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Jones wins student body president

Lamb wins Senate president, Hyson sweeps treasurer

By Jeff Drew
Assistant News Editor

It took an extra week and an extra set of elections, but the N.C. State University student body has rendered a final decision on its choices

for the top three positions in Student Government.

Winners were declared Tuesday in the run-off elections for student body president, Student Senate president and treasurer. More than 1,900 students participated in the balloting Monday and Tuesday.

In the student body president run-off, current inter-residence council president Chris Jones edged former student senator Tom Staats 976

votes to 890 votes. Staats accumulated more votes in the initial elections last week but Jones increased his total by over 400 votes this week to capture the presidency.

"I'm shocked," Jones said. "I want to thank the people who supported me and I want them to help me keep my campaign promises. I want to get it started right away and follow my platform. I want to start to form that liaison between the students and the faculty."

In the run-off for Student Senate president, Eric Lamb defeated Tre Scott 1,043 votes to 779 votes. Lamb said he was excited about the student turnout for the run-off elections and was ready to implement his platform as Student Senate president.

"Wow, I'm excited. I really am," Lamb said. "I'm going to follow the three main parts of my platform — to try and increase publicity, to make the senate more productive

and tighter, and increase communication between the students, faculty and administration. I'm really going to follow through on my platform and I hope to make the senate more accountable than it has been in the past."

In the balloting for treasurer, Monica Hyson cruised to victory by an almost two to one margin. Hyson, who just missed election

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Food poisoning ruled out at UT

By David Bengt
Staff Writer

The flu-like symptoms that struck 75 residents of University Towers last week apparently were not caused by food poisoning as originally thought, health officials said Tuesday.

"Our test results did not enable us to confirm it was the food," that caused the illnesses, said Robert Grigston, environmental health supervisor at the Wake County Health Department.

After students succumbed to nausea, vomiting and diarrhea last week, the Health Department took samples of food, water and ice from the UT dining facility as well as stool samples from ill students.

"No bacterial agents were found in the stools," Grigston said. "This indicated that the illness was caused by a viral agent."

The food, water and ice samples also tested negative for bacteria that would cause food poisoning, Grigston said.

"We haven't confirmed that it wasn't caused by food either," Grigston said. "If the illness was

caused by a virus, it could have been passed person to person, through food or both. The cause of this is extremely difficult to pinpoint."

Though the cases at N.C. State University were apparently limited to residents of UT, there have been reports of a similar illness at other area colleges.

Bonnie Clark, director of health services at St. Mary's College, said she saw a group of students with symptoms of a stomach virus starting about two weeks ago.

"A group of girls, about 15 total, came in complaining of malaise, nausea, vomiting and diarrhea," Clark said.

"They thought it was food poisoning, but I told them that if it was food poisoning they wouldn't be standing there telling me it was. They'd be sitting on the toilet and puking in the sink," Clark said.

"This was obviously a virus," she said. "I just treated the symptoms and isolated them for 24 hours to keep them from spreading it."

Clark said she even caught the

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A. Hadwen Langmaid

What's good for the ACC . . .

The boys from Owen Residence Hall cheer as fellow ACC team Duke repeats their championship performance in the NCAA Final game.

NCSU women moved by pro-choice rally

By Chrissy Williams
Staff Writer

A handful of N.C. State University students who attended the national pro-choice rally in Washington, D.C., Sunday said they came back inspired by the experience.

"It fueled my motivation both personally and politically on the issue," said Diana Newton, a graduate student in counseling education. Newton said she was amazed at the turnout and would do it again if she had the chance.

"It's historically significant to a part of one of the biggest marches in Washington," Newton said.

The rally participants from NCSU said that one of the main goals of the march was to get a lot of people to attend and show their support.

Carrie Koss, a freshman majoring in business, thought rally officials got the large turnout they needed to promote their cause

with legislators in Washington. "There were a lot of different people there," Koss said. "Everybody there seemed very feminist . . . I am, but not that extreme."

Barrie Huffman, a freshman in political science, said she thought the rally's emphasis was on the government's role in the abortion decision.

"We're not saying we're pro-abortion but pro-choice," Huffman said. "The government doesn't have the right to control our [women's] bodies."

Newton said she can't imagine what it will be like if Wade vs. Roe is reversed and abortion is outlawed.

"I can't imagine women not having an option," Newton said. Newton said that she considers herself a feminist and is concerned with the oppression of women. She said she feels that the reproductive rights issue is right in the middle and has lots of people upset.

Newton, a former member of the Speakers Bureau for Planned Parenthood, said the rally reinforced earlier thoughts she had of being a pro-choice counselor.

"I just feel like women should know all of

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NCSU Student charged with manslaughter

News Staff Report

Charges have been filed against an N.C. State University student for an accident that killed another student last month, authorities said.

Dean Kim Watson, a pre-med student from Fayetteville, was charged Thursday with involuntary manslaughter, according to State Highway Patrol officials.

Andrea Lynn Morrow, 21, a pre-med student from Murphy, died instantly March 26 when the Suzuki Samurai driven by Watson veered into the path of a pickup truck on Falls of the Neuse Road. The Samurai was traveling in excess of 80 mph, authorities said.

Alcohol was also a factor in the accident, according to the Highway Patrol. Authorities said that both Watson and Morrow had been drinking before the accident.

Involuntary manslaughter is a felony that carries a maximum sentence of 10 years in prison and/or a fine.



Angela Pradgen/Staff



New discovery: The problem with the world is it's run by a bunch of kids

Once again, I'm looking down the barrel of a birthday.

I'm not as excited about my birthday as I was last year — it's pretty hard to top the big 21 in terms of expectations and excitement.

Last year at this time I was saying, "My first legal beer! Yes! No more fake IDs that could get me thrown in jail! No longer shall I ask elderly, gray-haired women, such as my mother, to buy me beer! Finally, I'm an adult!"

As you might imagine, my 21st birthday was a momentous occasion in my life — a time when I left behind nonsense kids' stuff, the nonsense of childhood, for the responsibility of adulthood.

And, true to form, I no longer care about some of the most trivial and childish things in life, like . . . drinking. After all the years I spent in anticipation of walking into bars

and legally drinking until I threw up, I couldn't give a darn about beer. Sure, it's nice to drink a few every now and then, but it's no longer one of life's necessities.

Instead, I have a few more mature things to worry about: "Ooooooh, my back is killing me!" "Is that a gray hair?" "I hope the IRS doesn't check these tax forms in depth." "I wonder if I'm late on my car payment?" "Damn! I think I'm getting a zit on my nose."

When I was younger, I used to believe that adults were special. They controlled schools, governments and TV-watching privileges because they were smarter than children and knew how to choose between right and wrong. Whenever there was a problem, an adult could solve it.

This is somewhat like the "Super Dad" idea — the common belief among children that their father knows all the answers and

Chris Repass

Over the Edge

never, ever, under any circumstance makes a mistake.

Sooner or later, kids discover this idea is wrong — no one, not even good old Daddy, is completely perfect. I realized this rather early in life when my father was giving me a haircut and accidentally snipped off one of my ears.

I've forgiven him since then, but I learned very quickly that adults make mistakes. Despite this revelation, I still managed to complete my first 21 years thinking adults

were super-special. People such as presidents, senators, movie stars and even our school teachers have always impressed me with their power and knowledge.

But, like the realization that Dad is not Superman, I've slowly come to see that adults — other than being older than children — generally have no special qualities that set them apart from little Billie and Susie.

As a matter of fact, the longer you look at

adults, the more they seem like children.

Just look at the fine flock of presidential candidates that are floundering around the United States at this moment.

Bill Clinton and Jerry Brown have a televi-

sited debate this weekend that could just have easily taken place in a schoolyard:

"Did not?" "Did so?" "Did not?" "Did so?"

"Oh yeah!" "Yeah!" "Well, my mommy

was a better influence on my life than you

daddy was on yours." "No way — my daddy's the bestest person in the world!"

"Is not?" "Is so!"

And, last week, at the same time that Clinton was supposed to announce his big plans on foreign policy and extramarital affairs, President Bush arranged a news conference to announce he'd found a better way to pick his nose. Was this merely an amazing coincidence of timing, or was it a childish maneuver designed to upstage a schoolyard rival? You make the call.

Speaking of calls, I see that the phones are ringing off the hook with people saying, "Chris, enough about politicians and other boogers! We want to know what to get you for your birthday!"

Now that you've mentioned it, there are many major gifts and prizes that I'd like for

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IMPORTANT DATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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THE SOCIETY OF WOMEN ENGINEERS will meet today at 5:30 p.m. in the Brown Room of the University Student Center. Jan Rogers will speak on how to balance your time.

ATTENTION MEMBERS OF EKTA!! Elections of next year's executive council will be held Friday through Monday from 2 to 5 p.m. in the North Lobby of the University Student Center. A candidate's forum will be held tomorrow

in Room 3118 of the Student Center at 7 p.m. For more information, call Dilip at 821-1678 or Ram at 832-2306.

GET READY TO TAKE A WALK ON THE WELL SIDE! The second annual WELLNESS EXPO comes to NCSU April 22. For more information, call 515-2563.

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CHILDREN OF ALCOHOLICS OR DYSFUNCTIONAL FAMILIES: The NCSU CENTER FOR HEALTH DIRECTIONS invites college faculty, staff and students identified as ACOA's to attend ACOA support meetings at Clark Hall Infirmary Wednesday nights at 7:30 p.m. For more information, call Stacey Tayloe or Ajube Joy at 515-2563.

TOUR GUIDES NEEDED! The Admissions Office is now accepting applications for University Tour Guides for summer and fall sessions. Please pick up an application at 112 Peele Hall or call Andre Scott at 515-2434.

Students interested in joining STUDENTS FOR HEALTH AWARENESS should come to the

SHA meeting at 411 Clark Hall Infirmary today at 5 p.m. For more information, call Joel Goodson at 839-6259.

TRACS REGISTRATION INFORMATION: FRESHMAN registration for summer opens today and opens Saturday for fall. LIFE-LONG EDUCATION STUDENTS registration for summer opens April 14 and opens July 5 for fall.

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WANT A JOB IN THE LEISURE FIELD? Come to the PARKS, RECREATION & TOURIST MANAGEMENT JOB DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE tomorrow at the University Student Center Annex African-American Cultural Center Conference Room from 12:30 to 5 p.m. Call David at 832-7186 for more details.

PRESBYTERIAN CAMPUS MINISTRY at NCSU sponsors a PEACE LUNCH FORUM "JAPAN: U.S. ALLY OR ENEMY?" by John Sylvester tomorrow from 12:40-1:40 p.m. in the Walnut Room of the University Student Center. Drinks provided. For more information, call 834-5184.

VOICES FROM A PROMISED

LAND: Palestinian and Israeli Peace Activists Speak Their Hearts, a public lecture by Penny Rosenwasser with a slide-tape presentation. Tomorrow at 3:30 p.m. in Poe 216.

The NCSU WOMEN'S CENTER presents "NATIVE AMERICAN WOMEN'S ISSUES" tomorrow at 3 p.m. at the NCSU WOMEN'S CENTER (B-18 Nelson Hall).

The JAPANESE FESTIVAL will be held in Nelson Hall Sunday from 12-6 p.m. There are lots of workshops, displays and performances (such as the tea ceremony, traditional dancing and flower arrangement) and FOOD. For information, call 546-0617.

The CAREER PLANNING AND PLACEMENT CENTER sponsors TAPPING THE HIDDEN JOB MARKET WORKSHOP Monday from 5:15 to 6:15 p.m. in 2100 Pullen Hall. No registration necessary.

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ed by staff in the Harrelson Room, second floor of D.H. Hill Library Tuesday from 11:15 a.m. to noon. No registration is required, but space is limited.

Compiled by Carlton A. Cook

Weather Outlook

Thursday

Partly cloudy with a morning low in the 40s and a daytime high near 70.



Friday

Mostly cloudy with a morning low in the 40s and a daytime high near 70.



Repass

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my birthday, which is Saturday, in case you're planning a surprise party for me.

However, to save you the time and trouble, I'll be accepting cash in lieu of a Rolls Royce or a new house.

And — just as a friendly non-Christmastime reminder — it's better to give than to receive, especially when you're talking about my birthday.

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Almond dazzles ACC with sparkling numbers

JUCO-transfer impressive defensively

By Steve Moats
Staff Writer

Going into this year, N.C. State baseball coach Ray Tanner had concerns about filling the position of catcher — perhaps the most important position on the field. Quality teams generally have excellent defensive catching.

Number one case in point: Last year, the New York Mets figured to have a pennant winner. However, the catching position plagued them all year as the speedy National League ran all over their pitchers and catchers.

Number two case in point: The Atlanta Braves has a catcher, Greg Olson, who could handle their young pitchers and provide consistency behind the plate in leading them to the World Series last season.

This year, the Wolfpack did not have a returning catcher with experience to combat the speedy ACC. Tanner returned to Middle Georgia Junior College, a valuable source of outstanding talent, to grab a catcher. Greg Almond, whose defensive exploits were widely known.

"Going into the season, we knew we needed a veteran catcher, and we were fortunate to be able to recruit Greg to come here," Tanner

said. "We knew he was outstanding behind the plate."

Wolfpack pitchers Matt Donahue and Jamie Wolkosky had also previously played at Middle Georgia so Tanner already had connections there.

"Middle Georgia is strictly a baseball atmosphere," Almond said. "It's probably one of the best places to go if you're pursuing a baseball career. Everybody was like a big family. That's one of the reasons why I chose to come here [State], because I heard Matt say this was the place to come."

Those connections paid off in a big way. Almond has not only proved to be an outstanding defensive catcher, but as a hitter he has also produced far more than anyone could have anticipated.

"What he's done for us offensively has been a pleasant surprise," Tanner said. "He had a lot of walks at Junior College and was in a situation to score a lot of runs, but he didn't swing the bat all that well. He's worked extremely hard to become a better hitter. There's not a lot of pressure on him to produce offensively, hitting in the bottom of the order."

After the Duke series, Almond had a .315 batting average with eight home runs, second on the

team to Paul Borawski. Almond has drawn 21 walks to give him a .435 on-base average, and his .593 slugging percentage leads the team. He has produced these numbers from the eighth position in the batting order.

"I attribute the home runs to luck more than anything," Almond said. "I like hitting in the bottom of the order because I get better pitches. I look first-pitch fastball, and generally I get it because I'm hitting seventh, eighth or ninth in the order."

Even with these numbers, Almond has helped the Wolfpack more defensively than offensively. His outstanding ability to frame pitches (catching a pitch that is actually a ball but making it look like a strike by moving the glove slightly) has proven far more valuable than his bat.

Almond gives the umpire a great look at the pitch by staying low in his crouch and by framing pitches, which has helped the Wolfpack pitchers get more strikes called than many teams.

"He could be the best framing catcher in the country," Tanner said. "He just does a tremendous job back there in all facets of the game. He's great on balls in the dirt, he's intelligent, he works hitters extremely well and our pitchers



Ann Kenion/Staff

Greg Almond possesses some of the best defensive skills in the country behind the plate.

to throw to him." The 6-foot, 190-pound junior from Panama City, Fla., has proven himself to have the tools and the desire to become an outstanding defensive catcher.

"Throughout the years, I've really stressed defense, because that's all I heard about — be a good defensive catcher," Almond said. "There's more to catching than just catching a pitch. It's a really complex posi-

tion. I think a catcher can do more for a team by catching than hitting."

Almond has started 32 of the Wolfpack's 38 games, providing the first everyday State catcher in two years. He has thrown out nearly 45 percent of the baserunners trying to steal, which is excellent at the level of the ACC, one of the best conferences in the nation. He has become a top candidate for the

best catcher in the league this year.

"When I came here, my goal was to hit .300 and break the walks record," Almond said. "Lately, it's been in my mind that I'd like to make all-ACC. I don't know how it's going to turn out. I think this team can compare with anybody right now. I think we have a good chance of going to the [College] World Series."

Track team turns in solid performance in loss at UNC

By David Honea
Staff Writer

An injury-riddled N.C. State track team turned in a stronger than expected performance but still dropped a 95-57 decision at UNC-Chapel Hill Sunday.

"We have a number of people injured who will probably red-shirt rather than compete at less than full strength," said N.C. State coach Rollie Geiger. "We knew coming into the meet we didn't have the numbers to win, but we got some outstanding perfor-

mances from the people who did compete."

The Wolfpack's top performance came from sophomore David Fields. Competing in his first meet of the year, Fields won the 400 meters in 48.35 seconds. He also ran on State's winning 400- and 1,600-meter relays, coming from behind to win on the last leg of the 1,600 relay.

"It was good to get back into competition finally," Fields said. "We especially wanted to win the relays. We all need to improve between now and the ACC meet, though."

Jumper Frank Bailey was a double winner

for the Pack, taking both the long and triple jumps. Bailey long jumped 23-7 1/2 and captured the triple jump with a leap of 48-0 3/4.

State also got strong second-place performances from Tony Riley in the 1,500 (3:51.5) and Chris Griggs in the 3,000 steeplechase (9:09.8). Both runners moved into second in the ACC rankings for the season.

Among the sprinters, Mike Williams and Thomas Daye placed in both the 100 and 200 as well as helped to win the 400 relay.

Sean Garland placed second in the high jump with a jump of 7-0. Decathlete Doug Scott showed his versatility by placing second in the 110-meter hurdles and third in the shot-put.

State was hurt by the absence of jumpers Tyrell Taitt and Neil Chance, the team's two biggest scorers at the ACC indoor meet. The Tar Heels also capitalized on State's weakness in the throwing events and the pole vault, rolling up a 34-2 advantage in those events.

"Knowing that we couldn't win, we chose

to use this as a tune-up for the ACC Championships rather than chase points," Geiger said. "In that context, this meet was encouraging, because everyone that scored today should have the potential to do even better at the ACC meet."

"We don't like getting beat by Carolina, but they have a strong team and we're very young. We're taking our lumps now, but we should be back up soon."

The ACC Championships will be in Tallahassee, Fla., April 17-18.

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Michelle Ingham will represent State in the NCAA Regionals.

Ingham striving for strong Regional

By Anthony Black
Staff Writer

N.C. State gymnast Michelle Ingham will find herself in a very precarious position when she leaves practice today. The senior native of Rochester, N.Y., who is headed with her team to NCAA Regional competition Friday, must decide in which direction her immediate future is going.

"I tried to get in to vet school, but I didn't get accepted," Ingham said. "And I still have a year of eligibility left. So I'm going to wait and see what happens with vet school this summer and weigh my options."

For Ingham, her veterinarian aspirations have mirrored her gymnastics career. When Ingham couldn't perform at her desired level on the gymnastics team, it made her work that much harder to attain that level. The same can be said about her present determination to be accepted into veterinary school.

Ingham was red-shirted as a freshman and saw limited action as a sophomore. She was the team's manager during her junior season and became restless as she saw the possi-

bility of what could have been. And then she reacted.

"I really missed competing last year. So I decided to work out again," Ingham said. "And since I was already working with Sam [Schuh, N.C. State assistant coach] at the gymnastics club, it was easier to come back because he worked with me and taught me to work out by myself."

And her work over the summer has paid dividends for Ingham as well as for her team.

"It really helps my grades when I compete," Ingham said, "because when I practice it helps me to focus on my schoolwork."

Ingham was hesitant to return at first because she was unsure of how she would be received.

"I was really kind of scared to come back because I thought that Mark [Stevenson, N.C. State head coach] would be mad," Ingham said. "But he told me that he was really glad to have me back."

Ingham has responded by becoming the motivational leader on the floor exercise.

"Michelle has done very well for us this season," Stevenson said. "She has

hit consistently on the floor since missing her routine in the first meet of the season. She also has a good routine on beam, so we count on her because beam is one of our weakest routines. On the floor she is the first to compete so it is very important for us that she hits her routine. That picks the rest of us up, and we have a really strong rotation on the floor."

Ingham's performance this season has been just another part of the magic the team has created for itself, but she knows that her attention will eventually turn to her future, which is getting into veterinary school.

"I was disappointed that I didn't get in, but I will keep trying because it is my ultimate goal," Ingham said.

For now, what Ingham wants is a strong showing in regionals so that the program can gain national exposure.

"If we do well, then we will get the respect from other programs in the country," Ingham said.

She expects the team to be sharp in regionals. Ingham also expects to have a strong meet individually considering that her career highs on floor and beam (9.65) came in a quad meet, Hearts Invitational, and the five-team

ACC Invitational.

"I'm glad we've made it back to regionals," said Ingham, who competed in regionals during her sophomore campaign. "This will really be a good way for the seniors to say goodbye as well as give the freshman something to shoot for next year."

Regardless of the outcome, Ingham has no regrets in returning to the team.

"Coming back has been great because we all get along really well," Ingham said. "The freshmen we have now have done a great job, and I expect that this team will only get better in the future. Sam and Mark have done a great job considering the support this team has been given, and I think that they will continue to recruit the gymnasts who can get the job done."

With graduation approaching in the near future, Ingham will have to decide on a plan of attack in her pursuit of vet school. Fortunately, in the back of her mind she knows that if she returns to gymnastics next year, she will be embraced with open arms.

Essence of student-athlete captured by David Honea

By Kevin Brewer
Staff Writer

During the past five years at N.C. State, cross country all-America David Honea has found a way to do it all.

Honea, a senior in electrical engineering, has maintained a 4.0 grade point average in the classroom while also attaining numerous honors in cross country and indoor and outdoor track. His outstanding accomplishments, on and off the field, have helped him to redefine the term student-athlete.

His success in cross country and track and field has not been as natural as his achievements in the classroom. After being red-shirted his freshman year, injuries slowed Honea's pace for the next two seasons.

"There were definitely times when I was struggling athletically to try and reach the level I wanted to be at," Honea said. "This fall, in cross country, was the first time I was really satisfied with the way I was running."

Honea had plenty of reasons to be satisfied. The Chandler native finished 22nd at the NCAA Cross Country Championships after placing third in the ACC Championships. In the recently concluded indoor track season, he took a fourth-place finish at the ACC Indoor Championships in the 5,000 meters.

The kinks are still being smoothed out in the current outdoor season. But an impressive 8:37.54 time in the 3,000 meters Sunday in Chapel Hill indicates that his career has little chance of closing quietly.

"I would still like to run well in track," Honea said. "It's kind of frustrating that I haven't run better than I have. I would like to qualify for AAAs this year."

The classroom is where Honea makes it look easy, and that is where he plans to expend his energies for the next few years.

An example of Honea's academic achievement is the Jim Weaver Scholarship.

Honea was one of three male athletes awarded the aid from the ACC.

Honea added to the academic accolades recently by capturing the Walter Byers postgraduate scholarship for academic excellence.

Only one such scholarship is granted each year to a male and a female in the country, and Honea became the first ACC athlete to snag the honor.

"I'm interested in some things that some of my professors I have now are working on as far as possible research areas," Honea said of the decision to remain at State. "I like it here a lot in terms of a place to live."

Any loyalty he felt to stay at State was magnified in 1990 when Honea appeared on "Jeopardy." He finished second in the

College Tournament and brought respect to NCSU.

"People from State said that they were really happy to see it," Honea said. "It was at the same time that there was all the controversy around the basketball program."

"People could look and say, 'Wait, here's another athlete from State who's not flunking out of school, who's doing something good.'"

And Honea wants to do much more. He plans to continue running while in graduate school, mostly in cross country events. Honea would also like to teach others what he knows in one way or another.

His major aspiration is to be a college professor after he picks up his doctorate. He also feels that the flexible schedule of a professor would allow him to coach a high school or youth track team.

Honea's current schedule leaves him with little room for error. Serving on the Student Senate has added to a regimen that already

includes year-round practice and a demanding major.

"The running is a little more consistent," Honea said. "Academically, it can vary. I think they balance each other out in terms of average time."

With all that Honea has accomplished, one might wonder if there is anything left for him to do.

"I don't have a chance to achieve many more goals collegiately, but I'd still like to keep improving," Honea said. "That is one of the reasons I plan to keep running seriously, because I think I can get better."

Usually, if Honea thinks he can do something, he does. His next chance to qualify for nationals will be April 17-18 at the ACC Outdoor Championships in Tallahassee, Fla. If his past achievements are any indication, Honea will probably be at the NCAA Championships in June.



Honea

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ma worth? Shakespeare?

They gave a lifetime award to George Lucas. What he did to Howard the Duck mixes out Star Wars and Indiana Jones. Howard was a great comic, and Lucas killed the fowl friend.

Why didn't Brian Bosworth get at least a nomination for best actor? "Stone Cold" proved he could do to the screen what he did for the NFL. Brian got paid lots of money and limped for most of the time in both careers.

A special nod should have gone to "Cool As Ice." The film destroyed the career of Vanilla Ice. A cinematic mercy killing we must all rejoice. People say movies can't accomplish anything good. Yet this film exiled the twerp to Miami... of Ohio. Now if the same production company can work with Hammer, it'd be aural bliss on the rap dial.

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Spring Stu, Stu, Studio at Thompson Theatre

Joseph Foley
Staff Writer

Students have taken over Thompson Theatre.

For a weekend each spring, Thompson Theatre presents two shows, which are chosen, directed and acted by students without help from the full-time staff.

This weekend, Thompson Theatre will present "T Bone 'N Weasel," a comedy, and "Answers," a more serious piece.

The Spring Student Studio allows students to experience all facets of the theater business, from directing to publicity to set design.

"It's the best teaching tool we have here," said Mary Deese, director of "T Bone 'N Weasel." "It's baptism by fire. You learn it by doing it yourself."

Deese, a lifelong education student, was responsible for selecting her play.

"I wrote a proposal to the producer, Terry Janney, who had the final decision," said Deese. The proposal had to include the set, costumes ideas and props list in the proposal, along with a personal interpretation of the play.

"I had to include my personal concept of the play," Deese said.

Once her play was selected, Deese and the cast she later selected had four weeks to prepare for the four-night run.

"T Bone 'N Weasel" only has three cast members, which combined with the fact that Deese was directing for the first time created an unusual but fruitful atmosphere.

"I was lucky to work with an experienced cast," confided Deese. "When I thought a scene was not

working right, they would say, 'why don't we do it this way?'"

"It was a cooperative effort," Deese said. "You get ideas from those around you."

About the Spring Student Studio, Deese said you don't have to have extensive theater training to do a good job. But you do need basic theater knowledge.

"You have to know where you want everyone to be on stage before

rehearsal begins," Deese said.

The Student Studio must also follow strict budget constraints.

The Union Activities

Board allocates a small budget for the two shows.

"We have a very simple set," said Deese. "It was something I considered [when choosing the show]." Sets cannot be too elaborate or extensive with low budgets, Deese said.

The two shows will run each night from April 8 to 11. "T Bone 'N Weasel" is a Jon Klein comedy that follows two ex-cons making their way through South Carolina. The play has several scenes but is only one act long.

"First-year directors with the studio can only do one-act shows," Deese said.

The other show, "Answers," is more serious in nature. The gripping play by Tom Topper probes the helpless terror a person experiences during a police interrogation. This show consists of one scene and lasts about one hour.

The \$3 admission for students covers the cost of both shows.

For tickets or more information, call the Thompson Theatre Box Office at 515-2033.

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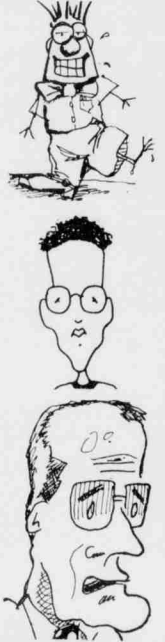
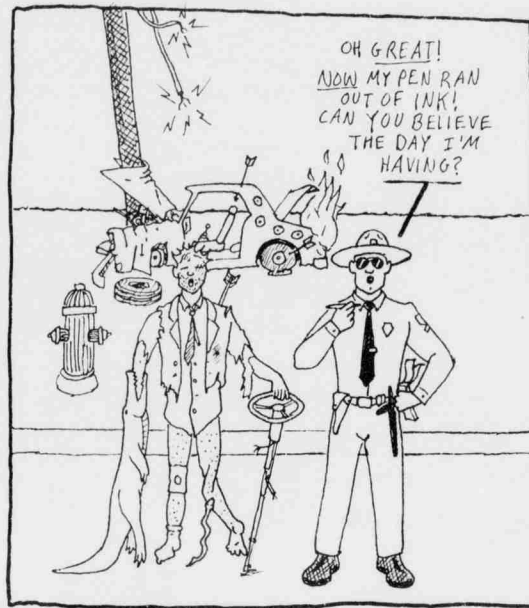
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Competition gets tougher for incoming freshmen in 1992

SAT scores to average 1090

News Staff Report

Although the number of graduating high school students is falling, N.C. State University has a record number of applications for this fall's freshman class.

According to George Dixon, NCSU director of admissions, the university has received nearly 11,000 applications as of the end of March. At the same time last year, NCSU had only 9,100 prospective freshmen vying for a spot in the fall.

"In a time of a declining number of high school graduates, NCSU is bucking the national trend in the number of students seeking admis-

sion," Dixon said. The university plans to admit only about 3,200 for next fall's freshman class. Dixon projects that next fall's freshman class will have an average GPA of 3.6 on a 4.0 scale, and SAT scores in the 1080 to 1100 range.

The current freshman class had a high school GPA of 3.4 and SAT scores around 1050.

Approximately 18 percent of the class will be from out of state.

Clark Hall ready for retirement

By Denise Parkes
Staff Writer

If you have been to Student Health Services lately, you are probably familiar with the problems you can encounter in the old building.



In fact, in a 1990 survey, 59 percent of N.C. State University students who had used the Infirmary said it was inadequate and needed renovation or replacing.

The problem, according to Infirmary officials, is that after 52 years of service, Clark Hall lacks the space and facilities to continue serving as the main medical treatment facility for the NCSU student body.

"The building itself is a solid building — that's not the issue. The building is just better suited for something other than a health center," Student Health Service Administrative Director Jerry Barker said.

Clark Hall was built in 1939 as a dormitory and converted to an Infirmary in 1941. The building has been renovated eight times, but it still does not fulfill the needs of the university, according to Barker.

"If you've ever had services in here, you know that there's a lack of privacy," Barker said.

Barker said that one area currently burdened with a privacy problem is

the pharmacy. The pharmacy is now required to have an area for conferences when the patients need directions on how to use prescriptions, but there are currently no facilities to accommodate these needs, Barker said.

There is also a confidentiality problem in the patient evaluation area located behind the registration desk, according to Barker. In this area, nurses question patients about their medical histories and also take blood pressure and temperature readings. The nurses' stations are separated only by sheet partitions.

Privacy in the lab is another concern for Barker. While patients are giving blood, other patients are bringing test results to the lab, Barker said.

"The [blood testing] ought to be in a more secluded spot. So there's really too much traffic," said Barker.

The bathrooms in the building have no doors, and patients have to carry urine samples through the halls to the lab because the bathrooms are not connected to the lab, Barker said.

Another major problem Barker mentioned was the examination area available for doctors. Their examining rooms consist of a small area in the provider's office that is separated only by a screen for privacy.

"You need a room that is much more private where the doctor comes in and the nurse has already gotten the patient ready," Barker said.

Staff utilization and patient flow need to be greatly improved, and

this is not possible with the limited space for examining areas, Barker said.

Clark Hall also has building code and handicapped access deficiencies, according to Infirmary documents. In addition to asbestos insulation and floor tile concerns, the documents say there are also mechanical problems with temperature control, ventilation and the elevators.

"We have, in the whole building, only two handicapped bathrooms — one for men and one for ladies — everything else is non-accessible to wheelchairs," Barker said.

The Infirmary cannot accommodate future growth in the shape it is in now, according to the documents. NCSU enrollment is expected to increase to 31,000 by the year 2000, and Clark Hall cannot provide the services needed for this number of students.

The documents also cite a student need for additional services such as physical therapy and sports medicine, substance abuse treatment and health education that require better facilities.

"There is only one small classroom and one conference room, the Center of Health Directions, and this is for small groups, teaching, classes and meetings. So there is a definite need for additional more space for health education," Barker said.

A look at a new plan that is in the making for a new Student Health Services, which could be ready for occupancy in the fall of 1995, will appear in Friday's Technician.

Illness

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virus herself. "It wasn't fun," she said.

She said the onset was sudden and the symptoms were short-lived, averaging about 24 hours.

Cases of the illness appeared to be tapering off with only three or four complaints this week, Clark said.

Griston agreed that the incidents of illness were subsiding on NCSU's campus. "We've talked to the Infirmary, and there were no

more cases reported as of Friday," he said.

Ruth Pearce, director of health services at Meredith College, said there hadn't been any cases at Meredith similar to those reported at NCSU.

"There is no illness rampant on campus," Pearce said, "and we see no connection of anything happening here to anything at State."

Janet Clark, news director at Peace College, reported scattered cases of a similar illness there.

"We have no exact number," she said, "just the usual amount of illness. Nothing alarming."

Unlike NCSU, Clark said there seemed to be no concentration of

illness in a particular dorm or group of people at Peace.

"It's very sporadic," she said. "It's typical for this season — flu season."

Dr. Jerry Barker, director of NCSU Student Health Services, said the approximate number of cases of the illness at NCSU was 75 over a period of three and a half days.

Barker confirmed the Health Department's findings that the illness did not originate in the food or water at UT.

"We are unable to determine the exact cause of the illness," Barker said. "Food poisoning was only a suspicion."

Election

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last week with 49 percent of the vote, captured 1,146 votes this week to easily outdistance Diamond, who garnered 641 votes. Despite her margin of victory, Hyson characterized her victory as a relief and said that she had not anticipated an easy win.

"I was really nervous when I called [for the results]," Hyson said.

"Up until that point, I had no idea who would win. I know Doug was a very competent opponent and I was sure that either one of us would do a competent job if elected," she said.

"I hope to get started really soon and get to know those student groups that I don't know as well yet," Hyson said.

Jones, Lamb and Hyson will officially take over their new positions next week. Inauguration for new student government members is Tuesday at 3 p.m.

Doodle Doodle Dee don't use drugs to enhance your outlook on the world just because you think it might look cooler.

Rally

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their options," Newton said. Some students thought that the celebrities and Senate candidates who spoke held importance to the issue and made an impact on demonstrators and politicians.

"It was very gratifying to see celebrities take a stand and a voice in the cause," Newton said.

Newton said that some people from NCSU thought that the rally had lots of propaganda and that politicians took advantage of the issue.

"It's a personal issue that's in danger of being politically controlled," Newton said.

"I could hardly see anyone who spoke," Newton said. Jane Fonda was her favorite speaker, delivering the message that politicians were trying to run women's lives, Newton said.

Huffman also liked Fonda. "She was great, I really liked her," she said.

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April 8, 1992

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Editorials

Time to evaluate teachers

Toward the end of every semester, N.C. State University students have the opportunity to enhance the academic quality of their school; they have the privilege of evaluating their professors.

Student evaluations of teachers are a vital part of an educational system. They provide administrators with an idea of who is and who is not teaching effectively. More important, they provide teachers with much-needed feedback on what they are doing right and wrong.

Students should feel obligated to express their opinion of a teacher's effectiveness. When the opinion sheets and number-two lead pencils are handed out, answer the questions honestly and maturely. If the opinion questions do not cover all that needs to be expressed, use the blank space designated for additional comments.

Constructive feedback is a necessity. Telling professors they suck is not constructive. Telling professors they dress funny or their noses are big is not constructive.

Professors need to know what was wrong with their teaching methods so that they can change their techniques for future classes. Were lectures relevant to material? Was the textbook helpful? Could you hear in the back of the class? Could you read the board? Mention the strong points of a class; professors need positive reinforcement. Mention the weak points; professors need to know what the problems are.

Professors must do their part as well. If a department does not provide evaluations for a class, professors should conduct their own evaluations. After all, professors are here to teach, and the way to improve teaching effectiveness is to identify problems and correct them. Student evaluations provide an excellent opportunity to do just that.

Don't take this semester's student evaluations lightly. Don't rush through them just to get out of class quicker. Evaluations are the first step toward improving the educational process on campus. Take the time and fill them out intelligently and thoughtfully. Your input is essential.

The right way to recycle

Recycling is the best way to pull ourselves out of the environmental mess created by the quest for convenience. The landfills are full, the forests empty, the ground devoid of natural resources. N.C. State University's recycling program has been well received by the campus community and now stands as a leader in recycling. The Pack has responded eagerly to Mother Earth's cry for help.

As with any crowd, there is always one or two who try to mess it up for all the others. The heralded NCSU recycling program is falling victim to these individuals.

In the past several months, according to Gail Franks, recycling director to the NCSU Physical Plant, more and more of our recyclable waste is ending up at the Wake County Landfill because of mixing in the bins. For example, brown glass placed into the clear glass or aluminum bins cause the entire bin to be rejected by the buyers. In turn the bin must be picked up, at NCSU's expense, and taken to the landfill, making the whole recycling effort useless.

It would be nice to say that these acts are the work of a few malicious individuals with nothing better to do. In truth, they probably are rather the work of users who do not bother to read the labels that tell which recyclable waste product goes in which bin. It's pretty simple, really — aluminum goes into the aluminum bin, newspapers into the newspaper bin and glass into the appropriate colored-glass bin.

Some may think that one bottle ending up in the wrong bin is no big deal, but it is. The university receives 1 cent for one pound of recyclable materials bought. That same one pound of recyclable material costs \$21 to place in the landfill.

The recycling program is definitely not self-supporting at a penny a pound. It certainly cannot afford the cost of abusing the recycling program; neither can the environment.

Quote of the Day

"You can't learn too soon that the most useful thing about a principle is that it can always be sacrificed to expediency."

— W. Somerset Maugham

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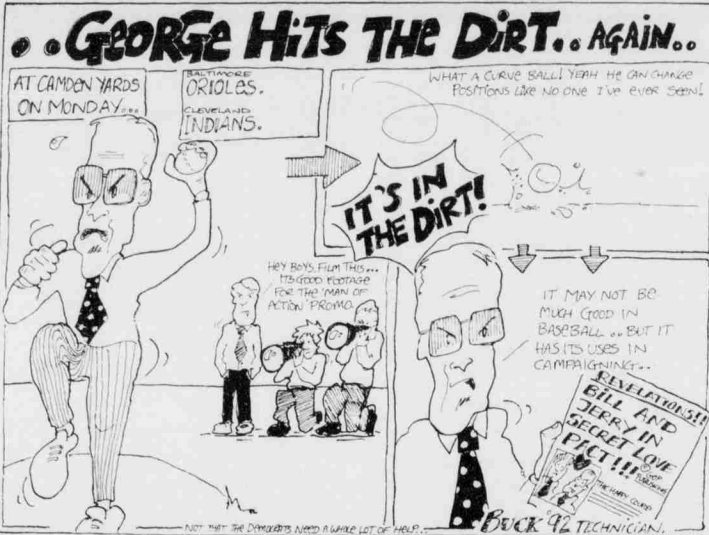
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Columns

As the semester ends, senioritis hits

Chris Heagarty



Opinion
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We're in the home stretch now. Seniors are looking out past the alumni gateway toward their futures, their careers and their lives. Unfortunately, many of us won't get past the restaurants on Western Boulevard for a while. Many graduates will be stifled as they take their degree and enthusiasm out into the world looking for a career beyond the jobs they had in college and spending more on resume printing than on food.

Not everyone will be blighted by any means. There are jobs out there, just not as many, and these are just a little harder to find than they were last year. Some people won't have to worry. Daddy will be there to bail them out. The number of 21-28-year-olds living with their parents has exploded over the past four years. Others achieved that lucky degree in mega-tech-virtual-realist thought-controlled-mechanical design, which is the new hot market, which dumped those who had degrees in the sorta-new hi-tech computer-aided chip design and out onto the street. Some of us worked hard and developed outstanding skills and a wealth of knowledge but have found most entry-level jobs filled by overqualified veterans in their field, happy with any job they can get. A large number of us will run to grad school, hoping to come into a more receptive job market in two or three years with a stronger resume. Finally, there is that small group with the luck, opportunity and drive who have landed a career coming out

of school. For that they should be applauded.

Is my burnout really obvious? Unfortunately it's been that way in my classes. I thought senioritis was just a stronger-than-normal desire to head for the beach and to sleep in. Those are genetically latent — you'll get those regardless. The real senioritis, I believe, is when you start looking around your final semester and many formerly important things start losing their importance. There's a disorientation, a little bit of confusion and uncertainty as you realize you're in the last month of your lease and you're not sure where you'll be living in six months — what apartment, what city, what state?

It's been rough. Unless you are highly disciplined, your last semester is the time you start picking up all these courses you missed before — the humanities survey course, that other math credit, foreign language, whatever. Then comes the frustration knowing your ability to get a sheepskin in May depends on that golf class

you slept through one too many times. Many professors give you that "Don't think that just because you're a senior I'll pass you, even if this beginner's pottery class is the only thing standing between you and your nuclear engineering degree!"

There are high points. You start taking more of the opportunities afforded to you at the university before you lose them. I'd wanted to write for Technician for two years but never made the time to apply. This year I made that effort and have found it very rewarding. I've taken a lot more notice of the free or discount entertainment on campus. I finally know where those obscure buildings listed as ZX and QW on my course schedule are. I've seen four years of the Free Expression Tunnel and still hate "Bob." It does bug me though that after I've finally learned the roster and stats for the football team I'll lose my free tickets.

I hope this has been a switch for you that you don't mind my divergence from the state and local beat. Next week I'll be back with more tales of corruption and things the government does that just don't make sense, or maybe I'll blow the week off and head to the beach.

Chris Heagarty is a senior majoring in political communication.

America losing touch with education

Robert Gaskins

Opinion
Columnist

The level of importance afforded education in modern American society is rapidly declining. Evidence abounds.

In times past, universities invoked images of libraries, eager teachers and eager students developing their minds. Universities today symbolize sports arenas for far too many people.

Many can quote shooting statistics from 10 years ago but cannot locate China on a map. Corporations and fans spend millions of dollars every year supporting college teams. Squeezed by budget cuts, universities need the added incomes their sports teams attract. But reliance on such funds can create scandals.

Do the names Jim Valvano, Bruce Poulton, Charles Shackleford and Chris Washburn ring any bells? University administrations tend to neglect the main goal of a university: to educate.

Money finds its way into athletic recruitment budgets, new sports complexes and salaries of overpaid coaches instead of into books, computers and higher salaries to attract quality professors.

We attend N.C. State University, not N.C. Athletic Development Institute.

North Carolina legislators, who are paid to adequately fund education in the state, are either overpaid or underproducing. Their close ties to gravel companies tend to result in overfunding of roads leading nowhere

instead of education leading to an informed citizenry.

Washington provides loans and grants to college students, but federal assistance is decreasing. Congress justifies fewer student loans because many are not repaid and fewer grants because the national debt is astronomical.

But why cut education and deprive future generations because the present generation has outstanding loans and elects politicians who run up the debt? Without education, people will not even be able to read this column and understand it, much less act on important issues.

Maybe that is the plan. Jesse Helms votes against nearly every education bill that comes before the U.S. Senate.

Maybe he has such a pathetic record in this area because he thinks knowledge is a luxury only for those who can afford private school tuitions.

Or maybe he knows that his primary support base is the partially educated voters

of our state. Highly educated voters would not accept his erroneous, fear-inducing TV ads and would demand that he debate his opponents on the real issues. In this environment, forward-thinking candidates such as Harvey Gantt would more successfully challenge Helms for his Senate seat.

In a perfect world, government would not be involved in education at all. But we do not live in utopia. Alumni finance the construction of stainless steel walls engraved with their names instead of using that money to buy more books or provide more scholarships. University administrations neglect worthy projects such as debate teams because they do not compete in a nationally televised Final Four.

Until society places greater importance on education and adequately funds the teaching of its people, taxes must fill the void. But if elected officials refuse to educate people, they will not understand anything I have just written.

So stop electing politicians who insult your intelligence and then vote to prevent its growth.

Robert Gaskins is a senior majoring in accounting and business management.

Lack of funding demands intelligent spending

I never cease to be amazed at the contradictions between increased demands on funding and the wasteful depletion of existing revenue.

Instructors are left without chalk to write with or paper to print on, yet classrooms in every building campus-wide remain lit when empty. One or two would hardly be worth mentioning, but combine them all for semesters on end and the expense becomes significant.

On the matter of ridiculous expenses, I think the library is a landmark ruin. The new building took nearly five years to complete and less than one to deteriorate. Where is quality assurance?

We are told that the budget will not allow for more than one entrance to be operational, and the only open entrance has now been restricted for repairs. Students are forced to squeeze past each other like rats in a maze on a stairwell so narrow one can hardly believe it was designed for emergencies.

Why do this poor workmanship and faulty

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construction exist in the first place?

I ask this general question: "Does anyone truly believe that awarding a contract to the lowest bid will actually produce a quality result?" The evidence would suggest otherwise.

Because the university budget problem shows no sign of improvement and a solution will not happen on its own, I offer this suggestion: A state legislated mandate that says the chancellor and the Board of Trustees shall in good faith and responsible gesture willingly forfeit 5 percent of their annual salary every time the university lacks funds.

I suspect that for the first time in a long time, the budget office would be working overtime.

EDWARD MCIRVIN
Junior, Mass Communication

Many required courses at NCSU are not needed

I am writing this concerning the curriculum requirements here at N.C. State University. I feel that many of the required courses you must take as a student are a waste of time. Most students here take five years to graduate and/or have to go to summer school. I feel it is ridiculous to have to go to summer school or graduate one year late because a student has to take such courses as: Music 200, History of Design or even four physical education classes.

I understand that it is important to be well-rounded and have a wide range of knowledge. However, I feel that it would be much wiser to spend your time with subjects that have relevance to you and your future. I am a communication major, and I must have 124 hours to graduate, and of those 124 hours, only 36 of those hours are related to my major. I feel that students would be more interested in their courses if

Thinking about abortion, a few good friends and life

I'm pro-life. But I have several important friends who are pro-choice.

These friends mean a lot to me. Each one of them is unique. It is individually that makes everyone special. Sure, there are some individuals that are real jackasses. But let me tell you about my friends.

The 21st day of their lives is special to me. That's when their hearts began to beat. By the 35th day of their lives, not only was their own blood coursing through their body but their fingers were almost developed.

Today, if one of my friends was in a severe car accident and the paramedics couldn't find a pulse, one of the ways they would find out if she was still alive would be to see if her brain waves could be



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Opinion Columnist

detected. These brain waves have been recordable from very early in her life — from the 40th day.

Without friends, life would be meaningless. And these friends of mine were all set after eight weeks. They could respond to touch, their stomach and kidneys were functioning and 40 sets of muscles

were working in conjunction with their nervous systems. Their arms, legs and eyes were visible and formed.

Did you know that no two fingerprints are completely alike? Is that not amazing to you? Nine weeks into life, these friends of mine had their own fingerprints — only one mark of their individuality.

The 12th weeks of the lives of my friends marked the beginning of their exercises. They turned their heads, curled their toes and opened and closed their mouths. If their palms were lightly brushed at this point, science tells us that they would have made a fist. In fact, when some of these friends get angry, it's rather obvious they've practiced making fists for a long time.

We all know that some guys claim to be

"more male" than others, and if this is the case, it was first apparent 13 weeks into their lives. It was at that point we could be certain about the sex of the individual, though pictures as early as eight weeks into life have clearly shown one definite male characteristic.

Furthermore, hair began to grow on my friends' heads at 13 weeks — hair some guys I know wish was still growing. Most of the changes that were to come at this point in my friends were only in size. Pictures of the fourth month of life show us a perfect miniature human.

But I've got to tell you the most important thing about my friends and about you. From the moment of conception, your hair color was absolute. Your skin tone was absolute.

Your height. The color of your eyes. How your face and your boyfriend's or girlfriend's face would look. And there is only one of you.

I look around and I see these friends of mine. Everyone is unique in their own way. No one will ever be like them.

And I think about what a shame it would be if they never got a chance to become what they always would be. And I think about how we've only had one Martin Luther King. Only one Albert Einstein. Only one Billy Crystal. Only one you.

How many unique individuals can we afford to abort?

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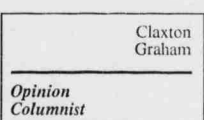
Fix stairs in library, Harrelson Forum

You would think that after four years of bloody, sweaty, tearful construction just about everything would be right with the new South Bookstack Tower at the D.H. Hill Library. Apparently, that is not the case. The stairs connecting the ground floor of the new tower with the first-floor lobby of the old North Tower were closed a couple weeks ago after students expressed concerns about their safety. A number of students have taken nasty tumbles while using those stairs.

With the stairs closed, the first floor of the stacks and the East and Erdahl-Cloyd Wings are accessible only by the two elevators and an internal stairwell in the new tower.

That's not quite the worst of it. There are three doors on the ground-floor landing in that stairwell. Though warning signs have been bolted to the doors, it sometimes gets congested as streams of human traffic battle for inside position. That, in itself, is a major headache.

Certainly, the efforts of the students to have the new stairs closed down and inspected for improvements are commendable. Tripping and falling down on level



Claxton Graham
Opinion Columnist

ground is bad enough, but doing such on a stairway is equally embarrassing and doubly disastrous.

From my own experiences, I have found that coming down the library stairs is a bit tricky because of the sudden change of visual perspective. With so much empty space above and around that stairway, it is possible to become momentarily disoriented. A few other people I've talked to about the stairs have had that same problem.

By the same token, however, the closure could not have come at a worse time. From here until the end of the semester, the library will see its greatest influx of users, as deadlines for projects and papers, not to mention final exams, loom on the horizon. Compounding the problem even more is the lack of alternate entrances to the library. The entrances from Hillsborough Street and the Brickyard to the East

and Erdahl-Cloyd Wings haven't been used since the onset of the state budget crunch.

Despite the problems with the library steps, the runaway choice for stairclimbers' Nightmare of the Year are those bastions of physical agony leading to the inner sanctums of Harrelson Hall. Not only are they narrow in width but they are also steeper than any other set of stairs on campus. One flight worth of those stairs is bad enough. Climbing three flights, especially at 8 in the morning, is bordering on suicidal.

Hopefully, the university will be able to complete the necessary improvements to the stairs at the library before the end of the summer sessions, in time for the fall semester. And hopefully, the university will seriously consider bringing architectural consultants to make suggestions on how to improve the Harrelson stairs. Granted, this may be a rather costly proposition, but how much more costly will it be if the safety of the campus and its students is not maintained?

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they felt that the courses would play a more important role in their occupation and their future. In summary, I feel that there should be a reevaluation of the curriculum to have more relevance to the student and their future plans.

Ashley Thompson
Senior, Communication

Greek gets ticket in Fraternity Court

The other afternoon around 2:30, I went down to Fraternity Court to visit with my fraternity brothers.

While I was in the house, only for around 30 minutes, I received a ticket from the university for \$10.

I think it is crazy that I cannot visit my own fraternity house without the pending threat of the parking police. I see it as a large amount of money being spent to ticket me for parking in a place that I am helping to pay for.

I asked the people in the Department of Transportation what I could do to keep from getting a ticket next time. They told me that because I do not live in the house, I am ineligible to purchase a parking sticker. I feel that this is because the DOT feels that there is more money to be made by charging me \$10 a ticket rather than the one-time cost of around \$80.

Why do you not simply designate a few spots for each house as a visitor space?

The DOT could still charge people for parking in the visitor space with a permit.

I am simply outraged that they have the nerve to charge me for a parking spot that I am paying for with the inflated rent they charge fraternity members for the use of the houses that the university paid for several years ago.

Charles Fernandez
Junior, Zoology

Adopt-A-Highway needs to be serious

I want to address an issue that most students at N.C. State never think about but affects us all. This issue is the Adopt-A-Highway Program.

How many times have you ridden down a road that has a sign saying some group has adopted it and seen paper, fast-food bags and cans along the side of the road? And how many times have you seen someone from the group that adopted that road out cleaning it?

I believe when a group decides to participate in the Adopt-A-Highway Program, it should take that decision seriously. Many groups participate simply to have its name put up on a sign where many people will see it.

I hope these groups will begin to take pride in their commitments and start cleaning up these roads.

Not only will they make our

highways look better but they will also give their groups a more positive reputation.

Lisa Y. Gore
Senior, English

An apology for the Physical Plant

This is to update my March 23 letter "Sullivan Drive and creek prove NCSU ignorance."

March 28, I received a letter from Physical Plant Director Brian Chase explaining the motives behind the shrubbery removal along Rocky Branch creek.

Chase explained that the kudzu was removed to "prevent more trees and plants from being choked off." He continued by explaining how the university intends on "replacing kudzu with appropriate plant materials and repairing the areas that are affected by the current erosion problems."

Thanks — and yes, apologies — are due Chase from me. Hindsight is 20/20, and although I never intended upon offending any party, I felt I had to present my inquiries as I did to establish some semblance of public awareness.

Thank you Chase for a gracious response, and I hope no hard feelings remain.

My apologies, sir.

Tommy Gerow
Sophomore, Forestry

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microphone. It cost under \$500 to record. "Roping the Wind" probably cost over a quarter million to record for Garth.

"Trinity Sessions" is one of the best live albums. It mixes country and rock tunes with a codeine-cough-syrup-induced sound. The music has the sensation of what a long haul trucker hears right before he conks out and slams into a toll booth. Lou Reed rightfully praised their cover of "Sweet Jane." The original song shown equally bright as the standards. "Misguided Angel" didn't feel earthbound next to "Walking After Midnight."

Singer Margo Timmon's sultry vocals are a tempting whisper. Timmons is somewhere between Patsy Cline and Sandy Denny on the sofa.

But after this record, the Cowboy Junkies appear to have become defensive about being seen as merely a cover band. They wanted to be artists not interpreters.

This has proven to be a mistake. The follow up "The Caution Horses" is a very iffy proposition. Originals such as "Sun Comes Up," "It's Tuesday Morning" and "Witches" are insipid with goof lyrics. Mary Margaret O'Hara's "You Will Be Loved Again" is a gem worth collecting a discounted version of the album. The Junkies released "Black Eyed Man" in a month. The album is better than "Horses." The songs pick up the beat, and Margo raises her voice a time or two. But with only two Townes Van Zandt covers, the band still refuses to enjoy the mix of old and new.

Live, the Junkies are an energetic bunch. The band always gets hot with Robert Johnson's "Me and the Devil" with the accordion and steel guitar wailing.

Tickets can be purchased at Memorial Auditorium Box Office. Show starts at 7:30 p.m. John Prine opens so get there early.

Dinosaurs Alive!

Sure Birdsongs of the Mesozoic have been termed "Sonic Chamber Music" for years. But the tag fits

too well.

The quartet combines synthesizers, saxophone and Frapp-like guitar. It'd be like Bach, Brian Eno, Ornette Coleman and Spike Jones getting together for a jam session at the Cabaret Voltaire. But you won't have to fly to Geneva to enjoy Birdsongs. They'll be swooping by at Easy Street tomorrow night.

The Birdsongs are very serious about music. They comprise one of the few bands that uses sheet music on stage. Pieces performed range from Stravinsky's "The Rite of Spring" to Jay Ward's "Theme From Rocky and Bullwinkle."

The band came together after the demise of the early Boston area punk band Mission of Burma. R.E.M.'s Peter Buck bought a compact disc player so he could listen to the Mission's CD anthology. Birdsongs is a distant sound from the rash Mission, but its whatever attitude has carried over.

"The Best of the Mesozoic, Part 1" has the band playing classical sounding patterns only to abruptly break into a rigid percussion segment. On stage, the break is a delight as the computer and electronic driven instruments are undercut with simple drums. It's an exposing of technology's primal nature.

If Hugo Ball was making movies, Birdsongs would score the scenes.

The band's latest album has a cover of "The Simpsons Theme." So take in an evening's worth of prehistoric tunes tomorrow night. Don't worry, it's not as campy as Rick Wakeman's solo records. Although keyboardist Erik Lindgren can achieve the Liberace charm between songs.

Easy Street is located on Hargett Street near the City Market. Greenshield's home of "Look Ma, I'm drinking my oatmeal stout" is in the neighborhood. Call 755-0404 for ticket information.

Fondue Pots!

Consider them a gift from England—Leeds to be exact. The Wedding Present—not to be confused with The Birthday Party—is playing Chapel Hill's Cat's Cradle Friday night.

Even though the band has been around since 1985, this is its second

extensive U.S. tour. The reason for the roadwork is to support "Sea Monsters." This record is a bit of a beastie with a tinge of salt. Steve Albini of Big Black produced the album, which explains any loose tendrils.

"I think I know what this means/ It means I've got to grow up," sings David Gedge on "Brassneck." That's a line you won't hear on the new Def Leppard. There is a sense



Jim Varney stars in those lovable Ernest films. He deserves an Oscar for his lifetime work in the role.

of maturing on the record.

Gedge's lyrics were described in Entertainment Weekly as "lovers arguing on the phone—in a strange, dark movie that allows you to hear only one of them."

The band is releasing one single each month for 1992. Don't rush out to find the import 45s. First Warning Records will release the collection on two CDs.

The oddest project the Wedding Present has done is an album full of Ukrainian folk songs. Unfortunately this is only available as an expensive import. But Jesus of WNCN's Nightwave swears the record is worth the cost.

Advance tickets for the Wedding Present with Polvo can be bought at School Kids Records on Hillsborough Street.

And speaking of great English lyricists, The Jazz Butcher returns to the Cradle April 26. Mark your calendars. Save your pennies.

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