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## Brent Road blowout returns



### Party characterized by noise, beer, police

By Eric Liebhauser  
News Editor

The annual Brent Road Bash returned Saturday night. With it came all the pageantry that has accompanied the event in the past: blaring stereos, flowing kegs of beer and periodic proclamations of inebriation from those who attended the party.

The dominant student-rented stretch was seized by a crowd numbering over 3,500, Raleigh police said. By 10:00 p.m., RPD and the crowd that packed the street's confines had cut off all traffic flow to and from the winding strip.

By midnight, however, the party knew no physical limitations. Twelve-pack toting partygoers overflowed over the sidewalks and streets onto resident lawns. Some renters exploited the situation by charging beer-thirsty lawn wanderers a fee for keg privileges. The party's waning hours apparently gave rise to rowdier behavior. Some cars and homes were vandalized. Mailboxes were

ripped off of their posts. And some large concrete blocks, which once stood in a neat pile, lay strewn across the road by the morning hours.

Residents who woke to the party's aftermath used rakes and shovels to clean portions of the debris-laden street Sunday morning.

But despite the apparent chaos that spanned from the street's base at Gorman Street to the middle 500 addresses, police said they were hesitant to issue citations for drinking violations.

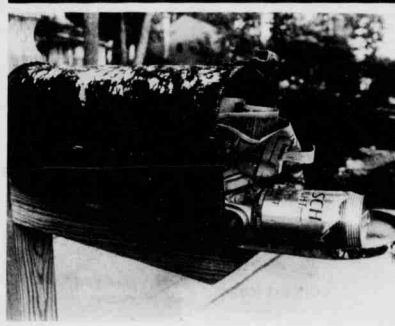
"We're not interested in taking enforcement action as long as everybody behaves within reason and cooperates with us," said Sergeant E.B. Gaskins, the senior officer in attendance until around 12:15 a.m. "We're here to maintain safety and make sure everybody is having a good time."

Gaskins pointed out, however, that in some instances police were compelled to issue more than just a warning.

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Photos by Larry Dixon Jr.

LEFT: Residents of Brent Road awoke Sunday to face the party's aftermath. Empty beer cans, broken glass bottles and other refuse still cluttered the street at 9 a.m. BELOW: Some partygoers found creative receptacles to deposit their recyclables.



## Program helps freshmen to adjust

By Dee Henry  
Assistant News Editor

Freshman year — we all remember it. The transition from high school to college, with its heavier workload and new social pressures, can be difficult to say the least.

With that in mind, N.C. State University is trying to make this transition easier with its pilot program, The First Year Experience.

Rebecca Leonard, N.C. State University assistant provost and FYE director, said approximately 10 percent of the freshman class is involved voluntarily in the program, which Leonard believes has merit.

"Studies have shown that the first year is a crucial year to set up patterns of success and failure," Leonard said.

The program is designed with certain privileges for those freshmen who choose to participate.

One bonus for participants is that they all live together in Metcalf Residence Hall. This puts the students in a friendly community with others who are going through the same freshman experiences.

Another advantage is the two upperclassmen assigned to each suite as upper class advisers, or UCAs. According to Leonard, these advisers are chosen because of their own success during their first year. The UCAs are trained in peer mentoring.

Another bonus for the freshmen is an easier registration process for some of the common first-year courses.

"We ID certain sections and restrict enrollment [in these sections] to these students," Leonard said, adding that some classes are actually taught in the classrooms available in Metcalf. Preparing the students for the heavier workload is also a part of the program.

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-Rebecca Leonard  
FYE Director

"We teach them how to form study groups," Leonard said. The study groups are easier to form in Metcalf because its study lounge has areas for individual study and group study, Leonard said.

As part of the program, each student is required to take the course Introduction to University Education. This not only helps the students with academic skills but it also helps them with the social transition by discussing strategies for balancing studying with a social life. The students are also reminded of common procedures, such as drop/add procedures and dates.

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Although the program is still a pilot, Leonard believes the program to be a success.

"We're real pleased so far with our results," Leonard said, adding, "It's a pilot, so we are refining each year."

The refining is done by following the FYE group and a control group each year. The control group is closely matched with the FYE group in academics and demographics. The results so far are in favor of the FYE group.

The groups are followed to find the persistence, or the rate at which the group members stay in school. Last year, 98 percent of the FYE group completed their first year at N.C. State, as compared to 93 percent of the control group.

Grades were also tracked in both groups. Again, the FYE group came out ahead with a 2.58 GPA. The control group ended with 2.47. The percentage of students with a GPA of 2.0 or better was also tracked. 83 percent of the FYE group accomplished this average while only 71 percent of the control group did the same.

A survey is done at the end of each year to give the participants a say in the program. The questions gauge satisfaction with academic experience, personal experience and with the student's selection of N.C. State as the college to attend.

Of course, with only three years in operation, one very important gauge has yet to be measured. "The eventual thing we will measure is graduation rates," Leonard said.

## College brings prestige to business program

By Kenneth ReCorr  
Staff Writer

The division of economics and management is dead. Long live the College of Management.

The college's opening July 21, 1992, officially liberated business majors from the College of Humanities and Social Sciences.

The decision to evolve the old division into a college was initiated by Chancellor Monteith in an effort to better compartmentalize N.C. State University.

Interim Dean Robert L. Clark said the new school will better equip business students with the skills they need in the working world.

"Now that we are officially a college, the benefits will be two-fold," Clark said. "Firstly, it will help the students that are already here, in that Management will be able to assist them more directly. Secondly, with the college standing on its own it can provide better interaction between itself and the business community, while at the same time

attracting a better quality of students and faculty alike."

Two associate deans will be named for the fall semester. The college's academic affairs and research, outreach, and executive education programs will be administered by the associate deans until a permanent dean can be hired next year.

According to Clark, the new college's administrators will be very busy in their first year. Various committees will be formed to study curriculum, and professors will re-assess the courses currently offered. Administrators will also attempt to get the college recognized by the American Assembly of Collegiate Schools for Business (AACSB).

"Recognition from the AACSB will add a positive improvement to the college in dealing with the business community," Clark said.

"The college in its future will focus on three main areas: technol-

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# Party

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"If someone is in blatant violation of the law and refuses to comply when we request that a specific activity be stopped, we'll take enforcement action and control the situation," Gaskins said.

Gaskins said that police on scene under his command were not primarily concerned with arresting drunk drivers.

"We're on foot, so we're limited in that respect," Gaskins said. "We are more interested in watching out for traffic violations and in deter-

ring pedestrian violations."

A unit was, however, deployed later to check cars that passed Brent Road via Gorman Street. The spot check, conducted under a massive spotlight on the corner of Brent Road and Gorman Street, was reminiscent of last year's Operation Eagle conducted in the same location.

But at the party's height, police remained diplomatic despite their knowledge of the mess left by last year's crowd and the realization that Saturday's party would ultimately produce the same results.

"Communication is the key. Part of our job is to see that students' wishes and residents' wishes are given consideration," Gaskins said. "Both groups have rights."

# College

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ogy, environment and what Japanese businesses refer to as total quality management. Not only would these fields be up to date with today's business community but they would also enhance the other stand-out fields such as agriculture and textiles that are associated with NCSU," Clark said.

According to Clark, the College of Management complies with Chancellor Monteith's Vision 1999 program.

"The establishment of the College of Management will provide students with new opportunities to interact with the community and give support to the creation of newer technological and management programs."

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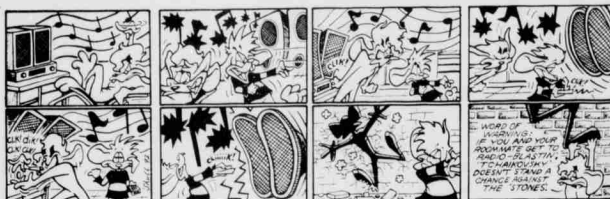
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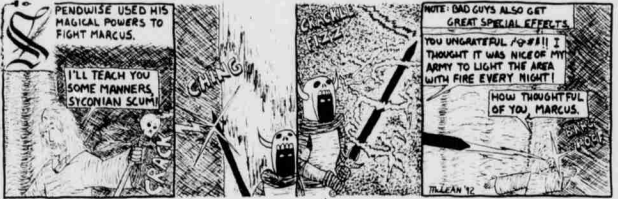
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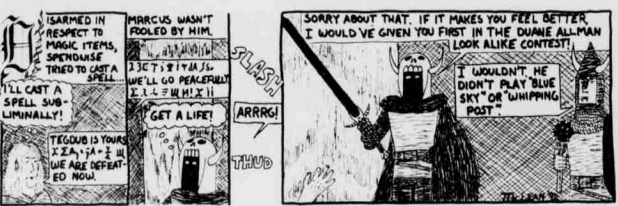
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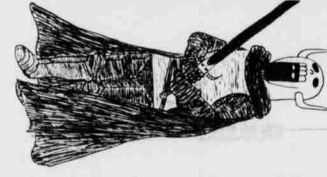


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## Wolfpack Club wants students

By Puan Wallace  
Staff Writer

During last year's nine-game losing streak by the N.C. State men's basketball team, empty seats at Reynolds Coliseum were a sad but common sight. In an effort to prevent such incidents from happening in the future, the Wolfpack Club has announced the creation of the Student Wolfpack Club. The SWPC will be very similar to its parent organization with one exception: The SWPC will be entirely student-run.

"The design of the SWPC will be a mirror image of the Wolfpack Club," Wolfpack Club Assistant Director Stephen Ponder said. "We will have four officers and 16 board members to make up the 20-member Student Wolfpack board of directors. We will be selecting these positions this week."

Out of the 20 positions, board directors will be split to organize three areas of concern: special

events, travel, and membership and marketing.

One of the primary goals of the SWPC is to involve every type of student in solving support for N.C. State athletics.

"As part of our organization on campus, I would like to implement the representative system on campus," Ponder said. "We need to have one representative in each residence hall, fraternity, sorority and other campus organizations. This will be an effective way to reach a variety of students throughout the university."

As members, students would help come up with promotions to increase attendance and spirit at NCSU games. They would also be able to interact with Wolfpack coaches and student-athletes as well as have the chance to go on the road to support the Pack.

A one-time membership fee of \$25 per person will give the student a number of benefits such as membership in the Wolfpack

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## Runners will try to defend ACC title

By Puan Wallace  
Staff Writer

The N.C. State cross-country season is approaching quickly and Pack head coach Rollie Geiger's men's and women's teams seem to be in position to contend for the ACC title. So, what else is new?

In the past five seasons, Geiger's teams have garnered six ACC championships including a sweep in last year's championship meet. Combine that with four individual ACC champions, 27 all-ACC awards and 11 all-America honors, and it is easy to see why Geiger's Wolfpack teams are consistently among the elite in the nation.

"We always start out the season with the same two goals, and these are to win the ACC and to qualify for the NCAAs," assistant coach Laurie Gomez-Henes said. Winning the conference champi-

onship may not be as easy for the Lady Pack as it was last year. Five runners have since graduated including all-conference Kim Dean and all-Americans Katrina Price and Gomez-Henes.

However, in replacing the five seniors, State fielded one of the best recruiting classes in the country landing five talented runners, four of which were Kinney National Finalists.

"There is no ranking for [women's recruiting classes], but I think we've got one of the best three classes, if not the best [in the nation]," Gomez-Henes said.

One of the new talents is Kelly Cook, a seven-time Georgia state champion. Cook was voted Female Athlete of the Year by the Atlanta Track Club in 1991 and 1992 and was a national finalist.

Joining Cook as a Kinney finalist is Kim Goode from Moseley, Va.

Goode leaves high school having won the state indoor championships in both the mile and two mile. Kristen Hall, of Long Valley, N.J., is also a Kinney finalist. Hall made all-state all four years during high school and never placed lower than fourth in state meets.

The fourth national finalist, Heather Hollis, is from Petersburg, Ill. Hollis won the 1991-92 award for the Illinois TAC Youth Runner of the Year.

Rounding out the "fab five," is Anna Tickin, the only in-state product. Tickin was the state runner-up in the 1600 meters and cross-country in 1991. The Goldsboro native also placed second in this year's 1600.

Gomez-Henes says that one of the best things about the recruits is that they don't rest on their laurels.

"They're not just great runners, they work hard, and they're serious

about running," Gomez-Henes noted.

The freshmen will have a solid nucleus to help them along in veteran runners: Monica McHenry, Jennifer Norton and Kathy Knabb.

McHenry, a junior from Pepper Pike, Ohio will be the leader of the team. McHenry placed 11th at the ACC Championships and 13th at the UNC-Wilmington Seahawk Invitational last season.

Norton and Knabb are coming off excellent freshmen campaigns during which both earned all-ACC honors. Norton was eighth at the conference championships and had a season-best second place at the UNC-Charlotte Invitational. Knabb placed ninth at the ACC Championships in addition to taking third at UNCC.

Gomez-Henes says for the

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Below is a list of initial organizational meetings.

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Alternative sports	Aug. 27 — 7 p.m.	Room 2037
Angling	TBA	
Archery	Aug. 25 — 6 p.m.	Room 2037
Badminton	TBA	
Baseball	Sept. 2 — 6 p.m.	Room 2037
Bowling	Aug. 28 — 3:30 p.m.	Western Lanes
Cricket	Aug. 31 — 6 p.m.	Room 2036
Equestrian	Aug. 31 — 7 p.m.	Room 2036
Fencing	Sept. 3 — 6 p.m.	Room 2037
Field Hockey	Aug. 27 — 5 p.m.	Room 2037
Frisbee	Aug. 27 — 6 p.m.	Room 2037
Golf	TBA	
Ice Hockey	Sept. 10 — 6 p.m.	Room 2037
Judo	Sept. 1 — 6 p.m.	Room 2037
Lacrosse (M)	Sept. 2 — 5 p.m.	Room 2036
Lacrosse (W)	Sept. 2 — 5 p.m.	Room 2037
Mountain biking	TBA	
Outing	Aug. 26 — 7 p.m.	Room 2036
Racquetball	Sept. 2 — 6:30 p.m.	Room 2036
Rodeo	TBA	
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Sailing	Aug. 26 — 7 p.m.	Room 2037
Scuba	TBA	
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Soccer (W)	Aug. 25 — 7 p.m.	Room 2037
Soccer (M)	Aug. 27 — 5 p.m.	Room 2036
Squash	Sept. 10 — 6 p.m.	Room 2036
Tae Kwon Do	Aug. 25 — 7 p.m.	Room 2036
Tennis	Sept. 1 — 7 p.m.	Room 2037
Triathlon	TBA	

## Lopeman sidelined with injury

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Wolfpack women to repeat, some of the freshmen will have to step forth.

"For us to win the conference, at least two of them have to be all-conference," Gomez-Henes said. For the men's team, the biggest concern isn't the loss of David Honea and Jason Eicholtz as much as it is the injury that is hobbling all-American senior Todd Lopeman.

"Todd has a stress fracture, so he won't be available at the start of the season," Gomez-Henes confirmed.

When Lopeman returns, the Pack should be the odds-on favorite to win the conference title again with a supporting cast including Tony Riley and Shane Garcia.

Riley finished 14th at the ACCs and third at the UNC-Wilmington Invitational last year in addition to winning the ACC title in the outdoor 1500 meters.

Garcia took 15th at the ACCs and earned a season-high seventh place at UNC-Charlotte.

The Wolfpack teams will begin their season as hosts of the Wolfpack Duals September 18.

"We're doing something we don't traditionally like to do, and that is start at home with some tough opponents," Gomez-Henes said.

But with the good mixture of youth and experience and Rolie Geiger at head coach, the Wolfpack cross country teams will at least be strong contenders.

So, what else is new?



Woody Owl for Clean Air

## Wolfpack

meeting tomorrow at 7 p.m. in the University Student Center Ballroom. Guest speaker will be N.C. State Director of Athletics Todd Turner. All interested students are invited.

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## Keep the bars open

Hillsborough Street has always been a huge part of the social life of many N.C. State University students. It is where students go to party after NCSU wins the big games, meet friends for lunch, dance on the weekends and, of course, drink alcohol. Most of the alcohol is consumed inside the many bars that line the street, bars that come and go as trends turn from one popular spot to another.

But now the surrounding neighborhood is pushing the city and state to not only forbid any new bars from coming to Hillsborough Street but to also get rid of the bars already there.

The residents claim that noise from the bars prevents them from sleeping at night. They say too many cars jam the streets searching for a place to park and that rowdy, drunk vandals are ruining their quality of life. They are pushing the city to enforce building codes that require ample parking for customers and are pressuring the state to enforce liquor laws. They have also requested that no new alcohol permits be granted to establishments that may want to open along Hillsborough Street.

The citizens' group opposing the bars on Hillsborough Street has admitted that people from other parts of town are creating some of

the havoc. If prospective bars are not allowed to locate on Hillsborough Street and existing bars are chased away, the non-students will just go somewhere else. But NCSU students will be left with no nearby place to drink, which will, of course, encourage drinking and driving.

The neighboring community leaders expect students to act like teetotalers Friday nights, go home at 11 p.m. and get up at 7 a.m. Saturday morning. They have no right to expect that from NCSU students. This campus is as old as any house in the neighboring community, and its students have as much right to do what they want as any of the complaining neighbors, providing they stay within the bounds of the law. NCSU students shouldn't be expected to stop going to bars and having a good time.

Students should continue to patronize the bars along Hillsborough Street and let the owners know that they appreciate having a place to socialize.

The city should realize that having a strip of bars in close proximity to campus significantly cuts down on drinking and driving.

And the residents of the neighboring community should stop acting as if their rights are more important than those of NCSU students and local bar owners.

## Some local talk, ya'll

At your heart out Duke and Carolina, N.C. State University has gained one of the most sought after professors in linguistics, thus adding a valuable member to its faculty. Walt Wolfram, a confessed dialect tramp and the first William C. Friday Distinguished Professor to come NCSU, has joined the university and is bringing his crusade down South.

Wolfram has dedicated his adult life to dispelling myths about dialects. By studying around the country, he has gained an understanding of why people talk the way they do, and he has educated the public about his findings.

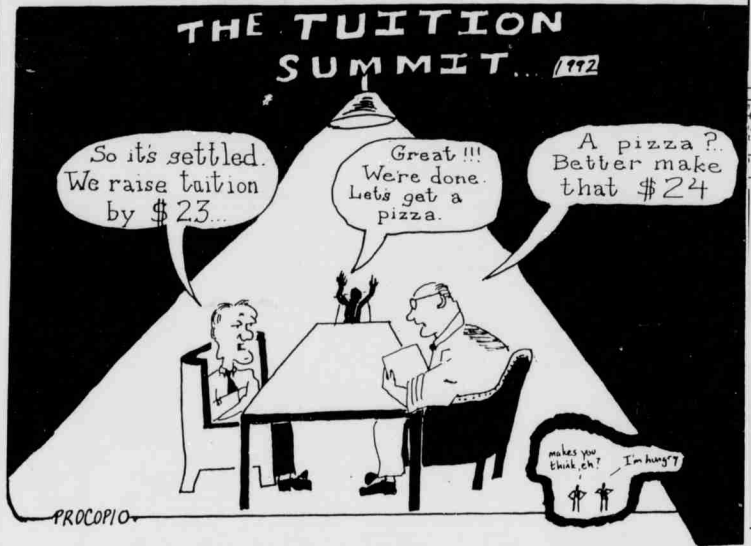
Wolfram began his career in the 1960s studying black English. Since then he has studied Harlem's Puerto Rican dialect, as well as West Virginia's Appalachian, black and white southern speech in Mississippi, Native American in New Mexico, and Vietnamese English in Virginia. He is now preparing to study North Carolina from the coast to the mountains. Who

knows what his research may find? After his study we may learn that coastal people aren't rednecks and mountain people aren't hicks.

Wolfram's research has left him a busy man. He has published nine books, 15 monographs and more than 100 articles. He has also worked with the Children's Television Workshop, developed a program for Baltimore fifth graders about dialects and taught at the University of District of Columbia for 25 years. Wolfram is currently a senior scholar for the Center for Applied Linguistics in Washington.

The bulk of his work has been the removal of stigmas attached to speech, such as Southerners being lazy or mountain people being hillbillies. Wolfram's inspiration comes from his own working-class Philadelphia accent. He felt he had to prove that he was not an uneducated hoodlum to get respect.

He has our respect, and we are glad that he chose NCSU to further his studies.



### Columns

## Get ready for cheese and wine arena

Start getting ready for the Los Dome. (Les Lounge?)

Despite an amazingly unenthusiastic response from N.C. State University's students and fans, the proposed \$66 million Centennial Center appears to be going up soon. The General Assembly recently approved \$2 million of state money for site preparation, so the ball is rolling. Soon, we too will have a cavernous nap-hall where our alumni can socialize and snack on wine and cheese as that basketball thing takes place nearby.

Soon we, like UNC-Chapel Hill's students before us, will be pre-acclimated to thin atmospheres in case we travel on planes or in the mountains immediately after attending home games. And the economy should benefit from a run on binoculars in the campus vicinity.

But at least the building will solve one campus problem. Just ask any student who's tried to get tickets to a home men's basketball game. They sure are hard to get — at least if you wait a few days after ticket pick-up begins, and at least for the games against Duke and Carolina. Why, to get a ticket to one of those games, you usually have to go by Reynolds' Coliseum on the same day the tickets become available.

And you just can't beat the new building's convenience. Walking across campus to games is a nice tradition and makes it seem more like a college basketball game, but there will be plenty of parking over by the fairgrounds where the games will soon be. We have already seen how having an off-campus football stadium has increased student turn-out and enthusiasm for that team. Remember the large and enthusiastic student crowd for the Maryland game last year?

Seriously, though, I can't deny being excited by the idea of the arena. I am a diehard Wolfpack fan, and I'd like to see the program strengthened. We've already



J. Keith Jordan

got a terrific coach who's recruiting the kind of players any college team in America would like to have. Reynolds Coliseum is a great building, but its best days are behind it.

But the Centennial Center, though it will probably be a beautiful building, will not have the same kind of atmosphere as Reynolds. The home court advantage will be worse — imagine playing your home games in a quiet, half-full arena — and the student seating will very likely be worse. And having to drive to a Meadowslands-like complex for home games will foster more of a professional atmosphere. We seem to want our team to be professional, at least judging by that cheesy canned music last season.

One major advantage of the center that its supporters are touting is that it will supposedly help basketball recruiting. Even if this is true, is it worth \$66 million? I doubt that it's true anyway. If I were a high school basketball star, I'd be far more impressed with the deafening fan noise in Reynolds than I would be by a bigger number of seats at an inconvenient location.

For those who aren't familiar with the embryonic building, here is a thumbnail history. Several years ago, alumni decided that we should go big when we replace Reynolds. After arguing with the city about the coliseum's future location, the university set out to raise \$45 million for athletic improvements, with \$22 million going toward a basketball arena. The state, city

and county were supposed to pay the other \$44 million. Then the state decided not to pay its \$22 million after all. Now the university has decided to raise that much more money from fans and alumni.

It's good that less tax money will go toward building the new arena, but we must now wonder about our fund-raiser's goals. If a basketball arena is worth \$44 million to them, then how much is a new business school worth? Why don't they get on the phone and ask for a few million dollars for library periodical subscriptions? Why don't they raise a relief fund for the unfortunate school worth? Are these people supporters of NCSU or are they only interested in the entertainment we provide? Can they really believe that a metal arch and an extravagant basketball building are more important for the university than our academic needs?

I'm as interested in Wolfpack sports as anyone else. Just ask my friends, and they'll tell you that conversations often turn to State basketball or football when I'm around.

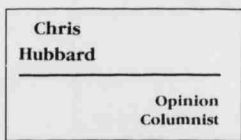
But there is no way that a university with the grave problems that we have in funding necessary programs should be so set on raising money for athletic boondoggles.

## Bush's family values miss the point

George Bush took to the stage of the Republican National Convention in Houston's Astrodome Thursday needing to hit a home run. But, unfortunately for the Republican Party, he barely got on base.

His speech was marred by a constant barrage of bad Bill Clinton jokes and the complete lack of a legitimate domestic plan — particularly an economic one. In Clinton's campaign headquarters in Arkansas, there is a sign on the wall that reads "The economy, Stupid," meaning that the short-term economic well-being of the common American is obviously the key to this election. It must not be obvious to Bush. He only came up with one new, meaningful economic proposal to go along with his well-known supply-side tax cut proposals. And his horrible joke about the security guards losing their jobs after the Berlin Wall was torn down is sure to offend the nation's unemployed and anyone who care about them or the negative effects of a high unemployment rate.

His one real proposal, meaning something he's never suggested before, is to allow tax



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payers to decide on their tax forms if they want 10 percent of their taxes to go toward paying off the national debt and to cut federal spending \$1 for every \$1 taxpayers give to pay the debt.

Bush's concern about the national debt is warranted. The national debt is a very important issue. It makes the federal government spend more, which in turn makes taxpayers spend more. But the national debt, as it stands now, is not the great boogie man. It's not going to bring America to its knees, nor is reducing it going to create an immediate jump-start for our economy. The debt is a serious problem, and it needs to be reduced, but there are more important

problems facing this nation. Problems such as the inner cities and their third-world mortality rates, out-of-control crime and rampant drug abuse. Problems such as a national educational system that is rapidly falling behind the rest of the industrialized world. Problems such as an increased apathy and ignorance among our nation's children, even in the middle class. And, of course, problems such as the lingering recession.

But Bush chooses not to focus on the economy or other social issues that are threatening our nation's future. Instead, Bush and his running mate, Dan Quayle, have focused on the "We're for American family values" theme. They have tried extremely hard to associate themselves with traditional American and tag Clinton with the role of the anti-American. But the values they represent are the values of only the rich and those who long for a "Leave It to Beaver" America.

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But we no longer live in a "Leave It to Beaver" America. The "traditional American family" can no longer be defined. Divorce, teenage pregnancies and an increasingly mobile work force have diversified the types of families in this nation. Nothing Bush, or any president, does will change that. And Americans of religious persuasions other than Christian can easily detect Bush's decidedly Christian concept of what "family values" are. Bush needs to readjust his idea of the American family. The millions of Americans who aren't financially secure, married, Christians just don't buy Bush and Quayle's family values.

What these people (along with a large chunk of the traditional-family Americans Bush is trying to court) want to know is: How are you going to stimulate our economy? How are you going to create jobs? How are you going to heal the inner cities? How are you going to ensure a minimum of health care for everyone? How are you going to educate our children? But Bush had no answers.

His debt-reduction proposal and his suggested tax cuts, besides the fact that they would never pass through Congress, would leave the government even shorter on funds and cripple its effectiveness. Wasteful programs certainly exist and need to be cut, but the indiscriminate program slashing that Bush suggests would only intensify America's problems. It will take a combination of domestic innovation, common sense and cooperation between the president and Congress to reduce waste without reducing the benefit of government to the people.

Bush and the Republican Party

don't seem to understand government's role as a facilitator of the people's needs. Government, when run efficiently and democratically, is not evil or dangerous. As the population of our country grows, so must our government. It looks out for the interests of the people by providing security, a minimum standard of living, education, usable roads and much more. A reduction in the federal government's income and spending, while the present and future stability of America is endangered by numerous social problems that the government can help fix, would be a tragic mistake.

Bush offered no plan to put this nation's unemployed to work (except to cut the capital-gains tax, which he somehow feels will help create jobs instead of just put money into rich people's pockets.) He offered no plan to help the inner cities. He offered no plan to provide medical care for those who can't afford it. He offered no plan to improve education.

And, as I have said, when you examine his one legitimate new economic proposal, you realize that he offered no plan for improving the short-term economy either, which is hard to understand.

Staunch Republicans may be happy with Bush's speech. They may feel that somehow he has turned a corner. But Bush's speech has little chance of accomplishing what he intended it to — attracting voters who think he has done a lousy job representing the best interests of the American people. As Bush constantly ridiculed Clinton, it was obvious how desperate he truly is. He knows he is in trouble and that he has no strong record on which to stand, so he is resorting to name calling.

The bottom line is that Bush is stuck on first base, trying in vain to grasp the reasons why most Americans don't like him, while Clinton is coming home to the White House.



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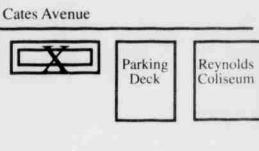


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