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Panelists stress need to bridge racial gap

By Ken ReCorr
Staff Writer

N.C. State University faculty and students encouraged people to find solutions to racial problems by starting with themselves first.

During the panel discussion, members spoke at length about past experiences with racism, the types of subtle racism present in today's society and how to eliminate discrimination.

But the discussion never achieved

its goal — creating solutions for racial problems.

Pamela Gibson, the student body president's chief of staff, said before changes can be made on a large scale, people need to look inside themselves first. "It all starts with us," Gibson said. "Faith without action equals death."

Dean of Undergraduate Studies James Anderson echoed Gibson's thoughts. "You as an individual can make a personal difference," he said. "A personal commitment will

make your decision [on racism] for you."

Anderson said when the disenfranchised make cries for power, it causes fear in those people who have benefited from the system.

Moderator Miriam Thomas of television station WTVD's news department asked the white panelists how they felt about the recent call on campus for more black representation. Kenneth Pollock of the NCSU African-American Advisory Council described the resistance by

whites as being related to power and control.

"A lot of us in the white community are not ready to give up our power," Pollock said.

Thomas then asked Gibson if she was offended by whites that acted in racist manners. "It's hard to be offended by them when they're not informed," she said. "It's not something you get angry about because you'd be angry all the time."

But the racial gap can be bridged, Anderson said, because the open-

ness of American society gives people the potential to do so.

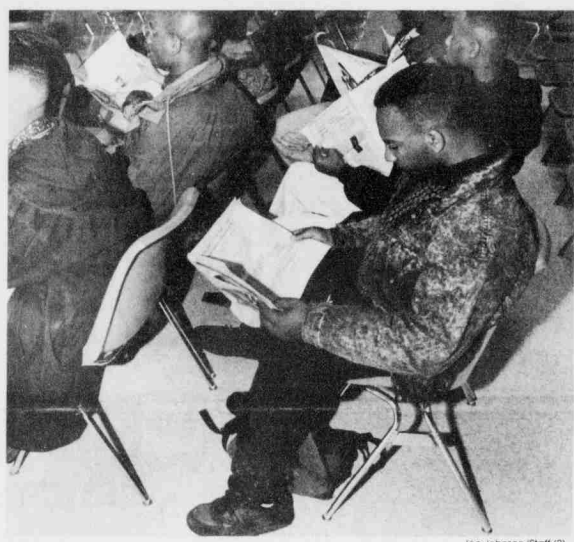
Anderson made a reference to psychological "secret suitcases" that everyone carries around with them, but does not want to open up. Anderson said these suitcases contain our personal biases, which are all bi-polar. Anderson's theory is that people are afraid to give up their suitcase because it would mean finding another one to replace it.

When Associate Director of

Student Development Bob Bryan asked Anderson about the level of academic freedom to be given to faculty members on campus, Anderson responded with a challenge to the administration to take action.

"There's no such thing as academic freedom without responsibility," he said. "When faculty members say they don't want to go to racial understanding seminars, then it's up

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A ceremony to celebrate The Nubian Message's debut was held in the Student Center Multipurpose Room Wednesday. Students in attendance supported the publication, saying it will help to educate students about African-American culture and issues.

Ceremony celebrates first Nubian Message edition

By David Ostrovsky
Staff Writer

N.C. State University's "First African-American Newspaper," The Nubian Message, was formally unveiled to a group of about 75 enthusiastic students Wednesday evening in the Student Center Multipurpose Room.



Williamson

Many applauded the paper's long-awaited release and speculated about what changes it may bring to the university.

"It will make more students aware and educate more students on the African-American culture," said Jerome Harris, a freshman in civil engineering.

Others said the Nubian Message will give African-American students a louder voice at NCSU.

"I think it's a good thing for our community," said Sessions, a senior in "It shows what African-American students think about campus."

The first edition of the Nubian Message featured articles which detailed the history of the African-American Cultural Center, gave a chronology of African-American publications at NCSU and discussed the importance of an "Afrocentric Christmas." The paper has sports, social, entertainment, and editorial sections.

Editor-in-Chief Tony Williamson was pleased with the final product but felt that few students were aware of the Nubian Message had been published.

"I don't think a lot of people knew about it," Williamson said.

But he was still encouraged by positive student response and predicted a bright future for the paper.

"It was received well. But it will be better received when more people know that it is out," Williamson said. "People will see it and want to get involved."

Nubian Message Assistant Editor Karress Motley was satisfied as well, calling the effort "good for the first paper."

Motley expects future editions to cover issues of global concern.

"We need more social issues not isolated to campus," he said. "I wanted to get something about Somalia in there."

The Nubian Message will be published once a month with a 1,000-copy circulation, Williamson said.

Motley said producing the paper was no cake walk.

"It wasn't as easy as we thought," he said. "It was the third time we rescheduled [the publication]."

He said production work began around mid-November.

Williamson estimated costs for printing at around \$400. He said the paper was funded by the National

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Monteith hears grievances

Native Americans and Chancellor sign proclamation

By David Ostrovsky
Staff Writer

The African-American movement at N.C. State University has won some fame with their recent accomplishments. It seems that the Native American Student Association (NASA) is following suit.

Only this time, they had Chancellor Monteith coming to them.

"There was discussion initiated by Chancellor Monteith of simply wanting to hear what interests and what concerns the Native

American student population on campus may have," said Eric Locklear, the NASA counselor.

Monteith's proclamation began with the officials of NASA organizing a meeting with Monteith. The meeting was supposed to deal only with the possibility of Monteith declaring November Indian Heritage Month at NCSU, Locklear said.

But in addition to signing the proclamation, Monteith also asked about the concerns of American Indian students at NCSU.

"Instead of just signing the proclamation, it seems important to

not let that be the end of my involvement," Monteith said.

Locklear said that the NASA officials were receptive of Monteith's invitation to express their concerns.

"[Native American] students would like a peer mentor program," Locklear said. "They would also like to see an increase in the number of faculty and staff that are Native Americans."

According to Locklear, many of the 115 American Indians at NCSU transfer from small schools



NASA members met with Chancellor Monteith to discuss issues.

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Health officials advise flu shots

By Gary Wise
Staff Writer

Students will find exams a little more difficult to take this semester if they are sneezing, coughing and running a fever.

The flu season is upon us, and cases have started showing up at Clark Infirmary, said Mary Candler, the Day Supervisor Registered Nurse for Student Health Services.

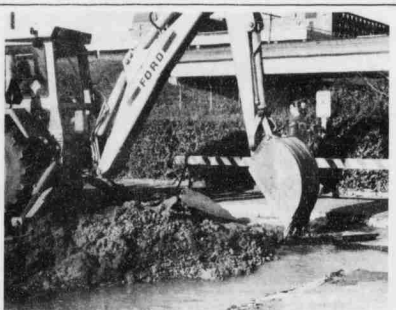
As a result, Candler recommended that students go by the infirmary and receive an influenza vaccination shot even though the peak of the flu season is not until January and February.

Students can come by at any time between 9 and 11 a.m. Tuesday through Friday. No appointment is needed to get the shot.

The shot cost \$6 dollars, and remain good for a year. The vaccine is made every year by a panel of infectious disease specialists, pediatricians and drug manufacturers. The panel observes world trends in the flu virus and recommends a vaccine based on that information.

Candler said students should look for a specific set of symptoms when trying to determine if they have the

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Bonnie Heath/Staff

Water, water everywhere

Workers outside Harris Hall struggled with a ruptured water pipe Thurs.

Senate satisfied with progress

By Erika Farr
Staff Writer

Student Senate leaders are happy with the way the semester went but need to keep their eyes on the future, according to Student Senate president Eric Lamb.

"We are still headed in the right direction and we have gotten a lot done throughout the semester," Lamb said.

But this is no time for slacking off, Lamb added.

"I want to follow up on some of the issues we have passed before and make sure that they are being acted upon," Lamb said.

Lamb said with this accomplished, senators can set their sights on larger goals.

"The next step in our work is more education to students about what we are doing in Senate,"

"We are still headed in the right direction and we have gotten a lot done throughout the semester."

—Eric Lamb
Student Senate President

Lamb said.

The Senate passed a resolution in honor of Sandra B. Mills's "outstanding contributions to NCSU Student Government." Mills was

Student Government's administrative secretary for six years and just recently resigned.

"By passing this resolution we are expressing our admiration for her," Lamb said.

A new Student Senate secretary was also elected to replace Elizabeth Boyle, who resigned last week because of academic conflicts. Scott Cohen, a sophomore in Textile Chemistry, was elected for the position.

Four finance bills were passed amounting to \$2914.12. The International Development Graduate Students Association received \$769.98; the N.C. State Math and Science Education Club received \$80.00; the Institute of Industrial Engineers received \$1,100; the Society of Automotive Engineers received \$964.14.

Peer mentor program advised

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in their third year of college. He said that they needed two things for a smoother transition from a small to a large school — a peer mentor program and a tutorial program.

Locklear said NASA wanted a peer mentor program similar to the African-American peer program. He said NASA is currently an informal "big brother, big sister" organization, and that the peer mentor program would give them official status.

As for the tutorial program,

Locklear said there is no educational assistance for any courses above the 200 level. He wants to see a tutorial service for the upper level classes for all students, not just African-Americans. Locklear felt this service would be especially helpful for those African-American students transferring in as juniors.

Also mentioned was either "an area of campus that lends itself to the display of Native American crafts, textiles, history, and stuff like that," or a multi-cultural center "where different peoples have different displays of this sort." Locklear stated that NASA didn't

want to be separatist by any means.

Locklear said that NASA was inspired by the African-American progress at NCSU.

"Some issues students already thought of [before the meeting with Monteith] as a result of African-Americans," he said.

Both Monteith and Locklear said that no conclusions are to be drawn from this initial meeting. They said that more definite decisions will be made after another conference in the spring semester.

rolled off the press. "I'm glad we got it done," he said. "It is a paper we felt we deserved."



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Association of Black Engineers, the Student Mentor Association, the Society of African-American Culture, and a fourth organization. Motley is pleased with what



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to the chancellor and provost to deal with that."

Anderson also condemned racial and sexual slurs displayed in the Free Expression Tunnel. "With free expression also comes responsibility," he said.

NCSU graduate student Greg Washington added that racism and historical culture bias are taught from childhood.

"We were taught in the system that [blacks] were inferior, and that [whites] were superior," he said. "We were taught to hate ourselves and love them." Washington added that a change in school curriculum is needed starting in the lower grades.

Washington summed up the discussion by putting black wants and needs in perspective. "African-American people want 'Liberty and Justice for All,' and 'Freedom and the pursuit of Liberty.' These are the same things that white Americans wanted 200 years ago," he said.

Although task-forces and seminars were suggested, no solid solutions were presented to the audience of about 150. Because of the small turn-out, some panelists said the discussion was just "preaching to the choir."



Liz Mahnicke/Staff

Oh Christmas tree...

Shannon Phares, a senior in communications, tries to pick the right Christmas tree near Crest Road.

Health

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"Fever that is greater than 100 degrees, cough, tiredness, muscle and joint aches and congestion are all signs that a student may be coming down with the flu," Candler said.

She also said students need to take good care of themselves or they

may be more susceptible to the virus, particularly with the exam stress at this time in the semester.

"As with any disease," Candler said, "when you are not taking good care of yourself, you tend to be more vulnerable."

Candler then added that the only way to catch the disease is to be exposed to it. She recommended that students maintain cleanliness with extra caution this time of the year. In addition, students should not share glasses and utensils with their roommates and should wash

their hands before eating, she said. Candler recommended that certain groups of people need to take even more care. Students with medical problems such as heart or lung diseases, diabetes, kidney disease and asthma are advised to get their flu shot.

After getting the flu, however, students have little choice except to let it run its course. Even with prescription medication, it usually takes 3-5 days for the fever to go away. The fatigue can last for 2-3 weeks and the cough up to 4 weeks.

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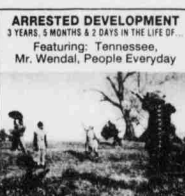
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Krissy Kuziemi (front) recorded 10 assists against Long Beach State.

State defense steals first win

By Kevin Brewer
Assistant Sports Editor

An Ashley Hancock layup off the jump ball five seconds into N.C. State's 75-57 victory over Long Beach State gave the Wolfpack the momentum and a lead it would not relinquish.

For the rest of the game, the Pack used a swarming 1-3-1 trapping defense to disorient Long Beach State's struggling offensive attack. NCSU totaled 20 steals and forced 33 49er turnovers to give the Pack its seventh consecutive opening-season victory.

"We worked a lot with pressure on the ball and good post-side position," Wolfpack coach Kay Yow said. "We want to be a stronger helping-defensive team."

The Pack's defensive play gave it plenty of fast-break opportunities for a starting line-up filled with quick perimeter players. Numerous layups inside the explosive break

gave the Pack an early 20-8 lead. Danyel Parker hit two early layups and drove to the basket at will to tally 19 points in 28 minutes in her first regular-season game back from knee surgery during the spring. Her five rebounds and three assists were also not signs for worry.

"It feels fine," Parker said of the knee. "It's getting back to normal now. In the game, I didn't feel any effects of the injury. My knee is back, and it's not something I have to think about."

Working inside a new single-post offense, center Teri Whyte released a couple of jump-hooks in the lane to solidify the Pack's questionable inside game.

Marking a year after all-ACC selection Rhonda Mapp left the line-up, Whyte came up with 12 points and four rebounds in 20 min-

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Wolfpack edges UNC-A 72-69

By Bill Overton
Sports Editor

It's a good thing beauty doesn't count for winning ball games.

N.C. State struggled for the second-straight game but had enough intestinal fortitude to hold on to beat UNC-Asheville Thursday night, 72-69. In the process, the Pack posted its first win of the season, but it was hardly a feeling of jubilation.

"I'm very happy we won the basketball game," Wolfpack head coach Les Robinson said. "Our overall performance was basically the same as the other night. We still have a long way to go."

"But as I told the team, I'd rather have a long way to go after a win than after a loss. It just puts you in a better frame of mind."

The Pack led by as many as 13 points midway through the first half. However, the Bulldogs quickly erased the margin and actually took a five-point lead after a David Jackson slam with just under four minutes left to play.

"We couldn't score for our lives in the first ten minutes," UNC-A head coach Don Doucette explained. "We thought getting there with two or three minutes to play and having a shot to win was the most important thing."

Wolfpack guard Curtis Marshall then connected on a three-pointer to pull State within two. He followed with a layup to tie the score at 64-64. The Pack would not trail the rest of the evening.

State had a decided height advantage on the Bulldogs, who started a lineup with no man over 6-foot-7. But at times the Pack had a surprisingly tough time going inside to center Kevin Thompson, who finished as the game's high scorer with 21 points. In fact, the Bulldogs actually outbounded State 33-32 on the glass.

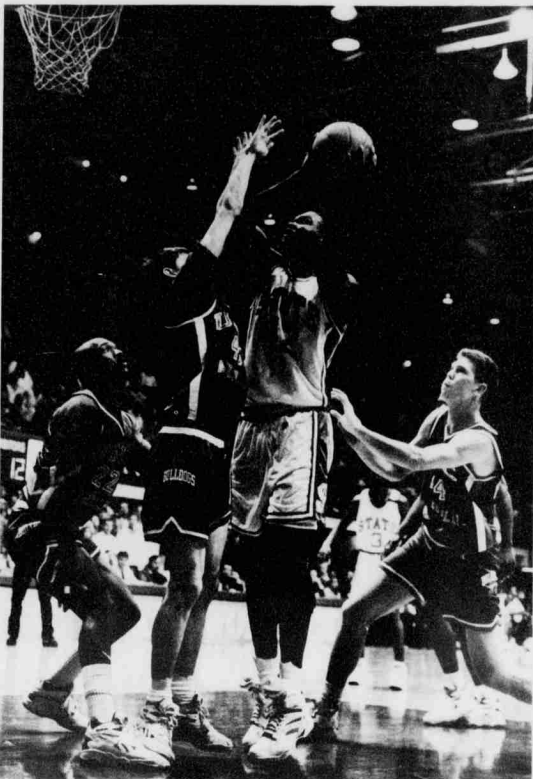
"We thought giving up size would hurt a great deal inside," Doucette said. "But, it didn't."

"They gave us problems from the standpoint of mismatches," Robinson said. "Their lineup is very much similar to what we anticipated having into the first month of the season. [UNC-A] had trouble with us on the defensive end. We couldn't guard them and they couldn't guard us. They took better advantage of that mismatch than we did."

With the score tied at 66-66, Thompson took over, scoring the next four points to put the Pack in front with under a minute to play. The tensions seemed to ease for State.

It was a false sense of security.

After running its patient motion offense like it did for most of the night, UNC-A found Willie



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Senior center Kevin Thompson (42) goes up strong for two of his 21 points against the Bulldogs.

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If judges determine who wins, it's not really a sport

A Technician editorial concerning sports has started a bit of a mini-controversy lately.

The editorial, which ran Nov. 18, was designed to drum up support for our men's soccer team when it embarked on the 1992 NCAA Tournament as a top-seeded team. The finishing sentence, "And when was the last time NCSU was a national champion in a sport?" has incensed some athletes.

Namely, this university's exceptionally talented cheerleading squad.

One reader penned a letter to the editor, pointing out that State's pepsters have won more national championships than any other Pack athletic team. However, I would like to explain something that hinges on the editorial's last sentence.

Cheerleading is not a sport. Before my mug shot is circulated among the squad and an attack is planned on press row the next time



O-Zone

I cover a basketball game, let me elaborate. True, good cheerleading — especially the brand this school's unit produces — is a rare mix of endurance and gymnastic agility. I would hazard a guess that less than 10 percent of this nation's — hell, this world's — professional athletes could do what collegiate cheerleaders do game after game.

And to be recognized among other squads as the upper echelon in the country is nothing to sneeze at either. Winning these meets and competitions requires intense hours of hard work. The reputation that comes with being competitive, as a

cheerleader friend of mine pointed out, is that when "N.C. State" is mentioned to a cheerleader, he or she immediately envisions one of the best programs.

So the activity is athletic and very competitive. But it isn't a sport, because a sport is a competition where the winner is determined in a measurable and incontrovertible way.

Such as, I ran faster; I threw it farther; I jumped higher. Cheerleading's method of determining a champion is by judges, the same way Olympic medal activities like figure skating and platform diving are determined. These means are subjective as proven by the varying opinions among the experts of how close an individual or unit came to perfection.

Folks, that explains it all right there. No human can ever be completely perfect in what he or she does, no matter how hard they try.

They may get infinitely closer to the utopian vision of a perfect backflip, double axel or cheerleading stunt but the true state will never be achieved.

By the same token, no judge is ever going to accurately give a perfect score to a team or person, because he or she has never seen the model of perfection for that particular activity. And even if he or she had, innate human failings (biases, mistakes in observing, prejudices, etc.) render all judges incapable of rendering the perfect decision.

This is different from the referees' and umpires' roles in such sports as football and basketball. True, they can blow a call and the game can turn on a dime. But the judges in these sports are not there to award points but to make sure the rules are abided.

And the rules are the biggest difference between a sport and a com-

petition. A sport is defined as "having a set form and body of rules." To win a sport, a team or person must legally satisfy all of the conditions that deal with determining the victor (such as: The ball must be kicked through the uprights with no member of the team committing a foul).

To win a competition like cheerleading or gymnastics, the conditions are much more nebulous (and numerous), and the winner is determined by who satisfies the most. Basically, it means that whoever makes the least mistakes will score. In a sport, one must make no mistakes to score.

And finally, the method by which teams score in sports are set in stone. The runner must cross the line. The puck must pass into the goal. When was the last time you saw a gymnastic event where both routines were exactly the same? Sure there are compulsory moves,

but they are most often arranged into programs different from the previous competitors'.

This won't end discussion or controversy about whether or not cheerleading is a sport. I never expected it would. I presume cheerleaders feel that what they do is a sport because they, like any other winning team, have the trophies, the muscle soreness and the reputation to prove it. I have three close friends that are members of the team, and I've heard firsthand the stories of rigorous practices, stories that make my ordeals in PE 100 seem like nothing.

Cheerleading is athletic and demanding. So is Olympic ice dancing and synchronized swimming. But as a member of the sports media, I cannot say any of these three are sports.

Defense

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utes, starting for the ninth time in her career.

"Teri really showed improvement from [the exhibition game]," Yow said. "At times, she really showed some nice moves. It's a matter of Teri getting confidence. She's more aggressive in everything that she was doing tonight."

"She's never been a starter for us, and she just needs to get comfortable in that position. I think she'll just keep improving."

Seven first-half points from sophomore Lisa Gerton helped

give the Pack a 38-23 halftime lead. Gerton hit two three-pointers and finished with 14 points in 10 minutes after sitting out most of last season due to academic difficulties.

In the second half, the rest of the Wolfpack bench got into the act to score 30 of the team's 75 points. Senior Jenny Kuziemski, sophomore Quicha Floyd and freshman Muriel Davis assisted Gerton in holding the 48ers to a 36-percent shooting mark for the second period.

"They came off the bench and showed us that they'll be available to give us some major help this year," Yow said. "That really makes me feel good."

Davis recorded eight rebounds and three steals in her first college

game, while Floyd added eight points and defensive hustle to aid the Pack effort.

The Pack's superb defensive play help to overshadow its 38-percent shooting and its mere 39 rebounds, compared to the 49ers' 58 caroms. But the Pack is working with a new offensive scheme that Yow feels is still coming along.

"I think it's going to be fine," Yow said. "It's opening up and giving us a number of options. It's going to take a while, because the timing is not there. I felt good about the shots we got in the transition."

The three-pointer also became a featured attraction in the offense. The Pack hit four of 10 attempts behind the arc, but it will not shy away from the open three-pointer.

"If we have the three-point shot and we're open, then we can take it," Yow said. "We're trying to stay spread out to give ourselves more opportunities for penetration and three-point shots."

After a 78-64 loss to Leverkusen of Germany in its only exhibition game, the Wolfpack didn't work out all of the kinks in the revamped offensive and defensive schemes but showed real signs of hope.

"They played much harder, much more aggressive, much more intense," Yow said.

The Wolfpack, 1-0 on the season, will play eight contests over the Christmas break and begin its ACC schedule against Florida State Dec. 16.

Rifle season ends

Sports Staff Report

The N.C. State rifle team finished up the fall semester by defeating eight of 14 teams in five matches. With Jim Coccia, Brent Edwards, Danny Ledford, John Shannon and Will Tally shooting for State, a win was secured against Jacksonville, Fla., in the first match.

The team then traveled to VMI along with five other teams where Shannon shot an air-rifle personal-best 347/400. Coccia led the way in the following match against Appalachian State with a personal-high 576/600 smallbore.

Next, it was on to Xavier, Ohio, where State suffered a heartbreak-

ing loss to the Musketeers. Bouncing back, Coccia and Tally shot personal highs of 376/400 and 1073/1200 in air rifle and smallbore, respectively, at the Naval Academy to up State's record to 7-6.

In the final match of the semester, State handed The Citadel a loss in Charlotte. The win was well deserved as more personal-best scores were shot. Tally scored 361/400 in air rifle, and Shannon shot 998/1200 in smallbore.

The rifle team hopes to continue its winning momentum as it faces stiff competition in the remaining six matches in the spring.

Bowl tickets will go on sale at the Reynolds Coliseum ticket office Monday morning. No matter where the Pack ends up, you can buy purchase your tickets for the team's fifth-straight bowl appearance.

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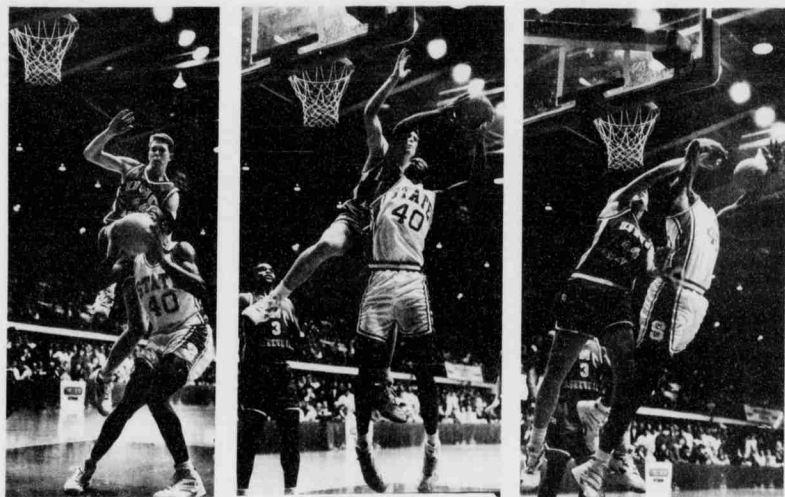
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And that'll be two shots

N.C. State freshman forward Chuck Kornegry (40) draws a shooting foul in the Pack's 72-69 victory over UNC-Ashville Thursday night. After getting his defender in the air with a head fake (left), Kornegry attempts a lay-up (middle) only to get hacked in the act of shooting (right).

Wolfpack

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Black lurking behind the three-point arc. The 6-foot-1 junior launched the three and scored, only to be fouled by Wolfpack guard Lakista McCuller. With 24.7 seconds left, Black was going to the line with a chance to tie the score.

Black missed the chance at the four-point play and State freshman Chuck Kornegry ripped down the rebound. After a couple of fouls, Marshall stepped up and sank two free throws to extend the cushion to three points with 18.2 seconds remaining in regulation.

UNC-A then had one final shot to win or tie the ball game, but it never materialized. The Bulldogs failed to get off another shot as the Pack deflected a pass, picked up the loose ball and ran out the clock.

"We have to continue to work hard," Robinson said. "That game the other night, no doubt, took a lot of confidence from us. Tonight, we would do something good, but we couldn't handle prosperity."

Thompson also had a game-high nine rebounds and showed signs of recovering from his knee injury. The 6-foot-11 senior played 30 minutes and converted 10 of his 12 shots.

"I felt like I was able to get into a rhythm," Thompson said. "I tried to keep working hard. Tonight, I felt a little more at ease and comfortable on the court."

Meanwhile, State will try to search for the chemistry it has been lacking. The Pack did shoot 48 percent from the field, but the percentage may be more deceiving than it looks, especially considering that many shots were taken inside over the much shorter Bulldogs.

The Pack (1-1 overall) won't have much time to ponder. The University of Connecticut will bring its 25th-ranked basketball team to Reynolds Coliseum Saturday for a noon encounter. The game begins a brutal stretch of four games in which the Pack will face the Huskies, Princeton, Oregon State, and Kansas.

"We were way too relaxed tonight," Marshall said. "It seemed like the shots were there. Anytime you wanted to take a shot, it was there. It's not going to be like that against UConn."

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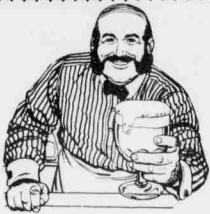
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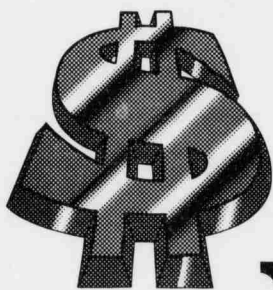
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Program bridges gap between science and humanities

By Andrew Lloyd
Staff Writer

North Carolina State University has something up its sleeve for the top engineering majors of the future.

The Benjamin Franklin Scholars Program is a three-year-old cooperative effort between the College of Humanities and Social Sciences and the College of Engineering.

"Students work for five years to earn full degrees in both colleges, more than a minor," said Patrick Hamlett, the CHASS advisor for the Franklin Scholars. "Students have a concentration of 30 hours in another field, instead of fifteen hours for a minor." These students master a variety of skills that are found lacking in engineering students, Hamlett said. These same traits, such as written and verbal communication skills, are in demand in the workplace.

William Toole, dean of CHASS, said that at NCSU "the goal of the humanities and social sciences is to complement the great strengths of the sciences."

"This university is primarily a science and technology school, and it won't realize its potential unless the humanities and social

sciences play a prominent part," Toole said. "There is a student dynamic at work leading to learning community's ideas themselves."

The program enhances each student's attractiveness to potential employers.

Hamlett also said that in a global workplace and economy, a degree in CHASS can be more than just learning another language; it includes philosophy and ethics.

Although students can choose any CHASS degree, they must complete all the CHASS and engineering requirements.

Toole said that the students often work toward a multi-disciplinary studies degree in humanities, obtaining a degree that complements their degree in engineering.

"In the Franklin Scholars program, students get the sanction to go beyond the normal engineering curriculum," said Richard Porter, assistant professor in material sciences.

"We need to make cross-communication more global; it's a great preparation for the challenges of today's society in engineering and humanities," Porter said.

Porter sees a gap between engineering and humanities that programs like Ben Franklin Scholars can fill.

"Generally, engineering is a non-social

"It's a great preparation for the challenges of today's society in engineering and humanities,"

— Richard Porter, assistant professor in material sciences

application and the humanities are, in many ways, technologically illiterate," Porter said. "A program like Franklin Scholars could have an effect on the way all students are taught."

Engineering students graduate with a different method of doing things than humanities majors. Part of the program's purpose is to humanize the engineers and to make the CHASS majors technologically literate.

When most students are accepted into the College of Engineering in the spring, a list of the top students is sent to the directors of the Franklin Scholars Program and the best students are invited to join.

From those who decide to apply, a limited number are accepted. There are roughly 40 to 50 Franklin Scholars per class, said Porter.

Roughly 70 students are involved with the program now, and after five years, when there are seniors in the Franklin Scholars Program, membership will probably level out at 100 or 125, Hamlett said. This will give students a small college experience in a large university.

There are three designated Franklin Scholars courses: one for freshman entering the program, one for sophomores and juniors, and a capstone exiting course.

Hubert Winston, assistant dean for academic affairs in the College of Engineering, said that during the fourth-year summer Benjamin Franklin Scholars would have the opportunity to intern in a job that would concentrate more on their humanities and social sciences background.

The capstone course will probably combine engineering and CHASS in a project course with teams of students working together.

In their first year, students take MDS 214, Technology and Values. During their second year, students must submit a proposal

for the rest of their course of study. Part of this proposal is a statement telling how they plan to combine their engineering degree with their CHASS degree, said Porter.

Rather than taking one degree at a time, students are encouraged to incorporate their courses together because both of their degrees are awarded at the same time.

"Attrition is high," Winston said. "Out of the 21 original students, only 12 are left." "We are going to provide graduates better prepared than other colleges for assuming leadership roles," Porter said.

An advisory council, composed of people from corporations and other off-campus organizations, helps set up curriculum and program goals.

Hamlett said a member of this council asked several CEOs if they would prefer a student with a degree in humanities and a degree in engineering over a student with just a master's degree in engineering. They uniformly answered yes.

"Any employer will complete training on the job; it's hard to transmit CHASS skills in the workplace," Hamlett said.

The students have also started a chapter of Pugwash: an organization which focuses on science, technology and society issues.

NCSU space debris experiment gets off the ground

By Scottee Cantrell
NCSU Information Services

When the Space Shuttle Discovery lifts off from the Kennedy Space Center on Wednesday, Dec. 2, it will be carrying a special radar calibration device developed and fabricated by engineering undergraduates from N.C. State University.

Initiated and developed by students, the unique device will launch six polished metal spheres into space on Friday, Dec. 4. These spheres will be used to calibrate ground-based radar, assisting NASA in tracking deadly bits of space debris that could threaten future Space Station Freedom, satellites and other space vehicles.

Larry Silverberg, an associate professor in mechanical and aerospace engineering who supervised the students, said: "The project has been a

win-win situation for everyone involved. The students received a tremendous educational and growth experience, and NASA got a quality product for a fraction of what it would have cost from industry."

A group of 39 undergraduates began developing the device in January 1991 by building four competing prototype ejectors.

Using these models, a select group of nine students then built the actual hardware — a metal device about the size of a small-car engine that rotates and ejects spheres from spring-loaded tubes.

The ejector has been loaded into a canister that is located in the cargo bay of the shuttle. Three pairs of stainless steel and aluminum spheres — 2, 4, and 6 inches (5, 10, and 18 cm) in diameter — will be launched from the can through the shuttle's open doors at speeds between 3 and 6.5 miles per hour

(4.8 and 10.4 kilometers per hour) during the shuttle's 31st orbit.

The spheres will re-enter the atmosphere and completely burn up between 65 and 120 days after launch, depending on the size of the sphere. Their usefulness to NASA will last between 45 to 70 days, Silverberg said.

The project was initiated by NCSU electrical engineering graduate Andy Mueller, now a medical student at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

While employed with NASA in the cooperative education program, Mueller recognized the need for the orbiter ejector and pursued the opportunity for NCSU students.

The spheres will be ejected from Discovery by astronaut Michael R. U. "Rich" Clifford two days after liftoff, Silverberg said.

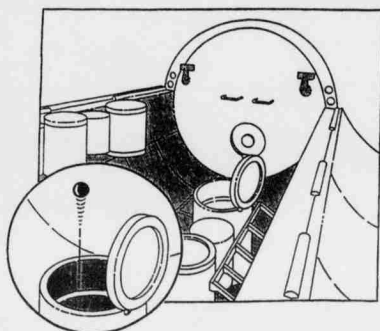
They will then be tracked by radars and optical telescopes that

include the Millstone Haystack and the Haystack Auxiliary Radars in Massachusetts, the Kwajalein Radars in the South Pacific, the Eglon Radar in Florida, and the FGAN radar in Germany.

The radars will determine the "signature" of each sphere, an object's specific pattern and reflectivity.

The U.S. Space Command radars already can track debris the size of a baseball or larger, but the radars are not calibrated to detect smaller pieces, Silverberg said.

A follow-up test may be conducted during a shuttle mission next spring, Silverberg said that the spheres must be ejected during a flight with an orbit passing over the Northeastern United States. Usually, there are only one or two such "high inclination" flights each year.



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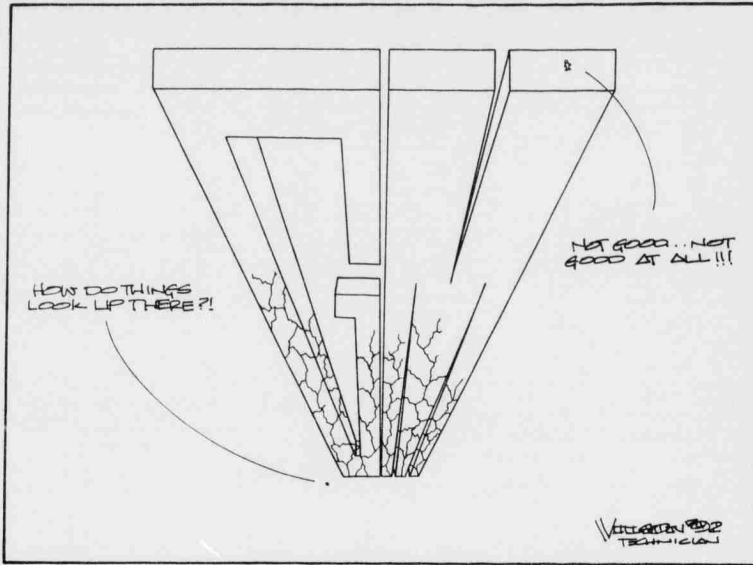


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Message serves purpose

Technician would like to welcome The Nubian Message to N.C. State University. The publication, which is the first African-American student publication on campus, is a new horizon for NCSU.
The Nubian Message, which will focus on African-American student concerns, was first released Wednesday at a rally in the Student Annex. The Nubian Message offers a well-rounded format of news features, reviews, sports and articles on African-American history and heritage.
Technician wishes The Nubian Message well in its journalistic pursuits. Tony Williamson, the editor, is an upstanding student and is doing a great service for the African Americans on campus.
Starting an alternative press is a brilliant idea for African-American students. With campus-wide circulation, The Nubian

Message should have a profound impact on forwarding the cause of understanding African-American student concerns.
Hopefully, The Nubian Message will get the African-American message out. Technician encourages all students to pick up a copy and read it.
Technician believes in the freedom of the press. The Nubian Message will join The State Critic and Hugo Speaks as a focused alternative press on campus.
Technician challenges other students groups to get involved with the student media, whether it is with this newspaper, The Critic, Hugo Speaks, The Nubian Message or one you start on your own.
Without a forum for discussion there is no interchange of ideas. Students have a choice as to whether or not they let their voices be heard.
Technician wishes The Nubian Message longevity and success.



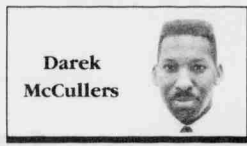
Keeping a great coach

It's the same old story. N.C. State University Head Football Coach Dick Sheridan has guided the Wolfpack to another outstanding season and has been offered a job at another university. This time it's Auburn, but it's happened before.
After 1988, Sheridan's third season at NCSU, in which the Wolfpack went 9-3 and defeated Iowa in the Peach Bowl, he was approached by both Georgia and South Carolina.
Georgia is one of the most tradition-rich teams in college football. It had a lot of money, prestige and exposure to offer Sheridan, but he turned the Bulldogs down.
South Carolina is Sheridan's alma mater and it also had a lot of money to offer Sheridan, but he turned the Gamecocks down too.
Jim Valvano, NCSU's athletic director at the time, knew a winner when he saw one and he negotiated to keep Sheridan in Raleigh. But it was more than just money or the promise of better facilities that kept Sheridan at the helm of the Wolfpack. It was also his desire to build a program his way; to field national-championship caliber teams that also excel academically.
Most observers expected Sheridan to leave. They expected the lure of the Georgia "big-time" or his desire to return to South Carolina to pull him away from NCSU, just as former Wolfpack

coaches Lou Holtz and Bo Rein were pulled away.
Most laughed at the thought that NCSU could win a national championship in football. But this year the Wolfpack was only three field goals away from going 11-1 (and only two back-breaking touchdown bombs late in the first half from giving Florida State a close game). And there are no signs that the Wolfpack won't be as good or better next year.
Under Sheridan the Wolfpack has improved steadily. If it wins its bowl game this year, this will be the first Wolfpack team to ever win 10 games. Sheridan has also done an outstanding job emphasizing academics and personal development among his players. What's to stop Sheridan from coaching NCSU to its first national championship in football? What's to stop him from accomplishing that with a team made up of outstanding students?
Nothing, if he stays.
Like Georgia, Auburn has a lot of money, exposure and tradition to offer Sheridan. But here at NCSU, Sheridan is not far from the pinnacle of college football and no else can take any credit for his success. At Auburn, any success Sheridan might have would be built upon departing coach Pat Dye's foundation.
Sheridan built the foundation at NCSU and he has made a tremendous start on the final product. Wolfpack fans can only hope he wants to finish.

Columns Self-esteem, heritage and faith needed

The world around us seems to be in a state of decay. The economy is bad, people are getting depressed and committing suicide and there still exists tension and backbiting between the races. I want to conclude this semester by discussing three things that are crucial to success and wholeness as a person.
We need self-esteem, consciousness of a heritage and a positive faith base.
Self-esteem is something that comes from several places. First, it comes from the home. I am fortunate because I come from a home where I had a birth mother and father. I didn't always understand what he was doing, but my father was a strong presence in the house, showing and teaching his two sons what it meant to be a man.
He taught me that manhood involved having vision for the future and being loving — of your woman, family, ethnicity and humanity — yet willing to confront racial and social injustices.
I had a mother that schooled me in the way of Jesus Christ. She had a simple philosophy: "Let the same spirit that was in Christ Jesus be in me." She faced the problem of being a "double minority" with all the dignity, power and grace of an African-American queen.
Many did not have this advantage.
Therefore society must provide these children with the instruments of self-esteem. Since the days of integration, our institutions have failed to do this. All too often the self-esteem of African-American children has been lowered instead of raised.
The ethnic consciousness of African



American. This is what I call "The Bluest Eye Syndrome."
Like Malcolm X, I believe that we need a positive faith base in our struggle to overcome our difficulties. This faith should be one that affirms our personhood and gets us in touch with the divine.
This kind of faith can get rid of some of the vices in our community and give us all the power we need to "fight the power."
The power that comes against us is not "the white man," it is the children of Cain. We read in the bible that Cain killed his brother Able and was pushed away from the land of genesis — Africa. Cain took evil with him and plotted to achieve power and recognition, which he killed his brother for.
Cain bred a whole race of people with the same mindset — I don't know what color they were. But I do know that we have a whole lot of them here today.
These people are not beyond redemption because God sent one of their own to change them — Jesus Christ. His ministry was to the households who needed to understand the power, presence and judgment of God.
African people have always been aware of these things. However, most of us have lost that knowledge to a "church" that is an institution created by man.
During the break, I will seek to increase my knowledge. Next semester, I will continue to educate on leadership, values, problems and solutions to African-American issues.

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Government should not interfere with sex

In response to Steve Crisp's opinion article dealing with homosexuals and homosexual feelings: Homosexuality is not wrong, regardless of what some religions teach. Love between two people is one of the most beautiful things that can be experienced. Government has no right to interfere in the love and resulting sexual behavior of its citizens, whether it is between people of the same or opposite sexes.
Any law stating that it is illegal for persons of the same gender to have a sexual relationship is both outdated and silly. This is the '90s. According to "Loony Sex Laws" by Robert Pelton, a California law makes it illegal for oral sex to take place, even in the bedroom, and can result in a 15-year penitentiary term. In some states, only the missionary position is legal. Absurd. Why were these laws made, and why do they still exist?
People fear that which they do not know or understand or differs from their beliefs. Immaturity is another cause of the fear of homosexuality. People should realize that homosexuals are people just like everyone else and have their own preferences and beliefs. Moralities differ from person to person. I believe any sexual act (including sadomasochism) between willing partners is acceptable.
Homosexuality is not a "perversion or crime," as Crisp states. Sex is a beautiful

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act between two people who care for each other. Just as the government should have no say over my body, no one should be allowed to control who has sex with whom. Acceptance of different sexual orientations does not mean you must like or practice it; it simply means you realize that others have different ideas. Our laws and attitudes in society need some serious reworking. Grow up, America.
Ann E. Lincoln
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Robinson story not appropriate coverage
I was appalled by Technician's Nov. 30 front-page story "Friend reflects on Robinson's suicide death." The printing of this article reflected poor editorial judgment. Publishing the comments made by Timothy Hunt resulted in a blatant exploitation of this tragedy.
I am not aware of the circumstances under which Hunt gave this interview. However, the statements he made regarded an

extremely private matter that is not the business of the general public. The purpose of Technician should be to provide students, faculty and the university community with information that is either of importance or interest to them. Monday's story is justified by neither of these objectives.
I'm afraid the only purpose the article served was to further add to the pain and emotional stress of Robinson's family and friends.
Jeff Drew's article overstepped the boundaries of responsible journalism. As an editor and a writer for this publication, he needs to learn the meaning of fact.
Christian Dick
Junior, English
Caldwell Snack Bar will correct problems
Several weeks ago a letter appeared in the Forum about the snack bar that the brothers of Alpha Kappa Psi operate in Caldwell Lounge. I am writing to address some of the issues that were raised in that letter.
First of all, at the snack bar we sell coffee, hot chocolate, ice tea, lemonade and fruit juice, as well as doughnuts. Our prices are 55 cents for a large, 45 cents for a small and 25 cents if you want a refill or bring your
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own cup. Doughnuts are 50 cents for a pack of two.

Secondly, we continually make fresh coffee as needed. We leave it on the burners to keep it warm. If, however, for some reason your coffee or hot chocolate is lukewarm or otherwise unsuitable, please inform a brother who is working. We will gladly rectify the problem.

Lastly, we use styrofoam cups because we feel they are better insulators for the coffee and hot chocolate. If you prefer not to use styrofoam, simply bring your own cup and we will gladly serve you.

In closing, we would like to thank the author of the letter for the positive comments she made about the snack bar personnel. The snack bar is one of our biggest fundraisers. However, we are not in it to cheat or treat anyone unfairly.

If a question or problem does arise, do not hesitate to bring it to the attention of the brothers who are on duty at the time.

We hope this letter clears up any misunderstandings or other problems concerning the snack bar.

Susan E. Gidney
Director of Public Relations for Alpha Kappa Psi
Senior, business management.

Wolfpack fans show class, pride

Once again the regular season for ACC football teams is over. N.C. State University again had a terrific season, ending with a spectacular win over the Demon Deacons. Wolfpack students and fans cheered and yelled for the Pack from the stands, where the celebration ought to take place.

Not one fan or student felt the need to destroy any of the property of the stadium or tear down the goal posts for celebration. However, when Florida State beat the Wolfpack back in September, some Seminole fans found it necessary to parade at midfield and take pieces of our field back to Tallahassee as souvenirs. Also, when that school over in Chapel Hill beat Georgia Tech, Tarheel fans tore down the goal posts and did much damage to their own field. Wolfpack fans' behavior at the final game this year displays the class of the university and the pride NCSU has in its outstanding football team.

Keena Moore
Sophomore, business management

Program for elderly inspires the young

I enjoyed the article describing the Parks and Recreation Tourism program. It is good to know that senior citizens are not being forgotten. Everyone has a need for love or self-esteem and the class, Parks and Recreation Tourism 358, is doing a fine job in serving these particular needs that the elderly are often

deprived of. The happiness of our senior citizens can be obtained through games, music and dancing. Not only is this a good experience for the seniors, the involvement of the students proves that they too enjoy themselves.

The publication of the article has "sparked" an interest in me to sign up for the class. I hope that other students appreciate the idea behind the program and volunteer, while gaining credit toward graduation.

Mia Barbee
Sophomore, communication

Radical Republican right not immoral

I was appalled at Albert R. Butler's Nov. 28 letter on the "radical" Republican right. He stated that these type of Republicans have a very sexist view of women and believe that the woman's only purpose is for pleasure. It seems that the mainstream media and liberals consider the radical Republicans the religious end of the Republican party. How can someone possibly say that members of the Republican right are the ones who have "meanderthal" morals and values. Aren't the Republicans the ones who oppose special rights for homosexuals? Aren't the Republicans the ones who are trying to save the lives of well over 1,000,000 unborn babies a year?

Who had such "offensive" things as the Ten Commandments, which contain statements like "You should not commit adultery," taken out of America's schools? And who says

that "safe" sex should be promoted rather than abstinence because you can't possibly expect people not to have sex? Not radical, religious Republicans. Try the liberal Democrats. Who seems to lack real morals? Members of the Republican right aren't narrow-minded and discriminatory against homosexuals, a woman's "right" to abortion and unfaithful marriage partners. They stand up for real values and won't apologize for them. If a homosexual activist group says they are being unfair, the "radical" Republicans don't apologize; they say that what they're doing is OK. They stand behind what they believe.

I challenge Butler to look at the real beliefs of the conservatives. And I would also like Butler to consider his double standard. I didn't see him complain about the paintings in the Free Expression Tunnel that stated "Lick Bush In '92!" Who put that up? Radical-right Republicans "who can't get their minds unstuck from their zippers?" I don't think so.

Lewis G. Chilton
Freshman, industrial engineering

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