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Senate saves subscriptions

By Russell Deatherage
Staff writer

Rising inflation and budget cuts have cut heavily into serial subscriptions at the D.H. Hill Library.

A program initiated by the Student Senate is intended to combat that loss. Save-A-Subscription is an on-going program to raise money from students, alumni, local corporations and anyone else who uses the library's resources.

"Journals are getting more and more expensive," said Suzanne Striedieck, associate director for technical services at D.H. Hill

Library. "The budget cuts hurt, but this is something that would have happened anyway. The prices are skyrocketing and we cannot keep up. It is a problem inherent in the business."

The library subscribes to more than 11,000 journals at a cost of \$2 million. In February, the library dropped 1,800 titles and \$200,000. Another 1,200 probably will be dropped to stay within budget.

"This is what we are trying to stop," said Bekkie Reising, chairman of the Student Senate Committee on Academics. "Research is an integral part of

NCSU and if we keep losing titles then we won't be able to maintain our high standards."

"Once a title is lost, there is little hope of getting it back," said Striedieck.

The money raised will be placed into the Library Endowment Fund and earmarked for journals. The hope is to maintain the number of serials and possibly get some of the more popular cut titles back.

This problem comes more from economic fluctuations than from state budget cuts, said Striedieck.

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Heather Turner

Turner wins

Scott drops out, Turner defeats Hughes with 61 percent of the vote

By J. Keith Jordan
Assistant News Editor

Heather Turner won the final student government runoff election of the year, defeating Kathryn Hughes with 61 percent of the vote, to become N.C. State's next student body treasurer.

Turner also got the most votes in the original runoff last week.

Tr. Scott dropped out of the race last week after finishing third in both the original election and the

first runoff. Scott finished the first runoff with 27 percent of the vote, compared with 42 percent for Turner. Hughes received 31 percent of the vote in that runoff.

During this runoff, on Monday and Tuesday of this week, 690 votes were cast.

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NCSU hams active

By T. Shawn Long
Staff Writer

The Student Amateur Radio Society, W4ATC, is now back in business, thanks to Mike McCormick, an electrical engineering graduate student.

McCormick, now president of the club, rescued the defunct organization last semester.

The club, according to McCormick, is a collection of people both with and without licenses who have an interest in radio, either the technical or the practical aspects.

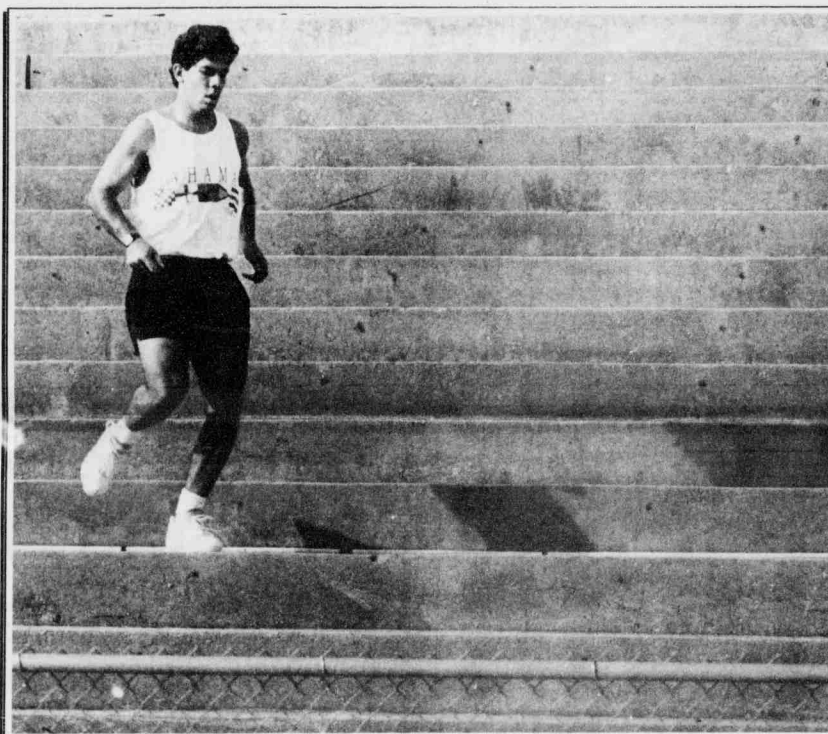
About 14 people — students, faculty, and staff — have filled out membership applications, McCormick said, though many more have expressed interest.

The club lost its space in the 1911 Building and Daniels Hall that the university had previously given it for a radio station.

W4ATC has since established an agreement with the Air Force Reserve Officer's Training Corps which allows the club to use, on a time available basis, space allocated for the AF-ROTC.

The club will use this space for meetings and station set-up and operation. In return, the club will establish a station and licensed members will complete USAF Military Affiliate Radio System (MARS) training and probation requirements. The club will also provide USAF MARS services such as message traffic handling

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Chris Hondros/Staff

Working it out

John Mussack, senior in industrial engineering, runs the stairs at Riddick Lot. With exams approaching and the final flurry of papers and

projects due, a lot of students exercise to get rid of stress.

Bikes given status

By Jill Hebert
Staff Writer

N.C. State may add a bicycling class to the curriculum and a cycling handbook specific for this campus.

Proposals for the course and the handbook will be developed by the bicycling subcommittee of the university's Physical Environment Committee and submitted to the NCSU Department of Transportation for inclusion in the department's next transportation improvement program.

If the idea wins state approval, bicycles would acquire a status similar to that given to motorcycles.

At its meeting Tuesday, the committee discussed creating a map of the campus similar to the one for motorcyclists showing bicyclists safe routes through campus and appropriate parking spaces.

Committee member Paul McKenzie, senior in agronomy, suggested possible bike routes on campus and putting up "Share the Road" signs at major entrances to campus to make motorists aware of cyclists.

The proposed curriculum would add a physical education class in safe cycling and bicycle maintenance. The committee will request funding for an aide to teach instructors in the Physical Education department how to conduct the

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SPRING 1991 FINAL EXAM SCHEDULE

April 29-May 6

Examination Times	8:00-11:00 a.m.	1:00-4:00 p.m.	6:00-9:00 p.m.
Hours Class Actually Meet During Semester			
Monday, April 29	9:10-10:00 a.m., MWF	12:25-1:15 p.m., MWF	6:00-7:15 p.m., MWF BS 100, EB 307 Common Exam
Tuesday, April 30	11:20-12:35 a.m., TH	4:05-5:20 p.m., TH	6:00-7:15 p.m., TH ACC 210, 220, 310, 311, 410, PSY 200 Common Exam
Wednesday, May 1	8:05-8:55 a.m., MWF	2:35-3:25 p.m., TH	7:30-8:45 p.m., MW 7:10-10:00 p.m., MW FL, GRK, LAT 101, 102, 105, 201, 202 MAT 200, 201 Common Exam
Thursday, May 2	8:05-9:20 a.m., TH	2:35-3:50 p.m., TH	7:30-8:45 p.m., TH 7:10-10:00 p.m., TH EB 201, Common Exam
Friday, May 3	10:15-11:00 a.m., TH	1:05-2:20 p.m., MWF	PY 205, 208 Common Exam
Saturday, May 4	CH 101, 105, 107 Common Exam	MA 101 Common Exam	
Monday, May 6	11:20-12:10 a.m., MWF	1:30-2:20 p.m., MWF	EB 300, Common Exam
Tuesday, May 7	9:50-11:05 a.m., TH	1:05-2:20 p.m., TH	

Money raised for College Fund



Rick Rankins/Staff

Contestants strained to raise money for the United Negro College Fund

By J. Keith Jordan
Assistant News Editor

Behind the strength of Charles Hodges and football star Ricky Logo, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity raised more than a thousand dollars for the United Negro College Fund at a lift-a-thon on the N.C. State campus Friday.

Hodges, who weighs 180 pounds, lifted 335 pounds to win the trophy for the participant lifting the largest percentage of his body weight. Logo, a lineman for coach Dick Sheridan's Wolfpack football team, lifted the most at the event — 449 pounds.

"We tried to make it a party-type atmosphere," said organizer Winford Hill, vice president of the fraternity. Hill said about a thousand people came by the lift-a-thon near the Free Expression Tunnel.

T-shirts for the event were sponsored by engineering firms B.E. & K. and Systems Research and Development Corp., restaurants Bruegger's Bagel Bakery and Brother's Pizza, and Hair Masters. Hill said the lift-a-thon was successful.

"We're not really sure how much money we'll come up with," Hill said, though it should be between \$1,000 and \$1,500.

The fraternity brothers were still collecting pledges, he said.

FYI

April 17, 1991

IMPORTANT DATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ATTENTION GRADUATING SENIORS! The NCSU Bookstore has all your graduation needs. Graduation announcements for all majors are 55 cents each. Agricultural Institute announcements are 60 cents each. Caps and gowns will be available May 1-10. Pre-ordering is not necessary. For more information, call Dale Taylor at 737-3907 or come by the Bookstore.

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

*** Parking permits for new summer

session students will be available for purchase beginning May 13 from the Division of Transportation. As a reminder, WOLFLINE operates on a regular schedule through the last day of final exams (May 7). It will resume service in the fall.

*** Twenty parking spaces at Hillsborough Square (Hillsborough Street and Oberlin Road) have recently been converted to metered parking. The hourly parking rate is 50 cents.

*** Due to construction, Primrose Avenue will be closed to two-way traffic from West Broughton Drive to Gardner Street (in front of D.H. Hill Library) beginning today. This section of Primrose Avenue will only be open to westbound traffic.

*** The NCSU Fitness Resource Center, located next to Room 104 of Carmichael Gymnasium, will continue to operate through April 26. Hours will be Wednesdays from 4:30-6 p.m. and Fridays from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The Center offers

a brief fitness assessment including height, weight, body composition, grip strength, flexibility and blood pressure. Call Kathy Vail at 737-2135 for more information.

SPECIAL EVENTS

*** The ISC Nationality Group will be the guest sponsor at this week's International Coffee Hour Thursday from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Lower Lounge of Alexander Residence Hall.

*** LE CERCLE FRANCAIS, NCSU's French Club, presents "Madame de ..." a film by Max Ophul, Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in the Faculty Lounge of the 1911 Building. The film, a classic in black and white, is in French with English subtitles. All are welcome. Refreshments will be served.

*** LE CERCLE FRANCAIS, NCSU's French club will meet Friday for its conversation hour at 4 p.m. at Mich's. Venez nombreux et nombreux! For more information, call Dudley Mardri at 737-2475.

"TAKE A WALK ON THE WELLSIDE" is the theme for a campus wide Health Fair on Friday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Over 50 campus and community health exhibits and screenings will be available including a cholesterol test for \$5, free body composition, grip strength, weight and an oral screening. All fitness assessments will be conducted in Room 2223 of Williams Hall after 10:30 a.m.

*** Fitness demonstrations, health exhibits and food samples will be located on the Brickyard around Hareberson Hall. Prize drawing will be at noon and 3 p.m. for fitness equipment and a year's supply of Breugger's bagels. Schedule of events is as follows:

- 10 a.m., Aerobics Demonstration
- 10:30 a.m., Health Screenings begin & Army ROTC Fitness Demonstration
- 11 a.m., Stretching & Fitness Techniques
- 11:30 a.m., Karate Demonstration
- 12 noon, Door Prize Drawings

12:30 p.m., NCSU Aikido Martial Arts Club Demonstration
1 p.m., Double Dutch Jump Rope Demonstration
3 p.m., More Prize Drawings

*** In case of rain, Carmichael Gymnasium, Courts 1 & 2 will be used as alternative sites.

*** The Rotaract Club of NCSU, in an effort to promote global awareness and international understanding, is sponsoring a model United Nations Assembly on Saturday in the Ballroom of the University Student Center from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The participants include students from local high schools. The topic of discussion will be the role of the United Nations in the new world order. The debate will center around the role of the Security Council in the Middle East and the Baltic republics.

*** CELEBRATE THE EARTH, an educational conference sponsored by SEAC will be Saturday. Several workshops are scheduled to help you think globally and act locally.

Registration starts at 9 a.m. in Caldwell Lounge. For more information, call 737-2181, extension 246.

*** The United Student Fellowship Talent Show will be April 22 at 8 p.m. in the Student Center Annex Cinema. Admission is \$1 at the door. Tickets are also available at the Student Center Box Office.

LECTURES/SEMINARS SESSIONS/WORKSHOPS

*** Nancy Brown, director of the Early Childhood Information Exchange will conduct a brown bag luncheon seminar for parents Wednesday at noon in Room 500 of Poe Hall. "How to make evenings fun — not frantic" will be the topic of discussion. Ideas will include ways to ease your child's transition from daycare to home and strategies for reducing some of the evening stress and confusion that can interfere with your quality time with children.

Compiled by Jay Patel

Journals

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With inflation raising, the prices of the journals go up and put them out of range for the library to purchase. The library has not gotten a budget hike from the university since 1987, and this lack of funding increases has caused more burden than anything else.

With legislators preparing to cut the UNC-System budget even more, the situation can only worsen. "The students need to get behind this and give it their full support," said Reising. "It's for them and without them the library will suffer greatly." Donations can be made at the D.H. Hill Library.

Radio

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and give demonstrations to the university USAF-ROTC.

McCormick hopes to be able to demonstrate the practical and public relations uses of ham radio operation to N.C. State in order to get more support for W4ATC.

Ham radio operators often provide public service message handling, weather warnings and emergency and disaster communica-

tions for Wake County and the American Red Cross, McCormick said.

This semester, the club set up a packet radio, which is computer communicating over the radio, on the Brickyard and took messages for people with relatives in the Persian Gulf. They also volunteered for this spring's Hamfest.

McCormick plans to set up a regular over-the-radio meeting for the club on Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. at 146.39 megahertz simplex. In addition, one club member is working on a newsletter.

Also in the works is an amateur

packet radio station for the Computer and Technology Theme Program, as well as a presentation to the group about codeless amateur radio licenses, a type of license which does not require that the person know Morse code.

The other officers of the club are vice-president Chris Blackman, secretary Andrew Liggins, treasurer Todd Lee, historian Chris Horne, and advisor Dr. Grover Cobb.

For more information about the club, McCormick can be reached by phone at 481-0313.

Bikes

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class. Funding for the class would include the instructor's salary as well as bicycles and maintenance equipment. After teaching the class the instructor would evaluate its effectiveness.

The materials for the cycling class could also be used to create a similar class through the McKimmon Center to educate area adults on cycling safety. According to the N.C. DOT there are bike safety classes for children, but none for

adults, said Sallie Ricks, subcommittee member and representative of NCSU Campus Planning.

The proposed handbook would be modeled after the Streetwise Cycling brochure offered by the N.C. Department of Transportation. Funding would be required to hire a bicycle consultant to write the text and a graphic artist for graphics.

The handbook would be set up so that the subcommittee could update the information.

The committee will put forth a resolution stating that the university should begin researching bike route possibilities, adding signs to alert motorists of cyclists and raising the budget for cycling facilities.

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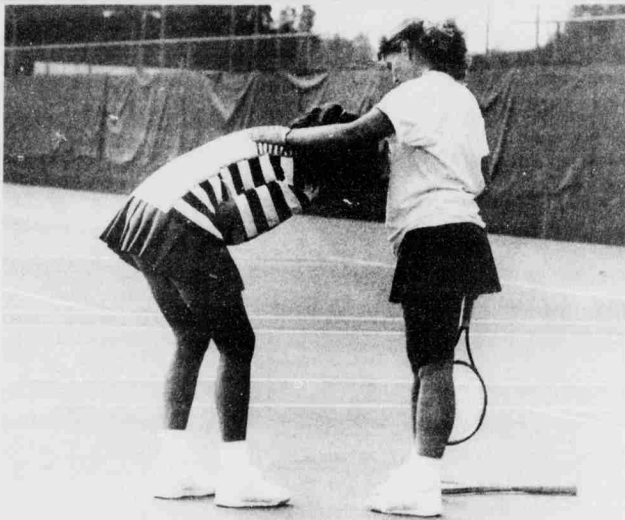
This past weekend the N.C. State rugby club traveled to Greenville to compete in the 1991 State Rugby Tournament at East Carolina University.

Going into the tournament, the Wolfpack was a considerable underdog. However, the team fought hard in its second round match to take a double-overtime victory over UNC-Charlotte by a score of 16-13.

In the semi-finals, the Wolfpack faced defending champion ECU. The Pack defeated the heavily favored Pirates by a score of 18-6.

The championship game featured a matchup between State and Guilford College. The Pack won the game by a score of 13-6 to capture the championship.

The Wolfpack rugby club will wrap up its season this weekend by hosting South Carolina and Seymour Johnson Air Force Base. The matches will start Saturday at 1 p.m. on the lower intramural fields.



The Pack's Katie Carpenter is consoled by her doubles partner Stephanie Donahue after she injured her wrist.

Women netters defeat Pirates

Pack readies for ACC Tournament

By Christine Jaworsky
Staff Writer

On Tuesday afternoon, the N.C. State women's tennis team ended its regular season on a winning note. The Wolfpack played tenaciously and destroyed East Carolina 8-1.

In singles action, all six State women crushed their ECU opponents as the Wolfpack took the early lead.

Jenny Sell shut out ECU's Sanna Heinila 6-0, 6-0 at the first position, while freshman Beth Schaefer also had an easy win over the Pirate's Jennifer Femon, winning 6-2, 6-4.

At the number-three position, Michelle Parks eliminated Kim Harary, 6-1, 6-4 while Katie Carpenter defeated Karen Atkins 6-1, 7-6(7-4) at the number five spot.

Ashley Risk, playing at number six, easily outdistanced ECU's Kris Robinson 6-2, 6-0.

In doubles action, the Sell-

Schaefer combination downed Fenton and Bull, 6-2, 6-4.

At the second flight, Donahue and Carpenter lost a tough match to Harary and Heinila by a score of 6-1, 7-6(7-4).

In the number three flight, Risk and Williams also won, beating ECU's Atkins and Jennings, 6-3, 6-3.

"It was a great way to end the regular season," Wolfpack head coach Kelly Key said. "Our team fought hard all year long and they've gotten to be a much better team as well as a much closer team this season."

Overall, State finished with an 8-14 record for the season.

The Pack competes in the ACC Tournament starting Friday at UNC-Chapel Hill. The Wolfpack plays Clemson in the opening round.

Pack volleyball team adds two recruits, prepares for season

By Bill Overton
Staff Writer

The N.C. State women's volleyball team received a big boost over the spring, signing two recruits over the signing period.

Head Coach Judy Martino confirmed that 5-11 middle blocker-outside hitter Kari DeClerk and 6-1 middle blocker Stephanie "Sunny" Green will be attending State next fall.

Both are expected to provide depth at the middle blocker position, a spot State has looked to improve, as well as the outside hitter position.

"They can play any position," said assistant coach Leigh Anne Barker. "They are very versatile. Each one is a good athlete which is what we need."

DeClerk hails from Windom,

Minn., where she attended Windom High School, and participated with the State 2A runner-up team.

In addition to being honorable mention all-state, DeClerk was a member of the Hardee's SSU High School All-Tournament Team. DeClerk's club experience came with the Minnesota Juniors.

DeClerk is an excellent student and a member of the Academic Champions all-region team. She plans to study marine biology while at State.

Green attended Forsyth County Day School in Winston-Salem, the

second Wolfpack recruit from Day. Green was Independent state 2A player of the year in 1990, and received all-conference honors in 1989 and 1990. She was a member of F.C.D.'s Independent 2A runner-up team.

Green played her volleyball for the Triad Black Club team from 1988-1991. She possesses good overall athletic ability, taking play of the year honors in basketball, as well as volleyball. She plans to study communications while at State.

While State was signing its two newest additions, spring practice was gearing up. According to Barker, the spring season of about a month was "very productive."

"Everyone is physically a whole lot stronger from being in the weight room," explained Barker.

"As a team, we're much more focused on what it takes to win."

Coming off last season's disappointing 9-19 overall mark, and a fourth place Atlantic Coast Conference finish, the Pack can no longer claim inexperience, the problem that has been tabbed to them for the last two years. The squad will consist of two seniors, five juniors, two sophomores, and the two new freshmen.

The Pack finished a solid spring with a third place finish at George Washington's tournament April 6 in Washington. Other highlights of the spring included a second place finish at Duke's tournament, and a good showing against other powers

such as UNC-Chapel Hill, South Carolina, and Maryland.

However, Barker is cautious to get too optimistic. With the first match September 6 in Washington, that only gives the Pack a couple weeks to prepare coming into the fall semester.

"There is a lot of competition for starting positions," said Barker. "The six that come in in shape and showing lots of desire and hustle will be out there. We don't have much time."

Still, Barker hints that excitement abounds. "I'm really looking forward to the fall. They are really starting to believe in themselves."



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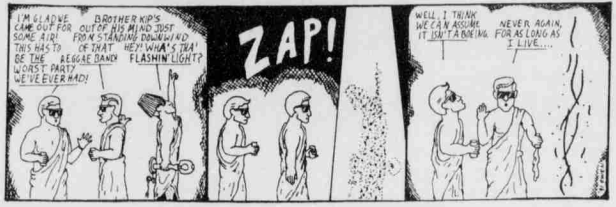
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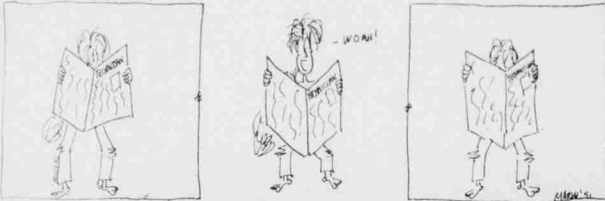
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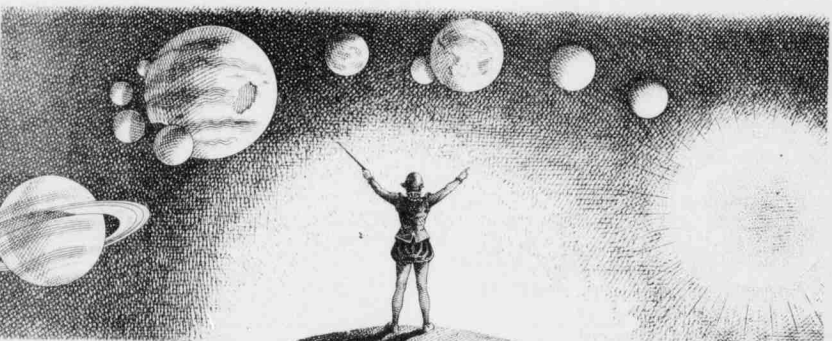
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New Potato Caboose will headline Sun Tan Jam in Fraternity Commons this Saturday. Tickets are available until Friday at the Free Expression Tunnel.

Three bands to play at Sun Tan Jam

By Laurie Evans
Happenings Editor

Grab the oil and shades and head to Sun Tan Jam this weekend. The event is sure to please with the musical lineup: New Potato Caboose, Awareness Art Ensemble and The Veldt. Starting things off will be The Veldt at noon. At 2:30, the reggae band, Awareness Art Ensemble, will take the stage.

Ensemble drummer, Zeb Williams, said fans can expect their playlist to consist of covers and material off their debut album. Williams said the band gets "positive vibes" from N.C. State, and that people should come out "prepared to dance ... because we're gonna get ya."
Williams also stressed that reggae is a conscious music and "it deals with struggles. It's a positive force (that) helps you relax and think."
The band is currently working on

a second album and is preparing for a summer tour with Ipo Factor on the west coast.
This weekend's headliner is New Potato Caboose, a road band originating from Washington, D.C.
"It combines rock, reggae, jazz, country and funk ... It's a very dance oriented band," rhythm guitarist, Don Laux said.
The Caboose plays almost entirely originals, "with a few covers thrown in for fun," Laux said. But they're sure to play tracks off of their LP, "Promising Traveler."

The Caboose is also preparing material for a second album, which they will be polishing for live audiences.
Sun Tan Jam is scheduled to run this Saturday from 12 p.m. to 7 p.m. in Fraternity Commons (located behind Kappa Sigma Fraternity houses). Tickets are \$5 and can be purchased in advance at the free expression tunnel Wednesday through Friday. Proceeds will go to the American Cancer Society. Like Wolfpack, T-shirts and temporary tattoos will be on sale.



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East meets West in the Center Stage ring tomorrow night

By Mike Barnes
Staff Writer

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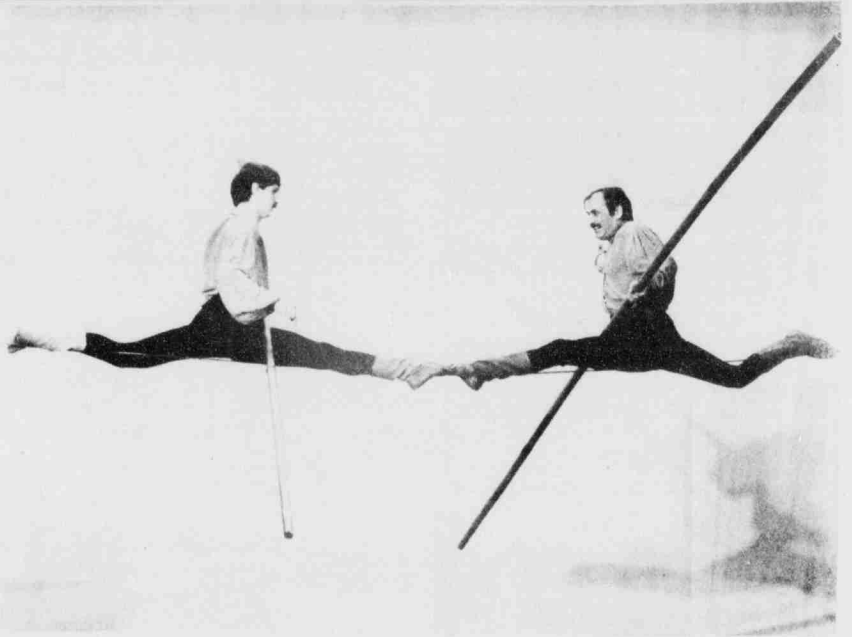
The Soviet Acrobatic Revue will tumble into N.C. State during its first-ever tour of the United States. The Revue brings with it acrobatics, antics, music and dance in the time-honored tradition of the great European circuses. Among the performers are a Siberian wire-walker, an American contortionist, Dagistan father-and-son tightrope walkers, a "Firebird" duo, husband-and-wife ring balancers and a score of acrobats, jugglers, clowns and



comedians from Moscow. Each of the performers is acclaimed in his or her homeland and abroad.

Urig Zamyatian, artistic director and master of the company, is a native of Moscow who studied at the Bolshoi Ballet School. He is a National Artist of the Republic of Russia.

The Soviet Acrobatic Revue is scheduled to perform Thursday at 8 p.m. in Stewart Theatre. For more information call 737-3104.



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Where: Alumni Building Conference Room (corner of Pullen Rd. & Yarbrough Dr.) East Campus

When: Thursday, April 18
Monday, April 22

Time: 5:30 p.m. each day

Meetings will last approximately 30 minutes. Refreshments will be served.

Competing for NASA

Students building device to remove garbage in space

By Mark Tosczak
Staff Writer

NASA needs N.C. State. Garbage is floating in the Earth's orbit, and the garbage is dangerous. Even though a lot of it is small, it is moving very fast — about seven kilometers per second.

That's fast enough to pose a threat to the space shuttle, satellites and even a proposed space station. On a recent shuttle mission, a piece of debris went halfway through the shuttle window. A larger piece could have caused a disastrous accident.

Although NASA's radar and optical tracking systems can and do track objects as small as about 10 centimeters in diameter, objects smaller than that are, for all practical purposes, invisible.

That's where NCSU comes in. NASA wants to send up a device that will release three pairs of aluminum spheres of different sizes that can be used to calibrate tracking systems.

Four design teams from NCSU are competing to design and build a device that will release the spheres into orbit in accordance with certain specifications.

It all started last summer when Andrew Mueller, an NCSU sophomore in engineering, was co-opting at the Johnson Space Center. "I thought it would really be neat if we could get more students from State involved in the space program," he said.

After doing a little research Mueller decided that GAS (Get Away Special) cans would be the best method for implementing the calibration spheres project. A GAS can is a device that resembles a garbage can 3.5 feet tall and 2 feet in diameter that NASA uses to hold experiments in the cargo bay of the space shuttles.

Unfortunately, Mueller found that all the GAS cans for the foreseeable future have already been reserved. Some of the cans have been reserved by NASA scientist, Christine O'Niell. They had origi-

nally been intended for another experiment but that experiment was canceled, so O'Niell agreed to allow Mueller to use them.

When Mueller came back to NCSU, he met John Olds, a graduate engineering student. Olds suggested that he contact Larry Silverberg, an associate professor of mechanical and aerospace engineering who has extensive experience with senior projects.

Silverberg was enthusiastic about the project. "He definitely exhibited a can-do attitude," Mueller said.

And so the NASA/NCSU Calibration Spheres Project was born.

Eighty undergraduate engineering students applied for 40 spaces. Four design teams and one orbital safety team of eight students each were chosen for the project. It would cost NASA \$100,000 or more to contract the Orbital Calibration Sphere project out to a private company, but the four design teams and the one orbital safety team require only \$600 each in funding.

On Jan. 15, O'Niell came to NCSU to start the work off with a lecture about orbital safety and other issues involved. Three weeks later, the first preliminary design review took place. The teams by then had allocated duties and gotten preliminary results. Each of the students gave an eight-minute talk on their part of the project.

The design review was attended by NCSU faculty who gave suggestions and criticisms. The results were also sent to NASA scientists for feedback.

About six weeks later, on March 21, the second preliminary design review was held. During the second review, which was attended by NASA scientists, the teams gave their final designs and displayed their partially completed prototypes.

On April 15, students and faculty will travel to Houston where NASA

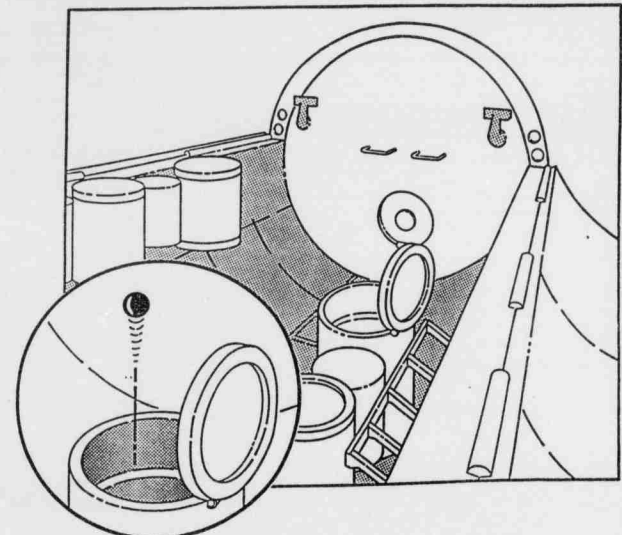
will decide which design will be used.

NCSU can then begin building it. A new team of eight will be selected from among the current 40 and the device will be assembled over the summer. In the fall, the completed device will go to Houston for flight certification. It will be tested for structural integrity before NASA makes a decision as to which shuttle flight will carry it.

The four design teams have all created four different designs for the device. The device is required to eject six aluminum spheres into orbit. Two of the spheres are five centimeters in diameter, about the size of a racquetball. Two of them are 10 centimeters in diameter, roughly the size of a cantaloupe, and the last two are 18 centimeters in diameter, about the size of a soccer ball. Each sphere must be separated by at least 30 meters in orbit for the calibration to work properly. The spheres must stay in orbit at least two weeks but less than six months.

Design team two's device is based on a modified pneumatic ejection system that the Marshall Space Center already holds a patent on. Each sphere is in its own tube and held down by a rod. Each rod is released at the last moment and pressurized gas is released under the sphere to eject it out of the GAS can and into orbit.

Design team three's model employs ball bearings to hold down each of the spheres in its own tube. Each of the ball bearings is retract-



ed into the side of the tube one at a time and the spheres are ejected into space by springs.

Design team four's design is similar to three's, except that instead of using ball bearings, the spheres are held in by the center rod of a solenoid. A solenoid is a coil of wire that, when electrically charged, acts as a bar magnet with a metal rod in the center. Alternately running current through the coil and then cutting it off causes the rod to move in and out of the coil. A rotating arm electrically activates each

solenoid, causing it to withdraw its rod. The spheres are then spring-ejected.

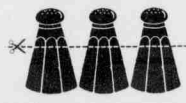
The fifth student team is the orbital safety team. Their job is to determine the orbital mechanics for the spheres and to go through NASA safety manuals to make sure the designs don't violate NASA's safety regulations.

"Safety is the big issue," Silverberg said. NASA's faith in NCSU says a lot about the engineering program, and the project proves that college stu-

dents can do something to make a difference, Silverberg said.

"We have a very good reputation to be practical in our engineering," he said.

He added that he was proud of Mueller for initiating and helping to run the project. "Here's one kid who's making a difference because of his leadership skills," said Silverberg. "I'm really proud of him. If you can take the initiative, you can really make a difference."



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Editorials

Students input needed

The university, and in particular the provost's office, apparently feel that students are not qualified to judge how good teachers really are. At the beginning of this month, the Outstanding Teachers for 1990-'91 were chosen. According to a memo from Associate Provost Murray S. Downs the teachers were selected for their "outstanding contributions as classroom teachers."

The problem is with who judges which teachers have made outstanding contributions. Certainly not students.

The memo states that teachers are nominated by College Selection Committees, which are composed of students and faculty.

From there, the nominations are reviewed by the chair of the faculty senate, the chair of the teaching effectiveness and evaluation committee and the chair of the executive council of the academy of outstanding teachers.

The nominations are then accepted by the provost after consultation with the college deans.

Although six students are on the teaching effectiveness and evaluation committee, the only place you see the word students in this process is the nomination phase. It seems to us that the best people to judge a teacher's contributions in the classroom would be students.

It also seems to us that the university feels otherwise.

The process should be amended to include students at every phase of the decision-making process. Student senators would be the logical choice to participate in the process.

As it stands now the process is too open to becoming a popularity contest. If teachers are to be recognized, then they should be recognized for their contributions in the classroom, not for being the dean's pet professor.

Work during Dead Week?

Next week is the last week of the semester. Dead Week, right?

That's right. No tests, no major papers, wait, what's that? You say you have a test next week?

Well, the rumor about Dead Week is true.

According to the official NCSU faculty handbook, it is not kosher to have tests during the last week of school. However, most of us know it happens fairly often.

Page 13 of the handbook reads, "In order that students may complete semester projects, take lab tests and prepare for final examinations, faculty members shall not give major tests during the final week of the semester." "Exceptions to this policy must be approved in advance by the department head and the dean of the college involved."

Therefore, teachers should follow this policy by not giving tests.

And likewise, students should complete their projects and prepare for their final examinations.

In some classes, professors let students decide whether they want to take their final during the scheduled exam period or take it earlier during the last week of classes.

For some students this may be fine. However, most students are already burdened with semester projects and papers and it is simply demanding too much that they cram in study time for a final exam.

If your teacher assigns a test during Dead Week, report that professor to the department head.

If every student who is assigned a test during this sacred week made it known, perhaps this unethical practice would cease.

As students, our only recourse is to come together, right now.

Quotes of the Day

"I had just taken to reading. I had just discovered the art of leaving my body to sit impassive in a crumpled up attitude in a chair or sofa, while I wandered over the hills and far away in novel company and new scenes... My world began to expand very rapidly... the reading habit had got me securely."

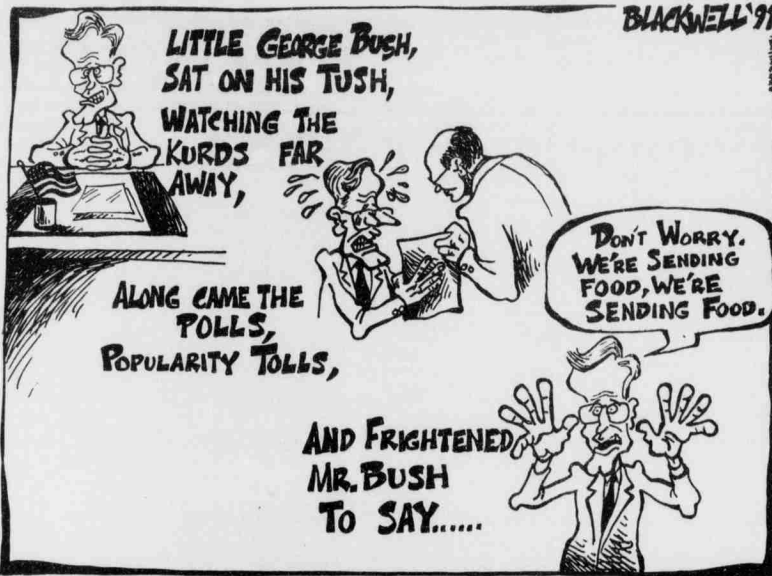
—H. G. Wells

"If after I read a poem the world looks like that poem for 24 hrs. or so I'm sure it's a good one."

—Elizabeth Bishop

"My custom is to undress, and sit on the rocks, reading Herodotus, until the perspiration has subsided, and then to leap from the edge of the rock into this fountain—a practice in the hot weather excessively refreshing."

—Percy Bysshe Shelley



Columns

Problems with computers and UD

Compute this

If you are an engineering student, then most likely you have had the misfortune of confronting one of the EOS computers. If you are not an engineering student and haven't seen one, please read this article anyway. We could use a little sympathy.

Before I met my first DEC station (that's what they call a computer on the EOS system), I liked computers. Now, I wouldn't mind if a massive computer virus were to invade every one of those silicon-based life forms (they must be living in order to be evil). What is it that makes me dislike them so? Well, let's talk about it.

First, the number of stations is insignificant in comparison to the number of engineering students. On some occasions, it wouldn't be odd to find lines at both Leazar and Daniels—where these computers are located. When there aren't any lines, it is probably due to a system crash, which brings me to my second point. Recently, I tried—in vain—to type my research paper on one of these monsters. My terminal lost context with its file server several times within the course of three hours! The first two times it took my paper with it. I got so paranoid that I saved the thing every other line!

What do you do if you have a problem with your computer? Don't even bother to ask the "operator" on duty. At times I think the job qualifications are the ability to identify a computer and to talk on a phone.

There are some operators who know their job very well and could solve any problems you have (and they all probably want to kill me for what I'm saying). I know a few of these people, and unbelievably one or two of them agrees with me. However, for those

Daniel McPherson Opinion Columnist

who don't, listen up. I asked one of your colleges, if it were possible to alter a bitmap (don't you dare ask me what it is) and incorporate it into the Interface word processing program. My reply was a dumb look and a slow "What are bitmaps?" He then inquired what Interface was. I rest my case.

I would complain about these computers some more, but I won't.

Instead, I'm going to walk all the way to Leazar to use one of those computers for the one thing it has yet to mess up—that wonderful game, Mahjongg.

It's only money ...

What is the one thing that all freshman (or fresh persons) have in common? Take a guess. Correct: The Meal Plan.

I personally partake of the Gold Card (no, I don't eat a lot). I paid NCSU more than \$900 for about four-months worth of food. That's about two months—you get great deals at Food Lion. What I would like to know is why we don't have control over these meal plans.

When I spend that kind of money, I want to be able to say when I could use it. Why is it that I can't use two meals at once?

With the prices they charge at the "C" stores, you'll run over the paltry \$3.50 very easily. I'd also like to know why a bottle of Ny-Quil that I would get for free in the mail costs \$8 at the "C" stores. How can the university claim budget shortcomings when it's making a thousand percent profit on

food sold in "C" stores?

It also makes a profit with the meal plans themselves. In two semesters, I have only used up all 25 meals once. There is no possibility of my waking up in time for breakfast (sometimes not even lunch), so my meals go wasted. Why can't we get money back on meals not used?

Sure, you can go several times a day to the Dining Hall—I mean hell—but no one is that masochistic. Isn't it obvious why they have an all-you-can-eat-buffet there?

I'd also like to know why you can't put a guest on your meal card. I have had several friends that live off campus want to eat with me at the Dining Hall. I couldn't put them on my meal plan and had to use my Board Bucks.

I have also had friends on the 15-meal plan that couldn't eat here on the weekends. That is ridiculous. You should be able to eat anytime you want. A meal card is like a credit card paid for in advance. Why don't people with 15 and 20-meal plans have total access to "C" stores?

I don't want to complain, but I'm sick of being taken by this university. You're hit with changes for everything, and yet you receive third-class services. Our library is running at half-power. Classes are being cut and teachers fired—all due to budget cuts. How can they do this? Where does all our money go? They make a killing off meal plans and "C" stores, yet they cry for more money.

To Chancellor Monteith I say this: Straighten up your act—or get out. If you can't find a way to give the students what they pay for, then move over and let someone else have the job.

Daniel McPherson is a freshman majoring in aerospace engineering.

Class nothing to do with ability to pick athlete

Well, there, I did it. I did it despite not recognizing a single name on the ballot, but I did it. I voted for the offices and positions that I was allowed to vote for.

Wait a second—did he say the ones he was allowed to vote for?

Why yes, Holmes, he did.
OK, I may only be a freshman, but I don't think that should be held against me when exercising my voting privilege, nay, right. I

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fully understand that freshmen should not have a say as to who holds, say Senior Class President, and that's all right. I'm not contesting that kind of voter disparity.

However, I must protest the voter segregation when it comes to voting for the Most Outstanding Athlete. Why on earth should my class standing have anything at all to do with my allowance to vote for the best NCSU athlete? Does the head of the

voting committee think that underclassmen have no knowledge of what (or who) an outstanding athlete is?

I've been a Wolfpack fan for years, long before I ever had a notion to attend NCSU. I may not be a good judge of an upperclassman candidate, but I am, however, a die-hard Wolfpack fan and do indeed know whether or not an athlete's performance for NCSU (not just for the Senior class) is outstanding or not.

TOM GEORW
Freshman, Forestry

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Caravan of stars ...
 Controversial Cinema Series to be discussed by panel members

By Joe Corey III
 (Staff Writer)

This must be started with an apology and a clarification. The clarification is for my article about the Fishbone concert, in which I concluded with the statement about not taking orders from my parents anymore. I meant to say "take parents." It's always good to listen to Mom and Dad's advice. At least as long as Santa Claus still comes on Christmas and rent day.

I also need to point out that I in no way wish to say that Public Safety is stupid. By claiming that Public Safety wanted to catch the tail end of "90 Minutes," I was giving them a lot of credit. I would have been mocking Public Safety by saying they had to watch "All," "Who's The Boss" or "The Home Shopping Club's Gim Galore Sale."

Also I named the bass player for Firehose as Ed Watt. Mike Watt is actually the bassist for this San Pedro, California, trio; and after watching him play at Cat's Cradle Thursday, I think he is the bass player against whom all others must be measured.

Watt makes Geddy Lee of Rush, Chris Squire of Yes or even Sting seem insignificant. Watt's standard riffs are as complex as others' solos. Watt is not afraid to make the rhythm too complex; he mixes the slap and pluck method of funk with a basic rock downbeat. And he still has enough energy and creativity to solo beyond better.

Watt is a genius on four strings — check out "Flying the Flame" if you don't believe me. And see him live on Franchise's next swing through if you need any more proof.

One show to check out this week is Rhino Records' caravan of stars Saturday night at Cat's Cradle in Chapel Hill. Every artist is a must-see: Exene Cervenka, Steve Wynn, and Gregson and Collister.

Cervenka along with ex-husband John Doe, is the voice of X. But she's on her own with two solo records that reflect more of the country/folk side X had instead of the abrasive punk found on "Wild Gift."

Steve Wynn headed up the Dream Syndicate a long time ago, but I never thought they were that good.

Wynn as a solo artist is a different story. I still find myself humming the nuggets off his "Kerosene Man" album.

Gregson and Collister are best known as the back up singer and guitarist for musical legend Richard Thompson. The duo is also Thompson's opening act when he hits the road.

This is a threesome that promises a good night out, and by all rights they should be on the road and playing individually. Definitely worth the trip down I-40.

For those of you wanting stay on campus, tonight promises to be an entertaining evening at the auditorium in the Student Center Annex (room 126) with a panel discussion on controversial films at 8 p.m.

The listing goes something like, "In introducing (The Controversial Cinema Series), the Films Committee hoped to encourage thought and discourse on the nature of the cinema and its ability to challenge, persuade, offend and inflame. To further this goal, the committee is proud to present a panel discussion involving a cross section of the campus community to deliberate on these issues and present clips from films in this series. We hope that all those who have attended programs in this series will attend."

Among the panel's members will be college bowl member Ben Lea, N.C. State film professors and movie critics for The Independent, Jim Morrison and Joe Gomez. I'm also going to be seated at the big table, even though my favorite controversial film, "Kiljozer," was not part of the series. Films Committee Chair Robert Widner will moderate the evening.

Films that will be discussed include "Henry, Portrait of a Serial Killer," "A Clockwork Orange," "Straw Dogs," "Un Chien Andalou," "Last Tango in Paris" and "The Cook, the Thief, his Wife and her Lover."

The topics should bounce around to include: "Is NC-17 really a help to filmmakers?" "How offensive can something get in the name of art?" and "How come popcorn costs as much as a movie ticket?" Lisa R. or P. Morgan might be on the panel, depending on which initial owner is contacted. But please try not to play favorites; hold your applause until all the nominees are announced. It should prove more interesting than the debate "Fungi, Friend or Foe," also being held tonight.

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