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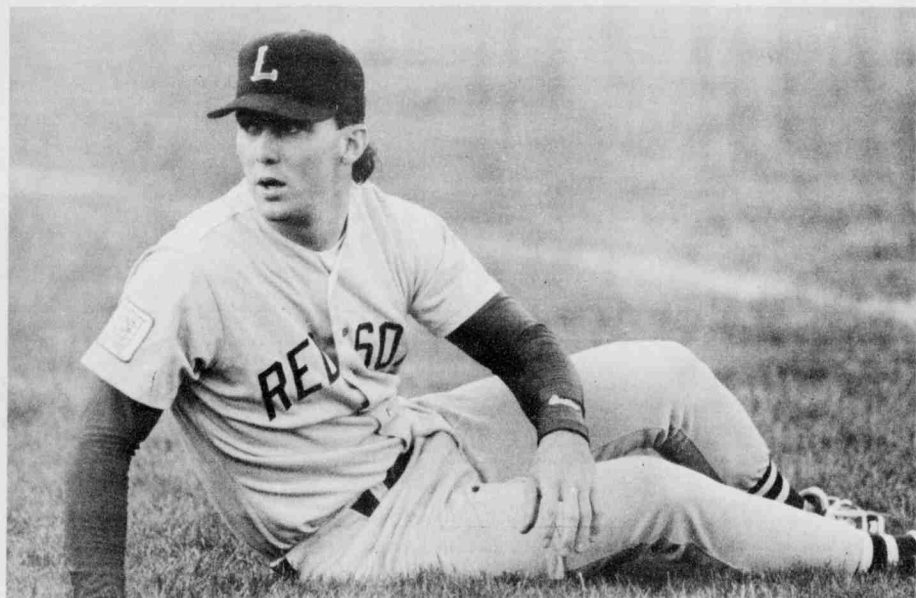
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The one that got away



Wilmington's Trof Nixon, a once highly-sought after football and baseball recruit for N.C. State, warms up with the Lynchburg Red Sox before Tuesday night's game against the Durham Bulls. Nixon signed with the Boston Red Sox this past fall, opting for a pro career instead of a college scholarship. He went 0-4 while teammate Shawn Senior, a former Wolfpack pitcher, threw eight innings for the win. Story, page 3.

Editor faces charges

■ A campus leader says Public Safety's charges against him are based on misunderstandings.

By DAVE BLANTON
News Editor

The Nubian Message's managing editor received a campus appearance ticket Thursday for suspicion of possessing a weapon on campus, vandalism, stolen property and violation of Housing and Residence Life codes.

Jay Cornish said Tuesday the charges against him resulted from a misunderstanding between him and his roommate. And the charge of possessing a weapon lacks substance because Public Safety mistook a decorative walking stick with a dull blade as dangerous, Cornish said.

He also said the alleged stolen property, two chairs and a table, was already in his room when he moved in last August.

A Public Safety officer came to Kyle Smith and Cornish's room — Bagwell 203 — to follow up on a call from their resident adviser, who noticed the room had some furniture in it that didn't seem to belong. The RA saw the furniture when he was trying to help Smith fix his compact disc player Wednesday.

That's when the RA, Thiem Pham, noticed two tables

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Senior to talk in May

■ The student speaker at this year's commencement exercises says he has a message his classmates need to hear.

By JAMIE BYRUM
Staff Writer

Jacob Brown has been chosen by the university commencement committee to address N.C. State's graduating class during ceremonies May 14 at Carter-Finley Stadium.

Brown said he sought the opportunity to speak at commencement because he has a relevant message for his peers.

"I felt like I had something I wanted to say to students," Brown said. The address will focus on redefining diversity and applying one's education outside of college life, Brown said.

A resident of Sharon, Ga., Brown is a fifth-year senior in pulp and paper technology and chemical engineering.

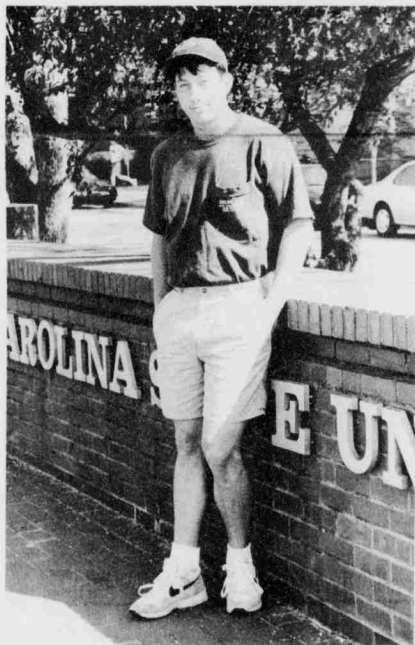
He's a member of the Technical Association of Pulp and Paper Industries and has had three internships with Fortune 500 companies while at NCSU. He is the president of Delta Chi fraternity and is very active in intramural sports.

Brown was tapped from a field of eight candidates and was the only candidate from the College of Engineering.

Brown said the position of commencement speaker was open to all graduating seniors. The process involved filling out an application, securing references and going before the commencement committee to deliver a practice speech.

Although not a part of the commencement committee,

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Jacob Brown will speak at May's graduation ceremony. The Georgia native competed against seven others for the job.

Dole to speak at Commencement

■ The former Secretary of Labor comes back to the Triangle next month to address graduating seniors.

By MARK TAFFAR
Staff Writer

Elizabeth Dole, president of the American Red Cross and a N.C. native, will deliver the keynote address at N.C. State's May 14 graduation ceremonies.

Dole, a Duke University graduate, has worked in five presidential administrations.

Dole's distinction as a national public figure wasn't the only factor that made her a favorite to give the address, said Paul Tucker, chair of the Commencement Committee. The fact that she's from North Carolina was a factor. Tucker and communication professor Nancy Snow said.

But getting Dole wasn't easy, Tucker said.

Like others in the past, it took over a year to secure the engagement. The bi-annual commencement address — always held at Carter-Finley Stadium — requires a lot of planning, said Tucker, a professor in the College of Textiles.

Dole, whose husband is senate minority leader Robert Dole, is reorganizing Red Cross field operations to help provide more efficient assistance to the American public.

Dole, a Salisbury native, left Duke to begin her graduate and law studies at Harvard University and Harvard Law School.

She joined then-President Ronald Reagan's cabinet in 1983 to become Secretary of Transportation. One administration later, under George Bush, she was named Secretary of Labor and became the first woman to win the post.

Other than commencement speeches, the other graduation activities include:

- Graduation ceremonies at 8:30 a.m. Saturday. A concert by the NCSU Commencement Band will follow.

- The academic procession begins at 9 a.m., and Chancellor Larry Monteith will pass out the degrees.

- The distribution of diplomas by individual colleges and departments at various locations on campus begins at 1:30 p.m.

- A joint Army-Navy commissioning ceremony begins at 4 p.m. in the University Student Center.

- A reception for all graduating international students and their families will be at 3 p.m. on the North Plaza Green of the Student Center.

- The Chancellor's Reception, traditionally held the day before graduation, is instead scheduled for May 13 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the chancellor's residence. In the event of rain, the reception will move to the Student Center Ballroom.

- The College of Veterinary Medicine will hold a ceremony for graduates May 13 at 8 p.m. in Stewart Theatre.

Abrams to head 4-year programs

■ C. Frank Abrams, who has many close ties to N.C. State, is the new associate provost for undergraduate programs.

By CHRIS BAYSSEN
Staff Writer

When N.C. State appointed its newest associate provost, it took one of its own.

Chancellor Larry Monteith announced Friday that C. Frank Abrams, NCSU's director of graduate programs and professor of biological and agriculture engineering, will replace Murray S. Downs as associate provost for undergraduate programs.

Abrams earned his bachelor's,

"Teacher evaluations by students are very important. I certainly would encourage their use."

— C. Frank Abrams, new associate provost

master's and doctorate degrees from NCSU, and joined its faculty in 1972. Monteith said Abrams' service to the university is an indicator of his future performance.

"We are confident that Frank will carry out his new responsibilities with the dedication to the students

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Panther back on the lecture prowl

■ A controversial civil rights leader comes to campus to set the record straight about his group.

By DAVE BLANTON
News Editor

From Black Panther to author, David Hilliard still remembers what the black self-defense group conceived in 1966 stood for.

A Panther until the party disbanded in the mid-1970s, Hilliard has never forgotten how the gun-wielding San Francisco organization was misunderstood by the press, local police, the federal government and the public at large.

He will come to the African American Cultural Center's Multipurpose Room Saturday at 1 p.m. to set the record straight, he said. He'll remind people that his book, "This Side of Glory: America and the Black Panther Party," is a redress of what he called the slanted and racist

portrayal that the mainstream press gave the Panthers. He said he hopes it will show readers how the U.S. government misunderstood the organization — and ultimately dissolved it.

Before disbanding, the Panthers made some civil rights gains. In Winston-Salem in the 1960s, the group's members helped organize ambulances to pick up blacks. Ambulances at the time refused medical treatment to most minorities.

Originally called the Black Panthers Party for Self Defense, the organization had a peaceful mission, Hilliard said in a February interview. He said checking police brutality, achieving universal health care and urging black independence were a few of the goals of the grass roots organization, which was founded by Bobby Seale and the late Huey Newton. Newton was shot to death in 1987 by an unknown assailant.

The Black Panthers gained media



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attention and public disdain from their armed patrols of California streets. But Hilliard, who in 1968 became chief of staff of the then-international organization, said that Newton, a childhood friend from Alabama, had a law degree. That was an advantage that let Newton show police officers just where they were wrong, he said.

Hilliard said the guns and the military-style uniforms the Panthers wore in the early years turned the

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News Notes

Curtis named department head

Stephanie Curtis has been appointed head of the department of genetics in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences. She has served as interim department head since July 1993.

The appointment was announced by Chancellor Larry Monteith following the approval of the N.C. State Board of Trustees. At 41, Curtis, an associate professor, is one of the youngest department heads at NCSU.

"Curtis brings with her a wealth of teaching, research and administrative experience that belies her years," said Durward Bateman, dean of CALS. "Equally important, she has the vision necessary to guide the department as we enter an age of rapid change and phenomenal growth in the genetics field."

Curtis has served as associate professor of genetics at NCSU since 1989. As department head she succeeds Dale Matzinger who relinquished the post to devote more time to his research.

NCSU gets gifts from Holz-Her

N.C. State has received a donation of two woodworking machines, valued at \$36,000, from Holz-Her U.S. Inc., an international manufacturer with headquarters in Charlotte.

The equipment, a power saw and a boring machine, has been on loan to the university for the past six years. They are used in the Hodges Wood Products Laboratory in the department of wood and paper science.

Kurt Waldhausen, president of Holz-Her U.S., formally presented the machines as a gift to NCSU in a ceremony Wednesday.

Buy Technician Classifieds

TODAY
GERMAN CLUB — Come join us for free drinks and conversation at Mitch's Tavern. The German Club meets every Wednesday from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

MEETING — LGSU will meet at Dave's house at 5:30 p.m. to watch "Sacred Lies/Civil Truths" and to have a cookout. Bring food. Call 233-9892 for information and directions.

MEETING — Culture: The Asian Students Association invites everyone for discussion, speakers, movies and more. Weekly meetings are Wednesdays at 7 p.m. in the Student Center, Room 3118.

MEETING — Society of Paganism and Magick meets Wednesdays at 7 p.m. in Tompkins Hall, Room G123. For more information, call Donna Nolen at 676-0361.

CIRCLE K — Meets Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. at the Student Center Annex, Room 107. Circle K is a coed community service organization. Work with local animal shelter and Tammy Lynn Center for handicapped people. If interested, call Christine at 812-2069.

DANCE CLUB — Yes, we admit men are dominant, and we have many just standing around. Come set things straight, and join the NCSU Social Dance Club. Meetings are Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. in Carmichael Dance Studio.

CONCERT — Scarlet Harmony in concert at 8 p.m. in the Student Center Annex Cinema. The cost is \$1. Guaranteed to taint your ears.

ATTENTION JEWELRY STUDENTS — You are

not alone at NCSU. Call Julie at 942-4057 to find out about Jewish community programs.

TENNIS TOURNAMENT — Sponsored by the NCSU Tennis Club. It will be Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Pick up an entry form at the Intramural Office in Carmichael Gym. Registration deadline is today.

THURSDAY

PARTY — End of the year party! Outside Student Center on Thursday at 3 p.m. Free snacks, music and volleyball. Come out and join the fun. Sponsored by the ISC.

JUGGLING CLUB — Join the NCSU Juggling Club at 7 p.m. Thursdays at the intramural athletic fields or inside

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the old Carmichael Gym racquetball courts. Call 821-1420 for further details.

MEETING — Tropical protected parks and reserves in peril. Slide presentation at monthly meeting of Society of Tropical Foresters. There will be officer elections and refreshments. Thursday from 7 to 9 p.m. at 2805 Brigadon Drive, Apt. 23. Call 859-1591 for details.

PROGRAM — How to get into graduate school. Do you need a 3.0 GPA? Find the answers to all your questions on Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in the African-American Multipurpose Room. Co-sponsored by Delta Sigma Theta sorority and ACAAG.

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

SATURDAY

BIKE SALE — About 100 bicycles abandoned on campus will be sold Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon in the Dan Allen parking deck. Cash or certified check only. For more information, call Christine Klein at

515-3424

FESTIVAL — Earth Day festival — music, food, crafts and exhibits from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the School of Design, 200 Pullen Road. African-American percussion at 7 p.m. Sponsored by SEAC and Ecos Logos.

MONDAY

ENTERTAINMENT — Join the UAB Entertainment Committee and help plan our coffeehouse, comedy night and novelty shows. Meetings are every Monday at 5:30 p.m. in the Student Center, Room 3125.

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Charges

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and a chair that seemed to come from a Bagwell study lounge.

When a Public Safety officer responding to the call, he found the walking stick and talked with Smith about the furniture and his CD player. Police reports say the CD player's lens, the part of the device where the laser reads the disc, had been masked with black electrical tape.

The officer then found a role of the same kind of tape in Cornish's desk with a swatch cut out of it the same size as the piece of tape that had damaged the CD player, police reports say.

The CD player's problems didn't

go away when the tape was pulled off because the residue the tape left continues to affect the laser's performance, Smith said. He said it works now because he finally managed to completely clean the lens.

Cornish said he didn't damage the CD player.

The walking stick police found features a seven-inch stainless steel blade, police reports say. But Cornish said the blade isn't sharp — and it's only for decoration.

Police confiscated the walking stick, which Cornish said he and a friend made in August.

Crime Prevention Officer Larry Ellis said Public Safety didn't determine if the furniture, valued at \$300, was in fact stolen when the report was filed. And he would not

comment on the continuing investigation.

Both Cornish and Smith said their differences and Cornish's ticket have been blown out of proportion. "It's really nothing," Cornish said. "It's like making a mountain out of a mole hill."

Smith said Cornish has had his girlfriend over a lot lately and that was bothering him. But Cornish said he didn't know about that until months after he'd invited his girlfriend over for all-night stays.

"I really didn't know I was bothering him so much until he mentioned it to me a few days ago," Cornish said. "I apologized for that. That stuff is really behind us."

Smith said on one occasion Cornish's girlfriend had remained in bed after Cornish had left for an

early class. Smith said he tried to drive her out by playing country-western music.

It worked, and she left. But Smith said he thinks that may be one source of the resentment between the two, who've argued more often recently.

The two have shared the room since January, when Smith moved in.

The disagreements came to a head in an argument they had Wednesday when four of Smith's friends were present in the room. Cornish said that when freshman agriculture major David Clay, a friend of Smith's, threatened his life.

"[Kyle and I were] just talking out our differences," Cornish said. "We weren't yelling or really very mad

at each other. Then his friend got mad and started pointing his finger at me."

Smith said he didn't want to get Clay involved.

"I don't want to say whether he threatened to kill him or not," Smith said.

Cornish does not yet have an appointment with Paul Cousins, coordinator of judicial programs, who usually handles campus appearance tickets.

Cornish is not enrolled in classes this semester. But he is negotiating his status as a student with the university, because he lost an ROTC scholarship that would have kept him in school.

He said he may sue N.C. State's ROTC program for canceling his scholarship.

Abrams

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and to the university that has been the hallmark of his career at NCSU," he said at the Board of Trustees meeting Friday.

Abrams said he felt humbled when he learned of the

appointment, and said he realizes the importance of his new position.

"I was very pleased," he said. "There's a lot of responsibility, and I'll do the best I can with it."

As associate provost, Abrams will assist Provost Phillip Stiles in several ways, including developing undergraduate academic programs. And Abrams said he has several ideas on how to do it.

One way is rewarding good teaching.

Abrams said there might be an unspoken school of thought that other things, such as research, are rewarded more than teaching. He said research is important, but he wants to stress that teaching is important as well.

Abrams also said teacher evaluations can be used to improve

teaching.

"Teacher evaluations by students are very important," he said. "I certainly would encourage their use."

But Abrams said students are not the only group who could do evaluations.

"As faculty members, we should be willing to evaluate each other," he said.

He said the university is searching for ways to do that. One of those ways is the annual teaching effectiveness and evaluation workshop, which he said he will help coordinate.

Abrams said he hopes to develop a feeling of community through improved campus communication.

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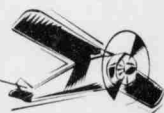
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14	Sat	Washington Mustangs	7:30
27	Fri	Silicon Valley Firebirds	7:30
28	Sat	Charlotte Eagles	7:30
June 4	Sat	Hampton Roads Hurricanes	7:30



June 5	Sun	Charleston Battery	2:00
11	Sat	Baltimore Bay	7:30
15	Wed	Greensboro Dynamo	8:00
17	Fri	Columbia Spirit	7:30
July 5	Tue	Charlotte Eagles	7:30
15	Fri	Richmond Kickers	7:30

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Fresh Air helps baseball

Give him a break — Jordan really wants to play.

Want to know why there are so many baseball fantasy camps? Because it looks easy. An overweight accountant is more likely to hit a baseball than he is to slam dunk a basketball or catch a touchdown pass.

Some people think this is what's behind Michael Jordan's pursuit of his dream to play professional baseball. They figure he's a professional athlete, so he's halfway there in terms of training and being in shape. And baseball fundamentals are among the easiest of any sport to learn.

Earlier this year I made the mistake of lumping Jordan in the class of fantasy-leaguers like myself. I've never been to a camp, but I conduct my own in the living room with a 31-ounce wooden bat when I get bored. Over and over, a perfect slow-motion swing each time, a new highlight each time.

I regain touch with reality when I stop the nonsense and compare my phantom cuts to N.C. State's Pat Clougherty getting ready in the on-deck circle, where he windmills his bat at such furious speed I think his arm is going to twist off into the stands.

There is as much difference in those two swings as there is in the casual attitude of people who talk of purity and tradition without ever playing, and in the mind-set needed to play professional ball.

Jordan belongs to the latter. Forgive me, I believe he is sincere. Detractors say Jordan is along for the publicity ride, because this journey invites more media attention than the stuff he wanted to retire from. Actually, I think that strengthens his case.

That the greatest basketball player ever — and the sports icon for the most recent generations of fans — is willing to take major-league scrutiny at the minor-league level is evidence enough. Phenomenons like Todd Van Poppel and Brian Taylor never had to put up with this. Trot Nixon, the Red Sox' No. 1 draft pick, has his share of national attention, and the Boston papers don't have a "Trot's Day" feature, detailing every swing.

But the Jerkwater Daily Blab sure as hell has a "Jordan's Day", thanks to the Associated Press.

This is the biggest reason why Michael Jordan is good for the game. Look at the amount of fan interest and revenue he is generating. The Southern League's other nine teams can expect at least six standing-room only sellouts this season. And if Jordan moves up or down, there's even more teams rolling in the dough. Minor league baseball may not be as desperate for attendance as it once was, but it's not going to take rabid fans for granted.

It's not just tickets. Concessions, parking, even the high-rent district in Birmingham is going to see a profit. The throng of 150 media people have to sleep somewhere and, of course, you can't easily recreate the civic pride that comes from seeing your small town on national TV.

Baseball is a marketing dinosaur, and Jordan's presence could lend a touch of that NBA money-making flair. While those at the top hardly need more money, baseball having its superstars among the most visible in the nation could help return it to the number-one spot it enjoyed so long ago.

In fact, there's not much of a moral leg Jordan's detractors can stand on. Some acknowledge that Jordan's presence generates more interest, then they say "should there be a celebrity on every team? What about Tom Selleck?"

No, because major celebrities aren't athletes, and probably past prime playing years anyway. I saw Selleck take batting practice at Tiger Stadium in 1991, and in his words and mine, it was "mediocre". Jordan is already hitting .300. No extra-base hits, but he's leading the team in average. He's a

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Pat Clougherty celebrates his two-run homer in the bottom of the first inning.

ROD GARDEN/STAFF

Pack leaves ECU in first

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ECU 3

By CLAY BEST
Staff Writer

N.C. State hasn't lost out of the conference in 25 games. It stretched its streak with a 9-3 thumping of East Carolina Tuesday at Doak Field.

Pirate starter Richie Blackwell struck out the Pack's first two batters of the game, but after a single, Pat Clougherty hit his ninth homer of the season to give the Pack a 2-0 lead.

Still in the first, Ryan Ferby's two-RBI double put the Pack up 4-0. Then Andy Barket's single finished out the five-run, two-out rally.

"That was a strange first inning," State coach Ray Tanner said. "Blackwell comes

out and strikes out the first two. And then we score five runs and send seven batters to the plate before the inning's out."

State starter Matt Roupe got the win. Roupe got stuck with no-decisions in his last three solid starts, but on Tuesday the junior went 6 2/3 innings to get his seventh win of the season. The North Myrtle Beach, S.C., native is 7-0 on the season.

"A lot of luck went into this one," Roupe said. "I was spotting the fastball pretty well. And when I needed to throw the curve it was there in the right spots."

"It's a lot easier to get it going when you get a five run lead in the first."

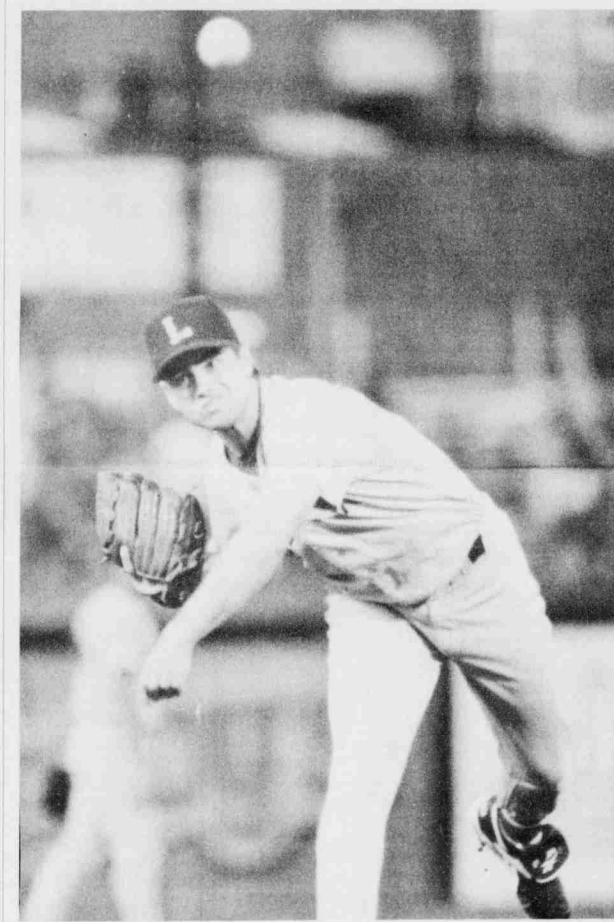
Roupe went four innings before allowing the Pirates to score. Chad Puckett's RBI double cut the Pack lead to 6-1 in the fifth.

The Pack tacked three more on the board in the bottom of the inning with another two-out rally.

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ACC Baseball					
Conference Standings					
as of Sunday, April 18					
Conference					
Team	W	L	Pct	Overall W	Overall L
Clemson	14	1	.933	38	9
Fla. State	9	2	.818	37	10
Go. Tech	12	3	.800	30	7
N. Carolina	8	6	.571	29	11
W. Forest	7	8	.467	27	12
Duke	5	7	.417	22	15
N.C. State	6	9	.400	29	12
Maryland	3	15	.167	9	21
Virginia	1	14	.067	15	21

Today's Games					
UNC-Wilmington at N.C. State	3 p.m.				
Virginia at Virginia	3 p.m.				
Wake Forest at Davidson	3 p.m.				
William & Mary at Duke	3 p.m.				
Coppin State at Maryland	3 p.m.				
Florida State at Jacksonville	3 p.m.				
Georgia Tech at Georgia	7 p.m.				
South Carolina at Clemson	7:15 p.m.				



Senior day: Former Pack lefty returns to Triangle



JANE HURTMAN/STAFF (2)

(Left) Shawn Senior went eight innings Tuesday night for his first win of the season. (Above) Senior between innings with a teammate.

Former Wolfpack hurler Shawn Senior showed plenty of poise in an early version of N.C. State Night.

By OWEN S. GOOD
Sports Editor

The Durham Bulls may be promoting tomorrow's game as N.C. State Night, but former Wolfpack pitcher Shawn Senior upstaged that with a homecoming of his own Tuesday evening.

Senior, starting for the Lynchburg Red Sox, Boston's Class A affiliate, struck out six over eight innings in his longest outing of the year and first Carolina League win, 4-3.

"I thought I'd been throwing the ball better in my last outings," Senior said after his third straight one-run game. "Lynchburg manager Mark Meleski wanted to take me out after the seventh inning, but I told him to let me stay in one more inning."

Ah, told, not ask, the first sign of a control freak. And was Senior ever one this night. The 6-foot lefty throws only about an 88-mph fastball, so he focuses on

placement. His focus zeroed in on weak spots at the plate, evidenced by only three flyball outs in his eight innings.

"Speed's not something I'm concerned with. I'm more concerned about control," Senior said. "I knew I'd do well if I could get ahead. In college I could get behind once in a while and get away with it, but I can't do that in this league."

A lot of things are different about his new league, too many and too obvious to mention. Senior was the Sox's fourth pick in the fourth round of the 1993 draft, and his jump from college to the instructional league to Advanced Class A ball certainly caught his attention.

"It was a big jump from college to the minors," Senior said. "Last summer was a good short season. But it's a bigger jump from the instructional league to here."

Not that he's intimidated by any stretch. This was the third time Senior left the game with a one-run lead, as character-building an experience as some of the games that got Senior to the pros.

"Coming out of college and being in all those tight games helps out," Senior said. "I feel more advanced than somebody just coming out of high school. High schoolers may have talent, but it takes longer to adjust."

Perhaps one of the tight games he was thinking about was a four-hit, 15-strikeout masterpiece against Florida State in the 1992 ACC Tournament that he still lost 1-0.

The mental toughness it takes to play that kind of game — and recover from it — was evident when he held the Carolina

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Tennis teams ready for ACC Tourney

Hard times during the season hasn't put a damper on the tennis team's ACC hopes.

By AARON MORRISON
Staff Writer

The young N.C. State men's tennis team will be even younger when it steps on the court at the ACC Championships in Charlotte.

The Pack, which usually sports only one freshman, will start three underclassmen — two freshmen and one sophomore — out of six spots. State coach Crawford Henry suspended sophomore Merritt Lawn for a court altercation against the College of Charleston. He will be out for the entire tournament.

"It wasn't an NCAA suspension or anything," Henry said. "It was a team thing. I expect Merritt to bounce to back next season. He's a real stick-with-it kind of guy."

Freshman Dan Murphy will move into the Wolfpack lineup in place of Lawn. Murphy has seen quite a bit of action over the course of the season but it was mostly doubles action.

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this season," Henry said. "He got a chance to play number three doubles most of the year."

The Pack will face Maryland, the only team they beat in the ACC this season, in the first round. The Pack walked all over the Terrapins in their first meeting. Henry hopes for a duplicate performance from his young team.

"We sure hope we can do it again," Henry said. "In the last match there wasn't a difficult matchup the whole day."

Henry will be looking for his two seniors to step up and lead the team through the tournament. State's number one seed Bert Bolick is as fit as he has been all year. Fellow senior Steve Finch, who has fought back from shoulder surgery will also be ready for the tournament. Finch is playing more now than he has all year according to Henry.

"I feel good going into the tournament," Henry said. "Bert [Bolick] has been off and on but now he's really sharp on the court."

If the Pack defeats Maryland it will have to face the number one seed in the tournament, Duke. State had a tough time with the Blue

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ACC Tournament

Men's Tennis

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	1. Duke (7-0)		
8. N.C. State (1-7)	7:30 p.m.		
	1:00 p.m.		
9. Maryland (0-7)		2:00 p.m.	
	4. Clemson (5-3)		
	3:00/3:30 p.m.		
	5. Florida State (5-3)		
		2:30 p.m.	
	2. Georgia Tech (6-2)		
	Noon		
	7. Wake Forest (2-6)		
		11:00 a.m.	
	3. North Carolina (6-2)		
	9:00 a.m.		
	6. Virginia (3-5)		

Winning play

■ Thompson Theatre to present "Sanctuary," the 1993 recipient of the Playwright Award Winner.

ET CETERA STAFF REPORT

N.C. State University's Thompson Theatre, in conjunction with Center Stage, will present the 1993 Playwright Award Winner, "Sanctuary." Written by James Pendleton, the show will be presented at Stewart Theatre on May 6 and 7.

"Sanctuary" provides gripping insight into a group of people providing asylum for refugees in the 1980s. The play is part fact, part fiction, and according to the author, "is an accurate representation of historical events which occurred in the Southwestern part of the United States between 1980 and 1987, at a time when thousands of refugees were flooding the U.S. border in an attempt to escape the atrocities being perpetrated upon them by their own government."

The story is about an idealistic preacher and a lawyer with first-hand knowledge of persecution who, faced with opposition from

the government and their anti-immigration laws, struggle to help those who appear helpless.

They gain support to revive the idea of Sanctuary, "the doctrine of the medieval church designed to protect those who have fallen into political or popular disfavor," and persuade churches to provide refuge to exploited and abused people from Central America.

The play examines the motivations, frustrations and aspirations of those who believe that it is worth violating the law if it accomplishes saving a human life. A N.C. native, Pendleton has written nine plays for stage and a number of works for television, radio and film which have been produced throughout the United States, Canada and West Germany.

Pendleton says that in drama, the thing that interests him most is the "moral or emotional paradox," which he defines as "a crisis which demands definitive and painful change or which will leave the main character eternally compromised. It's the process and

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Cup-a-Joe, a popular coffee house on Hillsborough Street, is a hang out for students. Game playing, coffee drinking, and studying pass the time.

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Coffee

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coffee house is the perfect alternative.

Kenny Byrd, a 31-year-old carpenter who is currently in Alcoholics Anonymous, goes to Cup-a-Joe because he likes to meet people and listen to music. He says it's "the best combination of coffee, hanging out and playing chess."

In addition to providing a good strong cup of coffee with all the available fixin's, including shakers with cinnamon, chocolate, or vanilla, Cup-a-Joe provides live music on select nights and displays paintings by local artists.

"I like art, too," Byrd says, "but I don't come here for the art."

Cup-a-Joe does a good job of keeping customers while they enjoy their coffee. There were several chess games going while I was there, and people were playing Scrabble. Newspapers, magazines and everything in between were spread on the, umm, ill-matched tables. Students studied, people talked and just about everyone smoked cigarettes. (Don't worry, there is a non-smoking section.)

But the atmosphere at Cup-a-Joe is not exactly intimate. The lights are bright, revealing the chipping paint. Long windows cover the entire front end of the store. Maybe it's not exactly the perfect place for a first date, but just as Byrd doesn't go there for the art, these coffee drinkers do not go for the atmosphere.

They go there to drink coffee, and lots of it. Cup-a-Joe has excellent coffee—served in a real coffee cup. The coffee is so good that it

makes their, umm, less-than-perfect desserts forgivable.

Coffee houses also offer an alternative for those who are underage but still have the urge to hang out.

The second and newer coffee house, Peaberry's, also serves up an excellent cup of coffee, even if it is served in a paper cup. It's smaller, darker, and more aesthetically pleasing. Even the baked goods are attractively displayed in a glass case. The aroma of freshly ground coffee fills the room. It has more of a coffee house feel to it.

Because it's so close to campus, students can stop by in between classes and grab a cup to fuel them for their next class. There were only a few people sitting at the marble-topped tables reading or studying the evening I went. It's a calm atmosphere in which to work.

Chris Dole, 24, was at Peaberry's drinking juice and reading "Walden." Although he doesn't go there often, he likes the coffee and enjoys reading and relaxing.

Frank Whittaker, an electrical engineering student and rising junior at NCSU, likes Peaberry's because they always have fresh coffee. It's convenient and he likes to "meet people and socialize."

OK, I may not know the difference between a Columbian coffee bean and a Guatemalan bean, but I know a good cup of coffee when I taste it. Both Cup-a-Joe and Peaberry's serve excellent coffee and provide an alternative to the bars.

If it weren't for places like these, coffee drinkers would have to settle for fast food, or convenience store coffee. Let's hope they stick around for a while. Or at least until I graduate.

Movie

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been stuck in there to restore some sort of sentiment. One of the weddings should have been the two homosexuals'.

Clarence: Well, at least that would have broken the monotony, a fatal flaw that also ruined "Groundhog Day" for me.

Amanda: That what? I liked "Groundhog Day." In that flick, you could sympathize with MacDowell. After the first hour of weddings, I lost interest in this mediocre-at-best flick.

Clarence: At least it was better than "The Piano." That movie was so overdone, you could make fun of its melodramatic plot.

Amanda: That's true. I think I'm the only female in the world who hated "The Piano." But in the case of "Four Weddings and a Funeral," the tedium was too tedious to make fun of. If you want good British humor, see Eric Idle's "Splitting Heirs."

Clarence: And if you want a good romance, try "Sleepless in Seattle" or "Say Anything."

Amanda: Definitely. John Cusack is even more lovable than Hugh Grant!

Clarence: Please stop with the Hugh Grant stuff!

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Andy Barkett's tag is late, but ECU spent most of Tuesday afternoon struggling on the bases.

ECU

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Rob Winkler's line-shot homerun to left ended Blackwell's streak of ten consecutive batters retired. The four-bagger was Winkler's second of the year.

Andy Barkett followed with another homer. He sent a three-and-two pitch over the centerfield fence. Ryan Ferby scored from third on a wild pitch to close out the Pack's second two-out rally of the game.

"What can you say about Matt?" Tanner said. "He just gave us another Rouse-like outing. He'll make the pitches for you; all you

"That was a strange first inning. Blackwell comes out and strikes out the first two. And then we score five runs and send seven batters to the plate before the inning's out."

— Ray Tanner, N.C. State coach

have to do is back him up with solid defense."

The Pack improves to 30-12-1 and will face another Colonial Athletic Association team, UNC-Wilmington, Wednesday at 3 p.m. at Doak Field. ECU falls to 28-12.

"At this time of the season we really need the wins," Tanner said.

"When we start to look at the NCAA Tournament, we need to get to 40 wins to get consideration." State has made four consecutive trips to the NCAA's.

Good

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contributing member of the Birmingham Barons. That kind of refutes the "he's taking someone else's spot on the team" argument. As I said on now.

Anyway, I doubt it's any minor-leaguer's lifelong dream to play

double-A. With upward and downward mobility in the minors, some spots will open up over the season.

But it really doesn't matter what we think or say, because Jordan's competitive nature is going to keep him at this until he either makes the majors or all hope is lost.

Sounds like every other minor leaguers' work ethic, doesn't it? Most of the Carolina Mudcats,

who recently faced Jordan, respect him for putting in his dues instead of pulling strings to go straight to the pros.

Jordan would twist off his arm if it meant playing baseball for the Chicago White Sox. I'm sure of it.

Me? I wouldn't.

I need the arm for other things, like swinging a bat in the living room.

Senior

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League's hottest hitter, Kevin Grijak, homeless at the Durham Athletic Park for the first time this season. The left-hitting Grijak, leading the league with seven homers, had deposited a good share of those over the short right field fence just 305 feet down the line.

"I don't really get intimidated by any left-handers," Senior said. "I think my slider is good enough to keep them honest."

"He's a tough pitcher. I tip my hat to him," said Grijak, who went 2-for-4 with one walk and a run. "He came out with a vengeance and threw a good ballgame. He was in control of the game."

There's a familiar theme. As the Bulls looked to take over the game, trailing by a run in the bottom of the seventh, Senior reeled it back into grasp. Outfielder Damon Hollins singled up the middle and Senior batted him to second, but he delivered two weak groundouts to end the inning.

But Grijak and Hollins are just two batters. The handbox dimensions of the D.A.P. were there every time Senior took the hill. Still, he had no nerves about making a mistake with the wind blowing out — just an odd feeling being this close to home.

ACC Tournament

Women's Tennis

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8. Georgia Tech (1-7)	1:00 p.m.		
9. Maryland (0-8)		2:00 p.m.	
			Noon
			Noon
			11:00 a.m.
			9:00 a.m.
			6. N.C. State (3-9)

Play

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"It was weird, last year I came here to watch games and you really don't know how far away you are [from the fence]," Senior said. "It was just weird being here, watching games last year and pitching today. I'm not intimidated by any field, it was just weird coming in."

It must have seemed a little odd, pleasantly so, for some of Senior's Wolfpack buddies in the stands, too. Senior said first baseman Andy Barkett and trainer Donato Colucci were at the D.A.P. to see him pitch, just about two hours after State's 9-3 victory over East Carolina.

Senior has another N.C. State Day tomorrow, his first chance to return to campus and catch up with old friends.

But however strange it may seem riding a circuit that cuts close to where he pitched college ball one year earlier, Senior is happy with it and pleased that he's this far along in his career.

"This is where I want to be," Senior said. "I just want to do the best I can, and force them to make the decision, whether they want to keep me or whether they want to move me up."

That's probably the one thing he doesn't have complete control over — his fate.

agony of moral and emotional choice that excites me," Pendleton says; "the realization that in order to have anything truly valuable, one must sacrifice something else equally valuable."

"Sanctuary" was the 1993 winner of the professional category for Thompson Theatre's Playwright Award. The award was designed eight years ago to encourage and stimulate artistic growth among professional and educational playwrights, and is a way to give local talent due recognition. The competition is held open in two categories, professional and student. "Sanctuary" will mark the fifth Playwright Award winner that Thompson Theatre has produced.

The production of "Sanctuary" is the first joint venture between Thompson Theatre and Center Stage. The play will be directed by John C. McIlwee, Thompson Theatre's director. Tickets will be free to Theatre-Fest '94 subscribers, \$8 for adults, \$7 for senior citizens and \$3.50 for students and faculty.

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Sunbather Susan Rogers (smoking) joins others who tan in Tucker Beach's sun Tuesday. (Drew Lovewood/Staff)

Panther

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press and the police against them. The party's observance of its constitutional right to bear arms was both a blessing and a curse, Hilliard said.

"The gun thing was good copy," he said. "But using guns was only one manifestation of the self-defense program. We also encouraged blacks to defend themselves against economic and political oppression."

But the former Panther said it was those tenants that were overlooked by mainstream newspapers and police.

"The police would say 'we have a bunch of niggers out here with guns and they say they have that constitutional right,'" Hilliard said.

But the Panthers knew the law, he said.

"Huey Newton just didn't have a shotgun, he had a law book in his hand too and he would quote them the law," he said.

That was just the medicine police officers needed, Hilliard said.

Before this time, police officers would beat and kill black citizens, but the punishment the officers received was a mockery of justice, he said.

"The police would do an internal investigation and nothing would

happen," he said. "Their offenses against blacks were out of personal hatred, and it was crazy to see how their actions were handled."

During that year the party suffered police bombings and counter-intelligence activities from the FBI. By 1969, the Panthers were riddled with conflict. The party members broke off into factions. Police and government pressures were dismantling the solidarity the group once had. The Panthers were no longer.

But with "This Side of Glory," part autobiography and part history of the militant group, the story lives on. He said his book, published in 1992, explores several dimensions of the party, including fund-raising efforts, the sexual mores of the Panthers and the death of Fred Hampton and Newton.

Another benefit to the book is that it serves to remind young people not to give up.

"The book is written for the youth, to let them know it's possible to make some changes," he said.

He said his book, just released in soft cover, is one of the few authorities on the subject.

Before this book, if you wanted to know about the party, you would have to go to newspapers to learn about the Panthers, he said.

"The book lets people know our side of the story," he said. "Readers in fact feel a little angry that they have been misled about the

organization, which captured the imagination of the youth."

Iyailo Moses, director of the African American Cultural Center, said the truth about the Panthers was obscured. The group faced a lot of fear and skepticism by whites. She said the Panthers weren't noticed for their humanitarian efforts, such as sponsoring day care centers and other children's programs.

"However well-meaning the generalists were, they never really understood [the Panther's mission]," Hilliard said. "They were just selling papers. The more sensational our story was the more they liked it."

Despite that, the group still attracted support from other segments of the population — where other efforts had less success.

"The Black Panthers certainly brought a lot of youth and energy to the civil rights movement, whereas King and others appealed more to adults," Moses said.

Hilliard has taken a leave of absence as a union representative for blue collar city employees. His employer, Service Employee and International Union, based in California, is an advocate for city employees and is affiliated with the AFL-CIO.

He said he spends about a month out of every year giving lectures at colleges.

Provost

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He said faculty and staff members sometimes get isolated.

"There's still big strides to be made," he said.

In addition to developing undergraduate academics, Abrams will also coordinate the work of the Faculty Senate. Stiles said Abrams' experience as chair of the Senate will help him in that role.

He also said Abrams was well suited for the job. "His qualifications and desires fit very well," he said.

Speaker

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Associate Registrar Martha Welsh said all eight candidates were very worthy. She said Brown stood out because of his confidence and the strength of his presentation.

"He knows this institution well," Stiles said. "That's what we call a bonus."

But Abrams' ties to NCSU run deeper than his work. Both of his sons attend NCSU.

"That's a symbol of how I feel," he said. "I love this place."

Abrams will replace Downs, who is retiring after 35 years at NCSU. He was appointed associate provost in 1982.

"It was a very tough decision. It always is," Welsh said.

Brown will share the graduation spotlight with Elizabeth Dole, head of the American Red Cross.

"I'm a little bit nervous now, but it's a big honor to get to speak [with Dole]," Brown said.

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Time to get to work

■ The chancellor's Top 10 list sets a reasonable agenda. But the work has just begun.

In his right hand, Chancellor Larry Monteith held his top 10 agenda list Friday, straight from his home office in Holladay Hall, and presented it to the N.C. State Board of Trustees.

The trustees met to discuss the university's fund-raising projects, Monteith's goals for the school and other academic issues.

Monteith's report, called "Vision, Do We Look Far Enough?," described the changes he would like to see at NCSU in the next 60 years. Each of the goals he outlined is warranted. And better yet, they are listed in a reasonable order.

But 60 years is a long time. The changes need to come now.

Getting a Phi Beta Kappa chapter was number one on his agenda. After coming so close last time, Monteith wants to make sure NCSU gets one this time around.

"The selection committee has to make their decision," he said. "I am confident that the application is strong."

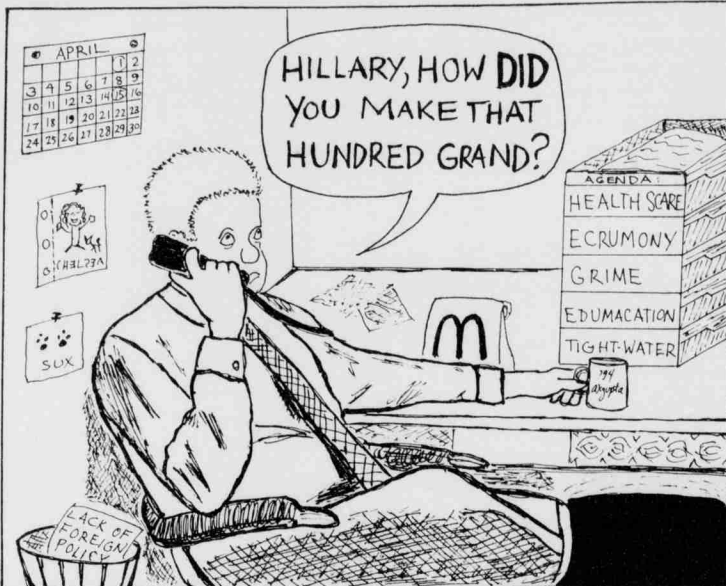
Among the other agenda items were: establishing NCSU as a top-50 research university with a top-50 library, achieving a competitive level in all athletic programs.

Everyone should agree that each step outlined will benefit the university, from establishing the first Rhodes Scholar to constructing the Entertainment and Sports Arena.

But there are things that must not be forgotten when carrying out the top-ten agenda items, such as advising and computer facilities. Now that the agenda is set, ways to accomplish the goals must be determined.

It's not too early to get to work. The chancellor and other university officials should see to it that the library receives more money. They should make sure that athletic programs are steadily improving. They should establish a program fund for Centennial Campus.

And if that means taking time and money away from something else, take it away. Monteith laid out for the university what needs to be done. His goals are realistic. Now it's up to him, faculty and students to make sure that the agenda becomes a reality.



Commentary

Clinton to ax Fourth Amendment

The Fourth Amendment of the United States Constitution is a very simple statement of a basic freedom.

"The right of the people to be secure in their houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated; and no warrants shall issue, but upon probable cause, supported by oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched, and the person or things to be seized."

For those of you who have trouble understanding this, let me briefly elucidate the meaning.

If you are a member of any governmental body, stay out of my house, my stuff and my computer files—at home or work. Don't even think about coming through my door until you have obtained a warrant through legal and constitutional means or unless I invite you in. If you're not invited, you'd better have damn solid probable cause that I am committing a crime.

What would happen to a police officer or federal marshal if they violated my rights? I state from the Declaration of Independence:

"But when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same object, evinces a design to reduce [us] under absolute despotism, it is [our] right, it is [our] duty, to throw off such government and to provide new guards for their future security."

Let me translate this one. You violate my right to security from government intrusion in my own home and person, and the autopsy will show fragments of a .357 hollow-point round in your skull.

Can I make this any clearer? So why am I mentioning this? President Clinton has proposed a policy that would mandate police searches in housing projects to seize illegal drugs and weapons.

One point of this plan would be that a resident must waive his or her rights to Fourth Amendment protection before being allowed to lease an apartment.



Steve Crisp

Another proposal would allow officers to enter an apartment without a warrant in the event of an emergency. The definition of "emergency" would be placed into the hands of local police officials rather than as defined by the courts. The plan would also allow police to randomly, and without probable cause, frisk "suspicious-looking" people.

Of course, all this is being offered under the noble guise of quelling the rising crime problem within our inner cities. But, if these actions are considered constitutional (as Attorney General Janet Reno and Housing Secretary Henry Cisneros seem to think they are), how long will it be before the same tactics are extended to our homes and our dorm rooms? Based upon the previous tactics used by liberals, it seems not long.

Liberals like to chip away at freedoms. No American who understands and values the Constitution would allow their government to totally abolish all weapons in one fell swoop (a Second Amendment protection). The liberals must do it one little step at a time, they must sneak up on it, until their agenda is finally met. This holds true in all areas—First Amendment rights of freedom of speech, religion and press, Fifth Amendment rights against double jeopardy and deprivation of life, liberty or property without due process and Sixth Amendment rights to counsel and cross-examination of witnesses.

(I raise these particular violations to point out what happens when the locals are allowed to decide what is law and what is not. Just read any article I've written about Paul Cousins and the Student Judicial Board over the last two years; you'll see what I mean.)

Now Clinton wants to deprive the American people of the right to be secure in their houses. He is asking for people to waive their rights to Fourth Amendment protection so that the police may then conduct blanket searches of our homes.

Cisneros justifies this action by stating that "the residents could vote on this. That would be an important factor in a court test."

Might I remind this Cisneros that it takes a three-fourths ratification of all the states to amend the Constitution. A simple majority vote of people living in a particular apartment complex does not constitute proper constitutional procedure. Of course Cisneros, the ignorant liberal that he is, either doesn't know or doesn't value this fact.

We have plenty of existing constitutional methods for eliminating crime. The liberals just need the fortune to use them instead of coddling the criminal.

To solve a crime problem, you get the criminals out of society—permanently. Make it safe for people to become good neighbors again. The ability of hundreds of residents to safely sit on their porches and to get to know each other will do more to solve crime than any other thing the police can do.

I like the idea of the beat cops knocking on my door once or twice a week to say hello. I get to meet them and they get to know me. Suspicious activity where I live can be noted and stopped through legitimate means in this manner.

Yet, I have just as much right to refuse to open the door if the beat cop knocks on it. My home, my car, my office and my person are wholly protected under the Constitution. Violate the space of any one of them without probable cause or without my explicit and voluntary approval and we're back to the autopsy scenario again.

What's our country coming to when I have to commit an act of violence to protect myself against the government that I've helped elect to protect me?

Need one campus card

■ The time is past due for a universal campus copy card.

Making copies on campus recently got a little less complicated. However, one card and one price across campus would make it even easier.

In the library, copy cards have been wiped out altogether in favor of AllCampus cards. But AllCampus cards still don't work at WolfCopy machines.

However, University Graphics Director Catherine Armitage said that WolfCopy is moving toward being able to use AllCampus cards.

"The AllCampus card has to do a lot of things," she said. "As that goes forward WolfCopy will be a part of the discussion."

For the cost-conscious copier, WolfCopy is the number one choice

on and off campus. It's the cheapest around and it's located right on campus. But there is a catch—a copy card costs 60 cents and it can't be used at the library.

The library, which may be more accessible for some students, doesn't have an initial card charge. But its copies are six cents each.

At either of the facilities, students save only a few cents per copy. Kinko's, Copytron and Universal Printing charge seven for a copy.

Library copies are actually more expensive than Sir Speedy, which only charges only five cents.

Copy machines on campus should use the same card and should charge a reasonable, equal rate. WolfCopy runs about 260 copiers across campus.

They should follow the library's lead and change over to accept AllCampus cards. There would be more convenience and less confusion.

Thought for the Day:

Have no respect whatsoever for authority; forget who said it and instead look at what he starts with, where he ends up, and ask yourself, "Is it reasonable?"

—Richard Feynman's father

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Let's stop being so 'Americentric'

On Saturday, April 9, I attended "Our Global Village," an excellent conference hosted by the N.C. State International Student Committee. In one workshop, we got into groups of three to talk about special celebrations in our cultures.

Being a white, rural North Carolinian, I thought I'd have to pass, since the Japanese woman and Palestinian man in my group obviously had definable "cultures" that they could share.

When my turn came "round, I realized I could tell them about family reunions. Soon, I recognized that I, or we, share a rich culture in which we are deeply entrenched. This American culture is one shared by the African-American man from Cary, the B'hai woman from Oregon and the Jewish woman from Maine who live around me.

Just as some are "Eurocentric," I hazard to say that the vast majority of us are unflinchingly "Americentric." The frightening part about being so convinced that the way we live (vote, eat, socialize, enter relationships, etc.) is the best way, is because nobody is telling us we're wrong.

Nobody scribbles in the Free Expression Tunnel about how difficult it is to live among us and we don't get into heated

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discussions about it. Why not? Because if everybody (our fellow American friends, classmates, teachers, etc.) knows we're right, we have nothing to argue.

The "highly educated world citizen" that Derrick Coley (whose letter was printed on April 15) challenges this excellent university to produce, realizes that entire countries of people live their lives as fulfilling as he or she does, but in a very different climate, eating very different foods and speaking languages unrelated to English.

While I have been working to better understand and appreciate my fellow Americans, whether they are African-American, B'hai or Jewish, I have also been working to become a "world citizen" through my interactions with international students here.

NCSU is home to several thousand international students and their families. The International Student committee,

Global Speak Partners, Study Abroad Programs and Alexander International Residence Hall Program are just four resources readily available to me (the rural, white North Carolinian) and, in fact, you.

Life exists far beyond Sullivan and Tucker. The world has come to us through international students. Get to know some and you might find yourself looking at your sheltered American culture from a slightly different angle and you may begin to appreciate it.

Get involved.

Julianne M. Ostergaard
Sophomore, parks, recreation and tourism management

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Tired of negative frat stereotypes

During the last year, I've continuously been subjected to negative comments that have degraded fraternities at N.C. State. I am in a fraternity and graduating in May with a Textile Engineering degree. At NCSU I hear that fraternities only cause problems and they are a menace to the university.

Most people stereotype fraternity men as "frat boys who drink alcohol, have low GPAs, and cause problems." I guess they consider raising \$50,000 for the Jimmy V. Foundation causing problems. During Greek Week, fraternities and sororities raised the money by having people sponsor them while they worked in the community by doing odd jobs, such as working at Dorothea Dix and picking up trash on I-40.

As for having low GPAs, the all-fraternity GPA is greater than the all-Men's GPA at NCSU.

The last hurdle fraternities have to overcome is they are stereotyped that they drink mass amounts of alcohol. If you go out to the Cantina, Mitch's or any local bar and count how many men that are in fraternities and count how many that are not, I guarantee the non-fraternity men will outnumber the fraternity men. Wow, maybe fraternities aren't as bad as NCSU thinks.

I joined a fraternity when I was a sophomore, and feel that it was one of the best decisions of my life. I met new friends, became involved in college activities, raised my GPA and have never had so much fun in my life. One of the major benefits of joining a fraternity is that I made memories that will last for a lifetime. I will never forget Greek Week, intramural championship games, egg fights with other fraternities and all the memories that I made with my fraternity brothers.

If I had not joined a fraternity I would have had an incomplete education at NCSU. I can't understand why NCSU wants to eliminate fraternities, or why each year fewer people rush fraternities, when joining a fraternity completes a college education. I guess the university doesn't want any future leaders of America, considering 65 percent of the CEOs of Fortune 500 companies are Greek.

The next time you are subjected to negative comments about fraternities, question the source, ask them if they know anyone in a fraternity and if they read this article.

Jonathan K. Snow
Senior, textile engineering

Help hunger: Give to Feed Raleigh

Our world is full of problems. It's easy to feel overwhelmed and helpless when thinking about all the problems that face our society today. After all, right here in our own state over 800,000 people go hungry every day, over a third of these people are children.

Once a year, N.C. State Student Senate offers us a chance to stop feeling overwhelmed and do something about the hunger problem in North Carolina. This year NCSU will be holding it's ninth annual Feed Raleigh campaign.

Feed Raleigh provides the students on campus the opportunity to join together and make a difference in the community. However, the success or

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failure of this project depends entirely on the student body. In the past, participation has been good, but not great. Last year this campaign brought in 10,000 pounds of food. That's not even one can per student.

This year, on April 23, let's all bring at least one can to Reynold's Coliseum parking deck. Let's show our community what NCSU can give back to it.

Karey Faver
Junior, communication

PE should remain as a requirement

Two weeks ago in my physical education aerobics class we were asked to fill out a survey on the physical education program. Our teacher informed us that the school was considering doing away with the PE requirement.

This may not sound like a big deal, but for many students the only exercise they get is in their PE classes. Information we learn in these classes about nutrition, proper exercise procedures and general health issues are beneficial to all students. Also, the wide variety of classes to choose from leads to new interests and hobbies for many.

In a study, The Charlotte Observer found that American youths are on average ten pounds overweight compared to the generation before. Experts say almost all children have some fatty-buildup in their arteries by the time they reach their adolescent years. One reason may be because of the dependency our society has on fast food restaurants, which many students spend a lot of time.

If students are not required to take PE classes, they may never learn the components of fitness and proper diet. The survey asked us if we would take PE courses without the requirement. The truth is a lot of us probably would not, but then again, I would not take science courses without that requirement.

As it is right now, N.C. State has an excellent physical education program with a knowledgeable staff. It is to our advantage to keep the requirement because, let's face it, many of us do not eat and exercise properly. Without the PE requirement, the "freshman 15" may become the "freshman 25."

Melissa Hamilton
Sophomore, communication

Candidates need to make selves known

I recently read the Technician editorial "Extreme solution needed." It suggested that voting is easy and that it is not understood why students will not take the time to do it. I may have an answer to why we do not. We do not have enough information about the candidates.

I am a senior in communication. I have only voted once in a Student Government election throughout the two years I have attended N.C. State. The reason I voted that one time was because the candidates came to my Introduction to Communication class a week before the elections and introduced themselves and their

platforms to us.

In the few minutes that they spoke, they passed out flyers which illustrated the main points of their platforms. The next week when elections came up I had an incentive to go to the voter box.

I knew who these people were and what they stood for. If it had not been for their appearance in my class I probably would not have known when the election was to take place, much less who the candidates were.

In conclusion, I feel that students do not vote because of the lack of this information. If candidates would just take the time to go to a few classes in each school and make their faces and platforms known, maybe they would show up to vote.

It would give us the information we need, as well as the ability to choose who we think would do a good job. Without information, how do we know what there is to choose from?

A personal appearance in a classroom filled with students who have to be there gives the candidate a chance to reach a broader audience than they would have otherwise.

It is obvious that just sticking up flyers is not going to work. If it had worked in the past election there would not be an issue. Forced personal appearances may be the key to a higher voter turnout.

Cynthia Morgan
Junior, communication

Don't want people peeking in window

I am writing in concern of the newly proposed bicycle path that is about to be constructed to connect Centennial Campus with the rest of campus. The path will run through the middle of Fraternity Court in order to join the two campuses.

Why is this a problem? The problem occurs when the path will run only a few feet behind two sorority houses that are on Fraternity Court. There is a small grassy area behind the sorority houses before the little bit of woods that protect the sororities' privacy.

The windows that are in the rooms of 20 girls that live on the bottom halls of the two houses are at ground level. I live in one of these rooms on the bottom hall and I don't particularly like the idea of everybody and their brother riding by my window as I live in my room.

The woods that are situated behind our house gives each of us a sense of security, safety and privacy. If you run a bike path beside these woods, what kind of security and privacy will we have then?

Well, I am not saying that there should be no bike path at all, because I agree with the fact that bikers should have a safe place to ride their bikes between the two campuses. I just do not agree with the idea that it has to go right outside my window where 100 people might ride by a day. I have a simple solution to this problem: re-route the path! There is so much unused land around Fraternity Court, why can't it be used instead?

The problem affects not only the 20 of us who live on the bottom halls of our sorority houses, but all 80 girls that live in the two houses. People will have access to the path a few feet away from the houses 24 hours a day. I will not feel safe or secure knowing that anyone could be looking in our windows at any time of the day!

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