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U.N. holds fair

Three area universities, including NCSU, will sponsor an international symposium to highlight international career opportunities.

MIKE FEHER
STAFF WRITER

Students interested in fields abroad, need look no further than Chapel Hill. A Triangle coalition will present a one-day symposium on international careers Oct. 30, sponsored by Duke University, UNC-Chapel Hill and N.C. State University.

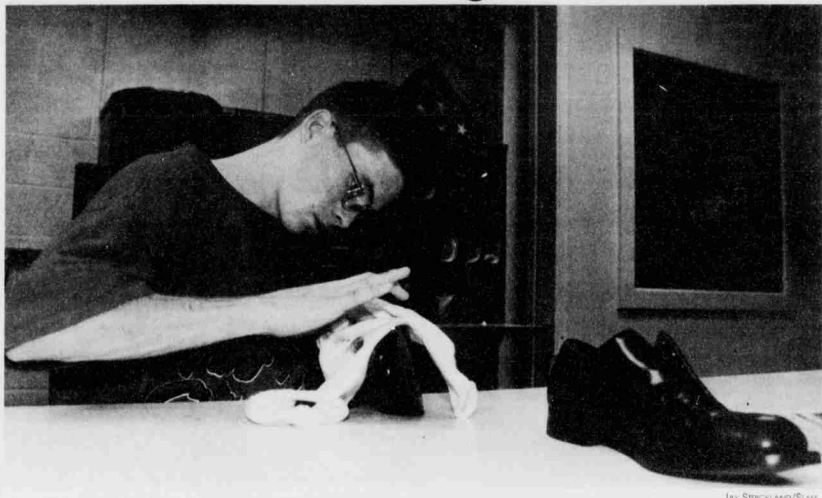
Carol Schroeder, associate director of the Career Planning and Placement Center, said the conference is being organized by local chapters of the United Nations Association.

"It began as a way to celebrate United Nations Day," Schroeder said.

She said the idea for the conference came from an interest in promoting international careers for students. She said this was important not only because of the exchange of students for international jobs, but because many international organizations are often based in the United States. An international organization doesn't necessarily mean an international career, Schroeder said. Many foreign firms have branches in the United States.

"The way this program is being set up is five areas with two

Shine high



Shane Sanders of Air Force ROTC's Delta Flight, prepares his shoes for inspection yesterday afternoon.

JAY STRICKLAND/STAFF

concurrent 20 sessions being offered," Schroeder said. The five conferences will address five U.N. agencies: U.S. Foreign Service, voluntary agencies, international business, banking and finance, and graduate studies. Students will be able to attend the session individually or in groups.

After the formal morning discussions, students can attend informal breakout sessions, which will address individual concerns on a one-on-one basis.

The Career Planning and Placement Center office and the International Programs office organized the event.

"The career planning and placement office had hoped to do

something like this," Schroeder said. "We were working with the World Trade Center and other groups. Unbeknownst to us, a lot of planning was going on."

She said the conference might give students a different perspective.

"This has a much broader focus, including international business," Schroeder said.

She said the symposium would give students an opportunity to talk with experts in diversified fields.

"They see the field in an international context," Schroeder said.

She said the most important thing these panelists will bring is a dose of reality about international

careers.

Schroeder said the conference is not meant to be a forum for instant job opportunities. Instead, it is intended to provide students with information and contacts that could be instrumental to their careers.

"It's not an employment office. It's not a job market," said Joyce Fahmy, assistant coordinator of International Programs.

Robin Dorff, an associate professor in political science, said the conference would be important because it will offer exposure to real careers and real experiences.

"One of the important ideas behind it was to be much more concrete than your usual job-fair ...," Dorff said.

He said it would be important to see former students with real experiences.

Dorff said it would be instructive to meet recent graduates. He said it might be easier for students to relate to them.

"They will actually see the fruits of one's labors as a student," Dorff said.

Dorff said NCSU's master's of technology of international development program is something unique to NCSU.

"There's certainly some emphasis on networking, but I don't think the thrust of this is to be a job-recruitment period," Dorff said.

Registration for the conference is \$15.

Worsley pushes bond

NCSU will get \$40 million for three buildings if voters approve bonds.

BY RUFFIN BAILEY
STAFF WRITER

The Student Senate got a pep talk Wednesday night about the upcoming bond referendum.

George Worsley, vice-chancellor for finance and business, told the senate that the Nov. 2 referendum amounts to more than \$700 million — \$110 million allocated for the 16 campuses of the UNC system, \$40 million of which is specifically earmarked for N.C. State University.

This \$40 million, Worsley said, would go toward three capital expenditures.

"A graduate engineering service center to be built on Centennial Campus.

"An Agriculture and Life Sciences communication building.

"A laboratory animal facility.

Worsley said each of the buildings are needed. He said the current publications for Agriculture and Life Sciences are stored in Ricks Hall, creating a fire hazard. The current facilities used for laboratory animals are not up to environmental standards, he said. If the referendum is not passed, \$50,000 will be needed to build a storage center for the publication materials.

The rest of the night was business as usual for the senate.

Five finance bills were slashed to some extent by the finance committee. The government bill was passed, starting the student body document drive. All six bills were passed in roughly two hours.

Student, faculty member digest details of Mideast treaty

The details of a recent agreement in the Middle East are apparently more complicated than the media have reported.

MIKE FEHER
STAFF WRITER

Although Israel and Palestine recently agreed to end hostilities and begin making progress for peace, not everyone believes the historic problems of the region are over.

Wa-El Masri, a Lebanese graduate student in liberal studies, said this move is only a first step toward a lasting peace.

"What needs to be emphasized is that this is not a peace treaty, but an interim agreement," Masri said. "It is a very important interim agreement and a step toward a final treaty."

Joseph Levine, an associate professor of philosophy, said the problems between the groups have been misunderstood.

"The basic attitude I take is that the history of the conflict is between the Israelis and the Arabs,

and it has been grossly distorted in the Western press," Levine said.

The agreement between the Israelis and the Palestinians came about as a result of two letters between the leaders of both parties.

Palestine Liberation Organization Chairman Yasser Arafat sent a letter to Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin asking him to halt hostilities and to begin to negotiate for peace.

Rabin responded with a similar letter. Masri said there are differing viewpoints on the agreement. He said some people look at this as a chance to be optimistic, while others see it as a retreat.

Above all it offers hope for a foundation of peace in the Middle East, Masri said.

He said the interim agreement postpones the resolution of specific issues rather than ignoring the concerns of each party. He said the right of each party to exist has been recognized, but many of the important details still must be ironed out. He said these issues are much more intricate than most people realize.

Masri said he expects this to take several years.

He said Jerusalem is the crucial piece of land in the debate.

Masri expressed his concern that procrastination could lead to heightened security concerns as interested parties become anxious about their fates.

He said this situation is particularly strenuous on the Palestinians because of what it has already cost them. Before 1947, the area that is currently Israel was a Palestinian mandate under the control of the United Kingdom.

Masri said that by 1948, with one deciding vote in the United Nations, 55 percent of the land was acceded to the Zionist movement.

This meant the expulsion of many native residents, which was undesirable to both the Palestinians and Arabs.

"The [Palestinian] areas were separated, but the Israeli areas were continuous," Masri said.

Masri explained that what remained of the Palestinian lands were divided into the hoistly contested areas Gaza Strip and the West Bank, both of which are located in Israel.

Masri said the lands that the Palestinians retained were generally

less fertile and less important.

Masri said a unique problem exists with the areas of the West Bank and the Gaza Strip. These areas are, to the Palestinians, considered Israeli-occupied, while the Israelis view these regions as being military zones. The Israeli government does not consider them to be part of Israel, but will not give them up to the Palestinians.

Levine said the truth about the situation is that the Israelis have been stubborn toward resolution of the process.

"Regrettably, during this period, the Arab nations have called for a two-state system. Unfortunately, Israel, backed by the United States, have been repeatedly rejected every attempt to negotiate this," Levine said.

Levine said the two-state solution would provide a designated land for both the Israelis and the Palestinians.

Masri also highlighted the general cultural difficulty in trying to resolve the problem. He said the Israelis feel that the Palestinians, whom they consider to be Arabs as well, should be relocated to Arab lands.

Masri said, however, that the Palestinians feel as though they are a separate entity and deserve their own land and their own governance.

"What the Palestinians have been asking for is control over their own special country," Masri said.

Masri said the Israelis disagree in principle. They say that while the Palestinians may govern their own

people, they may not govern any land.

At this stage, Masri said the Palestinians were backed into a corner economically. He said it was very important that both sides learn to get beyond the masses.

"It's generally a good first step, but it is a first step only," Masri said.

Masri said Israel holds the upper hand in this process, and that it is up to them to make the first move.

"I hope that the Israelis will bring out a fair deal that would respect the legitimate economic rights of the Palestinian people there," Masri said.

"My whole synopsis of this thing

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Gays celebrate identity

Next week, NCSU's Lesbian and Gay Student Union will take part in an event that began in Southern California almost a decade ago.

BY DAVID R. PATTERSON
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

N.C. State University's Lesbian and Gay Student Union will participate in "National Coming Out Day" Monday.

"The idea is that one day out of the year people can be who they are," said Beth Harrison, LGSU co-chair.

She said the event began eight years ago in Los Angeles and is now celebrated worldwide.

Harrison said participants can choose their own method for expressing themselves.

"Someone may walk across the Brickyard holding hands or give each other a kiss or simply not

tolerate homophobic jokes or the word 'faggot,'" Harrison said. "It may be blatant and public or more subtle."

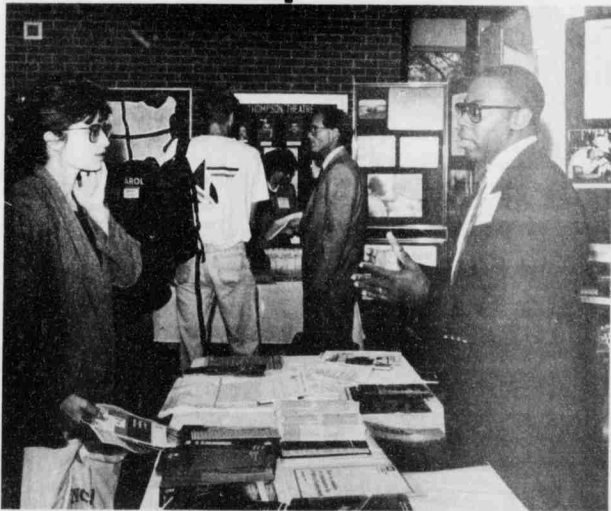
She said the day is an opportunity for gays, lesbians, bisexuals and people that support them to make themselves visible.

"What we are saying is 'Come out, come out wherever you are,'" Harrison said. "What we are not about right now is getting in anybody's face and yelling and screaming."

The LGSU will set up an information table from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. with members wearing shirts or buttons to identify themselves as lesbians or gays.

Rob Faggart, a 1993 NCSU graduate and LGSU advisor, said the day has never been observed on campus before because it fell on the day before fall break and no students would have been on campus.

Pamphlet?



A student talks to a representative from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at the Minority Career Fair sponsored by the Black Students Board of the Union Activities Board.

News Notes

Hirees face new corporate grind

The corporate world is now saturated with qualified job applicants. So much that hiring companies can pick and choose. Things might get ugly for college graduates and other hoping to land jobs.

"The Wall Street Journal" reported Wednesday that companies are commonly devising hurdles for new applicants, including weed-out tactics such as psychological tests and mock assignments that test the applicants' competency.

An East Coast consumer-products company, looking to hire, found a tenured executive and asked him to fly out for a two-day interview. The applicant figured he wouldn't have many problems securing the six-figure-a-year position. But when he refused to undergo a psychological test and draw up a two-page business report, they rolled him over and returned to their stack of applications.

New screening techniques designed to eliminate culture clashes and other problems are now used by some big firms.

Some screenings stage play-acting sessions where new applicants are told to handle an upper-management problem. Personnel directors grade their performance, and that grade becomes a factor in the hiring process.

COMPILED BY DAVE BLANTON FROM STAFF REPORTS AND NEWS RELEASES

Technician is now accepting applications for all writing positions. Come by suite 323 in the Student Center Annex and fill out an application. No previous experience is required, really.

TODAY INTRAMURALS — Table tennis will be held today, starting at 6 p.m. on Courts E3-E9 in Carmichael Gymnasium. Contact the intramurals-sports office at 515-2841 for more information.

BOOK DRIVE — Wanted: Books. The Friends of the Library of NCSU needs books of all types. CDs, video and audio tapes for its fifth-annual book sale. Call 515-2841 for drop-off location information.

LEADERSHIP — The 1993-94 Leadership Development Series has begun. You can register for workshops now or on the day they are offered. Call 515-2452, or come by 3114 University Student Center.

VOLUNTEERS — The African-American Cultural Center is seeking volunteers to help open its gallery in the library. Interested? Come by the AACCC Room 356 for times.

WANTED — An experienced magician to perform for the 1993 Madrigal Dinner. Contact Charles Martin, Thompson Theatre, 515-2408.

EXHIBIT — Sheila Wright's exhibit,

"Volatile Natures: African-American Women in Management Positions," will be displayed at the African-American Cultural Center Gallery. The exhibit is running today through Dec. 17.

HOT LINE — Call the Entertainment Committee hot line to find out the latest information about the coffeehouse and other events. Call 515-3737, and follow the instructions. Enter "1" at the prompt and then "80."

TUTORS WANTED — Calculus tutors needed. The Engineering Tutorial Program needs students to tutor MA 111, 131, 241 and 341. Good pay, tutor and tutee set appointment times. See Matt or Gary in 118 Page Hall.

VOLUNTEERS — Volunteers are needed to help reduce the isolation of persons who are both deaf and blind through assistance such as recreation, transportation, shopping and companionship. Call Volunteer Services in Raleigh at 733-9700.

MEETINGS — Orientation Counselor information meeting. All students interested in a

summer position as an orientation counselor should attend one meeting. See our classified advertisement for exact dates and times for meetings.

SUPPORT — Help earthquake victims in India. Make checks payable to Hindu Society of North Carolina before Nov. 15. Mail to ISC Program Office, Box 7306, NCSU, Raleigh, NC 27695-7306. For more information, contact ISC Program Office, 515-2451.

SATURDAY REGISTRATION — Bowl intramurals Saturday. Register teams and get information at UAB office in Student Center. Questions? Call Laura Cleveland at 251-7957 or Kirk Harris at 512-1513.

SUNDAY — The Albers Club meets Sundays at 2 p.m., Caldwell 6107A.

MONDAY — Pre-Vet Club meeting Monday in 1404 Williams Hall at 7:30. Ice cream social and discussion on class schedules. Find out which class and when.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

See you there. **MEETING** — NCSU collegiate 4-H club will meet Monday at 7:00 p.m. in the Green Room at the Student Center. All 4-H'ers are invited to attend.

TUESDAY **SYMPOSIUM** — Tuesday at 8:00 p.m. in the Student Center Ballroom. Bob Kimpleton will present a lecture and demonstration on hypnosis. Sponsored by the Self-Knowledge Symposium at NCSU. Free.

MEETING — The N.C. State Delegation of the N.C. Student Legislature meets in the Student Center Boardroom Tuesdays at 7 p.m. All students are invited to attend. NCSU is important and fun.

DISCUSSION — Careers in investigation and law enforcement: A panel discussion with FBI, SBI, Secret Service agents and police department personnel Tuesday, 3:4 p.m., in the Student Center, Room 3118. Sponsored by the Career Planning and Placement Center.

MEETING — The NCSU Chapter for Humanity habitat holds meetings

Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. in Mann Hall, Room 216. Everyone is welcome.

MEETING — World AIDS Day is Dec. 1. **MEETING** — Students for Choice meeting is 6 p.m. Tuesday in Harrell Hall, Room 124. Don't lose your rights.

WEDNESDAY **MEETING** — Order of Omega, Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. in Tompkins G109.

THURSDAY **MEETING** — NCSU College Democrats is an exciting organization. Come join us on the second and fourth Thursdays of every month in the Student Center Blue Room at 7:30 p.m. Any Questions? Contact Christa at 859-1981.

MEETING — Interiversity Christian Fellowship, West Chapter, meets Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. in Williams Hall Room 2215. Come this Thursday to hear Davis

Hughes speak on chapter two of the book of Isaiah.

SUPPORT — Are you being hurt by someone who loves you? Join NCSU women in a place where we share coping strategies and strengths confidentially. NCSU Women's Center, Thursdays, 7:10-9:30 p.m. Thursday is the first meeting. For more information, call 515-2012.

SYMPOSIUM — The Self-Knowledge Symposium is a student discussion group interested in finding out who we are, why we are

here and where we came from. Come join the search Thursday at 7:30 p.m.

MEETING — The Student Environmental Action Coalition (SEAC) meets Thursdays in Winston 29 at 7:30 p.m. Get involved, have a good time and help make a difference at NCSU.

PRIME TIME — Everyone is welcome to come check out Prime Time, sponsored by Campus Crusade for Christ. Every Thursday in Carmichael Gymnasium, Room 104 at 7:30 p.m.

What's Happening Policy

What's Happening items must be submitted in writing or by e-mail, at least two publication days in advance by noon. What's Happening grid are available in Technician's offices. Space is limited and priority will be given to items that are submitted earliest. Items may be no longer than 30 words. Items must come from organizations that are campus affiliated. The news department will edit items for style, grammar, spelling and brevity. Technician reserves the right to not run items deemed offensive or that don't meet publication guidelines. Direct questions to Dave Blanton, Asst. News Editor (dave@sma.sca.ncsu.edu).



Mideast

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is that the Israelis are sincere in their efforts; we can hope," Mastri said.

Levine said it is now the responsibility of the Israelis to make useful concessions to the Palestinians to begin building peace.

Levine said Israel has tended to follow an aggressive policy against the Palestinians. He said the Western press rarely correctly portrays this aspect of the conflict.

Levine said perhaps the only good thing that has come from the area's

prolonged conflict is the Palestinian uprising, which took shape in 1987.

"To the extent that anything good that came from this, it was due to the intifada," Levine said.

The intifada is the Palestinian uprising that came together in 1987. The difference primarily between this and the general fighting that characterized the region is mostly due to an increase in numbers of retaliators and codification of resistance.

Levine said the intifada brought a quantitative increase of resistive activity all over the occupied territories. Such measures included grass-roots campaigning, organized resistance such as boycotts and strikes, underground alliances and

some militant actions.

Levine said while the Palestinians have repeatedly been portrayed as the aggressors and the intifada has been named the chief source of agitation, it has really been the Israelis under Rabin who have caused the most grief.

Levine said the intifada was not meant to be a violent set of actions.

Levine said one of the reasons Israel may have decided to give in to the agreement was the amount of money being poured into defending the occupied territories.

"The cost of holding onto the [occupied territories] was too high," Levine said.

Levine said much of the problem has been complicated by Israel's deliberate attempt over its 45-year history to envelop all the lands in its domain and to not let the Palestinians have any part of it.

"It's very instructive to notice that when the state of Israel in May of 1947 was created, that explicitly did not state their borders," Levine said.

Levine then pointed out that this allowed Israel to decide its borders at will any time.

Levine said this move allowed the Israelis to immediately begin having designs over the entire region. Until this point, they had not wanted to give up that land.

Read Technician

It was the last day of school in 1976
A time they'd never forget
(If only they could remember)

Dazed and Confused

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Clay Best

Sign O' the Times



Jordan: One class act

My hero is gone. Our hero is gone. Everybody's hero is suddenly gone.

Michael Jordan, the most famous athlete in the world, retired Wednesday from basketball, the game that allowed him to gain the fame that made him more recognizable around the world than any living U.S. president.

The Wilmington native left the game just as he entered it, perfectly. Jordan burst upon the scene for a brief second in 1982 in New Orleans, baring "The Shot Heard 'Round the Tobacco Belt" and giving North Carolina its first national championship under Dean Smith.

The eight-time NBA all-star would let glances of that brilliance and athletic perfection reappear many times during his illustrious college career. Witness one of the first free-throw line cradle dunks one night in Maryland's Cole Field House in 1983 or the first time he went up and under the goal for the soon-to-be patented reverse lay-up.

Those brief and rare perfect moments in college became a nightly occurrence soon after the Chicago Bulls made Jordan their first-round pick in the 1984 NBA Draft.

Jordan dazzled the league's best players nightly with his ballerina-like moves to the basket and his ability to single-handedly lift a franchise out of the doldrums of pro sports inferiority and into the neighborhood of America's Teams with the Dallas Cowboys and Atlanta Braves.

We all grew up being amazed daily by Jordan's feats on the basketball court and even the shoes on his feet during our adolescent lives. Jordan was the hero to our generation. If Jordan was not your

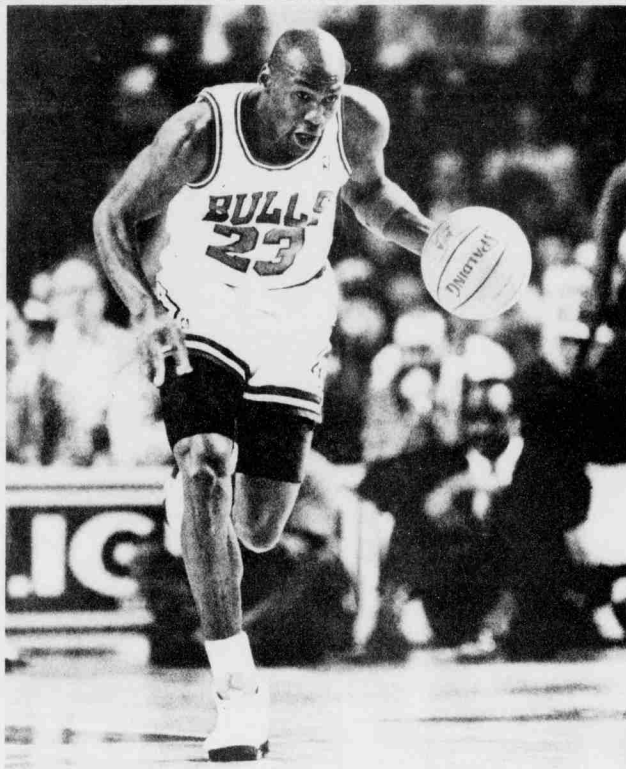


Photo Courtesy of North Carolina Sports Information

Michael Jordan ended his career the same way he came in — with plenty of grace.

hero, who was? Ivan Drago? Or even worse than Rocky's Russian rival, Bill Lambeer?

No other player in sports history has gained such a following or reached the status of immortal icon status so quickly, and left it so abruptly.

"I am very solid with my decision not to play any more basketball in the NBA," Jordan said Wednesday. "I have always stressed that when I lose the sense of motivation and the sense to prove something as a basketball player, it's time to

leave."

And with that, he left. Just like that, at the pinnacle of his career, feeling unchallenged by a league filled with young superstars-to-be and perennial all-stars unworthy of comparison or void of the talent and dedication necessary to challenge his throne.

The cries and demands of those who say he will come back to the game that turned Mike Jordan, the person, into Michael Jordan, the athlete, because he will not be able to live without the game will go

unanswered.

Jordan leaves the game with many fans wondering what he could have done in the years to come. Not knowing how many points he could have scored; how many MVP awards he could have won; how many times the Bulls could have four-, five-, six- or seven-peaked with him at the helm or how long he could be the same Michael "Air" Jordan we all have become so

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State ties 'Cats in rematch

N.C. State 1
Davidson 1

By OWEN S. GOOD
Assistant Sports Editor

CHARLOTTE — Thursday night's soccer match between N.C. State and Davidson had been labeled a payback game, and with good reason. Last season, in Raleigh, the Wildcats knocked the Wolfpack out of the door of the Final Four.

But for one team to hand another the bad debt it owes there has to be a winner. But there wasn't one, as the two teams tied 1-1, and State's check from '92 was never cashed.

State, minus captain Kevin Scott and midfielder Erwin Aguilera, took a 1-0 lead halfway into the second period. Simon Weiss, who just missed a goal in the first half, left-footed a hooking shot behind Davidson keeper Neal Andrews that glanced off the far pole and into the net at 68:20.

The pole was not as kind to Weiss earlier. At 13:50, from the left of Davidson's goal, Weiss headed a shot past Andrews's post. Weiss raised his hands, thinking it was a score, but no whistle blew and defender Pete Boylan cleared the ball out of the goal.

State head coach George Tarantini, while dissatisfied with the tie, was pleased his team put together chances like Weiss's considering the condition in which State entered the game.

"We had a brand-new midfield," Tarantini said. "Daryl Miller played his first match at center. Ravi Agi was not supposed to play — he had a temperature of 103. And Erwin Aguilera was injured in practice."

Also missing was Scott, who drew his fifth yellow card against Virginia last weekend.

Davidson scored five minutes after Weiss's goal. Ben Hayes, the Wildcats' leading scorer, took a pass from midfielder Ryan Northington and headed it in a perfect arc over keeper Steve Moore.

Tarantini told his team after the match the goal should not have happened, but he was still pleased with the showing.

"I thought we tried hard. It's very obvious every time we play Davidson, it's difficult," Tarantini said. "They took Duke to overtime and beat Wake Forest."

This was the third overtime match in the past two seasons for each team. They tied 4-4 in the 1992 regular season, and Davidson won 1-0 in the second overtime of their NCAA Tournament game.

State will play Wake Forest in Winston-Salem Sunday at 3 p.m. Tarantini is optimistic about the match, considering Scott will be back.

N.C. State 0 1 0 0 - 1
Davidson 0 1 0 0 - 1

Second Period
NCSU — Weiss, 68:22
Davidson — Hayes (Northington), 73:26
Shots on goal: NCSU 6, Davidson 7
Corner kicks: NCSU 5, Davidson 10
Saves: NCSU (Moore) 7, Davidson (Andrews) 4
Fouls: NCSU 20, Davidson 23

Soccer Notes
Wake Forest's soccer coach Larry Gross had two vertebrae in his back fused Tuesday night. Gross is expected to be released from Wake Medical Center this week.

The 10-year veteran coach will miss the team's matches in the Duke MetLife Classic today and Saturday. Gross is also expected to miss another two to three weeks, which could keep him out until the week of the ACC Tournament.

Assistant coach Jose Obitsson will be filling in for Gross until his return.

Gross has completed a record of 142-48-17 during the past 10 years and has been the only women's soccer coach in the school's history.

Wolfpack, Raiders search for a victory

Both N.C. State and Texas Tech are in must-win situations, trying to get back on the winning track

By CLAY BEST
Senior Staff Writer

The N.C. State football team revealed in the abstract glory of almost making one of the most improbable comebacks in school history during the past week. But now Mike O' Cain's squad will travel to Texas Tech and try to put its record back over the .500 mark.

State will face the Red Raiders at Jones Stadium Saturday at 8 p.m. eastern standard time in a non-conference contest.

The Pack comes into the game looking to hold on to the magic the offense captured in the fourth

quarter of its 20-14 loss at Clemson last week. State totaled 14 points and had five tosses — all of which fell short — at a win in the fourth quarter in Death Valley last Saturday.

"I'm extremely proud of the way that our football team battled back," O' Cain said. "When we turned it on in the fourth quarter, we played like a pretty good football team. The challenge now is to play like that for four quarters."

State, 2-2 overall and 1-2 in the ACC, faces a Texas Tech team that has had its share of disheartening losses early in the season. The Raiders are 1-4, losing to four teams ranked in the top 25 this season. Tech has fallen to Nebraska, Georgia, Baylor and Texas A&M in the past four weeks.

But Tech head coach Spike Dykes has not lost confidence in his

team's ability to win against quality programs.

"The big thing we have to do is get our heads up," Dykes said. "We've played some awfully good teams, but we just need to learn from those games and finish out strong in the last six games."

The Raiders' potent offensive attack is led by the nation's eighth-leading rusher, Byron Morris, who has totaled 128 yards per game this season. Morris's rushing abilities are complemented by the passing tandem of quarterback Robert Hill and receiver Lloyd Hill. Hill has passed for 1,218 yards and 10 touchdowns, while Hill has pulled in 29 balls for 484 yards and four touchdowns at a clip of 16.7 yards per reception.

The Texas Tech defense is anchored by Zach Thomas, who leads the Raiders with 51 tackles.

"Texas Tech has played in a number of games where they just got outscored," O' Cain said. "They have a great QB-receiver tandem in Hill and Hill. Their wide-open offense will be a challenge for our team."

The Wolfpack offense will counter with Gary Downs at the tailback spot. Downs is averaging 4.5 yards per carry for the Pack and is tied for the team scoring lead.

And Eddie Goines will provide the explosive spark for the State offense. Goines has caught 18 passes and averages 22.6 yards per catch.

"They have a formidable offense that can score quickly," Dykes said of State. "But I think we match up pretty good with them. I'm looking forward to the game, and I think our players will do the same."

WOLFPACK WEEKEND

Volleyball	Women's Soccer
Records N.C. State, 9-7 (1-4 in the ACC) North Carolina, 9-7 (0-3) Site Reynolds Coliseum Times Today, 7:30 p.m. Key Players N.C. State Tenneka Williams Melissa Mau Shari Gagliana Colette Dingens Michelle Miller	Records N.C. State, 5-3-1 (1-0-1 in the ACC), ranked 17th Duke, 7-3 (1-1), ranked 6th Florida International, 7-0-1, 12th Southern Methodist, 6-3 Site Durham, Duke Soccer Stadium Times NCSU vs. FIU, Today, 5 p.m. SMAU at Duke, Today, 7 p.m. NCSU vs. SMU, Saturday, 5 p.m. FIU at Duke, Saturday, 7 p.m. Key Players Duke Katherine Remy Kelly Walbert N.C. State Monica Hall Catherine Zaborowski Michelle Bertocchi Florida International Cindy Greenman Catherine Liller Lisa Blaine Southern Methodist Kara Lee Kristin Lauck Collin Crowley
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Littlejohn sets record; Suiter, Doctor pull five ahead

It was a record-setting week last Saturday in Pigskin Picks.

Yes, **Cheryl Littlejohn**'s last 15 picks made all readers and panelists drop their jaws in awe. According to the Elias Sports Bureau, Littlejohn compiled the worst record of the past two years — if not more.

She went 5-10. Yes, the worst single-week mark since Technician moved to the Student Center Annex. When words like "Tampa Bay Buccaneers," "Sacramento Kings," "San Diego Padres" and "Gerry Cooney" are spoken, Littlejohn's name will surely follow. Now holding both the best single-week mark (a tie) and the worst, Littlejohn has completed her plunge to last place. That's also where Owen S. "It might be bad, but at least I'm consistent" Good resides. Good almost looked like a genius

when Texas-El Paso led North Carolina 24-14 at the half. But since God hates him, not only did State come short of a comeback against Clemson, but UNC also turned it around and can try to say they really did schedule a tough non-conference team.

Enough of the negative talk. **Leading the pickers are Tom "Can I put my Pigskin Picks standings on the RealTalk hotline?" Suiter.** He's still tied with **Doctor Mike**, who matched Suiter's 12-3 record; and both sit at the top at 57-18.

Following those two is a three-way logjam led by the guest slot. The guests are shaming the Pigskin Picks second division by proving a novelty feature can out-pick 40 percent of the panel. **Lou "How come my staff writers don't use more than two quotes in a feature story" Potenza**, the sports editor of *Clemson's The Tiger* turned in a 10-5 mark to keep the guests in the

thick of things. We'll announce this week's guest at the end of this column, but first Pigskin Picks would like to thank Lou and his courteous staff for welcoming us to Clemson. Showing us Howard's Rock and breaking our hearts at Death Valley. Sports Editor **Kevin "I sold out and gave The Tiger a column last week" Brewer** and **Larry "Mmm-mmm, good" Campbell** follow with 11-4 records for their share, while **Nora Lynn Finch** begins her climb out of the trash heap after going 12-3.

Chris "Treading Water" McKinnon maintains his three-game lead over Good — as dubious a distinction as you can get. This week's guest is **James "I have two first names" David**, a sports staff writer for *Texas Tech's University Daily*, although the Red Raiders, at 1-4, are in a "must win

situation" according to David, he's siding with N.C. State on this one.

By the way, can you guess the name of Tech's head coach, whose job is on the line unless his team beats the Wolfpack? Time's up; it's **Spike Dykes**. That message brought to you by the Republican National Committee. Now for this week's slate:

Miami at Florida State: Here's **Scott Bentley**'s big chance to prove he's not a lemon at place-kicker, and fulfill the job he was recruited for. Although Miami will become the first team after five FSU games to get in more than one score, the "Noles" won't need Bentley for this one.

Wake Forest at North Carolina: Obviously Carolina was looking past UTEP to this powerhouse matchup. The Deacs won't be

able to sneak up on them, so they'll have to do it by brute force.

Maryland at Georgia Tech: Tech will again give up 51 points, but will still win with 56 of their own.

Editor's Note: In appreciation for major league baseball's last real pennant races and playoffs, Technician will print the Pigskin Picks standings as often as possible.

Week 4	Last 15	W-L	Pct.	GB
Tom Suiter	12-3	57-18	.760	—
Doctor Mike	12-3	57-18	.760	—
Guest	10-5	52-23	.693	5
Kevin Brewer	11-4	52-23	.693	5
Larry Campbell	11-4	52-23	.693	5
Nora Lynn Finch	12-3	52-23	.693	5
Donna Gregory	11-4	50-25	.667	7
Chris McKinnon	10-5	48-27	.640	9
Owen S. Good	10-5	45-30	.600	12
Cheryl Littlejohn	5-10	45-30	.600	12

TECHNICIAN PIGSKIN PICKS: WEEK 6



	Kevin Brewer	Owen S. Good	Chris McKinnon	Nora Lynn Finch	Cheryl Littlejohn	Tom Suiter	Donna Gregory	Larry Campbell	Doctor Mike	Guest
Last Week:	11-4	10-5	10-5	12-3	5-10	12-3	11-4	11-4	12-4	10-5
Overall:	52-23	45-30	48-27	52-23	45-30	57-18	50-25	52-23	57-18	52-23
N.C. State at Texas Tech	N.C. State	N.C. State	Texas Tech	N.C. State	N.C. State	N.C. State	N.C. State	N.C. State	N.C. State	N.C. State
Miami at Florida State	Florida St.	Florida State	Florida State	Florida St.	Florida St.	Florida St.	Florida State	Florida St.	Florida St.	Florida State
W. Forest at N. Carolina	N. Carolina	Wake Forest	N. Carolina	N. Carolina	N. Carolina	N. Carolina	N. Carolina	N. Carolina	N. Carolina	N. Carolina
Maryland at Georgia Tech	Ga. Tech	Ga. Tech	Ga. Tech	Ga. Tech	Ga. Tech	Ga. Tech	Ga. Tech	Ga. Tech	Ga. Tech	Maryland
Clemson at Duke	Clemson	Clemson	Clemson	Clemson	Clemson	Clemson	Clemson	Clemson	Clemson	Clemson
S. California at Oregon	Oregon	S. California	Oregon	S. California	S. California	Oregon	S. California	Oregon	S. California	S. California
Louisville at W. Virginia	Louisville	Louisville	Louisville	Louisville	Louisville	Louisville	W. Virginia	Louisville	Louisville	Louisville
Purdue at Minnesota	Purdue	Purdue	Purdue	Purdue	Minnesota	Minnesota	Purdue	Minnesota	Minnesota	Purdue
Arizona St. at Wash. State	Arizona St.	Arizona St.	Arizona St.	Wash. State	Wash. State	Wash. State	Wash. State	Arizona St.	Wash. State	Wash. State
Air Force at Navy	Air Force	Navy	Navy	Navy	Navy	Air Force	Air Force	Air Force	Air Force	Navy
Boston College at Rutgers	Rutgers	Bos. College	Bos. College	Bos. College	Bos. College	Bos. College	Rutgers	Bos. College	Bos. College	Bos. College
Brigham Young at UCLA	UCLA	BYU	UCLA	UCLA	UCLA	UCLA	UCLA	UCLA	UCLA	BYU
Iowa at Indiana	Indiana	Indiana	Indiana	Indiana	Indiana	Indiana	Indiana	Indiana	Iowa	Iowa
Kansas at Kansas St.	Kansas St.	Kansas St.	Kansas	Kansas St.	Kansas	Kansas St.	Kansas St.	Kansas St.	Kansas St.	Kansas
Washington at Cal	Washington	Washington	California	Washington	Washington	Washington	Washington	Washington	Washington	Washington

Jordan

Continued from Page 3
accustomed to. We will never know the answers to any of those questions. He's gone. He's gone for good. Jordan will never return to the game because he does not need basketball anymore. Jordan became bigger than the game. Naismith created a century ago — even before Jordan had won his first championship. He continued to play, using the game only as a refuge from his personal paparazzi. He and only he knows what he could have achieved, and that's

good enough for him. "I just feel I've reached the pinnacle of my career," he said. "I don't have anything else to prove to myself." Jordan could have continued playing, padding his stats and his back pocket. But he decided not to. Any mortal icon can run up numbers (Kareem, are you out there? Have you seen Pete Rose lately?). But it takes much more of a sportsman to let it all go. To let it

all go while still at the top. Bulls owner Jerry Reinsdorf summed it up pretty well at Wednesday's press conference. "I used to think that Michael Jordan was the Babe Ruth of basketball," Reinsdorf said. "I have now come to believe that Babe Ruth was the Michael Jordan of baseball." Well, the Babe is gone. And now, so is the Air, and there will be no heir to the throne.

Support your N.C. State volleyball team tonight in Reynolds Coliseum when it takes on arch-rival North Carolina. The match begins at 7:30 p.m. Admission is free with a student ID.

Answers

Crossword Puzzle

Solution time: 24 mins.

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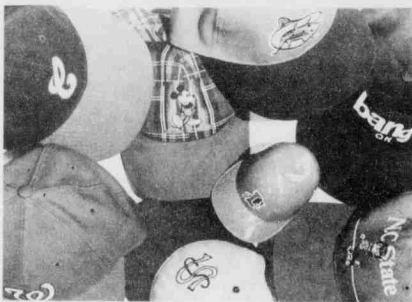
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THE BATTLE BEGINS OCTOBER 8

Baseball caps make their way off the field into our lives



Baseball caps come in many sizes and colors, and aren't always worn by baseball players.

■ **Baseball caps.** They're not just for major league ball players anymore. They've become fashion statements.

By JOE GIGLIO
Senior Writer

Cap mania has hit N.C. State University.

It seems everywhere you look somebody is wearing a baseball cap. There's no discrimination here. All kinds of students are taking part in this latest craze — but why?

The Bandwagon Theory
Because everybody's doing it. And today it's a lot easier to find the apparel. Just a few years ago, hats were mainly bought at sporting

"It is convenient. I have a lot of hair and some days it is easier just to wash it, dry it and put on a hat."

— Denise Iacona
sophomore in public relations

goods stores. Fortunately, you can now find them just about anywhere. In fact, the hat craze has turned into a multi-million dollar industry.

Students are shopping for hats to match their attire, and to add a little spice to their wardrobe.

"It's a fashion statement," Jeffrey Hatcher, a freshman, said.

Sam Malone Theory
True, Malone has cool hair, but who has 10 years to take care of theirs like Mayday Malone did. So

what do you do?

Get up early and get your hair as if it were the first day of high school. No, not when you're in college and sleep is essential. Instead, just put on a cap, it takes less time and they are cool.

And Denise Iacona, a sophomore in public relations, agrees. "It is convenient. I have a lot of hair and some days it is easier just to wash it, dry it and put on a hat," she said.

Die-Hard Theory
No, not Bruce Willis or the battery, but loyalty to a team. Each student owns the standard Wellpuck hat, and the token Atlanta Braves' hat but it takes a unique individual to wear peculiar losers' such as Chicago Cubs' or Cleveland Indians' caps. Loyalty is also defined by one wearing a hat to show where they're from no matter what the time or place.

"I wear my [New York] Knicks hat to show my pride in my team and where I come from," Daron LaRose, a political science major, added. LaRose may take a ribbing during basketball season but he's still willing to stand by his team.

But, is it really just a trend?

Whether it lasts longer than Vanilla Ice is open for debate, but in the meantime let's enjoy it while it lasts.

A&E Calendar

From October 8 to October 14

Today

Bullshot Crummond — No cliché is left unturned as the Tautoune villain and his evil mistress cabot mitcher in this fast-paced farce. A parody of all the low budget, grade "B" 1930s detective movies that featured British heroism at its prewar peak. **Thompson Theatre, today and Saturday at 8 p.m.**

Hot Shots! Part Deux — It seems as though we're not through dealing with Saddam just yet. He's holding American servicemen hostage and it's up to Topper Harley to get them out. **90 min. Student Center Annex Cinema, today at 7, 9 and 11 p.m. Also Saturday at 2 and 11 p.m.**

Films

Hot Shots! Part Deux — See description in today section above.

Il Ladro Di Bambini — On the outskirts of Milan, a young woman is arrested by the police for having prostituted her 11-year-old daughter. Rosetta, Antonio, a 25-year-old police officer, is charged with escorting Rosetta and her kid brother, Luciano, to Sicily to a home for children. But the trio must end their friendship at the end of the journey. In Italian with English subtitles. **110 min. Student Center Annex, Saturday at 9 p.m.**

Witness — The movie opens with the funeral of a Pennsylvania Amish farmer, attended by his pretty young widow (Kelly McGillis) and 8-year-old son. They travel to Philadelphia by train to visit her sister, and the little boy witnesses a murder. Enter Detective John Book (Harrison Ford), and what evolves is an absorbing story of love, religion and murder set in the Amish countryside of Pennsylvania. **112 min. Student Center Annex, Sunday at 7 p.m.**

Ellen Spiro — Video Artist — *Southern Circuit* Film Series. *Greeneville From Out Here* documents Ellen Spiro's adventure across the southern United States — meeting open gays and lesbians "down home" and at play — from the Texas Gay Parade to the Rural Fairy Gathering. Exploring news censorship, AIDS and women's rights. **Student Center Annex, Monday at 8 p.m.**

An Affair to Remember — A couple meet and fall in love during a cruise. Although each is engaged to another, they pledge to free themselves and meet in six months, but a tragic accident prevents one of them from keeping the appointment. **114 min. Student Center Annex, Thursday at 8 p.m.**

Theater

Bullshot Crummond — See description in today section above.

Auditions — The 15th annual "Hap N Tales" Children's Theatre. **Thompson Theatre, Monday and Tuesday at 7 p.m.**

Music

Joe Lovano Quartet — Saxman Lovano's Soltan family has a musical heritage, but modern jazz is the special love of its American generations. Joe grew up learning the basic tenor that remains in his playing today — "real, really real, that music." An evening with Lovano and his close-knit, interactive group takes you on a compassionate journey inside the soul of jazz. **Stewart Theatre, Saturday at 8 p.m.**

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Frosh leading man shows versatility

■ **An NCSU actor hopes to engineer a career in Broadway Theatre by building a foundation at Thompson Theatre.**

By MARIA MCKINNEY
Senior Staff Writer

What do you get when you mix engineering and theater? Why, N.C. State University freshman Stephen Douglas Shumate.

"Bullshot Crummond" is Thompson Theatre's current production.

In the play, Shumate dons two hats — that of waiter and Inspector Scabband.

"The waiter is basically there to add a little more comedy to the plot," Shumate said. The inspector is a dual role. "The inspector is also Wolfgang Schmidt who is a master of disguises," Shumate said.

Shumate has solid roots in acting. "The year before I went to high school, my mother was in [a performance of] 'Steel Magnolias,'" Shumate said, "and I helped backstage with that."

As a result, Shumate got involved with two plays during his freshman year in high school.

"I was an understudy for the first show," Shumate said, "and I also did the lights."

That resulted in the Shumate landing a lead role his junior year of high school.

"I was in 'The Crucible,'" Shumate said. "The second show we did was the musical 'Pippin,' and I was the lead player."

Shumate's acting experiences have resulted in some interesting summer jobs. Even though the actor is not always prepared.

"This summer I worked at Carowinds as a Romanian," Shumate said.

"I went to audition," Shumate



Major thespian Stephen Shumate.

Thompson Theatre opened its main season with "Bullshot Crummond." This comedy is a parody of all the low-budget, grade "B" 1930s detective movies that featured British heroism at its prewar peak. See A & E Calendar for run dates.

explained, "and you're supposed to have a monologue prepared, however, I didn't because I was in a show at the time. 'Fiddler on the Roof.'"

Not sure if he would try out or not, Shumate decided to accompany a friend to the audition.

"I decided to audition for the fun of it," Shumate said, "and I made

up the monologue off the top of my head using the character from 'Pippin.'"

Shumate's versatility has resulted in the actor not yet pinpointing his forte.

"I've done a lot of different things," Shumate said, "and I like them all."

His roles in "Bullshot Crummond" have given Shumate one indication of a facet of acting in which he excels.

"I like the comedy and I think I do well with the comedy relief," Shumate said. "But I really can't say what I prefer most."

Although interested in engineering, Shumate's plans are primarily focused on the theater. He plans to audition for the North Carolina Theater Conference (NCTC).

"NCTC is a preliminary to get into SETC (Southeastern Theater Conference), which is basically where all the paying theater companies come to hire," Shumate explained.

And if Broadway calls, Shumate will gladly leave his books behind. Still, the actor is cautious.

"At this point, I don't expect anything because that's always the best attitude to have," Shumate said. "I'm going to go with engineering because it's a good paying job and I can do it and I like it, and if the breaks come, the breaks come. If that's the way it was meant to be, then that's the way I'll go."

Currently, Shumate's career is thriving. He's landed a role in "The Maternal Dinner," scheduled to run later this semester.

"In the romantic lead," Shumate said, "who is a commoner who wins over the hand of the king's daughter."

"Bullshot Crummond" is now playing at Thompson Theatre. For more information call 515-2405.

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There will be a mandatory staff meeting of all et cetera writers this Monday, Oct. 11 at 8 p.m.

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Watch those credit cards

Deceptive deals on credit cards are putting NCSU students in the poorhouse.

For undergraduates in the '90s, credit cards can be like taking a ride on the Titanic — many climb on board but fail to foresee the dangers involved.

Any problems that might occur with credit cards, however, can be avoided by becoming aware of the warning signs before getting a card.

The accessibility of credit cards for students is a danger in itself. By the beginning of each new academic year, credit card companies seem to have strategically placed spokespersons on campuses across the country. As Pamela Gerace, director of N.C. State University's Student Legal Services, recently told The News & Observer, they attract students with the glimmer associated with their products and lure them with incentives, such as free trips and books. Some students even receive pre-approved cards in the mail.

Once a student's credit is established, another threat becomes visible — blind use of the card. Fine print on applications and a student's naivete for the entailing costs can serve as potential trap doors. The application for a Citibank Visa at UNC-Chapel Hill serves as an excellent example. On the front it reads: "Apply now for the card that gives students more value: Great benefits, no annual fee, 15.4 percent APR." On the back it reads: "The late-payment fee of \$15, the \$10

charged for going over the limit and the interest rate for cash advances of 19.8 percent."

College is a time when students develop life skills such as time and money management. Some students are being taught harsh lessons with money. According to an American Express news release, Gail Wasserman, director of Public Affairs at American Express Company says, "The average college student spends more than \$70 paying interest annually," not including initial charges. So what do students do when bills exceed their means? Many head to campus organizations.

Gerace says about 1,800 students come to her office annually, according to The N&O. Gerace adds that nearly 25 percent of these students, about 450, are in serious trouble with their credit cards.

Fifty-five percent of all full-time undergraduate college students have at least one major credit card, while 74 percent have cards by the time they are seniors, according to the American Express press release. What can students do to avoid becoming a victim of their own ignorance?

Education. The American Express Travel Related Services Company Inc. offers a brochure educating students on how to use credit wisely through a fifteen-step guide, as well as a dictionary of common terms found in the credit industry. A copy can be obtained by sending a self-addressed stamped envelope to: STUDENT DICTIONARY, P.O. Box 2201, Warminster, PA: 18974.



Commentary South no longer home of hatred

There are 270 million people in the United States. The majority of them live in the Northeast. The bulk of America also views Southerners as backwards, inbred, racist and stupid, an image reinforced by Hollywood and media portrayals.

There is some credence to this stereotyping. Some areas of the South are very much like those seen in "Mississippi Burning" and "Deliverance." The emergence of people like David Duke and Pat Buchanan as national figures gives the rest of the country the impression that racism is alive and well and living in the American South. Rebel flags still fly, the Klan still marches, and barriers, mental and physical, real and imagined, still exist. Any Southern political figure who rises to national prominence is ridiculed about his or her background, accent, constituents, family or habits. Jimmy Carter was not seen as a nuclear engineer who graduated third in his class from Annopolis, which is what he was. He was known as the peanut farmer from Plains, Georgia, with an overdose of religion and a beer-swilling brother. As president, Carter made some bad moves and failed to get his message across more than once. This lack of public support was crippling. But just as crippling was the public's perception of him. If it had to motivate a nation when you are viewed as a cracker from west Georgia.

This same sort of misperception haunts Bill Clinton, fortunately to a lesser extent. The South and Southerners have become entrenched as the national whipping boys, the convenient symbols of poverty, racism and any other social ail that ails the nation.

Bill Gary

True, I am biased toward the South. To me, there is no better place in the country to live, no better music than the Allman Brothers, Otis Redding and Stevie Ray Vaughn, and no greater public figure than Lyndon Baines Johnson. I firmly believe that the best thing to ever come out of New York was Franklin Roosevelt. I also believe that women get prettier the further south you go, with the cream of the crop located between Fayetteville and Atlanta. And like any self-respecting Southerner, my favorite cities are Charleston and Savannah. I both love and loathe our history, wanting to preserve the code of honor but destroy the legacy of hatred. Geographically, we are on the bottom of the country. And what are we doing there? Holding up the rest of the damn Union. If not for the current economic boom occurring in the South, especially along the I-85 corridor, the entire nation would be in an economic hole deeper than that well Baby Jessica fell into.

With this economic growth and opportunity has come a flock of newcomers. During Reconstruction, they were called "carpetbaggers." Now we call them "transplanted Northerners." And with them, these new residents of the Land below the Mason-Dixon bring

preconceived notions about the South and its inhabitants. Not all non-natives feel this way about the South but those that do are usually quite vocal in telling us about the evils of Southern society.

I recently had the joy of meeting such an individual. While dining out in Chapel Hill, our waiter struck up a conversation with the table adjoining mine. At that table were two black couples, each middle-class, about 50, from eastern North Carolina.

The waiter was a graduate student from New York and was about 25. He explained that he had come to the South and North Carolina because he liked the politics and the society structure. "After all, nothing much has changed here in the last 100 years," he glly mentioned. This statement alone was offensive enough but was even more so because of who it was said to: four middle-aged Southern blacks. The waiter might as well have said "Desegregated schools, lunch counter sit-ins, marches on Washington — none of that matters at all. You niggers haven't changed anything."

Now, I don't believe that most transplanted Northerners feel this way about the South. But I have noticed a disturbing amount of Americans who view us this way. As I said earlier, some of this reputation is deserved, most of it not.

As Southerners, native or not, it is up to us to dispel the impressions strongly held about us. I'll be doing my part by keeping my shirt on at NASCAR races, taking the gun rack out of the pick-up and not marring my cousin.

Publish prof evaluations

The university should publish student evaluations of professors.

"Publish or perish," the saying goes. It implies that if professors do not publish research, they may as well leave college education altogether. This concept should also apply to the teacher evaluations students complete each semester.

Publishing these evaluations would not only help students decide which professors to choose for particular courses, it also would provide one more incentive for professors to enhance what they are paid to do — teach. After all, since students are subjected to being graded on their academic performance, shouldn't professors, whose job is imparting knowledge, be graded too? Of course they should.

It is a given that publishing teacher evaluations is beneficial to students. It would provide one tangible list of who to take for a class and who to avoid. Moreover, students would gain an earlier, clearer idea of professors' expectations, styles of teaching and their strong and weak points.

Consequently, even if students ended up with a professor who made his "bad" list, they would still be much more mentally prepared for the course than if no list was available — the way it is now.

Publishing teacher evaluations would also generate one more incentive for professors to improve as educators. Though many professors may have several college degrees, when it boils down to teaching — the main reason why they are here — the ability of the students to grasp their concepts depends on how well they communicate what they know. Besides tests serving as indicators of this principle, published evaluations will also serve as an efficient measurement. Professors, like most people, take pride in their work. Professors receiving a low rating should, by virtue of their conscious attempt to modify their teaching style, rethink the focus of their profession.

College is not like the public school system. Students and many of their parents are consumers. Why else would Student Body President Chris Jones be behind the move to publish evaluations? If students are lucky, the university's administration will follow his lead.

Improv '93: right on time

Recently, I attended a program called Improv '93. It was given by a group consisting of members from Thompson Theatre and the Center of Health Directions. I, like probably many others, had never really taken the time to read the fliers that had been posted all over campus and really wasn't aware of Improv '93's purpose until I attended its program that was sponsored last week by Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Inc.

The topics that the group covers in its activities are relationships, sex under the influence of alcohol, issues of sexuality and date rape. The program is done in an improvisational theater-group setting where acting is used for teaching. Role players act out theoretical and often typical scenes where a woman is at jeopardy of being sexually abused.

After hearing the statistical data that one of every three women will be raped in the course of their lifetime, I was astonished and very much concerned. One of every three women could be the girl next door, the girl that sits beside you in class, a close friend or even a relative. It's sad that not as many people realize this as should, and of those who do, the majority are women — who is why such programming is usually sponsored by sororities and other women's groups.

The time for awareness is at hand. We must now learn to avoid and prevent situations where women are abused and treated as objects, even trophies. Of the scenarios that were played out, there was an instance where a guy and a girl were at a fraternity party and were under the influence of alcohol. The two were acquainted beforehand, and the guy was under the impression that the girl was

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attracted to him in ways that she was not. Due to her level of intoxication, she wasn't really able to clearly recognize his advances until it was too late — and she was raped.

These situations are becoming increasingly talked about and disturbingly more frequent. It is our duty as men to be responsible and respectable. It is our duty as women to be likewise and evasive of men who cannot be responsible and respectable, regardless of the benefit of the doubt. Our society has become so corrupt and so vile since the days when men were gentlemen and women were ladies. It seems now that there is an underlying male egotism that says divide and conquer, while the feminine train of thought has become weary in the search for just a few good men.

After the portrayal of this scene, members of the audience spoke about actual occurrences that were really too similar to the role playing. There were several accounts of guys intentionally trying to get a female intoxicated so that they could have their way with her.

In this sort of twisted, even perverse male mentality, the damage that rape causes goes unnoticed by the perpetrator. They rarely, if ever, realize the scars caused by such detrimental and violent acts.

Another scenario acted out was about a woman who had been raped two years prior to the present, and now there was a man whom she'd known for a long time, and he was interested in establishing a more intimate relationship with her. Because of an incident that happened two years ago, she faced complications within herself that barred the way for any such relationship.

Realistically speaking, this scenario is not at all far-fetched. There was a young woman at the program who spoke about her own experiences with rape and the wounds that do take time to heal, if they heal at all. The pain, the fear and the paranoia that can result from one occurrence alone often lasts a lifetime.

The group went on to talk about date rape, where couples are torn apart because of the male figure's inability to accept "no," or the female being unclear in her intentions and thereby misleading the male. Inside or outside a relationship, it is the responsibility of both male and female to prevent and put an end to the terrors of rape. It is the female's obligation to herself to always be conscious and cautious of the situations that are conducive of rape. It is the male's obligation to himself to be aware of the damage that could be done to his own person through rape and rape-like situations that warrant the same penalties. It is all really worth some cheap and lowly power trip?

Any man who would rape a woman is not a man. Any woman who realizes that a situation could lead to rape but who goes into that situation anyway has questionable motives.

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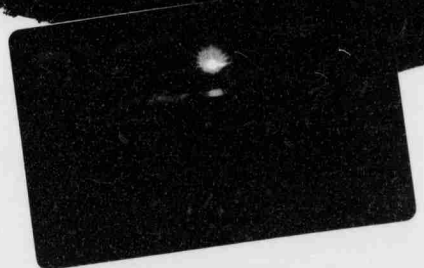
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