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Hope it's tame



Two exhibits opened last night at NCSU's Visual Art Center, a furniture exhibit and a textile art exhibit. The future exhibit will feature handcrafted wood furniture. This piece, titled "Buffalo," is a part of "Celebrating the Sketch: contemporary embroidery of North America." Both exhibits will run through Feb. 27.

New associate provost needed

■ NCSU's administration is looking to fill a recently vacated post. Outsiders need not apply.

By Aaron Trudo
Staff Writer

After completing his twentieth year as a member of the provost's staff, Associate Provost Murray Downs is retiring. Now an on-campus search is being conducted to find a qualified replacement for the position.

All N.C. State University faculty members have been notified of the position through the Official Faculty Bulletin. Department heads, deans and vice chancellors have also been notified with a job description.



Downs

The associate provost has the responsibility of coordinating the review and approval of undergraduate academic programs, working with the Faculty Senate and the Council of Associate Deans in implementing policy.

The associate provost also represents the provost in matters involving teaching effectiveness and evaluation and coordinates the

publication of the Undergraduate Catalog, the Faculty Handbook, the Advisers' Handbook and the Handbook for Teachers.

There have been several nominations for the position, but no one has actually submitted an application, said Associate Provost Rebecca Leonard. She said she expects between 15 and 20 applications.

Provost Phillip Stiles made the decision to keep the search on-campus so the person selected for the position will already be familiar with NCSU's procedures and curriculum issues.

"It makes it easier for someone to fill this position if they are familiar with the academic issues of our campus," Leonard said.

Applicants must meet three requirements — they must hold a doctorate or the equivalent, hold the rank of full professor and have administrative experience with academic issues.

A screening committee of four or five individuals headed by a chairperson will screen the applicants and eventually narrow the choices down to three from which a new associate provost will be selected.

The screening committee will not be selected until next week, Leonard said. The application deadline is Jan. 30, but late

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Brrrr!



Mark Grimes, a freshman in communication, shivers his way to class Thursday morning. Though temperatures were warmer than earlier this week, Thursday's high was only 32°. The cold front affected the entire eastern U.S.

JUSTA WINFREY/STAFF

Farmers bear down on Price

■ A forum at the McKimmon Center let the locals discuss the pros and cons of Clinton's proposed health care reform plan.

By CHARLIE STONER
Staff Writer

Rep. David Price, D-N.C., found that many North Carolinians are less than enthusiastic about President Bill Clinton's proposed health care reform at a Thursday night meeting.

Most of the participants in the forum, held at N.C. State University's McKimmon Center, seemed to believe that health care reform would do more harm than good.

"We wanted to get a wide range of viewpoints on health care reform," Price said. "We need to openly address the strengths and weaknesses of proposed plans."

The Democratic congressman got an earful from N.C. tobacco farmers, who said they will pay the bulk of health care reform costs.

"Any tax is going to mean job loss in North Carolina and in our community," one farmer said. "Just consider us when the final meetings are held."

But Price said tobacco farmers won't be the only ones to bear the costs of health care reform.

"We need to have a balanced approach to [health care reform]," he said. "We're not willing to be singled out."

Another tobacco farmer, Fred Burton, suggested testing reforms on a small segment of society and not the entire population to be sure they work.

"We don't need a total overhaul of the health care system," he said.

But one Cary resident said he thought any health care reform was a bad idea.

"We are told health care needs to be changed, not that we actually experience that it needs to," Mark Gathers said. "I think we're going to do more harm than good."

But he and Price both agreed that

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Self-study to help assure credentials

■ A massive report may help the university keep its accreditation.

By CHRIS BAYSDEN
Staff Writer

N.C. State University has received continual accreditation for over six consecutive decades. In order to keep the streak alive, the university recently finished an internal self-study that spotlights both NCSU's strengths and weaknesses.

The self-study is a single-spaced, 500-plus page document — the result of about two years of research by the Self-Study Steering Committee and others involved in the project. Its purpose: to analyze the strengths and weaknesses of the university in order to help the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) determine whether NCSU will again be accredited.

A preliminary summary of the study gives NCSU high marks in most areas related to the university's physical resources. For example, the summary says that NCSU's space management, handicapped access and maintenance plans are generally adequate.

But not all of the comments are positive. "Student residences are judged less than desirable compared to competitive universities and compared to students' expectations," the study said. It also

showed safety services were inadequate, particularly concerning hazardous chemical wastes and low-level radioactive wastes. The summary adds that "the new building under construction for this purpose is expected to address identified deficiencies."

In late March, SACS will send several representatives to NCSU to evaluate the university, said Provost Phillip Stiles. Since they will only be here for three or four days, they need a guide to help them in their evaluation, Stiles said. The self-study will be that guide.

The SACS representatives will not compare NCSU to other universities. Instead, they will use the self-study to determine if NCSU is reaching its own standards of success. The self-study committees decide where standards of each of NCSU's many facets should be and the SACS representatives then determine if the university has met them.

Receiving accreditation from SACS is important to NCSU because failing to do so would hurt the university's academic reputation, said Chancellor Larry Monteith. He said there are monetary benefits as well. Some federal rules require universities to be accredited in order to receive grants from the government.

Monteith said the self-study is important not only because of

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Students staying away from Peace Corps office in droves

■ Want to help developing nations? Maybe you should take a trip to the campus branch of the service agency. It's not crowded.

By JASON SCHEPERS
Staff Writer

The Peace Corps is looking for a few good students.

Actually, the Peace Corps is looking for a lot of good students. You're probably right now standing on the group's burning ground.

Laura Lauffer, the Peace Corps recruiter of North Carolina, is based on campus. Although she's been at N.C. State University about four months, she said students don't know about her.

"I'm trying to increase my visibility on campus," she said. "I haven't had a chance to reach as many State students as I would have liked."

NCSU is lagging behind in recruiting numbers. UNC-Chapel Hill students have taken advantage of the opportunity. NCSU's sister university is tops in North Carolina in producing Peace Corps members, Lauffer said from 1961 to 1992.

NCSU has produced 139 volunteers compared to 434 volunteers from UNC. She said in that 29 years Duke University has produced 61 volunteers, while East Carolina University and Wake Forest University have each turned out 65.

Lauffer hopes some exposure will help her to sign more NCSU students.

"The programs at State have excellent candidates for the Peace Corps," she said.

In particular, Lauffer said students in environmental sciences, natural resources and ecology can gain valuable experience in a competitive market.

They have an opportunity to make connections with organizations such

as Wildlife Conservation International and the World Wildlife Fund, as well as a chance of meeting professionals in their field, she said.

The Peace Corps has more people working in these fields than any other organization, Lauffer said. Active in about 90 countries, the corps is no bigger than ever.

But the time volunteers spend in preparation and in the country where they go is not short.

The 27-month contract includes a three-month training period and a two-year commitment, she said. Lauffer said the three-month preparation includes intensive language, technical, cross-cultural and personal health training.

"There are usually some language requirements, but not always," Lauffer said. She served in French-speaking Zaire, but at the time she didn't speak French.

She said that aside from such obstacles, serving in the Peace

Corps can let students get ahead.

"It gives you a chance — as soon as you get out of school — to work in your field," Lauffer said. "The job market is tough right now, and if you want hands-on experience, this is the way to go."

But Lauffer said it's crucial to apply early.

"The application process takes about six to nine months," she said. "If a graduating senior comes to me in May, wanting to start work in the summer, we can't do it."



Laura Lauffer interviews recent UNC-CH grad William Fleming.

Duke stuffs Wolfpack

Duke 92
N.C. State 65

By OWEN S. GOOD
ASBURY SPORTS EDITOR

Visiting Duke put on a shooting clinic so rare for N.C. State, you couldn't find one like it in any other game this season. Or practice.

The Blue Devils shot an astonishing 77 percent — 20 for 26 — from the field in the first half en route to its 92-65 dismantling of the Wolfpack Thursday night.

"I don't think anyone could anticipate [Duke's shooting]," State head coach Les Robinson said. "I don't know if you could go out there, shoot the same 26 shots with nobody guarding and still hit 20. You don't shoot that well in a shooting drill."

Antonio Lang led the Devils with 13 points in that 20 minutes of hell. The Wolfpack penciled Lang as number three on its threat list, concentrating on packing the middle against center Cherokee Parks and forward Grant Hill. Double-teaming the interior opened the door to Lang's hot night.

"I got a lot of easy looks," Lang said. "They were worried about Grant and Cherokee, and it allowed a lot of us to get into the offense."

"We were concerned defensively with Grant Hill and Parks and Lang," State center Todd Fuller itemized. "As far as the interior

defense, Fegs [Bryant Feggins] and I knew we had to do a lot of switching. In the first half, we slipped at times, and they took advantage of it."

Lang finished with 16 points, second-best on the team. Hill tallied 19 points to lead Duke after scoring nine in the first half.

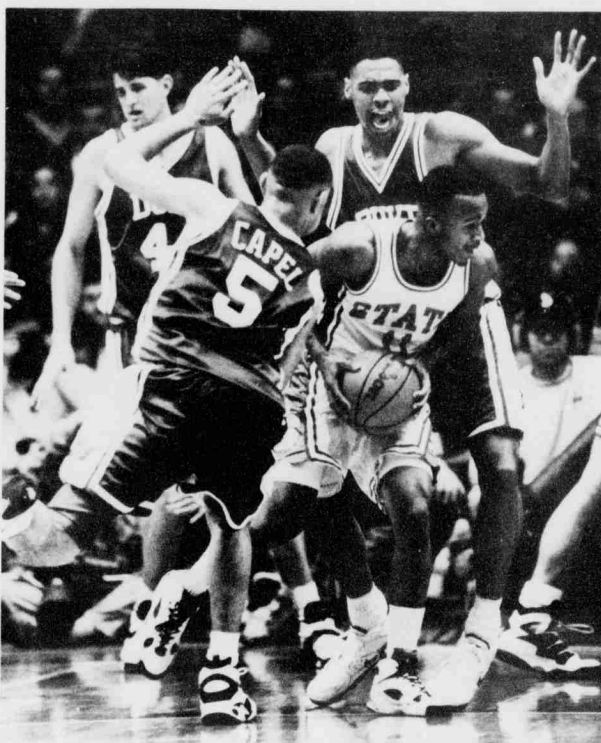
"They shot the ball exceptionally well and left no margin for error," Robinson said. "The better they got, the worse we got."

And the few times State happened to turn it around, Duke topped that too.

Pack guard Lakista McCuller opened the second half with a three-pointer to cut the Devils' lead to 12. But his blue counterpart, Chris Collins, replied with a three to keep State in its place.

"Chris Collins, right after McCuller hit his three, that was a key point," Duke head coach Mike Krzyzewski said. "[The lead] coming back from the half was 15, then, uh-oh, it's 12 and it looks like State's coming back, but nope, it's back to 15 again."

Despite Duke nailing three-quarters of its shots and State hitting on 41 percent in the first half, miraculously, the Pack hadn't had its doors blown off. But Collins dumped in another three-pointer to give Duke an 18-point advantage with 18:14 to go. Mark Davis' score underneath cut Duke's lead to 16 immediately after, but that was the closest State



(Above) N.C. State's offense was smothered all night by the Blue Devils, and (right) Grant Hill did just about everything on both ends of the court.

Liz MAHNECKI/STAFF(2)

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Blue Devil hot shots cool Pack

Duke shot 68 percent in its 27-point win over N.C. State — but that was after it cooled down a little.

By CLAY BEST
SHOWS STAFF WRITER

State coach Les Robinson closed his eyes and covered them.

This couldn't still be happening. Nobody can shoot 70 percent from the field for 39 minutes. But Duke was.

"They were just on fire," Robinson said. "You won't see a team in this conference this year shoot better from the field than they did tonight."

Duke shot 68 percent from the field in its 92-65 defeat of the Wolfpack Thursday night in Reynolds Coliseum. The Blue Devils shot 77 percent in the first half on 20 of 26 shooting from the field.

But the offensive execution was more

impressive than the shooting percentage. On each trip down court an uncontested jump shot awaited a different Blue Devil. Six Duke players finished in double figures.

"Tonight's game was an extension of the UVA game," Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski said. "Our shot selection was fantastic. We played well defensively and that translated on to the offensive end of the court."

"The overall execution of the team impressed me the most," said Grant Hill, who led all scorers. "It feels good when everybody's out there working together. Each shot we took tonight was a team shot. Everybody who was on the court had a part in the basket."

Antonio Lang, Grant Hill and Cherokee Parks benefited from most of the Duke offensive showcase in the first stanza. The trio had 32 of the Devils' first 36 points, and Lang tallied 13 total for the half.

Hill's first two jumpers set the pace for

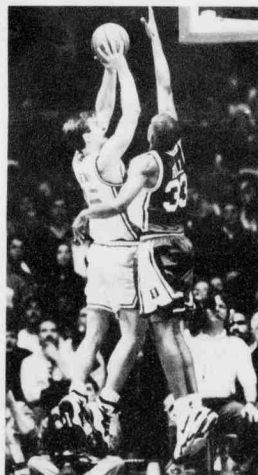
Duke offensively. Both of the senior forward's jumpers came off of excellent screens.

"We really did a great job," Hill said. "We did an excellent job of setting screens and swinging the ball around. It's beautiful when we play like that."

State never led in the game. Down by only 15 at halftime, the Pack seemed to be waiting for a Duke dry spell. After all, no one could shoot 70 percent for two halves. The dry spell never came.

"Well, maybe it did. Duke's shooting percentage fell to 65 percent midway through the second half. But it quickly rebounded to over 70 percent after a quick late spurt. Only Greg Newton's missed lay-in kept the team under the 70-percent mark for the game."

"We stayed aggressive all night," Krzyzewski said. "We got a little better in the second half. We kept our minds on



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Freshmen give league a lift in sub-par season

Women's Basketball

Kevin Brewer

In the first half of N.C. State's 70-44 loss to Virginia Saturday, Wolfpack freshman point guard Jennifer Howard nailed two three-pointers in a two-minute stretch. And after both shots, Cavalier point guard Tora Suber answered with a three.

That was early in the game — before Virginia went 26-8 run — and it illustrated the two most prominent trends in the ACC this season. First, on almost every team in the league, freshmen are making an immediate impact. And second, they wouldn't be in the pressure situations they're in if the conference wasn't having such a down year.

Entering the season, the ACC lost 51 percent of its starters. No one feels this more than Georgia Tech, which is missing its top six scorers, including all five starters. Then, in December, Tammy Gibson of State and Tracy Connor of Wake Forest were injured. The Wolfpack, the Deacons and five other ACC teams are currently without their top scorer from last season.

It also left the conference with plenty of holes to fill. But players like North Carolina's Marion Jones and Georgia Tech's Kisha Ford have played key roles in their teams' early success. Jones and Ford are neck-and-neck for Rookie of the Year honors. Jones, last

ACC Standings				
	W	L	W	L
Virginia	5	0	12	2
North Carolina	5	1	14	1
Clemson	3	1	19	4
Duke	4	2	12	3
Maryland	3	2	8	6
Georgia Tech	3	3	8	6
N.C. State	2	4	8	6
Wake Forest	0	6	4	10
Florida State	0	6	3	12

Saturday's games
Maryland at N.C. State, Noon, WRDC, ESPN2
Wake Forest at Florida State, 7 p.m.
Georgia Tech at Virginia, 7:30 p.m.

Sunday's game
Duke at Clemson, Noon, HTS

season's California Player of the Year, is averaging 15 points and four steals per game for the 14-1 Tar Heels. Ford averages 14 points and four steals per contest.

"Most of us are going through a rebuilding year," Virginia coach Debbie Ryan said after Saturday's game. "I can't think of a team in the conference who isn't — except for Carolina. The league may be having a down year, but watch out next year because these kids can play."

And Ryan should know. Suber is averaging 15 points and has hit half of her three-point attempts in the Cavs' five ACC games. The 5-foot-7 guard has taken a more prominent role in Virginia's offense during the past



Liz MAHNECKI/STAFF

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Jennifer Howard (4) vs. Tora Suber (45) last Saturday.

State can see itself in Terps' rebuilding

Men's Basketball

Owen S. Good

A north-bound train from Maryland and a south-bound steamer from Raleigh meet in College Park, Md., Saturday at 3:30 p.m.

N.C. State's showdown with the Terrapins carries the interesting subplot of a rising rebuilding program meeting a declining one. Maryland (10-3 overall, 3-1 in the ACC) is considered the conference's best example of how to rebuild a basketball team from the rubble of disaster and scandal. The jury is still out on the Wolfpack (5-8, 1-2), which attempted to do the same.

The Terps peeked back into the AP Top 25 this week for the first time since 1986, when all-American Len Bias tragically died from a cocaine overdose and Maryland coach Lefty Driesell was forced from the program. Would eight years be an acceptable barometer for the Pack, still trying to shake the "Personal Fouls" allegations?

"I think our circumstances are certainly similar, but I don't think it'll take eight years," State coach Les Robinson said. "We've been out of the top 25 only two years. My feeling is it'll be half that."

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Wake Forest	3	1	12	4
North Carolina	3	2	13	3
N.C. State	1	3	5	9
Georgia Tech	1	4	8	5
Florida State	1	4	8	5
Clemson	0	4	8	7

Saturday's games
Florida State at Duke, 1 p.m., WRAL
N.C. State at Maryland, 3:30 p.m., WRDC
North Carolina at LSU, 3 p.m., WRAL
Wake Forest at Clemson, 7:30 p.m.

Sunday's game
Virginia at Georgia Tech, 2 p.m., WKFT

That makes 1995 the target year. If Robinson's deadline is in the fall, then center Todd Fuller and forward Marcus Wyatt will be seniors. If Jeremy Hill continues his progress defensively, he should contribute at point guard this year. Also, Joshua Benjamin, this year's big recruiting catch so far, will be a 6-foot-9 forward with a year of experience under his belt. And of course, who knows who else coming in from recruiting.

Recruiting is what makes Terp coach Gary Williams the comeback kid of 1994. He was first to have his foot in Joe Smith's door, despite Smith's pronounced desire to attend

Ticket policy could change

Some of Carter-Finley's student seating may become general admission next season.

By TED NEWMAN
STAFF WRITER

N.C. State athletics director Todd Turner told a group of student leaders he wants to make all student football tickets general admission, eliminating assigned and block seating. Student Senate president Chris Scott said Thursday.

"In the past, students have been late for games, some not arriving until the second quarter," Scott said. "The team needs packed stands for extra motivation, not to mention it just looks bad."

Scott said Turner did agree to a compromise, keeping assigned and block seating in the upper deck of Carter-Finley Stadium. But lower-level seating would be general admission.

Turner expressed his wishes concerning general admission tickets to Scott, Inter-Residence Council president Laura Pottmyer, Interfraternity Council president Roger McDaniel and University Scholars President John Bumgarner in a meeting Thursday afternoon.

Assistant athletics director Mark LaBarbera, event and ticket manager Jimmy Garity and a number of student senators were also present.

"[Todd] Turner was willing to work so the stadium is full," Pottmyer said. "Block seating is important to many organizations, not just fraternities and sororities. It is a good way to build a community. It is better than everyone fending for themselves."

In 1992, general admission seating was attempted for State's season opener against Appalachian State. Student reaction was negative, and plans for general admission seating for the Florida State game later that year were scuttled.

No decision has been made regarding the proposal, but it could go into effect as early as next year. The Athletics Council will meet today to discuss it. A vote is possible, but not definite.

"It's still early; this may not be the best [plan]," Pottmyer added. "The athletics department wants to fill the stadium. Students just want the best seats."

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Lights out for nematodes



NCSU scientists have devised a genetic engineering strategy to protect tobacco and other crops from the root knot nematode. Shown, from left, are researchers Mark Conkling and Charles Opperman and graduate student Chris Taylor.

■What's small, parasitic and feared by over 2,000 species of plants? Why, the dreaded nematode, of course! But thanks to N.C. State University researchers, these creatures might not be a problem much longer.

By JENNIFER CULBERSON
Staff Writer

Saving farmers \$50 billion a year in crop damage is a hefty goal. And some N.C. State University researchers intend to do it.

How? Dr. Mark Conkling, associate professor of genetics, Dr. Charles Opperman, associate professor of plant pathology, and Chris Taylor, a graduate student, have developed a technique that will protect plants from one of their greatest enemies — the dreaded root knot nematode. Nematodes are formidable, microscopic worms that feed on plant roots. It is estimated that 2,000 species of plants are vulnerable to these creatures.

Conkling, Opperman and Taylor, though, have found a way to do battle with them. The scientists have isolated a genetic switch, which is really a part of a plant's DNA called a promoter. The switch is turned on, like a light switch, inside a plant causing changes in the set of cells being attacked by the nematode.

The switch, amazingly enough, only affects the cells at the feeding site of the nematode, leaving the rest of the plant unharmed.

Here's how it works. The researchers have a genetically engineered plant which is able to produce a special protein. This protein selectively kills off a plant's own giant cells, thus starving the

nematodes.

"When a nematode attempts to establish a feeding site on a transgenic plant root, the promoter acts as a switch to kill the giant cells, depriving the nematode of a feeding site, so it's a dead end," Conkling said in a recent press statement.

The research was done on tobacco, Conkling said, because it is easy to introduce genes into that plant. But it doesn't stop there.

The researchers believe that the promoter can be placed into other important crops such as rice, wheat, soybeans, potatoes, citrus crops and other vegetables.

Opperman said genetically engineered crops equipped with this nematode defense can be especially beneficial — especially to the Third World, where farmers usually can't afford chemical pest control.

The research team has been backed in their efforts since 1990 by the North Carolina Biotechnology Center, the National Science Foundation, the USDA National Research Initiative, and the N.C. Tobacco Foundation.

The patents on the technology have been applied for and Monsanto Corporation, a leading pesticide company, has licensed the rights to develop the technology.

The research is definitely promising for farmers and for the advancement of science. It is so promising, in fact, that the researchers made the cover story of the Jan. 14 cover of "Science," the weekly publication of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

Everyone involved seems to be optimistic.

"We don't think," Opperman said in a press statement, "the nematode can develop resistance to this strategy. It would have to evolve a whole new way to create a feeding site."

Stone delivers dramatic messages through the eyes of the Vietnamese

■"Heaven and Earth" continues director Oliver Stone's series of dramatic films about Vietnam, but with a view through different eyes.

By MICHAEL J. LEGEROS
Staff Writer

Director Oliver Stone completes his "Vietnam Trilogy" with "Heaven and Earth." A story that's told, for a change, from the perspective of "the other side."

Based upon the real life story of Vietnamese peasant Le Ly, Stone delivers another satisfying, but this time heavy-handed, lesson in war and peace.

The story introduces the simple rice-farming community of Ky La

It's a lush paradise in Central Vietnam, relatively unscathed until the arrival of the Viet Cong in '63. Young Le Ly (Hiep Thi Le) watches her brothers join the Communists, who return one night to torture and rape her. (The "Cong, that is.) She escapes the bedlam by fleeing to Saigon at age 18. There, she works for a wealthy, married master who promptly gets her pregnant.

Later on, Le Ly meets a nice American soldier (Tommy Lee Jones). They get married, he's nuts, and her life takes another terrible turn when she moves to America. Also, she can return to her homeland many years later, and



deliver a touching message about the value of strife and suffering.

Taken at face value, most of "Heaven and Earth" is an interesting and, ultimately, satisfying examination of war. But Stone lays it on too thick this time — hammering every point across at least a dozen times too many.

His most annoying technique is how he punctuates every important moment with a short, slow-motion montage of important images.

This bit works well the first five times, then grows grating.

Of course, after the first hour, the viewer is already pretty numb from the raw drama. Happily, at the ninety-minute mark — when Tommy Lee Jones shows up — Stone takes a breather and lets some levity into his film. Granted, it lasts for all of twenty-minutes, but, oh,

how sweet it is!

Stone mines some surprising humor out of Le Ly's arrival in America. Classic bits include her first encounter with a full refrigerator and a wide-eyed visit to her first supermarket.

As the supremely oppressed Le Ly, newcomer Hiep Thi Le is quite a find. She displays a good range of emotions and some surprising signs of subtlety. Tommy Lee Jones is equally watchable. He's at his most menacing, though, in his later scenes.

Also, look for Debbie Reynolds, who makes her first screen appearance in over 20 years.

"Heaven and Earth," with the exception of the director's sledgehammer style, is fairly satisfying stuff.

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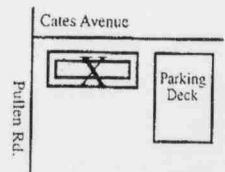
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A paper that is strictly the product of the student body becomes at once the official organ, through which the thoughts, the activity and in fact the very life of the campus are registered. College life without its journal is blank.

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Keep Public Safety as is

■ It would be a bad idea for Public Safety to abandon its role as a police force and become nothing more than a security service.

The N&O's editorial writers seem to think Raleigh's police should take over on-campus law enforcement and that Public Safety should be relegated to the role of security guards. They suggested, in an editorial last week, that the money saved by reducing Public Safety's law enforcement duties be transferred to Raleigh police.

Most students on campus probably don't count Public Safety officers among their favorite people, but it could be worse. It could be Raleigh police officers.

Apparently there's a little jurisdictional tempest brewing between N.C. State University's Public Safety and the Raleigh Police Department (RPD). Currently the two police forces — yes, Public Safety is a real police force with the authority to investigate crimes and make arrests — have a mutual aid agreement.

According to The News & Observer, however, that's not clear enough for RPD Chief Fred Heineman. He wants the responsibilities of the two forces divided up more clearly. There was such an agreement in 1989, but that was terminated when Public Safety Director Ralph Harper's predecessor left.

The question, for both Raleigh and university officials, is who is responsible for law enforcement and patrols in areas such as Hillsborough Street and Western Boulevard, where there is a clear university interest. Who is responsible for handling the fights that sometimes spill out of Hillsborough Street drinking holes and for the crowds of students and others that sometimes swarm across the street after big basketball wins?

Talk about a bad idea. NCSU's campus bustles with more than 30,000 people each working day, and it spreads across more than 1,500 acres and scores of buildings. Public Safety officers know the campus better than any Raleigh police officer ever could. They know the students, the professors, the administrators and staff, and they understand how universities work.

Does anybody really think NCSU will get the attention from the RPD that it gets from Public Safety?

And does it really make sense to suggest that Public Safety officers should make sure buildings are locked at night but if there's a break-in Raleigh police should investigate it? It's just not logical to separate campus security and law enforcement functions.

The real issue here is not whether NCSU should have its own police force, but how jurisdictional duties should be split between the RPD and Public Safety. The simplest way to solve that problem is to have Harper and Heineman sit down and talk about it.

Director Harper, sounds like you've got a phone call to make.



Commentary

Back to school: fall vs. spring

Returning to campus to begin a spring semester has always held sort of an interesting charm for me. It's not like beginning those fall semesters after a whole three months of working or goofing off or whatever. Those three months are a wide buffer, and they provide a nice easy predictable path toward the first day of classes.

But Christmas break is hardly a month. And it's not a month of fun, beach trips. It's a month spent just trying to forget the past semester. Plus, you've got the holidays and maybe a part-time job to make a little spending money. Things can get so hectic that before you know it, the beginning of the semester has pounced on you and made you its helpless victim once more.

It's that idea of the suddenness of it all, how we're almost slammed back into school and another entire semester of classes to laugh through, that for me chiefly distinguishes springs from falls. That distinction grew clearer when, driven by that idea, I analyzed other, perhaps related, differences. I had also hoped to find out why I get so unreserved on this roller-coaster ride that rans on exams through the loop-de-loop of Christmas and the 1,000-foot sheer vertical drop of New Year's and blows over the threshold of a new semester on its uncontrollable way to some place entirely unlikely, like Timbuktu maybe. Here's what I came up with.

When a spring semester starts, it's cold. Let's face it, you know you're not looking forward to all those sucky classes, exams,



Cam Abrams

papers, projects, labs, problem sessions, study groups and so on, but at least it's warm (maybe hot, even) and you don't have to dread freezing while you endure them in a fall term. It's much nicer to be slammed into a sauna than a meat locker.

When a spring semester starts, you feel as if you're "swee just here." You know what I mean. The break was too short, and you get back and it's the same old thing. You're not beginning a new academic year, you're just "finishing" the "old" one. Finishing it in the same old room in the same old dorm or apartment, same old gray sky showing through the same old dead branches you stared at out of the classroom windows before the break.

Between May and August, things really have time to change, catch your eye, flourish and make you look forward to seeing them as you hadn't before — but not much changes over Christmas break. But just because those two things keep me from really wanting the spring semester to start, there are other things about springs that I look forward to. As a spring semester progresses, it warms up. Sure, by the time you notice it, you're neck-deep in those sucky classes, exams, papers, projects, labs, problem sessions, study groups and so on, but you don't

freeze through them anymore. The change from cold to warm, though maybe not a great study-inducer, certainly lifts the spirits mired in academic stagnancy. The volleyball players and sunbathers and kite flyers and frisbee addicts come out of rooms once occupied by winter-weary students, and though pencils may stop writing and keyboards may stop clicking, just for a little while, everyone enjoys the spring.

And then there is the sweet reward waiting for those of us who, for whatever reason, do not wish to attend summer school. A whole summer — away. It's not a "break" like Christmas break, because a break is just a minuscule gap in time between two major, long-lasting events. It's a vacation. And it waits for us. If we look forward to Christmas break using such meek adverbs as "eagerly" or "anxiously," we must await the coming of summertime with the fervent white-hot impatient intensity of a thousand supernovas.

So, for me, a spring semester is a double-edged sword. I don't cry looking forward to it, and yet I do. I can handle the cold. I'll just wear layers and keep drinking that coffee. I can handle the drab surroundings. I'll just hope for snow so we can all skip class and hit the Brickyard with anything that will slide. And after a few steaming cups of Java and a few promising weather forecasts, it is the progression of the semester I look forward to rather than dreading its onset. So here's hoping none of us freeze our butts off walking to class this spring.

New tie not a bad idea

■ NCSU alumni have decided to replace their tacky old alumni ties.

Finally, a break in N.C. State University alumni fashion. After 25 years of the same polyester necktie displaying the strutting school mascot, NCSU alumni are making a much-needed change in their loyal neckwear.

The new design features the small diamond-shaped "NSC" symbols repeated in diagonal line after diagonal line. Now proud alumni will be able to wear their ties at more formal occasions and not just athletic events, said Al Lanier, the associate vice chancellor for alumni relations.

Perhaps we will soon see NCSU alumnus Gov. Jim Hunt on the evening news sporting a red-and-white tie in public patriotism toward

his alma mater. Perhaps John Tesh will display the new neckwear on Entertainment Tonight. Soon NCSU's diamond logo will be seen across the nation.

And no longer will Carolina graduates be able to lord their designer men's basketball uniforms over Wolfpack heads. Now we will be able to proudly point to our necks and tell them about one Johnna Williams, a senior in textiles, who designed the new tie.

The tie conveys "a contemporary design on a rich fabric," Lanier said. Can Carolina basketball players claim to be outfitted in silk? Are their alumni bedecked in the fine collegiate fashion which will soon come to adorn the neck of every graduate of our beloved State?

The old ties were just plain ugly. The new ones, well, you can't get much better for alumni neckwear.

Thought for the Day:

"Always tell the truth — it's the easiest thing to remember."

— David Mamet

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Support for Monteith, Turner and Robinson

Here is my two cents worth on the misfortunes of the N.C. State University men's basketball team:

First, Les Robinson is an honest man who had a winning record prior to coming to State. For these reasons among others, he was an attractive candidate to those responsible for replacing Jim Valvano. The only difference between then and now is that Coach Robinson doesn't have a winning record, which must change if he hopes to keep his job more than two or three more years. We don't keep professors who are nice and honest if they can't produce results in the classroom, and Robinson knows he must perform in order to justify his contract. But we should all give him a chance to build the team and prove himself.

Second, Todd Turner is perhaps the most principled athletics director in the country. When faced with a choice between profit and the well-being of the athletes, he has always sided with the students. And alumni who complain about his UNC-Chapel Hill background are immature and petty.

Finally, an especially personal note about Chancellor Larry Monteith. I served as Student Senate president and Student Body President during the Valvano controversy and the resignation of Chancellor Bruce Poulton, and was a member of the Chancellor Search Committee of the Board of Trustees that selected Monteith.

While all this was going on, then-Engineering Dean Monteith was selected to serve as Interim Chancellor. He pledged to resolve the Valvano issue before a permanent chancellor was selected so the new person would not have to face

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with such an explosive decision. I urged Monteith to quickly fire Coach Valvano so the university could finally move forward and escape the image Poulton and Valvano had created. Reasonable people can disagree on whether the appropriate course of action was ultimately taken, but I can tell you that Monteith handled that situation with the utmost integrity and concern for the people involved.

In our search for a new chancellor, we contracted with a leading national executive head-hunting firm to assist in our search, resulting in a flood of applications from chancellors and senior administrators at some of our country's most prestigious colleges and universities, as well as the presidents of entire state university systems. Relatedly, and contrary to his original intentions, Monteith decided to become a candidate. It became clear to us that he had the institutional knowledge, loyalty, integrity and administrative experience necessary to make a fine chancellor. Anyone who was a student under both Poulton and Monteith will tell you the change was markedly for the better, but even judged alone Monteith has proven to be a wise choice.

As I sat in trustee meetings, I listened to some of them say major contributors would cancel all financial support of NCSU if Valvano were fired and Monteith were hired (where are these major donors when our library needs funds?). The chancellor knew he would incur the wrath

of many alumni if he decided to remove Valvano. But he did what his conscience required, and guess what? Donations went up. Press coverage improved. The grade point averages of our athletes increased. And we finally have a reputation as a university where academics is the dog and athletics is the tail, rather than the other way around.

True State fans will celebrate the character and efforts of Monteith, Turner and Robinson, yet at the same time hold them accountable for their jobs. Monteith and Turner have clearly demonstrated their worth, and Robinson has some work to do on the bottom line. We are lucky to have leaders who have their priorities right for a change.

Brooks Raiford
Former NCSU student body president
Policy analyst for Gov. Jim Hunt

Editor's Note: The length restriction was waived to allow for a fuller response.

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Free Food from BRUEGGER'S BAGEL BAKERY The Best Thing Round
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Student Center Ballroom Second Floor, NCSU Student Center
Please Help Blood Supplies are at an all time low.

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A D M U G T W P P R O O W J R
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Today's Cryptquip clue: J equals D

The Cryptquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle.

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24 Stashes 40 Sawweed
25 Madonna's ex 42 Impetus
27 Ardent lover ELSEWHERE IN TODAY'S TECHNICIAN
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The event! 1994 Senior Class Reception

The date! Thursday, January 27, 1994

The time! 4:45 pm -- N.C. State versus UNC- Chapel Hill women's basketball game at 6:00 pm

The place! Student Center Ballroom

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Following the reception, seniors are encouraged to walk over to Reynolds Colliseum to cheer the Wolfpack women's basketball team against the Tarheels. A section just for seniors --- the upper deck center section----is reserved in the coliseum. Call Kent Hester at 515-6530 for more information.

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