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Student's report opposes new arena

Sports and Entertainment Arena are facing criticism by some who aren't opti-mistic about the economic growth the arena was pre-dicted to provide.

BY DAVE BLANTON

An N.C. State University graduate student who prepared a report on the planned Sports and Entertainment Arena this summer says it's a gamble — one that may carry a disappointing economic

impact. And the N.C. Employment Security Commission (ESC) backs him up. Mark Sisak, an economics student

who wrote the report while working for the ESC, said the 26,000-seat for the ESC, said the 26,000-seat arena's proponents put too much faith in a report that praises the new arena as a lode of economic riches. He bases his argument on research he did with the ESC that dealt specifically with UNC-Charlotte professor John Connaughton's economic impact report, which suggested the arena be built. The arena is scheduled for completion by 1996.

Sisak said any revenue that the

new arena may create is irrelevant because the new arena will not offer any event that other area buildings cannot handle already.

"We are already realizing the revenue from the arena. [Connaughtion] hasn't shown us any net change in revenue from Reynolds [Colseum] to the new arena, "Sisak said.

Connaughtion's report says the new arena would bring millions of dollars in business growth to the Raleigh area, Sisak said.

Phoenix Communications, the marketing firm behind the new arena's construction, asked the ESC to evaluate Connaughtion's report. Sisak researched the report and

Greg Sampson, director or research for the ESC, supervised Sisak's work this summer. He said proponents are using Connaughton's report to support the building of the arena. Sampson also said he isn't sure if the Connaughton report can really predict the future — mainly, he said, because the accuracy of Connaughton's estimates hinge heavily on many factors.

"In any of these kinds of studies where you talk about a set of hypothetical numbers, ... there is tremendous uncertainty." Sampson said.

He said this is especially true in economic evaluations in which the researcher simply cannot account for everything that may or may not happen in the future.

NCSU Athletics Director Todd Turner, a supporter of the arena, said it's foolish to read too much into the renew.

into the report.

"It's just a study based on assumptions," Turner said, "It is a summary of [the arena's] economic impact.

People really should not assume more. That is not [Connaughton's]

Sampson went further, casting doubt on the study's predictions.
"The proponents are claiming that

the new arena is going to bring new net benefits to the area ... I see things in the report that are not per-suasive and, more importantly, not clear," he said. Sisak said Connaughton's argu-ment is unscientific and pushedies.

Sisak said Contaughton's argument is unscientific and misleading.

"When Connaughton tried to assess the amount of money that would be brought in, he figures merchandise revenue, parking revenue and food revenue." Sisak said.

"But he gets these exact figures from area arenas already in operation."

Sisak said pulling the numbers

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'Floaters' may be in trouble

■ The latest Faculty Senate meeting drew attention to students taking classes in certain departments with out interest in pursuing the curriculum. These students are referred to as phantom students.

By MIKE FEHER

Students undecided about their degree may soon feel pressure to choose their major earlier in their

college career. Senators discussed phantom majors — students either making no progress toward their degrees or who are in their curricula only in hopes of switching to another one — at a Faculty Senate meeting last

Tuesday.

These students appear to have no commitment toward a specific degree program, said representatives of several affected depart-

nents. Students taking classes that fill no ments.
Students taking classes that fill no particular requirement or are not related to a certain curriculum can slow a student's academic progress, said Robert Weir, a professor of forestry. He said students who "float" in their curricula end up spending more time and money to get their degree.

John Tector, an associate professor of architecture, said while students must consult with an adviser perfore receiving personal identification numbers for TRACS registration, they don't have to follow the advice given.

When the demand for a curriculum is high, the administration generally raises academic requirements for students, Weir said. This gives department heads more control over who gets in.

Weir said one reason phantom majors exist is the changing influx of students.

"Very likely, there was a period of "Very likely, there was a period of

majors exist is the changing influx of students. "Very likely, there was a period of time when our department saw large growth in enrollments," he said. "But our department has cycled over time." Weir said the issue of environmental awareness in the 1970s caused a large surge of enrollment in the College of Forest Resources. He said this push affected all forestry departments across the country during that time.

departments also enjoyed a rapid growth in enrollment, Weir said. As a result, many students who could not meet the requirements for engi-neering departments opted to switch to forestry.

to forestry.

Many students, though not their first choice, were placed into forestry, not willing to put much effor into their studies. Weir said.

He said he wants to push for a requirement to insure that students are making progress toward their degrees.

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Weir said most people who pursue phantom majors are merely wasting their time as well as departmental resources by participating in a curriculum they have little interest in.

"They're just going through the motions." Weir said.

James Gregory, associate professor and assistant head of undergraduate programs in the department of forestry, said he is happy with his department's enrollment. "We've had a fairly dramatic increase in enrollment. We'd like to think it's something we did, Gregory said.

He said his main concern is helping students who have little direction in their studies.

"We really want to address what that student wants to do," Gregory said. "If they enrolled in our curriculum and are taking courses in other curricula, we want to help that student make progress towards a degree."

legree."
He said his department developed wo ways to deal with those students pursuing phantom majors. One method is to require certain key courses to be taken in order to demonstrate satisfactory academic

demonstrate satisfactory progress.

"We require them to follow courses in our curriculum to make progress toward a degree," Gregory

He said the other way is by rec-ommending that students transfer-into undesignated programs. He said this offers more choice for stu-dents who aren't sure what their interests are. "They've got a lot more flexibili-ty," Gregory said. Gregory said that while phantom majors represent a problem taxing departmental resources, his depart-ment aims to identify and assist stu-

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Senior festivities starting

many privileges, and today marks the start of several special events coming up this fall for upperclassmen.

By David Newton

Seniors at N.C. State University will be able to use their Red Cards today to get free cokes, stickers and pins — the first of many senior activities sponsored by the NCSU Alumni Association

event," said Kent Hester, assistant alumni director and adviser to the Senior Council.

Coming activities include a pig picking at the Georgia Tech football game on Oct. 23, Nightclub Night at the Newbar in November and exam survival kits in December, Hester said.

The Alumni Association funds the miversity after graduation, Hester said.

The senior class is the next generation of alumni," he said.

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The idea is to create some bonds

taken a stand on the con-troversial Women's Studies Program issue — it has asked the NCSU adminis-tration to bring back the program.

program

■ The Student Senate has

By J. KEITH JORDAN

The Student Senate passed a resolution Sunday calling on the university administration to reinstate the Women's Studies Program.

The program offered a minor based on 10 courses, which are still available. Administrators climinated it to save the \$7,000 it cost to run for each academic year. Resolution co-sponsor Megan Jones said the decision to remove the program is questionable.

topic of study."

Jones said about 40 students were enrolled in the minor, in addition to students taking women's study classes as electives or to fill other requirements.

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'Volatile' art display looks at blacks and business exhibit for a second time. "Being an African-American female and planning to go into the job market, the exhibit! shows what I am going to encounter," Templeton said. "You hear about it, but this gives you images." Templeton said the exhibit in speaks to people in all fields. "You don't have to be in the corporate world... I feel a lot of the emotions and see the kind of things that she is trying to portray." Templeton said. Iya-Ilu Moses, director of the cultural center, said the exhibit approaches an important topic without bitterness. ■ Objects that may seem

familiar to the public have a meaningful and artistic twist in this month's exhibit located in the African-American Cultural Center.

By David Patterson

The quote is posted on a plaque at the entrance to artist Sheila Wright's exhibit, "Volatile Natures: African-American Women in Management Positions."
"Racism is firmly entrenched in the nation's boardrooms...—Dawn M. Baskerville and Sheryl Hillard Tucker."
That is one part of the exhibition the African-American Cultural Center is sponsoring, located in the center's gallery on the second floor of the Student Center Annex.
Walter Davis, the center's assis-

"You don't have to be in the corporate world ... I feel a lot of the emotions and see the kind of things that she is trying to portray."

> - Kenya Templeton a junior in agricultural education and forestry economics

tant director, said the exhibition delivers a powerful message. "It is an interpretation of what African-American women go through every day in the work-place," Davis said.

The exhibit — quotes from work-ers and social activists, sheets of plexiglass, two desks, mannequins, calenders, post-it notes and other objects — is an alternative form of objects

art known as an installation exhibi-

art known as an intion.
Davis said the exhibit puts a new spin on familiar objects.
"The artist takes [and] gathers material and creates a context that provides a whole new meaning for the materials," he said.

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Kenya Templeton, a junior in agri-cultural education and forestry eco-nomics, said she was visiting the

approaches an important topic with-out bitterness.

"I find it humorous and serious because it speaks to a certain need," Moses said.

The exhibition opened Aug. 20 and will run through Dec. 17. Sheila Wright will lecture on the exhibit Oct. 7 in Room 356 of the Student Center Annex.

News **Notes**

Open House begins Saturday

High technology will be on dis-play at NCSU's Open House '93 Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. For starters, the Robertson Pulp and Paper Pilor Plant will be opera-tional at the College of Forest Resources' Billmore Hall. You will be able to observe computer-com-trolled paper production in this state-of-the-art facility. There will be aunor-

state-of-the-art facility.

There will be ample photo opportunities in the College of Engineering's Mann and Riddick Halls where robots, computer animation and space-age laboratories will be demonstrated.

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And, in the College of Physical and Mathematical Sciences'.

Dabney Hall, a series of 'gec whiz' science demonstrations might reduce your fear of the hard sciences. A magic show will feature dozens of tricks with mathematical explanations.

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explanations.
Then, shuttle over to the College of Textiles on the Centennial Campus to get images of the 21st century in the textile industry. By the way, thousands of high school students from across the state are expected to visit NCSU for an up close look at the university, its academic programs and its campus style.

Open Home

pus style.

Open House is an annual, univer-sitywide event. Programs indicating the time and location of various demonstrations will be available at the registration tables at Reynolds Coliseum.

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Omega members meeting, Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. in the Women's Center, locat-ed in the basement of Nelson Hall.

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WORKSHOP — A self-defense workshop will be held Wednesday, 4:30 - 7:30 p.m. in Carmichael Gym. Free and open to NCSU women students, staff and faculty. Call 515-2012 to register.

MEETING — Outing Club meetings Wednesdays at 7 p.m. in Carmichael Gym Room 2014, Fall break trips — hiking, white water rating, backpacking. Other trips include canoeing, kayaking, rock climbing candidates.

REMINDER — Student

Schming today intrough Dec. 17. EXHIBITION — The Crafts Center Gallery at NCSU presents. "Clay: Art's Versatile Language," through Oct. 3. The gallery is open 2-10 p.m. Mon., Wed. and Fin., 9 a.m. - 10 p.m. Tues, and Thurs, and 12:30 - 5:30 p.m. Sat. and Sun.

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THURSDAY

SERVICE — Attention all Jewish students. The High Days are fast

"There are too many economic factors to consider for anyone to say exactly how many jobs it would create." Sampson said.
Sisak said the new arena will offer little more than existing arenas.
'He didn't figure on the usefulness of the other arenas in this area. The new arena is a consolidation of other arenas, "Sampson said.
Sisak said connaughton was paid \$50,000 to write a rave review of the plans, and Connaughton was paid \$50,000 to write a scholarly report that praised the new arena.

"So the question remains, Why build a new arena when you have utilized facilities that are already paid for," Sisak said.
Sisak said the new arena is completely unnecessary.

on the elimination of and assistance to those students taking classes with no declared major. "We really started this about a dozen years ago now. We found there were students wallowing in no-man's-land," Gregory and Weir indicated a need for some degree of enforcement of these plans. Such plans would help ensure that students are taking classes related to their degree and not wasting their time in classes.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

environmental action coalition is pleased to amount Erim Malloy-Henley will be giving a presentation on environmental ethics Thursday at 7:30 p.m. Join SEAC in Wistom 99. ORUM — The Presbyerian Campus Ministry at NCSU is sponsoring a Peace Lunch Forum Thursday 12:40-1:40 p.m. in the Walnut Room Student Center. Topic: "The N.C. General Assembly and Social Legislation," pre-sented by Rev. Jimmy Creech, lobblest, N.C. Council of Churches. Refreshments will be served.

CONFERENCE

Optometry Career Conference featuring four optometry colleges will be held Sept. 30 at the UNC-Chapel Hill General Administration Building. Call 515-2614 for trans-

portation information. WORKSHOP — Written

denanua a new facinity. 1805. Sissas.

Connaughton's report estimated the new arena would bring in \$58 million during the first year, and as much as \$300 million by the end of five years. But Sisak calls those figures misleading. Sampson said Sisak was assigned to evaluate Connaughton's report from many different viewpoints. That is probably the reason Sisak found so many holes in the report, Sampson said.

they are not interested in.
"One of the things we've dis-cussed is a general academic enroll-ment status. The advisers would sign this to ensure progress and good advising," Gregory said.

Gregory said these measures are not selfish or directed by the administration to pressure undecided stu-dents. He also said they are not related to departmental funds or

"We don't have any control over what the student registers for,"

FRIDAY

International Dance and Music Extravaganza at Charlie Goodnight's Newbar Friday from 8 p.m.-3 a.m. Techno music from midnight to 3 a.m. Admission is free with student ID and \$2 without. Sponsored by NCSU International Student Committee.

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MEETING — The AfricanAmerican Cultural Center
will hold a resident organi-

SATURDAY

PICNIC — The N.C. Peace Corps Association wel-comes new and existing members and their families to a por-luck pienic at Lake Crabtree (off Aviation Boulevard) Saturday at 3 p.m. For more information call 779-5478.

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TUESDAY

MEETING — The N.C. State Delegation of the N.C. Student Legislature meets in the Student Center

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from current arena and coliseum
sales and applying them to the success of a new one assumes bankruptcy for the existing arena.
Some use Connaughton's encouraging statistics to argue that the new
arena would inevitably create new
jobs, he said. But Sisak said
Connaughton's report only indicates that the new arena would
transfer a lot of jobs, instead of
actually creating new ones.
Sampson said Connaughton's
report does not say whether
Raleigh's new arena would create
new jobs. Connaughton was wise
not to speculate on that, he said.

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dents unsure of their academic path.
"We've worked hard at finding
phantom majors and helping them."
Gregory said. "Our job is to get students to make a choice and to get
them where they want to be."
Gregory said the department of
forestry has worked for some time

Floaters

pletely unnecessary.
"If there was a demand for [the

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"Does the market in this area demand a new facility? No," Sisak

Sampson said.
"We asked him to analyze this

report from a number of different vantage points — and that was not Connaughtion's mission." Sampson said. "[Connaughtion] analyzed the arena's benefits from the vantage point of the arena's proponents." Turner said Connaughtion's report did not decide the success or failure of other arens.

did not decide the success or failure of other arenas.

"I don't think the purpose of the report was to focus on the other arenas, including the Dean Dome, Dorton Arena, the fairgrounds or the Raleigh Civic Center," Turner said.

said.

Sampson agreed.

"Connaughton did a very thorough job, but there is some uncertainty in his report." Sampson said.

He said some are asking why the Dean E. Smith Center was built with little debate, but the Sports and

Although the department is trying o implement policies and guidelines to ensure academic progress toward a degree. Gregory said it is not possible to enforce what is dis-cussed at the time of advising.

Entertainment Arena has become controversial.

That's simple, Sampson said.
He said UNC-Chapel Hill alumni wanted the Smith Center. Private citizens, mostly UNC alumni, funded its construction.

"The Dean Dome was a matter of want, not need," Sisak said. "The market did not demand a new arena, but the alumni wanted to build one. And they did."

Sisak explained that the Smith Center loses about \$700,000 a year, and the spokespersons there are apprehensive about Raleigh's new arena.

arena.
"I talked to the [Smith Center]
administrators about the new arena.
They are petrified that this new
arena will be built [and hurt their
business]," Sisak said.



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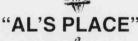
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Sports

Pack women pick up 'safe' win

Campbell By Jeff Drew

CORESPONDENSI

With about eight minutes left in the N.C. State women's soccer match against Campbell Monday, a Pack defender executed a hard slide tackle on the sideline, coming to rest in the State bench area.

"State," cred Wolfpack goalkeeper Michelle Bertocchi.
That's how it went for the Pack in its 6-2 whipping of the Camels at Method Road Soccer Stadium. Despite coming in with five straight wins, Campbell's second-year program was not ready to challenge the nation's ninth-ranked team.

But it was okay with State head coach Larry Gross. After playing in four consecutive 1-0 games, including an emotional victory at eight ranked Virginia Saturday, it was exactly what Gross wanted, a safe

game in which reserves saw pienty of playing time and the team picked up an easy win.

"This was good for us, we played a lot of people," said Gross, whose team improved to 5-1 with its third straight win. "I'm happy to get through this game without any injuries."

Gross rested junior midfielder Catherine Zaborowski, who has Achilles' tendinitis, but played everyone else against the Camels. The Pack also rediscovered its offense, scoring more than one goal for the first time since its 5-1 opening game victory over Elon.

"It was good that some people could sore and pain confidence," said Bertocchi, who started but sai ut the second half.

State was supposed to open the season with Campbell, and at times Monday, the Pack looked like a team playing in its first game.

But not carly on. Still Jubilant from the Virginia win, the Pack

appeared to be offsides by at least 10 yards. But the linesman's flag stayed down, giving Yankowski a break away. The sentior forward dribbled into the penalty area and dished to junior Betsy Anderson for another tap into an open net.

A pair of freshmen connected on the Pack's final goal of the balf. Midfielder Robin Morlock found forward Courney Jurich on the left side of the penalty area and to Springiteld, Va. native blasted a 16-yard shot into the right comer. Starting off the second half, Kurtyka's second goal pushed State's lead to 5-0. Sophomore forward Shawas Verano started the play with a dribbling run to the right post. She then passed across the goal line to Kurtyka, who pushed the ball just inside the left post with 37-55 left in the match.

But a pushing foul on State sweeper Dayna Smith allowed

Tarantini patient despite losing skid

Although his team has dropped three straight, so cer coach Geroge Tarantini sees a good learning experi-ence coming out of the team's problems.

By Owen S. GOOD

N.C. State's men's soccer team is in the throes of a three-game losing skid. Team chemistry is flat. The Pack can't control the midfield. Youth and inexperience are the key problems.

Problems.
Yet head coach George Tarantini says, "I don't want to trade anything for what we're going

through? Strange as that may sound, one must understand Tarantim was just voicing his patience for a team often termed "young and inexperi-

enced." The fact that State is in the midst of a losing streak isn't pleasing, but it exposes the team's problems early enough for Tarantini to deal with them.

After the most recent loss, a 2-1 defeat to perennial ACC doormat Maryland Sunday, Tarantini recalled an important point.

"I remembered Sunday night something I know very well. It's not how you start, but how you finish," Tarantini said.

He feels that his team has "the potential to be the same offense" of past seasons— the high-scoring, spread-the-field, bomb-the-keeper sort— even if it's accountable for just two goals in the team's last three games.
"I think in Mark Jonas, I think in Shohn] Beachum. I think in Shohn] Beachum. I think in Alberto [Montoya], we'll be very productive in the future," Tarantini said. "Once again, the experience

Tarantini added that the problem is correctable within the regular season. "We have the tools to score and it's a matter of time." Forwards Beachum and Montoya, both Parade all-Americans, have scored one and three goals, respectively. Montoya's 10 points leads the team, along with sophomore Jonas.

Jonas.
On the raw-talented front line, youth is the main problem.
"Youth is execting, correct? But on the other hand, youth will give you a lot of mistakes," Tarantini said. "For example, against Indiana, Alberto made a beautiful scissors-kick. But guess what, that's not a goal."

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middle with forwards. We don't have the midfielders part of the offense the way they're supposed to be,' Tarantin said. 'And when you lose three games in a row the way we did, that gives you a lot of doubts. There's the questions of: Do you want to leave them in? Do you want to go forward or stay behind and play more defense?"

The backfield, according to Tarantini, is the most stable because it is composed of upperclassmen willing to give their best effort each game.

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"[Kevin Scott is] the kind of leader who leads by example. By the time the game is over, he's given you everything he has,"
Tarantin said. "lason Reigler is the same; Marlow Campbell.—after two years of that [knee] injury—he's giving you everything he has.



Damon Nahas (9) attacks Georgetown in State's last win



Ten reasons why no hitter will ever again finish at .400

Modern characteristics of baseball render it impossi-ble for any batter to clear .400 for a season.

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"It" is John Olerud's alleged run
at baseball's clusive, 400 batting
average plateau. You have not
heard much about Olerud lately,
because his chase is over, You see,
the Toronto first baseman is batting
369 through Sunday with only 14
games left in the season.
So unless Olerud goes, like, 75 for
his next 50 at-bats, he will not hit
400 (For all my fellow mathematically uninclined communication
majors, that's just impossible).
There are many reasons wad all
others who have tried have failed in
their quest to join one of baseball's
most elife clubs.
The list of recent contenders who

have tried and failed reads like a who's who of baseball's hitting stars of the past three decades: Carew's .388 in 1977; Gywnn and his.370 in '87; Boggs's .368 in '85. The last to break the .400 barrier, of course, was Ted Williams in 1941. Why hasn't anyone seen the high-side of .400 in 52 years — since Ted Williams hit .406 in 1941? Why will no one ever top .400 again?
Although the reasons are numer.

Although the reasons are numer-cous as to why no one will ever hit 400 again. I'll only list the top 10: 10. Ted Williams had a simple rule for hitting: "Get a good ball to hit." It sounds pretty simple doesn't it? Too bad no one in baseball fol-lows that strategy today. The aver-age hitter foday swings at anything close to being a strike, without regent to swhether or not the ball is

Clay Best

Sign of the Times

No one really cares about hitting anymore. To Williams, hitting was an obsession. He said he learned something new about every pitcher he faced every game. Hitting is viewed as a job for a million-dollar commodity, instead of a craft.

or craft asking of swinging, look at 8. Speaking of swinging, look at how modern players swing the bat. They swing with the same exact swing on every pitch. They rarely hit according to the count and game situation. Speaking a little more of swinging, look at some of the swings players use today. You've got Robin Ventura and a few other Chisox proteges pointing the bat at the ground before they swing. How can anyone hit like that?

Ventura is a 260 hitter and he hits a large amount of balls off the end of the bat that turn into your basic double-play balls. Contrary to popular belief, the aforementioned ones would definitely be better hitters if they used a somewhat conventional

wout definitely obester intensions when we work a somewhat conventional swing.

7. Two words: Quisenberry,
Thigpen. The introduction of the save and the closer role brought pitchers into the late innings of games. Relievers are, in most cases, more accurate and faster pitchers than the starters the hitters saw for most of the game.

6. There's a very simple way to get good balls to hit: Don't swing at the first pitch, especially when it's in the dirt. If you have to, take a walk. Williams took 2,019 free passes in his career and averaged a walk every 4.14 plate appearances in 1941. The average modern player wails away at bad balls instead of being patient.

5. The fielding's much better today, for two reasons. First, the gloves have continually increased i size, and it's easier to make the big

size, and it is a play. The analysis of where players hit he ball has also increased, so fielders know who will pull the ball or hit to the opposite field. Williams could take advantage of fielders who didn't care to recognize his hit ting habits.

who didn't care to recognize mis inting habits.

4. Pitching is more specialized. There are fewer starting pitchers completing games than there were 20, 30 or 40 years ago. When a starter has had enough, a fresh middle reliever can come in and show the hitters a different look.

3. Can you say "integration?" When Jackie Robinson entered the bigs in '47, quality pitchers like Don Newcombe, Juan Marichal, Bob Gibson and, later on, Vida Blue followed. The batters of pre-integration baseball never saw as

many quality pitchers, such as Negro Leaguers Ted Page and Bill Byrd, as the batters of today do, 2. Increased media exposure. When Jim Bottomley cracked out his 12 RBI in 1922, people in New York heard about it a day later. Thanks to CNN, ESPN and CBS, we heard about Mark Whiten's four homers and 12 RBI the minute after his last dinger cleared the fence. The media crush in this nation has increased exponentially from what it was in Williams's day and, as "The Thumper" would tell you, it was pretty bad then. If any player marched into late September with a 400 average, the pack of sportswriters following him would rival the paparazzi that trail Jackie O. And finally, and most importantly.

And finally, and most importantly (cue drum roll):

Ted turned 75 this past August, and a comeback at this point is

Melnik suspended after assault on cop

Melnik will definitely sit out the UNC game for his part in a Sept. 18 altercation with a public safety officer.

N.C. State reserve linebacker Ron Melnik has been suspended from Saturday's football game against North Carolina and maybe more contests for his involvement in an altercation with campus police, head football coach Mike O'Cain told The News & Observer Monday.

Melnik was charged with assault on a government official and resist-ing and obstructing a law office-early Saturday morning on Fratemity Court. Melnik was riding in a car with another student who was arrested for driving while impaired.

was arrested for driving while impaired.
Melnik's court date is not yet known, but O'Cain said Melnik "will not play until at least his court date, and probably won't play after that."
Melnik is a redshirt freshman from Spring Lake, N.J. He was named one of the special teams players of the game in the season opener against Purdue.

Wolfpack

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Campbell to respond just 42 seconds later.
Campbell forward Ellen Price tapped the free
kick to midfielder Liz Goadt, who ripped a
22-yard shot over State reserve goalkeeper
Libby Wones for the first goal in three games
against State.

After another 20-minute scoring drought, Anderson broke away for her second goal and a 6-1 State advantage. But Campbell once again responded quickly. Consecutive hand-ball penalties gave the Camels a penalty kick that Teresa Aguiar converted with 10:10

"You expect stuff like that in a game like this when you play a lot of people," Gross said, "The hand-balls were just freshman mis-takes."

State will be looking to cut down on its mis-takes this weekend when it travels to Notre Dame, Ind., for two non-conference tests. The Pack meets the 12th-ranked Irish Saturday and 16th-ranked Wisconsin-Madison Sunday.

N.C. State

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NCSU — Andreson, 78:56 52:47
Shots on goal: Campbell 9, NCSU 23
Saves: Campbell (Nedfigner 5, Meyer 3) 8, NCSU
Corner kicks: Campbell 0, N.C. State 5

Betsy Anderson (20), scored at 78:58

Tarantini

though Catawba is a non-conference and non-ranked opponent, Tarantini won't be treating the game as a scrimmage just to work out kink. "Catawba's not a cake," Tarantini said. "Catawba's not a cake," Tarantini said a great program with a coach that does first-rate work, and it will be a tough game for us."

After the Indians comes a tough slate.

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starting with Clemson Saturday. The Tigers will be looking for payback from State's win last year, when the Pack made Clemson head coach I.M. Ibrahim's postpone any sort of 300th victory celebration.

The Wolfpack goes to Wilmington three days later and will then receive two-time defending NCAA champion Virginia, which is also ranked number one, Oct. 3.

Even though these will be two of State's

"When you play an ACC team on their home field, you're in trouble. That's how this league is. Tarantini said. "No matter what the score is, any time you play at home, it's a good advantage."

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- · Hot Plates
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- Open flames (see below)
- Open coil appliances
 Refrigerators with internal dimensions over four cubic feet

According to Public Saftey's Lt. David Godwin, the senior inspector for fire protec-tion, he has found students trying using all of these and more

Some of the more unusual include

- · A restaurant deep fat fryer
- Students building fires in sinks
 A full sized oven the students dragged it up three flights of stairs to the dorm room. We wondered how they snuck that
- past the parents.

 A propane grill the students were turned in by their neighbors, so they must not have shared.
- not have shared.

 A charcoal grill the residents tried to use a fan to ventilate the room.

 Unfortunately, the fan was undersized and what fumes weren't sucked out the win-dow set off the fire alarm.

When you get tired of nuking frozen dinners and warming up the canned spaghetti, there is a book in the NCSU Bookstore which includes several recipes you can fix in your

toaster oven.

The book, entitled "on campus cookbook:
For the Non-Kitchen Cook!" was written by
Mollie Fitzgerald, hopefully a former student
at Duke University. Hopefully, because the
book was written in 1984.
Since the book was written in 1984, before
the microwave explosion, most of the recipes
are written for the toaster oven. The book is
only \$5.95 and is available in the cooking see-

only \$5.95 and is available in the cooking section of the NCSU Bookstore.

The "on campus cookbook" has recipes for

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Some of the recipes included are
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- · Spinach-stuffed mushrooms
- Lemon squares

The book is proof that you can cook a com-plete meal with a small budget and little resources which will impress your friends.



The components for an average dorm kitchen: a microwave, refrigerator (2) and a sandwich toaster.

Chitin powder decolorizes waste

■ N.C. State researchers show crab shell by-product removes color in textile wastewater treatment

Researchers at the N.C. State University College of Textiles have found that chitin, a material derived from rath shells, can be used to remove color from wastewater discharges at textile dyeing operations.

Samuel Hudson and Brent Smith, who head the NCSU research team, are using a butk powered form of this plentiful, natural polymer as a filtering agent in a laboratory decloratization module.

"We're finding that a small amount of chitin powder will decolorize a lot of waste product, as well as the state of the state

The researchers noted that the regulation of color in wastewater is not yet mandated, but that some mills are required to monitor and report color in their wastewater discharge. Smith pointed out that the first and most important step in color pollution control is to stop the pollution at its source.

In a simple NCSU laboratory wastewater treatment model, a cylinder is filled with a solution of a certain dye. The dye is the piped into a cylinder containing a porous bag filled with chitin powder. The chitin absorbs the color, and the decolorized water is piped into the final cylinder for testing and analysis, Hudson said their tests are showing that most classes of dye can be fillered effectively by chitin.

chitin.

Hudson added that because there are no chemical reactions involved in the chitin absorption process, there are no harmful byproducts to cause secondary pollution control problems. Moreover, the dye-laden chitin powder could be recycled for use in packing materials or for commercial fuel logs.

The researchers hope to adapt their laboratory prototype to a pilot plant demonstration

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Betty Crocker would approve

Nuke mania, coming soon to a dorm near you!

By Jennifer Greek

Chef Boyardee, Kraff Macaroni & Cheese, Budget Gourmet, Dinty Moore.

Do any of these delicious delicacies sound familiar? Maybe even too familiar? Maybe even foot familiar? Maybe even foot familiar? Maybe even foot and the secarcy of the secarcy

Back To NCSU

Tips to help you survive college.

you survive college.

If is evident some students tire of constantly nuking their meals and wish to eat something they can actually see being prepared and cooked. Well, this is when the domittories' lounges become favorable.

decimitary sections of the dormitories' lounges become favorable.

Most of them are equipped with stoves and overs, so a student can cook just as if they thetter yet, their mons) were cooking at home. Just imagine fried chicken or a freshly baked pic. A student could actually do this in a lounge if they were willing to give up the time and effort to do so.

If the idea of microwaving or cooking on the stove seems unapply make a PB & J sandwich and open a bag of chips. Better yet, an on-the-go student could see it as being even easier to pick up prepared food at any of the diming services or C-stores on campus. However, cooking in the dormitories can be seen as economically efficient as well.

"If you have the patience to do it, you can save money — if you buy the food from off-campus," said sophomore David Cartwell.

Whatever your cooking choice may be, the dormitories at N.C. State can pretty much handle it. For students who live fast-paced lifestyles, there is the infamous microwave and for the gournets on campus there are sufficient cooking facilities in the lounges to prepare a mouth-watering steak if so desired.

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Applying NCSU research: Statistics used to solve crimes

■ N.C. State professor uses statistics to fight crime, not measure its impact. And he's helping to put several crimi-nals behind bars.

By NICKY WILLIAMS

So you think only Superman catches crooks in a single bound. Meet Bruce Weir — statistician, geneticist and mild-mannered pro-fessor at N.C. State University.

Meet Bruce Weir — statistician geneticist and mild-mannered pressor at N.C. State University.
Four or five times a year in recent years, Weir has made headline news by putting away the bad guys. He needs neither a cape nor a telephone booth.
The good doctor does it the new-fangled way, through DNA finger-printing. That is the science of examining genetic building-blocks in the human cell to find the unique identity of every person.
Scientists usually confine their DNA research to the laboratory. Weir takes his work into forensic medicine to help police solve crime. "When a forensic scientist compares the DNA pattern in crime-scene material, such as a blood or semen stain, to that in a blood sample from a suspect in the crime, there are three possible outcomes," Weir said.

"If there is not a match, the suspect is excluded from the investigation, therefore protecting the innocent. The results may be inconclusive due to unclear patterns, much like straudged fingerprints. The pattern can be a match, making a suspect a localization statistics, comes in. He is able to calculate how common a particular DNA pattern is in the general population.

within the next year. They believe that chitin, which is in abundant supply, offers a significant solution to an enormous industry need.

Crabs

In one case an elderly woman, Nora Sole, was raped and murdered in New Zealand. The only clues left behind were numerous strands of long blond hair. After comparing the blood and hair samples from 450 long-haired suspects, the police still had no solution. So leaflets were spread throughout the town and this produced another clue—the offender had cut his hair. This created an entire line of new suspects, although the first suspect interviewed turned out to be the culpit. After DNA fingerprinting, it was easy to point the finger at suspect. Gary Ladbrook. He confessed to the crime.

In another case, a rape victim telentified a man from a line-up as the rapist, but DNA fingerprinting later exonerated the man and helped police to later identify the actual culprit.

Aside from identical twins, no two people have identical DNA types. "Everyone receives a package, or "genome" of DNA from each parent, and these two copies are found in every cell in the body," said Weit, "The genome can be compared to a very long message written in an alphabet of four letters, or bases, and divided into 23 chapters, or chromosomes.

"The total message is thought to be about three billion bases in length. Using a standard 80-col-unn, 24-line computer screen, and not allowing any spaces, this message would take over three million screens to display." Weir said. This makes the chances for a match thance for identifying a particular person better.

better.

No matter how good this type of evidence may seem, it has created conflicts within the judicial system. Weir explained, "The judicial system is having a lot of trouble under-

The textile industry is the largest industrial wastewater producer in the Southeast. In North Carolina, where five million pounds of fabric are dyed daily, textile-related industries discharge more than 64 million gallons of water directly into the environment each day.

environment each day. Chitin, on the other hand, is a

standing the technology. The defense attorneys and prosecutor have had to learn a lot of new terms."

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He said in one case the judge actually threw the DNA evidence out But "once it is admitted it almos always leads to a conviction."

Many of the problems are based on misinformation about the statistical method.

After finding a match, one musten determine what is the statistical probability of a chance match And this is where the controversy lies because there is no absolute certainty in this evidence unless there were DNA patterns on file for every one in the world.

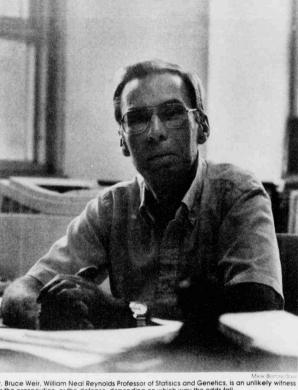
But with statistics behind it, DNA matching is becoming a stronger offensive tool in the judicial system, Weir said. A new law require that all convicted felons have their DNA profile on file. The Statt bureau of Investigation (SBI) har just received a large grant from the state of New York for more stude and work in the field of DNA fin gerprinting.

With this new technology becoming more prevalent, many companies and agencies, such as Roche Biomedical in RTP, Genetic Design in Greensboro, the SBI and the FB are looking for people to fill some

Weir, who majored in statistic and minored in genetics, advised anyone interested in such a caree to start out with courses in basic statistics, biology and genetics.

Weir will hold a seminar or September 24 at 3:30 p.m. in Cos 206. He will also be a speaker at a National Institute of Statistical Science meeting at the Friday Center at UNC-Chapel Hill on October 21.

renewable resource of almost nui-sance proportions. It is one of the most plentful natural organic com-pounds on earth, second only to cel-lulose which is found in trees and other plants. In North Carolina alone, more than 30 million pounds of blue crabs are harvested annually — yielding 27 million pounds of



Dr. Bruce Weir, William Neal Reynolds Professor of Statistics and Genetics, is an unlikely witness for the prosecution, or the defense, depending on which way the odds fall.

shell and other waste

Scientists from around the world are exploring ways to convert mountains of crab shell waste to industrial grist. They believe the plastic-like material has a multitude of commercial applications, such as making compact dises, food addi-

"We are looking for new process-es to transform the raw material into useful forms for new prod-ucts," Hudson said.

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Truman scholarships now available

■ The Truman Scholarship offers help for students heading for non-profit work.

N.C. State University juniors interested in a career in public service at the federal, state or local levels may apply for a 1992 Harry S. Truman Schulzenki

local levels may appry sor a 1992 Harry S. Truman Scholarship. In April 1994, the foundation will award 92 scholarships mationally. NCSU can nominate three students for the 1993-94 competition. The scholarship award covers eligible educational expenses for the senior year and up to three years of graduate study. The total stipend amount available for a graduate or professional program is up to \$30,000.

To be eligible, students must be full-time juniors working toward or planning to pursue a

oriented not-for-profit organizations.

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The Truman Foundation seeks students who aspire to positions in federal, state or local governments or in the not-for-profit sector where they are likely to have an influ-

representative of the applicants.
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Truman Scholars have gone on to serve the public in many ways including: managers of

government programs; legisla-tors and aides for legislative bodies; budget and manage-ment analysis; foreign service officers; staff members in poli-cy analyses and research orga-nizations; attorneys for gov-ernment agencies and clerks to state and federal justices and judges; public defenders; and professional staff in advocacy organizations. Juniors interested in being considered for this scholarship should contact Pat Lee in 218 Pullen Hall. The deadline for turning in all information is Oct. 11.

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NCSU has had a remarkable record of success in this excellent scholarship program. Though every college and university in the state submits nominees, since the program began in the 1977-78 academic year, NCSU has been honored with five Truman Scholars as well as six alternates.

Studies

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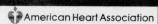
The resolution points out that women made up 39 percent of N.C. State University's students last spring and says that "NCSU has educational and social responsibilities to all its students." It also quotes passages from the university's mission statement supporting a broad curriculum.

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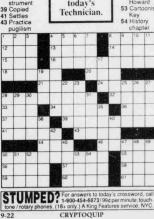
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Today's Cryptoquip clue: S equals C The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.



Opinion

A paper that is entirely the product of the student body becomes at once the official organ through which e thoughts, the activity and in fact the very life of the campus are registered. College life without its jour-l is blank.

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Vying for honor society

■ NCSU has been determined to bring a chapter of Phi Beta Kappa to campus - and it may finally pay off.

hi Beta Kappa — "shorthand for excellence."
This term spoken by Douglas
Foard, secretary for Phi Beta Kappa,
sums up the reasoning behind N.C. State University's sincere struggle to obtain a chapter of this liberal arts

honor society.

That struggle may pay off this year. The university community should

he university community should hope it does.

NCSU is making its fifth bid for a chapter. It is an intense three-year process that narrows 52 applicants down to two winners. In 1985, NCSU was turned down at the final stage of was turned down at the final stage of consideration after criticism of the university's athletics department from Victor Sandberg, a professor at Duke University. Sandberg called embar-rassing attention to the low rates of graduation among NCSU atheletes. Two other important objections can also be blamed for the past rejections, possibly more than the overly criti-

possibly more than the overly criti-cized atheletic program. The first is the depleting stacks of books and periodicals in our library. The second is NCSU's honors program, which the past, has not been able to make

level offerings across the academic board.

Since Sandberg's comments. changes have been made and Sandberg says he doesn't "see any valid grounds to object to this applica-

tion."

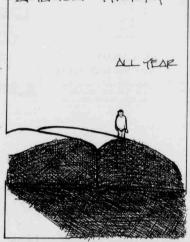
So far this year, NCSU has received nothing but approval and has reached a step among six other distinguished and prominent universities such as Carnegic Mellon and Loyola of Chicago. Making it to this stage of the bidding process is a honor and

deserves recognition.

A Phi Beta Kappa chapter at NCSU would mean even further prestige for the university as well as a sense of pride for its often overlooked Humanities college. NCSU is primarily credited for its engineering and agricultural programs. The addition of a Phi Beta Kappa chapter would iden-ity NCSU as a stronghold of arts and sciences, as well. The honor society at NCSU would send a message to the public that the university is becoming an increasingly well-rounded institu-

NCSU should be commended for its determination to distinguish the university. Congratulations are in order for reaching a near-final position in the bidding process: one that places NCSU's name on high with other fine, distinguished universities.

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Commentary

Good candidates for local elections

In last week's column, I discussed some of the problems facing our city and how these problems can and will affect us as students and residents of Raleigh. Many problems unique to students can only be solved through local government involvement, and we must participate in deciding who will lead that government. Elections for Raleigh mayor and city council are coming up on October 5. If students want to have some control over the parts of Raleigh they frequent, they need to vote. In this coldinin, Fll give my picks for city council-ar-large seats (you

the parts of Raleigh they frequent, they need to voke in this colitain, I'll give my picks for city council-at-large seats (you may vote for 2) and council districts D and E, the districts in which the majority of NCSU students reside. Next week, I'll cover the mayor's race.

So, after months of exhaustive research, stiting through forums and speeches, and meeting candidates that ranged from entertaining to downright spooks wertd, here's my picks for city council, beginning with the at-large race:

Charles Meeker — A three-term member of the council, Meeker is often described as "the smartest man in Raleigh" and for good reason. He has degrees from Yale and Columbia universities and is a lawyer with the firm of Parker, Poe, Adams and Bernstein, He has spearheadd the movement to attract new industries to our city and is a prosponent of the Raleigh.

Comprehensive Plan, a guideline for managing growth positively. He has an excellent environmental protection record and supports efforts to improve mass transit.

Meeker's policies make a lot of sense and he is far too valuable to lose as a council-

Bill Gary

lor. Esther Hall — The wife of state legisla-tor Brad Miller, she's smart, savvy and knows the community. Hall has been a long-time activist for neighborhood cause and would bring a good blend of common sense, communication skills and dedica-

sense, communication skills and dedication to the council.

Honorable Mention: David Munger —
He left a career in electronics to return to
school and learn to teach sixth-grade science. Munger is a student at NCSU and
works at the Player's Retreat. I'd love to
see him win but, sorry to say, don't count
on it. He's a Reliegh native and is running
because he wants to see a more responsive
government in place. Nice guy, no PAC
money, wrong time.

With that aside, now my pick for council
district D:

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Fric Reeves — This guy is sharp, He's a
lawyer, about 30, lives in Cameron Park
and would therefore represent the majority
of NCSU's campus and students. He
would be a youthful but very shrewd
council member and an persuasive voice
for our interests. His opponents are a political extremist and a man who described
Brent Road as "a riot zone." Granted,
Brent Road is not exactly a Walton's
Mountain-at-Christmastime-type commu-

nity but it's not Beirut either. I don't wan a man who thinks it is or fringe-dwelling crank representing the majority of my

a man who thinks it is or fringe-dwelling crank representing the majority of my school.

And finally, my selection for district E: Andrew Leager — After having managed Charles Meeker's last campaign. Leager is seeking to follow his old boso onto the council. He's an architect and businessman and has served on many community action boards. He offers the same type of leadership as Meeker: informed, forward-thinking and growth-oriented. He's quite adept at balancing the desires and needs of business and neighborhood interests and our city desperately needs more leaders with this skill.

Now that I've shown you the wheat. Let's look at some of the chaff. This is not going to be a mean-spirited series of low-blows. This is just a review of some of the odd and the interesting and though the only office some of these people may be bound for is the psychatrist, they're what makes politics interesting.

J. "Uncle Sam" Overby is a candidate for city council. This is nothing new. He's been running for local office since Reconstruction. Overby is an absolutist and his campaign promotes only one idea: no taxes, at all, for anything. Not even roads, police and fire protection or schools. Not the best way to run a government, but Raleigh politics wouldn't be the same without him. And he can put together one hell of a red, white and blue outfit.

Som y Mounteaste is also a city council.

NCSU's special services

■ NCSU has done a com-mendable job making the visu-ally impaired students comfortable — as well as ensuring their academic success.

C. State University has always tried to make things easy for all its students.

Lately, however, NCSU has received notice for its exceptional care of its

visually impaired students. visually impaired students.

More people with vision over 20/200 attend NCSU than any other university in North Carolina. According to Pat Smith, coordinator for NCSU's Handicapped Student Services, it's all a part of the job.

"We try to look at the individual and then provide the services that they

then provide the services that they need based on their particular situa-

Smith said. On the basis of its nondiscrimination On the basis of its hondiscrifting statement, NCSU has gone to great pains to make visually impaired students comfortable — pains that all students, however, would deserve.

Visually impaired students can have the print on tests and exams enlarged for them, or made braille if necessary. Lab assistants can be assigned to those students to make access to class materials easier. Visually impaired students can also have their textbooks taped, and professors' lectures taped

Visually impaired students can also have priority scheduling — perhaps the most wisely offered of all the ser-vices, because it allows easy coordination of all the other services.

Because visually impaired students are allowed to register early, the services they need can be earlier correlated to their schedules. "If a person needs to have their books put on tape ... or if they need extra time to get to class ... we would be able to make sure that they are going to get the classes they need," said Smith.

Congratulations to NCSU and the Handicapped Students Services department, for keeping the rights of all students at the forefront

Thought for the Day:

"Life can only be understood backwards; but it must be lived forwards.

Soren Kierkegaard

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Crayons, coffee and local bands

What is it about Thursdays, anyway? I mean, it is been a long week, you've had way too much homework, and classes, as we know, suck — then you hit that day that is almost at the end, so close you can see Friday coming around the corner, and it stops you. Thursday dangles Friday in your face, laughing, and says, "Not yet." But I recently discovered a reason to love Thursdays, and being the communicative person I am, I will share it with you. Instant Coffeehouse. Ever hear of it? I will admit, until this last week I never had. Something to do with coffee, my mantra, and I had no insking as to its very existence. Unimaginable, And yet, there it is, at the Student Center Commons on Thursday nights.

An early point to clear up: True, I did write in a previous article that "instant" coffee is an evil thing, and I stand by that; however, here, it is the Coffeehouse that is "instant", i.e. it instantly appears where once was that quaint little caterian. So, in displacing a few chairs and those nasty. Taco Bell regulars that hang out there, it is definitely not an evil thing. If you are still wondering what the

Taco Bell regulars that hang out there, it is definitely not an evil thing. If you are still wondering what the Instant Coffeehouse is, or why I am writing about it, read on. I don't have an official definition, only my observations. UAB (that's is the Union Activities Board) sets up a little stage. A band plays live music. Nice people serve cheap coffee, ho cocoa, and various baked goods. On all the tables there are big sheets of that medical examination room paper and a little cup of crayon stubs. Objectively, that's it. I however cannot be objective and still write an article, so here are some impressions.

sions.

Certainly, all of these things are good. I

Cam Abrams

especially like the live music, since it is sort of the whole reason they hold the Coffeehouse. I'm one of those people who can enjoy music of almost any form if it is being performed right there in front of me. The band I saw was called Faw Moon (ok, another shameless plug from Cam—anyone keeping score out there?) and, no question, they were good. The guitariss played guitar well, the vocalist sang well, and the percussionist percussed well. And as it happened, they played one of my favorite styles of music, which was all the more reason for my enjoyment. (This could be a fun game; guess what music I like. For those of you who already know, don't spoil it for the rest of our contestants.)

Allow me to discuss the refreshments. Of course there was much coffee to be had by all. And though I will rarely go out of my way for university coffee. I of course sampled it, and liked it. (University coffee isn't bad, just not as good as Breu— ok, one plug per article, but you get my point.) They served it at the NMLAC temperature (that's Nuclear Meldown in a Cup) and that's just the way I like it, so my hats fand the roof of my mouth) off to the service personnel, I couldn't resist the hot coco either — it was good and frothy, with just enough sludge at the bottom to occupy a probing finger for a few minutes

divine as all good pastry does when accompanied by the aromatic symphony of coffee.

Although I met some friends and acquaintances there (Greg (BBB), Tami, Leeann, and Julie with one L.) I would have gone alone and had a great time, just because of the atmosphere and music. I was very comfortable there. If you think I am the kind of person who likes to hang out at coffeehouses, a proud member of Generation X, you could be right, but I personally don't care for labels too much. I was there among friends, I met new people. I heard good music, and I drank some coffee, and I wasn't trying to play the "beat" role. May point is, if you think you wouldn't fit in there, you would, I fyou think you wouldn't fit in there, you would. If you will. Good eats, great music, and coffee. The UAB Instant Coffeehouse is a marvelous idea and to whoever thought of it first, you will among the companies of the Oskies to come in the near future (my sources tell me they'll be there on the 30th, you win the double mega granddaddy prize, because they are one of the hest local bands on the scene today. (Note: a fact is not a plug.)

So if you're tired of Thursdays dragging you down, and you'd like to unwind a little, wait for it to get dark and head to the Commons at the Student Center. And if you see me there, enjoying the music, spipping some mud, rendering my friend's portrati in Crayola on the table; come on over and I'll tell you what a great day I just had.

Pro--choice letters lacked substance

lacked substance

In last Wednesday's Forum, two students expressed their distaste for the pro-life advertisement in Monday's Technician. Although these responses were saturated with emotionally-charged rhetoric, I found them void of any intellectual substance. Why? Because the arguments therein were based primarily upon logical fallacies. First, both students made a plethora of Ad Hominem statements, describing all pro-lifers as the "celibiac, necessarily by law or reason." Regardless of the inaccuracy of these statements, they ignore the argument at hand: whether or not the unborn is fully human. Secondly, using the "keep your laws off my body" argument to support the pro-choice position is fallactious, because it assumes what it is trying to prove. Only if the unborn is considered less than fully human is considered less than fully human is the women's right to person autonomy morally justified.

Incretore, this argument begs the question.

Thirdly, the status of America as a pro-choice nation is irrelevant. Nazi Germany was an anti-Semitic nation, yet that didn't justify the extermination, or tolerance thereof, of six million Jews. Again, abortion hinges upon the status of the unborn.

Finally, abortion is not necessarily a religious issue, it is also a scientific issue. Consider the claim of world-renowned geneticist Jermoe Leleune before a 1981 Senate Subcommittee: "To accept the fact but after fertilization has taken place a new human being has come into being is no longer a matter of taste or opinion. The human nature of the human being from conception to old age is not a metaphysical contention, it is plain experimental evidence." Evidence such as a heartheat by week three or food and oxygen intake by week four and brainwaves by week six clearly dictates that we militate against the pro-choice position.

Stephen Puryear

Control mechanical engineering

Off-campus crime stats relevant, too

The September 20th edition of The September 20th edition of Technician printed an article by David Newton titled "Public Safety is increasing its ranks." It was disturbed to see that the crime statistics published in that article were highly misleading. I obtained a copy of the North Carolina State University Public Safety Crime The Campus

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Statistics and found the pamphlet also includes crimes that occurred within a two-mile radius of campus. Technician only published crimes that occurred on campus. According to the NCSU Registration and Records Department, over 77 percent of the 27,000 undergraduate students enrolled at our university live off campus. Also, most NCSU students conduct the majority of their business off campus — either on Hillsborough Sireet, Avent Ferry Road, or Western Boulevard. Campus life does not occur only on campus. Therefore, Technician should release all of the statistics, not simply the ones that present a misleading picture of our environment. Technician is the paper that serves NCSU students, and these students deserve an accurate portrayal of campus crime. For the safety of all students at NCSU, I hope in the future Mr. Newton and Technician will present the entire picture, not simply the bare minimum. If students are alerted to the proteure, not simply the bare minimum. If students are alerted to the proteur, ont simply the bare minimum. If students are alerted to the proteur, of the road of the proteur of from the truth, they may picture, not simply the bare mini-mum. If students are alerted to the problem instead of being "protect-ed" from the truth, they may become more aware and better pro-tect themselves.

Amy Henderson Political Science

Support O'Cain, showcase class

As an alumnus and fan of this great university, I write to each of her students as we engage another chapter in the annual football series with our arch-rival, UNC. This longstanding affair will be new for some of you, but for most, more of a tradition.

My purpose in addressing you is

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My pupose in addressing you is twofold. First, our new coach, Mike O'Cain, deserves our total and undivided support and enthusiasm. After unexpectedly assuming the demanding role of head coach, he and his fine staff have adjusted exceptionally well. Secondly, Wolfpack fan behavior. As we showcase our football talents and facilities Saturday, we also showcase our University's class and callities Saturday, we also showcase our University's class and fallities and let no one say we lack either. Our guests from Chapel Hill as well as all others on hand should be afforded the behavior that each of us would expect in their shoes.

Just recently, the game between ECU and Syracuse was marred by

wdy, third-class idiots and red-ecks. This blackeye (literally) is

nocks. This blackeye (literally) is not an image that an outstanding University like NCSU needs. And image, fellow Packers, is extremely important.

Someday you will leave with golden memories of you short stay at NCSU, and as you make your way into the real world, you will realize that the substance of what you have learned is often as important as the image of the university that is carried on you diploma. And that image starts with Carter-Finley this Saturday. GO PACK!!!

Bill Isley Class of '84 Editor's note: Mr. Isley also recieved a master's degree from NCSU in '88.

Any group can pay for their views

pay for their views

In perusing the September 1.5 edition of Technician, Ir an across a
familiar thread in our paper — the
old 'pro-life letter writters vs. prochoice letter writters vs. prosection as the people of the section of a
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insert was an outrage against all the decent people that attend our university.

I want to state that I'm not going to state my personal convictions on abortion in this letter. Why, you might ask? Because (1) it's not relevant, and (2) it makes for an interesting letter. Mr. Korb and Woods seem to think that it's wrong for a certain group to pay for advertising their views. This seems very unaccepting of an opposing view. This is not the same belief that lends credibility to abortion — everyone has the right to do what they want. Doesn't it follow that we should respect everyone's beliefs, whether we agree with them or not? When this occurred to me, I read the two opposed they were to the insert, and how adamant they were about not allowing others to speak their minds and express their own opinions.

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Gary

Continued from Page 10 candidate and is being supported by the Wake County Taxpayers Association, an organization that would be more appropriately titled the Wake County Association of People Who Think Like J. "Uncle Sam" Overby. Mountcastle's signs, apparently large Xerox copies of a man who looks like Max Cady standing in front of the skyline, can

be seen at all city locations of Mr. Snoopy's. Go down and check one

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While entering a Hilbsbrough Street watering hole the other night, I was accosted by a woman wearing a flowered muumuu and galoshes (it wasn't raining) who said she was running for, you guessed it, city council. A little research proved that she was telling the truth. I won't tell you her name because one of you might actually vote for her but her main goal for the coun-

cil is to end discrimination in housing against transplanted Northemers. Yeah, nice meetin' ya. Next week, the mayor's race: which candidate can't seem to remember to pay his taxes, which one served as a deckhand on a steamer to West Africa and then fought forest fires in Idaho, and which one my roommate caught committing petty theft and elections law violations. Stay tuned and, for God's sake, vote.

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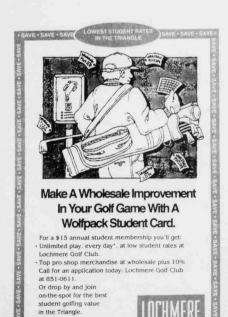
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