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Budget proposal could threaten lab safety

By Jeff Drew
Assistant News Editor

A budget proposal from Gov. James G. Martin that would have the state digging deeper into N.C. State University's pockets could compromise the safety of students and professors working in university labs, a high-ranking university administrator said Tuesday.

Provost Franklin Hart said that the governor's plan to increase the state's take of NCSU's federal indirect cost reimbursement grant money will hinder efforts to upgrade laboratories and make necessary renovations to university facilities. As a result, Hart said, some scheduled safety improvements will have to be delayed or

canceled.

"One program development we had been working on is the replacing of the exhaust hoods in all research and instructional labs on campus," Hart said. "This program utilizes various funds to make small capital improvements. If our overhead or indirect cost reimbursement funds are cut then projects such as the exhaust hoods will have to be put on hold. That is going to relate to safety — that's just a fact."

Federal indirect cost reimbursement funds reimburse universities for previous expenditures in externally sponsored projects such as facility upgrade, public service extension or undergraduate teaching improvements. In research grants, the funds serve to cover overhead costs such as facilities and equip-

ment.

"Let's say that you get a federal grant for \$1 million and the overhead cost percentage is set at 42 percent. You will get an additional \$400,000 to pay for your overhead costs," Assistant to the Chancellor Art Padilla said. "Some leading state universities get to redirect and keep 100 percent of those funds and they provide an important source of seed money for research. In North Carolina, the universities get only a small percentage of the research money they generate."

In North Carolina, the ICR funds are divided between the state, the university system and the university receiving the grant. Gov. Martin's proposal would increase the state's share of the funds from

30 percent to 50 percent while lowering the universities share of the funds from 65 percent to 45 percent.

The re-allocation will have its largest effect at the systems' two major research universities — UNC-Chapel Hill and NCSU. UNC-Ch will lose \$11 million in funding and NCSU will lose \$3 million while the rest of the UNC system schools will lose \$2 million.

"N.C. State has had its share of very restrictive cuts without whining the last two years but our research funding provides vital research to our educational programs such as equipment, teaching and research labs, and facilities for conducting research or for disposing toxic waste," Padilla said. "A proposal that would unfairly and dispro-

portionately concentrate on the research capability of the state's major research universities would be unwise public policy."

Gov. Martin's proposal would scrap a two-year old plan to gradually eliminate the state's share of the NCR funds. In the process, Hart said, the plan would also damage NCSU's standing as a research institution.

"If we don't have those funds it will severely restrict our ability to maintain the facilities and research activity the state and the citizens expect from a research category university," Hart said. "We need that money to maintain the research activity, the undergraduate instruction and the graduate study that is expected."

Wake schools suspend Blount

Still being paid for interim job

News Staff Report

Jeff Blount, the N.C. State University track coach accused of second-degree rape, was suspended from his job as a Wake County middle school math teacher last week pending investigation of the charges, according to Frank Smith, a spokesman for the Wake County Public School System. Blount, 38, had been an interim mathematics teacher with West Millbrook Middle School since Dec. 2. His contract was set to expire June 12. Blount's suspension was with pay, Smith said. Blount's pay was based on a rate of \$27,830 a year.

Blount was charged May 17 with second-degree rape after police said he raped a student athlete at Case Athletic Center.

Blount also resigned from his Wolfpack coaching job. He had been with the track team since 1988.

Blount graduated from Fayetteville State University in 1975 with a degree in mathematics. Before coming to NCSU, he was a math teacher and track coach at Cape Fear Senior High School in Fayetteville.

Blount also served as the director of the sprint program of the East Coast Classics Track Club.

He is scheduled to appear in North Carolina Superior Court June 4.



Blount



Larry Dixon, Jr. / Staff

Spring cleaning

Nothing was safe as university workers began clearing out rooms to prepare them for new paint jobs. Workers took old beds and desks from Carroll Residence Hall and put them behind the building while waiting for someone to haul the furniture away.

Controversial lecturer heads list of top profs

By William L. Holmes
News Editor

Marshall Brain, a computer science lecturer at N.C. State University, tops the list of those receiving Outstanding Teacher Awards for 1991-92. Brain was the center of controversy over the importance of teaching versus research earlier this year.

Brain, a graduate student, caused a stir when he published an article in a university publication about NCSU's commitment to research instead of teaching. Brain later said the article was the reason he was dismissed from his job and removed as editor of *Emphasis: Teaching and Learning*.

Later, it was revealed Brain lost his job before the article was published, and that he had been offered another job at the university.

Brain, who is finishing his Ph.D. at State and starting his own company, said he appreciated the award and the recognition for his teaching accomplishments. He also said he appreciated the opportunities NCSU gave him as a student and a

teacher.

"I feel no bitterness toward the university. They've given me a lot of freedom to pursue my ideas," Brain said.

Provost Franklin Hart also dismissed the past problem with Brain. The provost praised Brain for receiving the award given by a committee of faculty members and students at NCSU.

"I think that Brain is obviously very dedicated to teaching and dedicated to students. I'm sure that he is going to make a contribution wherever he is."

Hart also said that while he did not know the specifics of the situation with Brain, it was never good to lose an excellent teacher.

"When you have a person leaving who is obviously dedicated, it doesn't do the university any good," Hart said.

Brain and the other teachers selected will now become members of NCSU's Academy of Outstanding Teachers. To qualify for nomination, a faculty member must have taught at NCSU for five semesters and must teach at least half time.

1991-92 Outstanding Teacher Awards



- Dr. Herman A. Berkhoff
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- Dr. Daniel E. Carroll
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- Dr. Beth E. Wilson

Recent graduate tapped for national science fellowships

An N.C. State University graduate was recently awarded two fellowships and a \$14,000 per year stipend.

Eric Redmund Sharpe has been named a 1992 Phi Kappa Phi fellowship recipient.

Sharpe, who was awarded degrees in physics and mathematics, was one of 50 students nationwide receiving the fellowship. The award was given by Phi Kappa Phi, a national honor society, and is based on scholastic achievement, honors, leadership in university and community activities, and faculty evaluations.

The usual stipend for the award is \$7,000 for

one year of graduate study. That stipend, however, was not awarded to Sharpe because he also received a three-year National Science Foundation fellowship valued at \$14,000 a year.

Sharpe attended Walter Williams High School in Burlington and the N.C. School of Science and Mathematics.

At NCSU, Sharpe was a member of Pi Mu Epsilon mathematics honor society, a chapter recipient of Sigma Pi Sigma, physics honor society, and the recipient of one of 10 national Mercury Seven Foundation Awards and a Society of Physics Students scholarship.



Fewer folks will be enjoying the view of the Belltower this summer.

Tuition hike blamed for drop in summer school enrollment

By Dee Henry
Staff Writer

Summer school enrollment has dropped by 227 this year from last year, possibly because of recent tuition hikes, John Cudd, director of summer sessions said Tuesday.

As of midnight May 25, summer school enrollment had decreased from 8927 students last summer to 8700 students this year, according to Cudd. The decrease in out-of-state enrollment was even more pronounced: a drop from 425 students last year to 367 this year.

Cudd said that a 30 percent increase in summer school tuition is probably the main factor in the

enrollment decrease. Some students would rather get a job during the summer to make money than pay higher tuition for the summer sessions, Cudd said.

Enrollment has dropped most significantly in sociology and English courses, Cudd said. "Of those [students] that are here, they tend to take so-called hard sciences and engineering," Cudd added.

Cudd said this trend was interesting because as a general rule summer school students tend to be Juniors, Seniors and Continuing Education Students, who try to get their required courses out of the way during summer sessions.



Savage selected to all-America team

Wolfpack defensive back Sebastian Savage has been named to the first-team "Football Action '92/College & Pro Football Newsweekly's pre-season all-America team.

Savage is a returning two-year starter at cornerback and earned first team all-ACC and honorable mention all-America honors last season. He finished second in the ACC with five interceptions, while placing fourth on the team in tackles with 63 stops.

Turner hires sports medicine director

N.C. State athletic director Todd Turner announced recently that Charles Rozanski, Jr. will be the new director of sports medicine. Rozanski replaces Jim Rehbock, who resigned to pursue post-graduate degree plans.

Rozanski began his duties May 18 and will be responsible for the management of the athletic training facilities that work for the more than 500 Wolfpack student-athletes. Rozanski had served at the University of Massachusetts at Lowell for four years before coming to Raleigh.

Miami eliminates Pack from post-season

Sports Staff Report

The University of Miami baseball team scored a run in the bottom of the ninth inning Sunday afternoon to eliminate N.C. State 5-4 in the Atlantic Regional at Coral Gables, Fla. The loss ended the Wolfpack's season at 46-18, while top-ranked Miami advanced to further play at 51-8.

The Hurricanes jumped all over Pack starter Tommy Sports for a 3-0 lead after two innings. After State added two in the fifth, Miami picked up another run in the seventh. Then, in the eighth, Sean Drinkwater drew a two-out walk off of Miami starter Jose Prado. Vinny Hughes stepped to the plate and

gunned a home run to tie the score at 4-4.

With Sports still pitching in the ninth, Miami's D o n a l d Robinson led off the bottom of the inning with a triple. Sports then struck out Chad Rupp and intentionally walked Juan Llaves to set up a possible double play. Pinch hitter Keith Tippett, who was only hitting .209, lofted a soft single over a shallow Kevin Ross in right to end the game and the Pack's season.



Hughes

After seven straight victories, the loss was the first for Sports. It would be the second loss in 14 returns for the Pack in the double-elimination tournament.

Saturday night, State took on 16th-ranked South Carolina in a winners bracket affair. Freshman Terry Harvey was the starter for the Pack and let USC slip to a 3-0 lead after one inning. Harvey then settled down until the sixth when he was relieved by Mark Bogie, with South Carolina leading 4-1.

State battled back with one in the sixth and two in the seventh to tie the game at 4-4 going into the eighth. South Carolina then exploded into action.

State stopper Jamie Wolkosky

came on and gave up a one-out walk to Mack White. Stacy Stokes then hit a bloop single to put runners at first and second.

After Randy Thompson sacrificed them to third, Pack coach Ray Tanner elected to walk D.T. Cromer to load the bases. Dave Willman then blasted a two-out double down the third base line to clear the bases. The Gamecock would go on to score five and take a commanding 9-4 lead.



Tanner

State added two runs in the bottom of the eighth, but it wasn't enough.

The Pack opened play on Friday by defeating Delaware 6-2 on the strength of Matt Donahue's arm. The All-America senior overcame a chest cold to strike out ten and pick up his 14th win on the year. Donahue spotted the Blue Hens a 2-0 lead, giving up six hits in the first three innings, but settled down later in the game.

Delaware pitcher Jason Pierson had the Pack guessing early. Holding the early two-run advantage, Pierson held State to a lone hit through five innings. But in the sixth the Wolfpack bulged to the 6-2 lead with six straight hits.

Golfers fail to beat the East

Mitchum qualifies for Championship

Sports Staff Report

N.C. State golfer Kelly Mitchum shot a one-over par 73 in the final round of the NCAA East Regional at Hamilton, N.Y., and qualified for the NCAA Championship next month. The rest of the Wolfpack did not qualify, shooting an 899 over the three day tournament to finish tied for 12th place.

Team honors went to the University of Florida, which fin-

ished with a score of 874 to edge Georgia Tech by four strokes. Tech, however, was redeemed by individual winner Jimmy Johnston, who won the regional with a seven-under score of 209.

Other ACC teams to qualify included Clemson (879), Wake Forest (887), and North Carolina and Virginia (896).

After Mitchum, Chris Greenwood was the next closest Pack golfer, finishing at 224.

Other scores for State were Todd Ormsby with a 229, Brad Adams at 233, and Brian Gauley, who shot 234.

While the rest of the Pack will return to Raleigh, Mitchum will advance to Albuquerque, New Mexico to go up against the top golfers in the nation. The Pinehurst native will have a shot to earn individual honors at the tournament held June 3-6.

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'Far and Away' \$70 million flop

By Joe Corey III
and Dan Pawlowski
Staff Writers

Several years ago, The Moody Blues played Raleigh's Memorial Auditorium. And last Sunday night, they played Walnut Creek Amphitheatre. The only noticeable differences were that they were now opening for Chicago instead of headlining, and the acoustics weren't as strong.

Memorial Auditorium is home to The North Carolina Symphony. The acoustics in the building are excellent. The same cannot be said for Walnut Creek. The sound under the stars was hard on the ears.

The Moodies' set was filled with classics from two decades ago. Highlights include "Nights In White Satin," "Isn't Life Strange" and "I'm Just A Singer (In A Rock And Roll Band)".

Chicago's latest lineup headlined last Sunday's show. The weakest tracks of the set were sung by Peter Cetera sound-alike, Jason Scheff. But the saving grace of the set was the vocals of keyboardist, Robert Lamm. Lamm's performance of "Saturday In The Park" showed, once again, why Chicago was a critically acclaimed band during the early '70s.

The cover band, Lynrd Skynrd '92, took center stage at Walnut Creek last Friday night.

Lead vocalist, Johnny Van Zai (not an original member), opened the set with "Saturday Night Special." The band's current lineup also performed "Gimme Three Steps," "What's Your Name," "Sweet Home Alabama" and the show stopper, "Free Bird." It was the night of a 1,000 Bies. Oh what does the '93 version hold in store?

Sickness soon

Don't forget the Cure concert at Chapel Hill's Dean Smith Student Activities Center tomorrow night.

Robert Smith, singer and not related to Dean, has yet to cut his hands off. Perhaps Chapel Hill will be the Ginsu show. Remember to wear loads of white so as not to stick out.

Irish tears

"Far and Away," the 70 million dollar movie filmed in 70 mm Panavision, has a title that must be treated as a warning.

This tale of an Irish couple coming to America to take part in the Oklahoma land rush is a poor excuse for an epic. The wide frame is dominated by the smiling mug of Tom Cruise. The only time the format comes into play is the Oklahoma scenes. The horses and wagons charging across the prairie is magnificent, but not quite a saving grace.



Technician file photo

The Moody Blues played Walnut Creek Amphitheatre Sunday.

Michelle Johnson as Grace, a dance hall sex kitten, is a saving wonder. Johnson oozes more sensuality than Nicole Kidman.

Director Ron Howard sanitizes all the sets. The brothel is only a place for women in kinky clothes to lounge. The evil landlord just wants to be loved. It's so painful.

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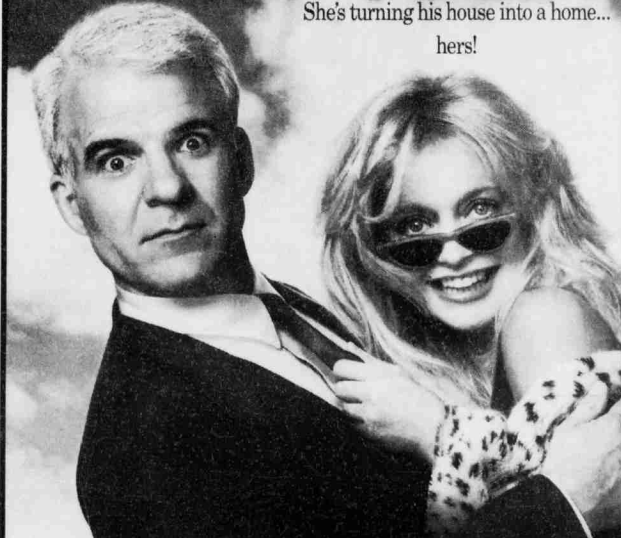


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Editorials

Education is top priority

In the aftermath of the Los Angeles riots, much attention has been focused on the plight of the inner city poor. Violence, drugs and poverty continue to plague the inner cities and appear to be growing worse.

But to focus only on these problems is to miss their cause — poor education. American voters must persuade their elected representatives that short-term solutions are not the answer to problems in the inner cities.

Improving education is the only solution and should be the number-one spending priority.

Many inner city children do not have the benefit of solid parental guidance to instill in them the basic values necessary to be productive members of a democratic society.

It is amazing that Americans, for the most part, do not understand a simple equation. Good education leads to a productive, civil society. Poor education leads to a crippled society, torn by confusion, miscommunication and apathy.

It is a travesty that teachers are paid as poorly as they are. Educators, particularly primary school teachers, should be among the highest paid members of our society.

Our most talented and ambitious people should be encouraged to teach by large paychecks. With quality teachers, who are happy with their pay, at every level, perhaps this country's struggling educational system would start to turn around.

Education is essential. Americans cannot continue to compromise the quality of their educational system in favor of short-term needs.

Maybe some good will come out of the L.A. riots, after all. Maybe Americans will wake up to the reality that children in the inner cities must be reached before it is too late.

Pack baseball faces future

The Wolfpack's early elimination from the NCAA regional baseball tournament is disappointing, especially since the Wolfpack fared better last year, but it should not tarnish an otherwise successful season.

Two seasons ago the Wolfpack went 48-20, setting the record for wins by a NCSU baseball team. Last season, the Wolfpack also went 48-20, was ranked 18th in the country by ESPN and came within one game of advancing to the College World Series.

In fact, the last three years under Coach Ray Tanner have been filled with meaningful accomplishments.

Tanner has interviewed for the vacant head coaching position at Miami, which is generally regarded as one of the top baseball programs in the country.

But there is hope. Tanner is a NCSU alumnus and he has been happy at NCSU. Wolfpack fans can only hope that Tanner wants to build an NCAA powerhouse, not inherit one.

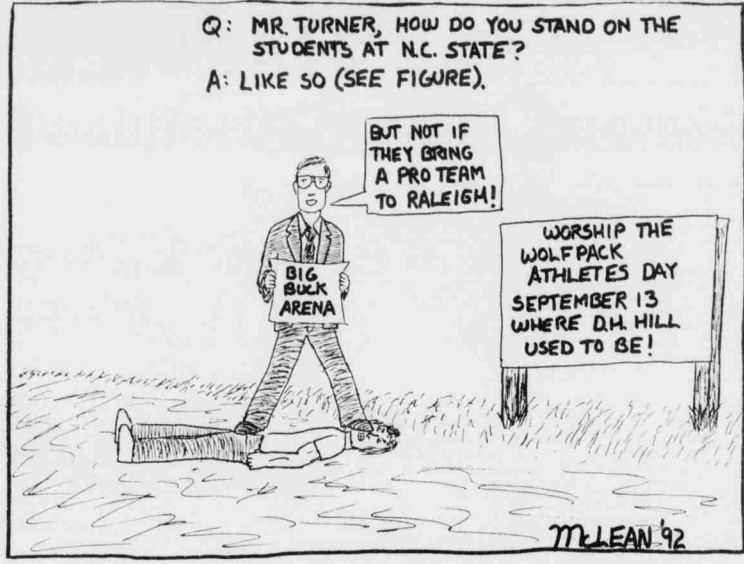
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Never take any one man's opinion as final. Never take your own opinion as final. -IRVING THALBERG

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Sustainable development needed

Environmental regulations in industrial nations have a minimal effect on inflation and trade and spur innovation without impeding growth, the U.N. World Commission on Environment and Development concluded in 1987.

Corporate America and its Republican protectors in Washington view all government regulations with suspicion and take issue with these findings. Many simply lack the courage to make needed changes and accept responsibility for protecting the environment here and abroad.

Out of the conclusions of the U.N. commission grew the idea of sustainable development. Adoption of the concept is the ultimate goal of the June U.N. Conference on Environment and Development, more commonly called the Rio Summit.

Sustainable development is a far-reaching solution to the mounting pressures humans place on the planet. In the past 20 years global population has grown 66 percent to 5.3 billion. If measures are not taken it will double by 2030, when most NCSU students will be around retirement age.

Earth simply cannot support the increasing population if we continue to do business as usual, approach supporters say.

The proposal threatens backward-thinking business interests. Therefore, many Republican senators asked President Bush to skip the Rio Summit despite the fact that the United States is among the leading polluters.

Up to five percent of our GNP is spent cleaning up after companies like Exxon,

Robert Gaskins Opinion Columnist

trying to renew destroyed resources and providing health care to our own people who contract diseases caused by pollution.

Sustainable development covers four integrated areas:

* Boost efficiency. Cut the amount of resources used and the pollution emitted per unit of production. Develop cheaper fuel alternatives. Recycle. Make use of less destructive agricultural techniques. Reduce needless expensive packaging of products.

* Provide a framework for change. Account for environmental costs and benefits in all economic transactions, making products from polluting companies more expensive than those from less-polluting ones. Enact tax and other incentives to curb destructive behavior.

* Promote industry investment in developing nations to alleviate poverty and teach people about sound agriculture and resource protection.

* Stabilize the population. Raise standards of living in underprivileged countries (and our own) partly through education. Provide information to these newly-educated people to help lower birthrates.

* Restrain consumption. Decrease gasoline-powered vehicle use and improve

mass transit systems. Encourage "green consumerism," purchasing items only from companies that protect the environment and buying only what is needed. Build products that last longer.

This concept calls for dramatic changes in international business dealings and personal lifestyles. America's "haves" are unlikely to change when they enjoy such luxuries as enormous homes and large powerful cars.

But if America is to maintain its reputation as a world leader, we must think globally and not selfishly. This is a tall order where entire generations have been raised with cheap oil and disposable convenience items.

We are taught that the American Dream is to have a spouse, two kids, two cars, a boat, an RV, a suburban home far from the workplace and a vacation home at the beach or in the mountains, locations where building causes the most ecological damage.

If our grandchildren are to live on this planet, we must change our lifestyles. And we must ignore Dan Quayle if he criticizes us for our "lifestyle choice."

Otherwise, we will visit Mars not in search of scientific knowledge but in search of a livable home.

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Perot requires closer examination

If the election were held today, polls tell us that H. Ross Perot would be our new president, although he has not yet announced that he is running. Ross Perot's candidacy is exciting. In some aspects it could be the great spark to once again ignite American interest in government, and in other aspects it's a sad commentary on how far our society has fallen.

How did an aging Texas billionaire who refuses to talk about anything he'd do as president get taken seriously? President Bush played a risky game and lost. He enjoyed some of the highest approval ratings of any president in modern times. Storm, yet at home people were losing their jobs and struggling to pay bills. The zoom from high to mediocre ratings after the war left Bush spinning, looking for a quick campaign fix and appearing hollow to the voters. Typically, this would mean success for the challenger. Bill Clinton, a moderate governor from Arkansas, emerged as the probable nominee. His positions on middle-class tax relief, retooling industry and promoting welfare, combined with a strong speaking style should have made him an ideal candidate. Yet questions surfaced about his marijuana use, infidelity and draft-evasion. The fact that so many skeletons kept coming up and that Clinton was labeled too slick in handling them has kept him defending himself and not promoting his campaign issues.

Many voters became disgusted with what was going on in the country and saw no strong leader to turn to. Thus, Texas

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billionaire Perot became an attractive alternative candidate. But Perot has several questionable traits. Perot's record is that of an authoritarian. What is politely called can-do tough management can also be seen as an unwillingness to compromise, negotiate or back down. It disturbs me that so many people would be so quick to follow Perot, who absolutely refuses to discuss any of his ideas for change, or his positions on any of the issues. He has said that working people don't care about issues, only his principles. Choosing a leader based only on a charismatic and forceful personality isn't too wise.

I am concerned about the anti-government, anti-incumbent wave in America. People are unhappy, justifiably, because a lot doesn't get done. However, many of their criticisms are invalid. They say the system has failed because of deadlock and is corrupt due to deal making. Yet the reason the system deadlocks is because people continue to split their ticket and elect Democratic legislators and Republican executives. They want a president who won't raise taxes, but they want a congressman who will bring goodies

back for their district. They condemn deal making as slick and underhanded, but politics takes place through compromise, and if not for compromise and deal making then we wouldn't have such documents as the Constitution or the Bill of Rights. They claim congress is controlled by PACs and lobbyists, but the great majority of campaign money comes not from special interests but from private donations, usually from concerned wealthy citizens like Perot. They want to replace all the incumbents with people not associated with government, but how long will it take principled outsiders to learn the rules of the game? For all of his faults, you cannot argue that Jimmy Carter was not a principled Christian. Yet his inexperience, inability to compromise at the right times and lack of political savvy made him quite ineffective.

Perot could be the agent of change America needs to shake up the system and bring people back into the democratic process. Yet, people should find out more about him. And if they choose to support him, they should support him for who he is, and not simply for who he is not — a candidate of the establishment.

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Muslim attempts to explain Islamic religion

The Muslim Students Association would like to thank every response to the article "Information about a misunderstood religion," and we would like to emphasize on Qura'n, the holy book of Muslims, for better understanding of Islam and Muslims.

The Qura'n is a record of the exact words revealed by God through the angel Gabriel to the prophet Muhammad. Allah himself guaranteed its preservation, and that is why the whole of the Qura'n was written during the lifetime of the prophet Muhammad himself, though on separate sheets. Moreover, there were tens of thousands of the companion of the prophet who memorized the whole Qura'n, and the prophet himself used to recite it to the angel Gabriel once a year and twice when he was about to die. Then the first Caliph Abu Bakr entrusted the collection of the whole Qura'n in one volume to the prophet's

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scribe Zaid Ibn Thabit. This volume was with Abu Bakr until his death. Then it was with Caliph Umar, and after him it came to Hafsa, the prophet's wife. It was from this original copy that the third Caliph Uthman prepared several other copies and sent them to different Muslim territories.

The Qura'n was so meticulously preserved because it was to be the Book of guidance for humanity for all time to come. That is why it does not address the Arabs alone in whose language it was revealed. It speaks to man as a human being: "O Man! What has seduced you from your Lord?" Actually, the scholars who allege that Muhammad was the author of the Qura'n claim something that is humanly implausible. Could any person of the sixth century C.E. utter such scientific truths as the Qura'n contains? Could he describe the evolution of the embryo inside the uterus so

accurately as we find it in modern science? Second, is it logical to believe that Muhammad, who up to the age of 40 was marked only for his honesty and integrity, began all of a sudden the authorship of a book matchless in literary merit and the equivalent of which the whole legion of the Arab poets and orators of highest caliber could not produce? And lastly, is it justified to say that Muhammad, who was known as al-ameen (the trustworthy) in his society and who is still admired by the non-Muslim scholars for his honesty and integrity, came forth with a false claim and on that falsehood could train thousands of men of character, integrity and honesty, who were able to establish the best human society on the surface of Earth? Surely, any sincere and unbiased searcher of truth will come to believe that the Qura'n is the revealed Book of God.

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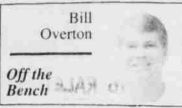
Rumors surround Tanner following loss to Hurricanes

N.C. State lost an important tournament this weekend in Coral Gables. Unfortunately, they may have also lost a coach.

Manager Ray Tanner has been contacted by the University of Miami about taking over for retiring coach Ron Fraser. He is reportedly on a list of possible replacements and has already been interviewed by Miami's athletic director Dave Maggard.

Wolfpack baseball hit a new high this year, winning the ACC Tournament before being ousted on Sunday. It is a program on the rise with three of the USA Today "Super 25" coming to Raleigh. It is a program that's very hot in a sport that's continuing to get hotter.

But State is still no Miami, and it may



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never be. The tradition is there, with some great years and a baseball innovator in Sam Exposito, but the facilities are not. And that's where the line is drawn between State and the upper echelon in college baseball. Doak Field is aging and it doesn't appear to be getting any better. Everywhere in the Wolfpack athletic program, there's talk of improving facilities but Doak normally isn't

included in those conversations. Sure, everybody would love to see lights, a level field and parking (I'd love to see a new press box), but no one is willing to push enough to get it. Baseball is one of the fastest growing revenue sports in the nation, but it's still a non-revenue sport at NCSE.

There are problems with trying to improve the baseball program, however. Does State have enough of a fan base to bring people to see Wolfpack baseball consistently? If there were some night games, more people would get the opportunity to enjoy Wolfpack baseball. But how can you play night games in February and March when temperatures still dip down into the 20s and 30s on winter nights? As nice as North Carolina weather is, you're still not going

to play baseball in February and March at night.

The solution, according to former coach and current assistant athletics director Sam Exposito is to move the season back. Play baseball when it's supposed to be played in the summer. There wouldn't be a problem academically because the players are still enrolled in summer school. While the student fan base may drop, the community of Raleigh could really take to Wolfpack baseball. I agree with Exposito's remarks.

For now, however, the rich get richer. Many of the top programs reside in the deepest southern part of the country (Miami, Florida, Arizona, Texas), and they can play night baseball almost year-round. Some average over 2,500 fans a game. And

when you can draw the fans to your product, you can draw their money.

In return, money makes the facility even more enticing. And when you make the program and everything around it seem first-class, you're going to get some very good baseball players.

I know Ray Tanner has a lot of pride for North Carolina State University. Tanner was the quickest ACC coach to ever win 200 games, and he's still the tender age of 34. I would love to see him stay here and keep building the Pack, but this may be too good an offer to turn down. And I wonder how much higher the Wolfpack program will go.



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