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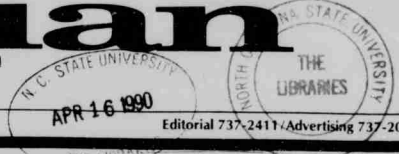
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## Noble lectures on the importance of 'Africanness'

By Terry Askew  
Staff Writer

Gil Noble, speaking Wednesday at the conclusion of the Pan-African Festival, described his view of student responsibilities for the '90s.

It is the responsibility of students to be soldiers and warriors for a better day for everybody, Noble said. He said that we are bound together by common solidarity under a



Noble

canopy of understanding which makes us brothers and sisters. "Racism is coming back. At the same time there is this decay in the black community which puts us in danger," Noble said.

Noble said that the condition of blacks in this country is worse now than it was before the civil rights movement. Sociologically, the black race has become schizophrenic, he said.

"While some blacks are well-spoken, well-dressed, well-educated, and well-driven," said Noble, "on the other side of the fence lie the masses of our people."

The same bad conditions which exist in the North are "analogized"

in the South, he said. Thousands of blacks are wandering the streets burned out; there is nothing inside in many instances, he said.

"I'm a member of a class of black people in this country who manage to get a break and we've turned our back on our kin," said Noble. "Since desegregation and integration, there has been a brain drain of those who have moved out into suburbia."

According to Noble, remedy can

only come from being properly educated and properly informed," said Noble.

It is important that blacks, as well as other people not of African descent, to understand Africa and the sons and daughters of this continent. Pride within oneself comes from acknowledging one's "Africanness," said Noble.

"Knowledge of your history is a weapon," Noble said. "Take that weapon and use it intelligently."

Noble said he believes that the government used drugs as a device to disperse the civil rights movement. Drugs appeared abundantly in the black community at the peak of the civil rights movement, Noble said. "By giving you drugs today, it would ensure that you wouldn't bear any resemblance to the activist of yesterday," said Noble.

Afterwards, Noble addressed questions from the audience.

## University Dining uses improved biodegradable bag

### Plans include phasing in other environmentally safe products

By Geriel Thornburg  
Staff Writer

University Dining and the Corn Growers Association of North Carolina displayed a new biodegradable bag at a press conference in the University Student Center on April 6.

According to Randy Lait, director of food services for the Student Center, the new bags will take the place of non-biodegradable plastic bags, which were provided to keep students from taking plastic trays.

John Anderson, extension specialist in crop science, was the first to recommend the bag to Art White, interim vice chancellor for Extension and Public Service.

White said that the new bag was introduced in response to student concern about the environment.

Tom Poe, the N.C. representative of the National Corn Growers Association, said that these new plastic bags contain 94 percent syn-

thetic polymers and six percent corn starch which enables them to break down naturally in landfills.

The association is promoting the use of the bag around the country.

According to the association, the new bag begins to decompose in 6-24 months. Polyethylene plastics without added degradation agents reach disintegration in 200 to 400 years whereas degradable plastics (with less than 10 percent degradation agents) reach full disintegration in less than 20 years.

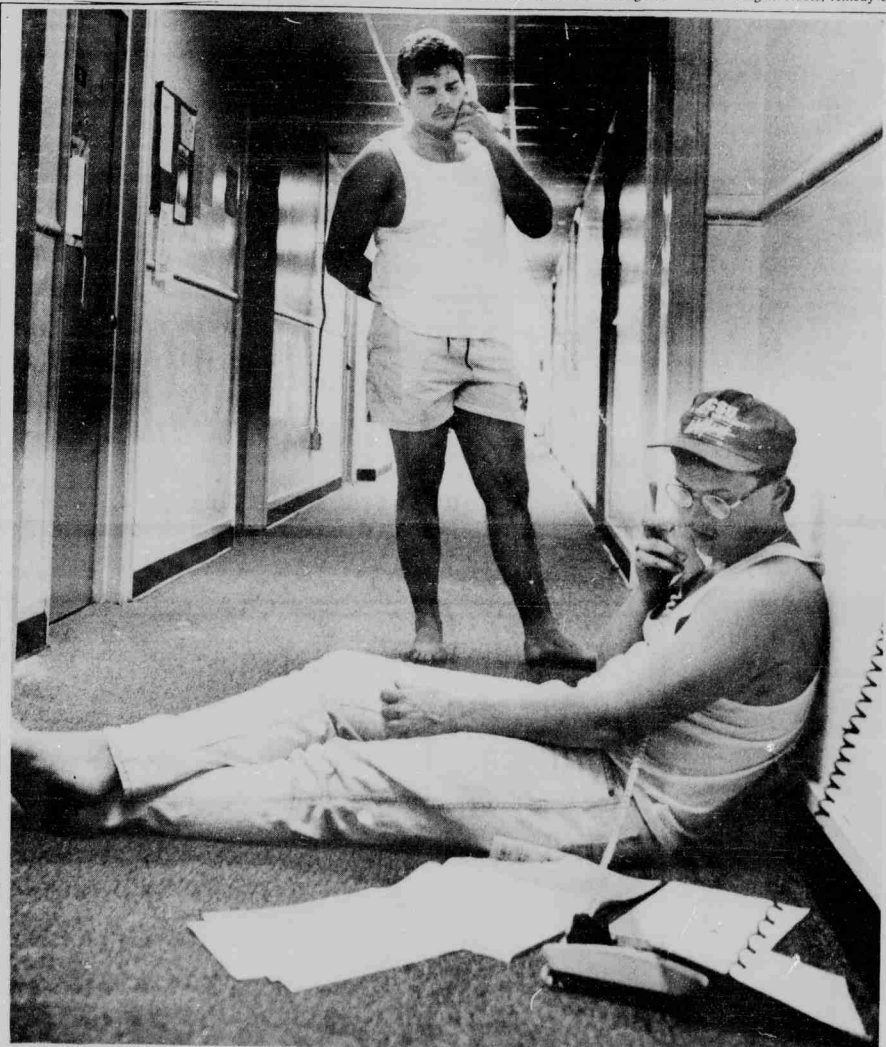
"More people will go to these bags as they learn about them," said Poe.

Lait said that in the first month of use, the new bag has been very popular with students.

"We've had positive results," said Lait. "They like the take-out bag."

He added that this bag is a good alternative because it is popular

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Chris Hondros/Staff

## 'Please enter an action code now'

Shane Herbert (standing), a freshman in materials, and Monte Platt, a freshman in textiles technology, spent Saturday afternoon trying to register for the fall semester by telephone. The window for freshmen opened on Saturday.

## Raiford: 'I would have been more vocal'

By L. Scott Tillett  
Staff writer

Interim Student Body President Brooks Raiford said that had he been president for the entire academic year, he "would have just been more aggressive" than the former president, Brian Nixon, who vacated the post for personal reasons earlier this month.

"I would have been more vocal and oriented

toward issues," Raiford said.

"I would have just been more aggressive."

In Raiford's opinion, Nixon was more "project-oriented" and was hesitant to push the issues.

Raiford admitted, however, that he has never desired to run for the office of student body president, saying that he enjoyed running business in the Student Senate.

Raiford, a senior majoring in political science, has served in the Student Senate since his fresh-

man year, serving as a senator and as a committee chairman.

In his junior and senior years, Raiford served as Student Senate president, surprising many by running for the position that doesn't allow for much debate on issues.

"I love debating," Raiford said.

"I really love the floor activity."

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## Finding that perfect swimsuit...impossible?

Last week I set out to torture myself in the cruelest way a woman can think of.

I went bathing suit shopping.

Most females try to wait as long as possible before they finally subject themselves to such vile humiliation, but since my friends and I were heading to the beach this past weekend, I had to be brave.

When I got to the mall, I found the most frightening array of suits I have ever seen in my life.

### Jennifer Holland Cruisin'

The definition of conservative in respect to this year's selection means that, yes, there is something covering what is important.

Of course the parts of the suit that are supposed to cover the important areas are only an inch and a half in diameter. But, hey, you're covered

and that's all that matters.

Right? Wrong. Not for this chick. Some looked like leather, some looked like multi-colored Saran wrap.

Some even had zippers.

Hmmm.

Some looked like something Sherri the barbarian, would wear to a pool party.

Some looked like nothing at all.

I mean, NOTHING AT ALL. I knew I was doomed.

After I found what I thought might get me through the weekend with the minimal of embarrassment, I bowed my head and marched bravely to the dressing room.

The first one I tried on was covered with Hawaiian flowers, or at least what was there of it.

My first instinct after viewing my winter body in this monstrosity was

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Mich Shyers/Staff

Art White, left, and John Anderson, a representative for the National Corn Growers Association, display the new biodegradable bag.

## Students petition President's action

By Punit Chhabra  
Staff Writer

An N.C. State student organization is distributing a petition among students that opposes President Bush's recent support for ending all economic sanctions against the South African government.

The Society of African-American Culture has received approximately 500 signatures on the petition, which they plan to mail to Congress as soon as they get 1000 signatures.

"Bush wants to end the current economic sanctions against South Africa because British Prime Minister, Margaret Thatcher, has just done the same," said Derek Gatling, vice president of the group.

According to Gatling, Thatcher lifted Great Britain's sanctions because of the recent release of Nelson Mandela.

Gatling said that until the 1948 amendment to the South African constitution, which legalized apartheid is eliminated, the SAAC will not endorse any actions that

support the South African government.

"The release of Mandela is not enough because there are still over 150 political prisoners who still haven't been released and Africans are still being suppressed," Gatling said.

Another concern of SAAC is that there are no democratic elections in South Africa. SAAC would like to see South Africa operate under a "one man-one vote" policy, like the United States does.

Recently SAAC's president, Derrick Johnson, received a leadership award from the Association for the Concerns of African American Graduate Students.

Johnson said that he encourages African-American and other NCSU students to join SAAC.

He said that every African-American student enrolled at NCSU is automatically considered a member of the society whether they are active or not. For more information about the SAAC, call Derek Gatling at 779-5842.

# FYI

Apr. 16, 1990

## IMPORTANT DATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The last day of classes is April 27.

Lifelong Education Students will have access to TRACS for Summer Sessions '90 beginning today and for Fall '90 beginning July 8.

TRACS hours of operation are Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to midnight, Saturday, 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. and Sunday, 2 p.m. to 11 p.m.

## SPECIAL EVENTS

Women of the World (W.O.W.) will meet on Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of Fairmont United Methodist Church on 2501 Clark Ave. W.O.W. is a women's discussion group, featuring educational topics and cross-cultural perspectives of interest and value for all women. For more information, call Sarah Speir at 737-2451.

You are "CARDIALLY" invited to attend an INTERNATIONAL POST CARD COFFEEHOUSE on Wednesday from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the lower lounge of Alexander Residence Hall. Over 2000 post cards from 60 countries will be on display. A National Post Card Week table will be on display in conjunction with the event, and Channel 28, WPTF-TV is scheduled to be broadcasting. There will also be music and refreshments.

The Turkish theater play "I, ANATOLIA" will be Wednesday at 8 p.m. in Stewart Theatre. It is a one woman play in two acts. Tickets are \$4 for students and \$10 for the public and are available at the Student Center Box Office. For more information, call 737-7346 or 851-5764.

The Earth Day 1990 Coalition will hold a press conference today at 1:30 p.m. at Pullen Park instead of the Arboretum. They will announce all the upcoming campus Earth Day activities.

The Earth Day 1990 Coalition will sponsor a panel discussion titled "INDUSTRY AND THE ENVIRONMENT: THE CHALLENGE FOR FUTURE LEADERS." The forum will take place on Wednesday from 7-9 p.m. in Room G107 in Caldwell Hall.

A forum on ADULT CHILDREN OF ALCOHOLICS AND WORK — THE STUDYHOLICWORKHOLIC will be on Thursday, April 19 from 7:30-9 p.m. in Caldwell Lounge. Dr. Richard Kevin, director of psychology for the Alcoholism Treatment Center, will be the guest speaker. There is no charge for the forum, and everyone is invited to attend. Call Amy at 851-7067 for more information.

## LECTURES/SEMINARS/SESSIONS/WORKSHOPS

V.I.S.I.T. is a community service program being developed at NCSU in collaboration with the N.C. World Center and the N.C. Returned Peace Corps Volunteers Assoc. to train international students in giving cultural presentations in the Wake County Public Schools and to university student groups. You will have the opportunity to meet a variety of people, learn valuable teaching skills and

## Corrections and Clarifications

An article in Wednesday's Technician incorrectly stated that the Collegiate Musicians Guild is a club primarily for electric guitarists. The guild is open to all performing musicians.

A photo caption in Wednesday's paper incorrectly identified the name and major of one of Eric Noble's campaign supporters. He is Michael Buck, a sophomore in English.

A headline to a letter in Campus Forum Wednesday incorrectly said former Student Body President Brian Nixon abused power. It should have said interim Student Body President Brooks Raiford abused his power when he was president of the Student Senate.

make a real contribution toward increasing awareness and understanding among the youth in this country. There will be a V.I.S.I.T. orientation session on Tuesday from 4:30-5:30 p.m. in the Board Room of the University Student Center. Refreshments will also be served. Come out and find out about this exciting program and make a difference by sharing information about your culture and country to the American community.

Compiled by Jay Patel

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## Raiford

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Raiford sees his biggest accomplishment in his role as the Student Senate president as "bringing a lot more credibility to the office of the Student Senate president/Student Senate."

He said that he has increased visibility of the post and has also made it easier for future Student Senate presidents to be more vocal.

Other accomplishments include a strengthening of the committee structure within the senate and a uniformity in legislation record-keeping.

Raiford said that his visibility as a leader has earned him the respect of senior administrators. He says they see him as a serious leader who follows up on legislation passed by the senate rather than "some radical kid who's just up here for the fun of it."

However, Raiford's visibility turned against him in January when he called for the resignation of former men's basketball coach Jim Valvano.

Raiford said that while many thought it was not his position to speak out on issues, he saw it as his duty as a student leader subscribing to the "enlightened statesman" point of view.

According to Raiford, an enlight-

ened statesman supports his constituents for the most part but occasionally has to go against the emotionally motivated opinions of his constituents because he has access to more information.

Doing otherwise "takes the leader out of leadership," Raiford said.

Raiford maintains that his major complaint with Valvano was the coach's philosophy on the relationship between academics and athletics, citing the inconsistency between Valvano's comments to the effect that he does not view himself as an educator and Valvano's position as a voting faculty member, a position he requested and was granted.

As interim student body president, Raiford has had little to do other than to finish up projects begun by Nixon and his staff.

Raiford maintained that Nixon resigned of his own accord and that Nixon's staff has remained on to complete their work rather than staying on as a condition of some rumored deal between Nixon and Raiford.

"I had absolutely no intention of firing anybody," Raiford said.

"That would be silly. I had no reason to, and that was clear from the very beginning."

Raiford praised Nixon's work in improving the physical appearance of the campus and his support of the book lease program at N.C. State.

Despite campus rumors that Raiford's first presidential orders

have been to get a new chair to go in his new office and to have his name plate changed, Raiford said that all he's done is to ask a housekeeper to vacuum some lint from the chair.

His name plate has been changed, but Raiford said that he peeled it off the door of his old office and merely stuck it onto the door of his new office.

Raiford, however, has had his new office painted, but he claimed it was necessary because the walls were a dingy yellow and in "pathetic shape" as a result of pictures being hung with double-sided tape over the years.

Raiford attributes recent rumors to certain people's fear of competence.

Another rumor that has sprung up has concerned Raiford's rescheduling of the inauguration of new student officers, supposedly so he could say he has served a full month as student body president.

Raiford said the change was necessary due to the president's current Board of Trustees seat.

On April 21, the Board of Trustees will meet and hopefully make their nominations for new NCSU chancellor to UNC-system President C.D. Spangler.

Raiford said he thought it would be unfair to put a new student body president into a seat on the board and allow that person to vote on an issue in which they had not been involved in the decision-making process.

## Shopping

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to head straight to the FCX to buy the biggest burlap bag they had in stock.

One thing I realized is that these suits aren't made for the average female. These bathing suits are designed and made solely for the model on the tag attached.

Guys don't have it so bad. Shorts are shorts. They don't have to worry about what the suit looks like on. Find a suit in your favorite

color and you are set.

We females have to wear some skinny little piece of Lycra that leaves nothing to the imagination.

And what about price? You pay \$50 for two strings with a little material attached here and there to barely cover what's important. If you are like me, you will be doing everything you can to keep that \$50 suit covered.

Thanks to everyone who opened doors and helped me out last week after I sprained my ankle. I truly enjoyed my handicapped parking sticker while it lasted. I ditched my commuter pass and parked any-

where and everywhere I wanted to just to irritate those parking Klingsons.

I hate having a sprained ankle, but at least I feel like I got my \$10 out of the ticket they gave me two weeks ago.

By the way, Matt Byers, I'm a crook, too. I drove under one of those traffic barrier arms one night and it crashed down on the top of my car. It didn't break, thank God. Otherwise I might be wanted by the police, too. Now that this burden has been lifted from my shoulders,

Happy 27th Anniversary, Mom and Dad. I love you.

## Bags

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with students, environmentally safe, and solves the problem of disappearing dining trays.

"We discovered that the solution to the problem was plastic," he said.

"We're glad students recognize that we're trying to do our part to be responsible to the environment." White said. "We can make a difference."

Lait said University Dining first made the switch to more environ-

mentally safe dining products by phasing out foam products and replacing them with paper over the past year and a half.

Plans are in the works to begin a recycling program this fall in the continuing efforts to step ahead as a leader in the industry.



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## Clemson hands Wolfpack three conference losses

### Technician News Services

Clemson scored three runs in the bottom of the ninth inning Sunday to defeat the N.C. State baseball team 6-5 and take a three-game sweep for the series.

State fell to 36-9 overall and 11-4 in the ACC. The Pack is currently two games behind the league-leading UNC Tar Heels. The fourth place Tigers improve to 30-11



Pierce

overall and 9-5 in the conference.

An error by Pack third baseman Gary Crampton loaded the bases with one out in the bottom of the ninth inning. With the infield drawn in, Tiger designated hitter, Joe DeBerry, hit a ground ball to second-baseman Chris Long. Long booted the grounder, allowing the winning run to score.

The loss belied a strong pitching performance by Brian Bark, who got his first pitching start in two years when Preston Poag was unable to pitch.

Bark allowed six hits and three runs in

seven and a third innings.

Jimmy Holland took the loss for the Pack, his first of the year.

State led throughout the game, but missed opportunities. As a team, State stranded 11 baserunners, eight of them in scoring position and four on third base.



Holland

Jeff Pierce had a pair of hits and an RBI for State, while Crampton had a single and

two RBI.

For the Tigers, infielder Jeff Miller drove in two runs with a pinch-hit single in the seventh and a key triple in the ninth inning. State's trio of defeats to Clemson began on Friday with a tough 6-3 loss.

The Tigers led 5-0 through six innings until the Pack mustered a three-run rally in the seventh.

The comeback was abruptly halted when second-baseman Chris Long was thrown out at the plate following a Bark RBI double. Ross Tomberlin came in for Long, who was thrown out of the game after disputing the call at the plate. Following a Tomberlin

error in the eighth inning, the Tigers scored their final run of the game. State pitcher Craig Rapp fell to 7-1 for the season.

Saturday was a complete embarrassment for the Pack.

Everything that could go wrong, did as the Tigers teamed with Murphy's law to beat State by the 20-4 gridiron score.

State committed four



Rapp

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## Women netters end season on a three-game win streak after beating Peace Wednesday

Seniors lead team to ACC Tournament this weekend at the University of Maryland

By Brooke Barbee  
Senior Staff Writer

For seniors Arlene Peters and Ale Prieto, good things come to those who wait.

After a rugged start to the 1989-90 N.C. State women's tennis season, the team has begun a torrid winning streak and trounced its last three opponents to conclude the scheduled dual meets.



Prieto

The Wolfpack's regular season ended Wednesday much as it began last fall — with a victory over neighboring Peace College.

While the fall match-up between the two teams was a battle to the bitter end of the 5-4 NCSU victory, Wednesday's match was an 8-1 blowout that allowed all eight members of the NCSU squad to play.

Leading the Pack attack were Peters and

Prieto.

Peters, the top-ranked women's player in Zimbabwe, has maintained the third slot for the Pack this season, jumping the ranks from her position at the sixth seed in 1988.

Of late, her play has taken on a new look of aggression. The results have been favorable.

Peters has won five of her last seven matches, including two conference victories against Virginia and Wake Forest. Her 6-0, 6-0 shel-lacking of Peace's Pam Davis brings her current streak to three consecutive wins.

Prieto, a native of Cuernavaca, Mexico, has also recorded three consecutive victories. Peace's Jennifer Tinnell was her latest victim in a 6-3, 6-0 rout at the fifth spot.

On the year, Prieto has attained an 11-11 record, having won four of her last seven encounters.

Ironically, both Wolfpack women lost to their Peace opponents in the fall, although they teamed together in doubles to down the Davis/Tinnell duo 6-1, 6-3.

On a broader scale, the seniors have led the

young and relatively inexperienced Pack to a 10-14 record with one ACC win, a marked improvement over last year's 7-17, 0-7 mark.

In the match against Peace, held at the Wolfpack Tennis Complex, State swept the singles competition.

Top-seeded Jenny Sell downed Bonnie Johnson in three sets, 6-4, 2-6, 6-2. At the second spot, Susan Saunders held off Tiffany Harting 7-5, 6-3.

Katie Carpenter clobbered fourth-seeded Kim Campbell 6-1, 6-0 while Michelle Parks duplicated the score in a win at the sixth position.

In doubles, Peters and Carpenter defeated Harting and Johnson 6-7, 6-4, 6-1 at the first slot.

Davis and Tinnell picked up the lone Peace win over the second-seeded duo of Parks and Stephanie Donahue 6-3, 7-6.

Prieto teamed with Melanie Patterson at the third spot in a come-from-behind 4-6, 6-4, 6-1 victory.

On Friday, the team will travel to the University of Maryland for the season-finate ACC tournament.



Saju Joy/Staff

Senior Arlene Peters figures to be a key to the Pack's success in the ACC tournament. She won her match against Peace 6-0, 6-0.

Men's tennis team hosts VPI today at 2 p.m. at the Wolfpack Tennis Complex.

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# Turner looks forward to ACC track tournament

By David Honea  
Senior Staff Writer

For senior William Turner, this week's ACC track meet offers a chance to continue a long N.C. State tradition in triple jumping. But, Turner is more interested in re-establishing a tradition that was interrupted last year.

"I want to leave N.C. State the way I came in," Turner said. "We were ACC champs seven years in a row, and that got broken last year. I want to go out with a bang."

Turner will be a key if State is to defeat defending champion Clemson on the Tigers home track. But, as a former ACC champion and all-American in the triple jump, he is certainly up to the challenge.

"I would like to think that William is favored going into the conference meet," said assistant coach Gail Olson, who works with State's jumpers. "He has the ACC's

leading jump and he's undefeated so far." In spite of his early success, this season has been one of adjustment for Turner.

As a fifth-year senior, Turner was not eligible for indoor track, and thus got a late start on competition. Olson said this has been evident in Turner's jumping form.

"He's jumping very well, considering that his technique isn't quite right yet," Olson said. "Lack of an indoor season hurt him. You need competition to get adjusted to the season and to perfect your technique."

Another big adjustment for Turner has been the absence of Mike Patton. Patton, a four-time ACC champ in the triple jump, provided Turner with a lot of help and competition through most of his career.

"Being on the team with Mike was a learning experience," Turner said. "He taught me a lot about triple jumping. It's different not having him here."

But being the top jumper on the team is

not new to Turner. When Patton was hurt in 1988, Turner came through with his best season ever, winning the ACC title and finishing fifth in the NCAA meet.

"That year Mike got hurt, and suddenly I had to carry on the jumping tradition," Turner said. "It's been nine years in row that we've won the triple jump, and you can't let that end."

"William really stepped forward in 1988 and assumed the role of the leader," Olson said. "I kind of see that same thing this year."

The leadership role is especially important this season. State is loaded with young talent, but few people are left from the ACC championship teams. As captain, Turner has to give direction to the young team.

"William is important to us for the points he scores, but it goes beyond that," said head coach Rollie Geiger. "As someone

who's been here for five years, and accomplished so much in the classroom and on the track, he's a team leader."

Turner, an applied mathematics major from Jacksonville, N.C., did not come to State with outstanding high school credentials. But he has made the most of his ability during his five years here.

"He's not the most talented athlete I've ever had, but he's the hardest worker," Olson said. "He's improved by more than six feet. That's a great example for younger athletes."

While new to the role of leader, Turner recognizes its importance. "I see myself as a subtle leader, working by example," he said. "It's a lot different now, because our team is really young."

"It's a little bit more pressure for me. Like the pressure on our jump crew to keep the winning streak going. It comes from success."

If past history is any guide, expect Turner and the rest of State's team, to rise to the challenge.



Turner

## Baseball team wiped out by tenacious Tiger squad

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errors, all of which, in some way or another, resulted in Clemson scores. Included were a botched pick-off at second base that was thrown into the outfield and two routine grounders that were thrown away at first base.

The sixth inning was a complete disaster as the Tigers remained at the plate for almost an hour. They scored 10 runs on six hits, three walks, one error and a wild pitch.

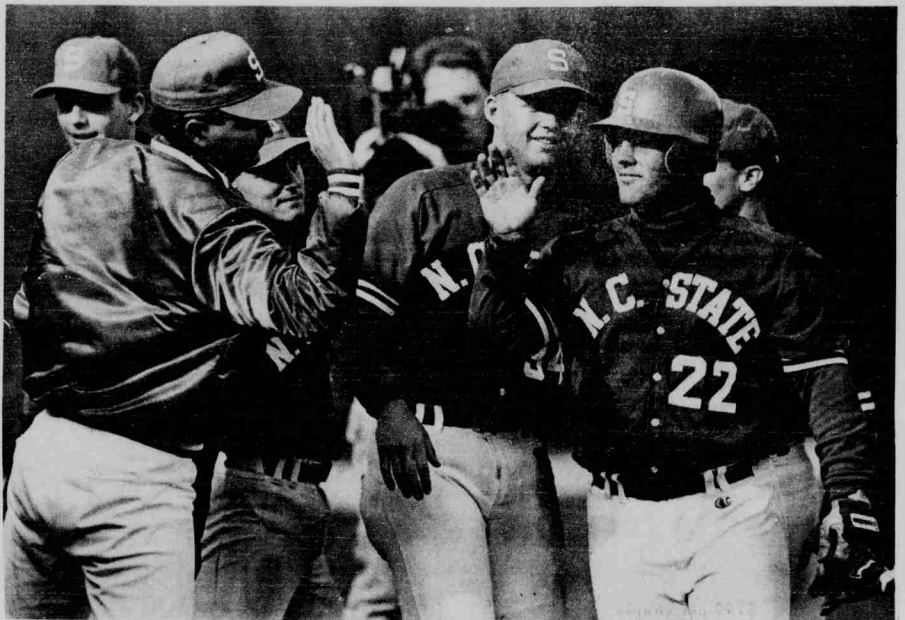
Clemson's Jim Crowley had an RBI double, DeBerry hit a two-run triple and Eric Moerina a two-run homer. The trio combined for three

triples, two home-runs and nine RBI. They were coming off a six-game suspension for misconduct during the Tiger's trip to Chapel Hill.

For the Pack, Jeff Pierce drove in all four runs, including a two-run single and a two-run homer to give him 11 roundtrippers for the season.

The entire weekend was summed up in the final two outs of Saturday's game as the two teams played in a horrendous rainstorm.

The Pack faces William and Mary at home on Tuesday at 3 p.m. before heading down the road to ECU on Wednesday.



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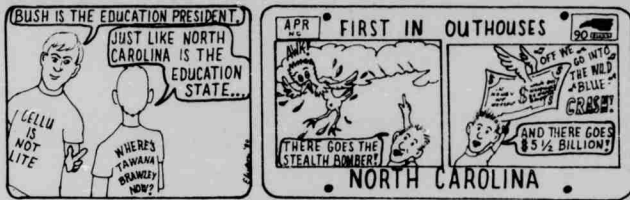
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# Follow the yellow brick road to Peace Corps adventures

By Jimmy Bua  
Staff Writer

Have you ever wondered why people love to show you their slides of their vacation? For some people those slides are the only souvenirs they have.

Just ask Peter Jensen, N.C. State's Peace Corps recruiter.

As I walked into the Patterson Hall to talk to Jensen, I found him staring at a slide projected on the wall.

"You want to see some slides of Haiti," he asked?

Later, it became clear that after living in Haiti for two years as a volunteer, just being able to show a slide or let alone owning a projector must have been a precious commodity.

Jensen lived in a small, two-room hut with no running water or electricity. He bathed in either rain water or water transported from a well down the road. All he received for his work at the end of his 27 months was \$5400.

But then, money is not the primary concern for a Peace Corps volunteer.

Unlike in Haiti, where he helped poor Haitian farmers with soil conservation, Jensen's present, part-time job while he is attending graduate school here at NCSU is working with prospective Peace Corps volunteers as they start down their yellow brick road of adventure.

It is a road the 26 year-old Jensen himself traveled early in life. Less than two weeks after graduating from the University of Vermont with a double major in animal science and environmental studies, Jensen was on a plane bound for Haiti.

"I had an interest in other people and traveling. I didn't just want to travel around. I wanted to do something productive. The Peace Corps was the most viable option where I could feel like I could actually do some work and really see what another part of the world is all about," Jensen said.

The Peace Corps was established by President Kennedy in March 1961 with world peace, friendship and mutual understanding as three of its primary objectives. In the past

25 years, over 100,000 volunteers have served in the Third World in nearly 60 countries. By helping developing nations become self-sufficient, the Peace Corps has helped to improve the lives of millions.

At the end of the 1960s, there were 15,000 Peace Corps volunteers serving overseas. During the 1970s and early 1980s, these numbers dropped to around 5,000. Now the number is up to 7,000.

Jensen attributed the large number of volunteers in the late 60s to the attitudes many young people held concerning Vietnam. Many young people had seen the bloodshed broadcasted into their living rooms. The Peace Corps presented them with an opportunity to do something positive in response.

"In the yuppie era of the late 70s and early 80s, there was more of a look out for number one kind of mentality pervading in the country, and there was less of an interest to go overseas," Jensen said.

One NCSU student with an interest in the Peace Corps is senior

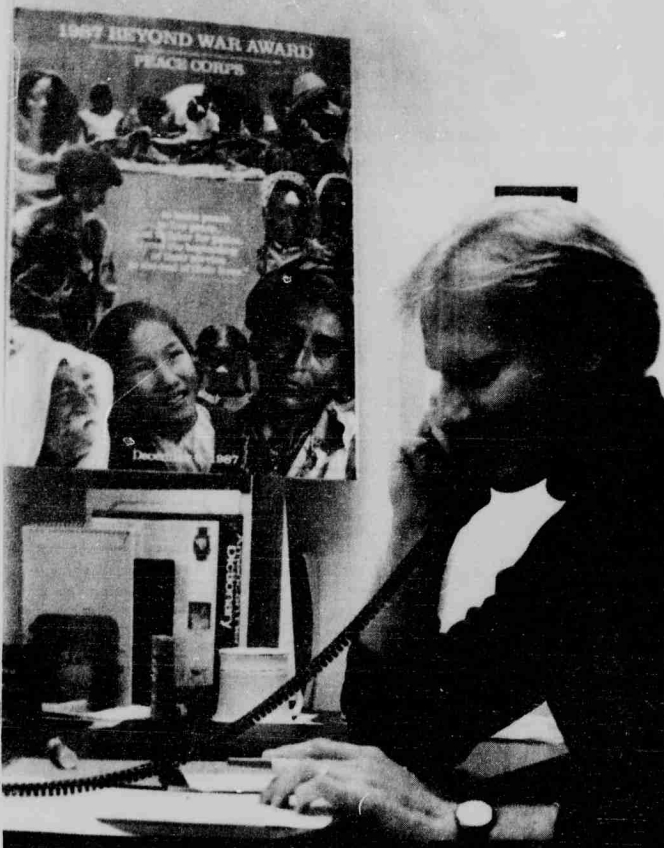
Sumi Gupta. Gupta, who is majoring in psychology with a concentration in chemistry, will leave this summer for Niger, Africa where she will train to teach others how to provide better health, nutrition and sanitation standards.

"I'm going for the practical experience, to see a different culture, to see how other people live and to help out in some way," Gupta said.

After being accepted as a volunteer, an extensive training program begins. This includes 10 to 12 weeks of training in the prospective country, learning the language, religion, social taboos and culture. For some, there is also a technical training program in which you take the knowledge and experience you have learned and apply it to the particular country where you will be volunteering.

In addition to training the volunteer, there are support services to help ease the transition from the United States to the volunteer's new home. These services include transportation, living allowance set

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Debbie Maths/Staff

The Peace Corps offers students a variety of jobs in foreign countries and the opportunity to learn new cultures and languages. Peter Jensen, the Peace Corps recruiter on campus, works with prospective volunteers.

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Editorials

Myrick unfit for office

Sue Myrick is at it again. The mayor of Charlotte suggested last week that drug dealers be rounded up and sent to concentration camps. This is from the same mayor who, less than a month ago, recommended that all Charlotteans submit to voluntary drug testing...

Perhaps Queen Sue would be a better moniker for Myrick. Regardless of what she says to the contrary, Myrick is unfit to hold public office for several reasons.

First, she is bent on doing exactly what she wants to do. The anti-drug march blatantly demonstrates her refusal to heed the words of her constituents. Myrick was convinced she knew what was best for the poor section of Charlotte. Community leaders, on the other hand, were not. It is fair to say that the people who live in drug-ridden communities know better the way of life therein, and what constitutes a threat to their security.

In the estimation of Charlotte community leaders, Myrick's march was just such a threat. But Myrick refused to listen. Democracy is government by, of and for the people, not by, of and for Sue Myrick.

Second, Myrick is not a fit representative of the people of Charlotte or of North Carolina. On the national scene, Charlotte is increasingly becoming the symbol of North Carolina — the state's ambassador to the nation. Charlotte is first in the minds of sports fans, business people and many others when thinking of North Carolina. Myrick is not the sort of person who reflects well on our fair state.

If you want proof, consider her call for imprisoning drug dealers in concentration camps. Obviously, no thought went into that statement. Had Myrick bothered to consider the meaning behind her words, she would have foreseen the furor that arose among Charlotte Jews at the use of the term concentration camp. Anyone who so carelessly offends such large segments of the population is undeserving of public office. The fact that Myrick issued a formal apology does not mitigate the act. The words were said and the damage was done.

Further, consider the circumstances surrounding her election. Myrick publicly castigated opponent Craig Madans for his admission of marijuana use during his college years. Yet public court papers document Myrick's adultery. That is a classic example of the old cliché about "the pot calling the kettle black."

Finally, Myrick is too concerned with a single problem. It is true beyond doubt that drugs are a major issue in Charlotte. But they are far from being the only issue. What of the homeless, the deterioration of the road system and of the public schools? What of the need for increased vitality in uptown Charlotte's dying retail market? Myrick has shown little or no interest in such problems, other than commissioning a study on the doomed Cityfair shopping complex.

Myrick has ridden her high horse for too long. She participated in blatant mudslinging during her campaign, turned a deaf ear on the cries of those who elected her, ignored the biggest problems of a rapidly growing metropolitan area, offended large segments of the population of Charlotte and, worst of all, became a public embarrassment to the state of North Carolina on a par with Jesse Helms. It is clear that Myrick is unfit to serve the people of Charlotte or the people of North Carolina.

Return census forms

Every 10 years, the U.S. Government makes a valiant effort to get detailed information about how many people live in the United States and what they are doing. This is called the census.

1990 is a census year. Remember the package that came in the mail a few weeks ago? That is your packet of census forms.

According to the Census Bureau, only 57 percent of the people have returned the questionnaires. By next week they expect a 62 percent response.

How can the government expect to get accurate information when almost half of the nation's citizens refuse to cooperate? Admittedly, the federal government seems to breathe down the throats of citizens all the time, but this time the goal is a good one. The lawmakers use the information in the census as a base for important projects like the allocation of funds for hospitals, roads, education and care for the elderly and homeless.

Without accurate information about the demographics of the nation it is all but impossible for the people who run the country to make accurate, informed decisions.

People who complain about the government not making decisions in their best interest have probably already sent back their census forms. If they have not then the blame for those poor decisions does not lie with the government — it lies with those who refuse to participate in the democratic process.

This is the chance for all the people of the United States to stand up and be counted. Fill out your census forms and return them immediately.



Columns

Great things are afoot in the USSR

As the world closes the book on the 20th Century, the Soviet Union is making great efforts to right the transgressions it has committed.

The USSR is itself a product of the 20th Century. Before 1917 there was no Union of Soviet Socialist Republics. The USSR was formed out of the former Russian Empire, joined by other republics to form the Union.

The westernmost three republics — Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania — are known as the Baltic States. These three republics were unlawfully annexed by the USSR in 1940 as a result of the Molotov-Ribbentrop agreement, which also paved the way for the beginning of World War II.

Now, 50 years later, the Baltic States are again in the news. One of the republics, Lithuania, has declared independence from the Soviet Union. The other two republics have made clear their intentions to follow Lithuania's lead.

While I totally agree with Lithuania's declaration, I must sincerely question its timing. Perhaps the contagion of the freedom movements in the Warsaw Pact nations has affected Lithuanians to the point of recklessness. It seems all Europeans who suffered under the yoke of Communist oppression have been almost simultaneously bitten by the democracy bug.

The stress fracture in the Iron Curtain has quickly become a gaping hole through which the ideas of autonomy, self-rule and freedom have leapt. The only problem is that the Lithuanians are hurting their cause with their headlong rush to freedom. Lithuania must slow its efforts to gain

Jim Clayton Opinion Columnist

independence. The Soviet Politburo had earlier approved a formula for republics wishing to secede from the nation, but pushing too hard and too fast is likely to throw the whole process into a tailspin.

One of the keys to achieving effective change is that it must be right for the majority. If it is not, the majority will not accept it. In the case of the Lithuanian plight, Lithuanians are the minority and the remainder of the Soviet Union is the majority. If change comes at such a speed that it adversely affects enough people, institutions, etc., then that change will be seen as counter-productive.

In my mind another serious consideration must be looked at. Again, while I agree with the contention of Lithuanians that they should have the right to choose their own destiny, if they continue to push too hard, they will force Gorbachev into a corner. Like any cornered individual, he will react in a manner that best preserves his safety. Pushing the issue beyond the pace at which change can occur will yield negative results for all parties.

The Soviet Union is making sincere efforts to right the wrongs and excesses of Stalinist Russia. Gorbachev is to be applauded for his leadership. Earlier in the week the Kremlin admitted that in 1940, the KGB and the GRU (Soviet military intelligence) murdered almost 15,000 Polish POWs. The massacre occurred in the

Katyn Forest, southwest of Moscow. The Kremlin long blamed the massacre on the invading Germans of World War II. But it was common knowledge that Stalin ordered the murders.

Gorbachev, in a further effort to fill in the blank spots of history, earlier apologized to the Czechs and to the world for the 1968 Soviet invasion of Czechoslovakia.

That Gorbachev, a reformer, could ascend to Soviet leadership was in itself fortuitous. The death of General Secretary Brezhnev in 1982, followed by the short administration of his successor Yuri Andropov and the even shorter reign of Constantine Chernenko led to the rise of Gorbachev. He was a virtual unknown player on the world scene prior to the deaths of three Soviet leaders within 28 months.

The quick demise of the three spelled an end to the old guard. These men were the last of the powerful Soviet leaders influenced by Josef Stalin and with them died the last of a breed who felt world domination was the role of the USSR.

Luckily for the world, Mikhail Gorbachev was there. He has altered the thrust of Soviet politics away from the propagation of world communism. He has focused the efforts of his nation on a more constructive goal — its own survival.

Whether an internally stronger USSR is good or bad for the world remains to be seen. However, there can be no doubt that Mikhail Gorbachev was, in the sense of world peace, in the right place at the right time.

Jim Clayton is a senior majoring in history.

Middle East similar to Vietnam

I am writing this after having seen the film "Born on the Fourth of July." It is one of the best films I have ever seen. It depicted the era of the '60s and early '70s when the United States was involved in the Vietnam War. The portrayal was eloquent and forceful, and it taught me a few lessons, of which I mention the following three:

• The Vietnam War was a mistake committed by the United States. At the beginning, perhaps due to misinformation and/or deliberate deception, most Americans believed that it was the call of duty and honor to "go to battle" on the side of the South Vietnamese.

• War is a losing game: Nobody gains, not even the "winning" side.

• The people, all people, should believe in their inalienable right to express their opinions and be aware of all that their country stands for, no matter how unpopular those opinions are at the time they are expressed.

As a Palestinian whose land has been sequestered, relatives imprisoned and people dispersed by the Israelis, I started thinking about what is going on in the Middle East and constructed an analogy between the two situations.

Halim Kaftey Guest Columnist

The Middle East "problem" is simple to describe, but appears formidable to solve. Basically, it may be stated as follows: Two peoples desire to live on the same piece of land. The Palestinians are trying their best to achieve three objectives, all of which are fundamental human rights of indisputable validity, as evidenced by all holy scriptures and all enlightened constitutions, including the United Nations and the charter of the United Nations:

- The right for self representation.
• The right to live in peace on their homeland, Palestine.
• The right to practice the basic rights of free citizenship.

The Israelis, on the other hand, are seeking similar objectives, with a vision that is tainted by their bitter experiences in Europe in the recent past and is based on the premise that they cannot coexist with any other people! Despite all the human suffering,

unbearable injustice, and unforgivable indignities which my people and I have experienced since World War II, it is the premise of this letter that the Israelis can coexist with others, either in the form of separate states, such as the State of Palestine and the State of Israel, or as one state that is composed of two peoples. There is only one way for us to live, and that is to live together.

The analogy that I wanted to show in this letter between the film "Born on the Fourth of July" and the conflict in the Middle East between the Palestinians and the Israelis is that, due to misinformation and deliberate deception, many Americans are embarking on a "battle" against the Palestinians, ignorant of the facts about what Palestinians are as people or what their aspirations are as a political entity. We may be witnessing a new Vietnam, one in which regrets may come too late — after genocide has been committed to a whole people whose only wish in life is to live in peace and dignity.

Halim Daoud Kaftey is a graduate student in operations research.

Free expression takes on a new dimension

I have walked through the Free Expression tunnel countless times. I have enjoyed some of the comments, benefited from information about events and thought the occasional profanity unfortunate. However, I suppose some have the urge to express curse words and slogans, and that is their option under the guise of free expression.

I was shocked to find a new dimension to free expression. Pictured on one of the walls is Bart Simpson from the Fox television show "The Simpsons." He is provided with a quote: "Hey man, I raped Ragedy Ann."

Sure enough, as the picture depicts, he did. The boy holds a Ragedy Ann doll beneath her bloodied dress where her genitalia would be. His pants are down to show an erect penis while his other hand's thumb is up. Many students simply walked

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by this horrible scene. One man noticed my looking at it and looked also. He laughed.

Why are others not outraged? What is funny? I cannot describe the frustration I felt as a woman and a person looking at the art work. I am angry that this free expression takes priority over my right as a woman to feel safe and respected at this university. The idea that the author of this scene could sit next to me in my Shakespeare class is frightening. What kind of mind could produce such a scene? This person does not see women and men as people. This person needs to know that rape is not praiseworthy or funny.

I do not support censorship. I do not see how one could distinguish clearly between good and bad expression. Yet I would like others to notice what is around.

This scene says much about the need for rape education. Many think men and women are beasts and rape is non-existent

or funny. As university students, we should protest this type of ignorance. Since this person is a member of our society, this ignorance affects all of us eventually.

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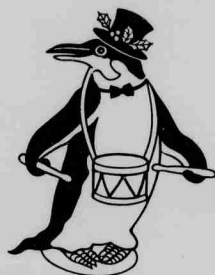
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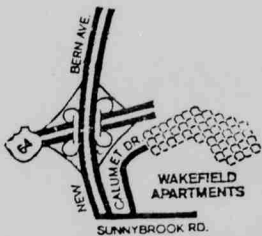


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