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## ashier's office charges twice for bad checks

General Statute is possibly resulting in the N.C. States' Cashiers office charging an excessive penalty for writing a bad check.

The general statute allows the holder of a bad check to collect a processing fee of no more than \$15, which is to be paid by the writer of the check when the check is picked

This fee was designed to compensate merchants for any expenses and bank charges incurred because of a bad check.

But there is a sign posted at each

each returned check.

According to William R. Styons, director of the university cashiers office, "the limit is per bad check. The first time it comes back, we are charged by the bank when we pick it up. We then redeposit it," he said.

If it comes back the second time, e tack on the extra \$15," Styons

This has been a longstanding practice of the cashiers office. "When (the legislature allowed a) \$10 charge, then we charged \$20," Styons said.

The interpretation of the statute

imposing a \$30 fee rests with an individual decision by Styons.

"It's my decision," Styons said.
"Tve just passed it on in my monthly reports."

N.C.G.S. — 25-3-512 states: "A processing fee, not to exceed fifteen dollars (\$15.00), may be charged and collected for checks on which payment has been refused by the payor bank because of insufficient

The law was amended to allow the \$15 charge from the previous charge of \$10 in March 1987. Other university departments that handle returned checks such as the library, transportation services and the All Campus Network which all

When asked about this practice, the NCSU General Council refused

the NCSU Semi-tre comment.
"I wouldn't discuss what our inter-pretation may or may not be," said University Counsel Becky French.
"I'm not at liberty to comment."

Styons said he was familiar with the statute and that he has contacted the N.C. Attorney Generals' office for a ruling of his practice in the

past. He said informal responses

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The University Cashier's Office returned check policy may not be legal

## Summer students. guests pack halls

By L. Scott Tillett

The campus housing capacity for the first summer session at N.C. State is 90 percent filled, according to Housing Assignments Director James Pappenhagen.

Of the 881 spaces available in Sullivan and Watauga residence halls this session, 794 are filled. Only 73 percent of those spaces were filled during the first summer session last year.

"We have probably a little larger number of new students who want to take courses during the summer 2 percent of the summer session and the summer of the summer to take courses during the summer conference hall space does not go unused, however. Vacant rooms are used to lodge participants in summer conferences.

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"We don't have much of a domen do space during the summer, so we use the space not being utilized," said Beverty Jones Williams, assistant director of operations for the department of housing and residence life.

"We don't work directly with the roorants.—we just supply hous-

we just supply hous

About 6,000 summer contended participants will stay on campus this summer. That includes the participants in the two largest groups scheduled for this summer: 4-H conference participants and incoming freshman staying here for orientation

entation.

Conference groups stay on campus from two days to eight weeks, Williams said. Revenue from summer conferences goes toward upkeep of the residence halls, Williams said.

"It provides some money that goes back into the residence halls,"

ato. Area directors keep busy during

Area directors keep busy during the summer by preparing for the arrival of their staffs in the fall, said Toni McNaughton, assistant director of staff supervision for the department.

But they have other tasks to keep them busy. Two area directors are involved in summer school projects, two with freshman orientation, and two with the training of new residence hall administration staff. One area director, coordinates summer conferences groups, and summer conferences groups, and one works with facilities mainte-nance



Todd Bennetti/Staff

#### It's off to work we go...

James Currie cuts between Page Hall and Park Shops on his way to work. He is the producer/director for Extension Teleproductions, which films engineering classes for rebroadcast.

## Bicycles stolen despite locking and chaining

Public Safety received reports about two stolen bicycles last CRIME

his blue Fuji bike, valued at \$375, was side Harrelson Hall.

secured the bike to an object.

He returned to discover his bike

Ray A. Monteiro also reported that his bicycle was stolen. According to Public Safety Reports. Monteiro had locked his blue Huffy mountain bike to a rack outside the Riddick Labs at 10:10 a.m. on May 28. At 10:30 a.m., he returned and found several small pieces of securing chain

where his bike had once been. Monteiro valued the bike at \$170.

## Schools join to better farmers' health care

Have you ever thought about at ing pesticide-poiss on e d food? Or losing a finger to a p I o w? Probably

not, but some people at N.C. State are dealing with these possi bilities and how to prevent them.

NCSU and East Carolina University have teamed up to cre-ate North Carolina's first agromedicine program, aimed at

dealing specifically with the med-ical concerns of the farm and farm personnel.

farm personnel.

Dr. Billy Caldwell, assistant director of the N.C. Cooperative Extension Service, said that farming is the country's second most dangerous occupation, with a death rate five times the national average. Only mining ranks higher, making the agromedicine program a vital part of the state's extension services and agricultural educational efforts.

"We feel that our citizens need a

"We feel that our citizens need a medical program tightly focused on the special needs and prob-lems of agriculture. With the strong agricultural research base

Caldwell said.

The NCSU-ECU program is not the first of its kind for the country. Several others like it exist in the Midwest, and a few are currently operating in the south. Caldwell said that NCSU and ECU had a great deal of consulting aid from the South Carolina program, a cooperative effort between Clemson University and the South Carolina School of

## Campus construction continues

When students return to campus

When students return to campus this fall; they will find some changes in the residence Life is using the summer months to renovate many of the residence Life is using the summer months to renovate many of the residence halls, and Hange of facilities. Although some of the changes are pragmatic, such as the addition of handicap accessibility to bathrooms, many of the changes are cosmetic — meant to beautify the halls.

the halls.

"We are an institute of higher learning, not a jail," Younes said. On east campus. Gold and Welch roofs are being replaced, the bathrooms are being repaired and laundry facilities are being added. Syme is having all of its doors stripped and refinished, its bathrooms re-worked and ventilented and an assistant area directions. lated and an assistant area direc-tor's office and staff office are being added.

All of the tri-towers are having their doors refinished and more flowers are being planted on Central Campus.

Central Campus.

For example, a hall council office is being built in the basement of Owen.

In Bowen, all stationary desks and beds are being removed and replaced with mobile ones to give

Cecil Kelley and Roger Strickland work to replace Gold's roof.

Cecil Kelley and Roger Strickland view their rooms. Also, all rooms and public areas are being painted, the first floor lounges and offices are being recarpeted and air conditioners are being installed in the television lounges. The public areas and rooms in both Alexander and Turlington are also being painted.

Turlington Resident Hall, in addition, is having its hallways painted. A women's bathroom is being installed on the first floor, as studying and gaming lounge is

being installed of the first root, is studying and gaming lounge is being added and a gourmet kitchen is being constructed. An architect is currently working on plans for a deck or porch. On West Campus, Bragaw's orth side is being painted and plastered and stationary desks are

being replaced with modular ones while the entire lobby is being

while the entire lobby is being redesigned.

Lee and Sullivan are receiving new furniture while plants in the lobby are going to be connected by a line of canopies.

An office is being built in Lee for night staff and resident advis-ers to allow people on duty to watch both the deck and eleva-tors.

watch both the deck and eleva-tors.

North Hall is having its rooms panted, re-carpeted and ventilat-ed. The bathrooms are being remodeled, the main lobby is being recarpeted and a television and study lounge is being added.

E. S. King Village is getting mew front and back siding, a gazebo and two drinking foun-tains.

## Teachers should change teaching styles, speech patterns to keep students awake

Today, just for kicks, I'll attempt academ-

Right now, I can imagine a number of people around campus chanting "Write! Write! Write! Write!" while my mom desperately pleads "No, Chris! Don't do it — don't write yourself off!"

Regardless of the forlorn cries and opti-mistic cheers, I'm going to turn the tables, change channels, reverse the roles — appraise the professors.

That's right, I'm going to grade our teach-

#### **Chris Repass** Over the Edge

marking down my grades because the kid-gloves are coming off. Just kidding!

Just Ridding:

I may be stupid, but I'm not incompetent.

Or is it the other way around — "I may be incompetent, but I really am stupid?" Well, you know what I mean.

I'm not actually going to grade, criticize, or commend my professors because there's no fun in putting someone else down. Well,

maybe there's a little bit of fun involved, but I'm not going to do it anyway.

What I'm going to do is talk about some of the teaching styles that students encounter during their classes. I'll admit, this doesn't seem as exciting as an outright teacher-bashing, but it's much preferable to failing my classes.

One of the first types you'll find is the "chalkboard lover." These instructors spend the entire class period only inches away from the board. Sometimes they massage it gently with the chalk, spreading smooth, graceful curves across its entire length. Other times, when irritated or excited, they

make hard and fast slashes, occasionally pausing to pound the board with an eraser.

Regardless of their writing or erasing styles, chalkboard lovers follow the similar rituals. Upon first entering a classroom, they turn to the board to say a fond hello. followed by a search for chalk. Some teachers allow for spontaneity by waiting until they get to the classroom before looking for chalk. The more devoted ones prepare for their encounters ahead of time by bringing alone their own writing instruments, some along their own writing instrume writing in different colors.

Once they are ready, the instructors spend the entire period facing the board, walking

k to it, obviously more concerned mulating the board than the students

shmulating the board than the studenty of Course, it's never hard to find the opposite type of teacher — the "werbal abuser." These instructors arrange their lesson-plans around their vocal cords. Whether it's a slow and steady stream of staterments or a fast and flippant flow of flim-flam, verbal abusers spend the entire period talking. The slow ones talk in monotonous tones and use never-ending sentences that — if

See TEACHERS, Page 2

seemed to indicate to him that the eashiers office was acting within the intent of the statute. But he added that he has never received a concrete answer to his query.

Floyd Lewis, assistant Attorney General for North Carolina, was contacted for a ruling and also declined to comment, citing conflict

declined to comment, etting comment of interest.

"The only information that I can provide is that I can't give any information." Lewis said.

Davis Reavis, deputy director of banking operations in the State Treasures office, said that the processing fee statute applies unless a specific law is in force to override the provision.

He cited the Wildlife Commission and the N.C. Department of Revenue as state agencies which.

gestative consideration.
According to Hunt, who also rote and sponsored the 1987 mendment, the intent of the law is charge no more than a \$15 col-cities of the control of the camount of the returned check.
Changing the syrte \$15 is "beyond."

runt said.

Rep. Bowman concurred; saying of the eashiers offices' policy. "I really don't think that is quite kosher."

of the banking commission said that the (Styons) is acting contrary to the law.

As to his reason for charging twice the mandated amount, Styons said "I was hoping it would act as a deterrent" to the writing of bad cheeks.

We have the largest check cashing service (among amiversities) in the United States as far as I know, he said, referring not only to the \$100 limit for checks cashed but also to the total volume of checks.

Styons feels that by "being year biberal (in our check cashing policies), we need to penalize those who bounce checks."

He also stated that the cashiers who bounce checks.

He also stated that the cashiers office is "very liberal in waving the charge when the bank makes an error" causing a check to be returned.

Also he is very flexible when eases involving checks for small amounts are returned. Styons mogh confident that his interpretation is valid, added that "if we're wrong, we'll change it."

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#### Health

Medicine in Charleston,
Caldwell describes the program in
North Carolina as an initiative
taken on after a recommendation
from the legislature. It was suggested that the state perform a study to
determine the necessity of such a
program.

"We knew N.C. needed that program, not a study," he said.
"Nothing happened from that [recommendation] so we picked it up."
Caldwell describes the aims of the

major areas of concern to the farm community.

First is injury prevention, in the form of better machine safety through training and education. He describes most farm workers in rural areas as being uneducated in the safe use of sophisticated farm machinery.

"I'm a perfect example," he says holding up a hand missting the last joints of his middle and ring fingers, lost to an accident with a thresher several years ago.

Second is the farmer's physical environment. Farmers face several environment. Farmers face several environmental work hazards not shared by most of the population.

Extended sun exposure has caused an alarming rate of skin cancer in the farm community, particularly on the backs of necks and ears.

Other environmental hazards include hearing damage from machine noise and joint and muscle damage from machine obtation.

Caldwell noted just how specialized the medical problems of farmers are by saying that farmers tend to have more serious hearing problems in the left ear, due to the fact hat most tractors are designed for the rider to turn right to look behind and check work progress, thus exposing the left side to more engine noise.

## Teachers

Continued from Page 1
recorded and played backwards at high speeds — distinctly say "Go to sleep, go to sleep, go to sleep, go to sleep, go to sleep. The expectably cruel verbal abusers will wait until most of the class is in the early stage of REM, then suddenly change their voice pitch to wake everyone up. Once doing this, the instructors go back to their normal, boring speech patterns until the students require waking again — usually live to 10 seconds later.

The fast talkers give students aerobic workouts during class. Words

are harled so rapidly that everyone struggles to merely copy them down for later review. In classes like this, students rarely understand anything said. More than likely, they'll trudge to their next class with writer's cramp, a splitting migraine and a sore rear-end. Some instructors assign five chapters of reading each night for homework, then discuss Liz Taylor's liposuction during class. In other words, they teach by making students teach themselves. Many professors go strictly by their personal lesson plans, telling students the required textbook will have only one function—to waste their money.

Some teachers stride up, down and around the classroom, saving

themselves the trouble of going to the gym. Others sit in one place for so long you'd think they were watching television with their butts planted on the couch. Ideally, the best instructors are ones that combine these and other styles of teaching in the classroom. They lecture awhile, use the chalk-board or overhead projectors, show videos, have class discussions and presentations — whatever is necessary to ensure students learn the information, or at least stay awake long enough to hear it.

Of course, this might be stretching it a little. Who honestly believes that teachers should try to make their classes interesting or appealing to students?

"Wot 1" said the little problem.

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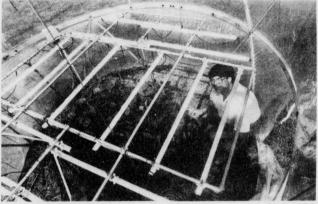
# **FRONTIERS**

## scientists research ozone-related crop damage

By Ron Van Buskirk

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Ozone is polluting the skies.
At first glance, that statement may
seem somewhat contradictory to
recent concern over ozone deplefrom but according to Steven
Shafer, an agricultural researcher at
8.C. State, ozone causes \$3 billion
per year in U.S. crop damage.
Ozone may be more costly than
droughts and insects. Although in
the short run a drought can cape
greater damage, ozone never stops.
"Ozone concentrations are pretty
stable. This is \$3 billion a year, this
year, next year, last year, year after
year after year. So over a period of
time in becomes a pretty significant
issue in agriculture." Shafer said.
The ozone damages plants by high
ozone levels over short periods.
This acute exposure can be seen on
some plants as leaf speckles.
The majority of damage, however,
is from day-to-day, low-level concentrations. The damage from
omorphic plant as a reduced crop yield.
Although acute damage is somewhat casier to detect than chrome
chanage, both can easily go undetected. The leaf speckles, for example, may be confused with other
plant diseases.
This revelation concerning ozone
damage to crops brings into question the recent concern over depletion of the ozone layers surrounding
the arth, but Shafer explains that it
is all a matter of location.
When ozone is riles above in the
stratosphere it filters out harmful



Fitz Booker, NCSU research associate, examines soybean plants that have been subjected to elevated levels of ozone. Booker helped develop the open-top chambers that provide the necessary environment for the research. up near the ground, however, it becomes a pollutant harmful to live these seconds of the provided of

Fitz Booker, NCSU research associate ozone. Booker helped develop the opp up near the ground, however, it becomes a pollutant harmful to living things.

Ozone is a highly reactive form of oxygen which reacts like a bleach in extremely high concentrations.

Man-made ozone is created by a reaction between exhaust gases from burnt fossif fuchs and sunfight. Although coone is created naturally by such sources as lightning, ozone produced as a technological by-product accounts for a significant amount of the existing ozone near

the surface.

When ozone levels exceed 120 parts per billion (ppb) for an hour or longer it is rated as a human health risk by the EPA.

"It's a rare summer that we don't exceed that 120 ppb at some point. I've seen it get as high as 158 or 159 ppb. Ozone in the Piedmont of North Carolina is higher than you might expect," Shafer said.

Due to the Piedmont's geographi-

Ozone.

Ozone damage was first noticed in North Carolina as mysterious spots — weather fleck — on tobacco plants as early as the 1930's. This damage wasn't linked to ozone until the 1950's, and it's only recently that researchers have begun to assess the damage from chronic exposure.

NCSU, along with other research facilities across the nation, partici-pated in a national crop loss assess-ment study funded by the EPA. This study teamed up agricultural researchers with economists. The researchers investigated how ozone levels affect the most common U.S.

researchers investigated how ozone levels affect the most common U.S. crops.

The research on NCSU's campus was sponsored by the Agricultural Research Service (ARS). The ARS is the main research arm of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). This organization has set air, water and soil quality as a national priority for research.

The NCSU researchers included a team of six members at the ARS Air Quality Plant Growth and Development research unit. They conducted their study with experimental fields at NCSU.

The researchers gained information from the fields about cropyields. To conduct their experiments, the research team used open-top chambers, like roofless tents, to control the level of ozone across large areas. These chambers were developed at NCSU by Allen Heagle, a professor in the plant heagle, a professor in the plant available to researchers its greenhouse chambers. These chambers of the plant's environment necessary.

Walking past a wall of filters and cooling equipment Shafer said.

Walking past a wall of filters and cooling equipment Shafer said, "You're probably breathing the purest air you've ever breathed

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before." In order to keep such a high degree of control over the plant's atmosphere the air must be cleaned before it is piped into the growing chamber.

The air must flow through a mass of pipes to reach the plant. On the way various gases, such as ozone, may be mixed in. A computer monitors each chamber of five or six plants. A pinkish light continually glows above the plants to provide light for cloudy days.

Asked what measures for preventing ozone damage this research has produced. Shafer said, "thre's really on a whole lot to do."

Currently only three preventative measures are being studied, but none give any certainty of effectiveness.

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The best preventative measure is to plant varieties of plants that are resistant to zoone. Unfortunately not enough research has been done to rank plant varieties for ozone resistance, making this method a kind of guessing game.

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The second method is to let the soil dry out a bit. The plant then closes its pores to retain water. With its pores closed the plant admits less outside gases like ozone, making it more resistant to the damaging effects. Unfortunately, stress due to less water in the soil may be more harmful to the plant than ozone damage.

Some experimental sprays under

Some experimental sprays under investigation may help prevent ozone damage in the future, although it is too early to tell whether or not use of these sprays will be feasible.

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#### **Editorials**

## Tuition hike proposed

f the North Carolina Senate has its way, tuition will go up — again.

Specifically, in-state tuition would increase to \$905.50 from \$645.50 during the 1991-92 academic year and to \$995.50 for 1992-93. The cost for out-of-state students would rise from \$5,313 to \$6,013 in 1991-92 and another \$400 in 1992-93.

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The proposed tuition increases would be understandable if the money was appropriated to benefit the students. But, N.C. legislators will surely find a way to use the money so that it will not benefit educational programs.

Some of the money may go to help education in rural schools, however a great majority of it goes to things not related to education. For instance, money collected from tuition is aiding programs such as the N.C. Air Cargo Airport Authority and work force preparedness programs.

While these things may be important, the money is going to come from students, so it should benefit students.

Financial woes would not exist if the funds were used for the students who

Financial woes would not exist if the funds were used for the students who are dishing it out. Money should not be allocated to build gateways when library subscriptions need to be saved.

Legislators must give the university freedom to spend money where it is

necessary.

As of now, who is responsible?

The money collected from tuitions should go to education — that's why it's called an education system.

one way to solve the problem is ...

#### Self sufficiency for NCSU

ur university must be more self-sufficient.

This campus can be thought of as a little city. We have restaurants, bank machines, theater, movies and even our own governing body. So to be self-sufficient in other areas only makes

Why not have students do campus work that's related to their field of study'

What's the purpose of studying a subject for at least two years, without having the chance to put the knowledge to use.

For example, we have a fantastic landscape architecture program. Why couldn't the students in that program do some of the landscaping that we pay

big bucks for?
We also have a fine horticulture department whose students can care for the greenery.

Anything would be an improvement over what we have now. It's like a

Pink Panther cartoon where the little man plants yellow flowers and the Pink Panther plucks them out and plants pink ones. There are plants that bloom at different times of the year that could be planted together so Physical Plant wouldn't have to plant and unplant flowers all year long.

all year long.

Using our own resources can make N.C. State a more independent campus and benefit students. And because we don't have an abundance of cash, our greatest resource is obviously us — the students.

This plan is perfect for students' resumes because it would show real work experience. Here at Technician, we get realistic experience that looks good on our resumes, attracts businesses to recruit directly through our office, and we get to see a product that comes from our own hands. Not to mention the pride in being able to see your work. At Technician, we feel that pride every time a paper is published.

Imagine your pride when you bring your kids to the old campus and show them the tree you planted on the 22nd aniversary of Earth Day.

And consider the money you can save your school: students won't have to pay for syllabi, teachers won't have to take money out of their paychecks and students won't have to pay to get periodicals back into the library.

Using the ingenuity that is locked up within our collective student body brain can only give us the best answers to our own problems.

#### **Quote of the Day**

"I don't much enjoy looking at paintings in general. I know too much about them. I take them apart.

-Georgia O' Keeffe

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#### Columns

#### Homosexuality violates natural order

An editorial in last week's Technician supported the university's new policy of non-discrimination toward gays. As one who advocates non-discrimination for qualified individuals, you would think that I am in complete agreement with this position. You're wrong.

The fallacy of a pro or neutral stand on employing the homosexual is that it represents rejecting, or at least tolerating the underlying issue — that issue being that homosexuality is sa violation of the natural order of the world we live in.

Don't tell me that other animal species at times practice homosexuality justifies its acceptance unless you class yourself as a lower-order vertebrate.
Don't tell me that homosexuality justifies as a justification for its acceptance either. Rape and theft have also occurred. Simple existence of a situation does not legitimize it.

it.

Don't tell me that homosexuality is a valid expression of loving feelings between members of the same sex. Love in friendship is separate from love in lust. Homosexuality is a perversion of the transcendent law of nature that was given to us by our creator.

as by our creator.

God created — or for those inclined to accept evolution apart from literal creationism, allowed to occur — male and female as separate, yet complementary

eings. Judeo-Christian code clearly prohibits the

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sexual union of two members of the same sex. Even if you view the Old Testament sanction of death as the punishment for this act culturally archaic, you cannot deny that the act itself was forbidden.

The Supreme Court over the years of our nation's history has extended the inalienable rights of our constitution to the previously disenfranchised segments of our society.

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Discrimination based upon race, creed, religion, political orientation, sex and national origin is repulsive — and rightly so. These factors are those of which a person is born into, and bear no relationship to the character or abilities of the person. Homosexuality is a choice, Just like using drugs, speeding on the highways and running your credit card balance above that which you can pay, homosexuality is a violation of the rules and guidelines established by God and society.

Violating some rules, like overcharging, negates your responsibility as a trustee of the things God has granted you. Speeding and using drugs endangers yourself and others by behaving in an irresponsible manner. Homosexuality violates the basic tenets of God by perverting the male/female act of love he intended for his created.

All the activities described are voluntary

and require a conscious violation of principles to commit. All can be stopped. Some are more difficult to cease than others, depending upon how deeply ingrained within a flawed character they are. Nonetheless, behavior can be changed. Would the university hire an unrehabilitated murderer or thief or child molester? Certainly not.

Would the university hire an individual to drive a state car who is an un-rehabilitated alcoholic with repeated DWIs, or fill a cashier's position with an individual who has a history of embezglement? I think not. All these traits are considered character flaws, and their existence precludes those so inflicted from being hired for specific positions or from being hired for specific positions or from being hired at all. Homosexuals are flawed in their nature, and as such, should be eliminated from university hiring — and eliminated from university hiring — and eliminated from consideration for all positions. People do not work in a vacuum — they work with other people.

Just as you would not put the thief with the cash, neither should the homosexual (or rapist or child molester) be placed in an environment with the objects of their sick desires — other people.

And by the way, don't call me homosphobic. I'm not afraid of them, they just disgust me.

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#### Post-war repercussions still being felt

For those of you who have not been sequestered away for the past half year. America has been involved in military action in the Persian Gulf.

This conflict resulted in the United States driving Saddam Hussein, ruler of Iraq, out of Kuwait, which Hussein had sought to take over.

In a nutshell, America won. Aye, but what's the price of victory?

Many people think only of the beneficial results of this conflict — the restoration of a sovereign country to its rightful, i.e., traditional, ruler, the profection of America's economic interests in Kuwait and the reaffirmation of people's faith in our country.

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These people see a blow well-struck for democracy, an attack against tyranny and oppression.

What many people do not consider, however, are the severe and imminent repercussions of this so-called war.

The first and most obvious consequence was the deaths of countless individuals.

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was ine teams of countriess individuals, was a military conflict, massive death is not a surprise, What is a surprise, however, is the fact that so many people do not care. All of these human lives — people with friends and families and concerns and loves — have been forgotten, lost in the tides of time: four months.

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What is worse is that a lot of people were pleased with many of these deaths. It is so grotesquely simple to select a group of people, in this case the Iraqi soldiers, and stereotype them as evil and uncaring without even considering who they are, or in this case, who they were. Has America become so callous that the individual is no longer important, that it is not who you are but what you are that matters?

Of course, all of these people are dead and all of the concern in the world will not resurrect them, so the point is not too pressing. Still, it is something to consider.

A second result was the aggravation of the Kurds' situation. Admittedly, their initial situation was not very wonderful— a country-less ethnic minority— but it was certainly worsneed as a result of the gulf conflict. Now many of the Kurdish people are homeless, jobless and starving.

One can argue that the burden of guilt should fall upon Saddam Hussein for the initial act of aggression, but then one can argue otherwise as well.

Of course America is in charge of various programs to aid the Kurds, so it would seem that the country is still concerned about the

plights of others. Or perhaps this is merely another fad, a fleeting moment in which people briefly help others to assuage their consciences like they did for Ethiopia or the homelars.

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The aforementioned negative effects of the war are mere moral issues, however. They are both problems relating to other people being hurt. A final problem created by the conflict has a much greater pragmatic and proximate significance.

In Kuwait, over 500 oil wells were set ablaze. In addition to the extreme economic repercussions, there are the phenomenal environmental costs. In the one and a half to two years in will take to extinguish the fires, hundreds of toxic chemicals will be propelled into the atmosphere by the smoke. These chemicals will not only pollute the air, but they will also contaminate the ground when they fall in precipitation.

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None of these problems can really be solved — they have already occurred. Perhaps, though, similar future problems can be avoided. All it requires is a little awareness, understanding and forethought. Negative aspects such as these cannot be eliminated by ignorance, but they can through avoidance,

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## HAPPENINGS

# Curtain rises at Thompson Theatre

Challenges, cameraderie highlight summer season on NCSU stage

By Joseph Foley

It's summer time and that can mean only two things: "The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie" and "Lunch

of Miss Jean Brodie," and "Lunch Hour."

"The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie," a drama by Jay Allen, kicks things off.

The play, set in a private all-girls school in Scotland during the 1930s, follows the growth of four girls into maturity. The play centers around Miss Jean Brodie, a teacher worshipped by her pupils. But that admiration wears away as the girls grow to see her in a different light.

The summer productions at Thompson Theatre are special because auditions are open to community actors in addition to N.C. State students.

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"Many of the local actors have experience from community the ater, film work, and television." said John McHwee, director of "The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie." "Students get help in scene work, dialect, and ways to strengthen characterization on a more professional level," he said.

Wendy Vore, a student who plays Monica, one of the young school girls, says her role presents unique challenges. "It's hard to play a 12-year-old when you're our age. It's hard to get your innocence back."

Also opening this week is Jean Kerr's "Lunch Hour," a light-hearted comedy about love and

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Jackson Trent, holding the role of Carrie's husband Leo, said "Lunch Hour" has been a good experience.
A modern, contemporary play and a small cast in which everyone knows everyone has created a light, enjoyable mood, he said.
"It promotes comradery," said Deese of the small cast.

"The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie" is scheduled to run June 5,7,13,15,19, and 21 at 8 p.m. A matinee is scheduled for June 9 at 3 p.m. "Lunch How" is scheduled for June 6, 8, 12, 14, 20, and 22 at 8 p.m. A matinee is scheduled for June 16 at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$2 for NCSU Students and can be purchased at the Thompson Theatre box office. For more information call 737-2033.



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