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Dillon surprised to be 1 millionth caller to TRACS



Joshua Dillon

By Amy Coulter
News Editor

N.C. State freshman Joshua Dillon was rather surprised to learn he was the one millionth caller to TRACS. At 8:26 p.m. Monday Nov. 12, Dillon placed his call and registered for his spring semester courses. What he didn't expect was a telephone call from University Associate Registrar Donald Patty the next day.

When he first got the call, Dillon said, "I thought I was in trouble." Patty called to tell Dillon that he was the one millionth caller and that he had won several prizes. At a small ceremony in the University Student Center on Nov. 19, he was recognized for his luck.

While most students have the luxury of owning a phone with a redial button, Dillon did not and he spent a great deal of time trying to get into the system.

At the ceremony, Dillon had the opportunity to meet Reese Edwards, the man behind the voice of TRACS.

"Welcome to the North Carolina State University TRACS system. Please enter an action code now," Edwards said to Dillon before congratulating him. "You see this is the only phrase I know," Edwards told the audience. He said the very first call processed by the 32-line telephone/computer registration system was made on Oct. 30, 1988. A little more than two years later, the system has processed more than 1 million calls.

Edwards, who works in the NCSU agricultural communication department, has been at NCSU since 1966 and has produced numerous radio programs. Some of his agricultural programs are aired on radio stations throughout the state. Edwards said he was selected to do the voice for the TRACS computer system because of his regional voice. "My voice is probably more associated with the university than anybody else," he said.

Patty said that future plans for the TRACS system include expansion in the number of telephone lines, allowing more calls to be handled. He also said university officials are looking into programs which would allow students to vote in school-wide elections and allow them to check posted grades and financial aid status. According to Patty, there are even plans to cooperate with the Counseling Center in enabling students to schedule appointments with recruiters by telephone.

Dillon was awarded an AT&T 30-number memory telephone with a redial button. "They are all programmed with the TRACS number," said Patty as he handed the phone to him. Other prizes Dillon won included a \$100 donation from the NCSU Bookstore, which he said "will go toward my books"; two free steak dinners at Special Edition courtesy of University Dining; tickets to two performances by Center Stage; and free tuition for any one class offered by the Craft Center.

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Reese Edwards



Chris Hondros/Staff

Winners

N.C. State soccer forward Alex Sanchez (R) embraces his teammates after defeating Virginia 8-7 in sudden death on Sunday afternoon.

This is the first time ever N.C. State will go to the NCAA Final Four. The tournament will be in Tampa, Fla. on Saturday and Sunday.

Information to be offered on in-state residency

By Bill Holmes
Assistant News Editor

N.C. State Student Government is sponsoring an information session for students who are interested in gaining in-state resident status.

Charles Haywood, associate vice chancellor for student affairs, Donald Patty, associate registrar, and Elizabeth Riley, assistant director of undergraduate admissions, will speak at the seminar on Wednesday, Nov. 28, at 4 p.m. in the Walnut Room of the Student Center. Student Senator Mark Caprioli will moderate the event.

Caprioli said the session is offered because the process is complicated.

"The procedures are not cut and dry," he said. "This session will also help people who are not currently eligible or who may apply in the future to start preparing for the application procedure now."

The session, however, will not be a how-to-lesson Caprioli said.

"It will deal with the specific requirements and the procedures involved in applying for residency status. That's pretty much all it's going to cover," Caprioli said.

The three speakers will discuss their roles in the residency application procedure for the first part of the session, Caprioli said, while the second part of the session will focus on specific questions students have

about the application procedure. "There are a lot of students that don't realize they are eligible," Caprioli said.

To be considered for in-state residency, students must first perform residency acts. These acts include registering to vote in North Carolina, payment of income tax to the state and obtaining a N.C. driver's license or state identification card.

After performing these acts, a student has to wait 12 months before they can apply for in-state residency. If the student is denied residency, they may appeal to a six-member committee.

Haywood and Patty are both members of the appeals committee that reviews requests for in-state tuition. Haywood is the chairman of the committee.

If the appeals committee rejects the applicant, they may apply to a review board in Chapel Hill that rarely overrides the appeals committee's decisions.

This is the first time the services/leadership committee of the Student Senate has organized the event, but it is the third semester the session has been held. Previously the administrative branch of Student Government organized the event.

N.C. State research insects receive preferential treatment

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The insect population in the N.C. State Insectary gets preferential treatment — from silk flowers for adult moths in greenhouse cages to special diets for larvae growing in screen-covered trays in environmentally controlled rooms.

The issue is not ambiance. Rather, every step of the insect-rearing process has been put in place to ensure the healthiest insects possible for research carried out in NCSU entomology laboratories.

In a meticulously maintained set-

ting, the silk flowers attract adult moths to their sugar-water diet and a tofu-like fare provides larvae nutrition — without exposing specimens to contaminants found in their natural habitats.

The insectary has played a vital support role to research for decades, said director Peter Ellsworth. By now, NCSU researchers have confidence in the integrity of the insect populations reared at the modest Method Road facility.

"The 'unsung heroes' of the story, Ellsworth said, are the colonies of Manduca (tobacco hornworm) and

Heliothis (corn earworm and tobacco budworm) moths whose brief life cycles begin and end in laboratories. At any stage of development, from egg to adult moth, specimens could be needed by scientists investigating the insects' effect on plant material; or, a predator's or pesticide's effect on them.

Under the watchful supervision of Ellsworth and laboratory technician Jiemin Liu, insectary populations are maintained at numbers consistent with research demand.

Ellsworth said typical research use is something of a "snapshot in

time." Currently, a toxicologist is studying a specific enzyme system of the tobacco hornworm with an eye on developing an insect-specific pesticide. In its plant-eating caterpillar stage, the hornworm can be devastating to tobacco as well as tomatoes. An ecological study is examining how the pigment of the hornworm is used as a natural defense against predators, while a pathology study is looking at disease agents that affect the earworm, which invades corn, tobacco, cotton and soybean crops.

Insect rearing is a round-the-clo-

cker, round-the-clock activity, Ellsworth said. He and Liu maintain tight control of the facility to protect each colony from outside contamination.

The Yamamoto strain of the Manduca moth, cultivated in an NCSU laboratory 25 years ago, is rigidly isolated from other Manduca strains. Maintaining its purity guarantees scientists a standard for research, while maintaining the integrity of strains found in the wild gives scientists facsimiles of field specimens.

Though Ellsworth and Liu are fas-

tidious in regulating their charges' surroundings, disasters can happen. A population of adult Manduca moths were lost in a single night last year when vandals entered the greenhouse and opened the cages and the outside greenhouse door.

In another instance, it was suspected that a pesticide being tested in a nearby project was pulled into the air system to the Manduca greenhouse.

For an entomologist such as Ellsworth, the insectary provides

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Once upon a time in a land not so far away lived King Fahd the Oily

Once upon a time, in a land far, far away, there was a man named King Fahd the Oily. King Fahd led a very nice life. He had a beautiful kingdom by the sea, an oil-rich desert with which to gouge the kingdoms occupied by you and me, and a front yard full of soldiers who, instead of beer, drank tea.

Now, I'm sure you're wondering how King Fahd the Oily came to have soldiers in his front yard who, instead of beer, drank tea. Many people have asked that very same question, but few know the true answer, other than King Fahd and me.

If you ask anyone else they'll probably tell you it started with an unruly neighbor

Chris Repass Over the Edge

who thought the sand on Fahd's side of the fence was oilier than his. But we won't worry about whether the situation started with that neighbor, or whether Fahd the Oily's sand was oilier, because I'm going to tell you how it started with a phone call one hot August night.

Fahd and I were having dinner in his private dining room, discussing the normal things most people discuss at dinner. We were both wondering if the new and

improved crust on beef pot pies made any difference in the texture of the beef, and whether or not the new crust had anything to do with the sudden price increase of gasoline at the local Circle K, when Fahd's phone started ringing.

Having no way to know how many lives would be affected by that single call, Fahd reached over to the phone and punched the button to put it on loudspeaker.

"Hello?" Fahd said.

A slick and quick voice invaded the room: "Hello, I'd like to speak to His Imperial Majesty King Fahd the Oily, please."

"Speaking."
"King Fahd, my name is John, and I repre-

sent the U.S. of A. Tonight I'd like to take a few moments of your valuable time to tell you about some of the fantastic services and programs my country has to offer."

A disgusted look crossed Fahd's face. "I'm sorry, but I'm not interested. Someone from your company called just last week, and I'll tell you the same thing I told her: I'm satisfied with my long-distance telephone service and I do not want to switch. Now please don't bother me again!"

"Just a moment sir! You misunderstand me — I'm with the United States of America, not AT&T or MCI. I'm not calling about your phone service."

"Oh, really? Well then, what are you call-

ing about?"
"If it's not too impolite to ask, I was wondering if you have had troubles or concerns with your neighbors recently?"

Fahd sort of nodded his head and said, "Yes, I have been somewhat worried recently about a neighbor who seems to have ants in his robe. Why do you ask?"

"King Fahd, right now my country is offering several services for people with problems like yours. One of them is our Foreign Exchange-Soldier Program, in which the kinder and gentler American nation sends several hundred-thousand

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FYI

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IMPORTANT DATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The last day of classes is Friday, Dec. 7. Final exams begin on Monday, Dec. 10 and continue through Tuesday, Dec. 18.

The 1990-91 Student, Faculty and Staff directories are now available.

at the lobby and the information desk of the University Student Center.

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... The Student Social Work Association is sponsoring a clothing drive for the needy through Dec. 7. Boxes will be located in the lobby of the University Student Center, Caldwell Lounge and the D.H. Hill Library.

The Department of Communication will sponsor its semi-annual Public Speaking Contest. The contest is designed to showcase the best speakers from the current semester's public speaking classes. It is anticipated that 20 speakers will have the opportunity to demonstrate their oratorical skills in a 5-7 minute persuasive speech. Preliminary rounds are scheduled for Tuesday at 6 p.m. in Rooms 221, 227 and 238 of Harrelson Hall. The final round will be on Thursday at 5 p.m. in Room 1404 of Williams Hall. Please come and support these dynamic speakers.

SPECIAL EVENTS

The CHASS Council will meet tonight at 6 p.m. in Room 12 of Winston Hall.

... The UAB Art Committee will meet on Tuesday from 7:30-8:30 p.m. in the Board Room of the University Student Center. Call Tara at 737-3503 for more information.

... The NCSU Japanese Student Association will be the guest sponsor at the International Coffee Hour Series on Thursday from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the basement of Alexander Residence Hall. All students are welcome to attend.

LECTURES/SEMINARS SESSIONS/WORKSHOPS

... HAVE YOU EXHAUSTED OTHER METHODS TO FIND A JOB? The Career Planning and Placement Center is sponsoring a 90-minute workshop designed to help you learn the non-traditional techniques of job hunting. "The ABC's of Job Hunting" is especially designed for seniors and graduate students and will be today from 5:15-6:45 p.m. in 2100 Pullen Hall.

... THE SOCIETY FOR HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT is proud to present Richard Pudrgal, manager of Human Resources for

Glaxo Pharmaceuticals in Research Triangle Park. He will discuss the field of Human Resource Management on Wednesday from 7:30-8:30 p.m. in Room 206 of Cox Hall.

Compiled by Jay Patel

Corrections and Clarifications

A photo which ran on the front page of Technician on Nov. 19 incorrectly identified one of the participants in the Take Back the Night March. The marcher was Debbie Boggs, not Lewis Ann.

Insects

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unexpected challenges. He is studying why the Yamamoto strain of the horworm randomly manifests black pigmentation at a certain stage of larval development. Possible causes include hormones and diet.

Ellsworth said he sees the insectary as an exciting educational tool in the NCSU Department of Entomology's outreach to budding scientists in public schools.

Ellsworth, who holds a bachelor's degree from the University of New Hampshire and a master's degree from the University of Missouri, earned his doctorate in entomology at NCSU last year. He succeeded Lawrence Pearce, who retired in March after a 25-year stint overseeing the operation.

Pearce was in charge of the insectary when a National Science Foundation grant helped move the facility from a cramped campus space to the Method Road quarters in 1971 and when the facility was expanded in early 1990.

Ellsworth noted that the scope and importance of the insectary has come a long way since a 1940 NCSU undergraduate catalog boasted of an entomology department with "a large insectary with the usual equipment."

King Fahd

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young men to camp in your front yard.

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"That sounds pretty good!"

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"Actually, it seems that this is a little bit out of my price range."

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Fahd nearly choked when he heard that, then quickly said he would take the deal.

That, ladies and gentlemen, was how King Fahd the Oily wound up with soldiers in his front yard who, instead of beer, drank tea. What happened after that, we'll have to wait and see.

Nominations for medal sought

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N.C. State is seeking nominations for the Watuga Medal, the highest non-academic honor awarded by the university.

Albert Lanier, NCSU vice chancellor for university relations, has issued an invitation to alumni, friends and supporters of the university to submit nominations for the award. The deadline for nominations is Jan. 2.

Lanier said the Watuga Medal, which was authorized by the NCSU board of Trustees in 1975, is awarded annually to no more than three people. It is in recognition of "unusually distinguished service to North Carolina State University."

Criteria for the medal are broadly based. The award recognized people not on the university staff who have rendered notable and significant service for the advancement of teaching, research and extension functions of the university.

The medal, or medals, will be presented at the NCSU Founder's Day Dinner on March 7.

Last year's Watuga Medal recipient was J.W. York, an NCSU alumnus and Raleigh real estate developer, who has been a board member of the N.C. Engineering Foundation, a board member of the Veterinary Medical Foundation, chairman for the Stadium Authority and a member of the Board of Trustees of the Consolidated University of North Carolina.

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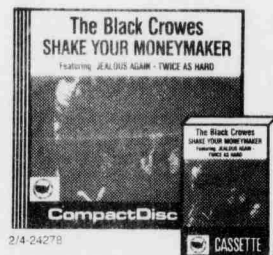
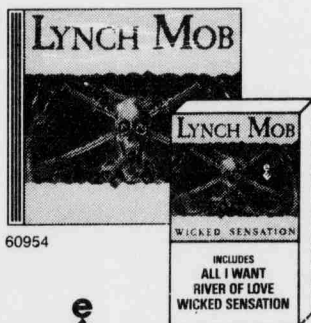
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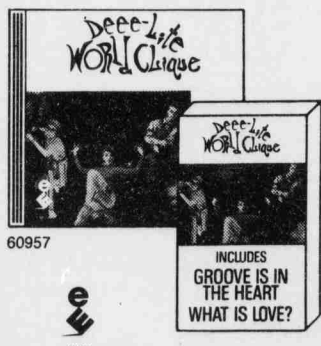
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Booters beat Cavaliers, advance to Final Four

Second-ranked State faces UCLA in Tampa this weekend, winner plays for NCAA title Sunday

By Todd Pfalzgraf
Senior Staff Writer

The second-ranked N.C. State men's soccer team beat Virginia 8-7 in sudden death penalty kicks advancing to its first-ever Final Four appearance.

Dario Brose put State on the board first when Tom Tanner was fouled in the penalty box in the 69th minute. Brose drilled the penalty kick low and in the left corner of the net for a 1-0 lead. Virginia tied the score with just 5:24 to play.

After two overtimes, the game was declared a tie and was decided on penalty kicks. The score was tied 7-7 when Virginia missed its eighth kick. Dwane Hampton converted the Pack's eighth attempt to win the game.

"I knew that eventually I'd save one or they would miss," said State

goalie David Alfred. "I had a great amount of confidence in our players. This is just the icing on the cake for this season."

The match was the third time State faced Virginia this season. The Pack lost 3-2 in double overtime Sept. 30th, but beat the Cavs 2-1 in the finals of the ACC Tournament.

"I think I'm dreaming," said State head coach George Tarantini. "During the shootout, I prayed very hard. I'm just glad we won't have to face any more ACC teams."

There were 79 fouls, five yellow cards and a fight at the end of the game.

Virginia threatened to score first just three minutes into the match. Midfielder Jeff Agos drilled a shot which Alfred saved, but a Virginia player nailed the rebound towards the net. Dewan Bader made a body

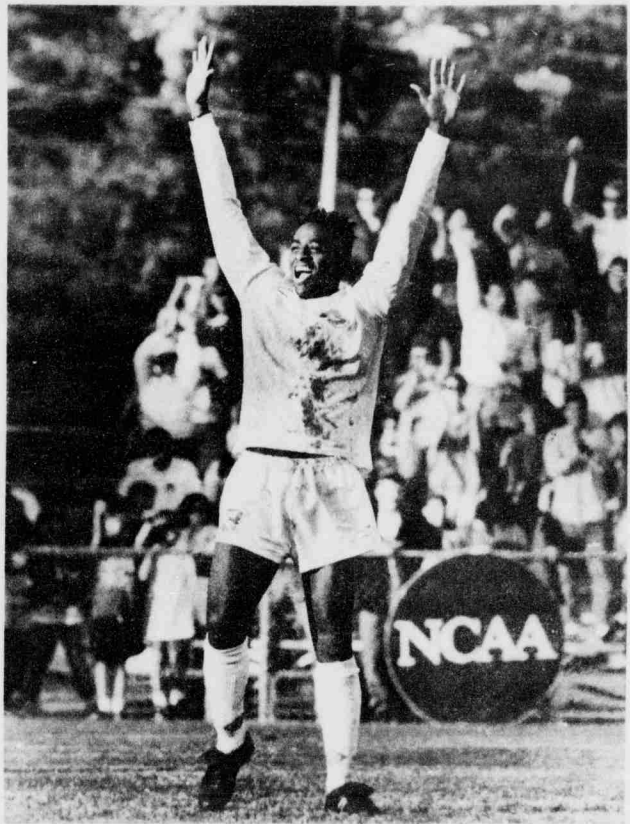
save and cleared the ball. At the 38:37 mark, Virginia midfielder Curt Onalfo took a high cross shot and headed it to the net, but Alfred made the save.

With 19:31 to play in the half, Henry Gutierrez sent a pass upfield to Roy Lassiter who broke away from the defense. Lassiter's shot went wide of the goal as a Cavalier defender pressured him from behind.

State's best chance to score came in the 40th minute when Sanchez blasted a shot just inches wide of the net. The Wolfpack was held to just three shots on goal in the first half.

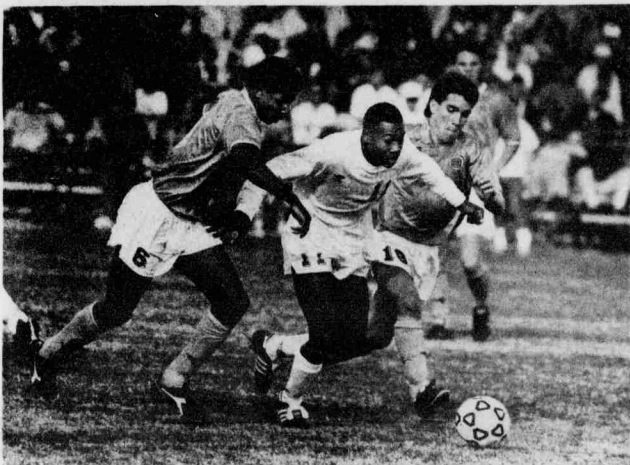
With 21:43 left in regulation play, the Pack finally broke the deadlock. Senior forward Tom Tanner drib-

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State forward Dwayne Hampton (above) shows the end result of the Pack's sudden death win over Virginia with blood all over his shirt. Bader scored the winning penalty kick to lift State to the NCAA Final Four, and he also received a nasty cut over his left eye. Roy Lassiter (left) pushes the ball through two Cavalier defenders.



Cross country team places 11th at NCAA Championships

By David Honea
Senior Staff Writer

Eleventh place was the order of the day for N.C. State at a disappointing NCAA Cross Country Championships last Monday in Knoxville, Tenn.

With several runners at less than full strength, the ACC-champion Wolfpack women placed 11th with 278 points. Villanova had 82 points to claim its second consecutive NCAA title.

Providence finished second with 172 points and Clemson followed in third with 204 points.

Laurie Gomez led the way for State with a 30th-place finish, earning All-America honors. Gomez ran the 5k course in a time of 17:01.

Kim Dean (54th, 17:17) and Katrina Price (57th, 17:21) were close behind Gomez. Completing the State scoring were Monica McHenry (112th), Francine Dumas (113th) and Danielle Benoit (145th).

Both Gomez and Price were hampered by colds going into the race, and the State cause was hurt further when senior Nikki Cormack was knocked out after 3,000m and was unable to finish. Wolfpack coach Rollie Geiger said the team was disappointed with their finish.

"It's frustrating when a team we beat at the ACC Championships is third, and yet we're only eleventh," Geiger said. "It shows how close things were, and we didn't do the things it takes to win the close battles."

Geiger said State was hurt by the lack of a

dominant runner as no one stepped forward with an outstanding race.

"No one ran really poorly, but no one had a particularly good race either," Geiger said. "We're certainly proud of Laurie for making the All-American team, but on a good day she can finish much higher than that."

"Kim Dean and Monica McHenry probably had the best races, but even they are capable of better."

On the men's side, three-time ACC champion Bob Henes also just missed the top 10, finishing 11th with a time of 29:47 for 10,000 meters.

Henes went out conservatively against a very strong field, working his way slowly toward the lead pack. He reached the front near the two-mile mark, just as a large

group started to pull away from the field.

Henes continued to follow the leaders as the pack thinned in the next two miles.

Just after four miles, Iowa State's Jonah Koech made a hard surge and the rest of the front group began to thin out behind him. Koech went on to win the race in a time of 29:05.

Running ninth after the pack broke up, Henes lost two places on a hill near the five-mile mark, but he held off several other challengers over the final mile to end up 11th.

That marked the highest finish ever for an NCSU male runner, and earned Henes his third All-America honor.

"I was hoping to at least crack the top ten," Henes said. "I really felt good through the four miles, but I got a stitch late in the race

and I was just hanging on after that."

"It was a mixed bag for Bob today," Geiger said. "He had the best finish ever by an N.C. State runner and he had a big improvement on his past finishes. But we were really hoping for top ten — that sounds a lot better and he certainly was capable of that this season."

"This was the last race in what was without question the best cross country career the N.C. State's men's team has seen."

"Bob's the only ACC champion N.C. State has ever had, and he won three times. He was our only two-time All-American, and now he's made it a third time. I'm looking forward to what Bob's going to do in track, but I am certainly going to miss working with him in cross country."

Women win first two games at Rainbow

The N.C. State women's basketball team won a pair of games over the weekend to advance to the final round of the Rainbow Wahine Classic in Honolulu, Hawaii.

NCSU handily beat Drake, 108-63, Friday and survived a tooth-and-nail match with South Carolina Saturday, winning 62-58.

The Pack faced the winner of the Hawaii/Eastern Kentucky game in the championship game late Sunday night but the score was unavailable at press time.

State hit 43 of 62 shots from the field including seven of 11 from three-point land in a full-team showcase against Drake. Andrea Stinson made 26 points in 24 minutes to lead a barrage that saw everyone on the bench score.

Sharon Manning scored 18 points and pulled down four rebounds and junior Rhonda Mapp added 16 points and eight rebounds.

Natalie Nester and Jenny Kuziemi ski scored 10 points each and Tammy Gibson and Nicole Lehmann pumped in nine apiece. Danyel Parker added six points and Krissy Kuziemi ski and Teri Whyte rounded out the side with two points each.

Saturday's game versus South Carolina took a decidedly different flare. State shot a paltry 29 of 67 from the field and was zero for 10 from three-point land.

Stinson played 39 of 40 minutes



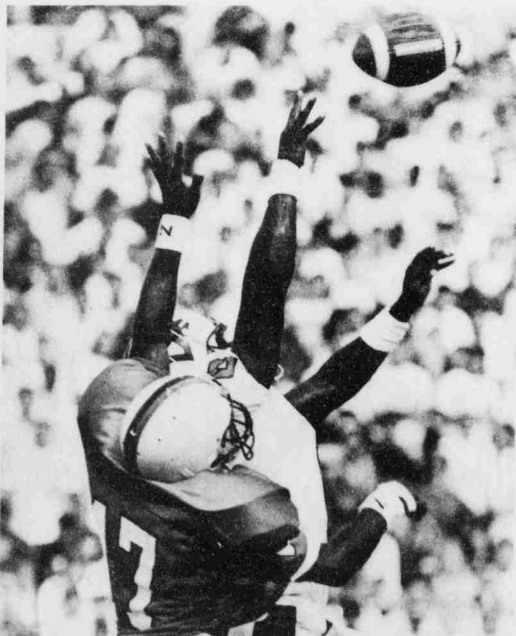
J. Kuziemi ski

and led all scorers with 19 points. Manning added 12 points and eight rebounds while Mapp pulled down 12 boards and scored 11 points in 36 minutes of play. Mapp fouled out with -16 in the game.

The Pack led by as many as 10 points in the second half, but had to fend off a late surge that brought the Gamecocks within two points with one minute to play.

State improved to 2-0 on the season and plays host to the top five Tennessee Volunteers in Reynolds Coliseum Saturday. Game time is 2 p.m. and admission is free to students.

Fred Hartman



Chris Hondros/Staff

Pack faces Southern Mississippi in the All-American Bowl

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Head football coach Dick Sheridan, along with athletics director Todd Turner made it official Saturday night when they accepted a bid for the N.C. State football team to play in the All-American Bowl. The Dec. 28 ballgame in Birmingham, Ala., will match the Wolfpack against the Golden Eagles of Southern Mississippi.

With a record of 6-5, the Wolfpack will be making its fourth bowl appearance in five years under the direction of Sheridan. The Golden Eagles stand at 8-3, including wins over both Auburn and Alabama this season. Southern Mississippi is making its second bowl trip in three years while under head coach Curley Hallman.

Overall, the 1990 season has been a series of ups and downs for the Wolfpack, but it probably received its biggest boost when Sheridan announced that he was not interested in the head coaching position at LSU.

When LSU coach Mike Archer announced his resignation, Sheridan's name was high on the list of possible replacements. But now that he has declined further contact with LSU officials, an ironic twist has Southern Miss' Hallman as the leading candidate to succeed Archer as the Tiger head coach.

As a conference, the ACC fared very well in placing teams in bowls. Five of the eight member institutions will be sending teams to compete in holiday bowl games in the upcoming weeks.

Leading the ACC procession is conference champion Georgia Tech, 9-0-1, who is heading to the Florida Citrus Bowl to face Big Eight foe Nebraska. Clemson, with its 9-2 record, has a date with Illinois in the Hall of Fame Bowl, also in Florida.

Virginia, 8-3, will be facing an SEC opponent that has yet to be determined in the USF&G Sugar Bowl. Maryland, after rallying late in the season, landed in the Independence Bowl against Louisiana Tech to round out the contingent of ACC teams going to holiday bowls.

The 6-5 Wolfpack football team travels to Birmingham for a Dec. 28 bowl appearance.

Pack cruises over FIU

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Head basketball coach Les Robinson was able to clear the bench Friday night as the Wolfpack took on Florida International University. State outscored FIU 120-79 to claim its first victory of the season.

Friday's game was a homecoming of sorts for senior point guard Chris Corchiani, who played his high school ball at nearby Hialeah-Miami Lakes. Corchiani started the game slowly but he quickly turned his game around to finish with 21 points. Corchiani also added eight assists and three steals.

The other half of State's back-court connection, senior Rodney Monroe, pumped in a game-high 25 points. Monroe hit on six of his nine three-point attempts and he had four assists and two steals.

Junior forward Tom Gugliotta also contributed to the Wolfpack cause with 18 points. Gugliotta hit on two of three three-point attempts and he added a game-high 16 rebounds.

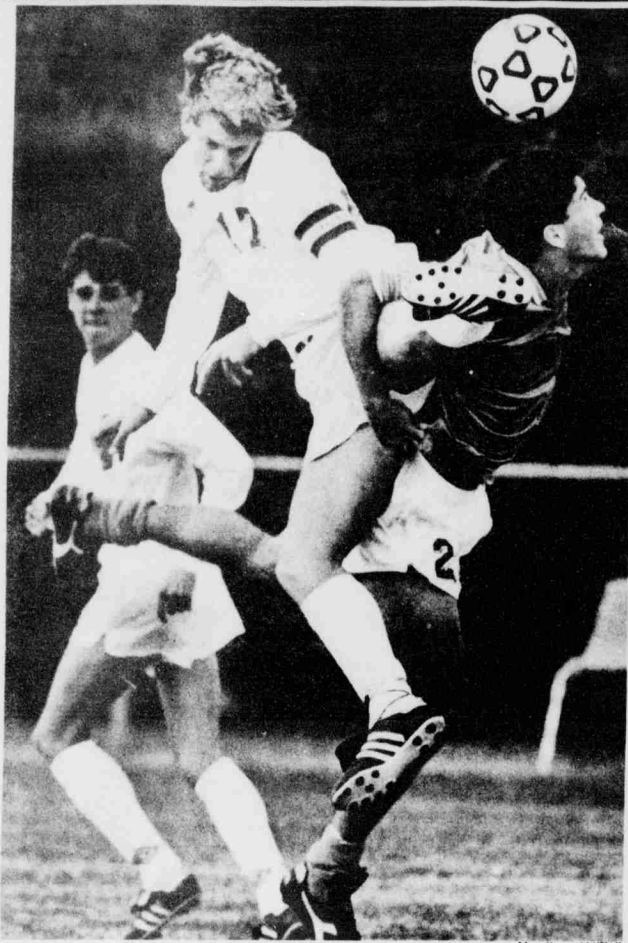
In the frontcourt, the duo of Bryant Feggins and Kevin Thompson added 12 and 14 points respectively. They also hauled in five rebounds apiece.

Coming off the bench, Migjen Bakalli went six-for-six enroute to a 15 point outburst. Bakalli was also perfect on three shots from outside the three-point arc.

Senior David Lee also came in and contributed eight quality minutes in which he grabbed three rebounds and four points. Freshman post Anthony Robinson put in five points on two-for-two shooting and he also snagged four boards. Freshman Marc Lewis rounded out the Wolfpack scoring with six points on three-for-four shooting.

FIU was led by Dwight Stewart who had 22 points. Cesar Boscachica added 18 points and four rebounds for FIU. No one else scored double figures or had more than four rebounds for FIU.

State stands at 1-0 overall this season. The Wolfpack takes to the floor again Wednesday night against Baptist at Reynolds Coliseum. Game time is 7:30 p.m.



Marc Kawahishi/Staff

State's Curt Johnson (above) gets tangled up in a Cavalier defender as both try to head the ball. Scott Schweitzer watches in the background. The Pack plays UCLIA in the first game of this weekend's Final Four in

Tampa. State head coach George Tarantini (right) buries his head and prays during the sudden death shootout. Tarantini did not raise his head until the final kick that sent the Pack to the Final Four.

Final Four bound

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bled through the penalty box and was fouled by all-ACC defender Curt Onalfo. Brose placed the penalty kick low in the corner of the net for a 1-0 Pack lead.

With only 5:24 to play, Kris Kelderman of Virginia drilled a shot toward Alfred.

Alfred made the save but dropped the ball and Agood tapped it in for a 1-1 tie. By NCAA rules, the teams then played two 15-minute overtime periods.

Neither team mounted a serious scoring threat in either overtime period and the game was sent to a shootout. Alfred made a diving save on Virginia's first kick, but Gutierrez missed the Pack's first attempt and the game was still knotted.

Both teams made four shots each on the next eight kicks. Forward

Alex Sanchez, sweeper Scott Schweitzer, forward Roy Lassiter, and midfielder Dario Brose all made shots.

The game went to a sudden death shootout where the first team to miss was the loser. Virginia's Richie Williams shot the ball high over the net on the eighth kick. Dwayne Hampton drilled the Pack's eighth shot past a diving Causey for the win.

"I had no doubt we'd come back to win. I just kicked the ball as hard as I could and it went in," Hampton said.

State plays the UCLA Bruins in Tampa Saturday. The winner of that match will advance to the championship game Sunday against either Rutgers or the nation's number-one team, Evansville. UCLA is ranked second in the ISAA poll and State is ranked second in the Soccer America poll.



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Christmas From Hell: The Shopping Rush Begins

I had the misfortune of being in Crabtree Valley Mall last Saturday afternoon and seeing the most lethal force known to mankind in action. It was I, a tornado, a hurricane, a fire storm or Blanche Moore handing out cocktails — instead, it was something even more dangerous to all, the first wave of Christmas shoppers.

It was as if the Santa Claus at the end of the Thanksgiving Parade had a starter's pistol that signaled the beginning of the Christmas shopping season, and anyone who jumped the gun got a \$300 penalty on their credit card limits.

The malls weren't overflowing on Friday night, but as soon as the big guy in the red suit came into view they were packed! There wasn't enough room in Crabtree to scratch my behind (I should know — I got slapped three times for scratching someone else's by mistake!)

Rather than brave the terrors of holiday mall-hopping, I've come up with a Christmas list that I'm sending straight to Santa. If the following gifts turn up in these stockings Christmas morning, I think they (and the world at large) would be a lot happier.

For Donald Trump: The "Lifestyles of the Rich and

Jeff Coleburn Innocent Bystander

Famous' game to remind him of his past — a 1964 Rambler, free enrollment in an Economics 201 class and an all-expenses-paid, six-month stay in a luxurious cardboard box in downtown Detroit.

For George Bush: A complete set of G.I. Joe figurines so he can play war games without human pieces, a year's supply of sound bites, a copy of "War (What Is It Good For)" by Bruce Springsteen and a court order

that they deserve the nation's number one ranking in college football, assuming that they stay undefeated through Jan. 1, 1991. (Colorado has an illegal fifth-down win and Miami has an overactive public relations department — who ever heard of a national champion with two losses?)

For Saddam Hussein: a tail to hang between his legs, lots of plain white bunting to make surrender flags out of and a one-way plane ticket to Cuba.

For Jesse Helms: a complete set of "Kudzu" comic strips, a year's subscription to "Hustler", a lifetime

all of her "National Enquirer" covers and the knowledge that the only way she could get public attention now would be posing for "Playboy" and joining Jessica Hahn in Sam Kinison videos. (Somehow I can't picture her being signed as a United Way spokesperson.)

For the Keating Five: enrollment in the same EB 201 class as Donald Trump, guest appearances doing commercials for "Mr. Cash" and to be locked in a room with 4,000 angry Savings and Loan investors so they can explain where all of the S&L money went.

For Jim Valvano: a Coke and a smile.

For Les Robinson: some rather big shoes to fill — nice job so far, Coach!

For the Saturday Night Live cast: a case of Valium for Wayne and Garth of "Wayne's World", two cases of Geritol for the "Grumpy Old Man", 12 episodes with a reunited Pink Floyd as the musical guest and a reassignment of "Toonies, the Driving Cat" as Jesse Helms's chauffeur.

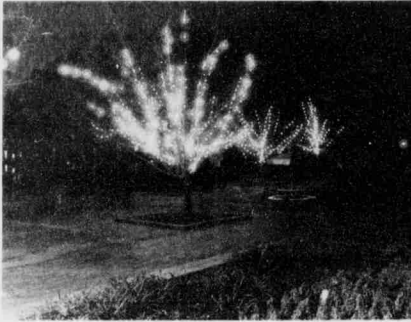
For anyone who actually thought "Millie's Book": a swift kick to the head and good psychiatric care.

For anyone who actually thought "Millie's Book" was written by Millie, the White House dog: a swifter kick to the head and a term in Congress.

For the script writers of network sitcoms: a miracle cure for "Sagittis" — a disorder that inflicts terrible jokes and dialogue upon quality stand-up comedians; see also "Bob Saget (America's Funniest Home Videos)", "Kevin Meaney (Uncle Buck)" and "Chris Elliott (Get A Life)".

For the Gods of Rock Music: praise and offerings in gratitude for a year that included Led Zeppelin, Rocky Horror boxed sets and a new ZZ Top album.

For Winona Ryder: permission to marry me after I kill Johnny Depp with my bare hands.



As Christmas nears, campus decorations are lighting up the brickyard.

to turn the presidency over to Barbara Bush until 1992.

For Dan Quayle: A Slinky. That ought to keep him busy until 1996, at least.

For James "Buster" Douglas: The "Mike Tyson's Punch Out" game for his Nintendo and the Andy Warhol Memorial Fifteen Minutes Of Fame Award for 1990.

For Georgia Tech: The knowledge

pass to the Cincinnati art gallery of his choice, a chance to be reviewed by "In Living Color" new feature, "Men On Politicians" ("Hated him...") and a tanker truck of industrial-strength "Listerine" to get rid of the bad aftertaste his campaign and advertisements left in North Carolina's mouth.

For Marla Maples: the 1990 Bimbo of the Year award, copies of



With less than a month until Christmas, campus organizations are beginning to decorate their Christmas trees. Many offices will house the trees.

For Milli Vanilli: mandatory attendance with the New Kids On The Block at one of Blanche Taylor Moore's dinner parties.

And finally, for a certain columnist: a year's supply of Gatorade, a VCR to tape "Tiny Toon Adventures", having XTC perform

at my birthday party, a chance to stop being the romantic equivalent of the "Maytag Repairman", world peace and a Porsche.

There's under a month left, so start shopping, now!

Study abroad programs expanding horizons

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As the Pacific Century gradually unfolds, Australia stands poised to take advantage of its growing ties with the booming economies of Asia. A new study abroad program, administered by the Council on International Educational Exchange, offers American undergraduates an opportunity to study and observe the linkages now being forged between the two continents.

Beginning in February 1991, the semester program at Murdoch University near Perth, Western Australia provides an opportunity for undergraduate students to live and study at one of Australia's fastest growing universities.

The program features a required core course on Australia and its Asian neighbors that was specially designed by Murdoch faculty. The course surveys the history, geography and social structure of Australia and explores its growing interdependence with Asia.

Students also attend regular university classes. Murdoch offers more than 500 undergraduate courses in traditional disciplines such as economics, literature, history and the sciences as well as non-traditional areas like Aboriginal Studies.

The university's Southeast Asian studies department is well known and was recently awarded a multimillion-dollar research grant for the study of emerging economies in the Western Australia, a region of unsurpassed beauty that is often overlooked by students and travelers.

Students interested in Southeast and East Asian studies may link their studies at Murdoch with another study abroad program in Asia.

The Council currently administers programs in China, Japan and Indonesia. Programs in Thailand and Vietnam begin in the fall of 1991.

The cost of the program is \$6,500 which includes tuition, room, visa

fees and accident and health insurance. Students are responsible for meals and airfare to and from Australia.

The cost of transpacific transportation, which is available as an option through CIEE, is estimated at \$961 for a round-trip flight from Los Angeles to Perth.

For more information, please con-

tact: Nancy Shaw, Academic Programs Department, CIEE, 205 E. 42nd Street, New York, NY 10017; (212) 661-1414, extension 1486.

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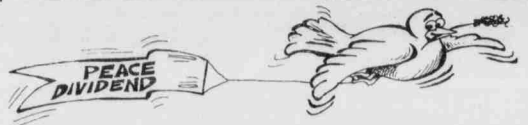
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Editorials

Assassinating Christmas

W elcome back after a long weekend of turkey and cranberry sauce. Hopefully, you enjoyed what may have been your only real food since the beginning of the semester.

Yes, Thanksgiving was wonderful indeed — especially if you enjoyed having Christmas shoved down your throat.

Once again, the glitz and glitter of the Madison Avenue Christmas fantasy have hit us all smack in the face, and more importantly, in the pocketbook. Naturally, frequent shoppers are the ones who will take the brunt of it — by the time Christmas actually gets here, their Christmas spirit will be lost somewhere between the 60-foot artificial Christmas Wonderland at the mall and the glowing plastic Santa in your neighbor's yard.

Gone is the day of the simple pine Christmas tree, with homemade ornaments or, if you were really lucky, those shiny glass baubles. Now everything is glitter and lights, motorized tree ornaments and talking Santas for your front porch. Believe it or not, there was once a time when the Christmas season was not synonymous with tacky.

The true spirit of Christmas that everyone talks about has been drowned in a flood of glitzy commercials and shiny plastic junk. Religious connotations aside, the true spirit of Christmas should be peace and love. For one day, everyone should be able to sit down and not worry about what will happen tomorrow, or how bad the weather is, or about the bills that January is sure to bring. Instead, the major concerns center around who is getting what and how much it cost.

And the worst part of the whole business is not the fact that so many adults have become jaded about the season. The true tragedy of the commercial assassination of Christmas is that it has ruined the season for the children. Children, more than anyone else, deserve to have a real Christmas. They should not be subjected to a thousand toy stores blaring commercials from Halloween until Christmas.

Perhaps the true measure of the effects of Christmas commercialization lies in the results of a recent poll. A major polling organization questioned several hundred children about what they wanted for Christmas, and the answer ranged from fire trucks to dollhouses. Fifty dollar fire trucks with electronic sounds and motors and \$150 dollhouses with electric lights and working switches. What have we done to the children?

It is, of course, unrealistic to expect everyone to avoid commercializing the season to some degree. Catalog retailers, for example, must start advertising early to allow time to process orders. But when local retailers start putting up Christmas decorations right after the Halloween adornments come down, something is very wrong.

So once again, we will sadly follow to empty our pocketbooks in sacrifice to the retailing gods and their advertising lackeys. Once again, we will sell our souls to give expensive gifts, and pay the price when the credit card demon gives us notice in January. Once again, we will be part and party to the gradual death of Christmas.

Surely this will not be the first complaint about the commercialization of Christmas, nor is it likely to be the last. But it should register most heavily on those of us in college. As has been said before, we are the next generation of leaders — change is in our grasp. Let's show everyone what Christmas should really be about — simple gifts certainly, but more importantly, love, peace and brotherhood for just one day.

Quotes of the Day

"You don't see no hearses with luggage racks."

-Don Henley, on taking it with you

"She's descended from a long line her mother listened to."

-Gypsy Rose Lee

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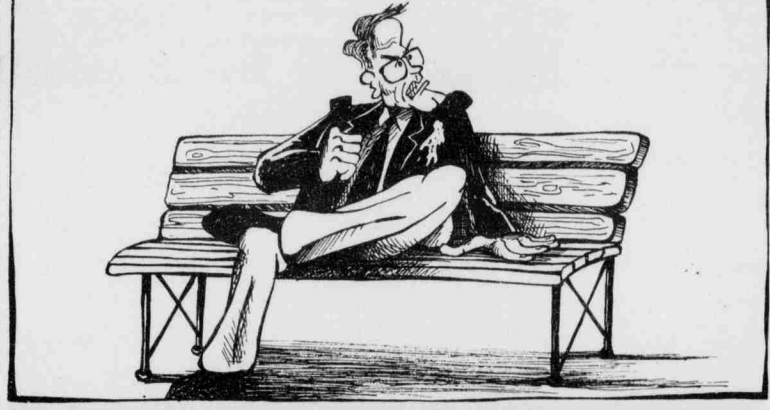
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Columns

Some not feeling ill effects of economy

Lately, as I watch the news and read the headlines, I am left with the distinct impression that the world is going to hell in a handbasket and I am merely along for the ride. I just hope I'm not the only one walking around with this hopeless feeling.

The national media is flooding the airwaves and print media with sound bites of economic doom: poor GNP performance, economic downturn, looming recession, deep long-lasting bust, etc., etc.

What is most striking to me is that I am not feeling the pinch. That's not to say bad times are impossible. Over the Thanksgiving meal I asked my mom if she was feeling any ill effects from this collapsed economy. She said, "shot-up and eat your peas." I look that to mean no, dummy, don't believe everything I see on TV. Mom always has a way of being crystal clear in a sea of ambiguity.

If one were like me, the dummy, and believed everything he heard, one would walk around in a depressed stupor. The media had me convinced that just as I was finally nearing graduation and trying to find a job with a little more prestige than Burger King, the economy went south, and along with it, my delusions of grandeur.

Alas, never fear. The media lies! Gotta sell newspapers, you know. TV networks, each competing with the others for ratings and eventually the almighty advertising dollar, must shock and inform their public of the danger looming outside their doors. They've painted such a gloomy picture of our future as to lose credibility in my eyes. We are being manipulated. In believing

Jim Clayton
Opinion Columnist

this horrible image of financial disaster we, the spending public, alter our fiscal habits. If the media alarm us with recession rhetoric, we alter our spending habits, and make the prophecy reality.

If we fear doom, we react by cutting back on credit purchases and the big-ticket purchases we might have otherwise made. Freezers, computers, cars and homes go unsold. Inventories grow, thus accelerating the fall. In desperation, manufacturers cut back on production, and possibly resort to layoffs, further compounding the situation. Sure enough, before you know it, I am hawking Whoppers at Burger King.

Newton's second law comes into play. For every action, there is an equal and opposite reaction. As spending falls, unemployment rises. The tax base declines, welfare rises and the pressure on the ever dwindling tax base increases. Consumer spending continues to decline thus perpetuating the nose-dive into economic chaos.

The media plays this game of manipulation in all areas of national interest. Much has been said and written about the accidents occurring in Operation Desert Shield. The media portrays the operation and our military in general as inefficient, poorly trained, ill-equipped, out-manned, out-gunned and just basically incompetent. That's pure crapola. I wish I could obtain DOD figures on the

number of accidents and deaths during other military operations of this size and scope. I would bet that if the total numbers of accidents and deaths were compiled from a like number of combined military exercises, employing similar numbers of troops and equipment, the numbers would bear a striking resemblance. But the media does not mention that, now, do they?

Now we come to politicians. Virtually all public perceptions of politicians are due to media portrayals. Dan Quayle is a prime example of the media's crucifixion stance toward some political figures. While Dan Quayle is no Joe! Kennedy, he is not the incompetent the media has held him to be.

Quayle has performed rather well in the office as vice-pres. The Republican Party would not have chosen Quayle as running mate for Bush if he was not fully qualified to execute the job at hand. The media launched a witch hunt to destroy a man and a party. They have succeeded in the former — they have destroyed Quayle's reputation and credibility. But the liberal media failed in bringing down the party.

The actions of the media in cases like these are an indictment against their credibility. If Jefferson's belief in the public's ability to glean the truth from a free press is to be realized, the press must be free of bias and distortion.

NOTE: A friend, Lisa Fiedor, assisted with these unsubstantiated claims against the press.

Jim Clayton is a senior majoring in history.

Gantt really was too liberal for N.C.

On Election Day, Senator Jesse Helms overwhelmed Harvey Gantt. The pre-election polls predicted a close race, but when the votes were counted it was a landslide. Harvey Gantt was badly defeated because he is a black liberal.

First, race was a very important factor in this election. There are a lot of North Carolinians who would simply not vote for a black politician. The pre-election polls had shown a very close race with having a slight lead among white voters.

Yet, the exit polls after the election show that Helms received 61 percent of the white vote. The pre-election polls were inaccurate because many white people didn't want to admit on the telephone that they wouldn't vote for a black candidate.

Second, Jesse Helms' ads in the last week before the election shifted the agenda away from issues like education and the environment and toward issues like affirmative action and racial quotas. These ads attacked Harvey Gantt and persuaded undecided voters that Gantt was only a candidate for blacks.

For example, the racial quota ad aroused white voters' distrust of affirmative action programs. The ad implied that Harvey Gantt was supporting legislation that would give black people jobs they didn't deserve. It also suggested that white workers would

David Cherry
Opinion Columnist

lose their jobs to blacks.

Furthermore, Helms' ad about Gantt purchasing a television station also had racial implications. The ad eloquently implied that Gantt was only able to buy a license for a television station because he is black and was mayor of Charlotte. Again this ad made white voters think that Gantt used affirmative action programs for personal gain.

In other words, Helms' television ads gave white voters a reason not to vote for Harvey Gantt. These ads clearly provoked white voters' resentment of affirmative action programs.

Finally, Harvey Gantt was too liberal to win in a conservative state like North Carolina. North Carolinians have conservative values and tend to judge candidates by those values.

The majority of North Carolina voters probably supported Gantt's positions on education and the environment. However, conservative North Carolinians didn't agree with Gantt's values and voted for Helms.

For instance, Gantt is against the death penalty. Yet the overwhelming majority of

North Carolinians support capital punishment. A lot of voters want politicians to be tough on crime and think the death penalty is an effective way to prevent crime. The death penalty is one issue voters look at when deciding who to vote for.

Likewise with abortion. The majority of North Carolinians may be pro-choice, but they do not support abortions for sex selection. Gantt is pro-choice regardless of the circumstances. Jesse Helms' ad on abortion for sex selection made Gantt look like a liar and an extremist.

Finally, Gantt's fundraising from gay organizations turned voters off. North Carolina is not another California. Jesse Helms knew that voters in this state would be less likely to vote for a gay rights candidate and used ads about Gantt's gay rights position to persuade people to vote against him.

On Election Day, North Carolinians said that Harvey Gantt is too liberal. The N.C. Democratic Party needs to wake up and stop nominating candidates who have liberal values. Liberal Democrats will always be exposed for who they really are and will continue to lose in this state again and again.

David Cherry is a junior majoring in industrial engineering.

Drunk driving not funny

I am responding to the column on "Drunk Driving" in the Oct. 22 issue.

Drunk driving is anything but a matter to be taken lightly. The column made it seem O.K. to drink and drive if you make it home safely.

I know the consequences of drunk driving "oh too well." I was an innocent victim — as you call it — the "silver bullet." I suffered a broken neck and numerous other injuries in the accident. I spent three months in the hospital recovering. I spent three months wearing a "Halo" neck brace. My family incurred over \$125,000 in medical bills, not to mention loss work time by the car and my parents. Only by the grace of God and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, I am able to walk and continue my life and education.

As you might can understand, I get very upset when I hear about "drunk driving" mentioned in a joking fashion. It is one subject that is too serious to even joke

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My suggestion is that if you want to run an article about "drinking and driving," find out some statistics about alcohol-related accidents. You can interview the widows and orphans that your "silver bullet" has left in its wake.

MITCHELL S. SHARPE
Graduate, Mechanical Engineering

NCSU students intolerant

Well, it seems once again the description of North Carolina's education system was validated. The example that I am referring to is the second annual LGSU sponsored Blue Jeans Day.

Wednesday, November 14 was supposed to represent a support for the rights of gays and lesbians to coexist and not feel threatened in our society and the freedom to do what you wish. I do not support the

concept of homosexuality but do believe each of us is entitled to do as we wish without fear from a few individuals.

I realize that each of us also entitled to have our own opinion. Some will say that the LGSU was forcing their views on the "straight" majority. All the LGSU was really trying to accomplish was to ask us, the "straight" majority, to have a little compassion and understanding to those which have views that differ from ours.

Just a little tolerance, was that too much to ask of us? I think not. Are "our eyes open when it suits us to see (Erasure)?" We are in college now. We are supposed to represent the intelligence of our great nation. Let us for once think of another human being and not ourselves and it won't be easy. Again, you and I may not agree with the concept of homosexuality but I think that we owe to ourselves to be tolerant of someone else's views. Think about it.

How would you feel if it was you?

JAMEL CRISP
Sophomore, Electrical Engineering

Coffee Hours boost student participation

By Asher Husain
Staff Writer

A walk across N.C. State campus might just reveal a surprising fact: not everyone speaks English well, or clothes themselves in jeans and a sweatshirt.

In a large university community like ours, there are students from very diverse ethnic and international backgrounds. Many of the larger nationality groups have formed student associations to provide a support group for one another, and share their culture and traditions with the American public.

Under the auspices of the International Student Committee, these associations often sponsor meetings, and events for all NCSU students to attend and enjoy.

The International Coffee Hours are the most regularly held events. The groups provide snacks from their country, and display crafts from their country. It is an informal way for students to get to know another culture and ask any questions they might have. Coffee Hours are usually on Thursdays in the basement of Alexander Hall.

The International Coffee Houses, on the other hand, are more elaborate. The Coffee Houses, on Saturday evenings in the Student Center's Walnut Room, usually have large exhibits offering information on the culture, music and lifestyle of the host nationality. Films and slide shows are presented as well. Furthermore, guests get to sample that nationality's cuisine. There is usually a \$1 admissions



At International Coffee Hours students read about foreign countries.

charge.

The African Students Association put on a Coffee Hour in the Walnut Room on Nov. 10. In addition to exhibits and artifacts, the event featured African foods, folk dances from southern Africa and Nigerian singing.

The event stressed the great diversity and size of that continent. Next semester, the group intends to bring a speaker on technology transfer to Third World countries, as well as host a Coffee Hour.

The Egyptian Students Association sponsored a Coffee

Hour on Nov. 17. In addition to food and videos, there were booths on many aspects of ancient and modern Egypt. Such aspects included the role of women, history of Egyptian music, handicrafts and the use of papyrus as paper.

Additionally, someone was on hand to demonstrate ancient Egyptian hieroglyphics and write the guests' names in them. There was also a game where the guests had to go on a treasure hunt to find facts about Egypt in order to win papyrus leaf as prizes.

Tarek El-Haddi, president of the

association, said "people were very interested and eager to know about Egypt. We had about 180 students, but I would have liked a bigger turnout."

The NCSU Chinese Students Association will present a Chinese film festival on Jan. 28 in Stewart Theatre, from 7 to 11 p.m. The two movies to be presented, one a comedy and one a moving drama about a rural artist, will have English subtitles.

Finally, a new student association emerged this year, reflecting the growing diversity of student population at NCSU. The recently organized Student Association of Pakistan will have their first Coffee Hour on Feb. 1. Visitors will have the opportunity to see an exhibit on the daily life, culture and handicrafts, as well as sample traditional Pakistani snacks and refreshments.

"We're somewhat smaller than some of the other student associations on campus because we're just starting out. However, we anticipate a larger group and greater involvement as we become more established," said Muhammed Shamsy, president of the Pakistan association.

The organization is also planning a Coffee House next semester, as well as a Social Night. Some possible themes for the Social Night are demonstrations of a typical wedding or a presentation of folk dances, singing and music.

The events sponsored by the student associations provide an excellent opportunity to learn about a foreign land right here at home.

Sarah Speir, Program Adviser for



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Sampling foreign cuisine is just one activity at the International Coffee Houses. Other activities include performances by international students.

International Affairs, emphasized that, "having international students on our campus is extremely important. Not only do they benefit [being] here in the U.S., we as Americans benefit greatly from [their] presence on our campus and in our community. [They] have become actively involved in sharing their cultures and the rich experi-

ences of their diverse backgrounds through the programs they sponsor."

So the next time you wish to broaden your cultural horizons, or just feel hungry and want to eat some really good food, look in to the various activities sponsored by international students here at NCSU.

Singing turkey praises

Nathan Gay
You Can Be Me

For Thanksgiving, I got a huge dose of much needed self-confidence. My family was there when I needed them; my dark hour of need.

You see, I had a research article due today and I was completely stuck on what I was going to write on. I knew the topic, the Fraternity/Sorority System, but I didn't know what I was going to do that wasn't already done.

We all know that hazing is bad. We all have had a complete tennis match debate on what type of people pledge these organizations. We all have covered everything from defining them to dissecting them. So what else is left?

For the four days I was home, I pined about my huge block. I expressed my regret of doing a stellar paper when I have been doing well in the class I was writing the paper for.

Then, on Saturday, I went to see my Aunt Peggy to help her with some housework. After putting a lightbulb in here and moving a table there, we sat down and had a chat.

"So, when are you going to write the Great American Novel?" she asked.

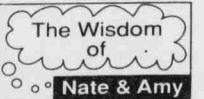
"When I graduate," I answered. "But I have to get through this research article first." I then went on to express my distress.

Then she told me I have talent and creativity and that she knew I could do the article with ease. That was just what I needed to hear. She always knows what to say.

I know that the woman is biased because I am her nephew. I could write a complete travesty of the English language, and she would love it and ask for more. But whether or not I actually do have talent, I would continue to write because she thinks I can.

It's one thing to believe in yourself, but it is another when someone else believes in you too — no matter if that person is expected to or not. I'm thankful I have a family who believes in me.

I can't wait to go back home for Christmas. I'm sure I'll need the pick-me-up then too. Thanks guys, for being there when I need you!



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The Cryptquip is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words, and words using an apostrophe can give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS

- 1 Fictional sleeper
- 4 Sudden falls
- 9 Poke
- 12 Hubbad
- 13 Souvenir
- 14 French island
- 15 Football great
- 17 The "I Love"
- 18 Psych. org.
- 19 Examined
- 21 Ump's concern
- 24 Eastern nanny
- 25 Indian
- 26 "The limit," maybe
- 28 Flee to wed
- 31 Edges
- 33 "They cannot - the forest..."
- 35 Dog
- 36 Egyptian dam
- 38 Sharp-

DOWN

- 11 Rain, in India
- 12 Altar phrase
- 13 He wrote "The Raven"
- 14 Arranges in foids
- 15 Com-ments
- 16 Palm leaf: var.
- 17 Asian bird
- 18 Plot
- 19 Football great
- 20 Wings
- 21 Curve
- 22 Aconte
- 23 Cold Adriatic wind
- 24 Aconte
- 25 He wrote "The Raven"
- 26 Affirma-tive reply
- 27 Rain
- 28 Slightly in
- 29 Sicily
- 30 Actress
- 31 Gilbert
- 32 Justified
- 33 Wise old man
- 34 Atlar features
- 35 Seacoast bird
- 36 Extinct
- 37 Ad-
- 38 vances, in cribbage
- 39 Melville novel
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