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## NCSU remains stable despite belt tightening

By Ron Batcho  
Staff Writer

Even with cuts made in the university's budget by the North Carolina legislature in recent years, things will not get worse this fall.

In the past few years, many inconveniences have been thrust upon the students at N.C. State University due to budget cuts.

One way in which the university has been effected by budget cuts is the large number

of subscriptions canceled by D.H. Hill Library.

Another effect of the budget cuts has been the closing of all entrances and exits to the library except one facing the Brickyard. This is an inconvenience for those trying to enter from Hillsborough Street because they have to walk all the way around the building.

Budget cuts have also forced the canceling of some sections of small classes because there are not enough people registered or no

available teacher. These cuts rarely effect large classes that entering freshman take.

Due to the lack of funding, most students now have to pay for a TRACS book. Luckily, the TRACS book comes free for entering freshman. This book is necessary to register for classes.

No new lecture halls have been added to the main campus in several years. The lack of space on campus has prompted the building of Centennial Campus. The same lecture halls are being used for more classes,

creating increased wear on classrooms.

Crowded classrooms is another effect of the budget crisis. Some of the larger classes allow more students to register than there are seats for students. This is done because a number of students drop classes during the first week of school.

The amount of financial aid given to students has also decreased, but Congress recently passed a bill that gives more money to need-based grants and loans.

Tuition has also gone up as a result of the

budget cutbacks. This money has gone to replace the money that is usually appropriated by the state legislature.

Ann Ellington of the NCSU budget office said she assumes the impact of this year's budget cuts on services should not be greater than the current effects of budget cuts.

So don't despair at the horror stories you've heard about canceled classes and sparse financial aid. Just be prepared for paying a little extra here and there.

## Registration by phone is the first step

By Greg Cohoon  
Staff Writer

You are about to enter one of the most exciting periods of your life. The college experience is like no other. You have freedom from your parents, freedom to do whatever you want, whenever you want to do it, and freedom to decide what classes you want to take and when you want to take them.

If you've talked with people who have registered for college classes, you might have heard horror stories about them standing in lines for hours in a hot, crowded gymnasium only to find that the classes they wanted were full. After realizing that none of the original classes they wanted were still open, they were forced to take the worst classes with the worst teachers at the worst possible times.

Don't dismay — registering for classes at N.C. State University is not at all like this. NCSU has a method of class registration known as Telephonic Registration Access to Computerized Scheduling, or TRACS.

TRACS is designed to take the hassle out of standing in lines to register. TRACS can be accessed through any touchtone telephone. Each course that the university offers during the semester is listed in a book called the TRACS book.

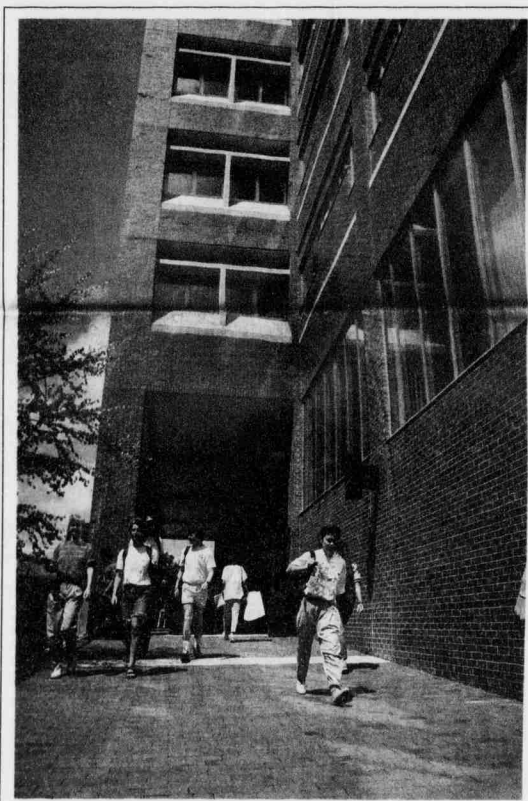
Each class is listed by course title, course number, section, number of credit hours, days and times it meets, the instructor and the location of the class.

The most important piece of information to know when registering is the call number. Each section of each class has its own call number. This is the number that is used when trying to register for a course through TRACS.

This may sound complicated, but using TRACS is relatively easy. Obtain a TRACS registration book — you will get one at Orientation. There is a "Telephonic Registration Worksheet" in the front to help you plan your schedule. The worksheet has space to put all the information necessary to register.

Call the system and follow the computerized voice guide, sometimes called Mr. TRACS by students. It will first ask you to enter an action code. This code is printed on the worksheet.

It will then ask for your student ID number, usually your social security number. After entering



Sylvie Austrul/Staff

### The learning starts here

A facet of N.C. State life familiar to all majors is D.H. Hill Library. D.H. Hill is part of the largest library conglomerate in the Southeast, in cooperation with the libraries at Duke University and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

## Varsity athletes work hard on and off the court

By Bill Overton  
Sports Editor

Tom Gugliotta, Terry Jordan, Rhonda Mapp: You've probably heard these names some where before if you have followed N.C. State athletics in the past. But have you ever heard of David Honea, Karen Chester or Lisa Kasper?

Runner Honea, gymnast Chester and Kasper, a volleyball player, are just a trio of non-revenue athletes, or what the athletics department at NCSU calls "varsity athletes."

Varsity sports comprise 21 of the 24 intercollegiate sports at NCSU with the only official revenue sports being men's and women's basketball and football. The athletes in these programs may not get the same limelight that basketball and football do, but don't tell them what they do isn't important.

"I don't know many people who run to get attention," said Honea, a long-distance runner for the Wolfpack track team. "When I see what Gugliotta goes through being a public star, I wouldn't change a thing. I've never experienced it any other way."

Assistant Athletics Director Sam Esposito has been in charge of 22 of 24 Pack sports programs for four years. His job is the daily administration of these sports.

"Each one of these sports, with the exception of a couple, has some scholarships," Esposito said. "Some sports are fully covered, while



Chester

## Club sports teams offer competitive alternatives

By Greg Cohoon  
Staff Writer

You want to be on a winning sports team at N.C. State University. What if you don't have the time or the talent to make a varsity team, but you want to do more than play Saturday pick-up games?

The solution is club and intramural sports. Known officially as Intramural-Recreational Sports, it consists of intramural sports, club sports, extramural sports, informal recreation, activity workshops and special events.

The intramural sports include major sports such as five-player basketball, flag football, softball, soccer and volleyball as well as sports such as badminton, bowling, table tennis and racquetball.

The club sports include aerobics, baseball, tennis, volleyball, rodeo and water skiing. Field hockey, aikido and scuba diving are currently requesting affiliation into the club sports program.

Informal recreation is available in sports such as archery, flag football and ultimate frisbee.

Different levels of competition exist in the different categories. Intramural sports are very competitive — often as competitive as varsity sports.

## Freshmen, get ready for four or five of the best years of your life

### News Staff Report

North Carolina State University. This diversely-populated, brick-covered campus will be your home for the next four years, or perhaps longer.

You will be going to classes here, you will be paying tuition here and you will be making friends here. But what do really know about NCSU?

Founded in 1887 as North Carolina's first land grant university, NCSU is one of the elite institutions that leads the nation in university-based research and technology. The research conducted has helped improve the lives of North Carolinians, Americans in general and people all over the world.

More than 26,000 students attend NCSU, making it the largest university in the state. The teacher-student

ratio is one to 14, one of the best in the country.

The main campus is located on 623 acres and the veterinary school, North Carolina's first, is located on a 182-acre campus just down the road from the main campus. Research farms and forests across the state add to the NCSU community.

Adding more than 900 acres to the university, the new Centennial Campus, currently home to the College of Textiles and the Mars Mission Research Center, will house research laboratories, classrooms and libraries for student and faculty use.

There are 10 colleges at NCSU — Agriculture and Life Sciences, Design, Education and Psychology, Engineering, Forest Resources, Humanities and Social Sciences, Physical and Mathematical

Sciences, Textiles, Veterinary Medicine and the Graduate School. A new college for business and accounting is also in the works.

These colleges offer almost 100 bachelors degree programs, more than 100 masters degree programs and about 50 doctoral degree programs.

The many extracurricular activities include Student Government, student media, musical organizations, sororities and fraternities, just to name a few.

Students live in 19 university residence halls, one privately-owned residence hall and scores of off-campus apartments and houses. Students on campus can eat at University Dining, or at the University Towers cafeteria if they live there.

On-campus entertainment can be found in Stewart and Thompson

Theatres, as well as the new Student Center Annex which houses the four student media organizations — WKNC, Technician, the yearbook Agromock and the literary magazine Windhover. The annex also offers recent films at low prices. Thompson Theatre showcases traveling companies and student productions.

Football and basketball games are always big draws, with camping out for tickets becoming almost as big an event as the actual games. Delta Sigma Phi's annual lawn party in the fall is another big draw. Every year the fraternity holds a gigantic bash, with the proceeds going to the United Way.

In the spring Wolfstock is held; it's an all-day outdoor concert. Acts in recent years have included the Connells, the Smithereens, KIX and Fishbone.



Larry Dixon, Jr./Staff

A fixture on minds and stationery of NCSU is the Memorial Tower. The bell tower, as most students refer to it, honors N.C. State students who fought in past wars.

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## Reach out and register

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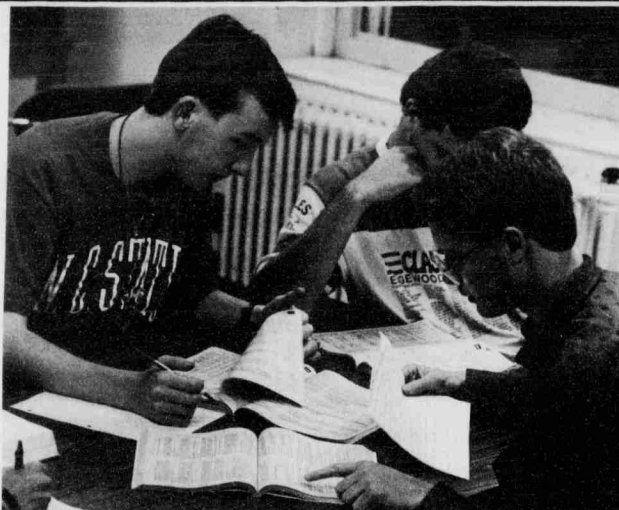
your ID number, enter your personal ID number, or PIN number. This is a four-digit code you will receive from your academic adviser or at Orientation.

After these three codes have been entered, the computer will ask you to enter requests. Options available for scheduling include adding and dropping courses, putting yourself on a wait list for a course and registering to take a course for credit only.

You are free to manipulate your schedule until you are satisfied with it or until you "time out." You are free to call the TRACS system as often as you like, but each call is limited to five minutes. After five minutes, the computer will automatically disconnect.

This way of registration is simple. However, there is a catch. Instead of standing in lines, you must battle the busy signal on the telephone. Punching a six-digit telephone number over and over can become aggravating. To alleviate the crowding for lines, the university has set up different access times according to students' class standings. Seniors register first, then juniors, and so on.

You may find the courses you want are all already full. Some people find it helpful to have several back-up sections and courses ready to enter if their first choice is already full. Others find it just as easy to flip frantically through the TRACS book looking for alternatives before their five minutes is gone. This latter method can really



Tim Moore/Staff

Looking for courses in a TRACS book is only the first step in registering for classes at NCSU. Since coming online for the 1989 spring semester, calling TRACS has been a semi-annual ritual of hoping against the busy signal.

get your adrenaline pumping.

Students have different reactions to the TRACS system. Daryl Willoughby, a freshman in history, says "It's convenient. I think that it's kind of hard pressing all the buttons, but I don't complain about it because of the way it was before."

Claxton Graham, a senior in communication, was at NCSU before the TRACS system was used. "It's a great improvement over how you used to have to do it. Everything was done by hand. They gave you an Op-scan sheet at Orientation where you filled out what you wanted, and if you didn't like the schedule you got, you had to come

in one day and spend hours in line at Reynolds Coliseum."

Ferry Thorne, a junior in math education, heard the horror stories of long lines to add and drop classes. "It's a lot better than standing in a line in Reynolds Coliseum for hours and hours only to find out the class you wanted was closed."

Thorne says she's had "no bad experiences" with TRACS. A sophomore in textiles who wishes to remain anonymous, however, has had a different experience. "TRACS is hell. It doesn't matter. Because I can still get kicked out [of classes in my major] even though I signed up early."

She says in the classes she is taking, seniors and juniors who need the class to graduate are given preferential treatment.

At first, you might be intimidated by TRACS. You might even make some mistakes, but it is relatively simple to fix anything. In dealing with the busy lines, the best thing to do is pull up a chair, turn on the television and keep that finger working the redial button.

In general, TRACS is a convenient, flexible way to register for classes. There are hassles involved, but most people agree that it beats having to spend hours in line.

## Humanities: a choice worth a further look

By Robert M. Sowell  
Staff Writer

N.C. State University is a traditionally agricultural and technical school. In 1887, the campus opened as the North Carolina College of Agriculture and Mechanical Arts.

In the past century, NCSU has been a mecca for research in textiles and veterinary medicine as well as engineering and design.

But what you don't hear about everyday is the excellent humanities programs at NCSU. The College of Humanities and Social Sciences is a prominent part of the university system, and many students outside CHASS curricula are required to take courses from humanities departments.

CHASS boasts a 13 to one student-teacher ratio, which allows


greater personal interaction relationships with professors. You rarely feel like just a number in a huge mass of students.

The members of the humanities faculty, like the professors in the technical fields, are active scholars and receive grants and awards annually. Professors in the history department's 31-member faculty published 14 books in one year. Books written by professors in the English department and the philosophy and religion department have been nominated for awards and prizes.

Just because NCSU is known as "the engineering school," don't think you can't get a broad-ranging education. Some believe a degree in the liberal arts is the most versatile for upper-level education and the workplace.

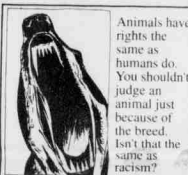
The recognized faculty and accredited programs at NCSU will challenge and cultivate the student experience.

If you know the technical path is not for you, check out the departments in the College of Humanities and Social Sciences. You may find the place that's right for you.



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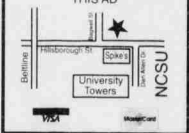
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# Plan ahead to avoid those 'I forgot to pack-its'



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Be sure to bring items from home to brighten your room. They can cheer you up during tough times.

By Nancy C. Hayes  
Staff Writer

"Let's see, I've got the stereo, the posters, my toothbrush, plenty of clothes — Oh, no! I forgot..." Those "I forgot's" are not uncommon, especially when new students are moving to college for the first time. No matter how much you plan, it seems there is one more thing you should have added to the list. Or two. Or three.

Here's a top-10 list of some necessary items you may forget.

10 — Extra-long sheets. If you haven't already heard, the residence hall beds are longer than regular beds. Regular sheets may not fit extra-long mattresses, so check for proper length before you buy sheets. These sheets may require special ordering, so plan ahead.

9 — Towels. Unless you plan to dry off with the extra long sheets,

lots of towels are a must. Bring enough to last between washings. And speaking of washings —

8 — Laundry detergent and fabric softener. Don't attempt to toss a cup of Pert Plus into the washer and expect to wash and go. For those who are unfamiliar with laundry tactics, make a chart of helpful hints describing washing and drying methods or stain removal.

7 — Iron and ironing board. Now that your clothes are clean, you've got to get out the wrinkles. If you aren't into heavy-duty ironing, it can be used for last minute touch-ups or recycling clothes in the laundry basket that you thought you weren't going to wear again. (You'd be surprised what college students will do.)

6 — A shower caddy and accessories. Now this may seem unnecessary, but consider the situation. You head to the bathroom with

razor, soap, toothbrush, shampoo, conditioner, washcloth and toothpaste. This is a lot to carry, especially if you have just awoken. Unless you plan on pulling a wagon into the shower with you, a caddy, soapdish and toothbrush case may be what you need. Be sure the caddy is designed for drainage and is large enough to accommodate all of your bathroom supplies.

5 — Double-stick poster tape. The majority of the walls in residence halls are made of some sort of cement. Scotch tape or paper masking tape won't cut it. And you certainly can't drive a nail through cinderblock. Get a heavy tape so it will hold thicker posters in place.

4 — Touchtone telephone with redial. A touchtone phone is necessary for using TRACS. The redial button makes fighting the busy signal during registration much easier. Telephone jacks are in every room, so a phone call is just a plug away.

3 — A vacuum cleaner. If you get carpet for your room, a vacuum is a godsend. Maybe a relative can give you a hand-me-down. If not, consider a smaller, hand-held model. Some clean is better than no clean.

2 — Alarm clock with snooze feature. Alarm clocks are helpful for getting you to those not-so-enjoyable morning classes. The snooze alarm allows you time to muster the courage to pull yourself from the

covers.

1 — A fan. As many as you can get. As you'll probably discover during Orientation, most residence halls are not air-conditioned. Fans also make a pleasant lulling noise at night that blocks out neighbors' conversations.

They can also provide entertainment if M&Ms or Gummy Bears are thrown toward the rotating blades.

There are dozens of other items needed for comfortable living. Umbrellas, snack foods, a stapler, pencil sharpener and mirrors are just a few. So plan before you pack so you'll have fewer worries in the fall.

## Dorm decorating do's and don'ts

By Nancy C. Hayes  
Staff Writer

Bunk beds, closets, desks and shelves — What do all of these things have in common? These are the basic furnishings that can be found in residence halls all across the N.C. State University campus. Moving in may be a dreaded task, but with a few decorating tips and a little creativity, a drab dorm room can be miraculously transformed into a fun and functional living area.

A concern in any room might be the floors. Carpets or rugs are practical and decorative. Basic carpet remnants may be purchased in a variety of colors and patterns.

Beige carpets brighten the room, but beware of staining. Darker shades of carpet are useful in hiding accidental spills and stains and neutralize the lighter tones of the walls and ceiling.

Also, consider bright, colorful rag rugs. They are very inexpensive and can decorate areas around corners, beds, and dressers in high traffic areas to reduce wear and tear. For the price, rugs are a decorating plus for any type of living area.

Once you've got the floor coverings, the walls will need help. Choosing creative posters can personalize a room. Posters made from photos add a unique touch to any wall.

Flower prints or abstract designs are especially eye-pleasing. Animal or scenic posters can serve as special reminders of favorite things. For a different twist on decorating, a sea gull or butterfly mobile hung in a quiet corner or stained glass ornaments reflect sunshine.

For dressing convenience, a full-length mirror resting against the wall or on the closet door gives the room depth.

After the walls and floors are suitably adorned, consider the main room furnishings. Talk to your roommate about buying matching comforters or curtains. Brilliant stripes and plaids, feminine prints or sharp geometric designs can liven up a drab room. Toss in some wild sheets and matching pillowcase to complete the entire sleep set.

For the stereo or microwave, try an inexpensive three-shelf unit for storage. These units come in a variety of colors and utilize the important vertical space instead of

valuable floor space.

For an extra touch of home, put some framed pictures, flower-filled vases or green plants around the room. Candle lamps with small shades and even regular-sized lamps provide warmth and soft light. The fluorescent desk lamps become unattractive quickly.

A variety of odds and ends are useful for storage. Plastic milk crates are great for books, snacks, shoes or storage under the bed or in the closet. Smaller plastic baskets in a variety of shapes and sizes perk up dull shelves and organize stationery, tapes or CDs, jewelry or cosmetics.

If fish tickle your fancy, why not impress your friends with an aquarium? From goldfish to neon tetras, there are nothing like fish for a little extra company.

Decorating options for the dorm room are endless. Just take a few afternoons this summer to shop or browse with room decorations in mind. Try to imagine all of the things that make home what it is and collect those items to bring to school. In no time, a simple campus dorm room can become a miniature home away from home.



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Lofts open up a lot of space in rooms. They multiply the decorating options available to spruce up a dull room.

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# NCSU students avoid paranoia by respecting others

Imagine you're in a new place full of unfamiliar faces. You have a lot to say and you want to be heard. Then, somehow, you're given a forum to discuss issues that mean a lot to you — and be heard.

I have to admit, I was scared at first. When I was given the opportunity to write a weekly column in Technician, I was worried that my views might cause people to shoot at me, put me on the Most Wanted List of the Organization of Student Leftists, send me letter-bombs or call my number in the student directory — which is a number that actually rings by my parents' bedroom.

OK, so there's really no "Organization of Student Leftists." But I was paranoid. After all, I just transferred to NCSU last fall.

However, my paranoia was unnecessary. Certainly friends are better than enemies. But what's better than a friend who agrees

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with you?

A friend who disagrees with you.

I know now that the spirit of free debate and a general respect for differing views is alive and well here at NCSU. This school is one of the best places to meet diverse people and enjoy relationships with them.

I'm not just saying that, either. I have attended Western Carolina University, North Carolina Central University and a

brief summer session at the UNC-Chapel Hill. And I've heard about the environments of different campuses through discussions with students from schools such as University of Virginia, University of Florida, John Hopkins and Vanderbilt. It has been my experience that students at NCSU are particularly good at respecting the views of others who don't agree with them.

In fact, nobody has shot at me or sent me a letter bomb or woke my parents up with obscenities in the middle of the night. Actually, I've made some wonderful friends who absolutely do not agree with my political and social views. And we like each other just for who we are.

So what makes these friends who may not agree with you on a religious or political or social issue so special?

You can be sure that these fellow students accept you for who you are. They're not hanging around you because of some code to which you both pledge allegiance. They like you for you. Though it has never been a rule of thumb, opposites can attract.

Furthermore, there is a mutual enrichment that takes place. Exchanging ideas and articulating personal beliefs and values cause us to grow as individuals. It brings us face to face with our understanding of who we are and why we believe what we believe. I've had to learn a lot more about what I believe in and why as I have made new friends and openly discussed ideas.

But the glory of all this is that it happens here at NCSU. Other campuses have been divided over race issues and "political correctness." Some student newspapers on

other campuses have enforced strict and biased slants.

The spirit of "the market place of ideas" is wrapped up in this quote attributed to Voltaire: "I disapprove of what you say, but I will defend to the death your right to say it."

It's not that friends who do agree with you have less to offer. We know they have an encouraging impact on our lives. The point is that, unlike the outside world may be at times, the campus is a place that is more likely to be accepting of different views and different personalities.

The most important thing is that you can afford to be you. Your views and your expression of them won't jeopardize the process of establishing relationships at NCSU.

## Wolfpack athletics successful

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some have partial scholarships."

So where does the money come from? For the scholarships, the only answer is the Wolfpack Club. The Student Aid Association, which is it officially known, will enter its 56th year of funding Pack athletics. It has over 11,000 contributors who give varied amounts of money to help see that athletes get scholarships.

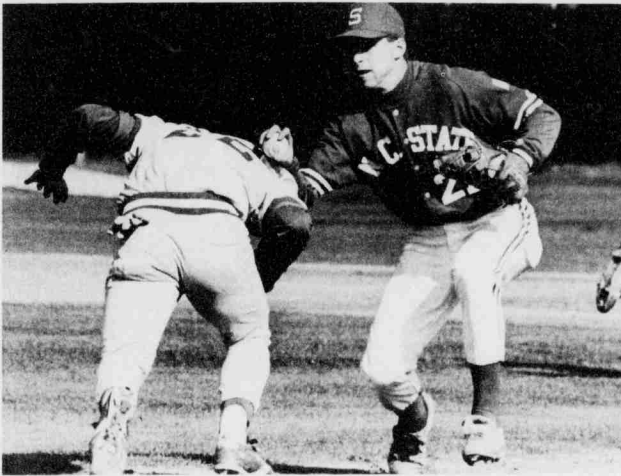
Esposito is quick to point out that the Wolfpack Club is the only source for scholarship money. Money earned from participation in football bowls and the NCAA basketball tournament are shared among the varsity sports, but they go toward the maintaining and upgrading of the sport, such as for traveling purposes and facility facilities.

For example, the money that the university made after paying off debts from its \$900,000 Peach Bowl purse will go toward the resurfacing of Paul Derr Track, which has need improvements for two years.

That makes track coach Rollie Geiger a very happy man.

"There is no way we could find another way to fund that track," said Geiger, in his 12th year at State. "I feel very fortunate to have a [football] coach like Dick Sheridan and such an outstanding team. And then to have the athletics department designate that money to us is just great."

A problem that varsity coaches often run into is exposure. The never-ending quest is how to let more people know about their sport. "Baseball has had some of the same fans for the past 15 years," Esposito said. "You see the same over many varsity sports. But it's very difficult to get a hold of that



Ann Kenion/Staff

The NCSU baseball team has been one of the most successful non-revenue teams in the athletics department.

many fans consistently."

One of the nice things about being a student at State is you don't have to pay to see any of these athletes perform.

While the general public may have shell out a few dollars to see the nationally ranked men's soccer team in action, you don't have to pay a thing.

And you can really feel like you are part of the team's success. Many students will choose to go to every home game or match with a group and cheer wildly. It makes them feel like they are winning as well, and it's appreciated by the athletes.

The more eyes the sport gains, the better a chance it will have at thriving.

"Our sport can only be promoted by exposure," Geiger said. "Probably the greatest promoter we have is our athletes. They have done an outstanding job, because not only are they great athletes but



John Garner/Staff

Students show Wolfpack spirit by painting themselves for basketball games.

they are also great students."

So when you're at school this August and head out to the first home football game against Appalachian State, don't forget there's a volleyball game that same week, or a soccer game or a cross-country meet.

## Intramurals make for healthy fun

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Club sports are generally more informal and played more for the pure fun of the sport.

Any group can form an intramural team. Fraternities and sororities, residence halls, non-athletic organizations and even study groups compete. The only requirement for participation is to be a full-time undergraduate or graduate student, faculty or staff. Members of varsity sports teams or professionals are not eligible.

Kenny Taylor and Chris Manley, two students who play on the InterVarsity Christian Fellowship sports teams, agreed that they decided to play just to have fun.

Taylor says he decided to play on the intramural level "because it takes too much time for varsity or junior varsity sports."

Manley says intramural sports offer the opportunity to "play a sport competitively but not at the same level as a varsity or junior varsity sports. If you can't make a varsity team or don't have the time to devote to a varsity sport, intramurals are perfect."

Taylor thinks one major advantage of intramural sports is the scheduling of games. "Before the season begins, your team signs up for what night they want to play on."

In addition to participating in the sports as a player, the intramurals offer employment opportunities as activity supervisors, athletic directors, facility supervisors, office supervisors and officials.

Intramurals are a great way to meet people and learn to play different sports. There's nothing like a little healthy competition to relieve the stress from tests and papers. Even if you think you aren't very good at a sport, the fun in being a part of a team is worth the effort.

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# Thompson Theatre is home to Moo U. culture

## Students get chance to stage plays

By Joseph Foley  
Staff Writer

While most students are worried about just getting through the end of the semester, the staff of N.C. State University's Thompson Theatre is actively planning next year's productions.

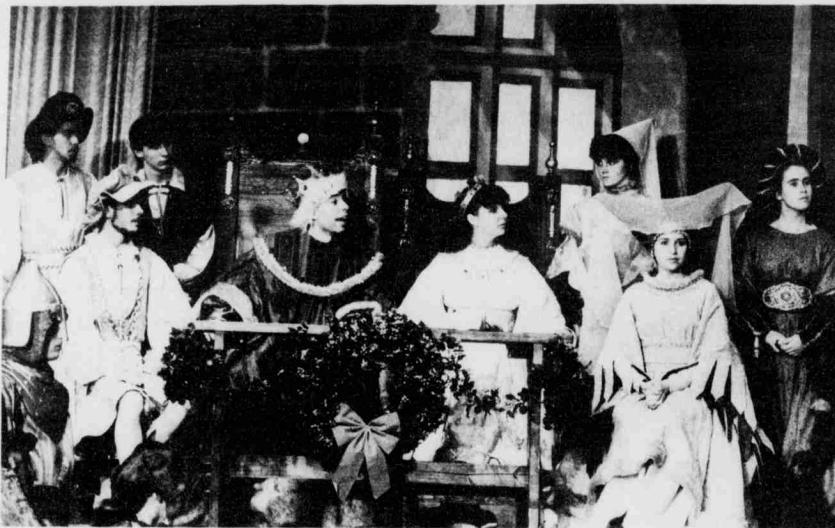
In the quiet southwest corner of NCSU's campus, nestled between Clark Infirmary, the quad residence halls and the Coliseum Parking Deck, Thompson Theatre houses the university's student volunteer theater. And next season marks the 30th year student productions have been held in this building.

Located in the former Thompson Gymnasium, Thompson Theatre has housed a professional repertory company, a joint community-student theater, the music department, and, for the past 19 years, the NCSU student theater.

Although NCSU does not offer a degree program in theater, the communication department has a concentration program in which students can do a majority of course work in theater.

Thompson offers classes in acting, directing, scenic design and stagecraft. Students can earn credit for work they do at Thompson.

"We work in cooperation, although we are two different entities. But the communication department does house two professors in our building," says Terry Janney, a member of Thompson Theatre's permanent staff. "We are part of Student Affairs, while the communication department is strictly academic."



Sylvie Austral/Staff

The Madrigal Dinner, an annual production, is one of the most popular shows that performers from Thompson Theatre exhibit all year.

One production for which students can receive credit is the Happen'n Tales program held each spring. Students try out for parts in the fall but rehearse and perform during the spring semester at Wake County elementary schools.

"This is a major outreach," says Bill Culpepper, a Thompson regular and member in last year's show. "We will be in front of audiences of anywhere from 70 to 600, but on the average 300 kids."

In 1985, six years after the program started, the company was given a great opportunity to perform in front of children who otherwise would not be able to see live theater. Due to a grant from the Titus Foundation, the company toured eastern North Carolina and reached nine schools in isolated parts of the state.

"We started as Pollywog Productions," Janney says, "doing shows with a frog theme." But the name changed to the Happen'n Tales Children's Theater in 1987. "You can only go so far with frogs," explains Janney, who directs and writes the semester-long production. "We grew out of that and our elementary audience became more sophisticated."

Now the shows reflect modern themes and try to address issues kids are facing today. Part of the goal is to teach lessons.

"We take fairy tales and jazz them up. We address issues that the kids face, like stay in school and read, or don't do drugs."

But the messages are subtle. "We make casual mention. We don't try to beat it into them," says Janney. "It's lots of fun and a few morals stuck in."

But acting in these shows is no child's play.

The students who perform in the Happen'n Tales productions must

also work behind the scenes. "This is a company as opposed to a cast," says Culpepper. He says when traveling, cast members not only act but also set up and break down props, drive vans and generally take more responsibility for the performance overall.

For students who do not want to get involved with a semester-long production, Thompson Theatre offers general productions and student studios. The studios, convened each fall and spring, are chosen, directed and performed by students without direct help from the full-time staff.

This past spring, Thompson presented the comedy "T Bone 'N Weasel" and a more serious production, "Answers."

"It's the best teaching tool we have here," says 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 own play.

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

"I had to include my personal concept of the play," Deese says. "I was lucky to work with an experienced cast. When I thought a scene was not working right, they would say, '---why don't we do it this way?'"

To do a good job with the student studio, you don't need extensive theater training, Deese says, but you do need basic theater knowledge.

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

The student studios must also fol-

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## Music department lets students blow their own horns

By Suzanne Thompson  
Staff Writer

Were you a member of your high school's marching band? Did you sing in your school's choir group? Perhaps you play the violin or the piano. In any case, college is not the time to set aside your instrument or stop training your voice. N.C. State University offers a wide variety of musical activities in which you can be an important participant.

The largest organization in the music department is the Marching Band. Over 200 students join together every fall to support NCSU through music at the Saturday football games.

"Marching Band is important for anybody coming into their freshman year," says Frank Hammond, Marching Band director. "It's the first opportunity to meet somebody with a similar background, who has played in the band. It's where you meet someone with similar interests."

Hammond knows it is extremely important, especially at a university as large as NCSU, for freshmen to find a place where they belong. "It's so important that they [freshmen] make that transition. The band — the family — will help them make that transition."

Greg Horton, a Marching Band field conductor, agrees.

"It's the easiest way to meet 200 people. And you just can't do that in class."

Horton pointed out another important aspect that Marching Band, as well as all the music organizations, offers students.

"Being in the band is a decision every former band student makes. But everybody needs an outlet. And band is your outlet. Band is fun."

Dawn Betz, a three-year marching band member, says her participation in the music program has been one of her best college experiences. "I've met all my friends there. I think you have to be in some kind of organization in college, and if you were in band in high school, you'd really enjoy it here. And it doesn't take as much time as people might think."

Although Marching Band isn't active after football season, three other ensembles meet and perform during the spring semester. Symphonic Band focuses on challenging literature for winds and percussion. The British Brass Band participates in a brass band concert competition. Concert Band plays a variety of concert repertoire. Students might also be interested in



Larry Dixon, Jr./Staff

Playing in Carter-Finley Stadium during home football games is one of the activities the N.C. State Marching Band takes very seriously. More than 200 musicians make up the Marching Wolfpack. Joining the band is the easiest way to meet a lot of people at one time.



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The New Horizons Choir is one of the many choral opportunities at NCSU.

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# Dude! Look beyond Hollywood images of Greek system

By Mike Riley  
Staff Writer

Fraternities, sororities, the Greek system — what are they all about?

Some who oppose the Greek system will tell you that joining a Greek organization is little more than buying friends. Some say it's just a bunch of frat boys and sorority girls drinking, partying and making utter fools of themselves.

Most critics are almost never members of fraternities or sororities. Their views are usually based on movies, not on actual participation in the Greek system. These are people who may come to parties or watch "Animal House" and see drinking and dancing. Many in Greek organizations will

tell you that joining was the best decision they ever made. The answer lies in the individual and what they want to get out of the experience.

Being Greek is not for everyone. The best way to find out is to get involved. Information sessions called rush occurs at the beginning of the fall semester for sororities and both semesters for fraternities.

Rush is a one-to-three-week series of events providing information on each organization. Those interested can go from house to house meeting members and deciding which is right for him or her. At the same time, members are becoming better acquainted with rushes.

Even with a non-alcoholic rush, fund raisers and charity events, there are still prej-

udices against Greek activities. A look inside of these organizations can help dispel the myths.

There is a bonding between brothers and sisters that can't be expressed with mere words. There are many traditions and secret rituals exclusive to each fraternity and sorority. These give members a common bond that can't come from meeting people in class or at the residence halls.

Many fear joining a Greek organization because of the horrible stories of hazing activities.

Dangerous pledgeships are history in fraternities and sororities at NCSU. Also, hazing is illegal in the national by-laws of several fraternities and sororities.

Making friends at your own school is not

the only advantage of Greek membership. It's interesting to meet fellow members across the country. You have potential contacts in every city.

No professional will tell you this on the record, but if you are being interviewed by a member of your own fraternity or sorority, your chances for getting hired increase. This is a definite advantage to someone fresh out of college.

Fraternities and sororities are responsible for giving a great deal of support to charitable organizations through service projects and fund raisers.

This year members of the Greek system raised over \$48,000 for Easter Seals with a walk-a-thon. This was one of the largest single contributions in North Carolina his-

tory. Greek organizations have national philanthropies to which they regularly donate and do service projects like adopt-a-highway or sponsor concerts.

Things like charity, life-long friends and contacts lead many to join a Greek organization.

Don't rule out Greek life because of what you see on the surface or in the media. Decide for yourself what is right for you. Don't rely on images of wild parties and hollow friendships that aren't the real picture.

Remember that going Greek is a personal choice. It can also be an experience you may never forget.

## Theater also provides behind the scenes work

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low strict budget constraints. The Union Activities Board allocates a small budget for the two shows.

Another special program Thompson offers besides the student studios and the Happen'n Tales is the annual Madrigal Dinner. Each year between Thanksgiving and final exams, the Madrigals usher in the holiday season with six nights of feasting and mirth.

"We try to create a holiday atmosphere and a special event," says organizer Charles Martin. "Madrigals are the 16th century with a little fudging."

The program gets its name from singing compositions originated in 14th century Italy, according to Martin. The music then came to England in the 16th century and became entertainment for castles and country estates of the landed gentry.

But the evening provides much more than singing. Sponsored in part by University Dining, Thompson Theatre and Case Music Center, Madrigals encompass everything you might expect to find at a medieval feast.

The traditional Madrigal dinner includes cornish hens, madrigal bread — a large, honey-glazed loaf of bread from which everyone at the table nibbles — and wassail. The wassail bowl, dating back to Anglo-Saxon times and meaning "good health" or "be well," is filled with cider and shared as members of the great hall join in chorus singing the wassail song.

Between dinner courses, Thompson Theatre actors and actresses provide entertainment.

"We've had jugglers with flaming torches, tumblers, first-class magicians and this past year, fencing," says Martin.

Wes Caudill, a four-year veteran of the fencing team, offered his skill to the program. "I played Lord Wesley. I came in and captured the hall and held it."

He was also responsible for choreographing the fencing scenes between himself and the other fencers-turned-actors.

So when people who have special talents come audition in early fall, Martin tries to make room for them. "We have auditions in the first week of September, but the script is not set. We start by looking at what we've got and determine what we

can do." He said there is always room to fit people in who have a special talent, such as the fencers.

But you don't have to have special talents to take part in the Madrigal Dinner.

"If you just want to dress up in costumes, we need people to do that. Many parts are not speaking parts," Martin says.

Next year will be the 13th annual dinner, and Martin says it just keeps growing.

Madrigals is one facet of Thompson Theatre in which the organizers like to see people with unusual skills, but not all student theater is like that.

In fact, Hanney believes that theater is a combination of all the arts and crafts in which students might have an interest.

"Seventy-five percent of the people who come through those doors have little or no experience in the theater. And we are glad to teach them."

Mike Brown, a 1983 NCSU graduate who is active in Thompson Theatre's alumni group, did not start acting until his junior year in college.

"Thompson Theatre is a learning theater. You don't have to be a the-

ater major. You can learn anything in theater working here."

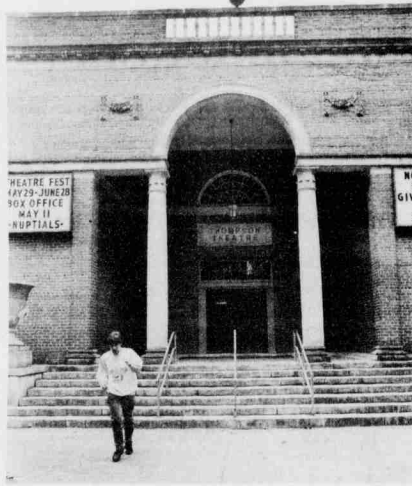
Students from all over the university can also find curriculum-related activities in Thompson. Last semester a student from the School of Design wanted to work on sets. That student ended up designing the entire set for the Happen'n Tales and was able to include that in her portfolio.

The theatre also needs people in public relations to design marketing packages, people in writing to write press releases and ad copy, and even people in engineering to work with the sound, lighting and construction of sets.

"All majors can participate," Janney says. "Whatever your interest, whether it be stage craft, make up, painting, sound. Whatever it is, we can find something for you to do."

Thompson Theatre allows students from all across campus to participate, whatever their schedules.

And for those who like to enjoy the fruits of the labor, shows run every six to seven weeks. Students can attend the shows for as little as \$2.50. Season subscriptions are available from the Thompson Theatre Box Office.



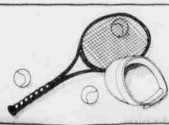
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# Local music scene offers variety of artistic tastes



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The Brewery attracts some of the most popular club performers.

By Dan Pawlowski  
Happenings Editor

There's only one place to rock — the Triangle.

Not too long ago, if you wanted to catch a blockbuster concert, you had to travel as far as Greensboro or Charlotte. Not any more.

Presently, the Triangle — Raleigh, Chapel Hill and Durham — boasts some of the best venues to check out that must-see performer.

**Raleigh** — When the weather's nice, Walnut Creek is the place to go. Located approximately 10 driving minutes from campus, this amphitheater will host some 40 shows this year. Bands such as Crosby, Stills and Nash, Paula Abdul and Jimmy Buffett are scheduled to take the stage.

In years past, Carter-Finley Stadium hosted The Grateful Dead, Pink Floyd, Paul McCartney, The Who and The Rolling Stones. Carter-Finley is definitely the best outdoor arena to check out a concert. Reason: tailgating.

For the best indoor venue in Raleigh, nothing can beat Memorial Auditorium. The acoustics are perfect. Consequently, the auditorium hosts the North Carolina Symphony.

**Chapel Hill** — Within 30 driving minutes to the west, there's the Dean Smith Student Activity Center or the "Dean Dome." Artists such as Bob Dylan, Eric Clapton and Sting have recently performed at the Tarheel temple.

But before you start making plans to camp out for tickets, don't forget that the Dean Dome is a basketball



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Lawn seats at the Hardee's Walnut Creek Amphitheater add to the festive atmosphere of popular shows. Walnut Creek attracted numerous national acts during its inaugural season last summer.

usually can be purchased at School Kids Records on Hillsborough Street.

Finally, located on the Tarheel campus is Memorial Hall. This venue is medium-sized and is a great place to check out a show. Stevie Ray Vaughn performed there as well as Living Colour.

**Durham** — Rounding out the Triangle is Cameron Indoor Stadium. Although Cameron has hosted artists such as The Cure and REM, its main purpose is hosting the championship Duke Blue Devil

basketball team. Concerts are few during the season.

If you're 21 and not driving, don't forget to check out the Hideaway. The Hideaway is a bar located on the Duke campus within walking distance of Cameron Indoor Stadium.

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For those concert-goers that want to stay abreast of upcoming shows, check out your radio, television and newspapers. And one note of caution — don't rely on any one source for information.

## Life on a budget needn't be boring along Hillsborough Street

There are two sure facts about N.C. State freshmen. The first is that all of them are living off outrageous trust funds left by their grandmothers. The second is that they own expensive sports cars that they park in the underground dorm parking garages.

Sorry. Those are the sure facts about freshmen at Bennington College.

The truth is that if you want to have fun your first year at NCSU, you must learn how to enjoy yourself cheaply and within walking distance.

The best place to perform these low-cost, local activities is on Hillsborough Street.

For those who receive pleasure through reading books, this is a lucky time. There are now two used book stores on the street about half a mile down from Nelson Hall. The old establishment on the block is The Reader's Corner. Last month Nice Price Books, a mini-chain with stores in Durham and Carboro, opened up sort of across the street.

A used bookstore's stock depends upon a steady stream of people willing to buy great novels and selling them back. Plus the books in stock vary from visit to visit. It's best to drop by once a week to see if that

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Don't believe that your freshmen English teacher will introduce you to the world of literature. Experiment with your literary taste. A couple recommended authors to nab at a cheap price are Kathy Acker, Steve Erickson, James Baldwin, Kurt Vonnegut, Voltaire, Richard Brautigan, Jim Thompson and Vladimir Nabokov.

The fact that a used book can cost as little as 50 cents allows a certain

risk-free factor that popping up \$20 for the latest hard-cover bestseller destroys.

Because the two stores are within walking distance, there's no reason to favor one over the other. Hit them both if you have the time. Reader's Corner does have more of a stock since it has been around longer.

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As a kid in college, music is your life blood. They've even declared college a category in some stores. So you must buy albums or you'll let the system down.

Of course you don't want to let your checking account down either. School Kids records uses compact discs. Odds are these may be too many "Vanilla Ice Live" albums on the discount rack. Their stock of regular compact discs cost

less than the average mall store prices.

The Record Exchange in the Mission Valley Shopping Center is about the same as School Kids in pricing and stock. Plus they have a good selection of used compact discs.

Like used books, used music depends on idiots who don't know how good a record really is.

Record Bar in Cameron Village has a good selection of cut-out records. Nobody wanted these albums when they first came out, but why trust the taste of the masses?

The Goodwill Store in downtown Raleigh has a great selection of 8-tracks. The format is making a major comeback. The Ohio Players never sounded so good until you cram a cartridge into the deck.

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The Brewery is a nightclub, but because it features live bands it admits students under 21. Those underage have to leave their driver's license up front.

Sure the place looks small, but some of the biggest acts of the past few years have played The Brewery

before shooting off into the stars.

Living Colour was practically the house band four summers ago before they went off to open for The Rolling Stones. Sonic Youth, Suzanne Vega, Roger Hornsby.

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# Adjusting to college made easier: just get involved

Welcome to the real world. At least as real as it gets for the next four or five years. College is like a great big experiment. There are opportunities to try new things and meet new people that are unlike anything else you've ever done. Get ready for the time of your life.

The time of your life, however, doesn't have to be one endless party. Otherwise, you'd never get anything done. Balance is the key.

Classes can get very stressful, so you have to have an outlet for that tension. Find a hobby. Play a sport. Meet your neighbor. Getting away for a few minutes can do wonders for your understanding of a difficult subject.

Joining a club, organization or a team may be the best choices you make while you're in college. Groups can lend that support to get you through the tough times. There will be some tough times, but they do end. Surviving them can be easier with the help

**Joe Johnson**  
**Editor in Chief**



of a few friends. Remember, they're fighting the same battles.

But what type of organizations are there at N.C. State? The list is endless. In this special edition of Technician, we've tried to introduce a few possibilities. But there are more out there. It's real easy to find interesting clubs. Look no further than the bulletin boards and kiosks scattered around campus. They offer a load of information about meeting times and places for clubs, seminars and concerts.

If your escape centers around athletics,

NCSU has a lot of good teams to cheer for. Both the men's and women's soccer teams are highly respected throughout the country. Head coach George Yarnitzin just missed taking his men's team back to the Final Four last fall, while women's head coach Larry Gross' team has battled arch-rival North Carolina, nine-time defending national champions, from the opening kick to the final gun of every match.

Saturdays mean football. And football means tail-gating. Getting together with a bunch of friends for pre-game festivities makes the preceding week disappear. The parking lots of Carter-Finley Stadium and the state fairgrounds have ample room to spread out and toss footballs, Frisbees or whatever.

The Wolfpack plays games indoors, too. The women's volleyball team and the swimming and diving teams compete in Carmichael Gym, while the basketball team plays in Reynolds Coliseum. More

fans have seen basketball games in Reynolds than in any other building in the U.S.

Reynolds is what basketball is about. Reynolds is loud. Reynolds is hot. And students have the best seats in the house. Students have the first five rows of seats on the sidelines, and both lower-level endzone sections. That's why 12,400 Wolfpack fans sound so much louder than 21,000 Tar Heel fans.

In the spring, there is baseball at Doak Field. Catching a few rays at the ballpark is a great way to get away from the books for a while.

If the ballpark isn't your place for sunbathing, there are lots of other places to worship the sun. Tucker Beach, Lee Beach and Riddick Stadium are among the most popular places to work on a tan.

Lounging around in the sunshine shouldn't be the only extracurricular activity you do. Get involved. The best way to

experience everything campus has to offer is to work for the campus newspaper. The newspaper is your best source of information about what is going on at N.C. State. Somebody has to dig this information up.

That somebody could be you. There are many opportunities at Technician for writers, photographers and layout people.

Working for Technician keeps you informed about events around campus. And one of the benefits, besides meeting important campus officials, is work experience. If you plan to be a writer, or engineer or chemist, writing well is one of the best skills you can have.

If you can't communicate through the written word, you will be severely handicapped when it comes time to get a job in the real world. So stop by Suite 323 of the Student Center Annex and see what Technician is all about when you get to campus.

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Mojo Nixon, the Pixies, Jane's Addiction, Super Chunk and Pop Will Eat Itself have all shook the tiny stage with a frenzy.

Unlike large concert facilities, you don't have to constantly show your ticket to get close to the stage.

The Five-O Cafe is only for people of drinking age. It is the best bar on Hillsborough Street, mainly because it doesn't charge cover and has DJ Big Dan providing the music. The only Clinton-Brown debate on the third floor of the Electric Company is about who would make a funkier president: George or Bill.

Cup A Joe is the ideal hangout for those without a good fake ID. The place does not serve alcohol but stays open late for all the bleary-eyed java junkies. During exam

week, Cup A Joe keeps the pots perking 24 hours a day.

Bowling is hours of entertainment for a big group. Friday and Saturday nights, Western Lanes on Hillsborough Street has Moonlight Bowling.

For \$20 people can rent a lane from 11 p.m. to 1 a.m. and bowl their hands off. Prizes are awarded for odd events. The restaurant in the bowling alley is a taste delight also. Drop by for the lunch special, no finer experience than dining to the sound of falling pins.

There are dozens of other nice places within walking distance. But those are for you to discover.

## Harris Hall

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can borrow up to \$100, in \$5 increments, for up to 30 days. A one-percent handling fee is deducted from the money when you get it. The office hours are 8:15 a.m. to noon and 2 to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. It is located right beside the financial aid office.

### Study Abroad Office, Room 2118

If you are interested in traveling overseas or becoming involved in an exchange program, this is the place for you.

### Career Planning and Placement Center, Room 2100

For those of you who don't know what you want to do, or for those of you who simply want to get ahead with your career, the career planning and placement center can provide information about jobs and help you assess your various skills, inter-

ests and abilities.

### Veterans Affairs Office, Room 1008

If your parent's veteran benefits are helping pay your way through college, then you'll need to know where this office is. The entrance is inside Registration and Records, Room 1000.

Harris Hall is one of the most important places on campus. Familiarize yourself with the entire building. And remember: always bring your AllCampus card when dealing with any department located in

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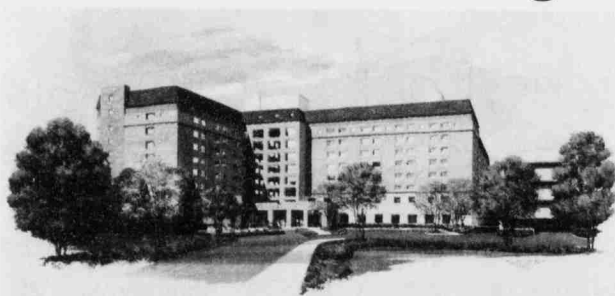
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