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Bomb threat in Sullivan

Students evacuated while prank investigated by SBI

By Meg Sullivan
Assistant News Editor

Several hundred students were forced out into the cold Saturday afternoon when a bomb threat in Sullivan Residence Hall turned out to be what an N.C. State official called "a poor, poor joke."

At about 4:30 p.m. Saturday, a resident in suite 909 found an object behind the suite door that appeared to be three sticks of dynamite with wires and a digital timing device attached. It was actually "three cardboard tubes colored to look like dynamite," said Public Safety Sgt. Jesse Neighbors.

The resident notified Resident Adviser Jeff Simpson, who pulled the fire alarm. The dorm was evacuated and within minutes Public Safety and the Raleigh Fire Department arrived.

Nearby Lee Residence Hall was evacuated shortly afterwards, and a Public Safety announced over the public address system at about 4:45 p.m. that a bomb threat had been made.

"The alarm just went off... like any other fire alarm," said freshman Sullivan resident Kelly Hutchins. "Then Public Safety announced that it was a bomb threat and they made us keep backing up and backing up (away from the building)."

The State Bureau of Investiga-

tions bomb squad arrived to examine the device and Raleigh police officers also were on the scene to control crowds and traffic. Sullivan residents were allowed back into the building around 6:30 p.m.

Neighbors said no suspect had been found by late Sunday and there was no apparent motive.

"It was a poor, poor joke," Sullivan Area Director Julia Roberts said, "and if the person gets caught, they deserve a harsh, harsh sanction."

Roberts said she could not figure out who could have pulled the prank. "There was no animosity between the girls in the suite or anyone else," she said. "Why would they pick a women's suite anyway?"

The Sullivan RA staff handled the emergency well, and Roberts said they did the most that they could in the situation. Pranks such as this one "cost the university money and scare everyone," Roberts said.

A similar incident happened last year in Sullivan, but with more damaging results. Two freshmen who lived on the tenth floor tried to make a smoke bomb by mixing chemicals in empty toilet paper tubes, but the prank backfired when the bomb exploded, burning one of the two students and causing the late-night evacuation of the residence hall.



The SBI bomb squad arrived at Sullivan to examine the alleged bomb found in suite 909 Saturday afternoon. Sullivan and Lee residents were evacuated for nearly two hours while SBI officials, the fire department and Public Safety investigated the incident.

Staff photo by Mark Inman

Research centers proposed for textiles and engineering

By Chandana Ganguli
Staff Writer

N.C. State University has been "singularly blessed" in the area of scientific research, Earl MacCormac, science advisor to Governor Jim Martin said.

Teams from the National Science Foundation (NSF) came to NCSU twice the past few weeks to evaluate two different engineering research proposals. The proposed centers are the Center for Advanced Electronics Materials Processing and the Center for Research in Apparel, Fibers and Textiles.

This is the third year the NSF is offering funds to establish university-based engineering research centers. Thirteen centers have been established over the past two years, said Lewis G. Mayfield, division director for cross-disciplinary research at the NSF in Washington, D.C. This year, 68 proposals were submitted and narrowed down to 12 finalists. After the

site visits, four or five proposals will be chosen to receive funding.

Nina Masnari, professor of electrical and computer engineering, is the director of the proposed Center for Advanced Electronic Materials Processing. The center is a joint venture between NCSU, Duke University and the Microelectronics Center of North Carolina. Masnari said the proposal was aimed at doing research on electronic materials that will increase the competitiveness of U.S. semiconductor equipment and microelectronics manufacturing industries.

In-situ processing is the particular theme to be investigated with the NSF grant. It encompasses four key technologies that will be studied: plasma processing, laser and optically assisted processing, thin film and atomic layer epitaxial processing, and electron and ion beam processing. The proposal includes graduate and undergraduate education programs in integrated circuit and materials processing.

David Buchanan, professor in the department of textile engineering and science, said the Center for

Research in Apparel, Fibers and Textiles was proposed to make the industry more competitive.

"We see this industry as a system that is interrelated with other technologies, such as communications," he said.

The \$10 million proposal is intended to encourage students to find better tools and methods to use in the textiles industry. MacCormac said North Carolina was "singularly blessed by having three proposals that reached the prestigious third round and merited site visits."

The third is a proposed Engineering Research Center for Emergency Cardiovascular Technologies sponsored by Duke.

MacCormac said that possible funding would bring national recognition as well as money to NCSU, and would benefit both teaching and research activities. While admitting it was politically unlikely that all three proposals would be accepted, he was optimistic about getting at least two of them. "If we get all three, I'll be elated," he said.

The directors of the 12 finalist proposals will go to Washington, D.C. on Thursday to present their plans to a blue-ribbon NSF panel. The grant recipients will be notified in early April.

The eight NSF centers established in 1985 are: Massachusetts Institute of Technology, biotechnology processing; Columbia University, telecommunications; University of Delaware and Rutgers University, composite materials manufacturing; Harvard University and the University of Maryland, systems engineering; Purdue University, intelligent manufacturing system and the University of California at Santa Barbara, robotics applied to microelectronics.

The five NSF centers established in 1986 are: Lehigh University, large scale structural systems; Carnegie Mellon University, engineering design; University of Illinois, compound semiconductors in microelectronics; Brigham Young University, advanced combustion systems and Ohio State University, near net shaped manufacturing.

Winston Hall being renovated

SHASS departments relocated until construction is complete

By Kelly Hastings
Staff Writer

The unsightly construction work, chain link fences and heavy machinery seen on campus will soon be visible around Winston Hall.

The 77-year-old humanities classroom and office building will be renovated for the first time since 1955, said Curtis Fitzgerald, chairman of the Winston renovation committee and assistant to the dean of the School of Humanities and Social Sciences (SHASS).

During the 1970s, N.C. State University started looking for more space for SHASS, leading to the construction of the Link Building and the renovation of Tompkins Hall. However, Fitzgerald said the initial funds were depleted before the Winston Hall renovation was begun.

After a number of proposals, 1976 the North Carolina Legislature finally appropriated \$2.75 million for the Winston Hall renovation, which was included within a consolidated budget proposal for the 16 UNC schools," Fitzgerald said.

Winston's occupants, the departments of philosophy and religion and speech communications, have been temporarily relocated to the nearby 1911 Building during

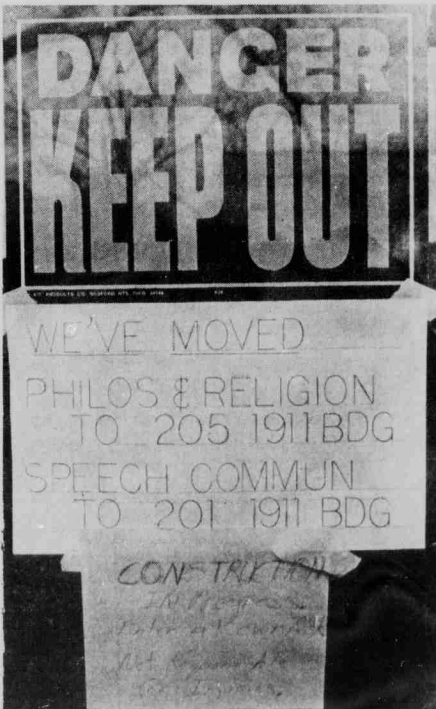
the renovation. Fitzgerald said the departments should be moved back to Winston by this Christmas.

Fitzgerald said the renovations will include aesthetic as well as practical improvements, and should be comparable to Tompkins Hall's restoration.

The renovation of the building will include the removal of radiators, windows, air conditioners, old electrical wiring and plumbing. Other types of renovation, including structural improvements, will be involved in the project. Central heating and air conditioning, sound-insulated windows to reduce Hillsborough Street noise and a new fire protection system also will be installed.

Fitzgerald said the speech department's radio and television stations will be moved from the library to Winston Hall. About 3,000 square feet of space will be fixed up in the attic of the building to make way for the Social Sciences Research and Instructional Lab and a computer classroom. Both facilities are temporarily located in 113 Tompkins Hall.

The Navarro Construction Company, which is involved in several other NCSU projects, is the general contractor, and J.H. Pease Associates will design the modifications to the building.



Staff photo by Lisa Koots

Until work on the Winston Hall renovation is complete, students will see this sign directing them to the 1911 building for SHASS departments. The renovated Winston Hall will feature structural improvements and will house the speech department's TV station.

Centennial campus delayed by kudzu

By David Klein
Staff Writer

N.C. State officials have decided to postpone the groundbreaking ceremony for the new \$30 million School of Textiles building on the Centennial Campus until later this spring.

Textiles dean Dame Hamby said the postponement was a "logistics decision" made by Chancellor Bruce Poulton and the university's public relations and Centennial Campus committees. The groundbreaking was originally scheduled for Oct. 24.

"We couldn't get people into the site last autumn for the ceremony or site preparation," Hamby said. "The roads were covered with kudzu."

To solve the problem, the Carley Capital Group, the Centennial Campus' planners, is considering either building temporary roads or bases for permanent roads to the construction site.

Student finds goat in Link

Junior engineering student Ken Rohla got his goat early Friday morning - literally.

"I was in the Design School until 5 a.m. studying and was on the way back to my room," Rohla said. "I walked through Link and there was a goat looking out the window."

Of course, Rohla said, he thought he was going crazy.

Rohla said the goat had obviously been there a while because there were droppings all through the halls and the side door to the lounge was unlocked.

When he realized the goat was

the postponement actually turned out to be "a blessing in disguise," Hamby said, because the Clemson football game was moved to the afternoon of the groundbreaking. The dean said this change might have caused schedule conflicts for people taking part in the ceremony.

Hamill-Walter Associates of Winston Salem designed the textiles building, which should be completed by the fall of 1989. It will have 30 percent more space than the existing textiles building, space that will be used for graduate research as well as extension and technology programs. However, undergraduate teaching lab space will remain the same.

Hamby said his school is enthusiastic about the project. "We're absolutely delighted that the first academic building on the Centennial Campus will be for the textiles school," he said.

Public Safety did not discuss the incident Sunday.

The goat was unavailable for comment.

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News

Fraternity unveils King portrait

By Andrew Means
Staff Writer

Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity presented N.C. State University with a portrait of Martin Luther King, Jr. and a plaque during the NAACP tribute to the late civil rights leader Tuesday night.

KAP President Gartha Ingram III, who presented the portrait, said the fraternity wanted to be the first group "to give substance back to the university" and stipulated that "black Greek organizations are more than social."

Durham native William Nash, who painted the portrait, finished the presentation by making a pledge to other organizations to bring something back to NCSU.

In the opening speech, NAACP President Dagny Fleming stressed the motto of the NAACP — A mission to lead, a commitment to succeed.

Rena Meteye, NAACP treasurer,

also noted the purposes and goals of the NAACP. They are:

- to eliminate racial discrimination and segregation from all aspects of public life in America,
- to secure a free ballot for every qualified American citizen,
- to seek justice in the courts,
- to secure legislation banning discrimination and segregation,
- to secure equal job opportunities without regard to race, religion or national origin,
- to end mob violence and police brutality.

The evening was topped off by Atlanta resident Harold Blake's forceful and enlightening speech. Blake, regional director of the NAACP, noted the progress society has made in combatting racial discrimination.

"We are going forward not only as citizens nor as a nation, but as a race as well," he concluded.



A portrait of the late Martin Luther King, painted by Durham native William Nash, was unveiled during an NAACP tribute to the slain leader last Tuesday. The presentation was part of a program to reinforce the goals and purposes of the NAACP. Staff photo by Michael Probst

Mauney discusses aid cuts

By Madelyn Rosenberg
Assistant News Editor

Student Body President Gary Mauney laid the groundwork for the UNC Association of Student Governments' (UNCASG) upcoming visit to lobby in Washington when he traveled to the nation's capitol last week.

Mauney met with 10 of North Carolina's 11 congressmen, Senator Terry Sanford and other legislators to discuss three weighty issues focusing on financial aid.

The first subject addressed was President Reagan's actual budget, which will eliminate programs such as work study and will cut grants. "It will decimate financial aid as we know it," Mauney said.

Even a compromise in the president's budget will have a "detrimental effect on the university, the university system and the nation," he added.

The potential effect of the cuts in aid could also dampen the future competitiveness of the nation, Mauney said.

Another vital issue discussed was the new tax status of scholarships, grants and other stipends.

As much as 15 percent of this type of income would be taxable under Reagan's proposals, Mauney said.

"Students are already having a difficult time," he said. "This will make it that much tougher to come to school."

The final topic involved an idea the UNCASG had already lobbied against: The regulatory aspects of financial aid and its delivery process.

"Thousands of students UNC system-wide did not receive financial aid until December," Mauney said. "The system is slow, tedious, complicated and frustrating to students and parents. People may be closed out of an education because of its complexity."

"Everyone I talked to was very responsive," Mauney said. "Congressmen are not aware of the problems surrounding financial aid."

Mauney said it is important for Congress to talk to students who are "feeling the crunch" of governmental policies. He urged students to participate in future rallies and marches to show disapproval of cuts in aid.

Celebrities wish State a Happy Birthday

By Elizabeth Proctor
Staff Writer

Bob Hope, *Hill Street Blues*' Bruce "Belker" Weitz, and Larry Linville (a.k.a. Frank Burns) of *MASH* are just a few of the big names who will wish N.C. State University a happy 100th birthday in upcoming weeks.

Frances Milks, coordinator of special projects for university relations, said university officials have been working on public service announcements (PSAs) for months honoring NCSU's Centennial.

Bob Hope's spot, which was seen during the Peach Bowl, was filmed last year at the Bing Crosby golf tournament in Winston-Salem. Crosby's wife Katherine also made

a Centennial PSA at the tournament.

Ron Kemp, NCSU's director of media services, said making the commercials is mainly a matter of being in the right place at the right time. Kemp and Bob Cairns, coordinator of electronic media services, wrote the scripts and traveled around the state to tournaments and benefits, catching celebrities while they were in North Carolina.

Coaches Jim Valvano and Dean Smith will wish NCSU a happy 100th together during the State-Carolina game. Governor James Martin and the Rev. Jesse Jackson will also be featured in different PSAs.

The spots, which are 10-20 seconds long, can be seen during

Founder's Week, March 9-13. The PSAs will mainly be aired in North Carolina, although those shown during games such as the State-Carolina match-up will be national.

Milks said television stations can use the spots as fillers. However, getting stations to broadcast non-profit PSAs isn't that easy; they have to be entertaining and stand out. Cairns is the person

responsible for getting stations to air the PSAs.

To reduce production costs, Kemp completes them on campus. Film processing is the only major expense, and that is covered by the centennial publicity budget.

Kemp and Cairns have almost wrapped up the PSAs now, but they said they will grab their cameras if anyone important comes to the area soon.

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Sports



Danny Manning

Manning, 'Hawks roll again

Worst State has ever played, Valvano says

By Tim Peeler
Sports Editor

Exactly one week after North Carolina's J.R. Reid ran over State's injured defense, junior forward Danny Manning of Kansas did the same thing, scoring 30 points and grabbing 14 rebounds.

In front of a national television audience and 11,632 spectators, Kansas beat the Wolfpack for the third time in 14 months, 74-60, in Kansas City's Kemper Arena, the Jayhawks' no place-like home. Manning's performance, coupled with the Wolfpack's perpetual poor shooting, gave the Jayhawks their 13th win of the season against five losses. State's 20th-ranked Wolfpack fell to 12-5.

"It was the worst basketball game played by State since I have been coach here," State coach Jim Valvano said. "We had terrible offensive play."

State shot a mere 28 percent from the floor for the game, earning a poor first-half showing into a second-half joke. The Wolfpack hit on only 22.2 percent of its second period shots. And that was raised in the waning minutes after State started out hitting only one of its first six shots.

"Twenty-eight percent from the floor?" Valvano said after seeing a final statistics sheet. "I don't think I've ever had a team to shoot that low."

"I'm actually surprised it's that

high. I don't remember any of them going in."

Trailing 39-31 at the half, State entered the second stanza hoping to improve on its poor first half showing. It didn't.

Both teams had trouble getting started. The first bucket of the half wasn't until two minutes had expired when Manning hit a soft eight-foot jumper.

State's Bennie Bolton, who led the Wolfpack with 22 points, countered with a 17-footer 40 seconds later. But for the next 10 minutes, the Jayhawks flew, outscoring the Wolfpack 12-2 in a four-minute spurt.

With a little over six minutes to play, the Manning-led Jayhawks had built a 19-point advantage. During that stretch, the versatile Manning scored eight points, each in a different way.

The first was a simple jumper to give him 24 points. The second was a tip-in from an offensive rebound. The third was a rim-shaking dunk on a fast break. The last bucket of the stretch — and Manning's last of the game — was an anti-climatic layup in the lane.

"He does everything — rebound, shoot, follow up," Valvano said. "He's hard to stop."

The only good thing to come out of the game for State was that it didn't allow Manning to set career marks for scoring or rebounding. He came close, though, nearing his 35-point performance last year

against Oklahoma State and his 17 rebounds against Washington.

Even Valvano's famed junk defenses couldn't stop the junior from Greensboro. In the first half, Valvano tried a 1-3 zone with a chaser — Vinny Del Negro — on Manning. In the second half, State stuck to a man-to-man, switching to other defenses periodically.

But it wasn't Manning entirely that defeated State. Jayhawk coach Larry Brown got solid play from his bench to bail out two Kansas starters who got in early foul trouble. Brown got 27 points from his non-starters, while Valvano got only 11 bench points.

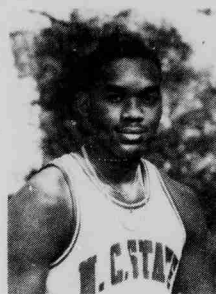
"I was proud of our bench play," Brown said. "It was a great win for us to beat a ranked team."

Down the stretch, freshman Keith Harris, who is only 17 years old, canned important free throws to seal the game for the Hawks. For the game, he hit eight of nine foul shots and scored 12 points.

"He don't play like he is a freshman," Brown said.

No one was really in control for the Wolfpack. Center Charles Shackelford, who finished with nine points, couldn't get any shots to fall, especially the free throws. And point guard Kenny Drummond, who scored 26 against Duke Wednesday night, forced too many jumpers from the perimeter. He scored 10 points and was State's only other scorer in double digits.

It may have been a costly as well as disappointing loss for the Wolfpack. Sophomore reserve Chucky Brown, who injured his ankle a week and a half ago, injured the same ankle but in a different location, said Jim Rehbok, head



Bennie Bolton

basketball trainer.

His status for this week's important ACC competition isn't yet known.

The Wolfpack travels to Charlottesville Wednesday night to face Virginia, which is trying to keep up with State and Duke for third place in the league.

The Cavaliers are 3-2 in the ACC after beating Wake Forest on Saturday.

The Wolfpack and the Blue Devils currently share third place in the conference with identical 4-2 records.

Valvano was most disappointed with the loss Sunday afternoon, and hopes to regroup his troops after the humiliating loss.

"We didn't give them much competition," he said. "It was as poor of a performance as I've ever seen."

"We just better forget about this one and get ready to play Virginia."

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opinion

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Faculty Senate gives students a chance

When the university suspends students for academic reasons, students generally have a tough time gaining readmission. They must wait one year to be admitted as special students. If they want to be admitted as full-time students, they have to sit out for two years.

Even so, being readmitted is the least of their troubles.

Since the university has a graduated minimum GPA requirement, readmitted students must pull up their GPAs to the acceptable level immediately upon their return, placing undue pressure on these students. Many returning students never graduate because they cannot pull up their GPAs in such a short time.

Fortunately, the Faculty Senate will propose a new procedure to assist students who have been readmitted. The procedure will give these students a better shot at graduating once they have returned.

Under the proposal, students are readmitted under a provisional status. They must maintain a 2.4 GPA as full-time students during their first two semesters. If they can pull the 2.4 during the provisional stage, they may be admitted as transfer students.

The novel aspect of the Faculty

Senate's proposal concerns the GPA requirement. Readmitted students have clean starts, while keeping the credit hours (where they made a C or better) they received before they were suspended. The new GPA includes hours completed with a C or better, transferred from other institutions and completed during the provisional period.

If the new GPA falls below the required 2.0, students are immediately suspended from NCSU and cannot reapply again.

Although students may graduate provided their new GPA does not fall below 2.0, the students' official GPAs will be calculated from all the credit hours attempted at NCSU. Therefore, students pay a price for their mistakes yet can still graduate with below a 2.0.

We applaud the Faculty Senate's role in forming this policy. Whether the proposal remains the same or is changed on the Senate floor is beside the point. The critical issue lies in the concern for graduating students who are readmitted.

These students need to have a fighting chance to graduate once they have matured and realized their mistakes. Thanks to the Faculty Senate, they now have the opportunity.



ETHOMAS

Free electives must be retained

LEE
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Opinion Columnist

It is now a prevalent opinion among many of the decision makers of our university that free electives are not beneficial to a student's curriculum. Many of them see free electives as being "misused and abused." They purport that students utilize these courses as "crisps," i.e., to make an easier schedule or to receive credit for doing little work. Others say that free electives are worthless and contribute little to a student's overall education. Still others object to these courses because they make it easier to change majors without a substantial loss of credit — the coursework that is not transferable to the new curriculum is simply counted as free electives. The question to consider about these opinions is, "So what?"

Consider the first assertion — the use of free electives as "crisp courses." The first error in this statement is the universal use of the word "crisp." In reality, what is easy for one student is hard for another, and vice versa. Even though it is granted that (overall) some courses are easier than others, there is not a single course on this campus that could be considered easy for everybody.

SP 110 (Public Speaking) is an excellent example. If the student has no bones about speaking in front of a group, this course could indeed be considered a "crisp," however, if one is a little shy with a touch of stage fright overshadowed with cold feet, the course would not only be hard, but could be considered the epitome of noisome torture — and the successful completion of this course could be of significant value to the student who was only taking it as a "free" elective. Therefore, calling free electives "crisps" is not a viable argument.

Receiving credit for doing little work is another joke. Again, all of the courses on

this campus require a certain degree of out-of-class work, no matter how easy the course is. If nothing else, most courses have a certain amount of required reading to be done, in addition to problems or extra exercises for retention of the material.

The question is, how can a student get a good grade in a course by doing "little work" — i.e., not doing the reading or exercises. The only rational explanation is that the student had experienced the material previously. The student must have read the material before he signed up for the class, or else he has worked the real life equivalent of the subject (if indeed we are learning anything that can be applied in real life.)

I was in the same situation in a previous semester when I signed up for PE 280, Emergency Medical Care. I only took it because I wanted a course where I would not have to do any out-of-class reading and studying. Let me explain how I was able to do this: During my high school years, I served on the local Rescue Squad (included (and mandatory) in this service was attending night school to learn the ways and means of the ambulance.

Overall, I was in night school for more than 200 classroom hours of study, and I completed four different courses in emergency medicine. PE 280 met two hours a week for eighteen weeks, therefore giving 36 hours of class, so I had more than five times the hours in the same subject. These hours do not even

consider the actual hands-on experience.

Why, then, is it wrong for me to receive two hours of college credit for this experience? If a student has the knowledge and the opportunity, is it wrong for him to seize the opportunity for credit? Not hardly.

The use of free electives to transfer into another curriculum is another legitimate option. Changing majors is not uncommon, nor is it surprising. Eighteen-year-old entering freshmen are not necessarily ready nor able to decide what career they want to pursue for the rest of their lives. The use of free electives allows exploration into other areas, as well as allowing the students to still receive credit for courses in their old curriculum. The students, if they passed the now "useless" course, undoubtedly amass a certain amount of knowledge from it, and if the elective system allows continued credit for this knowledge, then more power to it. Certainly this cannot be a basis for the system's demise.

Of course, free electives are fun, or at least they can be. If reading is enjoyable to some people, a literature course would certainly be fun, education and three hours credit. History courses are perfect for the engineer-would-be-historian. Political science is made to order for those who enjoy politics. So electives can also be used to "spice up" an otherwise dictated and boring curriculum.

Let's keep the free electives. They let students keep their curriculum fun and diversified, and also give an opportunity to get credit for things that were previously done for aesthetic pleasure. Anyone who supports the dissolution of our free elective system does not support scholarly freedom, but rather scholarly frowd-dumb.

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The purpose of education

A constantly-asked question about higher education involves its primary purpose — should one attend college to get a broad education or to train for a job?

We think the answer is obvious. A higher education should teach one to think creatively and for oneself. Potential and rote ability may be fine, but a mature ability to think, use data and make judgments are more important to self-rewarding careers.

There is probably no better example of this issue than ex-Wolfpack basketball player Chris Washburn. He attended the university for one reason — to get a high-paying position in the NBA. Now he has it, but it doesn't seem to solve things.

Washburn was quoted in *USA Today* as saying the NBA is "too much like a job" because he "has to practice."

If Washburn had put more attention on education while he was here, he might now have a better handle on "work." Furthermore, he might be more aware of the responsibilities that accompany success.

In this matter, there is really no difference between Chris Washburn and N.C. State alumni who graduate.

The issues of maturity, judgment and experience in using what one knows are the same.

It's true that there are some students who are naturally well-rounded through their extra-curricular experiences; therefore, these students just seem to pursue a narrowly specialized academic path. But students of this calibre are few.

There are other students who are brilliant nerds or nerdettes who will graduate with a 3.8-3.9 GPA, and who have more affinity with test tubes and gerbils than with other people on interactive human behavior.

These students may get good jobs, but often it takes years to discover that some types of opportunity just pass them by.

Most of us are in between these extremes. We are not completely sure what the future guarantees us, and we need the ability to make the best of a broad range of opportunities.

One needs only to think of what might happen if the promised job doesn't work out, or the technology changes, or the person wakes up one morning in a rut to see that the well-rounded education is irreplaceable.

Conservation merits attention

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As temperatures stay mild and spring approaches, few people seem concerned with energy conservation. In addition to the good weather, the OPEC countries seem unable to unite, and therefore oil prices stay low — to the great delight of car owners. In this rosy time of low energy costs, people overlook the need for research into alternative energy sources. During the oil crisis in the '70s people realized that world oil supplies were not unlimited, and they conserved energy accordingly.

The cars produced these days are becoming larger and larger, and gas mileage is hardly a consideration of consumers. It may be prudent to realize that oil supplies are still finite.

Research in more fuel-efficient machinery is discouraged because of low fuel prices. During the oil crises extensive research was conducted in an effort to develop alternative sources of energy such as sun, wind, tidal and nuclear power. As a result, several nuclear energy plants have been constructed, and our knowledge of this energy-releasing process has increased. Now most of the research has been tuned down. This raises the possibility that a future energy crisis will leave us unprepared to meet the need for domestic alternative energy sources.

In the Soviet Union, research on nuclear energy will not stop. They are faced with one of the worst energy shortages in the decade and an extremely cold winter. Even the power plants at Chernobyl have been restarted. Apparently, the shortage is more important than the safety precautions that should have been installed to prevent disasters.

The same idea applies to car prod-

uction. Japanese cars became really popular in America after people realized their superior mileage. Small, practical foreign cars were preferred over six- and eight-cylinder domestic ones. American car manufacturers realized this too late, and foreign imports conquered a large share of the market before cheap and efficient domestic cars were produced.

Cities like Detroit felt the competition, and the national trade imbalance reached extremes since hardly any country in the world desires to buy large American vehicles. Europe, which has traditionally experienced gas prices almost twice as high as the United States, also prefers and produces fuel-efficient small cars.

With the easing of the energy crisis, we have forgotten the hard lessons taught by expensive oil prices. We are again increasing the size of our cars.

And how great are the chances of another oil or energy crisis? In the long run, the prices will very likely increase. To begin with, the war between Iran and Iraq affects all the oil going through the strait of Hormuz, which is more than half of the world's traded oil. The OPEC countries are continuing their efforts to reunite and push the oil price back to over \$20 per barrel. The main obstacles to this have been Iran and England. Iran refuses to limit oil output because it needs maximum revenues to maintain its war machine. England has rigorously refused to join

OPEC because it does not favor cartels. However, with the continuing economic crisis in the United Kingdom, increased revenues from North Sea oil (England is the fifth largest oil producer in the world) would be very welcome. That's tempting bait for voters in their upcoming elections.

A final reason for a possible increase in energy prices is the fact that America's surplus natural gas will run out in approximately one and a half years. After that, prices for all energy commodities will likely increase.

Americans would be wise to again consider the merits of energy conservation.

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Features

Campus support group formed for victims of rape, assault

By Alex Maxwell
Staff Writer

A support group for women who have been raped or sexually assaulted has been formed by the Office of Women Students' Concerns.

According to Jan Rogers, a counselor at the Office of Women Students' Concerns and founder of the group, this is the first time such a group has been organized on campus.

Rogers has had 4½ years experience dealing with rape and sexual assault. Before taking on her present position, Rogers worked with rape crisis at Interact, a counseling center for victims of sexual assault. She stresses the importance of providing a support group for student victims.

"The support group is for helping women identify what happened to them," said Rogers, who hopes to help women become survivors, not just victims, of sexual assault.

According to Rogers, the support group is for women who had been assaulted at least six months earlier. "Women who are recent victims of sexual assault should seek individual help," she said.

Rogers said that immediately after sexual assault it is most important for a woman to receive medical attention, practical information and individual counseling.

Rogers said that sexual assault has always been a hidden problem, and she hopes that the support

group will bring it out in the open. "Most victims feel better once they talk about their experience and realize they can recover," she said.

Jon Marshall, a professor in the educational leadership department of the School of Education, conducted a study on sexual assault at N.C. State University and found that over ¼ of women students have been forced into sex while in a dating situation. He said that half of these women were using drugs or alcohol at the time of attack.

Of the male students interviewed, 70 percent were under the influence of drugs or alcohol when they attacked the victim. According to Marshall, 23 of the women attacked told someone. Of those who told someone, 34 percent told a friend, 5 percent told a counselor, and 2 percent told a law enforcement officer. Marshall said that none of these women tried to seek professional counseling.

Rogers hopes to provide a series of date rape programs for any student group on campus in an effort to change these figures and also wants to start a program to teach friends of victims how to help the victim deal with her assault. She will also be publishing a brochure on date rape later this semester.

The program is scheduled to begin on Wednesday, Jan. 28th, from 4:30-6 p.m. at Clark Infirmary. Rogers said that the confidential group meetings will be held in a safe place and late registration for the support group will be accepted.



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Black Girls, Hege V work on new vinyl

By Susan Coble
Staff Writer

THE BLACK GIRLS

When The Black Girls play, people listen. And after a performance last fall at the Hardback Cafe and Bookstore in Durham, The Black Girls found themselves in a position most bands would envy. The owner of the Hardback began TomTom Records, a record company aimed at releasing the band's first record, due out this spring. Investors to finance the deal were soon being sought.

Lee Johnson, who was working with the VERY alternative Raleigh magazine, *Southern Lifestyle*, started the band last spring. Johnson and Dana Kletter (an N.C. State student and Technician staff member) soon went public at a benefit concert for the magazine. When the band's third member broke her arm, she was replaced by violinist Hollis Brown.

Don't let the *Southern Lifestyle* roots fool you — labeling this band as hardcore, punk or even 'new' is a misrepresentation. The composition of their harmonies is classical at times. One member of the audience at a recent show at Duke University called the band's sound "Windham Hell" for the combination of acoustic elements and odd musical subjects.

The band's name refers not to skin color, but to the manner of dress and overall attitude of the three members.

The Black Girls are starting to get frequent bookings in the area, most recently at The Berkeley Cafe.

THE WOODS

Born from the ashes of the Fabulous Knobs and The Collard Boys, this phoenix-like band has finally found its niche in the music scene.

The current line-up consists of Jack Cornell, Terry Anderson and David Enloe — a trio enjoying a successful and eventful year. The band was signed with Australia's Regular Records a year ago and the record did quite well in its native

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country. Although rumors of an Australian tour were prevalent last summer, the tour never materialized. More recently, the Woods became known as the Marti Jones Band, touring across the country with the vocalist last fall. The tour included a show at the Brewery where a video was filmed to support Jones' latest album.

The Woods' "Battleship Chains," featured on the *More Mondo* compilation album was recently covered by the Georgia Satellites. This surprised the Woods as much as anyone else since the Satellites hadn't cleared the recording with the writers first.

The Woods play at the Brewery about once every five weeks, with their shows often including guest appearances by well-known local musicians.

THE LEOPARD SOCIETY

From its beginnings as a blues-type cover band, the Leopard Society has progressed to having a fast-selling tape offered in local record stores in a very short time.

The band's members come from other local bands, with the exception of vocalist Patti Haskins. According to Haskins, "Singing in a rock band was not my aspiration at all." But when her husband Mike, the band's guitarist, gave her a chance to sing with the band, everyone agreed that the combination was right.

Mike Haskins had been playing with The Boatrockers and Diminishing Returnz before starting this band.

Milton Gore, the Society's bass player, had also played with the Boatrockers, as well as with Jimmy and the Joneses, a band which also supplied drummer Mike Burnett to the Leopard Society.

The band plays a mixture of rock, rhythm and blues and country, with vocals inspired by such

female blues singers as Laura Nyro, Bonnie Raitt and Billie Holiday.

The Leopard Society tape is available in several area record stores, and the band plays often at the Fallout Shelter and the Brewery.

THE ACCELERATORS

The Accelerators may be considered local to Greenville, South Carolina, where three of the band's members live, but singer-songwriter Gerald Ducal resides in Raleigh, making the band at home in two states.

The Accelerators have been around for several years, and have toured the East coast extensively. Last year the band traveled throughout the Southwest, ending the tour in San Francisco. The Accelerators haven't been touring much lately, opting to wait until after the release of their next album to travel.

Their next album will be released by Profile records, home of Run-DMC. The band signed with the New York label this past month and is working on the completion of the record at JAG studios. Several songs have already been recorded at Videofonics.

The new record will be more representative of the band's live sound, with a gutsy, rocking sound absent on the previous record. The band's first record, "Leave My Heart," was recorded before the band had played a live show, and while the production was a bit too slick for the style of music played, the record did well, reaching the number 20 spot on the *College Media Journal's* charts. Along with fellow band members Brad Rice, Mike Johns and Doug Wheelch, Ducal is looking forward to the album's release on a national label, since better distribution means bigger sales and exposure.

The Accelerators play frequently at the Brewery.

SNATCHES OF PINK

Contrary to the belief of many, the band's name is not intended to be offensive. Singer-guitarist Andy McMillan stresses this point with an explanation of the name's origin: "I was working at a record store when the Roman Holiday album came out and was selling pretty well. I mentioned that all a band needs to make it big is a video on MTV and snatches of pink on their record cover. The phrase stuck out as a good name for a band, and that's all the meaning it has — really."

Other band members are Michael Rank, Jesse Farrell and Sara Romweber. After numerous years of cultivating her hair, extensively using super extra hold Aquanet and teasing her hair with a metal comb, Romweber has reached a point of perfection with her tresses. McMillan considers this a vast improvement over ex-bassist Jack Wenberg, who used "eggs and stuff to get his hair like that — it got pretty smelly."

Snatches of Pink has been together since July of '85, with many lapses, such as when Romweber hurt her arm and when the bass player left the band.

The band enjoys touring in a 1975 VW van (blue with a white top) and recently opened for the Flat duo Jets on a tour that culminated in Nashville.

The Pink music is rock-n-roll played fast and with a lot of noise according to McMillan, who added that the melody gets buried under all the noise since they're often erratic and uptight in front of an audience.

Upcoming performances include a show at the Duke Coffeehouse on Feb. 6, and at the Fallout Shelter Feb. 28.

THE DAYROOM MONITORS

The Dayroom Monitors are in a position very common among bands these days — they're recording six songs (enough for an EP) next month and planning to shop for a record label to release and distribute their work.

According to drummer Herbie Sant, the promotion and distribution are the main things they want from a record label, not so much the name or fame associated with being signed. Recording isn't something new to the Monitors, whose song, "Some thing Better Than This," was



Hollis Brown of the Black Girls

included on the Z-93 (Winston-Salem radio station) compilation album "Let Us Be Heard," which was released last year.

The compilation album helped the Monitors build a large following in Winston-Salem, and the crowds they attract in this area had been growing, too — until the drinking age went up, that is. Saint said, "When the drinking age went up, the crowds got smaller, but they're building up again. It was like starting over."

The Dayroom Monitors' name relates to the occupation of three of the band's members — dayroom monitors at Dorothea Dix. Since that time guitarist-singer Kenny Shore has started working at the Wake County Drop-In Center, a daytime retreat for recently discharged Dix patients.

Along with fellow band members David Dixon and Steve Webster, Shore and Saint are looking forward to working with producer Robert Kirkland of Arrogance and Kick the Future fame at JAG studio next month.

The Dayroom Monitors frequently play at many local clubs, most often the Brewery.

HEGE V

This is a band that gets a lot of press, partly because of the band's own merits and partly because of the singers' heritage. George Hamilton V is the son of, you guessed it, all you math majors, George Hamilton IV. This is not the continually-tanned gigolo-ish actor recently said to be romancing Elizabeth Taylor, but the country singer who is a part of the weekly

Grand Ole Opry shows.

Hamilton V has played with Gumbo Ya-Ya, George Hamilton and the Heartbreakers, Hege and the Heart Attackers and the Pegs before settling on the latest incarnation, Hege V (pronounced HE-gee-VEE).

Hamilton drives around town in a black Cadillac hearse, a vehicle well-suited for shipping band equipment from club to club, and in true style to boot.

Hamilton V describes Hege V's sound as "a raw rodder rockiness with vocals that wail, moan, crouch and cry out with a survivalist, broken-hearted country cynicism."

The band has been together for a year, and has already attracted the attention of music publishers, producers and record companies, although no deals have been signed yet.

The band has appeared on the Nashville Network's "Country Notes" (like MTV's "Cutting Edge") and has played at the Grand Ole Opry — an achievement many country-styled bands spend many years trying for many years.

The band members are Hamilton, Bob Ragsdale, Tim Harper and David Thrower. Two tapes have been recorded, "Live at the House of Tears" and "My Decline," which was recorded at Mitch Easter's Drive-In Studio in Winston-Salem.

Hege V recently signed with a Nashville record label and is currently working in the studio with producer Don Dixon (R.E.M. and Marti Jones).

The band frequently plays at the Cat's Cradle and the Brewery.

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