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Brent Road blowout faces opposition



LARRY DIXON JR./STAFF FILE PHOTO

Raleigh police cited students last year on Brent Road.

Students who take part in disruptive Brent Road parties this year will face arrest and university sanctions. But not everyone thinks that's a good idea.

BY DEE HENRY
AND RON BATCHO
SENIOR STAFF WRITERS

After last year's Brent Road party turned into an uncontrollable crowd of about 5,000, the question in many people's minds is what is going to happen this year.

"I hope the answer to that question is nothing," said Tom Stafford, N.C. State University's vice chancellor of Student Affairs. In hopes of making that wish

come true, both the NCSU chancellor's office and the Raleigh Police Department recently issued letters to the residents of Brent Road as well as adjoining Kaplan Road, requesting that any parties that do occur this weekend be kept under control.

And if the residents fail to keep things under control, the university and the police department are ready to step in.

"[The police] are prepared to respond to any indication that a large street party is developing on Brent Road," Stafford said. "They have a significant number of city police who will be on call."

F.K. Heineman, chief of police for the Raleigh Police Department, agreed that the officers are prepared.

"Last year, we were really taken by surprise [by the magnitude of the party]. We were caught short," Heineman said. "This year, we have increased our resources."

This year's crack-down is in response to complaints made in the past by the residents in the area who aren't students, Heineman said.

"We're not against parties, but when they happen at the magnitude that they did last year, they're not welcome," he said. "People in the neighborhood deserve peace and quiet."

Heineman, however, said he realizes the problem is not solely due to NCSU students.

"I think most of the problems occur not because of the students but because of people from the out-

side," he said. "The students for the most part are a classy group."

But the problem remains when parties get to the level of last year's bash.

"We don't want to make arrests," Heineman said. "But we will make arrests if we have to."

Some students think that's the wrong way to solve Brent Road parties.

"Politicians and people make a big thing of it," said Curtis White, a senior in horticulture. "If the university didn't want the party to be in a residential area, it could sponsor a party."

Several students interviewed on Brent Road said the university is

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Campus bazaar

As the fall semester kicks off, many entrepreneurs occupy N.C. State University's Brickyard and the areas outside the Free Expression Tunnel.

[Right] Les Hill, a sophomore in engineering, signs up with A-Pass, a Visa/Mastercard company. In doing so, Les receives a free t-shirt and the possibility of a credit card with a \$2,500 limit and no annual fee for the first year.

[Far right] Cindy Sparrow, a sophomore double majoring in biology and biochemistry, eyes the posters in the Campus Sales poster sale. Farmhouse fraternity helped sell these art peices outside the Free Expression Tunnel.

[Bottom] Chuck Bilscha helps out his roommate, John Perry (not pictured), sell Guatemalan clothing outside the Free Expression Tunnel. Perry's business is "Que Pasa" and they are based out of Boston, Ma.

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Trees cause parking problems

Trees taken out, lighting improved as parking lot renovations continue.

BY TRACEY PAUL
STAFF WRITER

If it seems a little more pleasant to park than you expected this fall, there's a reason. The Department of Transportation continued its five-year renovation plan by improving parking lots over the summer.

The first project of the summer included the removal of 13 trees from the parking lot next to Reynolds Coliseum, said Cathy Reeve, transportation systems manager. Workers also resurfaced the asphalt and added new curbs and light fixtures.

Reeve said the trees were removed because they were planted in beds that were too small.

"Although they were gorgeous, the trees were overplanted in an

area that cannot accommodate this size tree," Reeve said.

The trees were loosening the asphalt, and the roots were looking for a place to get air and water, she said. Drivers were running over the roots and damaging the trees.

Dim lighting was also a concern, Reeve said.

"In cleaning out the trees from Reynolds, we will improve the lighting for the existing light fixtures," Reeve said. "What we are trying to accomplish in all these lots is not only improving the pavement but looking at the lots in terms of safety issues, which have been a big concern on campus."

"The compromise was that we wanted to preserve the number of trees that we could, but some were going to have to come out so we could come in and put a more permanent solution in."

She said the plan will keep the landscape as intact as possible to

avoid eliminating many parking spaces.

"This lot is in high demand and to lose that parking would cause an impact on the ability for people to park on campus," Reeve said. "This is a very popular area, so we selected some trees that could come out and left a number of trees that could provide shade and allow the trees left adequate growing room."

Remaining trees have been protected by 10-foot semicircles of concrete where all the asphalt has been removed. The Department of Transportation is adding a layer of material that will allow air and water to penetrate to the roots. Then a layer of screening that cars can park on goes on top, compacting the material underneath.

"The trees will have a much healthier environment for their roots so they can get the air and

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Computers cause cheating challenges

High technology has created new ways to cheat, but it doesn't necessarily make it easier.

BY CHRIS HUBBARD
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

In the computer age, cheating is only a keystroke away.

That has never been clearer than after the confessions of more than 40 students to cheating last spring on computer science lab assignments. The students either electronically duplicated other students' lab assignments or intentionally allowed others to duplicate their assignments, which the university considers cheating. The lab assignments were FORTRAN computer programs stored on the

College of Engineering's three-year-old Eos computer network.

But William Willis Jr., the recently appointed associate vice provost of academic computing and the former head of computer operations for the College of Engineering, said that computers haven't made it any easier to cheat.

"Cheating really has nothing to do with electronic systems," he said. "It didn't start with them. They didn't make it any easier. In fact, they give us a lot more methods for catching it."

Willis pointed to photocopying, which also takes only the press of a button to duplicate someone else's work, as an example of

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News Notes

Undergrad catalog available

A free copy of the newsprint version of the 1993 Undergraduate Catalog may be picked up at the NCSU Bookstores or the Information Desk of the University Student Center now through Sept. 10. After that date, copies may be purchased at the NCSU Bookstores for \$1.50 each plus tax. Copies of the book version of the 1993 Undergraduate Catalog are available at the NCSU Bookstores for \$5.25 each plus tax.

Stats professor named Fellow

Peter Bloomfield, Ph.D., professor of statistics, N.C. State University, was named a Fellow of the American Statistical Association (ASA) in a presentation ceremony at the Joint Statistical Meetings held Aug. 8-12 in San Francisco, CA.

The designation of Fellow is a singular honor and has for more than 75 years signified an individual's outstanding professional contribution and leadership in the field of statistical science. This year 38 members of the association were accorded the Fellows honor.

The ASA, which was founded in Boston in 1839, is one of the country's oldest professional associations. Early members included Florence Nightingale, Alexander Graham Bell, Herman Hollerith, Andrew Carnegie and Martin Van Buren. ASA, with a membership of 19,000, is a professional association of statisticians, quantitative scientists and users of statistics. ASA members serve in government, industry and academia, applying their talents to a wealth of scientific applications.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

TODAY

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MONDAY

MEETING—First Pre-Vet Club meeting is Aug. 30. Hear about admissions in South Theater of the College of Veterinary Medicine at 7:30 for rides meet at Student Center across from gym at 7:10.

WEDNESDAY
UAB COLLEGE BOWL VETERANS PRACTICE, Sept. 1, 4:30 p.m., Room 3115 University Student Center. Call 515-5918 for more information.

THURSDAY
MEETING—Students interested in fire protection or emergency medicine should attend the first meeting of SAVES—a student emergency service group—Thurs., Sept. 2 at 7:30 p.m. in Riddick 11.

UAB FILM COMMITTEE—Come and choose your favorite movies to be shown on campus. Join UAB Film's Committee. First meeting Thurs., Sept. 2 at 4 p.m. at Student Center Annex Room 107. Food! Call 515-5161.

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cheating that's just as easy as cheating by computer.

The Eos system is an Andrew File System and was purchased to link together the different departments in the College of Engineering. It runs on the Unix operating system and is attached to the international Internet computer network. Part of Eos's strength is that it allows greater information and program sharing. But Willis said that doesn't mean improper sharing is an inherent part of the system.

"Its strength is that it's a distributed file system, which gives the student a lot of control to different accesses," Willis said. "Because you have that control you can make it so there's a lot of sharing or there's not a lot of sharing."

"In Eos, the control of access to an individual user's account is left up to that user. It's their responsibility to protect it."

Willis said there are sanctions against students who don't protect

their password, leading up to the loss of an account after the fourth infraction.

"[Giving away your password] is like giving away the key to your dorm room and saying, 'All my homework is in there,'" he said.

The majority of students who allowed others to cheat off their FORTRAN lab programs didn't do so by letting their passwords slip, however. Instead, they opened up their accounts to all users, through the command "system: anyuser," which made it difficult to detect who they were allowing to cheat or that they were purposely opening their account for the purpose of cheating.

But Mike Caudill, the FORTRAN lab administrator and one of the principal investigators in the cheating cases, said that's no reason to limit users' ability to open their Eos accounts to others.

"If the student opens up his account to where someone can go look at his programs there could be a problem, but at the same time, I don't agree with them forcing students to keep their accounts closed

to outsiders because the Internet systems and the Unix systems are about the sharing of information," Caudill said. "You absolutely cannot fix it so students cannot open up access to someone else."

Caudill also said there is no way to check all students' programs for cheating. Normally, FORTRAN programs are checked only to see if they run and if the students' comments about the program are adequate, he said.

"We don't go looking for wrongdoing unless we have reason to believe something's wrong," he said. "Otherwise, each semester would turn into a witch hunt."

"We deal with about 1,000 students a semester going through [computer science] 110 and 112. You can't check up on everybody."

Willis said the improper opening of accounts is virtually the only way to cheat through the Eos system.

"Unless you've been given permission to get at somebody's files, you almost can't," he said. "I don't think we had anyone [in the FORTRAN labs] who had their ideas

stolen from them without their knowledge of it. They may have allowed access to it through bad procedure, but, to the best of my knowledge, I don't think anybody compromised the system and took people's work from them."

"Most of the people who would have the technical ability to break into somebody else's program wouldn't be too interested in cheating in a beginning programming class," he said. "[But] there are a lot of things people can do to give out access unknowingly."

An example is when a student allows another student to help with a program. The other student could plant a "Trojan horse," a type of computer virus, that would give him or her complete access to the first student's account.

Cathy Godby, a former FORTRAN lab teaching assistant and another of the principal investigators in the computer science cheating incident, also theorized that some students entered the "system: anyuser" command during an introductory computer class without realizing what they had done.

services." Last summer, repairs were made on the lots adjacent to Reynolds Coliseum, Mann Hall, Holladay Hall and Primrose Hall. Parking lots beside Primrose Avenue and behind Kilgore Hall were also repaired.

Police warn Brent partiers

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hurting matters by giving unwarranted attention to minor problems.

"The chancellor is making it worse by giving it attention," said Kevin Stein, a senior in psychology. "They [other residents or authority] don't like us to exceed out fun limit."

Vice chancellor Stafford said the university will be involved by enforcing university conduct rules and giving out campus appearance tickets if any trouble occurs.

"Any N.C. State students who are involved in a party and act in an inappropriate or illegal way will be [issued a citation]," Stafford said.

As to the extent that the police will be involved, Heineman was clear as to who would decide that.

"We're not dictating that. The people on the street will be dictating that."

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Reeves breaks leg in practice, out for year

■ N.C. State defensive line coach Jeff Snipes has lost starting defensive tackle Carl Reeves for the season and faces a thin depth chart.

BY KEVIN BREWER
Sports Editor

For N.C. State defensive line coach Jeff Snipes, things can't get any worse. The latest blow to his once stellar defensive came Tuesday afternoon at practice when junior defensive tackle Carl Reeves tackled backup quarterback Chuck Browning during a scrimmage at Carter-Finley Stadium. The result was a broken leg for Reeves, who will be out the entire season.

"He did it to himself," Snipes said. "He sacked the quarterback, and when his leg came down, he and the quarterback's leg came down on [Carl's] leg. It's unfortunate things like this happen."

Reeves, who set a single-season team record for sacks last season with 10.5, broke the bone outside his ankle. His leg was then put in an inflatable cast, and he was taken to Rex Hospital. The all-ACC selection tore all the ligaments in the bone and underwent emergency surgery at 11:30 p.m. Tuesday night.



Reeves

Fellow defensive tackle John Akins is recovering from shoulder surgery he had after last season and is questionable for State's first game Sept. 4 against Purdue. And although the tri-captain has been cleared by his doctors to play, Snipes said he has to get used to getting hit on the shoulder.

"It's a day-to-day thing," Snipes said. "I'm making my plans without him. He's rehabbing. If he can come back, he will."

The injury also forced Akins to miss spring practice after he had his best season. Last season, he tallied 63 tackles and four sacks as part of the nation's 12th-ranked scoring defense.

Sophomore Mike Harrison and true freshman Delaine Manley will fill in at the tackle

spot. The 6-foot-2, 269-pound Harrison, who is expected to start, played in 11 games and recorded 20 tackles and 3.5 sacks as a true freshman.

"He's got a lot of ability, and he's bigger than last year," Snipes said. "When he got here last year, he learned how to line up. And he can line up in all the spots."

Manley was expected to redshirt this season, and Snipes said he cannot expect too much from such a young player.

"He's got a long way to go in every situation," Snipes said. "We can't expect him to do the same things Reeves did, but he's bigger than Reeves ever was."

To compound matters, true freshmen and defensive linemen Kyle Blalock and Lateef

Patterson have already suffered nagging injuries.

That leaves senior Pat Threatt and sophomore Nick Kukulinski as the only returning lettermen at defensive tackle. Threatt (6-3, 260) has seen little playing in a backup and special teams role during his three years. Kukulinski (6-4, 287) played in eight games and totaled 10 tackles and one sack as a true freshman.

"At the beginning of the year, we were as deep as we've ever been," Snipes said. "Now, we're as thin as we've ever been. If it could get any worse, I wouldn't want to be around."

Nixon picks Sox

■ N.C. State quarterback Trot Nixon and the Boston Red Sox ended on-again, off-again negotiations with an agreement Wednesday.

SPORTS STAFF REPORT

Talk about a late-inning rally. The Boston Red Sox, which have been chasing N.C. State recruit Trot Nixon since it made him the seventh pick baseball's June draft, finally caught him Wednesday. Nixon signed with the Sox, and reports from Boston and North Carolina place his signing bonus between \$825,000 to \$1.2 million. Wednesday was also the first day of classes for the fall semester at State. If Nixon would have attended a class before the agreement was reached, then the Red Sox would have been unable to sign him.

"It was my goal to play professional baseball," Nixon, who was the Pack's number three quarterback, told The News & Observer. "But I had every intention to play football at N.C. State."



The twilight games of the D.A.P.

DURHAM

It seems the mass media have descended on the Durham Athletic Park tonight, August 15. Sports Illustrated sandwiched its weekly with a contents page spread of the park and a "Point After" column about the Durham

Bulls' final season in the D.A.P., or Dap. Some copies are on sale at the park, but they are quickly snapped up.

Capital Cities Inc. gets Durham on the tube, too. ABC's Sunday Night Movie is "Bull Durham", the 1988 film remembered more for bathtubs than baseballs. And on Sunday Night Baseball, ESPN shows Joe Morgan's retired number hanging on the Broomie Office Supply Building in center field, while riding the Hall-of-Famer and color analyst about the mixup over which of his numbers to retire.

But this evening, 5,000-plus people have gathered for Bulls' baseball without a glossy or glassy look to it. Time is running out on the Dap. Those that come here in the waning days are probably doing it more for the memories, ensuring they will have some for the pictures, videos and books to conjure about this minor league park with a major league following.

But there is almost a guilt lingering in the patrons, like someone knowing an old relative is about to pass away, and he or she visits, writes, talks, shows love more often to ease the coming death in the family.

Night on the Town

This night the Dap is dapper, dressed in the well-worn clothes that remind us of the days when baseball was king in the Old North State, and basketball was but a Yankee game played behind chick-entire.

The scorecard vendor hawkking his wares — threeforadollar — and a big chance to win a \$575 pot tonight, the tart smell of vinegar

being poured over french fries and the team-color orange sunset over the third base grandstand, beside the fire tower across the street — these are the shine to the shoes and the color of the clothes of a grand old man out on the town. But the people — the fans and the families, the vendors and workers, the press and the players — are the fiber, the fabric of the Dap's garments.

There, in general admission, the guy who's sat in the same bleacher seat since 1947; and there, the family behind him, who had a player over for dinner a while back; up there, the scoreboard operator in business school reading a John Grisham novel and working on a Horatio Alger story; and over there behind the bull in right field, the lady throwing back Oz's curtains, showing children how the Bull's eyes light up, how steam snorts out his nostrils.

There is in these, and all other people at the Dap, the almost Native American spirit of The Game For All America. That it is Good to Gather at the Common Ground, it is Good to Watch the Men Perform the Ritual, it is Good that Man's Actions, not Time, decide when the Ritual is Over, and — above all else — it is Good that the Ground is Shared. Between both teams. And with the Fans. Let us gather and watch the ritual.

Play Ball

It's "Field of Dreams Night" at the Dap. Two movies meeting as

Story by Owen S. Good
Photography by Hunter Morris

crowd under listed capacity near the end, said Bob Guy, the Dap's public address voice. "We had an 11-inning game last night, and I bet you we still had 5,000 people here in the 11th inning," Guy said.

That kind of crowd is what separates the Bulls from the rest of the league, Guy said. "It's because we have such a tremendous mix. They all interrelate so well, the old, country, rural, blue collar [people], they all come," Guy said. "The young people, they seem to be conta-

Right now, as people file past the castle battlement-like ticket booths into the park, the Braves sit and fidget on the grass bank outside the park, under the glow of a black iron bull.

The Dap was past capacity the evening before. Fans that have unused general admission tickets can redeem them at any game. Problem was, too many tried to redeem them for the pivot game of the three-game set with the Salem Buccaneers, and the Bulls had to turn several people back as per the fire marshal's code.

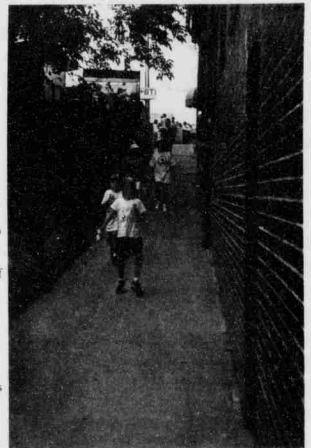
Not even an extra-inning game, something that usually sifts out the casual fans from die-hards, brought the

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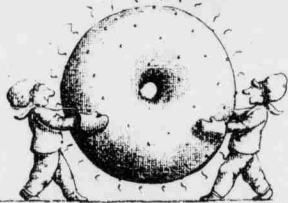
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The ramp area that leads to the first-base bleachers gives the ballpark an air of warehouse-lined streets like the ones that surround it.

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Dap nearing its last out

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gious because the young people stand up and the older people get up, too. And at other ballpark, they don't. They just sit on their butts, leave as soon as the [lottery] number is drawn."

Guy is preparing for the game in the press box, where writers from The News & Observer, the Durham Herald-Sun and broadcasters from WNCN are packed in like a murder-trial jury.

As he cues up the National Anthem, Take Me Out To The Ballgame and other between-inning ditties, Guy gets in a little scoreboard-watching. The Chicago Cubs and San Francisco Giants, who lead the parent-club Atlanta Braves in the NL West, are on the press box TV. "Also Spracht Zarathustra," a.k.a. the 2001: A Space Odyssey theme, blares while the Cubs' Ryne Sandberg scores to tie the Giants in the bottom of the ninth. Guy tells the crowd, which cheers lightly.

"There's a distinct purpose to P.A. in baseball, and that is to inform the crowd of what's going on," Guy said. "We have a good sound system here, and it allows me to use a normal voice and carry on a conver-

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P.A. voice Bob Guy carries on a conversation with the fans.

But the sound system may be the only thing up to code in the Dap, which opened in 1939. Currently, it doesn't come close to the stadium regulations handed down by the National Association of Professional Baseball Leagues, Guy said. Hence the necessity for the new stadium down by the Research Triangle Park.

The new stadium will have asymmetrical outfield dimensions, purposefully built in to give it an old-style flavor, Guy said. But it will also have luxury skyboxes, making the park a little brother of Camden Yards, the facility where the Baltimore Orioles blended the past and present.

"What they have been able to do, with the code and the Braves and major league baseball, is decrease drastically the foul territory," Guy adds. "And we think it'll be interesting to see having a crowd right down on the field. It lends a lot. Having a narrow strip of foul ter-

Sokal, a landscape architect, has been working the Bull since the movie crew that erected it finished up in 1988, giving her "the best view in the ballpark" for nearly five years.

Or at least the most unique one. From this perch, she has seen the following: A Bulls outfielder made a spectacular crash near the Wellsprings gro-



The term "bulpen" originated in Durham when pitchers in the early days of baseball warmed up beneath a "Bull Durham" cigarette ad. This famous Bull, however, has been around only since 1988.

cery store sign in left center. After banging into the fence, the tomato cutout that extends over the rest of the fence came crashing down on the player, who lay motionless after the accident.

"Everybody got quiet because they thought he was hurt really bad, but he really just swallowed his tobacco," Sokal said.

On the current homestand, Kirk Goodman of the Frederick Keys launched a home run into right field that just nipped the Bull's ear and splintered it. Since the sign says "Hit Bull Win Steak," Goodman would receive a Lone Star steak-house dinner, but only after Sokal told those responsible that the sign had been hit.

"Nobody out there knew that it was hit," Sokal said. "The way it came in, it came in at an angle, chipped the ear and one of my kids got it."

Right now she's telling "her kids" to get set. A Salem player has just grounded to short and a double play will mean "lots of tail and eyes," Sokal says. One girl pulls a heavy rope to wave the tail, another flicks a light switch like a child strobe-lighting a dark room.

"Okay next group," Sokal says. The two girls leave and are replaced with two more children. "When there's a lot of them, I let them come up two at a time. They get to do tail and eyes for good play or an out for that kind of thing, then switch off."

Sokal handles the steam. One blast for each Bulls run, two for a Bulls home run. Of course, dramatic homers, incredible plays, those kinds of things get as much action as necessary.

The Bull will not go to the new park. Management has opted to build a newer, better one. There's talk that the Bull will go to Cooperstown and be part of a minor league display. That may account

for all of the recently dated signatures on the back side.

"And if the Bull doesn't make the trek, Sokal will probably keep it. So what kind of motif can a landscape architect arrange to do the Bull just fine?"

"I have thought about this, really," Sokal beams. "The plants would include sunflowers, daisies and tobacco."

because it gives the park and classic look.

Lord has finished up Grishman's "The Firm" and "The Client," as well as Michael Crichton's "Rising Sun" this season. That may be all for the book-of-the-homestand club, though.

"There's only two weeks left," Lord said. "I don't think I'm going to try to start another novel," Lord said.

In two weeks, Lord also starts business school at Duke. A sports fan, Lord has thought about the business of sports management, and that weighed in his decision to apply for work with the Bulls. The job has paid off in ways other than just side income.

"I've been able to use what I do here to talk to various people in the business, find out what it's like to work in minor league baseball," Lord said.

His job has also opened his eyes to baseball on the field.

"I haven't really paid attention to the fact that these guys are getting paid nothing compared to the majors, obviously," Lord said. "So you really get a sense that they're trying as hard as they can to get where they are and money is really not an issue. As a fan that's nice to know."

It probably says something about Lord working his way into the sports world, too.

Tinker

Down in the first-base bleachers, where kids play under the aluminum frames and crunch through peanut shells and other trash, sits Tinker, a loyal bleacher patron since 1946. His devotion has earned the club's approval of his placing a "Reserved for Tinker" sign on the bench spot nearest the clubhouse runway.

Tinker hasn't had to kick anybody out of the spot since he reserved it three years ago. And he hasn't left it unoccupied during any game he's gone to.

"I just like it here better. I don't want no box," Tinker said.

Tinker's still here for the pennant race, even though this year's edition of the Bulls (22-30 in the second half) is one of the worst he's followed.

Student of the game

Lord is the guy who paces on the scoreboard catwalk like a penny-arcade shooting target, hanging the placards that mark score by inning. Of course, no baseball has shot him down and probably never will, as a net protects him and cross-hatches the left-field view.

He hasn't had to hunt for any signs other than zeros for some time. When the half-inning concludes, Lord gets up, places the goose egg in the proper slot, and goes back to reading the newspaper or novel he's brought.

The job, according to Lord, is mostly cosmetic. The scoreboard is capable of posting numbers electronically — and does when Lord has other commitments — but the management likes what Lord does



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Design dean steps down

■ Design dean Thomas Regan is stepping down to concentrate on teaching and research. Officials plan a national search for his replacement.

BY TRACEY PAUL
STAFF WRITER

J. Thomas Regan, dean of the N.C. State University School of Design, has resigned his position effective June 30, 1994. He plans to resume teaching and undertake research opportunities in the architectural field.

During the fall of 1994 Regan will concentrate on research in design processes, mainly electronic imagery and modeling ideas.

Regan, whose term as dean began in 1989, will return to the School of Design as a faculty member of the department of architecture in January 1995.

Although Regan has been teaching one lecture course a semester, he said he would like more hours in

the classroom.

"I want to get back to teaching," Regan said. "Teaching allows me to bring expertise to the students and be more effective and free up my design talents."

Though Regan will still contribute to the School of Design, Chancellor Larry Monteith said he will be missed as dean.

"I am very disappointed in Tom Regan resigning," Monteith said. "I have a great deal of respect for Tom Regan."

However, he said he can empathize with Regan.

"Being a former dean for 11 years, I have a great deal of understanding, and I am supportive of his reasons for resigning," Monteith said.

By the time Regan leaves his post he will have accomplished all the goals he set out when he took over the dean's position, he said.

Regan established study abroad programs for design students in Berlin, the Czech Republic, Greece and Spain.

In addition, 12 students from Germany will study at NCSU's

School of Design in 1993 and 1994.

Regan also added several student publications. PROSPECTUS informs the public about the School of Design and STUDIOS shows work that design students have made in their studio classes.

"It is important that the work the students produce gets published," Regan said.

Also, eight student organizations formed during Regan's time as dean. These include the Design Council and the All-School Meeting, a once-a-month meeting for students to discuss problems. Regan also reorganized the Design Foundation, the school's fund-raising group.

Regan said he announced his resignation now so a national search for his replacement can take place during the upcoming year.

Prior to coming to NCSU, Regan taught four years and was assistant dean at Virginia Tech and was the founding dean of the School of Architecture at the University of Miami.

Recruiting director sees minority chances at State

■ The university's new director of recruiting and minority services sees potential in NCSU's reputation.

BY GARDNER PAYNE
STAFF WRITER

Stephanie Glenn Adams has made quick use of her 1989 mechanical engineering degree from North Carolina Agricultural and Technical College. Adams was appointed as the director of recruiting and minority services for the N.C. State University College of Engineering June 1.

Adams held previous positions at Texas Tech University and the University of Notre Dame. But the reputation of NCSU's engineering program brought her to the university.

"The reputation of the engineering program really impressed me," Adams said. "N.C. State is the second largest non-historically-black college graduating African Americans in engineering. Texas Tech was a smaller school and didn't have some of the same opportunities that a place like N.C. State would have."

Adams' new position involves coordinating all undergraduate recruiting activities and activities related to minority enrollment, retention, job placement, financial aid and scholarships.

Adams said, however, she will not work alone.

"She is setting her agenda with some guidance from us," said Robert Turner, assistant dean of Student Services for the College of Engineering. "The goals and objectives of the program are to improve and increase retention and the

graduation rate of minority students. That is our short-term and long-term goal."

Adams' main focus is making sure minority engineering students graduate and that jobs are available upon their graduation.

"A big part of my job will consist of developing programs to improve retention and fund raising," Adams said. "The main thing that I am going to focus on is retention. We are looking to improve the number of minority students in the College of Engineering graduating."

As far as fund raising is concerned, she said she wants to have more proposal writings as well as to work with corporations that promote minority hiring.

Adams is no stranger to this line of work. Her previous job at Texas Tech, director of the minority engineering program, mirrored her position at NCSU.

Bicyclist receives minor injuries in collision

■ An NCSU student avoids serious injury because the car was not traveling at a high speed, authorities said.

BY DAVE BLANTON
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

An N.C. State University student suffered minor injuries Tuesday when his bicycle collided with an automobile turning left into Harris Lot from Dan Allen Drive.

Nathan Hembree didn't see the 1987 Volkswagen that sent him to the hospital. The car, driven by Thoyd Melton, met the front wheel of Hembree's bike while Hembree pedaled north on Dan Allen Drive.

Larry Ellis, public safety crime prevention officer, said neither of

the two vehicles' operators saw the other. Apparently, an uninvolved car that Hembree was passing blocked both Hembree's and Melton's vision, he said.

Ellis described the accident.

"A bicycle coming up on the north side of Dan Allen [Drive] and a car heading south on Dan Allen [Drive] collided. The driver of the car did not notice [the biker] and was turning into Harris Lot, and the car and the bicycle met," he said.

Ellis said Hembree was later released from Wake Medical Center. Wake Medical Center declined to comment on Hembree's condition.

Ellis speculated about the injuries.

"I think he only received some cuts to the head. But the extent of

the injuries ... I'm not sure," he said.


Bicycle accidents aren't uncommon to this campus, but rarely are people injured enough to require medical attention, he said.

"There are several accidents a year but not too many," Ellis said. "The speeds don't get high enough. The ones where people get really hurt usually involve cars."

Ellis said Hembree escaped without extensive injuries mostly because the car he struck was traveling at a minimal speed.

"The car had just [began moving] at the time of the accident. It wasn't going very fast," Ellis said.


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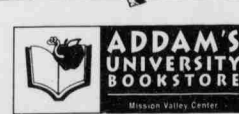
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Features

Back to school means back to the bookstores

■ When it comes to buying textbooks for courses at N.C. State, it's best to shop around to find the best prices for your buying power.

By J. KEITH JORDAN
Editor at Large

Sandy Stewart doesn't have one bookstore he usually goes to, but there is one he avoids.

The junior agronomy major, like many college students, tries to buy used textbooks whenever possible in order to save money. And, like many N.C. State University students, he expects bargains when he goes to off-campus shops.

Back To NCSU

Tips to help you survive college.

Stewart said, "And Addams and Packbackers have a bigger selection of used ones."

But according to an unscientific Technician survey, that first perception, while popular, is probably groundless. A comparison between Addams and the NCSU Bookstore of required material for 10 classes revealed a statistically meaningless

gap of \$1.15. Packbackers sells only used books.

"The majority of students think that the bookstore is here to rip them off," said NCSU Bookstores director, Richard Hayes. "They assume that a smaller, privately run business will have better prices."

Hayes said there is some truth behind that idea.

"We have higher overhead costs since we have to deal with more red tape," he said. "But our textbook division is designed to break even, where other stores are trying to make a profit."

So, why do students go to a given bookstore?

Convenience says Addams general manager, David Ray.

"The first thing people think about is 'Where do I have to go?'" he said. "We love to get business from people who live in dorms close to the State bookstore, but that doesn't happen a whole lot."

And Jim Warren, Packbackers manager, said he's counting on his store's customer service to keep people coming back.

"I feel like we're head and shoulders above the other guys—in service," he said. "Our biggest problem right now is name recognition."

Packbackers opened last fall in the Electric Company Mall, effectively replacing DJ's Bookstore on that side of campus. Warren said the store's goal is to keep prices down by stocking only used books.

"That's where we save people money," Warren said. "Other places may only have the new version of a

book."

Not that Packbackers' used books are much cheaper than anyone else's used books. A limited comparison of book prices for three courses came to \$107.60 at the NCSU Bookstore, \$107.90 at Packbackers and \$114.30 at Addams.

Warren said price differences usually come when numbers are rounded.

"The profit margins in textbook sales are so low that there's not much room to work with prices," he said. "If you break even on book sales, you're doing okay. Your real profits come from pens, paper, clothes, things like that."

Warren said publishing house book prices are the same for everyone, and so is the basic pricing technique.

"Normally, new texts are marked up 25 percent from what the publisher charges," he said. "Used books are reduced to 75 percent of that."

So, at which store should you do your shopping for next semester? It probably won't matter much to your checkbook, but there are some things to keep in mind.

The most obvious is whether a store has the book you need. The campus store is required to stock enough for every student, but it has a smaller selection of used books. Packbackers has plenty of used texts, but can't help you if your class requires a new one. Some students think of Addams as a happy medium.

Atmosphere also may be important to you. At Packbackers, clerks approach shoppers and offer help seemingly every minute, while it's easy to spend 20 minutes in Addams without speaking to anyone but the cashier. The campus store is somewhere in between.

But as Technician's survey indicates, you're probably wasting your time if you drive across campus just because you think you'll save money.



Aaron Harris, freshman communications, receives that oh so important financial assistance from his mom Tern Harris, while finding his books at the NCSU Bookstore Tuesday afternoon. With rising tuition costs and increasing book prices, many students are finding mom's checkbook a necessity. It is also a good idea to shop around and find the best price for the book you need.

Liz Mahnick/Staff

Technician's Unscientific Comparison of Textbook Prices

Course Number	Addams (New/used)	NCSU Bookstore (New/used)	Packbackers
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ANT 252	\$44.70/—	\$39.95*	—
BUS 350	\$69.35/\$52.00	—/\$45.00	\$45.00
CH 100	\$57.70/\$41.00	—/\$41.05	\$40.95
COM 190	\$29.35/\$21.30	—/\$21.55	\$21.95
ENG 111	\$50.70/\$38.20	\$50.70/\$38.70	\$37.95
ENG 209	\$52.80/\$39.60	\$52.80/—	\$39.55
FLS 101	\$46.70/—	\$46.70/—	\$34.95
FS 301	\$14.35/—	\$14.35/—	—
HI 205	\$49.00/—	\$49.05/—	—
IE 361	\$67.00/\$50.25	\$67.00/—	—
MUS 200	\$23.35/—	\$23.35/—	—
PE 100	\$14.00/\$10.50	\$14.95/—	\$11.15
PSY 200	\$71.70/—	\$71.75/—	—
PY 223	—/\$33.60	\$37.50/—	\$35.50

About the survey: By no means scientific, this price comparison is intended only to give a general indication of each store's pricing and book availability. Each price is the cost of all required material for the course, not just for one book. Where courses have sections with different requirements, the most common is used. Jordan chose these courses somewhat randomly while walking through a store Wednesday afternoon, deliberately selecting ones likely to have large enrollments and high demand for books. All listings are for matching texts.

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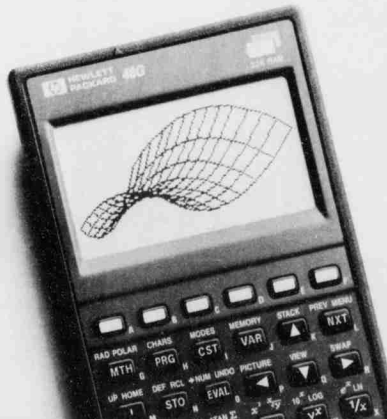
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Jamming with the Godfather of Grunge

■ Joe Corey talks with the Connells about the Connells and their opening up for Neil Young at Walnut Creek this Saturday.

The Connells, along with Blind Melon, are opening up for the Godfather of Grunge himself, Neil Young, this weekend at Walnut Creek

BY JOE COREY
STAFF WRITER

Neil Young, the godfather of the Seattle grunge movement is coming to the Walnut Creek Amphitheater tomorrow night. Like all good godfathers, Young is letting his charges open up for him on this world tour. His concerts around the globe will feature opening acts such as Pearl Jam, Soul Asylum, Soundgarden and Dinosaur Jr. You can almost hear and see the unwashed and flannelled masses swirling in a slam pit. But Raleigh is in for a rare treat as two sort-of-local bands hit the stage before Young launches into "Hurricane." Blind Melon and the Connells are the slated partners.

Blind Melon is local? Yes; in a way. Last summer they relocated from Los Angeles to a house in Durham for a couple months. They performed several times in the Brewery on Sunday nights. Then they hit the road and never came back to the Bull City.

But since leaving they've also gained the fame they were seeking. You can't turn on MTV without seeing the girl dressed up like a bumble bee dancing around to "No Rain." Both the single and the album are rocketing up the charts.

Blind Melon no longer has to feed off the line that their lead singer did back up vocals for Guns and Roses. They are wonders on their own now. Or at least until Pauly Shore tells them otherwise.

Be nice if they wrote home once and a while. Show up early since Blind Melon will be the local band.

The Connells are and will forever be local guys. You can't help but bump into one of them at a restaurant, cinema, supermarket or coffeehouse in the Capital City. Even if you don't know them, you probably have met one of them.

Look at their group shot and think back to last Saturday. Yeah, that's who he was. Mike Connell, David Connell, George Huntley, Doug MacMillan and Peele Wimberley are familiar figures in the community.

But how did the Connells end up appearing in the slot occupied by the league of musically unkempt?

"Someone in Walnut Creek arranged it," said Mike Connell guitarist and chief songwriter of the Connells. "The offer was made and we didn't ask any questions. Everyone was in favor of doing the show."

Is this Connells one-shot appearance going to be jarring for the crowd that heard rumors of Soundgarden performing instead?

Mike Connell is not the typical rock hero like Soundgarden's Chris Cornell. For one thing Mike keeps up his appearance by shaving, bathing and visiting a barber on a regular basis. Chris might get to one of these options on a slow day. Mike isn't prone to cover Body Count's "Cop Killer." Chris doesn't like to wear shirts.

O.K. maybe there is a difference between the Connells and Soundgarden.

Will the clean cut Connells clash with Young? Not really.

Young is not going to be as grungy as when he played with Crazy Horse two years ago. Young is now being backed by the legendary Booker T and the M.G.'s. They were the house band for Stax records and had a major hit with "Green Onions." They are the tightest and cleanest backing band of the millennium.

Even though nearly every band may claim Young as an inspiration, Mike Connell doesn't see the ragged Canadian as a role model.

"I didn't grow up listening to Neil Young," Mike Connell said. "But I'm trying to make up for lost time and have been listening to him quite a bit. It would be a little arrogant to call him an influence."

The main reason the Connells are playing on the bill is the release of their fifth album "Ring" due on record shelves September 21.

Over three years have passed since the band released "One Simple Word." The record stayed on the Billboard charts for four months and scored high on college radio stations.

People demanded to know what the word in the title was. But the Connells still keep it a secret to this day.

The anticipation for "Ring," while not as groundbreaking as the new Pearl Jam, is pretty high. Especially since it was recorded with Lou Giordano producing.

Giordano has become a hot producer hav-

ing produced the latest records by the Bats, King Missile, Sugar and Chapel Hill's Dillon Fence. The buzz so far is that Giordano has put together the album that will make the Connells everybody's neighbors.

"Turned out as well as I hoped," is how Mike Connell describes "Ring." This is the first time Mike has been truly at ease with the way a record has turned out.

Many of the new songs will fill their set list tomorrow night. "We'll have a 45-minute set. Probably about half of the 13 songs will be new," Mike Connell said.

The new material he's most interested in seeing a crowd reaction from is "Slack Jawed" and lead singer Doug MacMillan's "Find Out."

Mike is also nervous about one number: "I get to sing my first song live. It's called "Burdened," Mike Connell said.

After "Ring" is released, the band plans to spend nearly three months on the road. "We start September 29 and go out for six or seven weeks. Then we do a shorter leg of the tour between Thanksgiving and Christmas," Mike Connell said.

The band has a very simple philosophy on how to make "Ring" their most successful release.

"Getting out and playing and getting people interested into buying this record is what we intend to do," Mike Connell said. Another tool in promoting a record is the world of video and trying to get on MTV.

In the past their videos have aired on "120

Minutes." With North Carolina still being seen as a hotbed of musical action, the Connells know this is medium worth tapping into.

So they talked a long time friend into directing their first single, "Slackjawed." Peyton Reed, a former Triangle resident now living in Hollywood, has directed several "Making of..." films for Steven Spielberg. He flew back to Raleigh to produce the clip.

The four-day shoot was exhaustive and featured many mornings of coffee drinking at the Krispy Kreme doughnut shop. But that's not to say the shooting was grinding. "This video was a lot more fun and the end result is a lot more to our liking. It captures the true nature of the band," Mike Connell said.

Unlike some bands that go off to Los Angeles or New York to create a video, the Connells decided to capture the local environment.

"All of it was shot in Raleigh and a little in Cary," Mike Connell said.

"In Pullen Park, Doug got on the train. We even found the storage space where the Neufunes Gallery Neptune is. All the live band footage was shot in my brother John's garage in Black Park. There's a couple shots of my old apartment near Blount Street."

Hopefully this opening slot with Young will be a good omen of things upcoming for the Connells. And maybe they'll remember the Triangle when they become stars.

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Coaches and cars

Coaches and athletic directors have been getting some sweet deals — under the table and off the record. Fortunately, that may change.

Recently, the Raleigh News & Observer ran a story on "courtesy cars," the automobiles auto dealers give to some university coaches and athletic directors. The dealers, The N&O reported, usually give these cars in exchange for "exclusive memberships and visibility," i.e., advertising.

According to The N&O, those that drive cars with dealer plates avoid paying a healthy amount of state taxes and fees — sometimes more than \$1,000 per car.

Beginning Oct. 1, a new law designed to tighten up the state's dealer plate regulations will take effect. This law will likely put restrictions on the abuse of dealer tags.

As far as N.C. State University goes, its concerns are more about the ethics of both the "gift" of the cars and the fees the dealer plates allow the drivers to avoid.

those who received these cars didn't have to disclose them to the public.

NCSU Provost Philip Stiles said university professors do not get the same type of privileges as athletics officials. Stiles also pointed to the trend of the past several years where faculty are being made to pay for privileges that others have always had to.

C.D. Spangler, president of the University of North Carolina, questions the "appropriateness" of courtesy cars. "There is a legal issue to be addressed," Spangler said.

Everybody likes perks. No one is saying that coaches and athletic directors do not deserve perks of their own. But when \$1,000 in fees and state taxes are not being generated because of those perks, then things have gone too far — especially when the shunning isn't yet required to be public information.

Chill at Brent Road

In the past, the annual Brent Road parties have gone too far. This year, there are good reasons to keep things under control.

The season opener for the new year of parties has always been a block party at Brent Road. It has also marred the image of N.C. State University students and cost thousands of dollars of damage to nearby houses and yards.

Consider these numbers from last year's blowout on August 22, 1992: Police estimated more than 5,000 students attended the Brent Road party, vomiting and urinating on permanent resident's lawns and littering yards with bottles and cans.

Cars were vandalized and mailboxes were ripped off their posts. Residents were raking and shoveling debris from the road the next morning.

Five people were arrested. Last Wednesday, Chancellor Monteith wrote a letter in Technician (which Student Body President Chris Jones endorsed) informing students about new measures being taken by local authorities to control the situation and encouraging students to be responsible.

Many of this year's revellers will probably be new, but the fact remains that Brent Road is a destructive orgy of drinking and vandalism that some university administrators have termed a "black eye" on the image of NCSU. One last year resident of Brent Road, Randy Eliot, said "It's a kind of tradition, really. But tradition has to be broken sometimes."

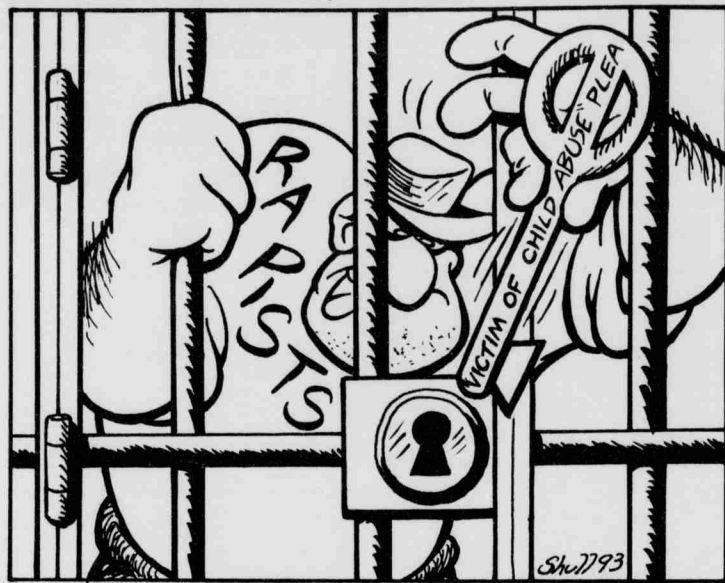
Worse yet, the News & Observer wrote an editorial that shamed the university.

Some may find Monteith's letter paternalistic, but regardless of what the chancellor writes, it is the students who are ultimately responsible for their own image. We control what the state will think of us. And this time, as most students know, everyone is watching.

The cure is not found in ending the academic new year's kick-off parties; it's really very simple:

Drink responsibly. Act your age.

And do unto others' lawns as you would have them do unto yours.



Commentary A journalism career or law school?



J. Keith Jordan

Technician's venerated writing coach, Dwayne Walls, is quick to offer advice to would-be journalists. The only problem is that it's often not the advice they hope to hear.

"It's a lousy profession," he says. "It takes unlimited patience and you start out working unlimited hours for less money than you could make flipping burgers."

Dwayne himself is nearing the end of a stellar career in journalism, and he's not a poor man; he used to own several small papers and has written a book. But he's the exception, especially these days.

I've seen this to some extent first-hand. When I do correspondent work for other papers, it's common for me to work five hours on a story and be paid \$15 for my time. Twice, my mileage compensation was more than my pay.

But that's OK, I thought. I'm doing this for fun and experience. The money'll come later.

Wrong. A friend of mine graduated from UNC-Chapel Hill's journalism school this spring. He has less practical experience than I, but he has the name and connections that come with Carolina's nationally ranked, top-three program. I would've thought it'd be easy for him to find a decent job.

So far his most lucrative offer has been \$14,000 per year. He's still looking. But then, I thought, he's just starting out. Maybe he'll be able to live comfortably a few years down the road. That's when I remembered someone I worked with a few years ago, Nancy Kolm.

More specifically, I remembered Nancy's roommate, an editor at the Durham Herald-Sun whom I never met. But Nancy told me the woman made a little less than \$30,000.

Let's see, \$14,000 to start and \$30,000 after 10 years or so. If I'm lucky enough to get a good job with a fairly big pay. All this has been churning and fermenting in my mind over the past few months as I enter the last stretch of my college

important. So why do lawyers make several times as much money?

Presumably, it has to do with supply and demand. The market determines how much we earn, though it's worth pointing out that the advertising and business people at every publication I've ever worked with make much more than the editorial staff, even though you couldn't have a paper without either group.

Maybe in this case it's because one job takes more specialized skill. As noted social critic Bobby Knight once said, we all learn to write in the third grade. Most of us also learn to do other things.

That's what my brother did. Also a journalism major (and, like my friend, a UNC-CH graduate), he didn't think twice about going to law school. He claims he enjoyed it.

I've never been much for intense study. I hope that too will change if I go to law school. It'll need to.

It could be any number of choices. Someone reading this may be torn about whether to be an engineer or an elementary school science teacher. Another person may be trying to balance business against day care work.

It's a classic college question. As your friendly, unpaid campus pontificator, my advice is — I don't know.

I don't know what I should do. I certainly don't know what you should do. I'm not even sure what my girlfriend should do, and I normally have all the answers when she's asking questions.

But I am curious how this question affects you, if at all. Am I alone in this? I doubt it.

If you're torn between a job you'd enjoy more and a job that would pay more, please send me a note with some of the details of your choice. Maybe one of us will get a better hold on the decision.

Oh, wait. I've thought of some good advice that I think'll help solve this problem: Read more newspapers.

The question is this: Would I rather work at a job I enjoy and resign myself to poverty for the near future — and unexciting earnings for the rest of my life — or should I pick a career I may not like as much but which will easily pay the bills?

In this case, that boils down to whether I should become a journalist or attend law school after my graduation in [crossed fingers] May.

I know, I know. If you're at all idealistic, you're saying I should do what I enjoy instead of just looking for loot. But the problem is, I also enjoy living comfortably. At least, I imagine I would enjoy it if I ever get a chance to sample it.

Two incidentals are tipping the scales. First, it's not as though I'd be forcing myself to do something I hate. My brother's a lawyer, and I think I'd enjoy it reasonably well. The "go to law school" side droops toward the table.

Second, my grades aren't very good, having suffered from more attention going toward newspaper work than toward study, and I therefore won't be admitted to a good law school. The scales sway in the other direction.

It's wearing on me, not knowing where I'll be this time next year. Even more so where I'll be in four — or 24 — years. The contrast in pay and lifestyle between the two professions is rather sharp.

But I suspect it's a problem a lot of other college students are wrestling with. Which'll it be, folks, love or money? But another question is, why do I have to choose? Why are many of the jobs people enjoy so poorly compensated? Neither journalists nor lawyers will score highly on any popularity poll, but I'd say they're equally

Does this class suck, or what?

The semester is young, but already you've decided which classes you like and which are going to kick your butt.

Many students settle these points before the semester begins; this is called pre-supposition and is, in its case and incorrectness, one of the most dangerous mental games college students play. But we have begun concretely ranking our classes, looking forward to one or two, and despising the rest.

Why is this? What exactly makes someone hate a class? I'm not interested in the trivial answers, like the exams or homework, the professor's teaching style, the difficulty of the subject matter — no, I seek the deeper answers to this question. What I have found I put in this thoroughly pitiful and underdeveloped list, and it will no doubt open your eyes to the true reason you hate your classes.

(1) The textbooks are really thick. This is one of those pre-first-lecture indicators (if you buy your books early, that is) that should immediately trigger something in your brain: This class will suck. You will have to read a lot. If the textbook for a class is, oh, say thicker than your average Italian Hero (a shameless play, but I couldn't resist), then you should rightfully hate that class.

because he had to work that much harder to finish his afternoon labs.

(4) The class occurs in a building that is a long way from where you are before the class. Nothing puts the student in a bad mood like a long walk from Hargetton to Tompkins. Why, the haul I have to make from Dabney to Ridick is enough to make anyone cry. It is so unfair that we have no time to gossip and hit on members of the opposite sex between lectures, but alas, such injustice must be tolerated if we are to attain the benefits of a true education.

(5) The class disrupts your natural biological schedule. Ten minutes into a lecture, if that cup of coffee wants out, the class will suck. If the Spanish Inquisition knew about the torture potential that exists in excessive bladder pressure during a heavy lecture, all this stuff about those iron maiden things would be so much toilet water.

But I have some good news: Yesterday, after reading an interesting chapter in a textbook that doesn't seem so heavy anymore, I put a tape in the VCR, made a well-planned visit to the boys' room, took a 10-minute walk under gorgeous sunshine to class where I sat down and made a new friend. I think I may like this class.

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Media is conservative, not liberal

I'm tired of hearing paranoid conservatives complain about the "liberal press."

First of all, the "liberal press" has an obvious bias toward white, anglo-saxon protestant business executives. When was the last time a story about an Islamic artist appeared on television, on the radio, or in print. It didn't, and never will.

Also, whiners such as Rush Limbaugh have just enough intelligence to make the average American think that he may be right. As for George Will, there are plenty of other conservative columnists and analysts who get their share of time and space on television and in print. Even the News and Observer is full of them.

And as for lesbians, gays, nudists and atheists, the only time they are represented in a favorable manner is when they are on Donahue. Otherwise, they are represented impartially in news articles or negatively in editorials. In fact, the true reason political correctness is so prevalent today is because of fascist bigots who abused minorities' rights until laws such as affirmative action were instituted.

I understand that the article by Colin Burch in the August 25 issue stated the need for intelligent politi-

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cal and philosophical journalism. However, in my five years at NCSU as an undergraduate and graduate student, I can count on my hand the number of "liberal" editorials written by non-minorities (otherwise I have to use my toes). Maybe Mr. Burch can just "say it" next time without complaining about the poor little conservatives who don't get their say.

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"Gateway to campus" a big waste

Driving eastbound on Western Boulevard last week I passed through the stainless steel portal adjacent to the McKimmon Center. Touted as a "gateway to the campus," it competed readily for water from a sprinkler system. I imagined that this liberal watering would sprout a much need pedestrian and bicycle bridge near the traffic gan-

glia at Western and Avent Ferry. This dangerous and frazzled intersection will become nothing but congested with the probable growth boom of Centennial Campus and NCSU's dormitory annexation of Mission Valley Inn.

Advocates of the sheen metal wall argue that as the focus of the N.C. State campus moves southward, notable landmarks must follow. A pedestrian and bicycle bridge over Western Boulevard could have easily combined the aesthetics and stature of a new campus landmark and the practicality of a safe traffic solution.

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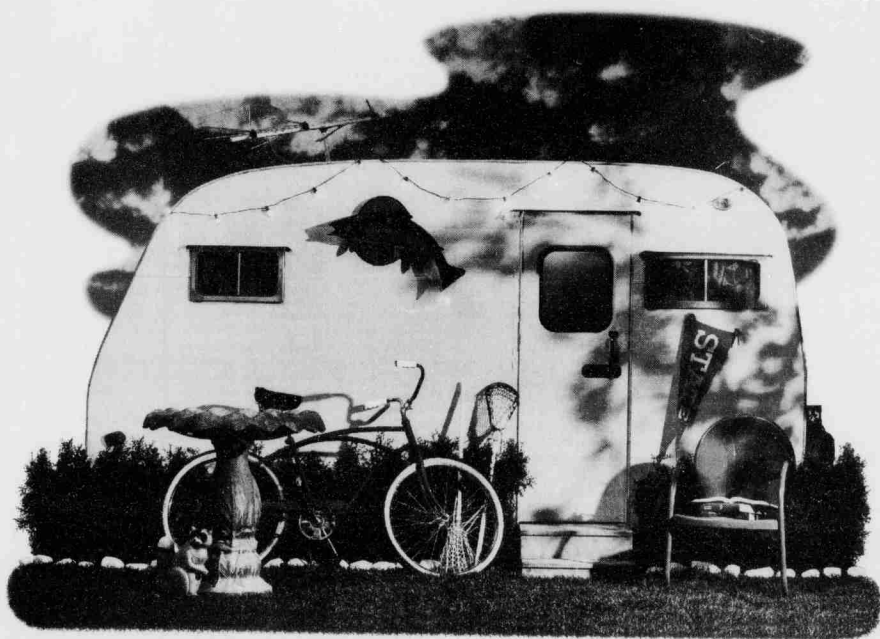
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