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## Student Senate considers telephonic voting

By David Honea  
Staff Writer

The Student Senate discussed Wednesday the use of the TRACS system to allow students to vote by telephone in Student Senate elections at the first meeting of the year.

Don Patty of the department of registration and records addressed the Senators about that possibility.

Patty said the TRACS system hardware would be upgraded at the end of the current registration period. When the new system comes on line in October, TRACS could be



programmed for a variety of uses, including registration.

The current system can only be used for registration.

"This system puts us back on the leading edge of technology," Patty said. "We know of no other university in the country that has any plans for a telephonic voting system."

Patty said elections could be conducted through TRACS at no charge to students.

"The system is already being paid for through student fees," he said. "We want to make it fully available for as many uses as is feasible."

Student Senate President John Hewitt and Student Body President Ed Stack were members of a group that studied the possibility of a telephone voting system this summer. They said they hoped a new system could increase participation in campus elections.

"We only have eight to 10 percent turnout in elections right now," Stack said.

"Obviously we have to look at ways to improve that."

Patty said the new TRACS system lines should also ease some of the hassle of registration.

"We will be adding 16 more lines to the 32 already in place," he said. "While it's impossible to have enough lines to handle everyone at peak registration times, this will cut down on the waits people experience."

There was a great deal of discussion among senators when Stack reported on proposals to raise the university graduation rate and the possibility of a plus/minus grading system.

Stack read a list of ideas to increase the number of students graduating in four years. These ideas, already widely publicized, were developed by leaders of the university system in the hope of saving money by graduating students sooner.

The senators' reactions were particularly strong to proposals to raise the number of hours required for full-time status from 12 to 15 and to prohibit students from taking courses that were not part of their degree.

Stack said that students should get involved in the decision process.

"Some action is going to be taken on graduation rates," he said. "The ideas that people find so negative are the things that may happen if we leave it to the state Legislature instead of making changes ourselves."

Stack said that there has also been discussion in the Faculty Senate about instating a plus/minus grading system. NCSU used plus/minus grading on a trial basis in 1987-88, but the plan was discontinued.

According to Stack, faculty members wanted the added flexibility plus/minus grading would give them. Most Student Senate members were opposed to the idea, saying that plus/minus grading would lead to lower GPAs. Stack agreed, saying "The previous test showed lower grades would result. Until I see information justifying that, I would have to be opposed to plus/minus grading."

Dealing with old business, the Senate voted to provide 200 tickets to the alumni band for the UNC football game and

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## D.H. Hill gets poor ranking

By Andrew Lloyd  
Staff Writer

The N.C. State University libraries ranked 88 out of 107 collegiate library systems in 1989-90, according to the most recent annual survey done by the Association of Research Libraries.

UNC-Chapel Hill ranked 20th. Duke placed 29th.

Dr. Susan Nutter, director of NCSU Libraries, attributes the low ranking to last year's budget cuts and to sporadic funding in previous years. In the 1988-89 year, NCSU placed 85th out of 106 in the proportion of expenditures to total university budgets.

Nutter has been working to improve the libraries' computer catalog. The current system, which was installed in the late 1970s, is a dedicated catalog.

"The chancellor and provost have really listened to what the students and faculty have asked them to do, which is to protect the library and its resources and not allow them to decline, so there won't be anymore deterioration," Nutter said.

Nutter plans to link the libraries' system with the other NCSU computer systems so that students in the library can get information from all over campus.

She also said the university will not have to cancel anymore magazine subscriptions this year.

Dr. Franklin Hart, interim provost, established a commission in 1990 to study the status of the NCSU Libraries.

Their findings prompted the Board of Trustees to advise the president to be certain the libraries were protected in the budget so that they would not lose any funding.

Membership in the Association of Research Libraries is by invitation only. The criteria for membership are the number of newly purchased volumes.



Larry Dixon/Staff

### Let's Go, Pack!

The cheerleading squad practices in preparation for the football season. The Wolfpack opens against the Virginia Tech Hokies on Sept. 7.

## Day care preparing for first day

### First-ever NCSU center slated to open Sept. 30

By T. Shawn Long  
Staff Writer

Plans for the Campus Cooperative Child Care Center were finalized by the steering committee in a meeting on Tuesday, according to Lynn Barrett, a committee member.

N.C. State University's new day-care center will open Monday, Sept. 30 and will be open weekdays from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Registration will take place this Tuesday and Wednesday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the center, Barrett said. Enrollment requires a completed registration form and \$40 in fees at the time of registration — \$15 to join the cooperative plus \$25

for each child.

Total tuition costs range from \$95 to \$115, depending upon the age of the child. Children from infancy to age 5 are eligible to be enrolled at the day-care center. The costs may not be final, said Barrett, but any change will be a reduction, not an increase.

The center, located on 900 Trailwood Drive, is a parent-run organization for NCSU students, faculty and staff.

Only members of the cooperative may enroll children. Members also receive a newsletter, may participate in co-op activities and meetings and can elect the Board of Directors.

"What people will get for their money is higher quality child care," said Barrett.

The idea for the center was first proposed by Chancellor Larry K. Monteith. He also provided much of the momentum needed to get the center approved.

Applications for enrollment are available on flyers located at the University Student Center information desk, the Administrative Services Building, the College of Veterinary Medicine and 201-C Holladay Hall.

The center is currently accepting applications for employment. More information can be obtained from Gary Robertson at 515-2694.

## Proposed Textile Center may get \$12.5 million

By Shannon Morrison  
Staff Writer

The U.S. Senate recently appropriated \$12.5 million for the founding of the National Textile Center at N.C. State University's College of Textiles.

David Buchanan, associate dean of academics — extension and research at the College of Textiles, said that the exact nature of the program was not yet clear but that it would provide more money for research.

"The object of the bill, he said, "is to form a consortium of the four major textile education and research institutions in the southeast...to jointly and individually conduct research to enhance the fiber and apparel industries."

The other universities involved are Auburn, Clemson and Georgia Tech. Since NCSU has the largest

textile program, it is logical to house the program here, Buchanan said.

Currently both the House and Senate have approved their own versions of the bill.

"They will be meeting after labor day to discuss differences in the languages of the bills," Buchanan said.

"Most of our contacts in Washington say that our chances are good" for getting the entire \$12.5 million, Buchanan said.

No definite plans will be made until the bill has been ratified and passed, he said. But that much money will mean a major increase in the number of students all four universities will be able to handle.

Buchanan said Sens. Terry Sanford and Jesse Helms had both been instrumental in getting the bill introduced and passed.

## Student looking for bone-marrow donor

By J. Christopher Jost, Jr.  
Staff Writer

Keith Little is dying.

His doctors have diagnosed him as having leukemia and he needs a bone marrow transplant. He called his brothers at the Phi Delta Theta chapter at N.C. State University to let them know.

Jeff Lewis and former Student Body President Brooks Raeford — both fraternity brothers — decided something must be done.

A year ago, B. J. Lanning, a member of Sigma Kappa sorority, needed a bone marrow transplant. Sally Folsome, adviser for Sigma Kappa, knew something had to be done.

In Lanning's case, however, help came too late. She died last June.

Last year, Folsome began a crusade to find compatible donors for the National Bone Marrow Transplant Registry. She took the cause to her sorority, where they began an education program to help people understand how the process works.

This summer, working independently from Folsome, Lewis and his fraternity brothers began raising funds to help pay for testing volunteers. By working the concession stands at the Walnut Creek Amphitheater, they have made an impressive start.

"We're close to about \$2,000 now. Our goal is at least \$5,000," said Lewis.

Enter Wayne Stella from Hope for

Life, the organization helping to register possible donors. He introduced Lewis and Folsome to each other.

Stella, a donor himself, realized the potential of student support at NCSU.

Stella, working with Lewis, Folsome and Sigma Kappa member Kelly Phillips, set the groundwork for a massive Greek effort.

There is a critical shortage of minorities in the registry. This prompted the group to contact Mark Murry, vice president of Alpha Phi Alpha, and Lisa Johnson of Delta Sigma Theta.

Stella explained that bone marrow transplants are much more involved than simple blood transfusions, because a nearly exact tissue type match must be made.

"Genetically related individuals are more likely to match," Stella said. "Immediate family is the best bet."

But there is a pressing need for blacks, Hispanics and Asian-Americans to register.

The group is hoping to test as many people as possible this fall. It will pay the \$60-per-person fee for the simple blood test. The cost of the test is paid for with grants from the federal government.

Many organizations will help pay by going dollar for dollar with the Greeks.

Stella explained that becoming a possible donor was very simple. You go in, they take a small blood sample and they tissue type it. That's it.

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## Professor injured in 2-car wreck

By Steve Crisp  
Staff Writer

A professor was injured Thursday afternoon in a two-car wreck while attempting to cross Avent Ferry Road at the intersection of Varsity Drive.

Textiles professor Dr. Charles Tomasino's left elbow was cut in the wreck when the van he was driving was struck on the back right side and flipped over.

Thomas DeWitt, the driver of the other car, said he was driving south on Avent Ferry Road when Tomasino pulled out in front of him.

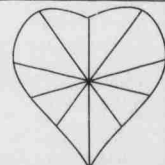


John Garner/Staff

Dr. Charles Tomasino, a professor at the College of Textiles, is dazed after a collision on Centennial Campus.

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## Donations for Lisa Britt



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## IMPORTANT DATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Students who would like information about NCSU's Co-op Program should attend an orientation meeting. The next meeting will be Wednesday, Sept. 4 at 4 p.m. in G111 Caldwell. Those who would like to co-op this spring or summer are urged to attend an orientation meeting as soon as possible.

The PAMS Council will meet on Wednesday, Sept. 4 at 7:30 p.m. in 210 Dabney.

The NCSU Water Aerobics Club will have its fall meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 11, at 5:30 p.m. in 2037 Carmichael Gymnasium. Dues are \$5 per semester. Exercise sessions will be from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday, beginning Sept. 12. Register at the meeting or poolside. The club is open to all students, faculty and staff.

On Wednesday, Sept. 11, Volunteer Services is sponsoring an awareness day called "The Privilege

of Serving." The event, which will be from 11 a.m.-2:30 p.m. in the Brickyard, will feature over 50 representatives from local non-profit organizations who will answer questions and provide information about volunteer opportunities. Come and learn how you can be involved.

Free tutorial assistance is available for engineering and computer science students in core math, chemistry, physics, English and computer science classes. For applications or more information, call 515-7205 or 515-3545 or come by the Engineering Tutorial Program desk in 118 Page Hall.

The Division of Transportation has designated Varrhough Lot (located behind Riddick Laboratory) and Winston Lots as reserved evening parking for "B" permit holders. This policy is in effect on a trial basis through Oct. 31.

Seniors in CHASS (other than business majors) and the School of Design who are graduating in December, May or next summer should attend an orientation seminar. The sessions will be at 2100 Pullen Hall from 5:30-6:30 p.m. on Sept. 3 and 10.

All NCSU student employees who qualify for exemption from Social

Security Tax for the 1991-92 academic year and have not yet renewed their claim, must do so now. Exemption certificates are available from your departmental payroll coordinators or the University Payroll Office.

Chris Morris of university payroll will assist all new nonresident employees, including graduate assistants, in the completion of their tax withholding certificates. Sessions will be held on Sept. 5 from 2-4:30 p.m. in Room 222 of the Administrative Service Center on Sullivan Drive.

Night and weekend users of the Veterinary Medicine Library need to be aware of new sign-in procedures. All users after 5 p.m. and on weekends will be required to sign in at the first floor reception desk.

## LECTURES/SEMINARS SESSIONS/WORKSHOPS

The NCSU Crafts Center Gallery is showcasing work by local photographers Nona Short, Marshall Clayton and Lewis Downey Sept. 3-22. There will be an opening reception Sept. 3, 6:30-8 p.m. The center is at the intersection of Baize and Dunn Avenue on the NCSU campus in the lower level of the Thompson Building. For more information, call 515-2457.

Auditions for the 1991-92 NCSU Dance Co. will be today at 12:30 in Carmichael Gym Room 2037. Proper dress is leotards, tights and bare feet. Regular rehearsals throughout the year will be every Wednesday and Friday, 12:30-2:15 p.m., and members may receive academic credit. Contact Robin Harris Taylor at 515-2487 for details.

The Self-Knowledge Symposium will present a lecture by August Turak titled: "Five Years with an American Zen Master: A Businessman's Story of Life with a Zen Master." The lecture will be presented Sept. 9 at 7:30 p.m. in Room 3118 in the Student Center. Admission is free with NCSU ID; there will be a \$5 charge for the general public.

Thompson Theatre will hold auditions Sept. 4-5 at 7 p.m. for the production of "Joe Turner's Come and Gone." Any NCSU student is eligible and welcome! The script requires five males and four females. Technical crews are also needed. Scripts are available in Thompson Theatre. For information, call 515-2405.

Compiled by T. Shawn Long

## Leukemia

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"Should you appear to be a close match to one of the over 9,000 people waiting for a transplant, they ask you back for another blood test to get an exact typing. "There is only a very low risk factor involved for the donor," Stella said.

## Wreck

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"I was doing about the speed limit, but there was no way I could stop," said DeWitt, a senior in political science at N.C. State University. Tomasio said before the College of Textiles had moved to the Centennial Campus, he had regis-

## Vote

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approved the appointment of John T. Stephenson as student controller. Hewitt announced that books will

Stella emphasized the importance of minority support in registering. "The average likelihood of a match is one in 20,000. For minorities it drops to one in 200,000 because so few minorities have been registered," Stella said. The four fraternities and sororities, along with Hope for Life and the American Red Cross, will be sponsoring an information session on Sept. 3 in the Student Center at 7:00 p.m.

tered his concerns over the intersection several times with the administration. "We finally got them to install a light, and then they turn it off," said Tomasio. Regains this week have resulted in the use of stop signs only at the intersection. Tomasio at first refused treatment beyond first aid, but after a discussion with Raleigh paramedics, allowed himself to be transported to Rex Hospital where he was treated and released.

open for fall elections at 8 a.m. Sept. 3 and would remain open until 5 p.m. Sept. 10. The elections will take place Sept. 16-17. All freshman Senate seats, as well as a number of at-large seats, will be available. Students should visit the Student Government office for more information.

## Freshmen talk about differences between high school and college

By Chrissy Williams and Tracey Neal  
Staff Writers

The 3,248-member N.C. State University class of 1995 was showing signs this week of settling into campus life — grinding study hours, sleepless nights, noisy dorms, lousy food and the start of new social lives.

And they've learned to study. "I've studied more this week than I did all last year," said an incoming freshman from Charlotte.

Statistically, this year's freshman class is 60 percent male and 40 percent female. Twelve percent are black, and 82.5 percent are from North Carolina. On average, they had 3.4-plus high school GPAs and SAT scores of 1050 or higher. About 30 percent of the newcomers were in the top 10 percent of their graduating classes, and more than 95 percent were in the top halves, according to George Dixon, director of admissions.

"We have a really strong class this

year," said Dixon. According to his numbers, this year's class is almost a carbon copy of last year's.

But even with that academic record, they still have some of the eternal problems of the college freshman.

- Many of them find that added pressures — such as having a roommate, new teachers and finding time to study — are difficult.

"It's a lot of responsibility that you are not aware of until you realize you are getting behind," said Nickie Price, a freshman from Wilson.

- The preference for socializing over studying causes loss of sleep. "I need to work on getting some sleep," said Jennifer, a freshman at University Towers. For John and Phil, two freshmen from Greensboro, their average bedtime is 3 a.m. — much later than it was in high school.

- A sensible diet is elusive, to say the least. Popular foods and drinks

found in freshmen's rooms include pizza, Mountain Dew and Cheese Nips.

The radical change in their diet is blamed for the so-called freshmen 15 — the average of 15 pounds that college freshmen gain during the first semester.

- Classes are a common cause for worry.

"The classes are looking a little hard, so it will take a little adjusting to get used to," said Tony Armstrong, a freshman living in Metcalf.

"Grades are more important in college, so I'm a little worried about classes," said Phil, another first-timer from Charlotte.

- Many freshmen do not feel as close to their teachers as they did in high school, mainly because of larger classes.

"Actually, it's better not knowing them, then you won't be as afraid to mess up," said Phil, a freshman also living at University Towers. But some freshmen said they hoped to

get to know their teachers better.

"At first I did not think I'd like it because I heard a lot of horror stories in high school," said newcomer Jason Cole. "But now that I'm here I think I like it because everyone is friendly." For many freshmen, meeting new people is a big step towards acceptance.

One survivor of the freshman year, sophomore Melissa Smith,

said freshmen should make an effort to meet people. "You'd be surprised at how many people you recognize walking around campus after the first semester," Smith said.

"Everybody's really friendly, but sometimes I have to go up and introduce myself," said Jennifer, a freshman at University Towers. Developing positive study habits at the beginning of the first semester is crucial, Smith said.

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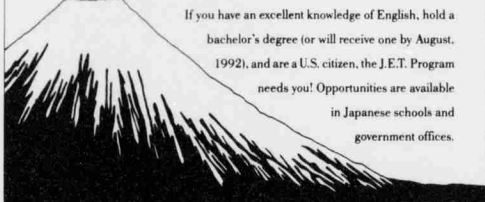
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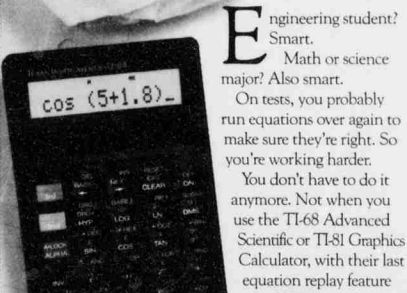
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**Editorials**

**Lisa Britt needs NCSU**

Lisa Britt, a veterinary student at N.C. State University is one of us. She has walked in the Brickyard, circled Harrelson Hall and studied in D.H. Hill Library.  
Now she is a patient at the N.C. Memorial Hospital in Chapel Hill awaiting a very expensive heart transplant. She no longer has medical insurance.

Because Lisa was medically unable to resume classes last Fall semester, she is now considered "non-affiliated" with the university and is unable to renew her Student Health Insurance.  
But she still is one of us.

Lisa might have sat next to you in class. She might have stood next to you in the cafeteria line. She might have passed you in the Free Expression Tunnel.  
Lisa is a "sister student." Lisa is family — extended family. Because we care about and protect family, we must care about and protect Lisa.

Most important, we can not allow her to die — yes one of us can really die, because of a lack of funds.  
Can any of us put a price on Lisa's life?

Is it worth a candy bar or a Coke? Is it worth an admission ticket to a movie? Is it worth a new CD? These questions are ludicrous. Life is worth so much more than \$1, \$5, or even \$15.  
Life is priceless. Let's prove it.  
If each one of us donated \$1, the price of an afternoon snack, Lisa could have medication for more than one year; it costs never \$2000 a month.  
If each one of us donated \$5, the price of a cheap movie, Lisa could easily pay all her medical bills; they already exceed \$60,000.  
And if each one of us donated \$15, the price of a CD, Lisa could easily buy a heart transplant; that will cost at least \$100,000.

Is your sister's life worth any of the above? Is your cousin's life worth any of the above? How about your family's cat or dog? Don't give an answer, just give what you can.

Give what you can out of caring. Lisa cares — about the animals she wants to heal, the animals she wants to love, the animals she wants to save.  
Lisa cares about life.

Let's not make Lisa regret her choice of schools. We might be an enormous university, but we are family nonetheless — the NCSU family.  
Despite her predicament, Lisa plans to return to her scholastic family, finish her education and find an internship in Florida or Kentucky. Let's make sure she gets there.  
And remember: Lisa is one of us. But one of us could be Lisa.

To help Lisa cover costs, please contact Donna Carter at 829-4329. Her organization, "The Friends of Lisa Britt," can provide more information, as well.

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**Columns**

**Queen City superior to Capitol City**

Claxton  
Graham

**Opinion  
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Over the course of the last decade, North Carolina's two most important cities have been engaged in what seems like a mortal struggle for commercial and civic superiority.  
Raleigh has not had many kind words for Charlotte in recent years, and after the latest Money magazine survey, none will likely be trickling out any time soon.  
The magazine pointed out that the City of Oaks, as our state capital is known, is one of the 15 best places in the country to live. Charlotte, the Queen City, placed in the 10 worst.

The city was also home to a branch of the U.S. Mint for a number of years and served as a Confederate depot during the Civil War.  
Charlotte has even made its mark in the field of communications.  
WBTV-AM became the Carolinas' first commercial radio station in 1922, and in 1949, its little sister, WBTV, became the region's first television station. The Observer, the state's largest daily newspaper, has served the community for over 100 years.  
Today, the Queen City is a major hub for a number of industries, including air travel, trucking, textiles and computer software. Southern Bell, IBM and Duke Power are among its major employers. It is also home to two of the largest banks in the country — NationsBank, to be formed by the merger of NCB and C&S/Sovran, and First Union. It is the largest financial center between Dallas and Philadelphia.

they could say as much. The Knights, the Chicago Cubs' AA team, and the Gastonia Rangers, the Class A branch of the Texas Rangers, have become well known for exciting brands of baseball. There's even talk of the city getting a minor-league hockey franchise that would call the old coliseum (now known as Independence Arena) home.  
For all its positives, though, Charlotte is continually hounded by its negatives.  
The growing market for drugs continues to devastate individual lives, families and entire neighborhoods, while the number of needless homicides is steadily on the rise.  
In comparison, age-old problems with traffic congestion have become trivial.  
Only Los Angeles has more cars per capita than Charlotte. By century's end, many of its major thoroughfares will be serving the community at or above maximum capacity, despite painstakingly slow construction efforts to provide relief for commuters.  
But at least Charlotte is big enough to be able to have one. At times it looks down at cities like Columbia and Greensboro and tries way too hard to outdo more established cities like Atlanta, Jacksonville and Memphis.

It wasn't long before Charlotte began grabbing headlines. On May 21, 1775, the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence, a forerunner to Thomas Jefferson's masterpiece, was signed there. Within a couple years it was the site of a Revolutionary War skirmish. After losing to Tarheel troops, Cornwallis was moved to refer to Charlotte as a "burner's nest" because of its remarkable fighting ability.

Carowinds, a popular amusement and concert venue, and Blockbuster Pavilion, a new outdoor amphitheater, draw millions of tourists and music buffs each year.  
And, of course, what would the place be without its sports?  
Sure the Hornets are lousy, but somehow or another they consistently put 23,000 screaming, hoops-crazy fans into the coliseum. The Skyhawks probably wish

Certainly, though, Charlotte has let it be known that it is slowly but surely on the path to international recognition and influence. Maybe one day Raleigh will be able to taste such disappointment and glory, but until then, the Queen City has the inside track to a lengthy and prosperous reign.  
Claxton Graham is a senior majoring in communications.

**Administration should  
review requirements**

I am a deeply concerned junior at NCSU. In the Aug. 21 edition of Technician, Franklin D. Hart, interim provost and vice chancellor at N.C. State University, was paraphrased as suggesting that a solution would be to charge out-of-state tuition to in-state students who do not get a degree after their fourth year.  
I sincerely hope he will respond with assurances that there has been miscommunication.  
I fail to see how requiring students to pay for a mistake made by the administration will alleviate this problem. The programs on this campus require an average of approximately 133 hours to graduate. A little simple math shows that this means an average of between 16 and 17 hours per semester — a goal that seems quite feasible.  
However, the administration has failed to take into consideration other complicating factors incorporated into students' scheduling.  
First of all, in spite of all that is being done to keep the cost of college down, an effort that is appreciated, it is still an

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expensive endeavor. While we all wish our parents could carry the load, that is not always possible, especially with the present economy. In many cases, students end up partially supporting themselves.  
This rules out the possibility of summer school and often requires employment during the semester. Conscientious students who are concerned not only with graduating, but also with grade point average, feel compelled to reduce their course load.  
Another problem occurs as students approach graduation.  
Certain classes are only offered to juniors or seniors, some only to seniors.  
Other classes are seasonal courses, only offered in the spring or the fall. The combination of these complications make it quite difficult to fulfill the requirements for graduation.  
Transfer students and students interested in changing majors face yet another dilemma.  
Large numbers of credit hours are usually lost through these processes.  
Students who have spent two years in a

different university or program have little or no chance of graduating in four years.  
If we are to solve the problem, we must find a solution that addresses it.  
Raising tuition for the fifth year of schooling may lower the time required to graduate for a few students. But in my view, it would be more likely to lower grades as students try to rush through the classes they need and increase the dropout rate as students realize they have neither the grades nor the money to continue.  
Surely a better solution can be found!  
I would ask you to review these facts, think carefully of your response and please respond!  
Consider, however, that today's university has changed greatly from the one you attended. Ask yourself if you seriously and honestly think you could graduate in four years if you were enrolled today.  
Thank you for your time, and I hope we can resolve these differences.

WALTER HARRIS,  
Junior, Medical Technology

Editor's note: This letter has already been forwarded to Franklin D. Hart.

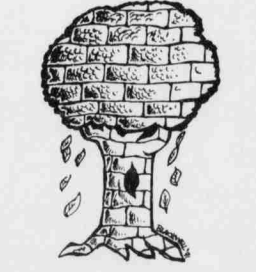
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Columns

# Political Marketability: the new PC

First it was Political Correctness, or PC, which told us that freshmen should be renamed "freshpersons." Now brace yourselves for this fall's political campaign season and the coming of the PM Movement.

PM stands for Political Marketability. Whereas PC says "Your thinking is wrong, think this way," PM asks, "What do you want to hear? OK, that's what I'll do." PM is the act of taking a stand solely to benefit from that issue's popularity. The best example of this is George Bush's 1988 "No New Taxes" promise, which has become "No New Taxes, Let's Call 'em Revenue Enhancements." His initial popular stand propelled him into office, but once elected, that promise was discarded.

In North Carolina, there is no greater master of this art than Jim Gardner. Republicans and Democrats are both guilty of using PM for self-advancement, but a look at Gardner's record and recent campaign proposals exposes him as a flip-flopping con man who relies, most effectively, on N.C. citizens' short memories.

Jim Gardner stands proudly upon his platform of no new taxes, elimination of the food tax, increased money for education, and tougher drug enforcement. Since these positions are simple ideas people can understand, they enjoy mass appeal. There are valid criticisms against these

Chris Heagarty

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positions but they are technical in nature. Even worse, they fall on deaf ears compared to the stirring, unifying message of "No More Taxes" and "More Help for You."

By taking such fortified stands, a candidate can win the support of indifferent citizens who don't question the position and therefore simply accept it. I've been picking on Gardner, so I'd better justify it.

**• Taxes**  
Although Gardner now advocates the elimination of the food tax, which is a popular position among both liberals and conservatives, just two years ago he campaigned for it. At the same time, he advocated a 20 percent sales tax increase, saying it taxed all people fairly. Gardner then demanded that this entire revenue be "absolutely earmarked" for fighting drugs and for his pet project, the Drug Cabinet, from which he draws a second and sizable salary. Hence, in one legislative term, Gardner has rejected both his original position on taxes and the position of North

Carolina's Legislature who saw the tax as necessary for raising money.

**• Drugs**  
The All-American, family-oriented position he took proved successful in 1988 when he accused his opponent of sheltering drug dealers. However, Gardner is currently in court for perjury, defending his comments as free speech. In addition, his whole Drug Cabinet simply duplicates the role of our Governor's SBI. Even though the SBI has been exposing North Carolina's drug problem for years, the Drug Cabinet hasn't done much but issue press releases and eat tax dollars.

**• Education**  
A look at Gardner's proposed budget shows he plans to scale teacher pay to increase the highest salaries teachers can earn, but average state-wide teacher pay would drop.

I know of no teachers' associations endorsing him. Despite being the worst offender, Gardner is not alone.

All sides are guilty, but don't take my word for it. Do your own research and don't just accept the sound bites. You may be surprised and a little disturbed by what you find.

Chris Heagarty is a senior majoring in political communications.

# Soviet revolt better than U.S. policy

In three days, the failed Soviet military coup did what nearly 50 years of U.S. foreign policy failed to do: secure the demise of the Communist Party.

Don't get me wrong, I'm not suggesting that U.S. foreign policy has been a failure for half a century. I just believe that the catalyst needed to topple communism had to come from within itself.

U.S. policy towards the Soviet Union has, until very recently, been aimed almost exclusively toward the elimination of communism. The Marshall Plan, the Truman, Nixon, and Carter doctrines, the containment policy, and the culmination of the Cold War under President Reagan have all played a role in the current push for reforms. But to topple a government, it takes a revolution — a revolution like the one which led to the rise of communism in the first place.

A revolution is just what we saw last week. There had been rumblings toward widespread social and economic change since Gorbachev took office: limited free elections, Baltic State independence and perestroika and glasnost. But when Party hard-liners tried to re-establish the old system with a military coup last week, history repeated itself and the working class revolted.

In 1848, Marx wrote in the Communist Manifesto "what the bourgeoisie therefore produces, above all, are its own grave diggers. Its fall and the victory of the proletariat are equally inevitable."

Marx was absolutely right. However, his

Brent Poteat

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Communist Party, the worker's party, became a caricature of itself. Today's Party turned out very different than what he had intended; it became the oppressing class he sought to overthrow.

I read a book this summer about the Soviet people which illustrates the underlying fallacy and fallibility of communism: A Soviet factory worker went to his boss with an idea for improving production of their product. The boss scolded him for his suggestion and sent him back to work. The laborer implemented his idea anyway because he knew it would work and felt the Party would benefit and his fellow employees and supervisors would congratulate him.

The idea did work and production increased. Party officials noticed and raised the production quotas for his factory without a corresponding raise in compensation. His factory then had to work harder and produce more tanks. As a result, the factory worker was resented by his peers and became completely disillusioned with the communist system.

The disparity between a capitalist system which encourages initiatives and a

communist one which discourages it is obvious.

In the West, this employee would have been rewarded with a promotion and/or a raise, company profits would increase and the economy would benefit. The opposite occurs in the Soviet Union. I don't know much about economics but I'm pretty sure any economy that doesn't offer employee incentives will end up with a mediocre labor force and a stagnating, collapsing economy.

Now that the Cold War is over and the Soviet Union begins its struggle toward democracy and a free market system, the entire international political climate will undergo serious change.

The U.S. will have to respond by helping the Soviet Union integrate itself into the world economy and by providing support for human rights and political autonomy. But it should also prudently maintain caution during the revolutionary restructuring.

After all, as members of the global community, we wish the Soviet people success, but we must not forget their enormous nuclear and conventional arsenal which is still intact and, for at least a short time, was in the hands of the coup hard-liners.

It is both exhilarating and frightening at how easily the reins of powers can pass hands and how uncertain our future really can be.

Brent Poteat is a graduate student studying philosophy

# Voices from the Brickyard

Editor's note: This is a feature to give students and faculty a chance to respond to current issues. A Technician reporter and photographer will randomly select students and faculty members to appear each week.

- Q1** What do you think about the fall of the communist party in the Soviet Union?  
**Q2** How do you feel about professors who require that you buy the textbooks they wrote?



Jennifer Moore  
So. MSL

**A1** It's great. That's all I have to say.

**A2** That is their prerogative. It's not really required that anybody buy a book.



Rebecca Anton  
So. Psychology

**A1** I really don't know how to answer.

**A2** I don't think anything is wrong with it. It's kind of good because it comes directly from the text in their lectures. If you miss a lecture, you can always find it in the text.



Todd Leonard  
So. undecided

**A1** I think it's great that the communist party is falling. I don't know that much about it. I just hope democracy prevails.

**A2** I think that it's fine. I think textbook prices are too high anyway, no matter what the textbook. If they write the books, they obviously know what they're talking about.



Hugh Solomon,  
Sr. AEX

**A1** Communism is a bad thing and it should be dispersed as soon as possible.

**A2** In most cases, you're going to get a textbook anyway. If your professor wrote it, so be it.



Dr. John Riddle  
History Dept.

**A1** I'm elated and at the same time, apprehensive.

**A2** I've got two books coming out this year. This is the first time, and I will not assign them. I never have. If I ever did, I'd give a big party with the royalties.



Krishna Shah  
Sr. Psychology

**A1** I'm for it in a way. Gorbachev did a better job than the ones preceding him. A little bit of democracy for the Soviet Union is good.

**A2** I don't know.

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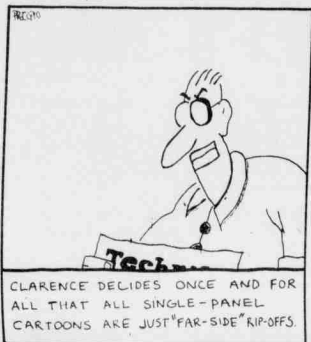
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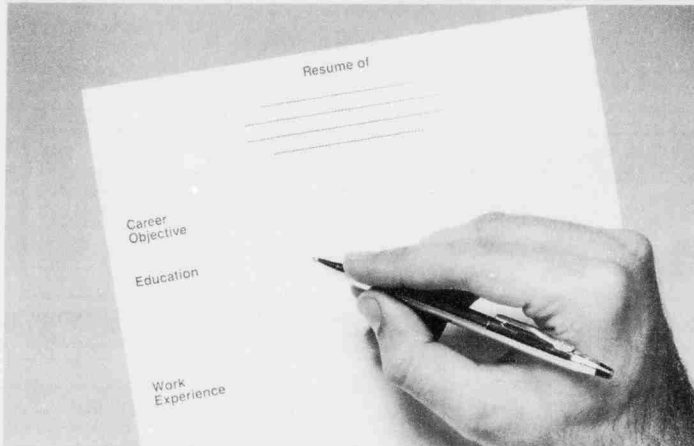
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