as information forums on serious topics that the average woman needs to know," Gail Whitley, sophomore in animal science, said.

The rape and sexual assault hotline is another way that the Women's Center accommodates

to the needs of women. That number is 618-RAPE.

The center branches out beyond its own jurisdiction to support other aspects of NCSU. "The Housing Committee would meet once a month with Meta [Uzzle] in the Women's Center to voice issues and concerns expressed by their residents," Eatmon said. "One program they implemented was the Equity Bake Sale. This was a program to bring awareness to gender inequality. Since women, on average, are paid 60 percent of what men are paid, then Women's Center sold cookies in the Brickyard, charging men one dollar and women 60 cents."

Graham also sits on the Council for Female Concerns to provide advice and expertise among other organizations around NCSU.

Although many people who participate in center-sponsored events agree that the Women's Center benefits NCSU, they would like to see higher participation rates.

"I think that there are many students on campus who have no idea about the Women's Center or just think it's a place to get condoms. I've also heard that it's a place where all the feminists go to burn their bras. This statement is surreal. The Women's Center is there to assist students on campus and even those people off campus by providing information," Whitley said.

Going to the polls

Students who live on campus and are registered to vote in District D in Raleigh, NC, will vote at Witherspoon Student Center, but here are other voting locations in this district:

Precinct:			
01-01	Brooks Ave. Church of Christ	700 Brooks Ave.	Raleigh, NC 27607
01-02	Forest Hills Baptist Church	201 Dixie Trail	Raleigh, NC 27607
01-06	Fletcher Park Garrison House	820 Clay St.	Raleigh, NC 27605
01-07	Raleigh Fire Station #5	300 Oberlin Rd.	Raleigh, NC 27605
01-07A	Senior Citizens Center	616 Tucker St.	Raleigh, NC 27605
01-21	Raleigh Fire Station #2	263 Pecan Rd.	Raleigh, NC 27610
01-23	Witherspoon Student Ctr.	2810 Cates Ave.	Raleigh, NC 27695
01-27	Project Enlightenment	501 S Boylan Ave.	Raleigh, NC 27603
01-31	Method Community Ctr.	514 Method Rd.	Raleigh, NC 27607
01-32	Powell Drive Community Ctr.	740 Powell Dr.	Raleigh, NC 27606
01-41	Combs Elementary School	2001 Lorimer Rd.	Raleigh, NC 27606
01-48	Western Blvd. Presbyterian Church	4900 Kaplan Dr.	Raleigh, NC 27606
01-49	All Saints Antiochian Orthodox Church	520 Buck Jones Rd.	Raleigh, NC 27606
18-06	Dillard Dr. Elementary School	5018 Dillard Dr.	Raleigh, NC 27606

On the ballot:

If you live in the N.C. State community, these will be the major offices and proposals you will be voting on (asterisk on incumbents):

MAYOR OF RALEIGH

(YOU MAY VOTE FOR ONE)
CHARLES MEEKER*
JOHN H. ODOM
WRITE-IN

RALEIGH CITY COUNCIL AT-LARGE

(YOU MAY VOTE FOR TWO)
JANET COWELL*
K. NEAL HUNT*
JOHN R. KNOX
GARY JAMES MINTER
DANI NATION
BOB ROGAN
WRITE-IN
WRITE-IN

WAKE COUNTY BOND REFERENDA SCHOOL BONDS

Shall the order authorizing \$450 million in General Obligation School Bonds of Wake County for financing, in part, the acquisition, construction and equipping of school facilities be approved?

(Vote Yes or No)

LIBRARY BONDS

Shall the order authorizing \$35 million in General Obligation Library Bonds of Wake County for financing, in part, the acquisition, construction, equipping and furnishing of modifications, renovations, additions, improvements and extensions to existing library facilities and/or one or more new buildings or other library facilities be approved?

(Vote Yes or No)

RALEIGH CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT D

(YOU MAY VOTE FOR ONE)
JACK ALPHIN
THOMAS CROWDER
BENSON KIRKMAN*
ZACK T. MEDFORD
WRITE-IN

MEMBER BOARD OF EDU. DISTRICT 5

(YOU MAY VOTE FOR ONE)
THOMAS WAYNE ALLEN
SAM BREWER
TRACI D. GRIGGS
SUSAN PARRY*
ISAAC POMPER
WRITE-IN

CITY OF RALEIGH BOND REFERENDUM PARKS AND RECREATIONAL BONDS

Shall the order adopted on August 5, 2003, authorizing not exceeding \$47,250,000 PARKS AND RECREATIONAL BONDS of the City of Raleigh, North Carolina for the purpose of providing funds, together with any other available funds, for improving and expanding the existing park and recreational facilities of said City and acquiring and constructing new park and recreational facilities of said City, inside and outside its corporate limits, including, without limitation, the acquisition of land and rights of way and the furnishing of incidental facilities and equipment, and authorizing the levy of taxes in an amount sufficient to pay the principal of and the interest on said bonds, be approved?

(Vote Yes or No)

Source: Wake County Board of Elections
Web site: <http://msweb03.co.wake.nc.us/bordec/>

KIRKMAN

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My Monday campus visits are at the Student Government offices rather than through Administration. I am actively recruiting students for the Neighborhood College and hope to see NCSU offer some form of academic credit for completion. I would like to form more Service Learning partnerships and internships with the city, including a possible linkage with the Wolf Aides program sponsored by Student Government. I will continue to actively seek additional ways to strengthen lines of communication.

3. In a recent District D candidate debate on campus, you stressed the importance of communication between city council and N.C. State students. You referred to the office hours you hold on campus as an example of this commitment. However, you have missed a number of scheduled office hours. Why?

I attempt to go to the Student Government office every Monday barring illness or other conflicts, and I drop in at other times. Cira Mervin and the officers have my pager number, and I am on 24-hour call with them, or if any student requests my assistance. By the number of contacts I have, that seems to be the most effective avenue. In the past three years, most students with problems have preferred contact through my pager, phone or e-mail, so my office presence is primarily with the Student Government regulars.

CROWDER

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ing alternatives. This includes looking at new housing options adjacent to campus and downtown near transit. If we intend to build bridges between the city, university, students and neighborhoods, we must generate productive dialogue. This has not occurred over the past six years, and will be my first priority once in office.

3. The failed ordinance that would have reduced the number of unrelated people allowed to live in a single-family home from four to two received heavy resistance from the N.C. State student community. The ordinance was originally proposed by you. A modified version reached the council, a version that you also supported. Ex-

plain the reasons behind your support for the ordinance.

The original ordinance was based on a Macomb, Illinois text change (www.projecthands.net/finalordinance), addressing the overcrowding of single-family homes. The text change drafted through the Comprehensive Planning Committee (Cowell, Hunt, Kirkman) limited the number of occupants to two - period - in single-family homes, duplexes and townhomes. I voted against this change noted in the public record. My concern is the wholesale conversion of these homes by absentee landlords. These landlords keep students' deposits without justification, and fail to maintain their properties. I support affordable attractive housing opportunities for students adjacent to campus, or downtown near mass transit promoting Smart Growth.

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your justification?

I have reviewed the Nuisance Party Ordinance (Ordinance 2000-848, Section 13-3017) and there is no use of the word "student(s)." While it would certainly apply to students, it applies to all citizens equally.

choice?

City council is an entry level position. The experience of living in this city for 20 years, growing up in our school system, driving on our roads and playing in our parks qualify me for Raleigh City Council. I believe that my ideas for fixing Hillsborough Street, creating a Tenants Bill of Rights and providing quality, affordable housing CLOSE to campus make me the BEST candidate for the job.

Recycle me

Kirkman for City Council

History behind the minority career fair

While thousands of students took advantage of the Minority Career Fair last week, many ignore its origin and purpose.

Nancy Zagbayou
Staff Reporter

Before the creation of the Minority Career Fair (MCF), the University Career Planning and Placement Center was the main place where companies got a chance to recruit students on campus. And many students took advantage of that opportunity. However, because of the career center's grade point average criteria, African-American students felt they did not have an equal chance of being interviewed by company representatives.

As Ron Foreman, former MCF coordinator recalls, "The companies themselves were asking for quality minority students."

The MCF was created in 1981 with the efforts of Wan-

dra Hill and several students. They hoped to provide a way in which minority students could meet with major companies. The fair had a specific purpose, but it has always been open to the whole student body regardless of ethnicity or major.

According to the coordinators of the fair, people who want to change the name are missing its purpose. The MCF, since its creation, has always had a greater participation of non-minority students than of minority students, even though the definition of minority has changed to include international students, Asian Americans, Native Americans, Hispanics and African-Americans.

As Foreman specifies, "Year after year, the majority of students coming have always been white."

One other area addressed by the MCF was how to prepare students for the career fair. It originally held a dinner session where it provided valuable information on how to dress for success.

According to Foreman, "Many company representatives are highlighting the fact that many students are still not adequately prepared for a career fair as far as communication skills, dress attire and résumés are concerned."

Starting with 30 companies during its first year, the MCF has grown since its creation and now holds about 100 companies. The MCF is currently the largest career fair held on campus.

But many students complain that there are few opportunities for non-engineering majors.

"I do not feel that the MCF gave ample opportunities for other majors. I walked around finding only three booths applying to my major," Daniel Walker, a senior in criminology, said.

Kimberly Harris, the current coordinator of the MCF addresses the issue. "It is not an issue of the fair itself but of the school. People still look at NCSU as an engineering school [and that is what they come to recruit]," she said.

Nevertheless, the coordinators

are continuing to work towards diversifying the companies that attend. Therefore, they are urging students with underrepresented majors to keep attending the fair.

In the same light, Foreman states that the fair provides opportunity for all students.

"Companies are always looking for people. What the students need to do is to get in contact with the representatives and ask to be put in contact with the person who will do the hiring for their particular major," Foreman said.

The MCF is a self-sufficient program because each company pays a fee to have a booth at the event, and these fees pay for the expenses of the fair. Although the coordinators feel that the MCF has been relatively successful in its purpose, the fair is still trying to reach all majors.

If you would like to see a particular company at next year's MCF, contact Kimberly Harrill at 515-5918 or kimberly_harrill@ncsu.edu.

Gearing up for Armed Forces Appreciation Day at State

While most students are away for Fall Break, N.C. State will be showing appreciation to the men and women of the Armed Forces.

LaWanda Ray
Staff Reporter

This Saturday, the stands of Carter-Finley Stadium will be filled with students, fans, alumni and military personnel from the various North Carolina military bases as N.C. State, the NCSU Dept. of Athletics and the local ROTC units sponsor the annual Armed Forces Appreciation Day. This year's event pays special recognition to NCSU faculty, staff and students who participated in the recent conflict between the United States and Iraq.

"Prior to kick off, the game ball will be jumped into the stadium

by the All-American Free Fall Team," Major Edward Sager said. "There will also be a fly-by over the stadium by the Air Force using an F-15 aircraft."

At halftime, the students and faculty who participated in Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF) will be recognized. While it is known that over 30 students serving as reservists were activated for OIF, the event will recognize only those who have been able to return to the university or local area following their activation.

Armed Forces Appreciation Day began as a way to show appreciation to the men and women who serve in all of the different branches of the military and reside in North Carolina. The event has grown significantly since its inception, with past special guests including commanding generals at each of the major North Carolina military bases.

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A day in the hectic life of Jeffrey Andrews

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Keeping up with Jeffrey Andrews, a senior in agriculture and business management, is comparable to running a marathon. As if taking 20 hours (down from 23) wasn't enough, Jeff is also a volunteer TA, an intern at the airport and the secretary of Chi Psi Fraternity on Hillsborough Street. Yet he still manages to maintain a very active social life in what little spare time he has.

Jeff transferred to N.C. State from Duke in 2000. Attending Duke was a family tradition, but he found that Duke was not for him. He finds the people here are "all around more general - they're real."

He also feels like he can get to know his teachers on a more personal level here at NCSU; all of his professors know his name, and he is friends with most of them.

After his sophomore year, Jeff was burned out on school. He took a year off to get his life back on track and spent some time in New York City. By the time his break ended, he was ready to get back into school. He came back with full-fledge force, becoming involved and making up the hours he missed by taking extra hours each semester.

Jeff lives in the Chi Psi house that the fraternity brothers have dubbed "The Lodge," according to the huge sign in the front yard. After numerous repairs, upgrades and much remodeling, which included painting the house from top to bottom, the brothers were finally ready to move in toward the end of last semester.

The Lodge is where Jeff calls home. Each of the rooms the brothers share has a loft built into the walls that encompasses the entire room. The lofts are divided to give each brother his own personal space. Because the house has 12-foot ceilings throughout the upper level, even with a 3-foot loft there is still plenty of room to walk underneath.

Every morning at 6:30 a.m., Jeff's alarm clock goes off. He immediately climbs out of his

loft and goes directly to his personal mini-refrigerator, grabbing a Mountain Dew to begin his long, demanding day. Classes begin at 8:05 a.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, and if he wants to make his usual trip to Starbucks, every second counts.

Jeff has classes practically all day with few breaks amid them, and even his breaks are busy. He spends those times catching up with friends, grabbing a quick bite to eat or helping a fellow student, though he sometimes doesn't get to eat anything after his morning Mountain Dew until 4 p.m.

Last semester, Jeff was a stand-out student in his agriculture/business law class with Ron Campbell. According to Campbell, after the midterm last semester there were three students failing the class. Jeff tutored each of them for the rest of the year.

By the end of the year two of the students had managed to bring their failing grades up to solid B's, and the other was able to maintain "a respectable C," Campbell said.

Campbell was so impressed that he asked Jeff to help him out this year as a volunteer TA, because his assigned TA couldn't speak English very well. Jeff agreed and began immediately.

However, this year he isn't waiting until after the midterm to start helping out. He has organized study groups on Tuesdays and Thursdays and helps students individually, in between classes and after work. He even makes review sheets for tests.

After a busy day of classes, or before they begin on Tuesday and Thursday, Jeff heads over to the airport where he interns for the USDA. Here at the airport, in addition to general office duties, Jeff shadows the "PPQ" (Plant Protection Quarantine). When shadowing the PPQ, he helps to inspect the luggage from international flights, mostly looking for food.

According to Jeff, the most common item found is beef bullion. And even though some people claim that it is so much better than American beef bul-



Ron Campbell shares a conversation with his TA, Jeffrey Andrews.

lion, Jeff has to take it to be destroyed and write the lawbreaker a hefty fine. They must keep food, especially beef, from other countries out of the United States in order to prevent the spread of mad cow disease, E. coli and other diseases.

Jeff is hoping that this job will lead him to something full-time when he graduates with honors in the spring. He cannot wait, saying "May cannot get here soon enough." He wants to get away from Raleigh, preferably to a larger city somewhere "up north."

In addition to his work and tutoring, Jeff is an active member of his fraternity. As secretary, his job primarily consists of communication. He is responsible for taking notes at all the meetings. He's also on the Conduct Committee for the "delinquents of the house," as he jokingly calls them. He says he generally doesn't have to do much with this position.

He likes to give his ideas for future social events, but steers clear of planning them. He helps out quite a bit with the fundraising aspect of the fraternity, and it wouldn't be uncommon to see Jeff working at a Hardee's stand selling a "six-dollar burger" meal for over \$10 at WWF events, concerts or "Disney on Ice" or

standing in a bank parking lot washing cars.

Some of the events that Chi Psi has planned for the near future are the Clemson tailgate with the Brooks Wood Band playing live, to be held in the gravel lot, and a Halloween grab-a-date. They are also planning a Lodge Fest for the spring to benefit their national philanthropy, testicular cancer. This all-day event will feature 10 live bands, including Alabaster Suitecase. Also, a winter break trip to Canada and a spring break trip to Jamaica are up in the air.

Of his room, which he shares with two other guys, and his loft in particular, Jeff claims he has "no time to clean," which explains its disheveled appearance. He considers himself fortunate to

be in a room with an adjoining working shower.

There are approximately four showers available for the 15 young men who live in the house. He says one of the only benefits of having to be up so early is that he gets the opportunity to use the shower first every day, and he never has to wait or worry about whether or not there will be hot water.

After work, or when he finishes helping the students in the agriculture/business law class, Jeff heads back to the Lodge. Here he has about an hour to get dinner, watch TV and "chill out." Monday through Thursday, the fraternity has catered dinner, or "box dinners" as Jeff calls them, from Balentine Catering.

According to Jeff, the meals are good, but not everyone speaks so highly of them. On a good day, the box will consist of meatloaf, green bean casserole, new potatoes and banana pudding. On a bad day, the box may contain fried chicken, or some "mystery meat," as Jeff calls it. He compares this meat to the food in the average high school cafeteria "but on a higher level."

Bad days are not really a problem for Jeff and the other brothers, because they live close to several restaurants. Directly next door is Snoopy's Hot Dogs, which are coveted in the house - especially for "the late night munchies," as brother Mark Nolte said. Arby's and Applebee's sit across the street.

Jeff's evenings are different every day. On Mondays, Jeff bowls with other fraternities in

Cary. Tuesdays and Thursdays are spent tutoring, and maybe watching his fraternity's flag football team play.

Wednesdays he has meetings for Delta Tau Alpha, the national honor society, and Fridays are spent hanging out with friends and socializing to relax from the crazy week.

Jeff likes to spend his weekends traveling. This past weekend he went home to New Bern. He has several other trips planned for the upcoming weekends, including a trip to New York over fall break and a trip to Tampa, Florida later in October.

Jeff finishes off his night in the library. Depending on the amount of work that he has to complete, Jeff spends 2-3 hours in the library. He's there until he gets all his work done. He doesn't shirk his schoolwork or turn in any assignment that he considers to be less than perfect. If he has a "hard core study night," which he defines as more than 4-5 hours, he and some of his study buddies go to Waffle House.

After putting in his time at the library, Jeff heads back to the Lodge. Here he winds down by watching TV and catching up with his brothers. Then he "crashes and burns, and does it all over again the next day."

Despite leading such an intense life, Jeff is consistently in a good mood.

"I don't have time to be in a bad mood," he said. He wishes that there was more time in the day so that he could be more involved with NCSU, especially with on-campus activities.

The Reel Review

"Masked and Anonymous"
*** 1/2

Starring: Bob Dylan, John Goodman, Jessica Lange, Jeff Bridges ... etc.
Director: Larry Charles

Our nation in the middle of a civil war: it's a hard thing to imagine occurring again. "Masked and Anonymous" throws us into this scenario, although it is not a war movie in the traditional sense. Violence is marginalized, and the politics of the wartime entertainment industry are fore-fronted.

Music producer Uncle Sweetheart (John Goodman), working with another producer (Jessica Lange), get musical legend Jack Fate (Bob Dylan) out of jail, with one condition: he is to perform at a benefit concert for the injured.

Bobby Cupid (Luke Wilson) is Fate's only true friend. Cupid tries to rid Fate of harassment by a press agent called Tom Friend (Jeff Bridges) and his sidekick wife (Penelope Cruz). It is to be noted that the deliberate ironic naming of the characters adds in the exaggeration of the performances (similar to films such as "Dr. Strangelove").

The use of such an extensive ensemble cast - "Masked" has 16-plus characters played by established talent - runs the risk of bringing too many unwanted connotations attached to each star. On the other hand, a large amount of talent in a film can mean richness in the acting and character nuances.

Director Larry Charles utilizes the cast well: the cast shares an equality of muted significance, with Jack Fate and Uncle Sweetheart being the two exceptions. These exceptions are necessary to establish spectator sympathy in the tension between the artist and the producer, the core of the narrative. Charles is careful not to let a minor character, such as the bizarre animal wrangler (Val Kilmer), steal the show.

Luscious subtleties of Charles' mise-en-scene provide both believability of the wartime situation, as well as the aesthetic creation of a masterpiece, with small details like the slight rocking of a SUV in the background and ubiquitous portraits of the dictator. In addition, the camera movement and editing are equally diverse and well executed. Charles employs techniques such as playful rack-focus to a slow-flowing pan across many characters. There are several moments in the film where montage of stock footage is used, representational of the surrounding war, and these montages are about as well integrated as stock footage can be.

While "Masked" demonstrates all the qualities of technical mastery and beauty, the film has one minor flaw: the narrative is not fulfilling and unfocused at times. All of the characters have something to say, but they generally speak in clichéd parables.

However, the beauty of "Masked" outweighs the distracted plot.

-Andrew Nicholas

The Music Bin

Jane's Addiction - Strays

Clocking in at less than 50 minutes, Jane's Addiction's latest effort, "Strays," is a hard-hitting album with nonstop guitar-heavy rock fused with experimental sounds and pulled off in a way that only this band can.

Jane's Addiction has come a long way from songs like "Been Caught Stealing" and "Jane Says," and although they maintain a bit of the punk-rock sound from earlier albums, it's easy to see that this band has grown over time and continues to do so. Jane's

Addiction has already proved they are rock icons; their new album simply confirms what we already knew.

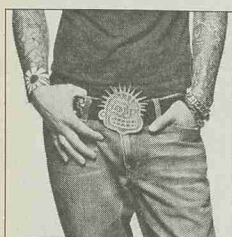
"Strays" begins with the fast paced "True Nature." The combination of the eerie, psychedelic voice of lead singer Perry Farrell and experimental distortions give this song a unique sound, and it sets the pace for much of the album. Dave Navarro's guitar finger work is very evident in the riffs on this song, and it's the mixture of his playing and Farrell's stretched and echoed voice that make this album the success that it is.

The title track of the album comes next, and unlike "True Nature," it creeps in slowly with the introduction of a mandolin, which is eventually joined by Navarro's guitar and Farrell's soft, scratchy voice. "Strays," which is sure to become a radio classic if it has not already, is a song about roughing it on the open road, trying to live life as a stray, bumming rides from strangers and going nowhere in particular. It's a tale

beautifully told by four musicians who have come a long way on the road of life. Much like "Just Because," the track that follows it, "Strays" has a road-trip feel to it, a quality that makes this album a good listen for those long drives to wherever.

Much of the rest of the album has the great fused sound of Farrell's often distorted, sometimes creepy but always mesmerizing voice, accompanied by Navarro's intense guitar riffs and occasionally a heavier beat from drummer Stephen Perkins. Taken as a whole, the album is a bit repetitive, due in part to tracks like "Superhero," with its monotonous guitar loop, and "Suffer Some," which sports extremely harsh guitar riffs that made me feel like I was listening to Megadeth. Individually though, "Strays" has a brilliant collection of songs, a perfect mixture of punk, rock and experimental, and this makes it well worth a listen.

-Chris Scull

MXPX - Before Everything & After

You've heard them kick out the jams to muddied Diet Pepsi enthusiasts, but it's time for the Seattle-based punk-rock trio, MxPx, to invade your stereo with "Before

Everything & After."

Track one, a 19-second album preview full of catchy hooks and melodic choruses ready to be imprinted in your head, kicks things off on the foot that keeps you singing. Its predecessor, coincidentally titled "Play it Loud," attacks like a tenured pack of rock stars chanting "play it loud!" over synthesized keys ghostly resembling the Who. The album has swayed from its original punk roots by adding a hint of rock and roll, but it is still MxPx, for those about to cut off an ear.

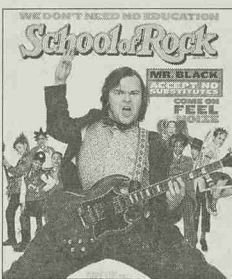
The band waved their adolescent pop-punk card and replaced it with a slightly more mature one, with songs like the somber, affection driven "Brokenhearted" and the heartfelt love ballad,

"Quit Your Life." The album is full of simple, yet clever lyrics, as well as some new musical styling.

If you are like me and you have been trying to get the theme to "Hey, Mickey" out of your head, listen to the album's first single "Everything Sucks (When You're Gone)." The song is full of stripped-down chord progressions layered with toe-tapping melodies and accompanied by ear-pleasing harmonies.

The album as a whole starts out kicking and screaming, but slowly fades as the 16 songs pass. This is a must for any old school MxPx fan, as well as an album for those who enjoy straight-forward catchy songs.

-George Hage

"The School of Rock"
*** 1/2

Starring: Jack Black, Joan Cusack
Director: Richard Linklater

If one were to praise director Richard Linklater's "Tape" or writer Mike White's "The Good Girl" for their offbeat intricacies, their collaboration on "School of Rock" must be praised for its simplicity. Instead of attempting to use cheap plot twists and clichéd formulas to keep the viewer interested, it uses those formulas to play with the viewer while staying true to the characters.

The on-and-off Jack Black stars

as Dewey, the guitarist for a rock 'n' roll band that's in almost as big a rut as he is. He lives with Ned (writer White), a substitute teacher who is patient and forgiving of his roommate's unemployed, unmotivated existence - even when his girlfriend Patty (Sarah Silverman) isn't.

But after his band fires him and Patty makes Ned lay down an ultimatum, Dewey is forced to get a job. When a local prep school calls looking for Ned, Dewey takes the job - and Ned's identity.

Why the school's principal (Joan Cusack) doesn't see right through his ploy is hard to tell; Dewey's passion, the metaphorical air his life depends on, is rock 'n' roll, man. But other than his passion for rockin', the guy's a complete nincompoop. So much of one, in fact, that he throws all schoolwork out the window and spends all day turning the class into a band, complete with backup singers, a manager, roadies and some girls he appoints as groupies.

Black's performance is comedic dynamite, a reminder that despite poor choices like "Saving Silver-

man" he's still got more funny than most other comedians. A miracle is accomplished with the class; despite having over 15 child actors, there are only a couple of short moments that have that "bad child actor" feel to it.

White's script does wonders with manipulating the formulas people know. He likes to set up formulaic situations, then turn them in different directions instead of riding the wave of conformity. Tension is built and released in every unconventional way, but it works. It really works.

The finale is incredibly engrossing, as the "School of Rock" (the band's name) delivers one of the best rock 'n' roll performances a film has seen since "Hedwig and the Angry Inch" ran through town. While some might say the ending doesn't provide the kind of closure they wanted, thinking of the ways they could have provided that closure just lends one to the position that the ending is quite fitting.

This is one of the best comedies of the year.

-Joel Frady

FOR YOUR OWN SAKE: VOTE!

OUR OPINION: THIS CITY ELECTION IS MORE IMPORTANT TO STUDENT ISSUES THAN ANY OTHER. STUDENTS SHOULD GO OUT AND VOTE.

City elections are today and students stand to be the most influential group participating in the election.

Zack Medford, a student, is running for the District D spot on the Raleigh City Council. John Odom is taking on incumbent Charles Meeker for mayor. All across the board, student issues have been at the forefront this campaign season and everyone is out trying to address them.

There are several issues that have arisen in the past few years that students need to be aware of.

First and foremost is the housing ordinance that will allow only two unrelated people to live in a house. Many thought the issue died. It didn't; it is still alive and well in a task force that has been studying the problem over the summer. If passed, this ordinance would severely

limit where students choose to live and send the housing market into a spiral. It is a wonder that the City Council is even considering this, since the national consensus among cities is four unrelated people living in the same house is fine and should be the standard nationwide.

The second most important issue is the Nuisance Party Ordinance. This ordinance was introduced in response to the Brent Road party and passed during the summer, behind the student body's back.

This ordinance affects everyone in the city, but particularly students. While, ideally, this ordinance would only be used against an out of control party, there is the potential that it can be abused by the Raleigh Police Department.

If a small group of students have a get-together and are playing the stereo a bit too loud, the RPD can come and cite the offending resident and the other residents listed on the lease as well. This is overstepping the bounds of justice and

is clearly targeting the student population in Raleigh.

The Raleigh City Council has passed these ordinances and has many more in the works, and as past performance has proved, they are not above going behind the student's backs during summer break to achieve their anti-student agenda. Students also play a very powerful role in the economics of the city.

The city has five universities: N.C.State, Meredith College, Shaw University, St. Augustine's College and Peace College, all within a 20 mile radius of each other. There are a tremendous amount of businesses that cater to the student population in Raleigh.

One way or another, as students, we must send a message to the City Council, through the voting ballot or a general boycott, that we are a part of the city and we will not be treated like second-class citizens any longer.

If registered, go out and vote and play a part in shaping the future of this campus and the city of Raleigh.

American programmers enter a new era

Future computer science graduates like myself face a shrinking job market and falling salaries. The situation today

Robert Jallall
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is a direct result of the technology and telecom bubble that grew quickly and burst quickly at the end of the last decade, while the technology worker training bubble played itself out at a slower pace. The resultant excess supply of programmers has essentially transformed programming into a commodity product, one that can now be filled with increasingly better educated Chinese and Indian workers.

As with any product a rich country produces, because programming jobs have become relatively cheap commodities, it is the responsibility of rich countries, if they indeed want to stay that way, to move to producing more expensive, value-added goods.

For the programming market, this means creating a new class of higher quality programmers who offer an advantage over the typical programmers flooding the market right now. To find the right organization with the right

will not overproduce masters, thereby diluting the talent of their members. This preserves quality, ostensibly a huge benefit for companies, and high salary level, ostensibly a huge benefit for workers. With a guild system, when possible, companies would turn exclusively to guilds to fill their hiring quotas.

There are already institutions that perform some of the tasks that guilds perform. For example, certifications are meant to guarantee some standard of quality while internships and coops exist to increase training of new workers. However, the problem with the aforementioned examples is that companies cannot hold anyone accountable if the person with the certification or the internship experience still turns out to be disappointing. Because there is no guarantee of quality, we see the cases where certifications are often maligned as moneymaking schemes for the certifiers, and internship or coop experience is at best a rough guide to future performance.

Like guilds, trade groups such as the Association for Computing Machinery perform a worker advocacy function.

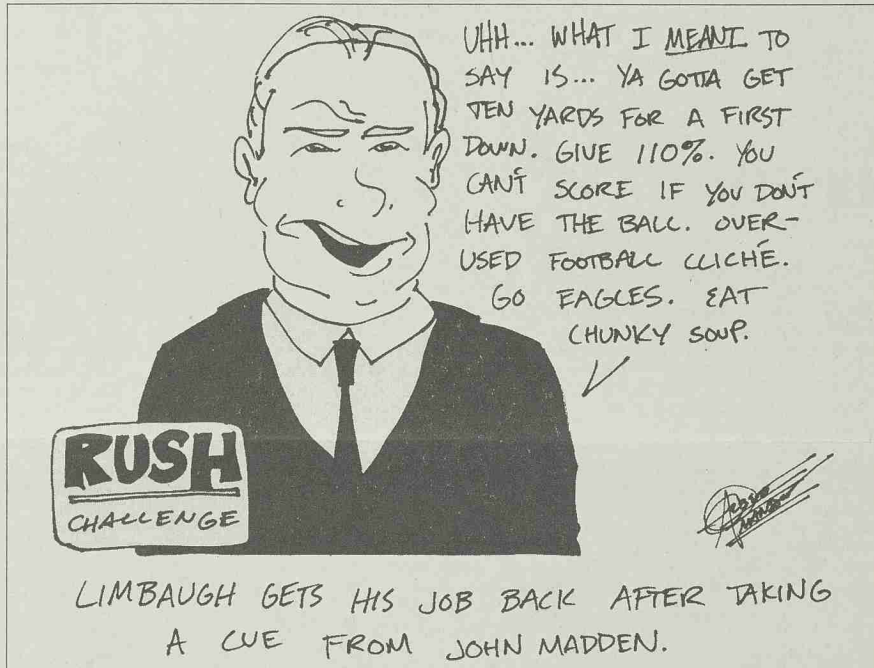
However, far from being a union, the policies and positions of ACM do not reflect in membership behavior. Because of its inclusiveness, ACM also does not address the fundamental problem of too many low-skill workers pushing salaries down. Its passivity in mobilizing members ensures that ACM will have no effect at all on the job market. One cannot look to the

"The implication is clear: high-quality programmers are worth the extra money."

"loose" trade groups for change. The utmost importance of quality upgrading is clearly seen in the recruiting practices of the world's most successful software company - Microsoft. Microsoft spends lavish amounts of money to fly recruits to their headquarters for their notoriously torturous interview process. New hires find themselves rewarded with some of the best salaries and benefits in the business. The implication is clear: high-quality programmers are worth the extra money and extra selectiveness.

Big companies can afford to go to great lengths to recruit high-quality workers, and, arguably, they are big because they do have the best workers. The rest of the industry does not share this advantage, so they have to roll their dice and choose from a market of low-quality commodity programmers. Guilds offer to solve this problem for smaller companies, and they provide a way to save programming for American workers.

Robert welcomes any responses and feedback. E-mail him at viewpoint@technicianstaff.com



Priorities for the shallow - me

We all have seen Bravo's "Queer Eye for the Straight Guy." Brent Wolgamott offers free fashion advice to the student population. Read it and you will be FAAAABULOUS!

I had just exited the Student Health Center after begging my doctor for hard drugs (hey, I had a cold). As I



Brent Wolgamott
Staff Columnist

stepped outside, the most horrifying thing this side of "Gigli" lay before me: jiggle. Actually, it was "jiggle" borderlining on "wobble," in the form of a size 16 girl wearing a midriff top with a short skirt and pumps. And honey, it was

not Queen Monique. Now readers, I held my tongue at the time. Well, actually it was otherwise engaged licking my lips due to the shirtless cross country boys who were jogging past me (Note to the boys: LOVE the short shorts!). But I digress. I feel compelled to write a column solely devoted to the most outrageous looks and attire that I've seen since I looked inside Joan Rivers' closet. Look to your left, look to your right. If one of your neighbors isn't guilty of one of these items, then it's probably you!

1) I'll start with Ms. Jiggle. Baby, not everybody was meant to show some skin. I've always been of the mind that if you don't have the perfect body, don't show me your business. A gay boy could go blind lookin' at all that mess. Cover up, big girls. My eyesight depends on it.

2) Skinny boys wearing muscle shirts. This is yet another "girl, puhlease" moment. These shirts should come with a money-back guarantee. As in, I get money back every time I have to witness a boy with size 14" arms or less flaunting himself in this trash. You know that things

are bad when your humble columnist is actually complaining about boys showing skin. Now, the bodybuilding straight boy in my physics class who sits in the back? He can wear muscle shirts. And if he's reading this column, he needs to wear them more often.

3a) Girls who show cleavage who don't want people to gawk. Girls, it's a very simple scenario. If you show us your cupcakes, we're going to look. And that includes myself, if only because it's one of those rare moments where I can actually feel like one of the guys.

3b) Straight boys who show cleavage who don't want gay boys to gawk. Boys, you can't pick and choose your admirers. If this were true, I'd choose to be admired by Philip Rivers. And since we know that this cannot come to pass (Philip, can't you hear me?), you need to take your kudos where you can get them.

4) Folks wearing combs in their hair. Ok, maybe I missed the boat on this one. What in gay hell has gotten into you people? Seriously, the first time I saw it, I thought it was a joke. And you know what? It is.

5a) Hair care: Girls that can't keep up with their dye job. Baby, I like Lady Clairol as much as the next girl. But you should know that "Roots" was a miniseries, not the story of your hair. If you're going to make your hair in such a way that your curtains don't match your carpet, at least have the common decency to visit your hairdresser every other week...at a minimum.

5b) Haircare: Girls who wear fake hair. Girlfriend, there is nothing worse than a bad weave. If your zoology teacher wants to come over and identify the new-fangled species that is evidently sitting on your head, take it as a subtle hint.

6) Straight boys wearing socks with sandals. This one's almost as bad as wearing white shoes after Labor Day. But I see it every day! Guys, it's either one or the other. It's socks with shoes, or no socks with sandals. And never the twain shall meet. (Note to self: what the hell is a twain?)

7) Abercrombie slaves. Is it just me, or is Abercrombie so five minutes ago? If you go to their stores, go for the right reason, people: hit on the model/cashiers.

8) Straight boys who pluck their eyebrows higher than mine. Boys, boys, boys. I applaud your initiative. Many of you have converted that unibrow into two fetching works of art. But you've gotten carried away. If you're eyebrows start to rival the height of the Golden Arches, you've officially crossed over into Future Drag Queen Land.

9) Gay/straight girls who don't wear make-up. Now, there aren't a lot of girls who can pull this one off without me complaining. I love make-up. If I were a girl, I'd be Tammy Faye Baker incarnate! Girls, there's nothing that a pot of lip gloss and a tube of Maybelline can't fix. Slap some lipstick on that pig, people!

10) Boys who wear their crotches down to their knees. Boys, if there's actually a physical need for you to have that much space between your crotch and your body, then you need to come by Technician for a photo op. Pronto.

Well, that about does it. It's probably the shallowest piece I've ever written, but still I think I've managed to offend everyone. At least no one can say that I discriminate.

Shallow Brent has started a Brent Wolgamott fan club, of which he is now the president. If you'd like to join, write to viewpoint@technicianstaff.com.

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Stat of the week

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The combined yardage the N.C. State defense has given up over the past three games. Wolfpack coach Chuck Amato said of State's defensive play: "Everybody's accurate against us. They can't wait to play us."

Saturday's Games

Miami at Florida State, noon
Virginia at Clemson, noon
Connecticut at N.C. State, 1 p.m.
Georgia Tech at Wake Forest, 3:30 p.m.
North Carolina at East Carolina, 3:30 p.m.
Duke at Maryland, 6 p.m.

Score Box

Saturday, Oct. 4
Georgia Tech 29, N.C. State 21
Virginia 38, North Carolina 13
Maryland 21, Clemson 7

	Conf.	Overall
Florida State	4-0	5-0
Virginia	3-0	4-1
Maryland	1-1	4-2
Clemson	1-1	3-2
Wake Forest	1-1	3-2
Georgia Tech	1-2	3-3
NC State	1-2	3-3
Duke	0-2	2-3
North Carolina	0-3	0-5

Quote of the week

"I wasn't making those dumb freshman throws. I wasn't missing wide-open receivers."

—Georgia Tech freshman quarterback Reggie Ball, who passed for 283 yards and two touchdowns in the Yellow Jackets' 29-21 victory over N.C. State.

THUMBS

Maryland's defense

In their 21-7 win over Clemson, the Terrapins allowed only 330 total yards of offense, including 10 yards of rushing, saving Maryland quarterback Scott McBrien and an often erratic offense. The Terps now have the second-best defense in the ACC behind Florida State, with opponents averaging only 275.0 yards against them. They have not allowed more than 13 points in the past four games.

Wali Lundy

Leading 17-6 on its first drive of the third quarter, Virginia turned to Lundy, who ran for 34 of his 129 yards on that drive, capping it with a 1-yard touchdown run. The running back finished with a career-high three touchdowns against North Carolina in the Cavaliers' 38-13 win. He leads the ACC in rushing this season, averaging 102.0 yards a game.

N.C. State's offense

Wolfpack running back T.A. McLendon was out for a second straight game, and it clearly hurt the Pack, as it finished the game with minus-8 yards rushing. Although Philip Rivers threw for 344 yards, State receivers Tramain Hall and T.J. Williams made costly mental errors on consecutive drives in the third quarter, as the Pack twice got inside the Georgia Tech 5, and managed only a field goal.

North Carolina

With Saturday's loss to Virginia, the Tar Heels have now lost nine straight home games, and are off to their worst start in 15 years. The defense, ranked last in the nation, continued to get pounded, giving up 515 yards of total offense to the Cavaliers. This week the Tar Heels will travel to East Carolina, also 0-5 on the season.

DEFENSE

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"Do you know who is No. 2 in pass defense?" Amato asked. "Penn State. And they're 2-4."

Amato put more emphasis on stopping the run.

"Of the top 21 teams in the country against the rush, there's only three teams that have three losses," he said.

N.C. State is one of those teams, ranked No. 21 nationally against the run. Its inability to defend the pass, though, has been baffling.

"Do I like where we're at? No," Amato said. "I hate it. I hate it."

Despite its ability to stop the run effectively, State has had trouble getting pressure on opposing quarterbacks when they drop back to throw. The Pack sacked Georgia Tech quarterback Reggie Ball six times, but Ball found himself in the pocket with plenty of time to pass on numerous other plays.

"In pass defense, everything works together," said State linebacker Oliver Hoyte. "If the defensive line puts pressure on the quarterback, he's not going to have time to throw and he's going to make a decision faster. If the linebackers drop back, they can help out the defensive backs on crossing routes and things like that."

"It's not just one thing."

Instead of criticizing his pass defense, Amato instead focused on the shortcomings of the kicking game. The coach has seen a direct correlation in wins, losses and how well the Pack performs in terms of making field goals and PATs, and blocking and returning kicks.

"We've got three losses, and in every loss we've lost the kicking game," Amato said. "If we would have won the kicking game in those three losses...we're undefeated. That doesn't have anything to do with offense and it has nothing to do with defense."

"I've said it a thousand times. If we don't win the kicking game..."

In State's loss Saturday, it missed a short field goal, roughed the punter and fumbled a kickoff.

Pack still confident: Last season, N.C. State didn't suffer its third loss until mid-November. Barely in October this season, State already has lost three times and has the toughest part of its ACC schedule - Virginia, Florida State and Maryland - remaining. The team has seen its national title hopes disappear, but it still has high goals.

"At the beginning of the season, we were shooting for an ACC championship and a national championship," said Pack center Jed Paulsen. "With three losses, a national championship isn't in the picture, but an ACC championship still is. Some teams could lose along the road, upsets happen. We're going to keep on dreaming high."

Another thing the Pack won't change is its attitude. Cocky, in-your-face, the mindset hasn't been dimmed by a .500 record.

"We're still a pretty confident team," Paulsen said. "Ever since I've been here, we've had that swagger about us and I don't think that's going to go anywhere."

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be that good," said State linebacker Oliver Hoyte. "Georgia Tech [was] last in the league in offense. But that day they brought their 'A' game. It seems like every team we play, they bring their 'A' game."

What a coincidence that in all games this season, the Wolfpack defense has made the opposition look like Joe Montana's San Francisco 49ers. At least once in a while, the Pack should get lucky and make a team look like Heath Shuler's Redskins. But that's happened about as much as a healthy T.A. McLendon.

Pack coach Chuck Amato, who usually never uses excuses, has digested lame reasoning like a big, tasty Amedeo's meatball in recent weeks. Amato has used more disclaimers than a car dealership, prefacing each statement with the obligatory, "This isn't an excuse, but..." which always means that yes, in fact, this is an excuse. The coach has rambled about the loss of McLendon, the injuries, the suspensions. He's said things to the effect of, "Well, this defense isn't the same one the prognosticators based their predictions on," which is true, but it's still an excuse.

That'd be like me telling Amy, "Well, I was basing our impending marriage on you driving

that shiny new BMW, but since you wrecked it and you're driving the Oldsmobile again, I don't think our relationship will be as strong."

The excuse pattern for Amato has become the Uneducated Lawyer Technique. Or, in other words, just throw out a bunch of numbers and stats and hope no one argues with you. And make sure the numbers are slanted to back up your point of a view, that's a key.

Amato did just that in his press conference Monday, lecturing writers on the insignificance of pass defense. He made examples of several teams in the country who are ranked in the top 25 despite having low pass defense rankings.

If stats are for losers, as Amato says, then he needs to get in line for Magic cards and pocket protectors. Sure, the coach is right. There are many teams that succeed in spite of poor pass defense. There's also a lot of people who make it home without dying after driving drunk. Does that mean it's any less dangerous to drive impaired? There's also a bunch of success stories about people who never went to college and still made it rich. Does that mean you should drop out?

There's a lot more wrong with the Wolfpack football team than excuses. For one, it can't score inside the 5-yard line. And why is that? The other team's defense playing its "A" game? The fact

that scoring that close isn't important, and other teams win all the time without scoring in the redzone? Who knows. But at least quarterback Philip Rivers doesn't make excuses.

"We didn't get the job done like we needed," he said Saturday of the offense.

Amazing. An athlete who's not afraid to look himself in the mirror and question.

Then again, the Georgia Tech goal line could have been on its "A" game.

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Navy wouldn't recover. Later in the second half, the Wolfpack added its third goal when McBath scored on a double-assist from senior forward Adrienne Barnes and junior Anna Helenius. McBath booted the ball in the corner from a right side tip in the 79th minute to extend the Wolfpack lead.

The Midshipmen exerted en-

ergy to get back in the match, but State's defense proved too tough.

"Everyone put in solid effort," Connors said. "Everyone contributed to the win."

The celebration will be short-lived as the Wolfpack gets ready to face top-ranked North Carolina on Friday at 7 p.m.

"We have to play the best soccer we can against UNC," Kerrigan said. "They are a very talented team."

In last year's bout, the Pack

earned its first-ever victory against the Tar Heels, 1-0 victory with Underwood scoring the winning goal.

"In practice, we have to play hard, get mentally ready for the game," McBath said. "We have to play like it's [our] last game, play with heart and hustle."

Kerrigan knows what the Tarheels are capable of, but has enormous faith in her team.

"On any given day, anybody can beat UNC," she said. "And that given day could be our day."

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N.J., she was named onto the McDonald's High School All-American East Team.

Connors has continued her production this season. In the eight games she has played, she has given up 13 goals compared with 18 saves. She currently has a goals-against-average of approximately 1.8 per contest. Connors considers the first half of the game to be a very important time.

During Wednesday's first half, both teams had only three shots on goal apiece, but the Pack was able to score a goal with a long kick by Lindsey Underwood. Goals by Erin Griswold and Lydia

McBath in the second half helped make Connors' life easier. But even when the Pack has a good lead it is still important for her to keep the same attitude towards goalkeeping as she would during a tied game.

"You're still in the same mindset," she said, "because you don't want to let up any goals or leave an empty net."

Connors' effort between the posts led the Pack to its fourth shutout victory of the season. The Pack's other shutouts were against Temple, Campbell and High Point.

Even during a victorious outing like the one against Navy, Connors still works hard and keeps an even keel.

The Pack will be back in action Friday in Chapel Hill against North Carolina at 7 p.m.

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Excuses 101

Need an excuse? Borrow one from the best - the N.C. State football team. The Wolfpack has got more excuses than red zone touchdowns, and the program could probably fund the remainder of the Carter-Finley Stadium expansion by selling reasons for its shortcomings in the Brickyard. The team could set up a booth, sell these things for

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about five bucks, and fund its travel budget for the next six years. We don't have our running back., teams play their "A" games against us, my hands hurt, I'm injured, my socks are wet. You name it, it's been mentioned. The team's motto this year is supposed to be "Cut it loose," but it should be changed to, "We make a bunch of lame excuses."

It's not all bad, though. It provides humor, laughs.

People love excuses. Think of these timeless lines in American culture: "My dog ate it," or "The glove doesn't fit," or "Because there's weapons of mass destruction," or "She said she wanted it, honest," or "My computer somehow navigated to this internet pornography site and froze, I swear, mother." All great excuses. But we need more.

I know I'd buy one if I were running late for class, or if I wanted to justify a totally irrational point.

I'd show up at the booth, give the guy a rough sketch of my situation, and then he'd recommend the excuse I should use.

It might go something like this:
Me: Yo, I'm running late for class.
I'm just plain lazy, I've got problems waking up and I'm hungover - but I can't say all that again. What should I do this time?

Player: Same thing happened to me the other day on the field, man. I was running behind on a play, looking tired as a bear in hibernation. In your case, uh, just say the alarm clock played his 'A' game against you. That the old buzzer, or ringer, or radio or whatever just shut you down and you couldn't move.

Me: Right on.

Ah yes, the old "A" game approach. Consider the "A" game approach the duct tape of excuses: it works in all situations. Failed a test? It's because questions 11 through 26 played their "A" game. Girl turned you down? It's because her brain played its "A" game. Give up 124 miles of passing yardage in half a season? That's because all the other teams are playing their "A" games. It's because, for some reason, the other team's quarterbacks and wide receivers become superhuman on days when playing N.C. State.

Right?
It can't be that State is struggling on defense. It can't be that the Pack secondary couldn't shut down a computer, turn off a supermodel or cover a bed with sheets.

"It seems to me like every team we play, their stats don't show them to

Wolfpack ships out Navy

WOMEN'S SOCCER TEAM SHUTS OUT NAVY TO RECORD SEVENTH WIN OF THE SEASON, STARTS THINKING ABOUT SHOWDOWN WITH NORTH CAROLINA.

Deandra Duggans
Staff Writer

In the first ever women's soccer match between N.C. State and Navy, the Midshipmen became the Wolfpack's third shutout victim of the season Monday at Method Road Soccer Stadium.

State came away with a lopsided 3-0 win.

"I am very happy with the team's performance today," said coach Laura Kerrigan. "They did a great job switching to help [on defense]."

The match began with both teams playing excellent defense, making it hard for either team to find an offensive rhythm. The Wolfpack (7-4-1) could not find a break in the Navy (9-2-1) offense and each team was held to just three shots in the first half.

State, though, was able to find breaks and force its way through Navy's defensive holes to score the match's only goals and earn its seventh victory of the season.

"We really stepped it up," said Lydia McBath, who scored State's third goal. "We focused on our air game and we really shut them down in the air."

The game remained scoreless until the 34th minute when forward Erin Griswold scored the first goal on a kick



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Jill Parsons (24) fights for possession against Navy's Kate Huppmann in the Pack's victory Monday.

from the right side to the bottom left of the goal. Senior forward Lindsey Underwood was credited with the assist to give the Wolfpack a 1-0 lead over Navy.

"I knew we were the better team, we just had to get one in the net," Griswold said.

The teams went back and forth trying to find weaknesses. Navy threatened the goal many times, with numerous headshots that

went wide right and kicks that were too high. But the Midshipmen came up empty on all attempts and entered intermission down 1-0.

N.C. State was plagued by penalties throughout the game, accounting for 11 of the game's total 15 fouls - four of which were called in the first half. The fouls boosted Navy with opportunities to capitalize, but the visitors never could.

In the second half, State, led by goalkeeper Megan Connors (three saves), dominated the Midshipmen. Griswold scored her second goal of the day - eighth of the season - assisted, in the 60th minute.

"That second goal was pretty important," Griswold said. "It allowed for more offense, more goals and it gave us more momentum."

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Connors learning her job

Women's soccer goalkeeper Megan Connors feels the pressure, but she manages to keep her cool.

Michael Fox
Staff Writer

Throughout the course of a match, Wolfpack women's soccer goalkeeper Megan Connors encounters numerous challenges and faced a great amount of pressure in helping contribute to the overall team effort.

Regardless, Connors always works hard on her game, and she helped the Pack (7-4-1, 0-2 in ACC) in a great way Wednesday with a 3-0 victory over Navy.

Navy (9-2-1) out shoots its opponents by double, but Connors was able to succeed against a formidable opponent.

"UNC was the only team that beat them, and it was a 1-0 game," she said. "But when the game started we dominated it. They didn't really have a significant amount of shots."

Navy only had six shots on goal in this match.

She might be a freshman, but Connors has already had a good amount of experience playing high-level soccer. Last year, as captain of her team at Westfield High School in Westfield,

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State defensive of defense

Wolfpack isn't upset with defense that nationally ranks second-to-last against the pass, but Amato wants more out of kicking game.

Andrew B. Carter
Deputy Sports Editor

Chuck Amato likes to say stats are for losers, but the N.C. State football coach arrived at the Murphy Center on Monday having crunched more numbers than an IRS tax collector.

Amato, who majored in math while an undergraduate at State in the late 1960s, came to his weekly press meeting armed with a single piece of white paper covered with numbers, team names and notes from top to bottom, front and back.

Scrawled on the paper in red marker were statistics of various pass defenses from around the nation. After Saturday's loss to Georgia Tech, in which State al-

lowed 283 yards passing, the Wolfpack's pass defense ranks 116 out of 117 Division I-A teams. The Pack gave up several big passing plays in key moments, and allowed the Yellow Jackets to convert long third downs with little trouble. Amato, wanting to see how his team compared to others, specifically others ranked in the top 25, did a little research and reached a not-so-surprising conclusion: pass defense numbers are misleading.

"You know who is ranked in pass defense at 109th in the country?" Amato asked. "Does anybody? Why would you?...109th - that's not far from the bottom - [is] USC. And that's not the University of South Carolina. That's the University of Southern California, and they're ranked 109th in the country in pass defense."

"And they're 4-1 and 9th in the country."

Amato also pointed out that No. 15 Pittsburgh is 99th against the pass.



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Andre Maddox (36), Greg Golden and the rest of the Wolfpack secondary have struggled to defend the pass this season.

"They're 3-1 and ranked [15th]," Amato said. "Let me go on...How 'bout this one. Who's the surprise of the Big Ten this year? Michigan State. They're 5-1, they're [21st] in the country. They're

ranked 98th in pass defense." Amato continued, also citing the inverse.

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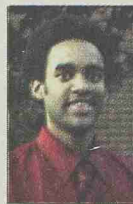
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