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Treasurer's checks questionable

■ Student Government's top two financial officers say questions about their actions are groundless.

By KEITH JORDAN
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

Student Body Treasurer Bobby Johnson violated Student Government practices — and may have broken rules — by changing his pay dates without getting Senate permission, said other officers.

Johnson, a candidate for student body president in next week's election, altered his check schedule to receive part of the money around the middle of each month. That's a

paycheck advance prohibited by Student Government statutes, Student Senate President Chris Scott said Thursday.

Comptroller Jermaine McKinley got checks on a similar schedule as Johnson's, according to check stubs in the treasurer's office. McKinley is running for treasurer.

"You can't be the treasurer or the comptroller without knowing finance rules," Scott said. "You live them day to day."

Research into the check schedule comes while senators and other officers are questioning Johnson's wisdom in handling some purchases last summer and his administrative ability in updating the Senate on the budget.

Johnson said Thursday he should have been more careful about notifying other officers about what he was doing, but said he felt he never really did anything wrong.

"I followed the rules as they were told to me by my predecessor," he said.

The concerns other Student Government employees have about Johnson and McKinley are:

Paycheck irregularities

No Student Government rule specifically requires checks to be in a lump sum near the end of each month, but that is common practice followed in each case except Johnson's and McKinley's.

Also, Johnson distributed a signed

memo in August listing pay dates for all officers. Those dates are uniform for all four elected officers, including Johnson: Sept. 27, Oct. 25 and Nov. 29. The only exception on the memo is an extra date, Dec. 10, for Student Body President Chris Jones, who chose to take his pay in four installments rather than three.

But according to the checkbook, Johnson hasn't followed that schedule. Records show that last semester Johnson received paychecks Oct. 13, Oct. 25, Nov. 11, Nov. 19, Dec. 9 and Dec. 15.

And he never officially notified anyone about his decision to let himself and McKinley accept parts of their checks weeks in advance, he and other officers said.

Student Chief Justice Cristie Batbie said she was never told about the schedule change. She was unaware of them until Wednesday afternoon, she said.

"Professionally speaking, it seems there were some inconsistencies," she said.

Early checks would normally go through Student Development and the other Student Government officers, Batbie said. But Student Development Assistant Director Mike Borden, who advises Student Government, said he was never notified and would not have approved.

"These [payments] are definitely in violation of the Student Body Statutes," he said Wednesday.

"Based on the pay schedule he signed, these checks would be pay advances."

"This is certainly an impeachable offense."

The section of the statutes about finances includes an item about early checks.

"No personal loans or salary advancements of any type shall be made from the General funds of Student Government without two-thirds prior approval of the Student Senate," it says.

The date discrepancies would count as salary advancements if they were not part of the planned pay schedule, Scott said. And Scott,

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Senators to monitor where money is spent

■ The Student Senate is not taking any chances with its finances, passing legislation to investigate Student Government finances.

By JOE BRUNO
STAFF WRITER

The Student Senate passed emergency legislation Wednesday calling for an audit of Student Government finances for fall 1993 and spring 1994 semesters.

The bill calls for a student auditor to examine the finances of Student Government and to provide a report of the initial findings within one week to an Audit Board composed of the chair of each Senate standing committee.

This legislation comes amidst controversy involving the spending of Student Government funds.

"There is a concern among the committee chairs about expenditures," said John O'Quinn, chair of the Government Operations Committee and one of the senators who introduced the bill.

In the meeting, O'Quinn said this is an investigation of finances, not of Treasurer Bobby Johnson and Comptroller Jermaine McKinley. The emergency legislation was called so that the Senate is not left out in the dark with regard to government spending, he said.

Another government bill introduced in Wednesday's meeting would have removed the treasurer's vote in the Senate. Currently, the Student Body Constitution gives the treasurer the power to vote in the Senate on non-financial matters.

This type of amendment to the Student Body Constitution would need a vote by the entire student body, but the bill must first pass the Senate by a two-thirds majority vote in order to get on a ballot for student elections.

But the bill did not pass through the Senate, because not enough senators remained at Thursday night's late meeting when the bill went up for vote. When two senators left, Johnson called for a

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Operations Committee

quorum count that was not met, ending the meeting at about 12:15 a.m.

Meeting for nearly five hours, the Senate also voted on allocating funds to a number of campus organizations to help finance trips.

The Senate voted to help NCSU's Alpha Epsilon Delta chapter, part of the National Pre-Medical Honor Society, finance its trip to a national convention in Tampa, Fla.

The group has been recognized by several organizations for its service efforts in the past year. Its members said they feel their participation in the national convention will provide NCSU with the opportunity to be recognized as one of the top pre-medical schools in the country.

The Senate also voted to help send members of the National Student Speech, Language, and Hearing Association to the North Carolina Speech, Language and Hearing Convention in Asheville next month.

The convention will help students find out about communication disorder research, as well as giving the opportunity to meet with representatives of other N.C. universities.

The Senate voted to give \$300 to the NCSU Drill Team to help finance a trip to the 34th annual Spring Formal and Parade at the Azalea Festival in Wilmington in April.

The Drill Team had asked the Senate for \$1,775 to help finance the trip, but the group got less because senators questioned the importance of funding the group's trip to the festival.



The New Horizons Choir sang at Tony Williamson's memorial service Thursday in the Student Center Annex.

MELISSA BAUER/STAFF

Nubian editor memorialized

■ The Nubian Message's founder and editor was remembered yesterday at a service full of sorrow and praise.

By RON BATCHE
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

Family and friends gathered Thursday afternoon at the Student Center Annex Cinema to remember Tony Kent Williamson Jr.

The jazz band Williamson was a member of played music as guests found their seats at the service, which more than 150 people attended.

Williamson, founder and editor in chief of The Nubian Message, died March 12 from a massive blood clot that ruptured his lung.

Chancellor Larry Monteith said the graduating senior's death was tragically.

"He was one of the kindest people I have known," Monteith said. "Tony had so much potential, so much to give in such a short time."

"Many of us could not do what Tony has done," Monteith said, referring to his accomplishments with The Nubian Message.

"I hope I can leave with more than I have taken," he said. "Tony left something that future generations can be enriched by."

One Student Development employee recounted Williamson's efforts to start a paper.

"In November of 1992, Tony stepped up and made the newspaper a reality. The Nubian Message was born," said Stan North Martin, student media operations manager.

North Martin then read from the editorial Williamson wrote in the first newspaper.

"He wrote the editorial in 20 minutes," said Joe Martin, a close friend of Williamson who presided over the program. "The words came from his heart. The article stated the mission of the paper."

"A group of about 12 people called Students for Students were discussing the paper," said another friend and classmate of Williamson.

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Faheem Ashanti, a psychologist at the Counseling Center, paid tribute to the late Tony Williamson.

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Five candidates jockey for top student position

Jennings has contacts

■ Rich Jennings is following through with an old goal of his. If it works out, he has big plans.

By CHRIS BAYSDEN
STAFF WRITER

Rich Jennings said if he's elected as student body president, he will bring years of Student Government experience and valuable contacts he has made throughout his career as a student.

Jennings, a senior in chemical engineering and pulp and paper science and technology, has been

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Johnson knows ropes

■ Johnson's personal traits and experience in student government will make him a good SBP, he said.

By LINSEY CLINGHAM
STAFF WRITER

Bobby Johnson said what makes his candidacy unique is his philosophy about the criteria for student body president.

"A candidate must have three essential characteristics to be successful in the position: vision, strength and experience," said Johnson, who now serves as

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Midgette: I hate red tape

■ Bryan Midgette is the maverick candidate in this year's student body president race.

By LINSEY CLINGHAM
STAFF WRITER

Bryan Midgette has a unique concept about campaigning for student body president.

"I am the rock and roll Renaissance politician," he said. Midgette, a junior in graphic design, said he decided to run for SBP because "there is too much bureaucratic red tape at State and

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Pottmyer wants voice

■ Laura Pottmyer wants to represent the people and bring her Inter-Residence Council experience.

By CHRIS BAYSDEN
STAFF WRITER

Student body president candidate Laura Pottmyer said she wants to be the voice for N.C. State University's student body.

Pottmyer, a junior in science education, said her primary goal as SBP would be to make sure the student body's voice is heard and respected by NCSU's

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Rouzer: I'm a servant

■ David Rouzer said keeping communication lines open makes him the best candidate.

By CHRIS BAYSDEN
STAFF WRITER

David Rouzer said nothing is more important than serving students and their interests.

Rouzer, one of the five candidates for student body president, said that is the philosophy he would employ if he is elected in next week's election.

"I believe that the greatest leaders

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News Notes

NCSU professor honored by group

H. Thomas Banks, director of the Center for Research in Scientific Computation at N.C. State University, has been elected a Fellow of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers Inc. (IEEE).

The honor is given to IEEE members who have made outstanding contributions to the art and science of electrical and electronics engineering and related disciplines. IEEE, a worldwide engineering professional organization, has about 300,000 members.

Banks, who also is University Professor and Drexel Professor of Mathematics in the College of Physical and Mathematical Sciences, was cited for his contributions to estimation and control of distributed parameter systems.

Banks, whose work in applied mathematics has earned international recognition, joined the NCSU faculty in 1992. He directs a center in which mathematicians, physical scientists, computer scientists and engineers collaborate in the design of mathematical solutions for scientific problems.

TODAY

ALL NIGHT BASH — Today from 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. in the University Student Center. \$1 admission and two food cans. Join the festivities, which include bands, free food, velcro-wall jumping, karaoke, comedy and more.

STUDENT SPEAKER WANTED — A senior is needed to speak at the 1994 Spring Commencement Exercises. Applications are available in Harris Hall, Room 1008 and the Student Center information desk. The deadline is April 4. Return applications to James Bundy, University Registrar, 1008 Harris Hall.

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CAREER SEMINAR — Career decision making seminar for sophomores and undergraduates. A four-

SUNDAY

CONTEST — The Annual True Essence Contest sponsored by New Horizons will be Sunday at 4 p.m. in Stewart Theatre. Tickets are available at the box office \$2 for students, \$3 for the general public.

MONDAY

PROGRAM — "More Than Just a Disease: AIDS — One Man's Experiences." Student Center, Blue Room at 7 p.m. Sponsored by the Computer and Technologies Programs. Come out and listen to a great talk.

OPEN HOUSE — Monday and Tuesday in the Student Center and Student Center Annex. Come by day or night to what's here for you. Call 515-3138 for more information.

BLOOD DRIVE — Red Cross Blood Drive, sponsored by Delta Sigma Theta sorority, is Thursday from 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the Bragaw Activity Room. Register in the Student Center Lobby Sunday and Monday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Give blood. The life you save might be your own.

ARTICULATE AWARENESS — Visit

TUESDAY

CHALK-DRAWING CONTEST — Come by the Student Center between 12:30 and 1:30 p.m., grab some chalk, and express yourself on the sidewalk. Cash prizes will be awarded. Questions? Call Donna at 515-3303.

PEKING ACROBATS — They will amaze you. Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in Reynolds' Coliseum. Prior to that, enjoy "A Taste of China" for dinner in the Dining Hall. For details and tickets, call 515-1100.

WEDNESDAY

ESSAY READING — Women's History Month

THURSDAY

DANCE — Engineer Council's St. Patrick's Dance is Thursday from 7:30 p.m. to midnight at the NCSU Faculty Club, 4200 Hillsborough St. All engineering students and guests are invited. Free admission, free food and soft drinks. Live DJ. Semi-formal attire.

SYMPOSIUM — The

Self Knowledge Symposium meets every Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in Tompkins Hall, Room G123. The symposium is a non-denominational student group in search of the life worth living.

MEETING — InterVarsity Christian Fellowship West Chapter invites you to its Large Group. They are every Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in Williams Hall, Room 2215.

MEETING — InterVarsity Christian Fellowship East Chapter invites you to attend its Large Group Thursdays at 7 p.m. in the Student Center Walnut Room. All are welcome.

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Checks

Johnson said Thursday he violated no rules in issuing early checks.

"The student body statutes do not outline how you receive a paycheck," Johnson said. And he said rules governing state employees don't apply because Student Government officers aren't paid by North Carolina.

In 1988, Borden sent Student Government a memo advising that state law regulate how checks are issued.

"Salaries and all other payments to approved Student Government personnel made as compensation for work performed can not be paid in advance," the memo says. "State law prohibits salary advancements, specifically lump payments made prior to actual work completion. Existing salary lines for major Student Government officers (SBP, Senate president, student body treasurer, etc.) and all

assistant/committee head salaries can be paid in [one of] two methods: lump sum at the end of each semester for that semester's work or equal installments month-to-month to be paid on the last school day of the month."

The Senate is planning an immediate audit of records, having passed emergency legislation Wednesday night calling for one conducted by students. Borden said that could lead to an intense university audit, with the most severe possible outcome being the freezing of all Student Government funds.

Checks signatures

Two photocopied checks on Johnson's desk Monday were signed by the person they were issued to. One issued to McKinley on March 9 for \$212.50 was issued by McKinley. Another, a \$147 check for Johnson, was issued by Johnson.

No Student Government regulation says a treasurer or controller may not sign his own check. But it was unclear Thursday

night whether state and university rules would cover Student Government paychecks.

Johnson said that's not the case.

"We set our own rules," he said. He guessed he had received eight checks as treasurer and that he had signed three, with the other five being signed by McKinley. McKinley said those numbers were about the same as the number of his checks signed by him and Johnson.

Jones said signing one's own checks is bad policy even if it's not specifically forbidden.

"In business, it's unheard of," he said.

Student Judicial Coordinator Paul Cousins said it's unheard of in university agencies as well.

"Independent of whether there's any malice involved, that certainly could bring up questions," he said.

Questioned purchases

Student Government officers used leftover funds from last year as a \$3,000 office beautification fund. About \$1,000 of that went to art for the office suite, with at least three of the four major office-holders

approving.

Of the other money, \$450 went toward computer upgrades, \$408.79 for a filing cabinet and \$327.96 for an eraser board, all for the chief justice and the Judicial Board offices. Barbie requested funding and other officers agreed those expenditures were necessary, said Jones, Scott, Barbie and Johnson.

The remaining \$769.97 went toward a desk and horizontal filing cabinet for the treasurer's office. The desk that had been there is now in the judicial assistants' office.

"If it's good enough for my people, why isn't it good enough for Bobby?" Barbie said Wednesday. "I didn't feel the desk was necessary. I felt it was a luxury we didn't need."

Johnson said he wanted the desk because it was large enough to put a computer on while his old one wasn't. But the office computer still sits on another desk Johnson said he had planned to get rid of. He kept the other desk because he couldn't decide what to do with it, he said.

He said the desk was a good deal — large, sturdy and cheap. But Student Senator and Student Relations Chair John Woodell said that doesn't mean Student Government funds should have paid for it.

"It's good to have nice stuff, but when you're spending other people's money, you should be more picky," he said. "That money could have been spent on something else — renovating the kiosk in the Brickyard, helping fund clubs."

Johnson has also spent \$112.33 over the academic year on pizza for Finance Committee meetings.

Woodell said that's wasteful.

"Our [Student Relations Committee] meetings run long sometimes, just as Finance Committee ones do. But we never order pizza," he said. "If I have a meeting I know is going to run from 7 to midnight, I know to eat beforehand. I don't expect student fees to feed me."

Budget updates

In previous years, the treasurer made updated copies of the budget available at every Senate meeting, Scott said. This year, that has happened in only three of 13 meetings.

No rule requires the treasurer to present budget updates at every meeting unless they were requested at the previous meeting by a senator. But Woodell said that shouldn't have been necessary.

"There came a point when we were fed up with the lack of fiscal accountability on the part of the treasurer," he said.

Johnson and McKinley said computer problems kept them from printing updated copies of the budget. One of them issued March 11, is hand-corrected in the expense column.

Another problem is that the disk the budget was stored on was ruined, Johnson said.

"I came in one night to type a letter and it was erased," he said. "After I got a new disk and that one was thrown out, Chris Scott and one or two other people said the file

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Yellow Jackets shut out Pack

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By AARON MORRISON
STAFF WRITER

N.C. State's men's tennis team continued to struggle Thursday, dropping its fifth straight match.

In a few matches, the Pack's young players gave the Georgia Tech team all it could handle, but the Yellow Jackets still managed to blitz the Wolfpack 7-0 at the Wolfpack Tennis Complex.

Freshman Eric Saunders and sophomore Brian Ozaki both provided solid efforts. Saunders fell 6-4, 6-4 to Tech's number-two seed. And Ozaki dropped his match to the Jacket's three seed 6-4, 6-3. But State coach Crawford Henry said he was impressed with their performances.

"They both played very well," Henry said. "They played some very tough opponents from Tech."

The Pack (5-8 overall, 0-2 in the ACC) jumped out to a good start this season, winning four of its first five matches. But it has stumbled in recent weeks because of injuries, which have thrust younger players into key roles.

"It's very difficult to play tennis with some players hurt," Henry said. "I had to make a tough decision today. I thought it was almost obligatory that I sit some players out today, so they would possibly be ready to play this weekend against Maryland and

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— Crawford Henry,
N.C. State Coach

Virginia."

Most of the team plays both singles and doubles. And if a key player — such as the Wolfpack's top-seed Bert Bolick — is out, State is in an even worse predicament.

Bolick, who is still ranked 30th in the nation with doubles' partner Saunders, has not played a singles match in the Pack's last four outings because of a shoulder injury. However, he did play a few doubles matches during the team's spring road trip.

Steve Finch has also been in and out of the Pack lineup with shoulder problems. He made a few appearances in Florida over the



Drew Lockwood/STAFF

N.C. State's men's tennis team lost its fifth consecutive match Thursday while dealing with a number of injuries.

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Jones says no to black

■ The possibility of the Wolfpack's school colors being changed to red, white and black came to a quick end Wednesday night — at least for now.

By TED NEWMAN
STAFF WRITER

Student Body President Chris Jones said Thursday he will not mandate a referendum to add black to N.C. State's colors for next week's student elections or a possible runoff the week after, citing personal reasons.

Jones mandating a referendum is one of three ways the proposed

referendum could make it onto the student election ballot.

"Generally, I'm against it because of the school's tradition," Jones said. "Also, we just need to look at this more seriously. We're not sure what would happen even if it passes. There are no rules governing this."

The other ways are the Student Senate voting it onto the ballot or the submission of a petition with 5 percent of the student body's signatures.

In Wednesday's Senate meeting, Senate President Chris Scott said the meeting was adjourned at 12:30 a.m. because there wasn't a quorum

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Pack debuts at Derr

■ Paul Derr Track will make its debut today as the Wolfpack opens its outdoor season at the Raleigh Relays. Tyrell Taitt also makes his seasonal debut.

By DAVID HONEA
STAFF WRITER

Paul Derr Track, which was completed last fall as part of the Wolfpack Pride campaign, will finally see its competitive debut this weekend when N.C. State hosts the Raleigh Relays, one of the largest

track meets in the East.

The track has been used extensively by physical education classes and recreational joggers — not to mention its use at Wolfpack track practices. But its first official meet will not be until today, the start of the Pack's outdoor season.

"This new facility is a big boost to our track program and to the success of the Raleigh Relays," State coach Rolfie Geiger said.

"Last year, [when the meet was at St. Augustine's because of construction at State] there was a

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If you build it ...



Liz Mainke/STAFF(2)

(Top) N.C. State's home baseball stadium, Doak Field, may receive funds for lights and other improvements from Raleigh's City Council. (Bottom) Other improvements to the facilities could include facelifts for the dugout, stands, press box and restrooms.

Doak improvements could come from city

■ An excess in Raleigh's city funds may be able to speed up Doak Field's needed renovation and open the field up for other events.

By OWEN S. GOOD
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

A cache of \$3.5 million in city funds could send Doak Field's renovation process into high gear if Raleigh's City Council wants to play ball.

N.C. State athletics director Todd Turner asked city manager Dempsey Benton if Raleigh would be interested in underwriting part of Doak's improvements Monday.

"I know the city had authorized the expenditure of up to \$3.5 million in the past [for city athletic facilities]," Turner said. "I don't have any idea if that's what they want

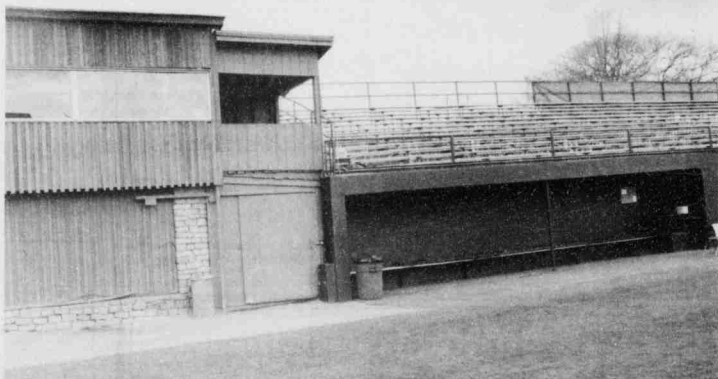
to do. This is way too preliminary."

The \$3.5 million Turner is referring to was raised from the city's hotel and restaurant tax to fund the Triangle Central Park. But since that fell through, the money is idle and — by state law — can't be used for anything other than sports, arts or cultural facilities.

Benton could not be reached for comment Thursday.

Doak Field received a new scoreboard at the start of the season, and a new outfield fence last year. But necessary items such as dressing rooms, better restrooms, better concession areas and improved seating are still needed, Turner said.

State's athletics department has also paid for a master plan for the development of Doak Field and the tennis courts this year. The baseball program has independently



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DAVID LOCKWOOD/STAFF

The Wolfpack continued to struggle Thursday in a 7-0 loss.

Tennis

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break, but he's not 100 percent. Freshman and potential starter Matt Ylvertson has also been injured because of a pre-season car wreck.

But the bright side of the Pack's

injuries is the increased playing time many of the underclassmen have received.

"The playing time the younger guys get in the higher seeds can only help them," Henry said.

And there is more young talent coming to State. This week the Pack signed four prospects for next season.

Raleigh

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raised funds — mostly through the sale of season tickets — and the athletics department has promised its support.

Turner says he won't presume that the city would want to fund Doak improvements. But he said he has a good feeling about the possibility.

"I know of — in the past — the city being interested in having somewhere in the city a facility that could host top level baseball events," Turner said.

Turner also said an overview of the renovations to Doak Field and the tennis courts was sent to a city council subcommittee this week.

In the plan, Doak Field would be expanded to 3,000 seats, with concessions and restroom facilities located between it and the tennis courts. The parking lot that joins Sullivan Drive would be closed down.

Baseball coach Ray Tanner said he is enthusiastic about the possibility.

"I basically told Todd I thought the idea was terrific," Tanner said while hitting infield practice.

"This would greatly enhance the improvements," Tanner said, dropping his fungo bat and holding his hands far apart for emphasis.

"We'd try to work out some kind of agreement where Doak would have joint use by the university and the city," Tanner said.

Tanner also speculated that city league adult baseball, high school baseball for Raleigh and other schools and American Legion games could be held at Doak Field.

Relays

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little bit of drop off in entries because people didn't seem to know what was going on. But now the meet is bigger than ever."

Nearly 2,000 athletes from over 90 teams will compete in 50 events, said meet director Gail Olson.

Competition begins today at noon

with qualifying rounds on the track and finals in some field events. Distance events begin at 4 p.m. Friday, and finals in all remaining events start Saturday at 11 a.m.

According to Geiger, Friday night's distance festival should have especially strong competition.

"The Raleigh Relays have developed a good reputation for long distance competition at the national level, because we usually

have a strong field, and the weather is conducive to running good times," he said. "Last year seven women qualified for the NCAA Championships in one race."

The highlight for the Wolfpack will be the return of NCAA triple jump champion Tyrell Taitt. A fifth-year senior, Taitt used up his eligibility for indoor track last year, but he returns to defend his outdoor title this season.

1994 Track and Field

Date	Opponent	Location
March 25-26	RALEIGH RELAYS	Raleigh, NC
April 2-3	Way Meet	Knoxville, TN
8-9	Duke Invitational	Durham, NC
22-23	ACC Outdoor Championships	Raleigh, NC
28-29	Penn Relays	Philadelphia, PA
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June 1-4	NCAA Championships	Boise, ID

Black

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present to continue the meeting.

And Chris Love, who introduced the possible change as a bill last month, said 75 percent of the students he polled are in favor of adding black to State's colors. Love also said 97 percent of the students would like to vote on the issue, but he did not introduce a petition Wednesday.

The much bally-hooped referendum to add black to the school's colors of red and white, which has been surrounded by confusion, is now all but dead.

At first, it was believed that a two-thirds majority vote by the student body was needed to pass the referendum. Later, some said only two-thirds of the voters was needed.

Then, Love began digging through

the university's archives. Love said he didn't find anything about a two-thirds vote in the minutes from the Faculty Senate's meeting on Sept. 8, 1895.

Two months later, the school colors of red and white were approved, but Love said there was no mention of a two-thirds vote.

At the time, there were about 150 students in the school, and the colors were blue and pink. The Student Senate did not exist.

The original vote on the issue was approved by the Senate for next week's elections. Now, at best, it could be part of a possible runoff election the following week.

A group of student senators, who oppose the bill, are responsible for the near-death of the bill. Scott said the issue was closed at the Feb. 9 Student Senate meeting after it was reopened for discussion, postponing the issue until Wednesday night.

"It's ridiculous to change the

colors because it's not needed," said Aaron Maurer, a junior student senator. "We wear black now, and nobody cares."

Love said the bill was reopened at the meeting because he arrived late. But he provided an alternate, who reopened the issue.

The alternate was persuaded by the opposition to bring the bill back onto the floor for discussion. And that was essentially the only way to stop the university-wide vote from taking place.

And it all was undertaken without Love's knowledge.

Although the bill seems dead, Jones said it could have another life.

"It could be brought up again in the fall if more information is found," Jones said. "I hate to take a vote and it be worthless. If the outcry was strong I would consider it, but it can't pass the Senate."

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Ancient pitch

Members of a new campus club promise they won't turn you into a newt, but they'll be happy to shoot the sabbat with you.

By JEAN LORSCHIEDER
ASSISTANT ET CETERA EDITOR

Yes, there are pagans at N.C. State University. Pagans wear Nikes. Pagans watch "Monty Python." These pagans are, well, pretty harmless.

The Society of Paganism and Magick (notice the acronym) is made up of a boisterous bunch of folks with diverse beliefs. The 14 members' interests include Wicca, Shamanism, herbalism, Druidism, energy transfer, healing, ancient mythology and just plain paganism. Like any other campus group, they began their meeting Wednesday night with official business.

They put their purpose in writing: "To exchange information and promote understanding of paganism and the magical arts. To act as a support group for those who have had negative experience from or for being pagans."

"Sounds like Pagans Anonymous!" yelled a guy in a bulky grey and red papier mache warrior mask. He identified himself



Donna Nolan, the Pagan Club leader presides over the meeting Wednesday.

as cmdr.slander.

They discussed whether they should post flyers.

"Yes! Scary ones!" Again, from the guy in the mask.

What about graphics for the flyers?

"A can of SPAM!"

"A chicken with a noose around its neck."

"No, the Roadrunner with a noose around its neck!"

"How about Wile E. Coyote actually catching the Road Runner?"

They thought about choosing

"None of us are the devil worshipping, sacrificing types."

— Donna Nolan,
club organizer

officers. In order to become a bona-fide campus club, complete with funding, the Society must elect officers and nab a faculty adviser. Membership, they decided, will be open to the public as well as NCSU students.

It kind of fell apart after that decision. This wasn't just a meeting, it was a free-for-all.

Chris Caran, decked-out in a Tasmanian Devil T-shirt, hid behind the blinds for a while. Later, he proceeded to bound across the tables.

Conversations (there were always at least three going on at once) covered everything from where Wendy's square hamburgers come from (square cows, naturally) to the death penalty being imposed for



An unidentifiable member of the Pagan Club dons a mask to shield his face.

DEW LOCKWOOD/STAFF

witchcraft.

"The next time any of us are arrested for practicing in public, please ask to be burned," said Thomas Martin, a guy with a wild laugh who is the club's newest member.

Books on magick and witchcraft were passed around. Tarot cards

were read.

A few members recited, in unison, the killer bunny scene from "Monty Python's Search for the Holy Grail." Then the meeting ended with: "Ewe is right out! Meeting adjourned!"

You could say the pagans raised hell. Not literally, though —

conjuring demons isn't their style. And no, they don't really string-up barnyard fowl.

"None of us are devil-worshipping, sacrificing types," said Donna Nolan, the club's

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Sex on line

Believe it or not, computers give users a way to vicariously live out their sexual fantasies.

By CLARENCE MOYE
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

Computers are very useful in college. They help us type papers, talk to people across the miles, and play sexually explicit games.

If you aren't aware of the last part of that statement, then you have been left out in the technological wilderness. Computers today, through places called bulletin board

"Computer sex and dating can prove good for people who are otherwise shy or nervous..."

— Red Wolf,
The Cave Sysop

systems (BBS), can run pornographic pictures and short movies and play erotic games such as "Fantasy Land" and "Studs" with just the push of a button. All you need is a computer, a modem and the morals of Ted Kennedy.

"Computer sex and dating can prove good for people who are otherwise shy or nervous," says the Red Wolf, who operates "The Cave" BBS. "It is easier (through computers) to be compatible on intellect than race, color, creed or religion."

BBS systems are easy to operate and become a member of. The secret to it is getting the files to add to your computer to start up the BBS. And for users, finding the right numbers to call that offer what they are looking for is the trick.

Some people enjoy adult computer games such as "STUDS." This game involves the adventures of a male prostitute as he searches for women to "pick up." It is economically challenging, as you must save up the money from your conquests to buy condoms and visit the doctor to check for STD's. Also, if you are really lucky, you can win the lottery and get enough money for that penis enlargement operation. (Alas, since the computer decides your "statistics," most players aren't very well endowed.) Other games include "Pimpwars."

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Mystery cheese

What do cheese, movies, T-shirts and N.C. State University have in common? Why, "Mystery Science Theater 3000," that's what!

By CLARENCE MOYE
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

Do you like cheese? I do, but you're probably not thinking of the kind of cheese I'm talking about. "Mystery Science Theater 3000" is a TV show that appears daily on Comedy Central. It involves three characters, two robots and a man that sit in front of a movie screen making fun of incredibly "cheesy" grade-B movies.

The fans, and there are literally thousands of them, call it "MST3K" and it came to N.C. State University through the "Free Cheese" tour. Hundreds of "MiSTies" lined up to watch the show — the first eighty received free T-shirts. One girl was so serious about

getting her "MST3K" T-shirt that she waited patiently outside the theater door for approximately six hours. Donna Nolan began her sit at around 1 p.m. and stayed until the show began at 7:30. "I just really like the show," Nolan said. "It is just like the commercial says, because it is just like watching cheesy movies with three of your best friends."

This screening of "MST3K" boasted a very stupid film called "The Outlaw," starring Jack Palance (what is he doing here?). The jokes flew in normal television fashion and were often hilarious.

Reaction to the screening was positive. Most people that showed up were true "MiSTies" and loved every minute of the show.

"It was hilarious," said Will Downing. "I loved every minute of it."

However, the show does have its detractors. "I really hated it," said Joni Satterthwaite. "It was funny in some parts, but the rest of it was



Mystery Science Theater 3000 mad scientist Dr. Clayton Forester and his assistant Frank test the effects of bad movies.

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just like, 'Get on with it!'"

Although I thought some parts were slow, the film was funny overall. My favorite joke was the "phallic" statue in the courtyard. The queen in the film walked by it and one of the hosts said, "God, I can't wait until they invent batteries!"

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where the object is to own all the best houses and women and make tons of money, and "Fantasy Land," where you play against several different people as you try to score (It is more involved than that, but it is really complicated to explain).

Through computers, the users can choose to download certain "images" that might offend or arouse, depending on the user's tastes. Also, powerful letters from other people all over the country can be read explaining their sexual exploits. Some of these can get very rough. If explicit lesbianism and bisexual activity offend you, these boards aren't for you.

Yet, not all computer BBSes offer explicit sexual material. In fact, for those systems that do offer adult access, a user must go through a rigorous examination to enter those

Others ways a BBS user or operator can get himself into trouble is with the very real threat of sexual harassment. Many users and operators don't realize what a serious matter this really can be.

Rhonda Mann at the Women's Center believes that sexually explicit computer material used in the workplace, whether it be on campus or in a major corporation, is "both unprofessional and demeaning for women. There is no place for that in public areas."

Although she strongly advocates the freedom of speech and the right to express yourself, Mann feels that computer pornography belongs at home and nowhere else.

Using sexually explicit computer material in public places can bring about several devastating consequences.

Leslie Dare of the sexual harassment prevention office located on the third floor of Holiday Hall states that the definitions of sexual harassment involves "any (sexually explicit) material in the workplace that makes others uncomfortable."

The current advancement in computers and technology is so great that the legal implications have not been deciphered yet. Dare feels this is the biggest problem and the sexual harassment office is "looking into freedom of expression through computers and computer pornography. Although no one has reported (computer harassment) in our office, it is an issue to be aware of and look into."

Dare doesn't want anyone to feel they have no recourse if this type of harassment does come about. There are several ways to report it, all of which are strictly confidential. "We will look into any claim."

I spoke to a frequent pornographic BBS user, who wishes to remain anonymous, and he states, "I really appreciate the BBS systems. It is really embarrassing to go into a video store and try to rent a porno movie. This way, I can enjoy this material privately without anyone ever knowing I look at it."

I don't mean to give computers and BBS systems a bad reputation. Not all of them are pornographic. Most programs are very helpful and useful, and sometimes it's fun to dial them up and speak to people you've never met before.

... the definitions of sexual harassment involves "any (sexually explicit) material in the workplace that makes others uncomfortable."

— Leslie Dare, Harassment Prevention

sections of the BBS. The rest of the different systems offer entertaining games and cool graphics.

Jeff, the owner of the Fifth Dimension BBS, does not offer adult access because "it is too much of a hassle to deal with. Too many minors will lie about their birth dates to get in."

You must be 18 to access adult material through computers, and anyone who offers such things as child pornography can get into serious trouble with the government.

Some people copy all the adult files available through a BBS. If the owner makes the person mad, they simply turn the BBS into the government. This action can result in the total shutdown of the BBS and confiscation of the computer system itself.



The Celtic Book of the Dead is just one of many books used by the Pagan Club as references.

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Pagans

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organizer.

Even so, their beliefs and interests

are still outside the mainstream. While some members are more interested in studying mythology and occult lore, others profess a belief in ancient religions and witchcraft, or Wicca.

Caitlyn (not her legal name, but one she adopted) said the pagans

don't want to convert non-believers or cause others trouble.

"We aren't going to bother you," Caitlyn said. "We have absolutely no way to influence your thoughts, your religion, your country."

"We just want to practice our religion."

A nondescript bearded guy who goes by Cian said pagans don't go on recruiting missions.

"You don't get converted. You realize that's what you were all along," Cian said. "Why waste our time on people who aren't interested?"

In the past, some members have had experiences with people who don't appreciate paganism (to put it mildly).

"They've been told they're evil. They've been told they're going to burn in hell. They've been told they're atheists because they don't worship the Christian god."

Cian attributes the anti-pagan attitude to ignorance.

"The standard definition of 'pagan' for most people is a person who worships Satan, kills animals and who knows what else," Cian said.

But Wicca, for example, is a

religion of tolerance and spirituality. Wicca stresses respect for the earth, healing and spiritual growth. The Wiccan ethic is: "An ye harm none, do as ye will."

Wiccan rituals are usually performed in solitude (you may have noticed there aren't any Wiccan "churches" around these parts). During a ritual, a practitioner may use several symbolic tools to cast spells of fortune, comfort or love.

Wiccans do not go around simply casting spells to harm others, because they believe in the Rule of Three. Any energy that is sent out returns to the sender threefold.

One Wiccan member, Caitlyn, said she lost a good friend when she confided in him about her beliefs. On another occasion, she was accused of demonism, after she had explained her religion.

Her reply to these accusations: "I've never summoned a demon in my life and I never plan on summoning a demon!"

It just doesn't work that way. You can join the Society for Paganism and Magick Wednesday nights, at 7. For more information, call Donna Nolan at 676-0361.



A few of a Pagan's tools - the pentagram and Tarot cards.

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Jennings

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elected to the Student Senate three times as a representative from the College of Forest Resources. This year, his fellow senators elected him to the position of president pro tem.

"That position allows him to serve as the student representative on the Faculty Senate. Jennings said he thinks his position on the Faculty Senate will be particularly important if he is elected president.

"That committee has allowed me one on faculty relations," Jennings said. "This next year I think that's going to be one of my real strong points. I've already met the people who I would have a lot of contact with."

The issues Jennings said he thinks are important range from food to transportation to tuition. He advocates the creation of a dining committee, which would review the current proposals for renovating N.C. State University's dining facilities and would make appropriate recommendations.

As far as tuition, Jennings said he opposes any increases. He also said he wants to push the Chancellor's Office to provide financial support to the Women's Center and wants a trained rape counselor as a permanent member of the Women's Center's staff.

Jennings also said Public Safety officials should be accountable for their actions — and he would like to see a Public Safety review board.

Jennings said that along with his experience, his ability to get the opinions of knowledgeable students and administrators will help him be an effective leader.

"I believe that if you want to do something right, you need to empower the students who know how to do it, get input from the people who know the most about it," Jennings said.

Jennings said his decision to run for president is not a new idea.

"It has been a goal of mine since I entered this university," he said. Last year, he was on the Constitutional Revision Committee in the Student Senate. Aside from Student Government, Jennings is a member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity and is involved with the Fellows Program.



Jennings

Johnson

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student body treasurer. He said he will use those characteristics to fuel his campaign. He said he has several major goals:

- To create a student-operated Public Safety complaint review committee. This committee would review student complaints made against Public Safety officers.
- To make sure teacher evaluations are published. Students deserve to know that kind of information when registering for classes, Johnson said.
- To start a student-run book exchange.

"Why are we selling our books back to the stores and losing money?" Johnson said. He proposes that students could meet in the Student Center and exchange books or buy them from one another at fair prices.

Johnson said he wants to do what he can to keep university administration from eliminating course repeat without penalty.

His last two campaign goals are to back the Women's Center and the reinstatement of the women's studies minor, which was canceled last fall, and to help with the creation of a minor in African-American studies.

"My main mission during my term as treasurer was to increase funding or to stretch it out and allow more organizations to receive funding and sponsor more events, go to conventions or competitions," he said.

This year, around 60 student groups have been supported monetarily by the Student Senate — the most in recent history.

"That was my campaign promise last year and I accomplished that," he said.

As treasurer, Johnson is a member of the Student Media Authority, the body that governs the five campus media; the Student Legal Advisory Board, a free legal service to all students; the Sport Club Authority, which governs all club sports; the Library Committee, the committee that governs the major issues of the library; and the Chancellor's Liaison, a forum in which student leaders meet with Chancellor Larry Monteth to discuss issues.

Johnson has been involved with student government since 1992. He was appointed to the Student Senate in spring 1992 and remained a senator through the 1992-93 school year.



Johnson

Midgette

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that needs to be changed. They should tie a red tape around campus."

Some of his major concerns are improving the parking situation, educating the student body about its opportunities and increasing the funds allocated directly toward students.

"We have got to do something about the parking situation," he said. "The ticketers should chill out and not give students tickets unnecessarily."

If elected, Midgette said he plans to meet with the Division of Transportation to work out a plan to park without lines or tickets.

Midgette also said he plans to create more interdepartmental activities or "social endeavors" to show the university its diversity and its opportunities. "Whatever you feel is your best talent, you should be able to express that and right now at State that is impossible," he said. "I feel that everyone is repressed."

His plan would include inviting majors from diverse departments, such as the English department and the physics department, for a band party, poetry reading, magic show or film festival.

Midgette said he's also worried about the effects of budget cuts.

"Why does the library close at 1 a.m.? Why can't it stay open 24 hours?" he asked. "The school does not give enough money to the educators or the students themselves. Students' educations shouldn't have to suffer due to lack of money."

Midgette has no previous Student Government experience. But he said that shouldn't be a problem.

"I'm at my current apex," he said. "I want to expand myself to a more adult world."

Midgette said he has been "affiliated" with WKNC since he was in junior high school. When asked about that affiliation, however, he said he was tied to WKNC "just by listening to the radio station."

Midgette's was hired in January to work as a non-paid newscaster, said Ken ReCorr, WKNC's assistant news director, but he didn't last long.

"He has never been on the WKNC payroll," said Chris Phillips, the WKNC station manager. "Midgette is in no way to represent WKNC at this time."

Sam Mullis, WKNC's chief engineer, said Midgette cannot come back to the station in any capacity until the summer. The WKNC Staff Manual says that employees who are dismissed must wait until the next semester to return to the station.

Pottmyer

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administration. "This is our university, we're paying customers at this university," Pottmyer said. "I'd like to have a university where the customer comes first."

To hear the student body's voice, Pottmyer said she hopes to establish town meetings or forums, where students could meet and talk to their Student Government representatives.

"I don't think a lot of students know who their senators," she said.

Pottmyer said the town forum would be a way to get that and other important information to students.

If elected, Pottmyer said she wants to improve safety conditions by increasing lighting as well as the Public Safety staff. Academically, she advocates the increased use of midterm evaluations, and she said she wants to let students see the results of those evaluations.

Keeping with her emphasis on communication, Pottmyer said she wants to use NCSU's computer networks to distribute Student Government information. She also said she wants to make sure both students and faculty can use the technology at their disposal.

"Students need to be in the know," she said.

This year, Pottmyer was involved in several student leadership activities, including serving as Inter-Residence Council president and President's Roundtable member. In her role, she also attended the Chancellor's Liaison meeting.

She said she thinks these activities helped her become familiar with the way things get done at NCSU.

"I know the systems we have at this university that are in place," Pottmyer said. "I know the way that things happen on this campus. I can use that to benefit the students."

Pottmyer said she decided to run for the office because she thought she could make a difference.

"After being involved this year at the level I've been at, I saw things that I knew that I could help to change," she said. "I saw things that I could help to improve. I just saw that there was a place for me."



Pottmyer

Rouzer

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are the greatest servants to the people," he said. "I'm trying to find another way to serve the student body."

Rouzer has had several chances to practice his philosophy.

He is currently president of Phi Delta Theta fraternity, and has served his peers in other posts, including Interfraternity Council rush chair and director of programs of the Raleigh Wesley Foundation.

In addition, he is a graduate of the Bryce Harlow Institute on Business and Government Affairs, a seven-week program held in Washington, D.C., centering on politics and leadership skills.

In order to serve N.C. State University's student body, Rouzer said he wants to communicate more with the students.

"I'm really, really pushing for that communication line," said Rouzer, a senior in agriculture business management, agriculture economics and chemistry.

Rouzer said he has three communication tactics he would try to implement if elected.

First, he said he wants to establish a call-in radio show on WKNC, NCSU's radio station, where he would field questions and handle concerns from the students as well as go over things that are coming up on the Student Senate floor. Possible guests for the show would be university administrators such as Chancellor Larry Monteth.

A second way Rouzer said he would like to improve communication between himself and the student body would be to create a weekly column for the SBP in Technician. In it, he said he would address issues similar to those raised on the radio show.

And finally, he said he would like to have open forums with key administrators.

Rouzer said he also wants to stay in touch with the student groups he has met with during his campaign.

"I think that would help immeasurably," he said.

Rouzer said there are several issues he would address if elected, and the quality of undergraduate education at NCSU is the most important.

Campus safety, acquiring more Wolfline buses, universal access to computers, improved Student Health Services are other issues on his platform.



Rouzer

Rules

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may have been on the disk in a way

it could be brought back. But it was too late then.

Woodell said there's no excuse this late in the year for that to still be a problem.

"That doesn't make sense to me,"

he said. "We should have a hardcopy we could work with somewhere."

Scott said he doesn't think the situation is deliberate.

"He did the best job he could

without knowing the rules," Scott said. "Bobby had to train himself."

Woodell agreed, but said that is no excuse.

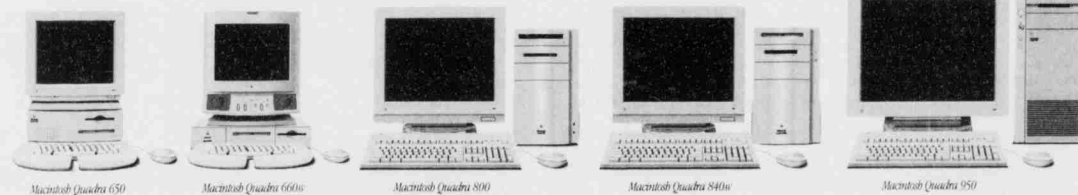
"I'm not sure it matters if he

knowingly violated the rules," he said. "If he doesn't know the rules, he doesn't belong in that office."

Johnson said it comes down to interpretation. He never broke an actual rule, he said.

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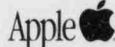
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Remembering Tony

■ Tony Williamson lives on through his memory and accomplishments he left behind.

The N.C. State University student body suffered a tragic loss over spring break. The shock and pain of Tony Williamson's death has struck the entire university community.

Yet his legacy lives on to comfort those who mourn. Along with precious memories, Williamson has left behind many achievements for students to learn from and projects for others to carry on in his name.

He was a very busy man. His list of accomplishments is long. Even his mother said that even she didn't know the extent of all he had accomplished in such a short time.

Williamson was not motivated by personal gain, but by a desire to reach out to others.

His experience in reaching out led him to modify his career goals to reflect the interests of African-American students. Tentatively, Williamson was to attend graduate school at Temple University in the fall. He planned to earn master's and doctorate degrees in African-American Studies.

Williamson began his career in education as an NCSU student. His dissatisfaction with the representation of African-American students in campus media led him to his most noted role at NCSU — as founding editor-in-chief of The Nubian Message.

Victor Okafor, visiting assistant professor of African-American studies, said that The Nubian Message "would not have come into being without Tony's perseverance." He went on to suggest that The Nubian Message be renamed as The Tony Williamson Journal.

Such responses to Williamson's contributions illustrate the kind of person he was. He made an impact on everyone around him. He was a leader who worked for what he thought was right. Williamson will be remembered for the many accomplishments he made while at NCSU.

Sadly, we will never know what he could have accomplished in the future. Like many other great leaders, Williamson was taken away much too soon. But his accomplishments are remembered. Through all the people he touched, Williamson lives.

The greatest tribute to him would be for others to carry out his dreams and finish the work he started.



Commentary

Conservatives must stick together

The difficult thing about writing conservative commentary on a university campus is that I never know how many people out there agree with me until one of my fellow Technician columnists takes some silly, liberal stance on some issue near and dear to our hearts. Suddenly, the Campus Forum sizzles with rebuttals I wish I had said myself.

But now that I know you conservatives are out there, it's time to have a little talk among ourselves.

We won't win. Sophists like to say we're in some cycle. The 80s were conservative, the 90s will be liberal and then it will probably swing back again. They're wrong. The corrosive effects of liberalism and nihilism are not reversible, not without an act of God.

The Evidence

Here are a few examples, before I continue my thesis.

• The so-called "anti-hate" rally on campus recently was only about gay rights, not hate.

I could name to you some professors on this campus who hatefully attack Christianity every semester, intimidating students of faith. (I won't name those profs 'til I graduate!) But that kind of hate is not only acceptable. It's endorsed with university paychecks.

• J.D. Unwin, an anthropologist who studied 88 major world civilizations, showed that all of the great civilizations began with strong moral standards along the lines of sexuality. Unwin showed that the looser their sexual standards became, the closer they came to their end.

Unwin's findings, combined with the fact that no democracy has lasted far beyond 200 years, is stone-cold sobering.

• Defecation or representations of defecation are passing for art. Really. And some of it is getting tax dollars through the National Endowment for the Arts. Meanwhile, the "cultural elite" sneer at Norman Rockwell. Alistair Cooke once said that the end of a civilization is near when the freakish passes for art.

• Pearl Jam's lead singer, Eddie Vedder, wrote "pro-choice" on his arm during their MTV Unplugged session, which wouldn't be a problem if King's X wasn't told by Atlantic Records that they cannot play their pro-life song "Legal Kill," from the "Faith Hope Love by King's X" album, in concert. (Liberals do all the censoring these days.)

• Michael Stipe, R.E.M.'s lead singer, said during pre-inaugural celebration for Slick Willy that "individual property rights" are not going to cut it if we want to solve our problems. Too many young people think he said something intelligent, because the school systems aren't making them intelligent. Since when is a pop singer an economist?

Perhaps I should say, we have lost. Look at the Reagan years. They were just preservatives in some aspects. In other aspects, "the conservative 80s" were really just a slow slide downhill. Will Jack Kemp in '96 do more than preserve? I'm skeptical.

The Only Option

You can't push the culture back.

Colin Burch



But to quit fighting is the worst act of cowardice.

We aren't supposed to win. Greece fell. Rome fell. America will fall. The ideas that kept those civilizations and our country strong are now either ridiculed or squelched.

Public-policy liberals, many academics, nihilists and the truly greedy people of this country think only in terms of rewards. The question of those types of people is, how will taking a stand benefit me? The idea of principle is scoffed at. The idea of God has been glossed over, prettied up or forgotten.

Sometimes you get lucky. I've won two awards for columns I've written in this space. But you can't expect that. You can't live to be Limbaugh — but I'll get to him in a minute.

Our only option is to get involved in every facet of our society, especially in the arts and in community service. Our only option is to start doing what we should've been doing all along.

We keep fighting because Patrick Henry said, "Give me liberty or give me death."

We keep fighting because the apostles would not shut up about their faith, even if it cost them their lives.

Are your beliefs that precious to you?

Check Your Head It's difficult to take a stand for precisely the same reason it is difficult to push culture back. Think about how much of the garbage of this culture we let into ourselves. For example, many of us have foul mouths. Doesn't conservatism have everything to do with decency? Shedding part of us is the most difficult thing to do.

We have to avoid being participants in destructive culture. How do you wear yourself from the culture? The entertainment industry has gone to hell. Music, television and movies are getting less and less uplifting. The trite liberal line is, "It's, like, reality, man!" So read the February edition of The Atlantic Monthly — it's cover story is reality at its worse. Entertainment, especially music, sticks in our heads differently than journalism.

I'm not saying to never see anything that's not rated G. I'm saying that each individual must judge what goes into him or her, and must judge what it produces. Garbage in, garbage out.

Many of us have forgotten to guard our eyes and minds. In Old Testament times, it was thought that a person would follow either what was before the eyes or what was in the heart.

Blaise Pascal, the French mathematician and philosopher, said, "All our dignity lies in thought. Let us strive, then, to think well." This goes hand-in-hand with another Old Testament idea, which is meditation — but not the ethereal New Age junk. It is simply a repetition of truth and a focus on truth.

Morals matter. Ideas have consequences. Culture conforms.

To fight against the impurity, you must have a certain degree of purity. I'm still working on that degree, but this column is addressed to friends, so I don't feel like I'm caught in that practice-what-you-preach contradiction. But if you think about this stuff and try to live it out, don't expect to win a popularity contest.

The Limbaugh Factor

But what about Rush Limbaugh, Colin? He's on every radio station in the world! He's sold 41 million books! What do you mean, we're going to lose?

I firmly believe Limbaugh had everything to do with the elections of New Jersey Gov. Christina Todd Whitman and New York Mayor Rudolph Giuliani. He probably ousted former Virginia Gov. Douglas Wilder, too.

Frankly, too many people are being stultified, listening to Limbaugh and getting a big charge out of it. But it takes more than Limbaugh and George Will and The American Spectator. If you think of Limbaugh as a potential messiah, he's too late. MTV, Peter Jennings, Dan Rather, Tom Brokaw — these are the ones getting the attention. We've entered the age of the masses. One doesn't have to be educated to vote. One can be easily swayed by the kind of symbolism-over-substance we saw during Slick's State of the Union address.

Limbaugh is a rallying point. Limbaugh has made converts. Limbaugh is good, but he's not God.

A Distant Hope

Conservatives can be Muslim. Conservatives can be Jewish. Conservatives can be Moonies, who happen to own The Washington Times!

I'm a Christian conservative, regardless of what the intellectually lazy will associate with me (there's that MTV/Jennings/Rather/Brokaw effect again).

My hope is for an American Renaissance. A friend recently told me that the starting point for the European Renaissance was when a few good men began to look back again and ask themselves why their condition was so awful. What took place was a spiritual and intellectual revival.

That's what we need today — spiritual and intellectual revival in our land. If we could ever win, it would be because of such a revival, one that needs to come very soon. Don't expect it to come in a familiar way if it comes. We need something new.

Prayer can change things. So can truth. In our thriving for intellectual, philosophical and doctrinal soundness, we can never forget that we are weak and finite as human beings.

St. Paul said to fight the good fight. Fight to win, but count the costs.

Our victory is no longer in the outcome of the nation, but in how well we stick to our principles.

Rights for everyone

■ Human Rights Week leaves students with a better understanding of human rights.

Finally, a week-long celebration that includes N.C. State University that comes to everyone, should offend no one and should have everyone's support — Human Rights Week.

But many students do not have a broad enough view of human rights and awareness of the importance of fighting for them.

The fight for human rights is a universal one. Americans may experience violations of those rights in more subtle ways than other people around the world, but abuses anywhere hurt the value of human life everywhere.

Students at NCSU may feel safe and secure. Their rights are guaranteed by the Constitution. And such rights make the university an open forum for debate and exchange of ideas.

However, the countries around the world still discourage dissent through violent force, and imprisonment without fair trials.

If students have a hard time visualizing the importance of fighting

against such violations that occur beyond U.S. borders, they should take some time to look on the inside.

The United States is a culprit as well.

As Howard Zinn, Boston University professor and civil rights activist pointed out Monday to an audience of 50, the unequal distribution of wealth in the United States allows for a vast expanse of violations against the poor.

For example, toxic dumps are frequently placed in poor minority neighborhoods.

Zinn challenged students to evaluate their attitudes about human rights on local and global scales.

Seeing the global view involves looking at our nation's role in the whole picture. As Zinn emphasized, Americans tolerate acts of aggression by the United States and by "countries we like."

Even in places where human rights are guaranteed in theory, they're not always in practice.

Human rights are non-exclusive. Everyone benefits from them, and for the same token, everyone suffers from violations of them. Students should consider all violations as personal attacks. That might be what it takes to make students aware of their responsibility to join in the fight.

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Movement gone astray

I saw a review of "Reality Bites" in the Spectator the other day that referred to another reviewer who said if you want to really piss the patrons of the movie off, call it a "Generation X" flick. "They hate that," the reviewer wrote. I was not shocked to read this, not disenchanted, not even the least bit surprised to see the reviewer completely miss the idiocy of what he was saying. He stated the end result without even appearing to try to see the reason why. Sure, it's an obvious film, marketed at the 20-plus age group — us — called so fondly by those older, "Generation X." And sure, we'll probably line up to see it and dish out money to the ticket window like quarters in a pinball machine. The issue here isn't who the movie is marketed to, or why it's marketed to us. The issue is why we have been classified as "Generation X."

Remember "P.C.?" Remember the beginnings of the politically correct movement? I do. I've seen this movement go like Communism — initially intellectually appealing, but then grossly deformed by human nature, or more specifically, by a majority collective mentality. The political correctness movement began as a revolution against tradition, a renaissance of literary, philosophical and artistic works that were, through racism, bigotry and sexism, not included in the great collective tome in the sky often called "The Classics."

It began as a search for varied idea and thought, for things of value not specifically deemed so by the typical "white male scholar." It was a search for new Countee Cullen poems, rather than obscure Donnean letters. In short, it was a revolt against, and a questioning of, classification.

As most things do, it expanded, and as (or maybe even before) it expanded, it became championed by the political faction called the radical left. (Left wingers may disagree; there are politically correct members of the regular Democratic Party. However, few can dispute that the majority of the political supporters of this movement were, at the beginning, radical democrats.)

The expansion was chiefly a

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Ulrich Casimir

matter of ideas — that if a black man's literary works were as important and/or effective as a white man's, if his ideas could be seen as of equal consequence, then he deserved to be called what he wanted to be called — not "black," but "African-American." If everyone is truly equal, then a push must be generated to ensure that everyone gets equal treatment, that everyone agrees with what they are called, that no one suffers psychological discomfort or shame for the way that they are referred to or treated.

The origins of this are murky, but one thing stands clear: somewhere in the mix, the idea of true individualism got lost. People who sought to separate themselves from the crowd by forming hyphenated groups still suffered from a collective mentality; now they were parts of smaller crowds, but crowds — classifications — just the same. This is where human nature and a collective mentality corrupted something that may well have started out with pure, sky-high aspirations. Just as Communist ideals lie upon a false hope of a high kind of altruism, the political correctness movement lies upon a false vision of human spirit.

The majority of us don't seek to express ourselves and appreciate our own individual differences. We simply seek to belong. We do not seek to promote unhindered examination of self. We simply seek to classify.

Now there is a "revolt" against the politically correct crowd. The revolt seems centered around a weariness of being so careful, of having groups tell you to call a manhole a personhole, or a man-eating shark a person-eating shark. According to these revolvers, groups like this contradict the American value of freedom of speech, and, more often, freedom of hate.

But there is a smaller, more thoughtful revolt, a revolt of those who saw the wrong turn the

movement took and seek self-expression and the right to be, without punishment. They want true individualism. They want complete and uncensored freedom of speech. They seek lives unhindered by classification. They want their books to be called novels, not "an African-American novel" or "a novel by a woman." They are searching for something which seems mysterious and elusive — the right to be judged on merit and achievement, rather than some arbitrary determination.

These are the ones who celebrated a renewed appreciation for the literature and art of their culture or sex. These are the ones who twisted uncomfortably when the classifications (often called stereotypes) they had been trying to escape, and hoped they had, were hurled back in their faces — same dance, different tune.

When people like the above-mentioned reviewer sneer at what they call the "13th generation" or "Generation X," and poke fun at what is often called our "incredibly increased self-consciousness," it makes no sense that they can't see that what they are doing is spreading fertilizer (often called horse shit) for that self-consciousness to grow deeper.

As the inhabitants of our generation struggle to "find themselves," to grasp a sense of individual being in a country of decay, corruption and confusion, people like this reviewer shove them back into a manufactured classification ring.

As we try to transcend the limits placed upon us by the screw-ups of our parents, we are stultified. They tell us our thoughts are expected. They tell us who we are. They tell us what we must think. We are told that we have no individual selves to find.

To this reviewer, I quote "a classic," Alexis de Tocqueville's "Democracy in America," when I say, "I know of no place where there is less independence of mind and true discussion than in America." That was in 1835. Your "Generation X" has a lot of work to do, and we've got your slack to pick up. So, gentle reviewer, take my advice:

Get out of our way, and let us "do it 'til it's done."

Supporting Rich for president

The time for student government elections is approaching us once again. Our leaders evolve and campaign in a very competitive election. This year Rich Jennings is one of the candidates for the 1994 campaign for student body president. I would like to extend my endorsement for Rich. I have worked professionally in student government and personally with him over the past year. I have gotten to know Rich in many different realms of this university. He has been involved in many different organizations and held several leadership positions. He has been a role model to all who know him through his dedication to academics and leadership. Rich has succeeded in very demanding curricula in chemical engineering and pulp and paper technology, which require long hours of class and studies. After the long days on campus, he has committed himself to Student Senate (as pro tempore), Fellows, Scholars, Intramurals, Phi Delta Theta and several other organizations on campus as well as off campus.

I am very concerned about the elections this year because our

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university needs a strong leader as student body president. We need someone to represent our views during this time of drastic changes at N.C. State University. We need someone who is involved on this campus and is aware of the students' needs.

Our new president needs to be someone who truly cares about the integrity of our university and is open-minded to all the students. I know that Rich can fulfill the students' expectations and be an outstanding liaison to the faculty, professors and administration on our campus.

Rich is outstanding among his peers because he not only has remarkable skills as a leader but he also cares about the university and its students. He is always accessible and willing to assist anyone in any situation or with any issue. If he does not understand, he will take the time to understand. Most importantly, he is always willing to listen and take criticism

Rich Jennings has what it takes to be student body president. He has the experience, skills, time management, personal skills and the diligence to go beyond the call of duty as an executive officer. He would be an asset to NCSU and our student body. I hope you will also support him in the 1994 elections for student body president. Thank you for your time.

Gina Morrow
Junior, communication

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Memorial

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Williamson, Dawn Gordon. "Tony said 'I'll do it,' and that is all it took," she said.

"We need to remember what Tony said and keep him alive within us," she said.

Gordon recalled a class they were in together.

"He gave a dramatic interpretation of 'My Black Hand,'" she said. "He didn't just read it — it was more than just words. I know that he had it in him."

Ron Murphy, a friend and former roommate of Williamson's, also had fond memories.

"When we were freshmen, he

came into my room and started playing Nintendo," he said. "He beat me and then just left. When I asked who he was, he said 'I'm X, that's all you need to know.' For three weeks I wanted to play against him again."

Former teachers gave further praise for Williamson.

"He had great ambition," said Victor Okafor/Okafor, one of Williamson's teachers. "He was a very articulate student. His insights were distinctive. He was not confused about who he was."

Okafor proposed The Nubian Message's name be changed to the Tony Williamson Journal.

"He had a very brilliant mind," said Associate Provost Lawrence Clark, who also acted as a mentor to Williamson. "He always wanted

to be the point guard — if he played football, he would want to be the quarterback."

Clark said Williamson would frequently come to his house to learn more about African history. These readings changed Williamson's career goals, Clark said.

"He came to this university intending on being a lawyer," Clark said. "After he did a lot reading, he wanted to become a teacher."

Faheem Ashanti, a psychologist at the Counseling Center, said Williamson had planned to withdraw from classes this semester shortly before spring break because of health problems he was having. He had set up a mandatory appointment for Monday, the first day after spring break.

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CUSTOMER SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE needed. Part-time, individual would handle customer pick-up and delivery of other duties. Some electronic knowledge helpful. 448-3718.

Autos For Sale

Time for a new set of wheels? Get rid of the old one in *Technician Classifieds*. Call 515-2029 between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Miscellaneous

PAY IN-STATE TUITION! Residency Status and Tuition. The brochure on the in-state residency application process written by an attorney, is available at the NCSU Bookstore.

Miscellaneous

CONDOMS, VITAMINS, CREAMS, SOAPS, & NOVELTIES! Discount catalog \$1.00. Personal Necessities, P.O. Box 2596, Newburgh, New York 12550.

Miscellaneous

LEGAL SERVICES. General Practice including DUI, Traffic Offenses, and Misdemeanors. DANIEL LAW OFFICES, PA 555-0516.

Help Wanted

WORK PROCESSING: Term Papers, Theses, Write-Essay Resumes, Letters. Open Monday-Friday. **VISAMIC - ROGERS WORD SERVICE**, 1304 Hillborough Street, Room 334. Professional word processing/typing service. Term papers, dissertations, theses. Editing by M.E. degreed staff. Former College English instructor. Graduation/wedding announcements, business cards. FAX UPS. OFFICE SOLUTIONS, Mission Valley, near Kerr Drive, 634-7182. Monday-Saturday. **TERM PAPERS, RESUMES, ETC.** Write: JoAnna 821-2800.

Help Wanted

CONSEJEROS, CAMP WAYNE FOR GIRLS, biethnic/camp, Northeastern Pennsylvania, 623-8218-14. HAVE THE MOST MEMORABLE SUMMER OF YOUR LIFE! Counselors needed for all sports, water, and cultural activities. Many positions available. **CAMP INTERVIEWS** Monday, April 25. Sign up Student Services Center (beside Harris Hall). For more information, call 1-800-756-CAMP or 516-910-3217 or write 12 Allied Street, Lido Beach, N.Y. 11666.

Help Wanted

TELEMARKETERS. Flexible hours, near campus, competitive pay weekly. Experience not required. Tom, 829-8065.

Help Wanted

RECORD EXCHANGE is currently seeking qualified applicants for full-time part-time positions. Applicants must have strong music knowledge and excellent customer-service skills. Previous retail experience preferred. Please apply in person at Mission Valley Shopping Center, 22311111 Avenir Ferry Road. No phone calls. EOE.

Room-mates

Need a roommate? Need a room? Seek and ye shall find in *Technician Classifieds*. Call 515-2029 between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

For Rent

If you are looking to rent some property to the fine, outstanding people at NCSU, look no further. Call *Technician Classifieds* at 515-2029 between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

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Recycle, so our Earth won't look like this!

Help Wanted

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Help Wanted

ATTENTION STUDENTS: Earn extra cash stuffing envelopes at home. All materials provided. Send SASE to Midwest Mailers, P.O. Box 395, Dallas, KS 66051. Immediate Response.

Help Wanted

CRUISE LINE entry level on board and land-side positions available. Summer or year-round. Great benefits, free travel. (813) 229-5748. Healthy males and females 18-35. No smoking history, no medications, no allergies needed to participate in EPA/UC Air Pollution Studies. Flexible schedule needed. Attractive fees paid. Call 529-9993 for information.

Help Wanted

GREKS & CLUBS Earn \$50.00-\$250.00 free yourself plus up to \$500.00 for your club! This fundraiser costs nothing and lasts one week. Call NOW and receive a FREE gift. 1-800-932-0258 ext. 65.

Volunteer Services

If you would like to find out more about volunteer opportunities, call the *Volunteer Services Office* at 515-2029.

Lost & Found

Lost gold chain bracelet, high sentimental value. Reward. Call 512-1948.

CRYPTOQUIP

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 USDPG OBIHFVBGBLV
 HHTPGFOOV

Today's Cryptoquip clue: I equals C

CRYPTOQUIP BOOK! Send \$4.50 (check/m.o.) to CryptoClassics Book 1, PO Box 6411, Riverport NJ 08077.

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

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Help Wanted

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Help Wanted

PT POSITION. 10h/hrs/wk. must be able to handle busy packages, enjoy working with customers, enjoy working in a small business, work under pressure, have excellent telephone skills. Retail experience required. Call 821-9233.

Help Wanted

SERIOUS MONEY. Call First Distributing to see how to make \$200 or more per week from your dorm or home. Call 380-7818.

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