

James Oblinger, former College of Agriculture and Life Sciences dean, moved into his new office in May. Staff photo by Tim Lytvinenko

New start for Provost's Office

Colleagues say James Oblinger will help take the university to the next level as provost.

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Born to be a leader. The students, faculty and staff who have worked closely with Provost James Oblinger believe it.

His colleagues and students trust that the university has been in good hands since he took the provost position in May.

Johnny C. Wynne, a former colleague of Oblinger and the Interim Dean and Executive Director of Agricultural Programs, said he believes he brings a great deal of experience • to the position

"I don't think you will find anyone more

dedicated to advancing the mission of N.C. State and strengthening its academic programs than Jim Oblinger," said Wynne.

And many hope the former College of Agriculture and Life Sciences dean will bring

some stability to an office that has seen four provosts in the five years since Chancellor Marye Anne Fox's arrival. His predecessor, Stuart Cooper, resigned from the position after Fox fired two top administrators in January

But Oblinger, who first came to N.C. State in 1986, has no plans on leaving any time soon. Serving as associate dean and director of

academic programs in CALS until 1997, and then as dean and executive director for agricultural programs in CALS until 2003, he's

had plenty of time to prepare for the duties

that lie ahead.

As provost and executive vice chancellor, Oblinger will be second in command of the university and chief academic officer. He is responsible for the review and approval of all academic programs and policies and the appointment, promotion and compensation of university faculty.

Colleagues say that Oblinger has already made remarkable efforts for the university. While serving as dean, CALS saw steady increases in contracts, grants and private contributions. With more responsibilities and resources available as provost, there are greater things to come for NCSU.

Provost Oblinger stresses, however, that it is not just his efforts that drive the Provost's

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Class of 2007 breaks records

Nearly 4,000 freshman are expected to enroll at N.C. State in the fall.

Jessica Horne

After deliberating over 12,933 first-year applications, the Office of Undergraduate Admissions has made its decision as to which students will be attending N.C. State in the fall. And with nearly 4,000 students expected to enroll, this freshmen class is shaping up to be the university's largest yet.

"Undergraduate Admissions works very hard to recruit out-standing students," said Tommy Griffin, the director of Undergraduate Admissions. "The great academic reputation of N.C. State combined with the great faculty and staff makes N.C. State an attractive choice for many of the best and brightest students.'

As the numbers of enrolled freshmen have risen - up roughly 300 since last year - so have their prestige.

The average combined SAT score for the incoming class is 1195, up just two points from last year but higher than the average five years ago, which hovered at 1159. The average weighted GPA, which includes honors and Advanced Placement courses, is 4.02. While close to last year's 4.0 average, the numbers are still above average for the typical high school student.

The percentage of students who graduated in the top 10 percent of their high school class has risen 4 percent for Fall 2003. In Fall 2002, 72 reported valedictorians attended the university, and those

numbers are also expected to rise for fall 2003. Griffin explained that enroll-

ment plans are developed by a university committee for enrollment planning and retention.

'This committee develops enrollment plans based on NC State's capacity and enrollment principles," he said.

Plans for enrollment are evaluated by the college deans and the university's executive officers, then submitted to the University of North Carolina for its review. Included in the rising num-

bers of enrolled students will be more female students, up .6 percent from last year. The increase edges the university closer to a 1:1 male to female ratio, with female enrollment at 43.6 percent. One area that has not in-

creased, however, is the number of non-white students planning to enroll.

The percentage is lower since more white students have confirmed their plans to enroll," said Griffin. "A larger number of non-white students have been accepted this year compared to last year at the same date.

Although the numbers of nonwhite students remain consistent with 2002-2003 percentages, the Office of Undergraduate Admissions will be working on different ways to recruit more non-White students.

"We are increasing Undergraduate Admissions recruitment activities to try to enroll more under-represented minority students," said Griffin. "We also plan to coordinate our activities even more closely with the colleges' recruitment activities."

died in 1984, was quoted in a 1961 Technician saying, "If you put a bunch of slices of pie together, you get a pie." He had all the best intentions for his building.

The actual design of the building belongs to Terry Waugh, who was from South Africa and on the NCSU School of Design faculty.

"We did not design that building," said John Holloway, the other half of the Holloway-Reeves architectural firm. "We were hired to do the construction drawing, to take bids and do the inspection."

[Waugh] designed it and sold it to the faculty and the administration. Everyone was absolutely crazy about it in those days," said Holloway.

Myth: The architect was a disgruntled design student who built Harrelson Hall to upstage an old professor who failed him

Reality: Close, but not exactly. This originated from news of tension between Reeves and members of the design school. Reeves was a good student throughout his NCSU career, and the conflicts he experienced with the NCSU School of Design did not begin until the late 1940s. Reeves disagreed with Henry L. Kamphoefner, the first dean of the school of design in 1948 (think Kamphoefner Hall) over the fundamentals of their trade: Kamphoefner was more theoretical, to which Reeves objected because of his emphasis on the basic, critical skills of architecture, according to Bernie Reeves, the son of the late

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Steve Rodgers, aka III4Mation, spins as a guest at N.C. State's student radio station WKNC 88.1. Staff photo by Tim Lytvinenko

Getting a taste of the real world

From IBM to the FBI, many N.C. State students have chosen internships to help build their resume and get work experience.

Diane Cordova

For some students, summer ushers in a time for complete relaxation but for others, sum-• mer is a time to polish their resumes with an internship or job. For those who choose to do the latter, there are several on campus organizations that can help students including the University Career Center and the Cooperative Education (Co-op) Program.

According to Carol Schroeder, director of the University Career Center, N.C. State students are taking jobs with everyone from the F.B.I. in Washington, D.C. to the North Carolina Department of Transportation. Students have also informed

Legends You can feel them in the whispers of "wise" upperclassman to wide-eyed

freshmen. You can see them scrawled across pages of the Agromeck and footnoted in the university archives. And you can hear them in the well-rehearsed speeches of student tour guides as they lead high school seniors and their families across campus.

They are the myths and legends of N.C. State. The whispered stories, the doubted tales, the far-fetched rumors. And now, Technician takes a look at the mysteries and tales that surround

some of the university's most frequented buildings. Can you separate the fact from fiction?

Harrelson Hall

The first cylindrical classroom structure to ever be built on a college campus was hailed as "not only strikingly attractive; but it is also extremely functional," by Technician in 1961

The building is named for John William Harrelson, the university's chancellor from 1934-1953, who was an NCSU graduate with a B.A in engineering in 1909 and a Master's in



Harrelson Hall. (from left) the Alumni Memorial Building and the 1911 building have inspired myths for years. Staff photo by Tim Lytvinenko

mechanical engineering in 1905. But there are

many rumors circulating about the building

Myth: The architect was a vindictive Carolina

Reality: Ralph Reeves, of Holloway Reeves

Architects, a 1940 NCSU design school gradu-

ate, served as head architect for the project,

which was created to allow a building with the

capacity for larger lecture rooms. Reeves, who

that aren't so simple to verify.

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TECHNICIAN'S VIEW The real N.C. State Student

You've taken a stroll across the Brickvard, perhaps eaten a meal in Talley and probably have at least one piece of N.C. State clothing in your closet. You are now a member of the Wolfpack.

Many administrators will probably tell you during some part of your ori-entation what they expect from NCSU students. They will list studiousness, open-mindedness and dedication as qualities that every student here should try to emulate. They are right of course, but their job is to make sure that NCSU remains a contender in the sea of colleges and universities in the United States, so they may leave out a few essential qualities that are just as important for you to take along with you as you begin your college career.

An ideal NCSU student goes to class. You may notice upper-classman doing the opposite, but it is always advisable to at least look like you are here for an education. More than anything you are attending this university to get a piece of paper that will hopefully inform future employers that you have demonstrated skill in their respective field.

But there are a lot of hours in the day not set aside for classes, and it is just as important that you leave your dorm room, apartment or house to explore the opportunities available at your new school that don't take place in Harrelson Hall.

There is no excuse not to get involved because our larger than life student body has enabled our school to have a never-ending list of extra-curricular activities for students to choose from. If you are interested in politics, then join the student senate. If you love carpentry, then seek out the Habitat for Humanity participants. If you want to write, then try Technician, the online magazine Americana or the literary magazine Windhover.

NCSU has hundreds of opportunities for you to become involved on this campus, and these activities will serve your growth as a person as much or more than surviving organic chemistry. These organizations and groups will help you meet people outside of your classes and living quarters, and you will get the chance to graduate from this school knowing that you took advantage of your four, five or six years in college.

An ideal NCSU student also tolerates their fellow students.

NCSU can boast a diverse student body because students of different races, ages,

backgrounds and academic study all take classes here Don't be surprised to see

a 50-year-old businesswoman in your English class, and try not to be shocked when your biology study group consists of a married student-athlete, a teenager from the Ivory Coast and a young man working 40 hours a week in addition to his full-time class schedule. Our diversity is one of NCSU's best qualities, and you will learn a lot from interacting with people outside your own background. An ideal NCSU student bleeds red and black.

We all go to an ACC school with fantastic local rivalries, and not many schools have two of its greatest sports enemies a few miles down the interstate. Take advantage of the football, basketball, soccer, baseball and tennis games. It may be a pain to make your way to Carter Finley Stadium or the RBC Center on the weekends, but it is worth the traffic. Our love for all things Wolfpack is one of the ways that the Sociology majors can interact with the Zoology majors. Stampede down Hillsborough Street after a huge win, and don't let the red light shining from the Bell Tower be your only inclination that we have just had a victory

An ideal NCSU student also supports their neighbors.

We have a fledging shopping and eat-ing area across the way on Hillsborough Street and the only thing preventing it from becoming another Ninth Street or Franklin Street is us. You need to support these businesses because they will undoubtedly make NCSU a better place if they are able to make a profit and thus improve their appearance. We have the largest student body in North Carolina, and we can't even support an Alpine Bagel for longer than six months. Bowl at Western Lanes, eat a slice of pizza at Brother's and buy a few textbooks at Hillsborough Street textbooks (sometimes they are cheaper than the NCSU student bookstore) It's convenient and everything. And lastly, an ideal NCSU student reads Technician, listens to WKNC and supports other studentrun media groups on campus. Yes, this is a shameless plug, but we are trying to provide your student news and we want you to read it. There are a lot of talented writers, musicians and radio personalities trying to make their way into their future professions, and they need your suppor

Good luck with your orientation, and we look forward to welcoming you in the fall for your first semester at NCSU. GO TO HELL CAROLINA!!!



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Tony Caravano dent Body Presiden

Three years ago, I left my home in Florida to join this university and was quickly swept up by the atmosphere and my family quickly grew from a handful of loved ones a few states away, to 30,000 other students and faculty - supportive and caring.

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pare to join the

Wolfpack!

In high school many of you may have been involved and others may have chosen not to participate in school related activities. Here at NCSU, there is too much opportunity for you not to be active. There is a niche for everyone and if you disagree, you can easily begin your own student organization based around

the interests of you and your friends. Aside from the opportunity to meet new people and begin lifetime friendships, this year students will face many decisions and obstacles and unity amongst students will be integral. We must join together in order to make positive progress and have a successful year.

This year will be exciting for NCSU; therefore there will be a great deal going on at once. The University is currently undergoing a facelift, from Doak Field to Centennial Campus. We have a student that is running for Raleigh City Council.

Student Government will look to register every freshman to vote - in this area - this fall and will then support our student candidate to give our populous a true voice in city politics.

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Please stay informed of these issues by reading the Technician, News and Observer and speaking with student leaders. Ideas to expand Carmichael Gymnasium will further be discussed this year and students will have major input in the process. Homecoming will be the best that we have seen in quite some time on this campus, and students will be needed

to pull it off properly. Students will be working to make Hillsborough Street a second home and hang out; we will attempt to unify other colleges in the area; a concerted effort will be made to increase our traditions on campus - and new students can guide the direction of this progress.

There will be many avenues by which transfer students and freshmen can get involved. Student Government, which will have Fall Elections this year for senate seats, will have many activities occur throughout the year. There are always positions within the Executive Branch available as well as the Judicial (http://students.ncsu.edu). Union Activities Board (http://uab.ncsu.edu) and Inter-Residence Council (http:// www.ncsu.edu/stud_orgs/irc/) will also recruit heavily as they begin to prepare programs for the entire campus to enjoy. Student Media (http://sma.ncsu.edu/) will need new staff members to continue to operate at the level they do, serving as a voice for students. Greek Life will pick up where it left off last year, continuing to have a strong presence on campus. For a list of all other clubs and regis

tered student organizations please visit http://www.ncsu.edu/sorc/. There is basically too much available here at NCSU and it would be a disservice to your happiness and time not to take advantage of some of it!

School pride is presently on a tear. This year our football, basketball and baseballs teams will, once again, be on the rise nationally and we must be present in droves to cheer them on to victory. Also moving up the competitive ranks are some of our non-revenue sports like volleyball, women's basketball, gymnastics, swimming and soccer. Be sure to show your Wolfpack pride by supporting the time and hard work these studentathletes put in during the off-season.

In joining the family here at State, we are all charged to take care of the campus and one another. Do your part to make NCSU a better place to live and learn. It is often as easy as saying hello to a peer you pass on the street. Competition is not as important as it was in high school, as we can all receive a degree and we can all be number one in the class.

So reach out to those around you that may be stumbling and make sure your friends are successful along the way. There are 25,000 upperclassmen who have done it all before you, so never be too afraid to ask for help or advice. That is what makes this University unique. Take pride in the fact that you attend NC State!

Welcome to our family and good luck to you as you begin to grow as one of the Wolfpack!

Feel free to contact me with any questions at sbp@ncsu.edu or 515-2797 and I will try to guide you to a person that has the answer.

WMD's: Where did they come from? Where did they go?

of mass destruction in Iraq. The fear of WMD's is a great tool for vilifying another

nation - especially after 9/11 and the

anthrax scares - and inspiring patriotic support for one's own nation. No doubt the Bush Administration has been very adept at doing just this. However, as Americans we should be more careful of blindly denouncing Iraq's possession of nuclear, biological

and chemical weapons. After all, we supolied Iraq with much of its weapons in the first place. Think back to before the war actually

started. The administration continually claimed that they knew that Iraq had WMD's, but they never coughed up the proof. Well, as one Iraqi official quipped during a recent interview with National Public Radio, of course our government knows Iraq has these weapons, after all we still have "all of the receipts" for them.

Iraq is consistently depicted as the 'bad guy" now, but few Americans today seem to remember that twenty years ago that same nation under the same "evil" dictator was seen as one of

the only nations standing in the way of opposing the radical Shiite - not to mention anti-American - Iranian government. During the Iran-Iraq war, the United States supplied Iraq with valuable military information, an array of conventional weapons and raw materials for chemical and biological weapons. All of this was pretty common knowledge in the 1980s, but seems to have been conveniently forgotten today.

In fact, the head of the special presidential envoy to Iraq during the Reagan administration, who helped to pave the way for improving relations with Iraq in the 1980s, was no other than Donald Rumsfeld himself, who now days seems to be most adamant about attacking Iraq rather than supporting it. Keep in mind that in those days not only did the world know with certainty that Iraq possessed WMD's, but we know for a fact that he actually used them as well. We currently have no proof that Iraq has recently done either of these things.

It always amazes me that whenever we hear about Iraq and WMD's we hear accusations of Iraq "manufacturing" chemical weapons, and yet no one in the public stops to consider where a country like Iraq gets the raw materials necessary to make these weapons in the first place. Well, in an investigation by the Senate Banking Committee in 1994, the Commerce Department in the 1980s was found to have shipped dozens of biological agents to Iraq, including anthrax, as well as mass quantities of insecticides used to manufacture chemical weapons.

According to a Washington Post investigation, the Dow chemical company also was allowed to ship a suspiciously large quantity of pesticides (\$1.5 million worth) to Iraq, even though government officials at the time suspected that these chemicals were being manufactured into chemical weapons. UN inspectors in Iraq after the Gulf War also found mass quantities of chemicals provided by American suppliers that were being used for military purposes. Likewise, Iraq's December 7, 2002 Arms Declarations documents over twenty-four U.S. companies guilty of providing parts, chemicals, and training for the manufacture of biological, chemical, and nuclear weapons.

The facts are simple: in the past, the United States has routinely supplied and assisted in Iraq's development of biological, chemical, and nuclear weapons.

I'm not making this point to try to paint Iraq as an innocent country betrayed by a monstrous and hypocritical ally. I don't doubt terrible things have been happening in that country for the past many years, but American opinion remains terrible one-sided nonetheless. We consistently depict ourselves as saviors and heroes fighting a foreign villain, and we often forget that we are not as innocent as we claim to be. It is my hope that we will let neither cynicism nor patriotism stand in the way of seeing world a little more clearly

Ben loves it when people stop, take a deep breath, count to twenty and then rationally respond to his opinions at bpstrick@unity.ncsu.edu

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Benjamin Strickling Staff Colum

By Michele DeCamp

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t's summer, and when the sun occasionally peeks out on campus, it cannot help but heat things up a bit.

And most students know that the best way to cool down after a trek across the Brickyard or an afternoon at Doak Stadium is with a nice, chilly cup or cone of ice cream.

The N.C. State community has recently witnessed a few new locations pop up for such treats, and it is time that they were entered into a scoop-off to see whose ice cream reigns supreme. It was this dedicated journalist's job to go to each shop and record how the ice cream tasted, what kind of location and atmosphere it was served in, and whether or not the staff was friendly as they helped their customers. I have finally completed my wearisome task, and I am proud to bring you the scoop-off results:

Silvia D'Italia Gelato Cafe Hillsborough Street Rating: 4 Scoops

This semi-recent addition to Hillsborough Street boasts "a truly Italian experience." One of the best examples of this is that they don't serve ice cream; they serve gelato, which is Italian ice cream that is too low in fat to be called regular ice cream. They have the standard chocolate and vanilla for the unadventurous, but you can also pick up a scoop of kiwi or banana gelato as well. All their gelato is made daily on the premises.

Their fruit flavors are their greatest strength because these unique choices set them apart from other local ice cream shops. They are also located right across from D.H. Hill, so their location is perfect for students looking to pick up a quick treat in-between classes or orientation seminars.

Their only fault is that the Gelato Cafe is almost too upscale for the average college student. They serve Panini (Italian Sandwiches) and salads as well as gourmet cof-fee and the exotic fruit flavors may scare off some ice cream lovers. The "Italian aura" over the place makes it seem like it would be more expensive than it is, but in fact, the prices are very rea-sonable considering the portion size. I was surprised at the size of a piccolo (extra small) because it was the size of a normal small or one scoop at other locations but was only \$1.99. They have adequate seating inside despite their small square footage and diners will find a few tables and chairs outside to sit on during sunny days.

Overall, the staff was very pleasant and the gelato was fantastic. The mixed berry was superb and even the kiwi gelato had a nice flavor. If you can get past the Italian lingo, you will find that this is a nice alternative to typical ice cream parlors and franchised chains.

Baskin-Robbins Cameron Village

Rating: 3 Scoops

You will have to make a small hike to this ice cream shop in Cameron Village, but it has the most options for the cheapest price. Baskin-Robbins is – well, Baskin-Robbins and many students will probably already be familiar with this chain before coming to N.C. State.

There are a whopping 31 flavors to choose from, and they have the most bizarre combinations such as the Deep Blue Menace Sundae for \$1.99 that corresponds to the new animated movie Sinbad. This sundae combines chocolate chip ice cream with blue topping and a few sour gummy octopuses on top for good measure. You can also get a scoop of Oreo X-MINT ice cream after you see the new X-Men sequel. The commercialization gets old after a while, but they also have low-fat and more standard flavors as well.

This particular location has gotten a little dingy, but they have a few outdoor tables in case you want to escape the bright-colored, ice cream wallpaper. The service was good, and the ice cream itself was delicious.

You cannot beat the prices either. A small cup is \$1.74, and you only have to kick in another .75 cents for a huge waffle cone. They also serve smoothies, sundaes and shakes, ranging in price from \$2-5, for anyone looking to mix things up a bit. They serve a range of fountain beverages for students looking to just get a Coke, and their location, while not next door to NC State, may also be a plus for students looking to do more than just eat ice cream.

They are located near a handful of restaurants and shops, so this particular store could serve as a dessert-stop for couples and friends. In general, if you are looking for an inexpensive treat then check out Baskin-Robbins.

Ben and Jerry's

Hillsborough Street Rating: 2 scoops

What would the world be like without Phish Food or Chunky Monkey, two of Ben and Jerry's most notable ice cream flavors? Well, it would be a lot cheaper.

This chain is probably one of the most recognizable worldwide, and its creative flavors are fun to eat. However there comes a point when atmosphere and taste do not make up the fact that two small cups of ice cream, with nothing extra, will cost you \$5.18. A single scoop in a cup costs \$2.40, and the sundaes, smoothies and shakes will cost you somewhere from \$4-6.

Yes, their ice cream is wonderful and their Chocolate Fudge Brownie yogurt was low in fat but certainly did not taste like it. The serving size was reasonable, and the staff was incredibly friendly, but you are also limited to just ice cream-related products or sweets like cookies and brownies; they only have bottled water for people looking for normal beverages (which is an oddly healthy choice considering their menu options).

Also, their location across from Meredith College's campus makes it too much of a hike for N.C. State students without vehicles.

This particular Ben and Jerry's has a downtown coffee shop look inside with brick-walls and irregular shaped tables. One nice trait of Ben and Jerry's is that they are very socially conscious. They manufacture their products with companies who work hard to protect the environment and hire employees from disadvantaged backgrounds. They have even introduced a new line of organically-grown flavors that should be hitting their stores soon.

What it comes down to is whether you want to shop at Food Lion or the Whole Foods Market. You can get the cheap prices and decent quality food at Food Lion or you can get the organically grown food at the Whole Foods Market for a whole lot more. You will have to make the same decision about Ben and Jerry's.

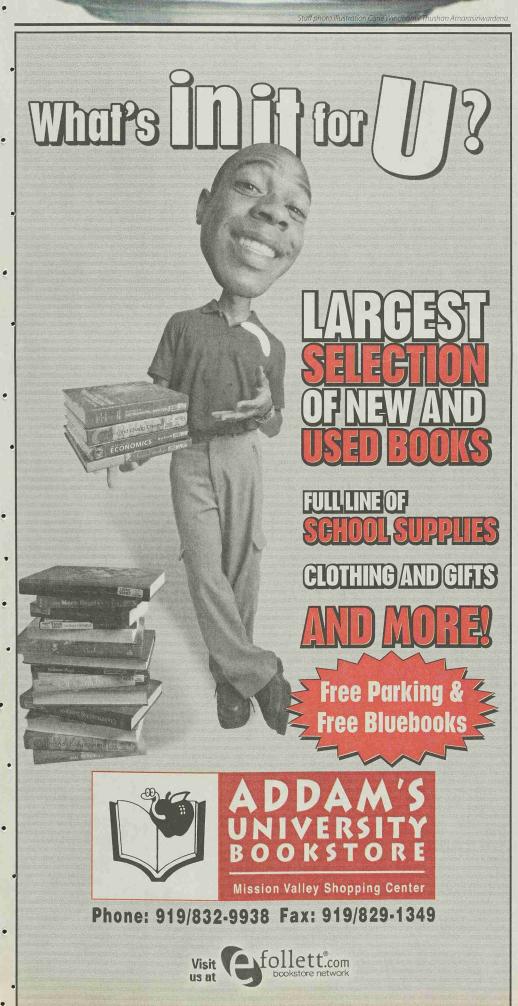
They may have better quality ice cream with a more pristine background, but you will inevitably have to pay more to eat it

Cream and Bean

Hillsborough Street Rating: 5 scoops

This locally-owned ice cream and coffee shop has a convenient location near the Bell Tower, and they can boast the best ice cream

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her of summer internships with Nvidia, Intersil, IBM and Devon Energy in Texas.

Jason Wong, a sophomore in computer engineering, interns with the Youth Advocacy Involvement Office in downtown

Raleigh. Wong discovered the internship through an online search.

'[My internship] is a really good experience. It's not just about knowledge - it's really about teamwork," said Wong.

Virginia Hebert, a senior in political science, applied for an internship with the North Carolina General Assembly through an

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NCSU internship program. The internship, which she obtained during the spring semester, continues through this summer.

'I've enjoyed [my internship]," said Hebert. "It has given me a lot of experience in a professional setting and added to my understanding of government, which is

important to my major. Kevin Whitesell, a senior in

philosophy and political science, has an internship with the U.S. Attorney' Office in Raleigh. Whitesell learned about the internship through an e-mail from the political science department notifying students of upcoming internships.

think every college student should have the internship experience," said Whitesell.

The Cooperative Education (Co-op) Program is another source that students can utilize. According to the university's Web site, "Cooperative Education (co-op) is a structured academic program designed to enhance the quality and breadth of learning by providing qualified under graduate and graduate students the option of integrating academic study with related, work based learning." Arnold Bell, director of the

cooperative education program, works with students and currently 300 active employers to combine academics with work experience

Through the co-op program,

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though the provost is responsible for a lot of things, it just

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Engineers and Kay bee Toys, according to Bell. Towards the end of this past spring semester, Schroeder said she saw "a flurry" of more employers coming in to search for potential interns. According to

Schroeder, April is usually the time when on campus interviewing concludes This year, however, the University Career Center witnessed fifteen employers come in April, which was "about three or four

times more [than what we usually see]," said Schroeder. "We saw a lot more companies coming to campus for intern-ships not full-time jobs," added Schroeder.

students are currently working

with companies like General

Electric, IBM, Army Corps of

For those looking for internships, Schroeder advised that they look at federal service and the state department.

A federal service position one could obtain is working as a civilian for the military, such as the Coast Guard, said Schroeder.

sists of a large mix of people. "There's the chancellor working

in concert with the provost or the

vice chancellors with their functional responsibilities...certainly

the deans, associate deans, the

department heads, department

chairs, and then students faculty

and staff working together-all of

that is part of this mix. Working

To Oblinger, each an every part

of this "mix" is a vital one and values each element. This belief

did not go unnoticed by those who worked with him.

Caravano noticed Oblinger's

strong commitment to students.

"Dr. Oblinger has already made

a concerted effort to be in direct communication with students, including myself on important

issues facing the University,"

said Caravano, "He understands

many issues that are important to

students at this time and inquires about new issues as they arise."

"During his time as dean, from 1997 to 2003, Jim was a

real champion of our students

and faculty and staff members. He values partnerships, and he

works hard -- over long hours -to build and strengthen partner-

ships that benefit our university

and the people we are here to serve," said Wynne. Vicki Walton, the administra-

tive officer for the office of the

provost, knew Oblinger long

"I would say James Oblinger is

very dedicated, very student-ori-

ented and a very fair administra-

tor. He is the best and he really

does have the university's best

interest at heart," said Walton.

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before he came to her office.

Student Body President Tony

together, it all gets done."

It's not just current students who have turned to internships for experience and a summer pay check. In the face of uncertain economic times, many graduating seniors have opted for summer internships, putting off the job search for a few more months.

"It appears there is a small pickup in the internship search, but it's selective," Schroeder said. "It leads us to be optimistic. [The Career Center] hopes the trend continues

Both Bell and Schroeder offered advice to students.

"Be sure to explore all your op-tions on campus and see what is available. Consider co-op," said Bell. "Even though the economy, is down, there are always opportunities for individuals who take the initiative."

'Start early," said Schroeder. Be extremely creative and flexible [in your internship search]. Don't be afraid to look at geographic places you would have never considered. Take a smart risk and never give up."

One effort to uphold the university's best interests is already underway-the Southern Asso ciation of Colleges and Schools (SACS) Review. Oblinger mentioned he, Chancellor Fox and others will be working on that over the summer and will send it off in August for review.

"There will be a team on campus of experts from all over the country in March reviewing us--that accreditation is very important to us," said Oblinger.

Another top priority to Oblinger is student experience and quality faculty.

"The role of administration • is facilitating not just students and staff, but in particular the

faculty. "If you look at all the high quality programs that N.C. State has, those emanate from a high quality faculty regardless of discipline. The quality of programs is directly related to the quality of the faculty," said Oblinger.

Oblinger, although well-armed, feels the most difficult challenge he will face this coming year will be dealing with the budget. "We already know there will be some type of reduction...Until we know the magnitude of this potential cut, other than thinking about what we may have to do, no action has been taken," said Oblinger.

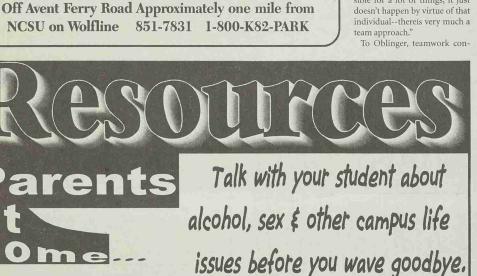
Although NCSU will be expecting budget cuts, Oblinger put it in the larger picture.

'We should recognize we are not alone in this. Higher education across America, in most every state I can think of, is facing a very significant budget challenge," said Oblinger.

George Barthalmus, a retired associate dean and director of academic has worked with Oblinger since 1994 until his retirement in 2001. Barthalmus had nothing but praise for his colleague

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MYTHS

Ralph Reeves.

Bernie congratulates Kamphoefner on the way in which he drew national attention to the NCSU School of Design and the Raleigh area. But for the most part, he recalls years of tension between the two men and even keeps a scrapbook of News and Observer clippings in which Kamphoefner downplayed and criticized the achievements of the Holloway Reeves architectural firm.

Myth: Harrelson was supposed to be seven stories tall, but during construction problems arose that caused it to only be three.

Reality: "[Harrelson Hall] was designed it as two stories, and they raised money and added one," said Holloway.

Myth: Harrelson is sinking. Reality: The likelihood of Har-relson sinking now is the same as the rest of campus rising above it. This myth is" a rumor that goes around and resurfaces every year," according to Lynn Burris, an executive assistant in the Facilities Division Reserve.

- Myth: Harrelson himself died of a heart attack at the dedication of the building.
- Reality: John Harrelson died March 12, 1955, which was years before Harrelson Hall was dedicated on March 7, 1962. How did this rumor originate? Most likely because, it is true that Harrelson died during preparations for a building dedication \tilde{n} but the building was the new library, not Harrelson Hall, according to the Dictionary of North Carolina

• The Alumni Memorial Building

-Anna Edens

Biography.

Perched at the corner of Stinson Drive and Pullen Road, the Alumni Memorial Building was constructed in 1897 to honor alumni that fell during World War II and the Korean War.

Today, the building houses Alumni Relations and Purchasing.

Myth: The Alumni Memorial two nurses died during the



The original campus infirmary (clockwise from top), Harrelson construction, a cartoon from the 1911 Agromeck. Agromeck



epidemic

The building was turned over

Rumor has it that some of the

individuals who have worked in

the building have had odd expe-riences, or heard strange noises

in the building. Could it be the

ghosts of the students that spent

their last days there? You decide.

The 1911 Building, which cur-

rently houses part of the Col-

lege of Humanities and Social

Sciences, has had its share of

boasts. Originally, it was hailed as

the largest dormitory in the south

with three floors and accommo-

But the building is perhaps

more notable not for its size but

Myth: The 1911 Building was

named for the last class to put an

end to university-wide hazing. A

move prompted by the accidental

death of an NCSU student on the

railroad tracks near campus dur-

Reality: The 1911 Building is,

ing a hazing incident.

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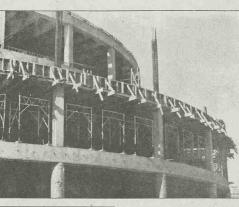
The 1911 Building

the alumni association in 1948.

Building was once used as a hospital during wartime, and now it's haunted by the ghosts of those who died there.

Reality: The Alumni Memorial Building was, in fact, the site of the university's original infirmary, opened in October 1889, in use for fifty years. It was known as Carroll Infirmary and occupied what is now the South west wing of the Alumni Memo-rial building. The infirmary was condemned during the second world war when soldiers began to fill the campus and it was forced to move to larger quarters. It then moved to Clark Hall in 1943, and has remained there ever since. According to a Historic Sites Survey, the Infirmary Building "provided a home for medical care on campus of the college. It was staffed by a matron residing in the facility, and the services of

a physician were contracted." Although the infirmary was never used as a hospital during the war, it was in use during the Spanish Influenza epidemic which struck in the autumn of 1918. Thirteen students and



indeed, a testament to the 1911 graduates, who banned the practice of hazing.

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For many years, it was a popular, if not regrettable, practice at NCSU and other American universities to "haze" incoming freshmen throughout the year. Largely, that responsibility fell to the sophomore class.

But in 1909, NCSU's sophomore class took a different approach. The students lined up on opposite sides of the Red Diamond in Pullen Park and rushed towards each other to pummel it out.

When the dust settled, there was little tension or hostility left for the rest of the year and the class vowed to never haze students again.

"Having been the means of eradicating the barbarous practice of hazing in the college, is sufficient to give the Class of 1911 a place of preeminence; and is self-evident proof that it is a class of studious, manly men," read the 1909 Agromeck.

The faculty apparently agreed, deciding to attach the class's name to the building.

The legendary death of a student at the hands of hazing upperclassman, however, remains an urban legend.

Instead, the 1911 Agromeck, credits their decision to forego retaliation to their "manliness."

"After passing through one of the most 'hair-raising, face black-ing' experiences in the history of the college, retaliation would seem most natural," it said. "But the MEN of the class led by President Signon said 'There shall be no more hazing during our sophomore year.



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News State budget passes; tuition increases

Gov. Mike Easley signed the state budget into law June 30, including a five percent tuition increase for N.C. State students.

Carie Windham

N.C. State students and parents will have to fork over more money than expected when their tuition and fees bills arrive. On June 30, just hours before the state government would have shutdown, Gov. Mike Easley signed the state budget into law - with five percent tuition increases in place. "This has been a difficult and

"This has been a difficult and tense process. But our legislators have again risen to the challenge, as they have done the past two years," Easley said as he signed the

bill into law late that afternoon. His signature quelled fears of a gubernatorial veto that would send parts of the state government into shutdown. Easley had originally threatened not to pass the budget because he said it over projected revenue and depended on unreliable sources

for money. His threats, which surfaced over • the weekend, were just another page in the state budget drama where lawmakers pushed a midnight deadline on June 30. Had they not passed a budget before the end of the fiscal year on July 1, they would have faced losing \$384 million in revenue from

tax breaks.The final budget included a"Budget Adjustment Act" that gives Easley access to the Rainy

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Day Fund if lawmakersí revenue estimates are not on target.

For UNC-system students, however, Rainy Day Funds and revenue sources mean less than two words theyíve faced steadily over the last five years: tuition increases.

Ignoring a request from university administration and the UNC-system Board of Governors for a "tuition freeze," in-state and out-of-state students can expect to pay 5 percent more for tuition this year. It equates to roughly \$140 for in-state students and \$700 for students outside North Carolina's borders.

Jonathan Ducote, who has fought against the increases as president of the UNC Association of Student Governments, was not surprised.

"The moment [the Board of Govenoris proposal] hit the floor, it was more or less shot down,î he said. iStudents fought as hard as they could but this year ñ as itis been for the last two years ñ has been an incredibly difficult budget season to try to invoke serious positive change for the university."

But it's not that students didnít try.

Members of the ASG and student governments at each of the 16 UNC campuses invoked e-mail campaigns, met with legislators and lobbied each week until the budget was passed. At "Students Day at the Capitol" in February, over 600 students rallied and spent the day meeting with legislators.

"I think the students did the best they could with what they had to get the message across that

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the university is losing accessibility," said Ducote. The encouraging part, Ducote

says, is that the tuition increases will help support enrollment growth at the state's universities, expected to be around 4.5 percent.

"What they've done is taxed students to provide enrollment growth," he said. "It's good that they are finding money to let more students into the system but at the same time, they are shutting current students out." It's not only student pockets that will be feeling the budget

crunch. The UNC-system was given \$61.6 million in flexible budget cuts. Cuts for individual institutions will be evaluated by each

university's chancellor. Coupled with the one time and permanent cuts that the university has had to perform over the last three years, Ducote said, reductions are eating away at the university's ability to offer quality and affordable education.

"The accessibility of the university is slowly eroding away with these continued cuts," he said.

And though the books may have closed on this year's budget, Ducote said the students' presence downtown is only going to get stronger.

"We keep working," he said. "Our ability to interact with members will never stop. To be a serious presence downtown you need to have those personal relationships. We'll be working to broaden those and to make them understand the true student condition at all 16 campuses."

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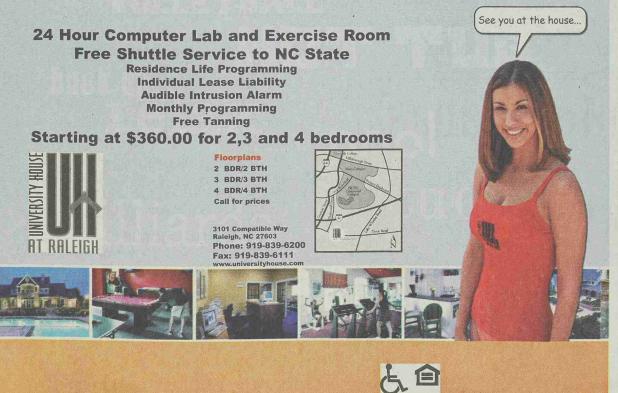
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with the best atmosphere. All of the tables and benches in the eatery are wonderfully painted by SAM, whose picture has been lovingly placed on the ice cream counter. You can even find a few N.C. State mascots painted on select chairs. They make their own ice cream in the shop, and they have a total of over thirty flavors that rotate daily. This neat and funky restaurant has the most seating, and the staff was very pleasant and helpful.

As for the ice cream, it was wonderful. It tasted like it hadn't just come out of a tub that was shipped across the country, and their menu had everything from chocolate to coconut-flavored ice cream (with coconut pieces in it). A small, but plentiful scoop was \$2.36, and you could get it in a large cone for an extra 56 cents. The sundaes ranged from \$3-6, and they had the greatest number of "mix-ins" such as Heath Bar pieces.

There is something to be said for supporting local businesses and the Cream and Bean is a perfect example of an eatery that is designed for NCSU students to enjoy. It is a great place for large groups to meet in, and you can always walk across the street and bask in the shade under the Bell Tower as you enjoy your frozen treat. You will probably even have a nice laugh over the numerous posters with doors on them decorating the walls. They even have a poster of over twenty doors in Raleigh.

They also have a trivia question on the wall that if answered • correctly will earn you a free "mix-in." Also, if you are a part of the Pack Meal Plan, then you will be especially happy to eat here because they are one of the participating restaurants.

The Cream and Bean is more expensive than the national chains, but it has a great location with a nice "NCSU" feel to it, not to mention fantastic ice cream.

The Ice Cream Shoppe Talley Student Center, campus 4 and a half scoops

Cheap ice cream actually exists! For 95 cents you can get a cup or cone with one huge scoop of ice cream (\$1.90 for two scoops), and judging by the number of people eating ice cream in and outside Talley, the concept has definitely caught on. It is not the most attractive set-up, and you will have to ask someone or look at a list on the wall to determine what each tub is, but it is cheap! The ice cream is made at NC State, and it does have a homemade taste to it, and it is cheap!

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Apparently vegetarians can also eat it because it does not contain any animal products, which they seem to be very proud of, and it is directly connected to the Emporium in Talley, so you can buy your ice cream, candy and milk at the same time. Their flavors range from orange sherbet to chocolate chocolate chip, and they have a total of twelve flavors for you to choose from.

If you don't feel like eating your ice cream in the normal dining area next to the Lil' Dino's then you can go outside and sit under a tree near the fountain behind Talley and enjoy your ice cream there.

The staff is employed by the C-Stores, and they were all very friendly. This particular eatery has the best location of all for N.C. State students because it is the only one directly on campus. There are not any extras to be found at this particular "shoppe" and it really only serves to get you a cup or cone of ice cream, but it is by far the cheapest option for students looking to cool off.

And since it is located across from Carmichael Gym, maybe weight-conscious students will go across the street and work off the extra calories. Overall, students should definitely seek out Talley's recent addition because if you are just really in the mood for a cup of cookies and cream ice cream then this is definitely





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Diversions

Essential College **Listening** Posts

Grayson Currin

Some say the scene is dead. Well, yeah, some really don't have a clue.

Indeed, the typical college rock and bar scene around Raleigh has seen better days, but the grownups in town (take a walk to Sadlack's on Hillsborough Street or a bus to Slim's downtown) persist in making some absolutely stellar records in their own time. For years, Raleigh has worked for its reputation as one of the foremost alternative country and guitar rock hotbeds in these United States of Americana, while Chapel Hill continues to churn out the brand of art-prone, witty music that made it famous.

These days, though, the Triangle scene is shifting. Alternative country continues to dominate Raleigh, but some of the smartest rock bands to come out of the area in a while keep turning up between campus and The Capitol with alarming regularity. The Triangle circuit may not be making the pages of *Rolling Stone* and *Spin* on a monthly basis (yet), but there are enough great live bands living, working and playing here night-in and night-out to put a grin on anyone's face.

Kings Barcade 424 East McDowell St., Raleigh kingsbarcade.com

You may never hear the Cheers' theme song after walking beneath the giant red arrow that lights the entrance to Kings Barcade, but there is perhaps no better tune to describe the atmosphere at this jovial downtown Raleigh watering hole and all-out rock club. Kings is the brainchild and dream of Paul Siler, Steve Popson and Ben Barwick, three of the area's most notable and nicest rock n' roll musicians. Siler's The Cherry Valence makes a brother sweat like Cheap Trick trying to kick a two-drummer habit, while Popson's Polvo stands as one of the early-90s Chapel Hill noise rock darlings that local and national rock critics alike still speak of with a misty-eyed grin.

A downright cozy room where Triangle favorites like The Weather, The Rosebuds and Two Dollar Pistols fall right into place several nights a week alongside national acts from Engine Down and Gregor Samsa to Jay Bennett & Edward Burch, Kings brings the fun every night of the week with popular events ranging from rare video collections of your favorite artist's work on Monday's to Bingo/Karaoke extravaganzas on Thursday's. And if you want to hear local hip-hop, this is the place. Kings-because "Sometimes you want to go where everybody knows your name."

300 East Main Street, Carrboro catscradle.com

Cat's Cradle

Go! Room 4 100-F Brewer Lane, Carrboro catscradle.com/go.html

If you don't go to both of these venues at least a few times during your four years in town, keep that entirely to yourself.

"You'll spend more time here than in study lab," Rolling Stone wrote of Chapel Hill and its vanguard Cat's Cradle earlier this year.

The Cat's Cradle is as an es-tablished venue as you'll find in any college town, and their roster shows it. From the latest fads that inevitably hit the music press ev-ery two months (see: The Strokes, The Datsuns) to living legends (Stephen Malkmus, Billy Bragg) to hip-hop favorites (Prince Paul, Dilated Peoples) to alt.country/ singer-songwriter essentials (James McMurtry, Guy Clark) to today's smartest rock bands (Eels, The Polyphonic Spree, Rilo Kiley), the Cradle perpetually runs the gamut of what it means to be a college music fan. The Cradle has certainly earned its stripes as one of the South's best clubs. With a knack for bringing in exceptional talent before it hits the mainstream and for pairing great local bands with similarly exceptional headliners, booking

agents often look to it for stops on tours meant to break artists onto the national scene.

Go! Room 4 is-hands downthe premiere indie rock haunt in the Triangle. Built on the back side of a garage and car wash, Go! served as a rehearsal studio (and still does) for many of the acts that helped cull out a local excitement a decade ago, but these days putting on sweltering sets inside of a tiny red room is the venue's first priority. Catch them here before they play the Cradle six months later.

The Lincoln Theatre 126 East Cabarrus St., Raleigh lincolntheatre.com

A historical movie house with a 25-foot ceiling, The Lincoln Theatre is Raleigh's all-purpose music club of choice. With a sound as crisp and a lighting rig as commanding as any in the area, The Lincoln Theatre has done a lot of growing up since its first gig just over two years ago. National touring acts-often on the verge of the big time-roll in a few times a week, and some of the South's favorite radio rock lightweightsincluding Sister Hazel, Better than Ezra, Will Hoge and Edwin McCain-seem to always have an upcoming gig at The Lincoln.

Like-minded regional rock standbys and upstarts consider the room something of a second home, as does Raleigh's favorite jamgrass act, Barefoot Manner (composed of former Wolfpack alumni). Other jam bands like Galactic, Keller Williams (who sat in on a ModeReko gig last month at The Lincoln) and Acoustic Syndicate are consistently popular draws for coowners Mark Thompson and Pat Dickenson.

But oft-overlooked genres from the blues to modern country to reggae all get their fair share of stage time as well. Bo Diddley stopped by a few months ago, and Def Jux hip-hop iconoclasts EL-P, RJD2 and Aesop Rock nearly tore the roof off last year. Pat Green and The Wailers seem to be fond of the place, not to mention The Dirty Dozen Brass Band. Just a warning: The Lincoln may be closed for the first month of school in order to add a balcony

The Pour House

224 South Blount St., Raleigh the-pour-house.com

The Pour House isn't for those of you who want to see leatherclad rockers play like Angus Young or prance like Prince. But if you've never quite gotten the joke behind "Jerrod's Room" on Saturday Night Live, The Pour House is your jam-band haven of Raleigh. For nearly five years now, The Pour House has been booking the best in improvisa-tional, do-it-like-Jerry-taught-ya talent from the area and from the national circuit-Umphrey's Mc-Gee, The Larry Keel Experience, Bloodkin and the ilk. These days, that reputation is deservedly in tact. All shows run around \$5 for a few wall-to-wall hours of music, and most shows are absolutely free from Sunday until Wednesday. Better yet, they have 30 kinds of beer on tap.

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Sports

Hokies, Hurricanes: 'Yes'

June 30, as Miami and Virginia Tech formally announced their decision to join the league.

Matt Middleton Sports Editor

One was like a little puppy, scratching and clawing — doing anything it could to get inside and join the party. The other was like the popular girl – the reigning prom queen, weighing all its invitations to the dance before choosing the lucky suitor.

Nevertheless, the begging puppy – Virginia Tech – and the prom queen — Miami – will now be forever linked for their part in the ACC's biggest move in its 50-year history. Both schools officially accepted invitations to be admitted to the ACC for the 2004-05 season on June 30. The league will have 11 members beginning August 2004, setting up an interesting year in which the league must decide what to do with two new members, including how the teams should be grouped and how the regular seasons in both football and basketball will be played.

Virginia Tech accepted the invitation via a released statement from president Charles W. Steger. Miami, whom the ACC made no qualms admitting was the coveted piece of the expansion puzzle, held a news conference June 30 and president Donna Shalala announced its decision.

Shalala called the process "bizarre, strange, and goofy." Just five minutes into her announcement, she stated what everyone following the process already knew.



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Miami's president, Donna Shalala, after accepting the ACC's invitation to join the athletic conference. KRT Photo

"The Big East was desperate to try and keep us, and the ACC was desperately trying to get us ft to come," she said.

The Big East was so desperate, in fact, it guaranteed the school \$45 million over the next five years to stay in the league.

years to stay in the league. Nevertheless, the school accepted the ACC's invite, losing a lot of money initially in doing so, but the move still made sense to Shalala and athletics director Paul Dee. The two cited geographics, the boost it would give the Hurricanes' Olympic sports and longterm stability as the determining factors in the process.

factors in the process. Meanwhile, some 900 miles north in Blacksburg, Va., Steger announced in a press release what had been known since last week: the Hokies would accept an invitation to join the 50-year-old league.

Once a former plaintiff in the still-standing suit against the ACC for unjustly raiding the Big East, the Hokies quickly turned into a viable choice for expansion once Virginia politicians namely Gov. Mark Warner
 became involved, pressuring
 fellow state institution Virginia to make its crucial vote contingent on its rival being admitted to the league.

Whether that was truly the case or not, the ACC surpris• ingly extended an invitation to the Hokies after league presidents voted 7-2 in favor of expansion. The move needed seven votes to pass; Duke and North Carolina voted against it.

Despite that face, administrators from Carolina released statements welcoming the two new schools to the league.

"I welcome Miami and Virginia Tech into the ACC," said UNC chancellor James Moesen "Despite the concerns I have expressed about expansion, we at Carolina are committed to making it work.

Both schools will have to pay a \$3 million entrance fee to the ACC and a \$1 exit fee from the Big East.

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N.C. State will field its first fast-pitch softball team this season.

Austin Johnson

Women's softball head coach Lisa Navas has a difficult task in front of her, building a softball program at N.C. State from the ground up. State had a softball team from

1975-1983, but that was slow pitch. The coming season will be the first fast-pitch softball team in the history of NCSU athletics.

Navas doesn't look at building this team as a project, but rather as an opportunity.

"Softball is growing and grow ing in the state and it was just a great opportunity," said Navas, "it's a program that everybody wants.

With the addition of State, the ACC will now have six schools fielding softball teams. State will join Maryland, Virginia, Georgia Tech, North Carolina and Florida State. Florida State posted a perfect in conference record last season as well as having two players named First Team All-Americans.

Navas is already familiar with ACC softball, having spent the last two years as an assistant under UNC coach Donna Papa. Before her time at UNC, she spent nine years as the head coach of Barry University. For Navas, the jump to Division I from Division II wasn't as drastic as she

expected. "I learned that I knew what I was doing [at Barry]," said Navas, "When your at one level you think that another level is completely different.

"Well, the athletes are better, the game is the same." To help fill the roster, Navas held open tryouts this spring

for any State students interested in playing. The results were encouraging, as she feels there are several athletes at tryouts that could contribute to the team. "We had kids that will be able to

help for the first couple of years, and we're gonna have another tryout for freshman coming in and kids that tried out before," said Navas.

The rest of the roster for the upcoming season will come from the nine player recruiting class Navas put together this spring. Despite the challenges that arise from trying to recruit with no facilities or history to show, Navas was able to bring talent to State.

The first two recruits to sign with Navas were twin sisters pitcher Shaina Ervin and catcher Miranda Ervin out of

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Huntersville. Their high school team won two straight state titles while they played there, and the sisters earned co-MVP honors in the process

"It was simple in the fact that it was thour history to make - every step that each one of these kids make is history," said Navas. Navas concedes that not all

recruits bought into her idea. Competing with programs that having winning traditions - or traditions at all - is still a challenge.

"To certain kids its not interesting," she said. "They want to go to the world series in the next two years. Well so do we but we know

we have to be patient." Navas admits that building program like this is going to take some time. She estimates that like any new coach coming into a program, it will take a few years to get the kind of talent on the field that she wants.

Thus far, the greatest challenge apart from recruiting for Navas and her two assistant coaches, Tanya Spishak and Pat Conlan, has been simply getting ready to play next year. Ordering equipment like practice balls and pitching machines are things that Navas has never had to deal with until now. It's all just part of getting the ball rolling for the team coming in next year

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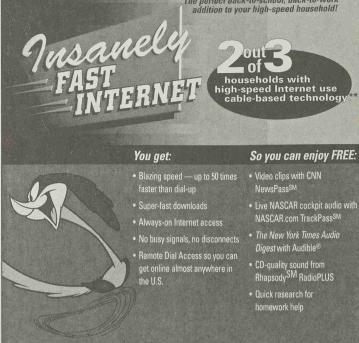
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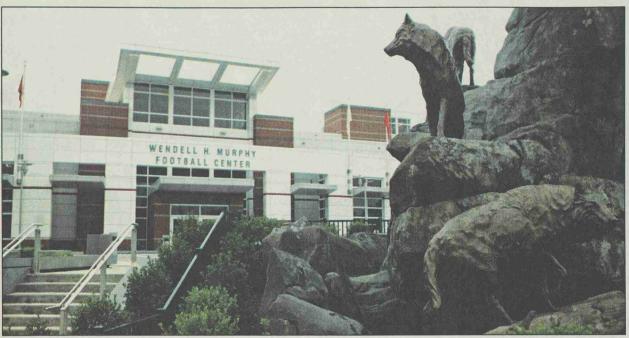


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The \$26 million Wendell H. Murphy Football Center is believed to be the finest of its kind in the country.

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Sports

uring the days when Chuck Amato spent his time patrol-ling the field as a member of the Wolfpack linebacking corps, he said the word facilities wasn't even in the vocabulary of the team's administrators and coaching staff. Now from his fourth-floor office, the Wolfpack head coach can take a stroll around his office building and see

the very definition of what a big-time college football facility should be The Wendell H. Murphy Center has been the home of

the Wolfpack football program for several months since construction completed the \$26 million building The facility houses the entire coaching staff and will be the



exclusive home to the football team for many years to come. During a recent tour of the building, Amato said he believes there may not be a finer facility in the world.

"You always think yours is [the best], but I've been in a lot of complexes, and I don't know if I've ever been in one that was 105,000 square feet and looks like this," said Amato. To be exact, the building is just

over 103,000 square feet of N.C. State football pride and contains more gadgets than James Bonds closet. Even the outside is overly picturesque. Standing in front of the entrance is a 42-foot-high statue of six wolves that Amato said "could be one of the most photographed monuments in

the state of North Carolina."

Inside, each room of the four-story complex is spacious, and the school's block S logo is on every imaginable object, wall - even urinal in the building. The largest block S stands proudly in the carpet of the team's spacious locker room, surrounded by pristine wood-paneled lockers that must be kept especially neat by the players, or they will feel the wrath of their head coach.

On the same level as the locker room, is a sports medicine facility that would make some professional sports teams turn green with envy. Three indoor rehabilitation pools are the jewel of the sports medicine area, one even has a false bottom that moves allowing head athletic trainer Jamey Coll and his staff to perform a variety of procedures.

But it doesn't end there.

Should the team need time to relax after a strenuous practice or whenever it has down time, the third-floor area provides just the medicine it might need. The large dining room area stands adjacent to a team lounge that has a ping-pong and billiards table, plush leather couches and flat-screen televisions.

Already, the team has become quite competitive, staging ping-pong and pool competitions.

"Even this room I can see helping the chemistry of our team. They're already competing with themselves [by] seeing who can beat who in pool and ping pong," said Amato

Potential All-America quarterback Philip Rivers is espe-cially fond of the lounge area, boasting of his superiorty

Numerically speaking Wendell H. Murphy Football Center

Amato's car.

2 - parking spaces for head coach Chuck shark

3 - separate swimming pools used for rehabilitation in the sports medicine area of the facility.

25 - seats in the Woolard theater, currently showing visitors the film"Domination"starring Amato.

70 - yards, the width of the weight room, which stretches the entire width of the building.

114 - custom wood lockers for each player. Amato has implemented strict rules about the cleanliness of each player's locker.

103,254 - approximate square feet of the four-level complex.

\$26,000,000 - cost of the entire facility, funded entirely by the Wolfpack Club.

on the ping-pong table "It will be a good way for us to bond when we spend time in here," said Rivers, who added that running back T.A. McLendon is the team's resident pool

As for on-the-field improvements, both Amato and Rivers believe that the building will be an invaluable recruiting tool -which is precisely what Amato envisioned it being.

"When you win 11 games like we did, you're going to get some good players wanting to come here," noted Rivers. "But when you add a place like this, it's go-

Which could quickly translate into bad news for the rest of the ACC.







(clockwise from top) "Wolfpack Turf," a sculpture by Dick Idol towers at over 42 feet./ Over one hundred lockers line the carpeted team locker room./ Athletes will have over 15 tons of weights at their disposal./ In addition to big screen televisions, the Player Lounge boasts billiards and ping pong tables as shown by Phillip Rivers.

ing to be real hard to say no.

A Wolfpack welcome

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bing the "red" and

"white"

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to one another as if it's a father-son catch in the backyard and lighting the grill during a fall tailgate and watching burgers sizzle, the burn lines form on the dogs and a pig smoke to perfection and standing on aluminum bleachers as lightening strikes in late August, soaked while waiting for kickoff and road trips

to College Park and Tallahassee and everywhere in between and raising

your hand and birthing a wolf in anticipation of a free throw and pumping those hands as the shot hits only nylon and making a sign for your high school teammate, who wears Wolfpack red and white on the sideline like a superhero's cape and jeering

those schools down I-40 and painting the tunnel on

eve of a rivalry game and walking in Reynolds when it's empty, smelling the popcorn as if it were 20 years ago and absorbing the memories of Jim Valvano, David Thompson and national championships and the howl of the wolf after a touchdown and the way trees grow toilet paper after an upset victory and peering out of your dorm room window to see the Wolfpack nine and walking through the snow to see the Wolfpack women in the Old Barn and ordering Gumby's from the room on game night and putting off studying just a bit longer to practice flag football just a bit longer and rushing the field and conquering the goalposts as if they were Mt. St. Helens and bringing them down as if they were the Berlin Wall and filling out the NCAA tourney bracket in statistics class and using statistics class to enhance your odds in the suite pool and trying to find shades just like Chuck's and booing all things blue as if you'd get extra credit in school spirit to do so and hearing the old-timers - as if hunting for geese - blow their duck calls at the Doak and marveling in amazement on a winter's night in Reynolds, when a gymnast is perfect and getting to know the refs by name if for no other reason than to make the invectives personal and the!

for no other reason than to make the invectives personal and the! feeling of finally, finally making it to the ticket window after standing in line long enough to miss class and spending the night in conditions built for a Klondike bar to get the good seats and waiting for the team bus to return from Chapel Hill after a good night and the way a players' eyes ignite when he sees that crowd around midnight and screaming Ennnn Seeeee Staaaate NCSTATE until your face is red as your shirt and sneaking into Reynolds for some 2-on-2 and sneaking into Carter-Finley for late-night fade route practice with an imaginary ball and turning to your roommate in the final seconds just in time to realize you're witness to Wolfpack history and beating Florida State at their place for the first time ever and doing it again the next year and bowl game roadies to turn a town red and white and going to class with one headphone in your left ear to listen to the ACC tournament and going to a men's soccer game if only in attempt to decipher the jumbled code of coach George Tarantini's pleas and turning the RBC Center into a true home of the Wolfpack and walking back to campus after an overtime win and seeing a freshman wonder boy exceed expectations in only his first game and it's another Wolfpack – *first down* and toting the goalposts with a few thousand friends to the Belltower and giving Mr. Wuf a pound and Ms. Wuf a peck and clapping at a molasses-dripping pace as the band begins and clapping a little quicker as the instruments race and clapping at Mach-8 speed as the fight song erupts and pausing just in time to burst louder than a Boeing and in unison, "GO STATE."

• Oh, there's more. But I wanted to keep it all in one sentence.

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