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Staff photo by Marc Kawa At Cathy Bucky's Championship Cheerleading Camp, Keri Vinson wins the appeal of the crowd as she executes her award-winning move. Keri received first place in the jumping contest held Tuesday behind Berry Hall. See next week's photo page for more exclung cheerleading action.

# Gymnasium gets facelift

**By Cindi Thompson** Staff Writer

Many of the old sections of Carmichael Gymnasium have been renovated, according to facility coordinator Jack Shannon.

Workers repainted the lockers and walls in the men's locker room, Shannon said. A contracted organization called The Locker Doctor earlier this summer

partially completed the . Resurfacing the tennis work, the biggest renovation done, the coordinator said.

Other modifications include new lighting and a paint job for the corridors, the weight, wrestling and fencing activity rooms, he

Shannon said other improvements planned for this summer or early fall

courts next to Carmichael, Lee Residence Hall, and on fraternity row

· Adding new office space in the gym basement for intramural recreational

· Removing and replacing old floor and wall mats in the wrestling room.

Except for the partially completed locker room work, none of the other projects have been contracted out yet.

"This is routine renova-tion needed to keep such an old building functional," said physical education head Richard Lauffer.

## **Undergrad requirements** may change this fall

By Marty Massey Staff Writer

Undergraduate requirements may be chang-ing as early as the 1988 fall semester, according to Associate Provost Murray Downe

This past spring, the Commission on Undergraduate Education issued its final report recommending several changes to the present university undergraduate requirements for graduation.

The Commission on Undergraduate Education, created November 20, 1985, has wrestled with the issue of what changes should be made to the university requirements. "There was lots of controversy about specifics," Downs said, "not that changes should be made.

'This commission felt that they wanted to expand the total general educational experience. associate provost said.

"One of the dramatic changes involves freshman English," Downs said. The report calls for only one freshman course in composition and rhetoric rather than the two that now

exist. An advanced writing course would be required in the junior year to supplement the freshman course.

The commission also recommended that a major paper be written during the senior year, leaving to the different departments the responsibility of suitable implementation of this requirement.

Other proposals include adding two credit hours to the natural science requirement, requiring a course in the fine arts or ethical reasoning, requiring a course in oral communication, cutting the physical education requirement from four credit hours to two credit hours and eliminating university requirements for free electives altogether.

"Probably the most controversial proposal is the elimination of the free electives," Downs said. 'Many members of the commission felt that students did not use electives to broaden their educational experience.'

The commission's report points out that the free electives requirement

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## Textiles school reconsiders move

Special to Technician

The faculty and ad-ministration of the N.C. State School of Textiles, in a surprise move, voted unanimously against relocating the school to the university's new Centennial Campus.

In a ten-page report anonymously sent to the Raleigh Times, former Dean of Textiles Dame S. Hamby accused the NCSU administration of ignoring concerns expressed by faculty members in the design of the new school.

Instead of moving to Centennial, professors want the current textiles building, Nelson Hall, to be renovated,

Hamby wrote.

He also wrote that concerns for "commercially available space to be used for profit" have taken priority ver academic

Centennial Campus Mangement Committee Chairman Claude McKinney disagreed with statements made in the report.

"I'm bewildered by their perceptions and their obvious ack of attention to the facts, McKinney said. "That build ing has been designed very carefully and with great at tention to that program."

In his letter, Hamby also accused the NCSU administration of misrepresenting the nature of the new campus when the textiles faculty voted initially to relocate there.

"... We were of the opi-nion, and led to believe, that

this would indeed be a true ampus in the classical sense," Hamby's letter read. 'Since that time, it has evolved that the Centennial Campus will be, as described by one of the senior university administrators, 'a center for industrial research and service with a few academic buildings dispersed throughout,' and this is confirmed by the master plan.

'A few academic buildings dispersed throughout' is not true," McKinney said. Cen-tennial will be a "mixture of academic buildings which will include teaching spaces, public and private research labs and offices and places for faculty and staff to live."

According to McKinney, the textiles building has been talked about for two years.

"We now find ourselves as the only undergraduate school to be located on the Centennial Campus crowded in the midst of a group of industrial buildings and in a textile building that is unsuitable for our needs," Hamby wrote. No more undergraduates would be moved to Centennial until

T've never been told that," McKinney said. Bike paths, pedestrian bridges over Western and bus service linking the old and new campuses are being planned, McKinney said.

"I'm in favor of it." Barnhardt said in a telephone interview. However, the problem with moving, he said, "boiled down to" two

First, because the textile school has been the only school given approval to move, the question of how long before other schools move to Centennial arises.

"The second problem in volves (the need for) adequate building space and parking." Barnhardt said, and that problem is being looked at

The master plan develop-ers made decisions concerning the new school's design without consulting the textile faculty, Hamby wrote.

Vice President Thomas Hines, speaking on behalf of the master plan developers. Carley Capital Group, said that because Centennial was an academic project, Carly did not participate in plann ing the textile school. The university hired Carley as a master planner, not a developer, he said.

Also included in the master plan, Hamby wrote, is "a building which Carley had proposed to build for commercial profit placed adjacent to the textile building and in such close and crowded proximity that it would even prevent trucks from delivering equipment to the two loading docks, thus rendering our heavy equipment laboratories useless.

In response to the charge, Hines said, "I'm doggone near resentful of the implication that Carley is making these decisions based on profits, because Carley gets no profits. Any dollar raised by leasing land out there goes straight to the university."

## Requirements may change

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would be left to the individual departments.

Downs admitted that the proposal, if implemented, would pose a problem to education to those students achieving a degree in four years, but that the student would have a broader education in the final analysis. He also emphasized that no skills or the fine arts.

decision has been made yet. "The intent," he said, "is

to give a broader liberal education to students in technical curricula, a more scientific and mathematical in the humanities curricula. writing and speech skills to all students, and to take a half-step toward aesthetic





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# Wrestlers open Olympic Festival

Fire 1.6. Olympic Festival Natatorium until Thursday, July opened Monday with the preliminary wrestling mini-tournament at N.C. Central University's Walker

The freestyle wrestlers competing in the first day's event were ving for the opportunity to face the nation's number three wrestler in their division in a best two out of three series Tuesday.

## Olympic Notes

The winners of Tuesday matches will face the secondranked wrestler in each division in another best two-out-of-three series and that winner will face off. likewise, with the nation's top-ranked wrestlers.

The first three rankings were selected by USA Wrestling from two open tournaments in April. The Greco-Roman wrestlers began their competition, using the same format as the freestyle wrestlers, Tuesday. The wrestling competition will continue through Friday. July 17.

The festival's swimming competition also opened Tuesday and will continue at UNC's Koury

The diving competition, held at Raleigh's Candler Swim Club, will start on the 16th and continue through the 19th.

The festival will officially open Friday evening with the Opening Ceremonies at Carter-Finley

The only other event scheduled to take place on N.C. State's campus is the team handball competition, which will run from the 21st to the 26th at State's Carmichael Gymnasium.

Other events that will be held in Raleigh include: boxing, July 18. 19, and 21; rhythmic gymnastics, July 22 and 23; table tennis, July 18-22; Tae kwon do, July 24-25; and weightlifting, July 24-26; all at the Raleigh Civic Center.

The equestrian events, including the equestrian portion of the modern pentathlon, will be held at the Hunt Horse Complex at the State Fairgrounds. The Kerr-Scott Building at the fairgrounds will house the Judo competition, July 18-19; and the roller skating events will be held in Dorton Arena, July 18-20.

Meredith College will host the running part of the modern pentathlon and the air gun shooting events July 18-19, while the rifle and pistol shooting competition



Staff photo by Marc Kawanishi
Junior Taylor (left) makes a desparate attempt to come from behind and defeat Jim Freeman in Olympic Festival wrestling Monday, the day of the Festival's opening ceremonies. Olympic Festival wrestling was held in North Carolina Central University's Walker Gymnasium. Taylor lost the match 15-1.

Club in Raleigh.

18-22, and Lake Wheeler is the wrestling finals. site for both the canoe/kayak events, July 18-19, and the rowing

competition, July 24-26.

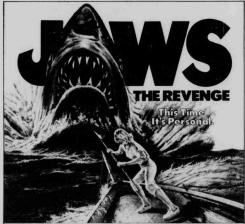
will be held at the Sir Walter Gun rights to telecast the festival live, will begin its coverage at 7:30 Raleigh's Lions Park will host p.m., July 16, with live coverage the softball competition, July of the swimming and freestyle

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head-first into its record 44 hours of coverage with a six-hour splash Saturday, July 18, and 61/2 hours

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# remains at State

By Katrina Waugh Sports Editor

Wolfpack basketball coach and Athletic Director Jim Valvano announced Sunday evening that he would stay at N.C. State and would not become the coach of professional basketball's New York Knicks

"At this time, I would like to state that I am definitely remaining at N.C. State Uni-versity," Valvano said. "My family and I are extremely happy at N.C. State, and I look forward to the challenges ahead. I have the utmost respect for the New York Knicks and their management. I will always remain a Knicks fan, and I wish them the best of luck."

The Knicks announced Monday afternoon that they had hired Providence coach Rick Pitino to fill the head coaching position vacated by Bob Hill Pitino led the Friars to the NCAA final four last season, where they lost to Big East rival Syracuse.

Hill and general manager Scotty Sterling were fired by the Knicks after the team finished the 1986-87 season with a dismal 24-58 record. Al Bianchi was hired to replace Sterling as general manager two weeks ago.

Pitino was one of the Knicks' original choices for the coaching job in spite of the five-year contract he had signed with Providence. Pitino, reportedly, will have to buy out the rest of his contract

University of Kansas coach Larry Brown, former NBA coach Dick Motta, and Boston Celtics assistant coach Jimmy Rodgers, as well as Valvano were rumored to be under consideration for the Knicks job.

"I did converse with the Knicks on a couple of oc-casions, but I want to make it clear that at no time did they offer me the position," Valvano said.

Valvano also indicated that his family was against a move to New York.

"There is no way they were going to let me leave," he

"I love N.C. State. I'm excited about the future - of what we can become."

# Valvano L.A. mishandles Woodson

If you listen closely enough to what's been going on with the Los Angeles Dodgers, you get the idea that the Dodgers don't really consider former Wolfpack first baseman Tracy Woodson much of a prospect.

If you've followed Woodson's progress this year, you've probably noticed that the Dodgers don't seem too willing to give Woodson much of a chance to prove that he is a prospect.

The Dodgers took Woodson to Los Angeles with the major league team to open the season and proceeded to let him rot on the bench. When Bill Madlock went down with an injury, Woodson was all the Dodgers had left at third base, so they played him. When he didn't hit any better than .230 with one home run and seven RBIs, the Dodgers lost patience with him and sent him to the minor leagues. In his place the Dodgers called up Jeff Hamilton, a chronically weak hitter whom the Dodgers consider their third baseman of the future.

While Woodson got off to a good start with the Dodgers' Priple-A affiliate at Albuquerque, hitting .333 with four home uns and 23 RBIs in 99 at-bats. Hamilton went more than 50 major league at-bats without driving in a run. Although the Dodgers showed far more patience with Hamilton than with Woodson, they finally gave up on him, traded for Phil Garner and sent Hamilton back to Albuquerque, which presumably means a shift to first base for

Too bad for Woodson. He should have earned more respect than that by now, especially from a stale, moribund fran-chise like the Dodgers. He's worked too hard on his defense at third base to have to accept a move back to first, which will only lessen his chances at ever being considered a real pros-

The jump from Double-A a year ago to the major leagues this spring and back to Triple-A

at mid-season is exactly the kind of jerking around a young player doesn't need to screw up his doesn't need to screw up his progress to the big leagues. If Woodson really fit into the Dodgers' future plans, they would have sent him to Albuquerque to open the season and let him play every day there for a full season.

The Dodgers once had the most productive farm system in

#### Bruce Winkworth

Associate Sports Editor

baseball. Every year they could reach down and bring up another young phenom for the pennant stretch run. In the last five years, the Dodgers have bombed badly in the draft, and the results have been a predictable decline of their farm

You can't develop talent if you don't have any, and the Dodgers are beginning to admit that they don't have much talent down on the farm. That sounds rather ominous for Woodson, who would probably benefit greatly with a trade to another organization. Any organization. The Dodgers' farm system has reached the point that calling it an organization is misleading. It is anything but organized.

While Woodson is playing fairly well at the Triple-A level, two other former State players are having fine seasons in Double-A.

Greg Briley, who played second base for the Wolfpack's 1986 regular-season Atlantic Coast Conference championship team, was hitting .277 with five home runs, 38 RBIs and 24 steals through July 5 for Seattle's Chattanooga affiliate in the Southern League. The Mariners drafted Briley in the first round of the secondary phase of the June 1986 draft.

Meanwhile, Doug Strange (1983-85) was hitting .284 with 13 doubles, six home runs and 39 RBIs for Glens Falls, the Detroit Tigers' Eastern League affiliate. A switch-hitting middle infielder at State, Strange has moved to third base and is batting only from the right side. The Tigers took Strange in the seventh

round of the June 1985 draft. At the Class-A level, righthanded pitcher Hugh Brinson is beginning to make the Toronto Blue Javs take him seriously. Brinson signed with Toronto as an undrafted free agent after the June 1985 draft and had outstanding seasons in the Gulf Coast League in '85 and the California League last year.

The Blue Jays sent Brinson back to Class-A again this season, evidently not yet convinced that he can pitch Double-A baseball. But through mid-season, Brinson was having a great year for the Dunedin Blue Jays in the Florida State League, posting a 9-2 record and a 2.21 ERA. He was second in the league in wins and fifth in ERA.

About this time last summer, I wrote a very learned column in these pages about what a terrific future the Cleveland Indians had, predicting contender status no later than 1988, possibly ever in 1987.

I wasn't alone. This spring. almost every major sports mag azine did cover stories about the Tribe, and many of them picked Cleveland to win the American League East this season. We were all wrong, and I don't take a great deal of solace in the fact that I made an ass of myself a year before everyone else.

But I stand behind what I wrote. I never came out and predicted a Cleveland pennant in 1987, although I did hint at its will still not be too late for the possibility, and I still maintain Cleveland Indians.

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that the Indians will be contenders a year from now. There's just too much talent on that team to languish in last place

As a matter of fact, if the Baltimore Orioles continue their present pace, they will nudge the Indians out of last place in the AL East right after the All-Star break. And if the Boston Red Sox give up the ghost and go with young players in the second half, the Indians could give the Sox a run.

Everyone's talking about how disappointing the Indians have been this year, but no one seems to understand why this has happened, Good, knowledgeable baseball fans all talk about Cleveland's pitching. "If they just had some pitching they'd be great.

The problem hasn't been the pitching. They knew the pitching would stink, and it has. The problem is that Cleveland's offense, which led the major leagues in hitting and runs scored last year, has been last in the league in both categories most of the season. If you don't score any runs, you can't win. even if your pitching staff is Lefty Grove, Sandy Koufax, Bob Gibson, Christy Matthewson and Walter Johnson.

But when your pitching staff is Ken Schrom, Rich Yett, Mark Huismann, Ed Vande Berg, Mike Armstrong and Tom Candiotti, the lack of run production is lethal.

Tribe is starting to hit the ball with authority again. By this time next year, the farm system will have developed enough talent for the team to go out and get some pitching. Assuming the offense returns to normal, 1988

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# Full Metal Jacket covers the mind in battle

OLLIE NORTH'S HOUSE - I sat in the theater and watched the black screen and listened to the opening chords for The Rolling Stones' "Paint It Black" as the closing credits rolled. I wasn't sure what had happened to me

Stanley Kubrick's Full Metal Jacket is not the hest Vietnam war movie. But it is one of the greatest war movies ever made.

I do not even want to compare Full Metal Jacket to Oliver Stone's Platoon. Stone's Platoon is his personal tale of a tour of duty. Kubrick was off shooting Dr. Strangelove and 2001 during the days Stone was ducking bullets. I'm not trying to accuse Kubrick of anything - he was in his late 30's during the Vietnam war.

Truth is, I just don't think that the story in Full Metal Jacket had to occur during the Vietnam war. Any battle that occurred in the ruins of a city would be sufficient - the movie could have been about soldiers in the Peloponnesian war. Information and statements about Vietnam are at a minimum. Kubrick tries hard not to say if the USA was right in fighting

A soldier tells a television crew, "I don't know if the United States belongs here, but I do.'

Full Metal Jacket is not a story about battles fought with bullets, but with intelligence.

The movie does not try to show boys becoming machines. but boys becoming machines and then becoming killers.

Kubrick shows this through Private Joker, played by Matthew Modine. Kubrick starts the film off with Modine and his fellow Marine recruits getting their long locks shorn. The personality disappears from each person as the skin is revealed.

The drill instructor, played to

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the hilt by Lee Ermey, tears the recruits apart and remolds them to all look and act alike. One overweight private, nicknamed Gomer Pyle (played by Vincent D'Onofrio), is finally beaten into being one with the corp. But Gomer tries too hard and he

Kubrick has never filmed a more terrifying glare as Jack Nicholson doesn't send such a wicked glare.

After bootcamp at Paris Island, the soliders are shipped off to Vietnam with Modine working as a writer for the Star and Stripes.

The story of the men in Vietnam takes place around the Tet Offensive. But the war story in Full Metal Jacket is rather boring and mundane. Kubrick does not build up some mystic Apocalypse Now plot or even the heroics of Audie Murphy But he films the normal fighting in a livid manner. During a march into the ruined city of Hue, Kubrick runs the camera like a infantryman making a run into the city. Sitting in the front row pulls you into the action. You scan the buildings, looking for the spiners hidden inside the ravaged buildings.

Modine walks through the concrete battlefield with "Born to Kill" written on his helmet and a peace insignia button on his vest. He jokes to a Colonel that it represents the dual nature of man

Full Motal Jacket's statement is that in war, boys become stripped of their innocence and see that nobody else should have the right to stay innocent.

The door gunner in helicopter mows down Vietnam se women as they run across a rice field looking for shelter. "If

they stand still, they're welldisciplined VietCong," he shouts as he fires into the chaotic fields.

Nobody is innocent in the Marine's eyes. The natives are whores, drug pushing pimps or the enemy. They are killers. Nobody is innocent on either side

When confronting a sniper who is seriously wounded and is suffering as the Marines look on, Modine must decide what to do with her. It is then that he makes the transition to killing machine

It is in this small scene that Modine brings the film from good to greatness.

Full Metal Jacket is about a process, a frightening transition which must occur inside. A pass between the dual nature in man.

After making classic movies such as A Clockwork Orange, Paths of Glory and 2001, the true test of any Kubrick film is not that you remember it, but it haunts you in your dreams.

As the soldiers marched past the burning ruins singing the Mickey Mouse Club theme and the screen went black, I knew I'd soon have my nightmare.

Shuffle, is now being shown inside Raleigh city limits. The Rialto will show what must be the best film made this year for \$100,000. Townsend proved with Hollywood Shuffle that the material doesn't have to suffer

with a tight budget. So don't be an uptight homeboy sticking around that sweaty b-ball court. Go chill out with the brother Robert's film.

As Townsend said when I talked to him, "See my movie. Remember to get your stu-dent discount of \$2.50 at the

If you want to get last year's low budget winner, Spike Lee's She's Gotta Have It is out on videocassette.

The movie is about a young black girl in Brooklyn and her lovers. It deals with the double standard in sexual relationships. Nola Darling wants more than one man and the men in her life want her exclusively - but they also want to keep their other

Lee makes a film that has moments of sheer brilliance by exposing parts of the black culture to the masses. The three men that fight for Darling's

they run, they're VietCong. If low-budget comedy, Hollywood affections are different men who think they are above each other. But all are the same in their attitudes about women.

If you've got the time, a VCR, and a club membership, check it out. If you don't like it - that's a personal problem.

#### TELEVISION

Just a couple of thoughts on Ollie North's being questioned by Congress.

Why doesn't Ollie sing a couple of Marine hymns? We all know he's got a good voice.

Why won't Ollie quit trying to suck up to the public? I expect his final day of questioning to end with an American flag draped around him as he crawls out on his knees, praying while telegrams fall from the sky along with shredded traveler's

Bring back Fawn Hall, she's got better legs.

Rumor has it that Jim Bakker and Ollie North will take back the PTL club, but the name will be changed to PTC - Praise the Contras.

The only difference between Klaus Barbie on trial and Ollie North is that Klaus decided against wearing his uniform. They were both just following orders from above.



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# Spaceballs attacks science fiction films

By Mike Legeros Staff Writer

Starting with the Star Wars trilogy and moving outward, Spaceballs spoofs any and every science fiction standard that

#### Review

Hollywood has created in the last two decades: Star Trek takes a couple of bows, Alien has a literally) bit part and even Planet of the Apes gets trapped in this galactic bowl of alphabet soup. But director, producer, and cowriter Mel Brooks does not stop with the films. Brooks attacks the very conventions of popular science fiction: merchandising, special effects and the filmmaking process itself.

One of Spaceballs' best sequences is when Dark Helmet the villainj, desperate to learn where Lone Star (the hero) and company have crashed, looks to the ship's library and finds a videocassette of Spaceballs. The ship's technician fast-forwards the movie until Dark Helmet watches the film's previous scene where Lone Star's spacecraft crash-landed.

Confused? It's just Mel Brooks at his camera-conscious best.

Even though Brooks has a galaxy of conventions to draw upon, Spaceballs has its share of yawns and groans.

Despite the unpredictable gut-busiers, Spaceballs tries to make a joke out of everything. The visual jokes and hidden puns seem to spring from every corner, down to the "We brake for nobody" bumper sticker on Dark Helmet's spaceship.

Although Spaceballs is no Blazing Saddles, it is no History of the World either. Discounting the strangely inappropriate foul language and sometimes mysterious character reactions, Spaceballs is all Brooks.

Maybe, since this is Brooks' most self-conscious film, it is also destined to be his most sporadic. Much of Spaceballs seems to laugh at itself. When characters are boring, it is because the original characters weren' that resting, either. When the jokes fall flat, it is because the original jokes weren't that hot.

Brooks once again tears down a genre to what it is: a moneymaking rehash of a former theme, gimmick or idea. But in the case of Spaceballs, it is funny.



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President Skroob (Mel Brooks) and Dark Helmet (Rick Moranis) tear up the galaxy in the summer comedy Spaceballs.

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# Rainbow Gathering: good folks

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Now you're probably wondering why I haven't written earlier: It's because I've been spending my time re-adjusting to society.

As a friend of mine said, it's a lot easier adjusting to the lifestyle of the Rainbow Tribe than return-Raleigh.

So I've spent my time analyzing just what the hell went on, contemplating my own actions in that environment and making plans to return some day. Need less to say, the gathering affected me somewhat

But the reason I'm writing this article is to diminish the misconceptions toward the folks who attend the gathering. These people are not freaks, although

#### John Austin

#### Executive Editor

they may be a little more unusual than your average Joe.

Most of these folks have steady iobs, raise their children and vote in national elections; however, once a year they assemble at an elected site and celebrate the idealism of the flower generation.

Agreed. Some of the people refuse to leave the Sixties. They live in psychedelic painted buses, reject all social norms and roam gypsy-like, from gathering to

Yet the predominate group are the folks who need to express themselves in some spiritual sense one time a year. Certainly some of

better, whether it be spiritually or politically.

As I said before, the activities at the gathering do take a little getting used to. In fact, it took me almost a day to get over weird ness. These folks earnestly practiced spiritual rites and ceremonies. Just when I thought it was at the peak of craziness, some painted, naked hippie would offer

But that's the point of the gathering: everything goes, as long as you're not stepping on anyone else's feet.

The spiritual and political views differed as much as a Klan-CWP rally. The Krishnas, the Sanus need to express ourselves dinistas, the mystics, the hippies, are the centers for food consump-

groups associated without quarrel or violence. Rarely, when 12,000 people get together, are there no incidents of violence and assaults. Yet, at the Rainbow Gathering, everyone respected each other's rights to express themselves.

But the camaraderie encompasses more than simple respect; the folk actually care about each other's well-being

People are greeted at the gates with a warm and sincere, "Wel-come home." A welcome station at the bottom of the mountain provides a warm breakfast and fire for weary travelers.

A shuttle system comprised of volunteers taxi people up and down the mountain, with occasional stops at roadside cafes, like the "Almost there cafe" and the welcome center.

The different kitchens, representing various beliefs and creeds,

the yippies and all the other tion. By the way, food, medical attention, water and latrines are provided free of charge.

Money can be donated to "The Big Hat" at the gate, but once past the gate, money has no value. The economic system shifts to barter. One area, dedicated to the barter system has the air of a mideast bazaar. Here people trade their wares, their services and goods. No one bargains to get the best deals; people try to make fair deals, for both parties.

People at the gathering ge-nuinely "love their neighbors." You can ask anything from anyone. The air is full of love, sharing and concern. People watch out for one another. They help each other

Certainly, these folks realize that this type of living cannot be maintained in the "real" world, yet they also realize that they can get away with it once a year. It's not a bad deal.

# Smith, Sprague direct message toward youth

#### Contemporary Christian Music artists began work with Amy Grant

**By Jeff Stiles** Staff Writer

numerous musicians for the information contained in these years out of high school. articles. This music can be heard show called Resurrection Rock.

Sounding fresh and different is important to CCM song writer Editor's note: This article is the Michael W. Smith. "I think I'm tifth in a series of acticles on somewhat of a commercial type of tilth in a series of acticles on somewhat of a continent at type of Contemporary Christian Music (CCM). Stiles has interviewed numerous musicians for the in-

"I sing pop music. I'm a song every Sunday afternoon from writer too, so I think if there's noon to 3 p.m. on WKNC on a anything that's going to make me sound fresh and different it's

going to be the way I write songs,"Smith said.

Smith claims that the rock

group Kansas had an influence on his music

"Kansas combined a classical rock kind of deal together," he explained during a March interview. "I thought that was pretty cool. I liked anything that was fresh - that nobody had ever done before. Kansas has their own deal; nobody sounded like them. I was into that."

the opening act for Amy Grant's shows. In fact, he has also been credited with writing Grant's two biggest commercial hits, "Find a Way" and "Stay for Awhile."

Smith aims his music's message toward America's teenagers.

There's a lot of problems with kids," he says. "There's suicide;

14. The list goes on and on, but I think all these problems originally stem from low self-esteem. Kids don't like themselves. If only they would realize how much God

loves them just the way they are. I think that's what I'm trying to communicate with kids. In 1984 Smith produced What a Way to Go, the debut album for musician Billy Sprague, who

toured with Smith that year in over 80 cities Smith, also a producer and performer, got his start working as the opening act for Amy Grant's ning in 1980, he had been a

background vocalist and guitarist touring with Grant. Subsequently, his work can be heard on both of Grant's live albums.

In March, Sprague opened for Smith's concert in Chapel Hill. He said in an interview that his message is also directed toward

there's girls getting pregnant at high school and college age youth

"I love getting in front of kids and talking to them," the single Oklahoma native says. "I do all different sizes of groups, and I'm even beginning to do a little more (religious) teaching and seminars

sitting down with kids and talking about the things they're going through. I really think the person-to-person type of thing is my forte.

Serious Fun, an album released last year by Sprague, features a mixture of pop-rock songs dealing with the problems that face teenagers.

"If you're really going to find the answers to the big questions and really find out what life is about," Sprague says, "you're going to have to take a look at Jesus."



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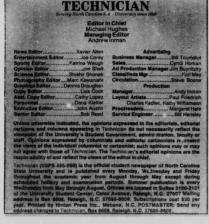
couldn't get any worse, it slip away as they hit the These aren't officially books and go to class. All of the dog days of summer, but this depression can be unthere close. The tempera- nerving to a teacher at eight tures indicate that we are in in the morning. And cutting the middle of an August heat a class or two doesn't make wave, and summer school the situation any better - relentlessly grinds on. Those coming back the next day early morning classes that we only proves that there really jumped out of bed for during is a week's worth of material the first week of first session covered during each day of have become so dreary a summer classes. The course routine that they surpass that only moderately consimple drudgery. And pity fused you before now seems the poor professors who to be terminally out of reach. have to teach those classes Students are beginning to as they survey the students wish they had listened to the sitting before them: the roommates who told them classroom is filled with stu-never to attend summer

semester, students taking the end of the tunnel, it is required courses they have that soon the second session no interest in, students who of summer school will be need just these last three over. We can all congratucredits before graduation, late ourselves with the students busily writing appli- knowledge that we have cation letters to future been year-round troopers in employers, students who the world of higher educawould rather be almost any-tion. And then we can relax where else and students for less than three weeks

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shocked every time they're confronted with irrefutable evidence that the average American is no more intelligent than a bar of soan?

A poll in last Thursday's USA Today showed that Americans believe in and support Lt. Col. Oliver North by a seven-to-one margin, and liberal friends of mine were amazed by this. The poll revealed that an overwhelming majority of Americans believe that Col. North is a true hero and that he was perfectly justified in lying to

This past weekend, support groups for Col. North staged demonstrations all over the country. Women were saying that they wished they could marry Col. North. Fathers were saying that they would be proud to have their daughters marry Col. North. Mothers secretly longed to be shipwrecked with Col. North.

Liberals found this distressing, and well they should. Liberals also found it surprising They should know better by now. I mean, how many times do you have to be hit over the head before an idea sinks in?

Liberals would do themselves a great favor if they'd stop being such a simpering mass of Pollyannas. Every time USA Today puts out a new poll showing what a retarded and simple-minded lot most Americans are, liberals go pop-eyed with disbelief. Well, how much evidence do you need to understand that the average American is a gullible flathead?

# Bruce Winkworth

#### Associate Sports Editor

In this decade alone, we've had two landslide presidential election victories for Ronald Reagan. At the very least, one ribbons. He's "boyishly should have gotten the picture handsome," according to that after the second election. We seem to have produced a whole generation of college students who actually wish they'd been old enough to fight in the Vietnam war, and most of them seem to have more respect for Ivan Boesky than Mother Theresa.

As recently as two years ago, the Triangle area had a man named Bob Kwesell spewing out mean-spirited, smallminded, right-wing ideology over the most powerful radio station in the area. Kwesell's radio show was enormously popular and was a smash in the Arbitron ratings. Most liberals simply wrote that popularity off. mistakenly attributing it to an solated pocket of small-town rednecks suffering the latent effects of generations of in-

Typical Instead of heeding the warning that Kwesell's show provided - that a great many North Carolinians are meanspirited, small-minded, rightwing ideologists - liberals decided that his show was nothing more than a simple

away by the decency of the human spirit. "People simply aren't like that," the liberals would say. When WPTF finally fired Kwesell, the liberals took that as proof.

Now, along comes Oliver North, a man who regards the United States Constitution with about as much respect as a roll of toilet paper. His Marine uniform is covered with battle mindless rag, USA Today. He's an eloquent speaker, calm under fire, smooth and articulate.

In short, Oliver North is an impressive witness, and the American people, gullible simpletons that they are, are unabashedly supporting him. But the American people also supported Richard Nixon to the bitter end, and Nixon was hardly an impressive speaker. He looked and sounded exactly like what he was, a liar

I could go on and on, but I won't. The evidence speaks for itself, and all you have to do to see it is look around. Read the letters to the editor in the newspapers and listen to those kooky call-in radio shows. Read USA Today. How many more presidential elections like 1980 and 1984 do you need?

The American people will believe just about anything. especially if it's handsomely packaged and slickly produced Oliver North is a natural for this country, and if that surprises you, you just haven't been



the building where North was testifying on Capitol Hill, Monday. Well wishers and other interested folks braved temps in the uppper ninties for building.

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