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Weather

Rain, possibly mixed with snow, today with a high of 39. Rain tonight with a low near freezing. Slightly warmer Thursday.

Air Force ROTC keeps memory with honor guard

John Price
Staff Writer

In commemoration of the bombing of Pearl Harbor 43 years ago, State's Air Force ROTC will maintain a guard at the bell tower from 6 p.m. Thursday to 6 p.m. Friday.

The Marching Cadets, an elite military fraternity unique to the State ROTC, will perform the guard for the 25th consecutive year.

According to Capt. Steven Hale, public affairs officer, the Marching Cadets are a superbly drilled team.

"The members are chosen by a rigorous selection process and as members must maintain a high GPA and participate in an intense daily drilling schedule," Hale said.

All of the drilling will be sharp and methodical but will be performed very slowly to create a "majestic dream sense" in remembrance of the past, Hale continued.

Arnold Air Society and the Angel Flight, two nationally recognized ROTC service organizations, will also assist with the guard, he said.

At noon on Friday, the Marching Cadets will place a wreath on the tower as a remembrance to those who died serving their country.

The guard's significance has changed since it was conceived 25 years ago, Hale said.

The original guard was performed by cadets much more closely touched by the Pearl Harbor bombing than the present cadets, he said.

The guard has survived times of vigorous student disapproval with the military, and it flourishes today to exhibit the nobility in serving one's country, Hale said.

Everyone is encouraged to attend the ceremonies at the bell tower, he said.

Recently State's Air Force ROTC earned a national fourth place ranking out of 152 units.

The unit gained its high ranking by scoring well on criteria established by the U.S. Air Force.

This scoring reflects many facets of the cadets' performance, including grade point averages and scores on the Scholastic Aptitude Test.

Scholarship attrition, the percentage of students able to earn sufficient grades to keep their scholarships, also affects scoring on the evaluation.

The number of commissions generated by State's ROTC also helped the score, especially since the score is weighted favorably by engineering degrees. According to Col. Donald Nash, director of Air Force ROTC, engineering students are not mandatory for a high score, though, as the University of Georgia won second place nationally without any engineering programs.

Another factor helping the score was the performance of certain qualified cadets in navigation and initial flight training.

Although a large amount of research and paperwork was required to report the ROTC's progress, Nash insists that all the credit for the ranking should go to the students.

He said he feels that the fourth ranking will bolster an already excellent morale among the cadets. He believes a tangible result may be an increase in enrollment as the ROTC grows largely by the influence of existing members.

While possessing the smallest number of available scholarships, the Air Force ROTC is already the largest of State's ROTC programs.

Nash also noted the prominence of southern institutions among the top four as Clemson, Georgia, Citadel and State took top honors.



Technician file photo

For the 27th consecutive year the Marching Cadets, an elite Air Force drill squad, will post on honor guard at the bell tower to commemorate the bombing of Pearl Harbor.

Nightwalk proves success; pleases rape prevention committee

Angela Platt
Staff Writer

The Rape Prevention Committee was "really pleased with student turnout and interest" in the Nightwalk last week, said Penny McLeod of Public Safety in a recent interview.

The committee met Monday afternoon to discuss the results of the Nightwalk. According to McLeod, the committee found several areas that need immediate attention.

There were a number of areas where light bulbs were either broken or missing, McLeod said. The Physical Plant will replace the bulbs in these areas, she said.

E.S. King Village is "high on the list of priorities," McLeod continued. She said the bushes in this area interfere with the lighting. The overgrowth "affords too much of a hiding place," she said.

Plans are being made to trim bushes that may affect the lighting

around the village, McLeod said.

According to McLeod, the Nightwalkers also found a need for increased lighting around Reynolds Coliseum.

"Increased lighting deters all kinds of crimes," she said.

An additional blue light has been suggested for both the design school area and the east coliseum commuter lot, she said. Unfortunately, additional lighting needs additional funding, McLeod said.

There have been two rapes on the campus this year, McLeod said. However, there have been several others in the surrounding areas, she said. "When it's that close, you become much more aware," McLeod said.

The Rape Prevention Committee is planning a Rape Awareness week in April, McLeod said. The focus will be on acquaintance rape, she said, since this type of rape occurs more frequently than any other.

N.C. author discusses, reads from first novels today in Tompkins Hall

Sam Hays
Staff Writer

Jill McCorkle, 26, and perhaps the first writer in the publishing business to have her first and second novels published at the same time, will read and discuss her work on campus at 4 p.m. today in room G-126 of Tompkins Hall.

The two novels, *The Cheer Leader* and *July 7th*, are set in North Carolina. They were published last month by Algonquin Books of Chapel Hill.

Both books were reviewed and praised in the *New York Times Book Review* and in other periodicals, including Raleigh's *Spectator*.

McCorkle, a native of Lumberton, N.C., graduated from UNC-CH with highest honors in creative writing and received a master of fine arts degree at Hollins College.

She has had a number of short stories published and has read her works at the Universities of Virginia, Michigan, North Carolina and other schools.

McCorkle is a former student of novelist Lee Smith, a teacher of creative writing at State.

The Spectator, in its "Books" section, said, "McCorkle's work echoes Lee Smith's lively fiction, which is high praise at their best, both women write soap operas without the sudy melodrama, which is about as close to everyday domestic truth as we're going to get."

Max Halperen of State's English department said, "Anyone interested in creative writing should enjoy these readings."

The readings are open to the public, Halperen said.

State claims victory at College Bowl Invitational

Angela Platt
Staff Writer

The second annual Clemson Invitational last weekend proved an "easy victory" for State's College Bowl team, according to team member Mike Kazmierczak.

The team defeated Clemson by a score of 285-75 and trounced Wofford by a score of 500-0. According to Kazmierczak, the match against Clemson was the hardest, yet the team was never in danger of losing.

Last year the College Bowl team

placed second at the Invitational, Kazmierczak said.

Clemson, Wofford and State were the only colleges at the Invitational, Kazmierczak said. Davidson and Furman were supposed to be there but cancelled at the last minute, he added.

According to Kazmierczak, there are no tournaments during the holidays. The next tournament will be held the third week in January at Armstrong State College in Savannah, Ga., he said.

"Quest for Quality" exhibit visited by thief

Poster stolen from School of Design exhibit

Chrissy Cortina
Assistant News Editor

A poster, one of a 50-piece exhibit on loan to the School of Design, was discovered missing from the Brooks Hall gallery late Monday night.

The black-and-white, 20-by-30-inch

poster portrays a man wearing a bowler and holding a wine glass while staring at the muscle in his right arm. A caption located in the upper left-hand corner reads, "It is not the men in your life, it's the life in your men that counts." — *Mae West*.

"It is a sad comment on the state of affairs here at N.C. State when an

According to Starrett, the exhibition was commissioned by IBM to commemorate the opening of Tour Pascal, IBM's new European headquarters in Paris, France.

"This exhibition came directly from IBM's Paris headquarters and marked the show's American debut," Starrett said. "It is an honor that the university even got this exhibit."

"It really galls me that people come into campus buildings and take things that don't belong to them," Starrett continued.

Starrett said that he had already notified the Pentagram Ltd. offices and had asked if they would like to have the exhibit taken down.

"I called Pentagram Ltd. and told them what happened, but they said that we should keep the exhibit up," Starrett said.

"I think this will give the exhibition committee cause to be a little more nervous about future exhibits," he said. "I know that the next time I'm putting something up, I'll certainly nail them down a little bit harder."

Starrett said that he would make a proposal to the dean of the School of Design to "establish a more secure exhibition gallery."

"We have a good track record with these things," he said. "We don't expect these things to happen. I hope this is not a sign that Raleigh is becoming like New York or anything."

Starrett is asking anyone with information pertaining to the poster or its whereabouts to please contact him at the School of Design.

It is a sad comment on the state of affairs here at N. C. State when an individual stoops to this sort of thievery. — Jim Starrett

individual stoops to this sort of thievery," said Jim Starrett, a member of the School of Design's exhibition committee.

The poster is one of a 50-piece exhibition entitled "Quest for Quality" on loan to the School of Design from Pentagram Ltd., a design firm based in London and New York, Starrett said.

The Brooks Hall gallery is located adjacent to the design school library and is open to the public the same hours as the library.

"I don't have an inkling as to who may have taken it," Starrett said. "I won't even speculate — it could have been a student, or it could have been someone who just walked in off the street."



Examination Schedule 1984 Fall Semester

Examination Times	0800 — 1100	1300 — 1600	1800 — 2100
Monday, Dec 10	1000 — 1050 MWF	1525 — 1615 MWF	1745 — 1900 MW CH 101 105 Common Exam
Tuesday, Dec 11	0935 — 1050 TH	1605 — 1720 TH	1745 — 1900 TH PY 205 208 Common Exam
Wednesday, Dec 12	0750 — 0840 MWF	1420 — 1510 MWF	1915 — 2030 MW BS 100 EB 307 MA1 201 201
Thursday, Dec 13	0750 — 0905 TH	1420 — 1535 TH	1915 — 2030 TH ACC 260 Common Exam
Friday, Dec 14	1105 — 1155 MWF	1315 — 1405 MWF	1915 — 2030 TH FUR 101 101 Common Exam
Saturday, Dec 15	EB 201 Common Exam	E 100 IE 311 1105 Common Exam	
Monday, Dec 17	0855 — 0945 MWF	1210 — 1300 MWF	ECE 211 303 314 Common Exam
Tuesday, Dec 18	1105 — 1220 TH	1450 — 1405 TH	AKHANGJLI EXAM



Inside

The Society for Creative Anachronism's yearly tournament was just held, complete with jousting, feasting and chivalry. Diversions, page 7.

Ernie Myers bombs Hartford, and the Wolfpack vaults to No

10 in both the AP and UPI college basketball polls. Sports, page 8.

If today's Technician looks just slightly antiquated it's because a mechanical breakdown in our computer has forced us to use a back-up system. Please bear with us.

Announcement

Borrowers under the National Direct Student Loan Program and other Institutional long-term borrowers, who are graduating this semester, or who for other

Residents of Alexander International dorm learn the value of friendship, sharing and other cultures. See story, page 2.

Photo by Shawn Dorsch

reasons will not be returning for the spring semester, should see the personnel in Room 2, Peele Hall for an Exit Interview. The hours are from 8 am to 5 pm Monday through Friday. This does not include College Foundation or other loans received off campus.



Members of the Alexander International Program, located in Alexander International Dorm, come from all over the world and participate in a variety of social and academic activities throughout the year. Applications for the program are taken for both the fall and spring semesters.

Photo by Shawn Dorsch

"LITE BEER IS A LOT LIKE QUARTERBACKS. I CAN'T WAIT TO GRAB HOLD OF ONE."

BERT JONES
EX-QUARTERBACK

L.C. GREENWOOD
EX-DEFENSIVE END

EVERYTHING YOU ALWAYS WANTED IN A BEER. AND LESS.

International students find home Program offers living, learning opportunities

Zhu Peng
Contributing Writer

The Alexander International Program, housed on campus in Alexander Residence Hall, offers a living/learning experience for foreign and American students which focuses on cross-cultural interaction and understanding.

Men and women from more than 40 countries reside in Alexander. Students are required to live with someone from a country other than their own; most of the roommate pairings are American/foreign.

Alexander residents share all the experiences associated with living on campus in any other residence hall, but they also share the common goal of developing their understanding of other cultures through educational and social programs designed by residents and the specially trained resident advisor staff and program director.

Participants in the program say community members become sensitive to the values of many different people, systems of government, economic structures and religions. The Alexander community is a place where people from all over the world try to rise above insignificant differences and discover the commonality of the human experience, students say.

The Chinese teahouse held last Thursday night is one such example of the cultural learning experiences shared by the members of the community.

Alexander's basement was decorated Thursday night with Chinese posters and art works and was harmonized by the Chinese folk music.

Food served at the teahouse included homemade egg rolls, crunchy fried wontons and colorful fried rice. Since some students such as Bashar Al-Masri from Syria could not eat pork because of their religions, beef was used instead of pork, traditionally consumed by the Chinese.

A slide show of many scenes from China was presented by Allen Chao, associate professor of civil engineering and proved interesting and informative for many present.

What was viewed in silence during the slide show was brought to life by the following "special entertainments."

With his artfully carved flute, Keh-Shing Hwang played two tranquil Chinese songs which charmed the audience and rekindled the flickering flame of homesickness in some oriental students' hearts. Then, thanks to Chao's "not-so-much Chinese" performance on the harmonica, the nostalgic students captivated by Hwang's music were brought back to reality.

Awakened from her fanciful dream of being back home in China, Derhong Shieh, who was elegantly dressed in the traditional red Chinese costume, remembered that it was her turn to show the guests how to enjoy Chinese tea in the Chinese way.

In spite of the delicacy and tiny size of the teacups and teapot, most of the interested students got a "fair" share of the tea's flavor.

Ting-Hsiung Fang, a civil engineering graduate student, displayed Chinese calligraphy, described by Americans as "neat, pictorial and complicated." How the characters were invented and modified and what each meant were also explained.

Then, to add something unique and permanent to their memories, the guests were invited to have their names translated and written in Chinese.

The evening, which seemed too short for some students enjoying themselves in a Chinese atmosphere, was culturally educating and entertaining, the participants said. Those attending left all their daily stresses somewhere else — no talk of tests, computer programs or grades. Some students stayed after all the events were over to talk, while others left with smiling faces and Chinese writings.

Many students expressed an interest in holding more cultural events of similar nature to help bring people closer together and create a better and more peaceful world for all to live in.

Admission to the Alexander International Program is competitive and based on an application process. Students interested in the program should call Scotti Holcombe, the program director, at 737-2925, or stop by the office in 105 Alexander.

Science and Technology

"Dinosaur steak? I like mine medium rare, please"

Editor's note: This is the final installment in a three-part series. A select bibliography and footnotes are available upon written request. Send requests to the science editor c/o Technician.

John Patterson
Staff Writer

"I will continue to root for heresy preached by the non professional."
—Stephen Jay Gould, *Ever Since Darwin*

"Straws in the wind are always worth catching. If you collect enough you can build bridges."
—F. W. Holiday, *The Dragon and the Disc*

"A new scientific truth does not triumph by convincing its opponents, but rather because its opponents die and a new generation grows up that is familiar with it."
—Max Planck

This article is the last in a series concerning the supposedly extinct animals collectively known as dinosaurs. Article one initiated the collection of trivia indicating man's observation, reporting, carving replicas and, most likely, hunting of these terrible "lizards." Article two took a closer

look at the issue surrounding man's fossil footprints being found together with dinosaur fossil trails.

The case for coexistence of dinosaur and man strengthens progressively, but along the way we bump into an amorphous giant, which towers over today's scientific pioneers. This giant's feet crumble and splinter as time wears on. Each time the colossus begins to totter or sway, the dread about what damage may befall those closest to it prompts a flurry of activity in scientific circles. God only knows how long the winds of reality will beat against this monstrosity.

Last article, I promised another "fish" for inspection. For many, the fish some scientists and educators throw to us, namely large scale evolution, is a stinking monstrosity. So, we have gone fishing for ourselves.

If you are satisfied with futility and blissful ignorance, this last article will serve only to frustrate you. If, on the other hand, you too are searching the sea of science for fresher fish, then read on.

Clutching our straws, we now seek to build bridges

concerning this question. Where have all the dinosaurs gone?

Every kiddie book about dinosaurs will usually end with how nobody knows just what happened. The causes offered include "...changing climates engendered by shifting continents, or ...disease, competition and collapse of food chains ...variation in solar output...cosmic radiation from nearby supernovae, to impacts of various bodies."⁴

So, "...geologic evidence constrains us to look for a contributing cause that is worldwide in effect, able to exterminate groups in all major habitats and geologically sudden for at least some of its results."⁵

Anyone following current developments concerning the demise of the dinosaur should know about the asteroid impact theory. This theory states that a wandering planetoid may have struck the earth 65 million years ago and brought about worldwide catastrophe, so there goes the brontos and crew.

The idea of ancient global catastrophes is gaining popularity these days with some, while limited major disasters

seem more believable to others.

Read a recent geology book and you will find the evidence for planetary geomagnetic reversals, wandering poles and the enigmas of great submarine canyons carved by some force long ago. Take a trip with the space team and look at the scarred faces of the other members of our solar system.

What happened in 1908, when whole forests in Siberia were leveled in the region of "impact," by something from somewhere? "Astroblemes" or possible fossil remains of ancient craters are now being studied around the globe.

I am a catastrophist by conviction of the evidence at hand. Careful analysis of some situations we regularly discover reveals "holocaust, death and sudden destruction!" An isolated fossil indicates death and relatively quick processes of burial under aerobic deterioration.

Worldwide, however, we find thousands, even millions of animals packed together, apparently buried alive, in fossil graveyards. The famous woolly mammoths of Siberia were found frozen, food in their mouths, undigested food in their digestive tracts. As their meat thawed out, trail dogs ate without ill effects. Herds of animals are found in Alaska, twisted together, torn apart, silently screaming from the frozen muck, looking like some ghastly tossed salad. What would they tell us if we could hear and understand them?

In 1978, Robert Makela found dinosaur fossil nests with baby dino skeletons in Montana. Mother's skull was found nearby. More nests were found with eggs, newly hatched 15 foot babies and somewhat

older five-foot babies. What enveloped this normal, everyday situation so quickly and completely enough to survive until discovery?

In October 1983, a newspaper article related the discovery of a "large bed of fossilized fish in western Canada...one fish was preserved with its mouth open wide and another fish in its mouth."⁶

How could "a fallen 90-foot fruit tree with ripe fruit and green leaves still on its branches" place itself in the frozen ground in the polar regions of Russia? Fossil plants at both poles indicate warmer polar regions in the earth's past.

By now you may be wondering, "Well, what happened to the dinosaurs?" The evidence points to an ancient worldwide aqueous cataclysm that pushed not only the dinosaurs out of the exit but many other life forms as well. While this deluge of megaforce caliber was tossing sediment, everywhere the very fiber of the globe was being twisted apart. Continental plates shifted, mountains formed and the "sky fell to the earth," as Chicken Little said.

Well, when did all this occur? While studying ancient earth history, one will come across various "accepted" dates for the formation of the earth and

solar system. After reading a paper by G. Brent Dalrymple on present-day dating methods deemed acceptable by the U.S. Geological Survey, I came across something that sent chills up my spine. Tree-ring dating (dendrochronology) verification on the carbon-14 method obtained from the oldest living things shows an abrupt and curious blank on the graph for ages beyond 5400 B.C. Why doesn't the record given by ancient trees extend further back?

Who was alive in 5400 B.C. to clue us in on the events concerning trees? In those days, one fellow was cutting down many trees and building himself, and whoever was interested, one of the biggest seagoing vessels ever constructed. Written records tell us it didn't rain in those days. Further analysis of these records show that the original language tells of an ancient atmosphere surrounding the earth containing water, a lot of water, a literal "vapor canopy resting on top of the current atmosphere."⁸ Something upset the normal balance of this atmosphere, and the sky literally fell to the earth for a 40 day and night period.

Granted, we have jumped a long way from dinosaurs but, gradually, formation of the earth and

ancient world surrounded by a water vapor canopy, various effects would have been present. These effects have left much evidence about themselves.

This ancient world would have experienced "the greenhouse effect...warmer atmosphere...uniform temperature from equator to poles...light winds, no storms and no rain!"⁹

Atmospheric pressure would have been greater in this world, allowing easier explanation of how monstrous, winged dinosaurs with 50-foot wingspans could ever take off and maintain minimum flight speed. Could increased atmospheric pressure have allowed, even promoted, the gigantic growth found in the now-extinct dinosaurs?

Such an atmosphere-earth model is quite controversial but not impossible. At least it throws light on such things as the sudden freezing and sediment burial of plants and animals, *en masse*, in the earth's polar regions. Once this vapor canopy was gone, drastic changes slashed this planet. Such marked climatic changes would have been unmercifully cruel to survivors — survivors which were still adapted to a world suddenly buried beneath the muck and still-receding flood waters.

Ocean-going creatures

and scavenging creatures on-the-wing may have survived a world-wide water catastrophe. Written records show that specific representatives of other fortunate creatures found refuge in a seaworthy ark. Various versions of this flood story exist in the literature and culture of more than 200 tribes and tongues around the world.

Only by faith can we assume what our planet's past was like. Its age, its history and its destiny fall prey to our preconceived ideas. Still, the truth is like a lion in a cage, and it will defend itself without too much effort. The guard dogs of dogma and attack dogs of irrationalism are neither necessary nor effective. Just open the cage and see for yourself.

Surprisingly enough, we may find a live dinosaur in the near future. Some will just quietly smile, while others will exclaim, "Oh my, a living fossil!"

"The human mind seems to have a remarkable faculty for self-induced blindness despite any amount of scientific training."
—F. W. Holiday (*The Dragon and the Disc*)¹⁰

"In his own subject every man knows that all discoveries are made and all errors corrected by those who ignore the 'climate of opinion'."
—C.S. Lewis (*The Problem of Pain*)¹¹

Gardner given excellence award by American Nuclear Society

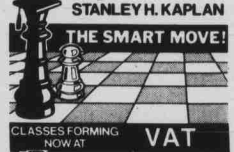
Robin P. Gardner, professor of nuclear and chemical engineering at State, has received the Radiation Industry Award from the American Nuclear Society (ANS) for outstanding work in the application of radioisotopes. The national recognition carries a \$1,000 monetary award and an engraved certificate. ANS, which has a worldwide membership of 14,000 scientists, engineers and educators, is dedicated to the peaceful applications of nuclear technology. Gardner was cited for

his contributions to industry and education in the use of radioisotopes in gauging and analyzer systems and as tracers by applying mathematical modeling techniques to the design and analysis of such systems. A major part of his work has involved the use of radioactive tracers for analysis during the commercial processing of phosphate and silicate ores.

A native of Charlotte,

Gardner joined the State faculty in 1967. In 1980, he was instrumental in the establishment of the State Center for Engineering Applications of Radioisotopes, of which he is director. Through the center, he and his colleagues help bridge the gap between basic research and industrial applications by conducting applied research and service activities.

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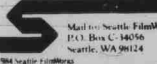
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A NEW MATT DILLON...ON THE MOVE

OK, smart guy! What would you do if you were Jeffrey Willis? It's your last summer before choosing between college and jobless oblivion. Now comes a summer dream job at the ritzy El Flamingo Beach Club, a luxurious haunt of the New York rich absolutely dripping easy money and overrun with beautiful girls. You rub more than shoulders with a gorgeous blonde coed visiting from California, you are taken under the wing of the Club's resident "get-rich-quick" artist and, suddenly, college is coming in a very distant second.

So, in September, what will it be? For **Matt Dillon** as Jeffrey Willis in Twentieth Century Fox's "**The Flamingo Kid**," the decision won't be easy. Everyone has an idea about what he should do with his life — and they're ALL wrong.

Flair for comedy

As the bright but less than "Easy Street" smart Jeffrey, **Matt Dillon** takes on a role tailored to show the talented young actor in a new light.

Although he is only 20, **Matt Dillon** has starred in eight films since a casting director found



Matt Dillon is "The Flamingo Kid."

the actor at age 14 in junior high school and put **Dillon** in "Over the Edge" (1978) as a tough street kid. Several top flight roles followed, with **Dillon** becoming a new symbol of teenage rebellion in "My Bodyguard," "Little Darlings," "Tex," "The Outsiders," "Liar's Moon" and "Rumblefish." But in "**The Flamingo Kid**," there is a new **Matt Dillon** to be discovered. Sure, he's still a legend in his own neighborhood, but he's a rumblefish out of water with a flair for comedy and a crush on shapely newcomer **Janet Jones**.

"Dance Fever" star in major film role

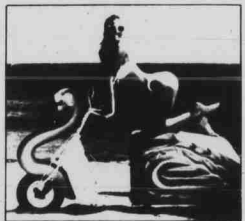
The tall, sunny blonde shines in her first major film role after brief appearances in "One From the Heart" and "Grease II." A veteran at age 22 of five seasons on TV's "Dance Fever" team, **Janet Jones** will follow her role in "**The Flamingo Kid**" by starring in the eagerly awaited film version of "A Chorus Line."

Also starring is a seasoned trio of top performers. **Richard Crenna** (as slick sports car dealer Phil Brody) recently made his mark in "Body Heat" and "First Blood," and will soon reteam with **Sylvester Stallone** in a second "Blood" called "Rambo;" **Hector Elizondo** (as Jeffrey's concerned father) was last seen in the hilarious "Young Doctors

In Love," and **Jessica Walter** (as the status-conscious Mrs. Brody) is best remembered for asking **Clint Eastwood** to "Play Misty For Me."

Director Garry Marshall shoots for the stars

For director **Garry Marshall**, "**The Flamingo Kid**" is a comedy right up his alley. Known for his knack with youthful casts of hit TV shows such as "Happy Days" and "Laverne & Shirley," **Marshall**



Shapely newcomer Janet Jones.

guides "**The Flamingo Kid**" on the heels of his first hilarious feature, "Young Doctors in Love."

For a dash of summer in the dead of winter, here comes "**The Flamingo Kid**." Your last days before college were never this hot and bothered.

Opinion Technician

A paper that is entirely the product of the student body becomes at once the official organ through which the thoughts, the activity and in fact the very life of the campus are registered. It is the mouthpiece through which the students themselves talk. College life without its journal is blank

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Safety needs attention

The recent murder-rape that occurred in Manhattan and has made all the headlines is not as far removed from State as students might think. Any thought that they are safe here in Raleigh, far away from the high crime rates of the big cities, is sadly mistaken.

State has a problem. The violent crimes on this campus have put this university at a number one position — that is, number one in violent crimes.

The survey "Violent Crime in the United States" compiled by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) listed State has having the highest number of violent crimes of any college or university surveyed in 1983. Granted, the survey did not have data on all universities and also received all the information voluntarily, and there is the possibility that another college or university has a higher crime rate. The survey also was taken in 1983, a year marked by a national championship and a stampede of non-students to campus. (The 1982 number was approximately 40 percent lower.) But the fact remains that State, in this survey of crimes committed in 1983, was far ahead of many other schools, both larger and smaller. And the 1982 number of violent crimes at State was still larger than that of any other school listed for 1983.

Although non-students are reportedly responsible for most crimes on this campus, they often prey on the students who are easy marks. Students, many of whom are away from home for the first time or are from small towns and communities where violent crimes are not a major concern, may think nothing of the threat. But in Raleigh and here on campus, students should consider the problem.

Representatives of the administration, Student Government and other campus leaders recently participated in a "nightwalk." This walk was designed to locate potentially dangerous places, especially those that are dangerous due to poor lighting. The walk was certainly a good step towards addressing the problem, but more action is needed.

This is a good test to see exactly where the priorities of the officials on this

campus are. Having a very high crime rate, perhaps the highest among colleges and universities nationally, is not a good mark on this university. It should rank right along with improvement in academic curricula in competing for university money. The excuse that money is tight is a poor one. The simple fact that crime is so high is a statement on the effort and importance that university officials have put into solving the problem.

The university must put reducing crime and improving general safety high on the list of priorities. The excuses of tight finances seem weak in light of the continuing success of the largest fundraising effort in the university's history, the "State of the Future" campaign. Certainly some of that money, or other money freed by those donations, can and should be diverted to efforts to improve campus lighting, Public Safety staffing and general student safety.

One particular area that deserves more funding is the housing department's student patrol program. This program provides added safety and protection by employing selected students to walk a beat through the more dangerous and less illuminated areas of the campus. Escorts for late-night cross-campus trips are among the many useful services provided. At the present time, there are only eight student patrol officers. More money should be allocated to hire extra students so that this can continue to be an effective supplement to Public Safety's services.

For all those officials concerned with the university's image and prestige, take note — high crime rates can discourage potential students, including top students, from attending State. Crime can put a monkey wrench into many plans for the university.

We suggest that some people need to look at the problem from another viewpoint than strictly an economic one. Students also need to be aware of the problem and do their part to prevent their chances of being a victim.

Being number one nationally in this area is not a badge meant to be worn proudly.



Christmas creates anxiety

Believe it or not, it's December with Christmas just around the corner. If the pressures involved in living in this rat race during Christmas time are becoming too much, we have some suggestions for you.

Climb a tree. We did — the Big Tree on the south side of the free expression tunnel.

Sitting in the wind at the top of the tree, we started thinking. Why don't we celebrate Arbor Day anymore? Hell, Carl Sagan once said, "Trees are our distant cousins." If so, how come they're killing our cousins for Christmas?

It can really be a lot of fun, like searching for the American Dream.

What can be more fun than watching an 80-year-old grandmother deck an insurance salesman with a left hook over a Cabbage Patch doll?

A climb in a tree clears the ole circuits in your head. It's a chance to commune with nature.

Some organization is selling mistletoe under the big tree. Do not eat the berries. They're poisonous. Isn't it funny that something that will get you a kiss can kill you?

People sometimes get carried away with mistletoe. Some geek was sitting in front of

AUSTIN DOLL & WOODS

Editorial Columnists

Metcalf wearing a coathanger with mistletoe suspended over his head. He must have been eating the berries. We don't know who he was, but he looked lonely. He should climb a tree.

Tips on Christmas shopping — wait till the last minute and drink a fifth of Fighting Cock bourbon til you're sloppy drunk.

If you don't have liquor, ether will do. Ether hits the nervous system like a mack truck. Within minutes, you're a stumbling, babbling, drooling idiot, but you still have your senses. Hunter S. Thompson said that there was nothing worse than a man in the depths of an ether binge. He's right, especially if that man is in the middle of a shopping mall.

A trip to a shopping mall is like a day in the lion's den. Christmas has become a season for consumer gangwars. Housewives stalk the K-Marts with automatic weapons looking for a Mr. T doll for their six-year-old. But don't let the madness get to you. It can really be a lot of fun, like searching for the American Dream. What can be more fun than watching an 80-year-old grandmother deck an insurance salesman with a left hook over a Cabbage Patch doll?

Nasty salespeople will try to ruin your day at the mall. They'll knowingly point you in

the wrong direction, misquote prices and charge you extra. Show no tolerance. When asked if you want your purchase giftwrapped, slur a few obscenities at the salesman and stumble away. Keep that insane look in your eyes at all times; then people will show you some respect. Everyone, that is, except the mall security. They're police academy dropouts with an itchy trigger finger and a vendetta against any "longhair hippy freaks on ether."

A chainsaw will keep the cops at a distance. Fire that baby up at the first sign of trouble and demand to see the governor's daughter.

By the way, a chainsaw makes the perfect gift. It's fun for dad, a hobby for mom and the kids love it, too. What bright-eyed eager kid wouldn't like to wake up Christmas morning to find a McCulloch under the tree. Just keep an eye on the pets, though.

People always make the mistake of buying practical gifts. Nobody is going to like a toaster on Christmas; they want something they would never buy themselves, like a racetrack, electric football game, a Barbie makeup kit, fake plastic vomit or a chainsaw. Imagine the hours of enjoyment it will bring them.

Christmas is the time of fellowship and giving. When you're out there in the rat race, take a moment and think about those around you. Some may be packing a chainsaw. Some may be poor and in the need of food, and others may be nasty salespeople. Give them hell.

Forum

Editorial discredits conservative group

Once again, I feel I must attempt to correct the latest of Technician's stream of misrepresentations and innuendos concerning Students For America ("Freedom for all?" Nov. 21, 1984). In my remembrance, no student group has been subjected to such attacks and distortions by our student newspaper as has SFA during this semester.

First, I would like to say that I regret that one of

our members has accused Technician of being communist. However, I would remind you that just as your columnists do not necessarily reflect the opinions of the newspaper itself, so the opinions of each individual member of Students For America do not necessarily reflect the policies and opinions of our organization as a whole.

I would also like to correct your quote of (I assume) our brochure, which states that SFA chapters are "actively involved in," not attempting to "take control of" campus newspapers, radio stations, etc. Similarly, the "defeat of the organized left on campus" does not constitute a desire for a "one-party system." It merely reflects our desire that conservatism should be the dominant ideology of the college campus of the 80s, just as liberalism was for the '60s and '70s. I

would also remind Technician that we do not have conservative or liberal parties in the U.S. Both viewpoints are represented in both of our major parties. Therefore, SFA does not endorse any political party but only those candidates and policies which reflect our ideals.

The remainder of the editor's opinion attempted to portray SFA members as narrow-minded zealots, trying to impose our ideas on others and stamp out all other viewpoints. This is not at all the case. We believe in the rights of all groups to express their concerns — including our own. We believe that our chapter at UNC has exercised this right honestly, openly and constructively. Our activities at UNC did not attempt to censor the opinions of the Student Government in any way. We merely wished to dramatize the fact that not all students or organizations at UNC supported the Student Government's resolution.

We do not attempt to "brainwash" college students or to "destroy expression of other opinions." We are working to build coalitions of conservative students so as to become a major voice in the conservative student movement — so that we as conservatives can have the same voice that liberal groups have enjoyed for many years. I would therefore contend that Technician is being intolerant of our views by running repeated attacks against our activities.

W. Ross Stevens
Deputy Director
Students for America

you — or deficits will never be cut because every program benefits someone.

It is easy to talk about cutting deficits, but sooner or later we must realize the importance of this issue and agree to do something about it — rather than screaming every time the budget axe falls.

Ross Stevens
SR SZO

Give time to worthy issues

I have read with interest the recent discussion concerning the Senate Finance Committee's decision to fund the Ski Club. As I am no longer a member of the Student Senate, I am in no position to know "all the facts and behind-the-scenes intrigue" which usually accompanies such an unusual request, and I make no pretense to this knowledge. All I know is what I've read in Technician.

First of all, I would like to agree with Scott Humphries and Kurt Gortz in that whoever wrote the editorial in question should have consulted both sides of the issue. However, many of the arguments for the bill, at least in my experience with Student Government, aren't viable. First of all — true, there is no rule preventing groups from seeking funding from more than one source. In fact, the Senate encourages the practice. However, the sports club was established primarily for the purpose of funding sports clubs, old and new. It is my understanding that the Senate presumably has more important things to consider, the Race Awareness Workshop bill for instance, thus the burden of considering sports club bills was lifted from the Senate and placed on the Sports Club Authority. Thus, with the passage of this bill, the Senate is breaking a long-standing tradition and perhaps setting a dangerous precedent. Having acquaintance with many current Senators, I know that precedence-setting is very important to many of them.

Secondly, as the former Senate Athletics Chairman and member of the Sports Club Authority, I know first-hand that many sports clubs, for instance the ice hockey team, incur tremendous expenses in travel time, competition fees, etc. Yet, no other sports club, in recent memory, has attempted to get funds from the Senate after getting funds from the SCA

Therefore, this bill does become a special case.

Finally, it is my opinion that a large portion of student fees allocated by the Student Senate should go towards the further development of students' intellectual, social and academic expansion rather than their athletic and recreational endeavors. True, the latter is important, but the Senate must establish a priority. Whether or not the Finance Committee hedged on funding for the Race Awareness Workshop in favor of the Ski Club is debatable. However, the notion that the Student Senate should not take the lead in funding and promoting racial awareness on campus is ludicrous! Student Government in general, and the Student Senate in particular, should be at the forefront of such a movement. It is very discouraging to even hear Senators express such a lack of responsibility or perhaps interest in such an important issue. Perhaps if the Senate concentrated on issues such as this instead of bickering on the Ski Club funding or legislation to improve the impeachment process, then they may be able to finally achieve enough respect to get the student body behind them.

Kevin Hight
JR LAP

Riveredbed provides evidence

I am writing to praise the science editorial by John Patterson in last Wednesday's Technician. This article provided objective material concerning the existence of human and dinosaur fossil prints in the same geologic strata in Texas. The Paluxy Riverbed situation provides factual evidence for the coexistence once of humans and dinosaurs, a situation that threatens the evolutionary theory. Proving that dinosaurs and humans lived together in the same time period would render the evolutionary time charts useless. When asked about the authenticity of the Glen Rose discovery, some scientists can only answer that "they can't be human prints because they are in the same strata with dinosaur prints, and our charts don't have dinosaurs and humans living during the same time period." How scientific! Circular reasoning should not be used to refute scientific finds. I hope that scientists will shed their prejudices to scientifically examine the facts of this find. Otherwise, science may become chained down by slanted refusals to accept reality.

Jeff Stiles
FR LAP

Cartoons conflict, can't have it all

I was intrigued by Dennis Draughon's editorial cartoon in the Monday, Nov. 26, and Friday issues of Technician, the former attacking Reagan's budget deficits and the latter protesting cuts in student loans.

I would agree with Draughon on both points. The deficit is too high, and it is unfortunate that student loans must be cut. It is also unfortunate that defense spending, corporate incentives, energy research and many other programs will be reduced. But you can't have it both ways, Dennis. Either we can have more money spent on federal programs or a reduction in deficits.

I, for one, believe that deficits are a problem and must be reduced. But to do this, we must all sacrifice to a certain extent. You can't cut deficits by only-cutting those programs that do not benefit

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Politicians, judges fight over school prayer

RICHARD COHEN Editorial Columnist

and he has been as wrong on this as he was when he lectured Charlotte, N.C., on the evils of busing, choosing a city where busing works and works well. From time to time, the president cites the case of some school kid who is ordered not to pray and implies that this or something like it is the intent of the courts and the evil liberals at the ACLU who brought suit. It's possible that from time to time something like that does happen, but if it does it's because someone got the law wrong, not right. The president, of all people, ought to know that.

Like busing, though, school prayer and the role of religion in general is discussed as if nothing preceded the controversy — as if there is no history to it. In the case of school prayer, there happens to be a history of kids

being compelled to say prayers, of prayers organized by the school, of minority kids being made to feel unwelcome, pressured, different.

It is approximately for these reasons that the courts told the schools to get out of the prayer business, saying that the Constitution forbids the government to either interfere with or promote religion. There is nothing in the decision that would stop some kid from praying on his or her own time. If there were, it would not only be outrageous, it would be unconstitutional.

As with busing, the reason for the various court decisions regarding prayer has been lost. Truth has been overwhelmed by a lie. And politicians, from the president on down, discuss the prayer issue as if the courts, with nothing to do on a slow day, decided to monkey with religion. That's cheap politics, of course, but it's something worse than that. It's yet another example of that lowest of low blows — blaming the victim.

In the case of busing, organizations like the NNSCP, who for years have been fighting school segregation, get blamed when their

opponents' intransigence finally compels a busing order. In other words, those who only insist that the law be obeyed get blamed for a remedy forced on the courts by those who broke the law in the first place.

In school prayer, it works pretty much the same way. Those who wanted only to protect the rights of kids who either did not want to pray or did not like the wording of the particular prayer are being blamed for kicking God out of school and for banning prayer everywhere — from New England beaches to the hallways of America's schools.

Thanks to political expediency, things get turned upside down. In both busing and school prayer, the majority is made out to be the victim, and the real victim, the minority, is made to appear the oppressor. That's precisely what the majority wants to hear, and that is precisely what it gets told by many politicians. They know where the votes are. It's their conscience they've misplaced.

1984, Washington Post Writers Group

WASHINGTON — The trouble with busing for the purposes of integration, or as its opponents would have it, forced busing for the sake of miscegenation, is that the lie overwhelmed the truth. Politicians talked of busing as if it was some sort of social

experiment in which the courts decided, for no discernible reason, that it would be a good idea to bus kids half-way across town while their parents pulled their hair out in rage. That was the lie.

The truth was that the courts only ordered busing as a last resort. They ordered it only after school boards and politicians had purposely segregated the school system,

after they had built schools and drawn boundaries so that white and blacks would not — no matter what the Constitution said — go to school together. That was when courts stepped in. They ordered busing when there was no other way to integrate a school system that had purposely segregated in violation of the law.

Now we have something similar happening when it comes to school prayer. As with busing, the issue has fallen into the hands of unscrupulous politicians who talk of taking God out of the classroom or some such nonsense. An example of that sort of thinking comes not from a politician but from a cartoonist for the Tampa Tribune, Wayne Stayskal. For Thanksgiving, he showed a group of pilgrims on the beach at Plymouth, being warned by a policeman that praying is not permitted: "Hey, no praying here... This is a public beach!" Even for a cartoonist, this is sheer nonsense, but it reflects the apparently widely held view that the courts have banished prayer.

This, of course, has been President Ronald Reagan's theme for some time now.

Forum

Treasurer defends self, committee

As chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, I am concerned with the manner in which Technician has sought to portray the events which took place at the Nov. 16 Finance Committee meeting. The events which occurred two Mondays ago have been both grossly misrepresented and purposely slanted in order to discredit the validity of the decisions made in the committee concerning the Ski Club bill and the Racial Awareness Seminar. The three recent articles were all admittedly slanted against the Finance Committee, according to Technician's news editor. The Finance Committee felt it necessary to respond since Technician had made it obvious that it had no intentions of being objective in the matter.

Regarding Technician's allegations that the Ski Club had "gone beyond the established guidelines," I ask a simple question: "Exactly where is it established?" On a follow-up editorial on Dec. 3, a senator stated that the Ski Club "had broken an unwritten rule" in the Senate by receiving funding from the Sports Club Authority (SCA) and then seeking additional funding from the Senate. Through some simple research, Technician would have discovered two pertinent facts: 1) that the Ski Club had not subverted any established process for obtaining Senate funding found in the student body documents and 2) that in the previous year at least six clubs received

funding twice, both from the Senate and from the SCA. This occurred on Feb. 13, 1984 when nine individual "sports clubs" appeared as a slate on Emergency Legislation Bill 4/55. The official minutes for the Feb. 15 meeting show that the sports clubs received specific and individual funding, though they appeared as a slate.

As to the Racial Awareness Workshop, Technician has failed to provide the students with any objective reasons why it was cut. I have seen the Technician report on why certain senators were not in favor of the cuts in the Race Awareness Bill. These senators have a very valid point in believing the Senate should take a "strong stand" on the campus-wide racial issue" and grant the full \$2,000 requested. However, other members on my committee felt that the cut was a reasonable one due to the fact that one of the speakers for the bill at committee was asked, "Would the event take place if the Senate did not allocate the full amount requested?" The speaker answered that the workshop would take place whether the Senate funded it or not via funds through Student Affairs. The speaker also stated that the \$2,000 request asked for was basically an arbitrary one. Vocal in their support for improving race relations here at State, all committee members were in favor of the workshop taking place and formed an amendment stating that all senators should show their support as to the importance of the workshop in a resolution mandated to many university officials, both in the administration and in Student Government. Concerns were expressed, however, that although the bill was a meritorious one, the impression was that the money was not really "needed" and that possibly a stronger show of support could be made through the use of the

resolution urging officials to observe the student leaders' concerns about race relations on campus. The motion to cut the bill to \$1,000 was passed on the premise that the resolution be passed along with it.

Hopefully, this will lay to rest any misconceptions as to where the Finance Committee's priorities are and will at least partially provide a more complete view of what occurred on Nov. 26.

Gary Mauney Student Body Treasurer

Editor's note: The two articles on the opinion page — the lead editorial and the staff opinion — were obviously stating an opinion and made no claims to being a representation of all sides. The news coverage, however, was not purposely slanted. Since news articles are not equivalent to a meeting's minutes, all comments and points are not printed. The news articles were, however, a fair and accurate reporting of the events of the meeting and Technician stands behind both the writer and the news editor.

Ethiopian needs are very great

Lately, Ethiopia has been in the news due to the human suffering and tragedy as the result of several years of drought.

You probably have read in Technician various views addressing this issue. We would like to thank all individuals for sharing their perspectives and pointing out this tragic situation in Ethiopia to the State community.

The most important thing we can do at this time is to try to help these unfortunate people and save some lives. The Ethiopian students at State through the Ethiopian Student Association are raising funds to send to Ethiopia through the

American Red Cross, an organization which is "forwarding every cent of every contribution" to Ethiopia. The response thus far has been overwhelming. For this, we would like to thank everyone who has contributed. Approximately \$2,000 has been raised in the span of two weeks, but much more is needed.

If you have not yet contributed to this worthy cause, the Ethiopian Student Association invites your support.

Donations may be sent directly to: The American Red Cross c/o Ethiopian Student Association Box 73061 University Student Center NCSU, Raleigh, NC 27695-7306

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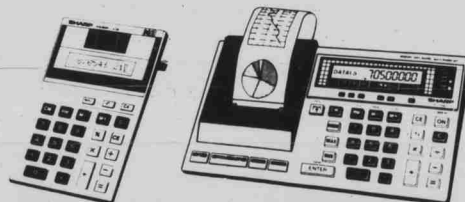
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Safe driving important for health, happiness

The Christmas and New Year holiday season is a time to celebrate living and the love of family and friends. Careless attitudes toward traffic laws such as speed limits, use of seat belts and DWI laws can result in accidents and tragic deaths.

Jerry Barker of Student Health Services reminds students to "drive as though your life depended on it." Carefulness is especially important during the holiday season when more intoxicated drivers are on the road and the percentage of highway deaths peaks.

The following information is provided by the Madigan Army Hospital explaining what happens "when you crash." Scare tactics are not pleasant, but they make people aware of danger. This awareness could be vital to saving your life or the life of someone else.

This is the slow-motion,

split-second reconstruction of what happens when a car, traveling 55 mph, crashes into a solid, immovable tree.

One-Tenth of a Second: The front bumper and chrome "frosting" of the grill work collapse. Slivers of steel penetrate the tree to a depth of one and one-half inches or more.

Two-Tenths of a Second: The hood crumples as it rises, smashing into the windshield. Spinning rear wheels leave the ground. The front fenders come into contact with the tree, forcing the rear parts out over the front door. The heavy structural members of the car begin to act as a brake on the terrific forward momentum of the two-and-a-half ton car. But the driver's body continues to move forward at the vehicle's original speed (20 times the normal force of gravity, his body weight is 3200 pounds). His legs,

ramrod straight, snap at the knee joints.

Three-Tenths of a Second: The driver's body is now off the seat, torso upright, broken knees pressing against the dashboard. The plastic and steel frame of the steering wheel begins to bend under his terrible grip. His head is now near the sun visor, his chest above the steering column.

Four-Tenths of a Second: The car's front 24 inches have been demolished, but the rear end is still traveling at an estimated speed of 35 mph. The body of the driver is still traveling 5 mph. The half-ton motor block crunches into the tree. The rear end of the car, like a bucking horse, rises high enough to scrape bark off low branches.

Five-Tenths of a Second: The driver's fear-frozen hands bend the steering column into an almost vertical position. The force

of gravity impales him on the steering shaft.

Six-Tenths of a Second: The driver's feet are ripped from his tightly-laced shoes. The brake pedal shears off at the floorboards. The chassis bends in the middle, shearing body bolts. The driver's head smashes into the windshield. The rear of the car begins its downward fall, spinning wheels digging into the ground.

Seven-Tenths of a Second: The entire writing body of the car is forced out of shape. Hinges tear, doors spring open. In one last convulsion, the seat rams forward, pinning the driver against the cruel steel of the steering shaft. The driver is now dead!

Elapsed time: Only seven-tenths of a second. So be careful over the holiday season, and don't let your happiness come to such an abrupt end.



Photo courtesy Polygram Records

Big Country, the fast rising band from Scotland, has released a new live album. Big Country fans will want to give this new lp a listen, as it is the group's long-awaited second album.

Special Edition steakhouse to open offering both good meal, fair price

If, while passing through the Student Center, you become enticed with the aroma of flame-broiled steaks, piping hot baked potatoes smothered with butter and freshly baked bread, it can only mean one thing — the Special Edition Steakhouse has opened.

Those tantalizing smells will begin filling the air on Jan. 7, 1985, when University Dining serves the first meal in its 156-seat steakhouse located in the basement of the Student Center.

The restaurant, which will be open for dinner Monday through Friday, will give serving priority to meal-plan participants with reservations from 4:30 until 6:30 p.m., and then permit others to pay with

cash on either a reservation or a first-come-first-serve basis. Those on the meal plan are entitled to one visit to the steakhouse per month as part of their dining contract.

Even though the restaurant's first obligation is to meal-plan participants, University Dining is also striving to make the Special Edition available and attractive to other students in addition to faculty and staff.

"We're very excited about the restaurant's opening," said Art White, assistant to the vice chancellor of student affairs for University Dining. "We want to appeal to as many people as possible, so we designed the steakhouse to not only serve excellent food but also to be

extremely inviting and comfortable. Customers will be seated and served as they would in any fine restaurant."

The Special Edition has the atmosphere of an old newspaper office complete with historical front pages decorating the walls and the wait staff uniformed in "pressroom" smocks and green visors.

Rich green carpeting and tabletop lamps on each table have been used to make the restaurant as cozy as possible. And the cooking section, located at the far end of the seating area, is open so guests can see their main entrée being prepared over an open flame grill.

The standard menu at the steakhouse consists of an eight-ounce cooked-to-order ribeye steak, a large baked potato, a salad with choice of dressing, fresh dinner rolls, the daily desert and a beverage. Since one standard dinner is being served, both preparation time and cost are kept to a minimum.

Meal-plan participants who find their taste buds craving the steak dinner more often than their allotted monthly visit and

other students, faculty and staff who would like to dine at the restaurant can enjoy the meal for only \$5.95 plus tax.

To dine at the steakhouse during the 4:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. seatings, meal-plan participants must make their reservations at least 48 hours in advance in the A-Alcove Room located in the Dining Hall.

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Watson, university music director.

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SCA relives Middle Age through Virginia trip

Grant Fleming
Feature Writer

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Middle Ages.

Thus began the Society for Creative Anachronism's tournament to determine this year's queen's champion. The SCA is a national non-profit organization dedicated to researching and re-creating medieval life in an idealistic way.

The fighting (in which people have fashioned armor and simulated weapons) is the most noticeable aspect, but for people not interested in sweat and bruises, there is

also jewelry making, archery, heraldry, calligraphy, music, dancing, poetry, cooking, brewing and costuming. At an SCA event, people dress in Middle Age costumes, from the most simple to the astoundingly elaborate. Just as importantly, the long lost ideals of chivalry, courtesy, honor and grace are stressed and practiced. Lords kneel and ask to bear a lady's favor and the right to fight for her honor. The ladies tie ribbons and handkerchiefs to the belts

of their champions, and all show respect for the crown.

The tournament was held on Saturday, Nov. 17 in Arlington, Va., (or Storvik, as it is known in the SCA). Many people attended, including 35 fighters all hoping to win the honor of being the queen's champion. First, there were sign-ins followed by qualifications, in which new or inexperienced fighters had to prove they were skilled enough to be safe and competitive

and therefore could participate in the tournament.

Each fighter was called before the queen and was given a blue ribbon, granting him the right to bear her favor for the day in hopes of fighting "well and honorably," and then the names were drawn. At 1 p.m., the tournament began. Battles were both long and swift, but slowly the list of names narrowed to two: Sir Axel and Stephan of Wolfshaven. Everyone gathered to watch the best of three

combat to determine the new champion. Finally Axel fell and Stephan was victorious, 2-1.

Then the characteristic revelry and feasting began. There was an artistic competition, followed by a somewhat spontaneous lords' legs contest. Dinner was served in the medieval style - several courses were served with time in between to allow guests a

chance to get a little hungry for more. The meal included rabbit, lamb, salad, wheat pilaf, mushrooms, freshly baked bread, cauliflower, mince-meat and blanchmange, all prepared similarly to the way it would be served in the Middle Ages. During the feast there was singing, music and storytelling. The renowned "cloven-fruits" were passed around

(part of an old kissing game), and slowly the evening wound down to scattered parties at various houses. Everyone was discussing and recounting the events of the day and talking of future meetings.

Participation in the Elvegast (Raleigh) Chapter is open to all interested persons, and anyone interested in this period is encouraged to participate.

Centers help nations share knowledge

Sarah Durant
Feature Writer

The current research and development gap between the United States and Japan is closing, according to Eleanor Westneg, an associate director of Japanese science at the Michigan Institute of Technology.

Westneg said that the advancement is due to the Japan centers at many American universities.

Speaking to State facul-

ty and students, Westneg stressed the importance of the North Carolina Japan Center which was established for State and is located off Hillsborough Street on 5 Rosemary Street.

The North Carolina Japan Center assists individuals, companies and institutions wishing to strengthen ties between North Carolina and Japan.

The center has provided programs through the university which has enabled

students in the science and humanities disciplines to study Japanese at State and a month at a school near Tokyo. While in Tokyo, the students worked with Japanese colleagues in their areas of specialization before returning to North Carolina.

Westneg discussed the advantages and disadvantages in technology research and development in both the U.S. and Japan.

One advantage of the Americans, Westneg said,

is their ability to "generate ideas." The Japanese, however, "have a fast-moving research system which progresses from the lab and manufacturers to the market place."

For both countries to fully benefit from their research and development skills, they need to "close the gap," as Westneg said, between the two countries.

"Universities play a key role in training people to function in both research settings," which has been

one of the purposes of State's Japan center.

Primarily, America's research and development program needs to provide specialized in-house experts, create joint research ventures with Japan and set up research and development labs in Japan.

According to Westneg, this would improve America's research and development which can begin in the universities.

Dickens Christmas classic to play at Theatre in park

Shep Overton
Feature Writer

The Theatre in the Park is making preparations to put on its 11th annual production of Charles Dickens' classic, A Christmas Carol. The musical will be performed on Saturday and Sunday at 2:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. in Raleigh's Memorial Auditorium.

Once again, Ira David Wood will be Christmas' infamous villain, the miserly Scrooge. There are a total of 85 people in the cast, with a crew of 40 individuals. Also appearing

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Sports



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Washburn puts the finishing touches on a nifty assist from Webb.

Hot-handed Myers scores 17

Scott Keepler
Sports Editor

If you happened to stroll in a few minutes late during Monday night's massacre in Reynolds Coliseum, you probably assumed the scoreboard — which incredibly enough had State ahead by a whopping 34-4 count over Hartford — was seriously malfunctioning.

If so, you were certainly correct. In actuality, the score should have been State 34, Hartford 6.

Yes, while the scoreboard was performing erratically, the Wolfpack was functioning quite well — at least in the early going. And by the time the hearty, fun-loving Reynolds crowd of 11,200 watched the final hook shot by its adopted opponent fall short many alley-oops and slam dunks later, the nation's no. 10 team had breezed to its third easy win in as many tries, 83-46.

Thanks to an early nine-minute stretch of 22 unanswered points, coach Jim Valvano's Wolfpack established itself from the outset and simply toyed with the outmanned Hawks for the remainder of the evening.

"We came out of the chute and played pretty well," Valvano said. "Basically, we've had all three of our games in hand by halftime. But give credit to (Hartford coach Jack) Phelan and his team. They played hard from tap to buzzer. And that speaks well for the coach and the attitude of his players."

Junior guard Ernie Myers, who a year ago at this time was serving up bricks about as often as State's Physical Plant, continued his torrid early-season shooting spree. The Bronx Bomber totalled a game-high 17 points on a near-flawless 7-of-8 showing from the field. Myers has now missed only four shots in 21 attempts this season, a

success rate of 81 percent.

Spud Webb made the most of his playing time, canning 13 points in 13 minutes, and super frosh Chris Washburn, who finished with 10 points, thrilled the crowd with a pair of thunderous dunks.

Versatile Nate McMillan made the type of overall contributions that are fast becoming typical: eight points, a team-high eight rebounds, five assists, two blocks and two steals — all in less than half a game's worth of court time.

Meanwhile, crowd-pleasing Vinnie Del Negro continued his perfect shooting touch, hitting on all three attempts. The 6-3 freshman is a perfect 5-for-5 from the field this season.

While leading scorer Lorenzo Charles struggled from the field (only 2-of-9), the entire team floundered at the free throw line, connecting on but 15 of 27 attempts (55.5 percent). From the field, State hit at a hot 54.8 clip.

Despite the downfall at the charity stripe, the Hawks' Phelan was quite impressed with State's 40-minute clinic.

"State is a good team that will only get better," Phelan said. "This could be the most talented team Jimmy has ever had here. I honestly feel that way."

Many others are beginning to share Phelan's belief. The 3-0 Wolfpack had risen to no. 10 in both the AP and UPI polls by Monday night.

"I've said before, we're a deep team and we have tremendous size," Valvano said. "I think we can play with anybody in the country. If that makes you a top 10 team, then maybe we are."

"But polls are just an indication of what others think about your program. I'm glad that they think highly of us. We'll try to live up to it."

Monday's game lived up to its expectations. The

No. 10 Pack continues Hawks' Division I woes



Staff photo by Mark Giarracca

McQueen does a little hawking of his own against the smaller Hartford defenders. The Pack senior scored five of State's first nine points.

visiting Hawks, who are in their first year at the Division I level, could barely muster a challenge of any type. Not a single Hawk player reached double figures, and for a majority of the first half it appeared that the entire team might not break the two-digit barrier.

John Huribert hit the Hawks' 10th point with a little over five minutes remaining in the half. By intermission, the Pack had forged a whopping 40-16 lead.

The Pack let up little in the latter half. Myers led an early second-half streak, scoring 13 of State's 19 points during the run. When Myers capped the outburst with a 21-foot jumper from the baseline, the Pack was up by 40, 61-21.

From there it was substitute at will and marvel at the rough-edged talent possessed by many of Valvano's youngsters on the bench. The fans also reveled in the final minute efforts of Hartford's Jim Garvey, the last Hawk to make an appearance.

With resounding chants of "Gar-vey, Gar-vey, Gar-vey," the partisan throng pleaded with Phelan to insert the Springfield, Mass., senior.

"I've never gotten much attention like that before," Garvey laughed at-

terwards. "During the timeouts, three guys in particular would start chanting. I guess coach was kind of put on the spot."

Minutes later, after delighting the crowd by scoring his first two points of the season, Garvey was on the spot. With :02 seconds remaining, Garvey stepped to the line for a pair of "pressure-packed" shots after Washburn was whistled for a technical foul. All of a sudden, Garvey had over 10,000 screaming, foot-stomping "teammates."

Those eruptions usually reserved for Charles' blocks or Washburn's dunks followed each of Garvey's successful attempts. Grinning with pleasure at the Reynolds reaction, the latest

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Myers 'having fun' in State's 3-0 start

Tim Peeler
Sports Writer

Consistency — one of the things that all athletes strive for but also one of the most difficult attributes to acquire.

No, the chore of developing talent and hard work into productivity is not an easy task by any means.

Over the past three years, no one has had more trouble maintaining consistency than Ernie Myers.

After a fantastic freshman campaign in which he filled in successfully for an injured Dereck Whittenburg and averaged 11.2 points per game, Myers never settled into his sophomore season.

The 6-5, 203-pound native of New York City began the season in a dismal slump, averaging under five points in the Pack's first nine games.

After missing his first 28 of 29 shots, Myers pulled his field goal percentage to 40 percent, still the lowest of any Pack regulars.

Then again, at times last year, Myers flashed his earlier brilliance. He

scored 32 points against Northeastern and had over 20 points in three games. But during other periods, he was ineffective.

However, Myers has made a complete turnaround in the young season. Playing among talented giants, Myers has had the hottest of the hot hands. Surprisingly, he has been State's most consistent player in this young season.

In the Pack's 83-46 win over Hartford, Myers led all scorers with 17 points as he hit seven of eight from the field.

As a member of a deep and gifted squad, Myers' accomplishments are sometimes overlooked. He is not a graceful player like teammate Nate McMillan, nor does he overpower anyone like Charles and McQueen. He doesn't bomb from the outside as does Terry Gannon, nor is he as flashy as Spud Webb.

Myers is a schoolyard player. He fights and scrapes for everything he can get. His most effective play is driving inside, getting fouled, then trying for

the three-point play.

In general, he is not the most graceful player to watch, but he is exciting as those periodic chants of "Ernie! Ernie! Ernie!" show.

Al McQuire once said Myers never met a shot he didn't like.

But this season Myers is playing a different type of game. As a starter on a team that is still not set in its lineup, he is adjusting into a team-oriented player.

Most of all, he enjoys his auspicious beginnings of the current season, especially after last year's rollercoaster ride.

After his performance against Hartford, he was all smiles.

"It felt good," he said. "I think I'm more confident in my shot."

That confidence has not only given Myers a fast start, but it has also given him a new outlook for the season.

"I'm just playing the game and having fun," he said. "My game is under control. I'm just letting the offense come to me."

So far, Myers has been easy to find.

He is averaging 13 points a game and is shooting a lofty 81 percent from the field, despite only playing about 15 minutes each game.

Ah, the difference a year makes.

Myers also is making himself known on the defensive end of the court. He currently leads the team in steals with nine.

Though he has achieved some impressive personal stats, Myers is more concerned with team accomplishments.

If the inconsistency that plagued him last season returns, Myers is confident that the Pack won't suffer.

"If I don't do the job, somebody will be there to take my place," he said.

While he admits that he has to keep himself "on the ball," he is not worried about the future.

"I don't think about it, I just play," he said.

If he continues to play at his current pace, Reynolds may echo that familiar chant — Ernie! Ernie! Ernie! — more often.



Myers continued his early-season hot streak Monday by tossing in 17 points in the Pack win.

Pack women seek rebound against Apps

Devia Steele
Executive Sports Editor

The women's basketball team will use two weekend losses against a pair of heavyweights to build on, according to coach Kay Yow.

"Anytime you play this kind of competition, it can't do anything but help you," Yow said Tuesday in reference to her team's 82-68 loss to no. 2 ranked Texas on Friday and 74-68 defeat at the hands of UCLA on Saturday in the Converse-Macgregor Texas Classic in Austin, Texas.

"We know what we have to do to be successful this year, we know what our goals are, and these games will see us realize where we stand right now. We found out a lot about our team, each individual. Every player had a chance to learn a whole lot about herself."

The Wolfpack women, who travel to Boone to meet Appalachian State tonight, continued to get big numbers from Linda Page. The senior forward, averaging 24.8 points and 6.8 rebounds in four games, fired in 27 points against the Longhorns and 17 against the Bruins en route

to being named to the all-tournament team.

Yow cited turnovers and rebounding as factors contributing to her team's progress to date.

"They are one of the finest teams in the country, and they're blessed with experience and talent," she said. "I thought we played well, even though losing 82-68. Our turnovers and rebounding were the difference. A lot of those turnovers were forced by their pressure and by their quickness. There were too many times we didn't get field goal opportunities because of our turnovers."

"We shot 16-for-16 from the line for 100 percent and 52 percent from the field, so I've got to be pleased in that respect. Our half-court defense, at this point in time, is good. We held them to 45 percent shooting from the floor."

Yow expects another tough challenge when her team battles the Mountaineers tonight.

"I'm expecting a very fired-up, well-coached team," she said. "They have some people who are aggressive and go to the boards well, so that will give us another chance to test ourselves."

Ticket pick-up for State-WCU game

Ticket pickup for Saturday's men's basketball game with Western Carolina will run Thursday from 6 a.m. until 4 p.m. and continue Friday from 8:30 a.m. until 4 p.m., if needed.

Students must present a current registration card and photo ID to get a ticket and are allowed to pick up only two tickets.

Pack riflers gun down Bulldogs

Andre Miller
Sports Writer

In its final match before Christmas break, State's rifle team prevailed against The Citadel in a close contest Saturday in Charleston, S.C. The win marked the second time this year that the Pack was able to defeat the Bulldogs at their own range.

The match was anticipated to be close, so there were no surprises when the final smallbore (.22 caliber) totals showed State on top by only 12 points, 4,422-4,410.

"We knew that their strength would be in their smallbore shooting," State coach John Reynolds said.

"As a team, their shooters fired more consistent scores, but solid performances by some of our

people gave us the margin that we needed."

This margin resulted from personal highs recorded by Wolfpack seniors Dolan Shoaf and Keith Miller. Miller's 1,148 smallbore eclipsed his previous high by a point and placed him first overall. Close behind was Shoaf, who bettered his personal best by seven points with a 1,127 total (out of 1,200).

Bulldog shooter Anthony McCormick spoiled State's hopes of a clean sweep of the individual titles by placing third with a score of 1,114.

Senior John Hildebrand and sophomore Mike

Masser fired scores of 1,072 and 1,075, respectively, en route to the Pack's smallbore victory.

Replacing Masser on the first air rifle team was junior Jodi Coble. She combined with Miller, Shoaf and Hildebrand to give State a much more decisive victory in the air rifle (.177 caliber) portion of the match. The Pack's 1,443 total easily outdistanced The Citadel's 1,410 aggregate, making its overall 5,870-5,820 margin of victory appear less close than it seemed.

Miller again led all shooters with a 378 air rifle total, but Shoaf was forced to share second place with

teammate Hildebrand. Both finished at 364 to give State a clean sweep for individual air rifle honors.

Coble and Bruce Cox also fired smallbore in a reserve capacity in order to give them additional match experience. This experience should help to lessen the additional pressure of knowing that their scores count toward the team total.

Being the last confrontation until January, The Citadel match should also serve as a good barometer in evaluating the progress of State's team.

When State's team returns, fresh and rested in January, it will have two

home matches prior to beginning a demanding road schedule that includes an NCAA qualifying match and a rematch with arch rival Navy, the only team to have defeated State in shoulder-to-shoulder competition this year.

Hartford's Garvey excites Reynolds

(continued from page 8) crowd-favorite then launched a half-court missile — which Washburn promptly slapped into the Hartford bench — as the buzzer sounded.

"We've really enjoyed this," Garvey said of the opportunity to play the Pack in Reynolds. "It was a pleasure to play against these guys. I've played with Vinnie (Del Negro) in some summer leagues back home, and I remember Gannon pulling up and hitting shots from 30 feet in the NCAA tournament. So I considered it a privilege to get in there and shake his hand."

"We knew we didn't stand much of a chance against State. They're the best team we'll probably ever play. But we try to make it fun. We try to always keep our heads up."

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Airborne claims volleyball championship

Airborne, Men's Open League champions, won the All-Campus volleyball championship by defeating

FarmHouse in the first round. Airborne then went on to defeat Alexander for the title. Airborne entered

the All-Campus playoffs having dropped only one game in three playoff matches. Team captain Philip Wong commended the efforts of Joe Beani, Russel Power, Steve Lay, Joe Khalife, Danny Fox and David Foshee.



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Bowen won the resident and sorority badminton championship

Club Sports

Tae Kwon Do	Ice Hockey	Volleyball
Wednesday, 6 p.m., Room 111, Carmichael Gym.	Thursday, 8:45 p.m., State vs. Duke, Hillsborough, N.C.	Wednesday, 7 p.m., Court 7. Saturday, 10 a.m., Courts 3 & 5.

Sullivan I captures bowling title

Sullivan I won the resident bowling championship by defeating Metcalf 2019-1944.

Eric Howell bowled a first set total of 264 to

spark Sullivan I to an early. Howell finished with a three-set total of 626 in leading Sullivan to the title after it had finished second the previous two years. Sullivan I never trailed in the match as it tipped its

record to 6-1. Stephen Burrus led Metcalf with a 537 total.

Troy Byars, Ron Moore and Robert Johnson were the other members of Sullivan's championship team.

Three-player basketball lets players make decisions

Intramural-Recreational Sports introduced three-player basketball for resident, fraternity and sorority leagues on a trial basis this year.

Three-player basketball is self-officiated and increases participation, allows for better use of facilities and requires more player cooperation than 1-on-1 basketball. Three-

player basketball is played on half-courts.

Presently there are six resident teams, six fraternity teams and three resident and sorority teams remaining in the double-elimination tournament.

Bowen, Syme, Kings Village, Kappa Alpha and Kappa Sigma are the only undefeated teams remaining.

ASU defeats State, advances to finals

Western Division winner Appalachian State football club extended their record to 9-0 by defeating Eastern Division runner-up State 27-16 to advance to the finals of the North Carolina Club Football Association championship.

ASU's Bo Dickerson took the first State punt from his own 45 to the State five yardline. Two plays later, Tyrone Galloway scored the touchdown on an option.

On State's next series, ASU's Zack Roseboro intercepted a pass and ran 40 yards for the score.

State got on the scoreboard in the second quarter when John Evans recovered an ASU fumble on the ASU 9 yardline. Three plays later, Bruce Rowe dove over from the one.

Before the half ended, Galloway hit Skip Wilder on a 60 yard touchdown pass. The missed point after touchdown made the halftime score 20-6.

On their first possession of the second half, State marched 45 yards before Kent Thompson hit a 14 yard field goal.

ASU then drove 76 yards with Galloway scoring the touchdown from 10 yards out.

State's last score came on a 75 yard drive capped by a 41 yard touchdown pass from Phil Brooks to John Gibson. Thompson hit the point after touchdown making the final score 27-16.



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PKP won the fraternity cross country championship

Intramural office cuts down on injuries

In any athletic event, injuries are most likely to occur. Intramural-recreational sports are certainly no exception.

State's intramural office takes a preventive attitude toward injuries and takes every measure possible to see that injuries are kept to a minimum.

"We always look at things and ask ourselves is this the safest way, the best way or are we creating an unsafe situation," Sam Halstead, director, intramural-recreational sports said. "We also ask ourselves are the rules, environment, facilities and equipment conducive to keeping injuries down."

Judging from the number of injuries recorded by the office this semester,

the answer is overwhelmingly yes.

During this past semester up until November 14, the office recorded a total of 38 injuries. Broken down into respective sports, there were 20 injuries in flag football, 15 in soccer, two in the Dixie Classic basketball tournament and one in volleyball.

All intramural officials are instructed to report all injuries however minor they may be. Anything from a jammed finger to a very serious injury is documented.

"All our professional staff have CPR training from the CPR instructors in the Physical Education Department," Halstead said. There is always a professional staff member present during intramural

competition.

"We keep ice on our fields and courts for immediate action on injuries which may need ice such as sprained ankles," Halstead.

In addition to professional training, supervision and other preventive measures, Public Safety is on call in case they are needed to transport an individual to the infirmary.

Generally, Public Safety responds quickly if we need them," Halstead said.

In case of a serious injury, Public Safety is notified to contact the emergency squad.

The day after an injury, the office secretary calls the student's dorm room, apartment, home, etc. to check on his or her condition.



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The Goalbusters won the co-rec football championship

Basketball entries close January 9

Sign ups for Men's Open, Fraternity, Residence, Women's Open, Residence and Sorority basketball leagues end January 9. Mandatory organizational meetings will be held January 9 in Rooms 211

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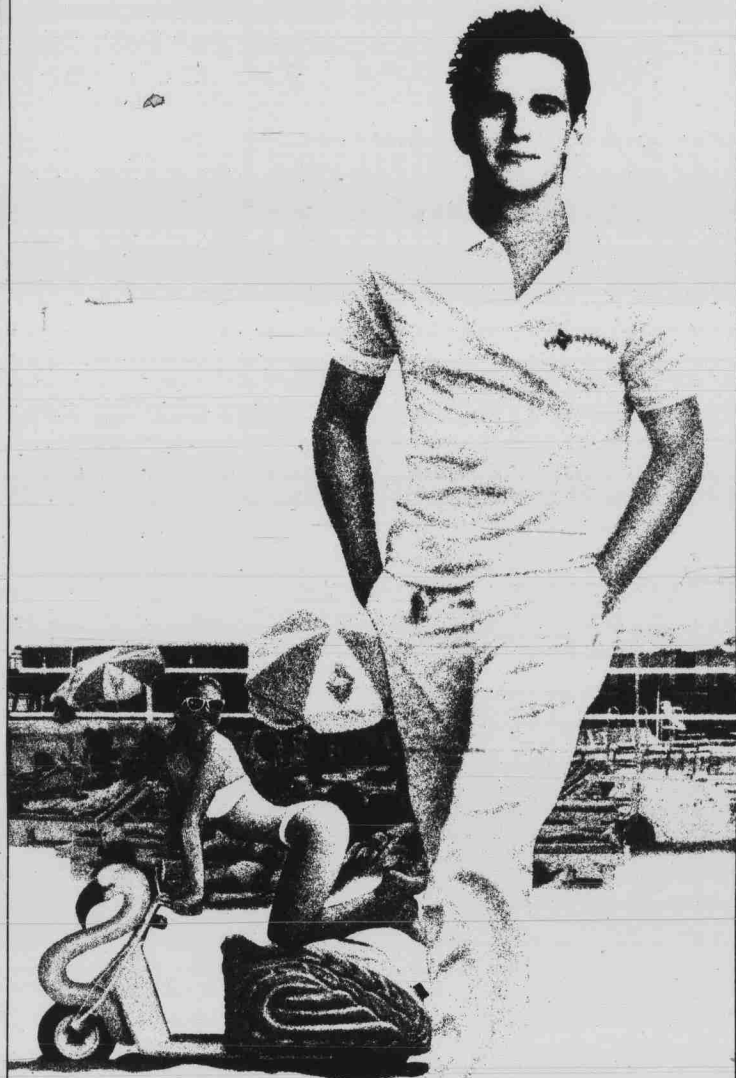


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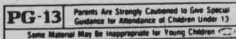


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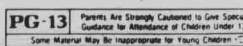
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