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Panelists discuss death penalty

■ A hot debate Monday night weighed the pros and cons of executions in North Carolina.

By EMILY SUTTON
Staff Writer

It was appropriate, in a way, that a discussion on capital punishment turned into an intellectual life-and-death struggle.

Speakers on both sides of the issue at a discussion Monday night muttered and contradicted and even rolled their eyes at opposing points-of-view.

The big disagreement was whether capital punishment acts as a deterrent to crime.

About the only thing they could agree on was that there wasn't enough time to discuss the issue.

The forum ran two and a half hours, and time keeper Tim Colvin had to constantly remind participants that their allotted time was up.

The participants debated whether capital punishment should be practiced in North Carolina.

Dr. Tom Regan, a professor in N.C. State's department of philosophy and religion, moderated paradigm shift's panel discussion at the Student Center Annex Cinema.

There were six panelists, each of whom brought a different perspective to the discussion.

Those in favor of the death penalty were Dick Adams of the N.C. Victim Compensation Commission, Joan Byers from the N.C. Attorney General's office and JoAnne DeRossett, a lobbyist for

the N.C. Victims' Assistance Network.

Those against the death penalty were the Rev. Jimmy Creech of the North Carolina Council of Churches, statistician and Amnesty International member Marshall Hardy and Kin Hennis from the N.C. Resource Center.

Adams' son was murdered during an armed robbery, and Adams said he wants to keep the murderers from committing another crime. He said capital punishment is justified by the pain, anguish and frustration that the victim's family feels.

Byers said capital punishment is justified since 85 percent of the population is in favor of it. She said there is no way to send convicted murderers to prison without fear that they will commit another murder if released.

"Execution is the most lawful method and there is no other alternative," she said.

DeRossett's brother was killed and the murderer wasn't eligible for the death penalty, she said.

For an executed murderer to receive the death penalty in North Carolina, the prosecution must prove that the defendant has had a previous aggravated assault charge or the murder was especially heinous or cruel. The defendant is then allowed to give testimony on what tragic life events have caused him to commit such a crime.

DeRossett said the punishment must fit the crime.

"The law must send a message

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KATHLEEN OEHLEH/STAFF

The first signs of the Engineering Graduate Research Center's construction can be seen on Centennial Campus.

Engineering college adds research center

■ The College of Engineering and Centennial Campus are both growing. But at what cost to the environment?

By MICHAEL LEMANSKI
Staff Writer

Construction is under way for the new Engineering Graduate Research Center on Centennial Campus.

The EGRC will be 132,000 square feet in area, with a Civil Engineering Research Lab and other offices and laboratory space for the College of Engineering. It is being constructed between the textiles buildings and Lake Raleigh. A five-level parking deck also is being built.

Claude McKinney, the Centennial Campus coordinator, said the project is scheduled to be completed in the fall of 1996, at a

cost of \$32 million. Money for construction is coming from a statewide bond referendum passed last November for the UNC-System.

The university also plans to begin construction on Research IV, what McKinney calls the "Partners Building," and the Centennial Campus Connector within the next year. These projects are scheduled to be completed in 1996.

Other plans for Centennial Campus include a golf course, a hotel and conference center on Lake Raleigh and a paved walkway around the lake.

McKinney said one of the main principals of construction on Centennial Campus is to protect the land and natural resources. He said that anywhere from 30 to 50 percent of the land will be developed; the rest will remain a natural area.

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MATT NASH/STAFF

Jack Garland, cleverly disguised as Captain Condom, takes a break from handing out condoms to drink some punch.

Students warned about AIDS

■ Two guest speakers at SEX Fest Tuesday lectured students about the dangers of AIDS.

By NICOLE BOWMAN
Staff Writer

Even college students can get AIDS.

That was the message John Goldman and T.J. Sullivan tried to convey to a standing-room-only crowd in the Student Center Ballroom Tuesday night.

"There's no such thing as low risk," Goldman said.

Goldman is an Indiana University graduate who tested HIV positive in 1992. He and his friend, Sullivan, gave a talk on "Friendship in the Age of AIDS" as a conclusion to SEX Fest.

Goldman said that one in 200 college students carry the AIDS virus.

"The face of AIDS is changing," he said. "It's now mine, but really it could be yours."

Goldman and Sullivan travel to

college campuses across the country speaking about AIDS awareness and prevention. They decided to start speaking across the country when they went to Washington D.C. in 1992 and saw the AIDS quilt, which is made up of coffin-sized panels memorializing AIDS victims.

"When we saw the AIDS quilt," Sullivan said, "about 12 panels had fraternity and sorority letters on them. No one told us about how widespread AIDS was before, so we decided it was time to speak up."

Laura Babinski, who introduced Sullivan and Goldman, said that more Americans have died from AIDS than the people killed in the Korean War, Vietnam War, and the Persian Gulf War combined.

In the United States, there are an estimated 1 million people infected with HIV, an early stage of AIDS. Most of the people infected contracted the virus in their twenties.

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Festival held to discuss sex

■ Hundreds of people listened to music and discussed human sexuality Tuesday afternoon.

By RON BATCHO
News Editor

Sex was on everyone's mind yesterday afternoon in Harris Field. But they weren't looking to get lucky; they were looking to learn.

About 200 students attended Sex Education X-change, dubbed S.E.X. Fest Tuesday.

"[S.E.X. Fest] gives students an opportunity to see in the open the diversity of human sexuality," said Jennifer Phillips, health educator for the Center for Health Directions and organizer of the event. "Nothing like this has been done before on campus."

Whirrie and the Yard Dogs and The Goldbugs played music, and a

step show was held to entertain the crowd.

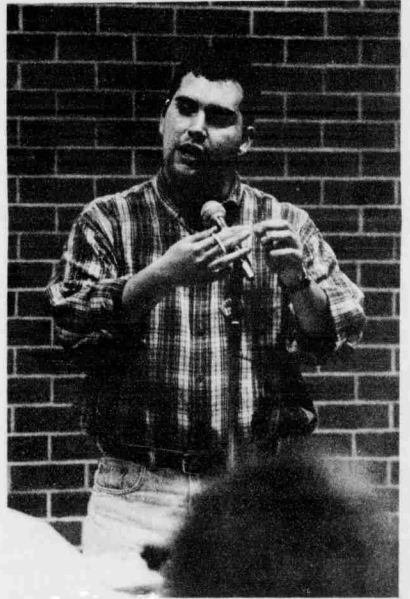
"It's a good idea for people to have fun while they learn things," said Condom Man, also known as Jack Garland, a senior double majoring in psychology and communication. "Students have the right to choose whether or not to have sex, but they need to be safe. That's why we're here."

Rhonda Mann, director of the Women's Center, said the event's openness led to its success. "It helps people feel that it's OK to talk about the subject," Mann said. "It is a lot of fun and lets us talk about something that affects all of our lives."

Mann also said being at the event helped her reach more people.

"I have talked to students that normally wouldn't come by [the Women's Center]," she said.

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MELISSA BAUER/STAFF

T.J. Sullivan demonstrates the proper way to put on a condom at SEX Fest Tuesday.

Fifth-year students face penalty

■ The N.C. Senate is considering a bill to improve graduation rates, but NCSU's Student Senate president thinks it will hurt students.

By JENNIFER SORBER
Staff Writer

Will you be able to afford a 25 percent tuition surcharge on the rest of your classes if you don't graduate in four years?

Will you be able to handle 15 credit hours a semester, instead of the 12 now needed to be considered a full time student?

If some state senators have their way, UNC-System students will have to answer these questions in three years.

N.C. Senate Bill 1505, written by eight senators, calls for a tuition surcharge if students don't complete their studies within four years, and requires full time students to take at least 15 hours.

Student Senate President Megan Jones isn't happy with the proposed bill. She believes the surcharge will cause fewer students to get double majors or minors. She said this would make students in other states more competitive in the job market because they would be free to double major without financial penalty.

Jones also believes degree programs will be shortened so that students can graduate in the allotted time. She is worried that, in the end, that means less education.

"This bill was not thought out,"

she said. "Ask yourself, 'What's more important, getting out in four years or educational quality?'"

Jones also is concerned that students who need preparatory classes will fall behind.

As for the increase in hours for full time students, Jones thinks it would lead to lower grade point averages. She said the additional classes will give students less time to study.

Students who must work while going to school also will be at a disadvantage if they have to take 15 hours, Jones said.

Upperclassmen could suffer as well because junior and senior courses are designed to be more difficult.

Another drawback would be that cooperative education, which

involves taking a semester or more off from class to work in an area of study, wouldn't be an option for students unable to afford the tuition increase.

Athletes also would be affected by the bill. Since the NCAA requires athletes to take only 12 credit hours, UNC-System athletes would have to handle tougher course loads than their competitors from private schools and other states.

Jones hopes students, faculty, administrators and even parents, since they're the ones who often pay the bills, will become aware of the bill and work to stop it.

The 16 UNC-System schools are "a powerful block," Jones said. "We have enough political clout to do something — we just need to get organized."

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News Notes

Harrod elected chairman

Keith Harrod, president and chief executive officer of Harrod and Associates Constructors Inc. in Raleigh, was elected chairman of the Board of Trustees at N.C. State at a meeting of the board on Sept. 16.

Harrod succeeds William Burns of Durham, who served four one-year terms as chairman. Burns, chairman of the board of Central Carolina Bank & Trust Co., was named a member of the board's executive committee.

Elected to serve as vice chairman of the board were Annabelle Fetterman of Clinton, chairman and chief executive officer of Lundy Packing Co., and William Klopman of Greensboro, retired chairman of Burlington Industries.

Smedes York of Raleigh, president of York Properties, was elected to serve as secretary. Assistant secretary will be John Kanipe, secretary of NCSU.

Fellowships awarded to doctoral students

The U.S. Department of Education has approved funding that will create 54 new research fellowships for students pursuing doctoral degrees at N.C. State.

Each fellowship is renewable for up to three years, with a stipend of \$14,000 per year. It also will cover the cost of the student's tuition, fees, books, supplies and research-related expenses.

The 54 fellowships are the most ever awarded by the Graduate Assistance in Areas of National Need program to the NCSU Graduate School in one year. Previously, the largest number awarded was 24 in 1991. This is the first time the Graduate School has received GAANN fellowships in biotechnology, computational sciences and engineering.

"The number and diversity of the fellowships reflect the strength of our doctoral programs, and especially its strength in an interdisciplinary doctoral education," said Margaret King, associate dean of the NCSU Graduate School.

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TODAY

INFORMATION — October is Lupus Awareness Month. If you or someone you know has lupus or would like more information about lupus, contact the lupus support group Raleigh chapter at 772-8564.

TUTORS — Start work immediately at \$7.50 per hour! We need tutors for Statistics, Dynamics and Chemical Processes. Apply in Page Hall, Room 118.

MEETING — Organizational meetings for the Take Back The Night March are every Monday at 7:30 p.m. in the NCSU Women's Center, B-14 Nelson Hall. Everyone welcome!

FALL HOURS — Students for Choice, a reproductive rights group, announces fall office

hours: Mondays 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Wednesdays 1:30 to 3 p.m. at the NCSU Women's Center. Come see what choice is all about!

WORKSHOP — Leadership Development Series Workshop tonight is "Sex, Lies and Communication: Why Men and Women Don't Understand Each Other." For more information or to register call 512-2451.

MEETING — The Society of Women Engineers is meeting in Daniels Hall, Room 216 at 7 p.m. The topic is co-op and summer intern. Refreshments are provided and all are welcome.

MEETING — Circle K meets Wednesdays at 7 p.m. in the Student Center, Room 3118.

Circle K is a coed community service organization. Work with the local animal shelter and the Tammy Lynn Center for handicapped people. Interested? Call Christine at 836-8170.

MEETING — The UAB outdoor adventure committee meets Wednesday nights at 6:30 p.m. in the Student Center, Room 3120. Join us to discuss the deep-sea camping and fishing trip and other weekend adventures.

MEETING — A PAMS Council meeting will be held at 6 p.m. in the Blue Room of the Student Center.

THURSDAY

CONVERSATIONS — A peer group for female students to discuss issues

and concerns will be held at 3:30 p.m. in the Bragaw activity room. Call 515-2012 for information.

WORKSHOP — Four-part Career Decision-Making Workshop to help students define career interests or majors. Call Career Planning at 515-2396 to register for the series held from 7 to 8 p.m. in Pullen Hall, Room 2100.

MEETING — Come and check out the Social/Ballroom Dance Club. Learn to Swing, Tango, etc. Meetings are on Thursdays. Beginners: 8:15 to 9 p.m. Advanced: 9:15 to 10:15 p.m. in the dance studio in Carmichael Gym.

COFFEEHOUSE — Join us for great music, coffee and friends at the Instant

Coffeehouse, every Thursday from 8 to 10 p.m. in the University Student Center Commons. Call 515-5918 for more information.

LECTURE — Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. presents "How Will I Finance an Undergraduate Degree? Graduate Degree?" Come find out about various financial aid opportunities at 7:30 p.m. in the AACC Multipurpose Room.

MEETING — Jewish at NCSU? Come join us for a planning meeting and pizza in the CCM office of the Student Center at 6:30 p.m. Call 942-4057 for more information.

WORKSHOP — A nutrition workshop will be held from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. in Carmichael Gymnasium, Room 125.

For more information, call the Intramural-Recreational Sports Office at 515-3161.

SEMINAR — Pat Heim, leading national management consultant

and author of "Hardball for Women," will present a seminar on "Gender Differences in Communication." It will be held at the Sheraton Imperial in RTP.

What's Happening Policy

What's Happening items must be submitted in writing on a What's Happening grid, available in Technician's offices, at least two publication days in advance by noon. Space is limited and priority will be given to items that are submitted earliest. Items may be no longer than 30 words. Items must come from organizations that are campus affiliated. The news department will edit items for style, grammar, spelling and brevity. Technician reserves the right to not run items deemed offensive or that don't meet publication guidelines. Direct questions and send submissions to Chris Baysden, assistant news editor. You may also e-mail items to TECHCAL@NCSU.EDU.

AIDS

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"We all need to know more, we all need to do more. Our friendships depend on it," Babinski said. "This is a fight we can win, only if we realize that we are all in this together."

Goldman and Sullivan offered tips on how to decrease the risk of catching HIV without diminishing

sexual satisfaction. They also addressed the degrees of risk involved in sexual behaviors, and common misconceptions of AIDS and its spread.

"In the program we try to get across not mixing sex with alcohol," Goldman says. "Sex and alcohol doesn't mix. You become less inhibited and do things you would not do if you were sober," Sullivan said. "When you're not drinking you have safer sex."

SEX Fest

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Phillips said she was impressed with the size of the crowd and was optimistic about the festival's future. She said the event, which included distribution of hundreds of condoms from several organizations on campus, was a copy of a program at East Carolina, where she used to work.

"I did something similar to this at ECU and gave away 2,000 condoms in two hours," she said.

The Student Health Services booth also had a barf toss, where students threw rubber vomit into a toilet for free condoms and mocktails, a non-alcoholic cocktail substitution.

"We are stressing moderate drinking and no sex under the influence," said Ashley Farrell, a

peer coordinator for Student Health Services.

HEAR Women and REAL Men, rape education organizations, were in attendance to discourage sexual crimes.

"We're taking a stand against rape," said Amy Wazenecker, chair of HEAR Women. "When we tell people about statistics like 25 percent of all women at some point in their life will be raped or sexually assaulted, they are shocked and amazed."

The two groups were also promoting their "Take Back the Night March" against rape and sexual assault on Nov. 1.

Public Safety also was present, handing out brochures instead of citations.

"We want to spread the message that Public Safety is here to protect students against rape and sexual assault," said A.B. Reid, a bike patrol officer for Public Safety.

Sullivan said that mixing sex and alcohol has many negative consequences, such as becoming pregnant, losing self-esteem, getting a bad reputation, and catching HIV or other sexually transmitted diseases.

Goldman said attitudes toward people infected by AIDS shouldn't change. Treat people who have AIDS "as you treated them before you knew they had AIDS — normal," said Goldman.

"We want to prevent those types of crimes. The more people become aware, the smaller the chance they become a victim."

But no one is ever completely safe, he said.

"There is always a potential threat," he said. "One incident is one too many."

The Wake County health department was on hand to increase AIDS awareness. Curtis Winston, a Wake County health department HIV tester, said NCSU isn't immune to AIDS.

"A lot of college kids are getting infected while in college," he said. "Over the past 18 months, there has been a tremendous amount of new cases."

Planned Parenthood also was at the event, informing students about different types of birth control.

Center

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Despite McKinney's verbal commitment to environmentalism, the development has caused some problems for Lake Raleigh.

According to "A Study of Water Quality in Lake Raleigh," written by JoAnn Burkholder from the botany department, the construction of Centennial Campus involved the complete removal of vegetation in some areas and the extensive grading of some hillsides.

Death

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about crime. It cannot be tolerated," she said. "What is feared the most will deter most."

Creesh represented a religious viewpoint on capital punishment. He said several members of his extended family have been murdered, but the Christian ethic says that violence is not a cure for violence.

"We [the public] are all brutalized by the death penalty and we are responsible for participating in killing," he said.

Hardy said that the death penalty hasn't been a deterrent for 250 years.

And Hennis said the poor are most

Silt nets have been placed around most of the development to control the damage. McKinney said that "years of poor management practices have caused the lake to fill in some places."

Also, a tree registered in the North Carolina Big Tree Program was accidentally killed when property west of the EGRG building was cleared of trees. The largest Arizona Cypress in the state, the tree qualified for registration in 1981 and had grown to 58 feet in height with a circumference of 76 inches.

likely to face execution.

He also said the death penalty is expensive. He said the average price in North Carolina for an execution has cost the taxpayers \$2 million.

"However, a 25 year life sentence costs taxpayers \$25,000 a year, averaging at \$625,000 per sentence," he said.

The discussion had a decisive effect on at least one member of the audience.

"I came into this symposium with an open mind, but now I feel I am definitely for the death penalty," said freshman Student Senator Jason Reischel. "I think that the legal process should be sped up so if a man shoots a subway full of people on Thursday, he is convicted and tried on Friday while his cell is being cleaned out."



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Women's Soccer				
Team	W	L	T	Overall
North Carolina	4	0	0	11
Duke	4	0	1	8
Virginia	1	0	1	6
Clemson	0	2	0	8
Maryland	1	2	1	4
N.C. State	0	2	1	5
Wake Forest	0	4	0	3

Today
George Mason at Maryland
Appalachian St. at Wake Forest

Friday
SMU at N.C. State
North Carolina vs. George Washington
Ohio State at Duke

Saturday
North Carolina vs. Ohio State
George Washington at Duke
Gardner-Webb at Wake Forest

Sunday
Mercer at N.C. State
Clemson at Virginia

Tuesday
UNC-Greensboro at Duke

Men's Soccer				
Team	W	L	T	Overall
Virginia	3	1	0	8
North Carolina	2	1	0	7
N.C. State	2	1	0	6
Maryland	2	2	0	7
Clemson	1	2	0	6
Duke	1	2	0	4
Wake Forest	0	2	0	7

Today
North Carolina vs. Princeton
Liberty at Virginia
Charleston (WV) at Clemson

Thursday
Wake Forest at Duke

Friday
Mt. St. Mary's at Maryland

Sunday
Wake Forest at N.C. State
Virginia at Clemson

Monday
Furman at Duke
Butler at Maryland

Thursday
The Citadel at North Carolina
UNC Asheville at North Carolina

Football				
Team	W	L	T	Overall
Florida State	4	0	0	4
Duke	2	0	0	5
N.C. State	2	0	0	4
Virginia	1	1	0	3
Clemson	1	2	0	2
Maryland	1	3	0	2
North Carolina	0	1	0	3
Georgia Tech	0	2	0	3
Wake Forest	0	2	0	1

Saturday
N.C. State at Louisville
Virginia at Wake Forest
Clemson at Georgia
Georgia Tech at North Carolina
Florida State at Miami (Fla.)

Home Games and Times

Volleyball
vs. Florida State - 7 p.m. Friday
vs. Florida State - 7 p.m. Saturday
vs. North Carolina - 7 p.m. Tuesday
Reynolds Coliseum

Women's Soccer
vs. SMU - 3 p.m. Today
vs. Mercer - 1 p.m. Sunday
Method Road Stadium

Men's Soccer
vs. Wake Forest - TBA Sunday
Method Road Stadium

Sports

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October 5, 1994

Rocky Mountain high gets Pack down

Tough conditions hampered the Wolfpack men's and women's cross country teams in the Rocky Mountain Shootout.

By DAVID HONEA
Staff Writer

BOULDER, Colo. — High altitude and a difficult course made running slow for the N.C. State cross country teams Saturday, as the Wolfpack men and women both finished well back in the pack at the Rocky Mountain Shootout in Boulder, Co.

After opening strongly at the Wolfpack Invitational, State's men finished sixth with 141 points, well behind host Colorado's winning score of 40. Other teams ahead of the Pack were Idaho St.(66), Adams St. (118), Michigan (119), and Western St. (121).

The Pack's men were paced by Jose Gonzalez, who finished eighth, running the 5.1 mile course in 26:19. Colorado's Alan Culpepper

won the race in 25:21.

The best news for the Wolfpack came from freshman Joe Wirgau, who was the team's second finisher. Wirgau finished 18th, running 26:48, in only his second collegiate race.

State's scoring was completed by Michael Brooks (29th, 27:17), Jason Vigilante (42nd, 27:45), and Pat Joyce (44th, 27:54).

With slow times brought about by the altitude (5,400 feet) and a course that State coaches and runners described as "tremendously difficult," head coach Rolie Geiger had a tough time rating the men's performance.

"We had really hoped to place higher," Geiger said. "And you never want to see a 95 second gap between your top five runners. But three of the teams in front of us are ranked in the top 15, and the others are ranked 1-2 in Division II. And all of those teams are used to high altitude, except for Michigan, which is ranked sixth in the nation."

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Charge!



Members of a fraternity flag football team explode into action Tuesday on the lower intramural fields. Check out Technician's intramural wrap-up on page four.

CLAIRE HACKNEY/STAFF

Late Game

Virginia gives Pack first conference loss

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. — Sixth-ranked Virginia handed N.C. State's men's soccer team its first conference defeat Sunday afternoon in a tight 2-1 decision. State is now 6-4 overall, 2-1 in the ACC.

The Wolfpack scored in the second half to tie the match at one-all. Jason Reigler fired a 20-yard shot that curled into the upper right corner of the goal at 69:40. Mark Jonas assisted on the score.

But two and a half minutes later, Virginia scored the deciding goal. From ten yards out, Steve Johnson put back a deflected save by Pack keeper Kyle Campbell to ice the game.

Virginia's first goal came when A.J. Woods deflected a crossing pass from Nate Friends past Campbell. That assist marked the 11th straight game Friends has scored at least one point, setting a school record.

Virginia outshot the Wolfpack 19-3 overall and 9-1 in the first half. Campbell made eight saves to Yuri Sagatov's none.

State next plays at the College of Charleston today at 7 p.m.

N.C. State	0	1	—	1
Virginia	1	1	—	2

Scoring:
UVA: Wood (Friends assist), 11:45
NCU: Reigler (Jonas assist), 69:40
UVA: Steve Johnson (Wood), 72:18
Shots on goal: NCU 3, UVA 19
Corner kicks: NCU 1, UVA 5
Saves: NCU 8 (Campbell 7, back save 1), UVA 0
Fouls: NCU 10, UVA 18

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State grad gets on Duke's bandwith

Despite graduating from N.C. State, Tony Haynes is now dedicated to Duke athletics.

By JOE GIGLIO
Staff Writer

What do Benedict Arnold and

Tony Haynes, a N.C. State graduate, have in common?

Nothing, Haynes says. Even though he's covered Duke football and basketball since 1987 with the Capital Sports Network.

Haynes does pregame, halftime, and postgame shows, sideline reporting and some play-by-play

action.

But since he started that job, his allegiance has been split between the Wolfpack and their rivals, the Blue Devils.

Haynes graduated from State with a degree in speech communication. During his junior year, he decided to work for WKNC, the campus radio station. That got him started

down the road to sports radio.

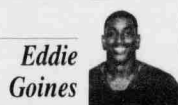
"It was an invaluable experience,"

Haynes said. "It was the best decision I ever made. The only way to survive is to go out and do it. Test your talents and discover what you are good at."

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He's pretty, he's a baaad man — Goines set for Thrilla in Louisville

Left out of the action against Georgia Tech, Eddie prepares for the trip to Ali's hometown.



Eddie Goines

But Tech did.

Down 10-0 in the second quarter, we were in trouble. We were thinking that if we don't do something quick, we could be looking at a long day and our first "L."

We knew we could move the ball,

but we had to stop killing ourselves with penalties and turnovers. Once we got rid of those, we were able to control the game.

Another big factor to our offense: getting on track was Geoff Bender. Coming in as an instant spark to the O is nothing new to him, of course. Saturday was just another day at the

office for No. 12.

Tech was confusing us with a variety of defenses, especially with blitzes. Therefore, the coaches decided to just go with a basic — and I do mean basic — attack.

Run right, run left. For 26 straight plays. For this to be effective, our

offensive line had to play well. And

obviously, this is not exactly a wide receiver's dream. At least not this one's. But, as the old saying goes, there is no I in TEAM.

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Tech eats home cooking from the kettle it calls black

■ The endzone call may have been questionable, but it's time for Georgia Tech to put last week's loss behind them and get on with their season.

I'm tired of Georgia Tech's whining. Was he in or was he out? Who cares? The ref called him out. State won. Tech lost. End of game. End of story.

I'm talking, of course, about the infamous Cedric Zachery (non) touchdown on the next-to-last play of Tech's final drive. I was watching on TV, so I had the benefit of instant replay and, yes, he was in. He reached over William Strong, got his right knee and foot down and made an excellent catch — in bounds.

Two words: home cooking. When playing a conference game on the road, that's the price you pay. It happens in the Dean Dome.



Ted Newman

it happens in Reynolds and pretty much everywhere that officiated competition occurs.

And the last team that should complain is Georgia Tech.

Remember, if you will, two years ago in Atlanta. The Pack was on pace to its best season ever. The score was 13-13 with less than a minute remaining. Steve Videtich had just missed a 51-yard field goal and Tech took over. With about eight seconds remaining, Shawn Jones heaved a 50-yard pass, which was caught by Keenan Walker.

He hit the ground, bounced twice and called timeout — all in eight seconds.

Sure. Much to the chagrin of Wolfpack faithful the world over, two seconds were left on the clock, so Scott

Sisson could nail a game winner. Final: 16-13.

Look at it this way: Tech stole one from us, and we are just taking it back. It happens.

It's not like the Jackets are going to a major bowl game and this could cost them a national title shot. If anything, a Tech win does nothing more than bring out the usual hand of State bashers, screaming "I told you so."

Not to mention, the score was 21-13, an eight point difference. If memory serves, a touchdown is worth only six points. How would... Ah yes, the assumption of the two-point conversion. I suppose that since God had willed the TD that the two-pointer would naturally follow.

Plus, don't forget about their field goal that narrowed the lead to eight in the first place. It sure appeared to me that the play clock had run out, thus yielding a "delay of game" penalty. But no, the referees granted Tech a timeout, apparently before the clock had expired, and they were able to successfully execute

the field goal. The kick itself left a lot to be desired, and how it made it through the uprights is beyond me.

Both teams were given the benefits of "questionable" officiating, which seems to be going around this season. But no more than usual. Every year we have some key play in a big game that shouldn't have happened. This is just the latest installment.

Now, for the personal testimony that makes my column worth reading.... I had the wonderful pleasure of officiating intramural basketball last year. If everybody who got irate and yelled and cursed at a referee could referee just for one week, they would have a change of heart. All it takes is a bad angle, a bad official or the players' blatant ignorance of the rules and things can get touchy.

Testimony over. The zebras in the ACC are pros. And still a call will get missed. So, there's only one thing to do. Take our home cooking where we can get it. And watch it on the road.

Heels. I really enjoy working at Duke, the people here make me feel welcome.

No problems, usually. But what about when State plays Duke? "It's not a fan war," Haynes said. "But I miss being a fan. I miss being able to yell and scream and cheer for one team."

As for the State-Duke football game this year, Haynes expects some excitement.

"A lot of times the State-Duke game is the most exciting game we see all year," Haynes said. "Every time they play it seems it always comes down to the last couple of plays."

Haynes said he's with Duke because the opportunity presented itself, not because he's a turncoat.

"I'm not a Benedict Arnold," Haynes said. "If N.C. State came to me in 1987 and offered me a job, I would have pounced on it. But I'm happy where I am. I enjoy my involvement at Duke."

As a player, the season can get a little boring playing the same teams and seeing the same places over and over. But everything this week is new, and I'm very excited.

Not just because of the game. I'm also thrilled because I'm going to see the home of my favorite athlete ever — I'm talking about the Louisville Lip, Muhammad Ali.

He is what I strive to be every day. The Greatest of All Time! He's as much as I love Ali, he still has to be second this weekend. We are 4-0 and have no plans of going anywhere but 5-0 after Saturday. Hopefully, I can make a play or two and somewhat remind the people of Louisville of another athlete who performed in that city.

Float like a butterfly, sting like a bee — ahhhhhhhhh, rumble young man rumble!

Wolfpack Notes

Fall Series begins tomorrow

The N.C. State baseball team's intrasquad Fall Series begins Thursday at 3:30 p.m. at Doak Field.

Series format will be best of five. The two teams were assembled by a draft held earlier this week. The opposing coaches are assistants Pat Clougherty and Matt Donahue. Friday's game is also at 3:30. Saturday features a doubleheader beginning at noon, and the fifth game, if necessary, will be Sunday at 1 p.m.

All of the doubleheader will probably be played, even if one team sweeps the other.

Four players invited to USA baseball fall trials

Cory Lee, Kurt Blackmun, Tom Sergio and Jake Weber of the N.C. State baseball team were invited with 68 other college players from around the nation to participate in the USA Baseball National Fall Trials.

The trials will be held Nov. 2 through Nov. 6 in Homestead, Fla. The trials are held to identify, evaluate and select possible players for the 1995 and 1996 USA baseball teams.

Sergio and Lee are sophomores; Blackmun and Weber are freshmen.

Haynes

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During his senior year, Haynes' professional broadcasting career began. He started as a weekend late night disc jockey at WKIX of Raleigh. After graduation, he was promoted to nighttime weekday disc jockey. During this period, he began doing play-by-play for local high school football games and some sideline work.

While working for WKIX, Capitol Sports' Al Mangum discovered him and helped bring him aboard. Haynes was hired in the summer of 1987 and has covered Duke football and basketball ever since.

But not all of his work has been strictly for Duke. During the 1990 NCAA basketball tournament, State was due to play Southern Mississippi in the first round. When Wolfpack play-by-play announcer Gary Hahn came down with

"State and Duke have one thing in common, they both hate the Tar Heels."

— Tony Haynes, NCSU alumnus Capital Sports Network

laryngitis, Haynes got the call to replace Hahn.

"It was a big thrill for me to do a State NCAA tournament game," Haynes said.

He has returned to the tournament many times since then. This past year he was at the Final Four in Charlotte with the Blue Devils and the Capital Sports Network.

"Most people don't mind that I went to State, so it doesn't present much of a problem," Haynes said. "State and Duke have one thing in common. They both hate the Tar

they stop the opposition, but they came up with two big turnovers in Strong's and Ricky Bell's interceptions.

As far as that TD that Tech caught at the end, the one ruled out of bounds, oh well. We won 21-13, we're 4-0, and that's that.

Now, on with our game ahead — the Louisville Cardinals, coached by the great Howard Schnellenberger. He has made that program one of the top ones in the country.

Obviously, I realize that this, along with every game, is an important one. But to me, this is more of a fun game. Louisville is a totally different team, program and place than we are used to.

Goines

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of our game plan. To be truthful, it was very frustrating. In a game as big and as close as that one, I would like to play a bigger role.

I want the opportunity to come through with a Big Play for the team, a la William Strong. Was that a clutch interception or what?

As a team, we showed more good signs Saturday. We were able to move the ball and win without even thinking about throwing the rock.

Also, as good as the defense has been in the first few games, it was even better Saturday. Not only did

Intramural-Recreational Sports

Intramural Sports
• Registration for men's residence, women's residence/sorority and fraternity volleyball closes today. A mandatory organizational meeting will be held today at 6 p.m. in room 104, Carmichael Gymnasium.

• Registration for men's residence, women's residence/sorority and fraternity cross-country is due Wednesday, Oct. 12. The cross-country run is scheduled for Thursday, Oct. 20.
• Athletic directors: get results of your matches in Technician's weekly intramurals roundup. Pick up the summary sheets from the intramural office and fill them out whenever you win. Turn them back into the M office and Technician will run them. Space permitting, in this feature every Wednesday.

Club Sports
• N.C. State's women's tennis club team defeated Duke 5-4 at home Sunday. Stephanie Head, Jenny Baumann and Aparna Kamath all won in singles. Doubles teams of Read and Lisa Morey and Baumann and Courtney McDowell also came away with wins.

• The N.C. State men's tennis club team will play at home against Duke Saturday at 1 p.m. on the intramural courts.

• Club officers will meet on Tuesday, Oct. 25 at 6 p.m. in room 2037, Carmichael Gymnasium.

• Club membership rosters are due now. If

your club has not completed one, please submit it at your earliest convenience to allow office supervisors to update your club's attendance records.

• Team captains: get results of your matches in Technician's weekly club sports roundup. Phone the sports office at 515-2411 from 2-4 p.m. Sunday, 2-5 p.m. Monday and 4-6 p.m. Tuesday with scores and details of the past week's games. Technicians will run them, space permitting, in this feature every Wednesday.

Outdoor Adventures
• A climbing workshop will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 12 at the NCSU Rockwall from 5-8 p.m. Gear will be provided.

• A canoeing and fishing workshop will be held on Friday, Oct. 7 at Horton Pond, near Jordan Lake from 2-6 p.m. Please bring your own rod and tackle.

Informal Recreation/Fitness
• A nutrition workshop on "How to Read Food Labels" will be held on Thursday, Oct. 6 from 5:30-6:30 p.m. in Room 125, Carmichael Gymnasium.

• Table Tennis will be held on Friday, Oct. 7 from 6-8:30 p.m. on Courts E3-E9, Carmichael Gymnasium. Equipment is provided.

• Volleyball will be held on Sunday, Oct. 9 from 2-5 p.m. on Courts 3 and 5, Carmichael Gymnasium. Equipment is provided.

Harriers

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Geiger said he expected Joyce, who is coming off an injury, and Vigilante to run much better as the season progressed. The Pack will also benefit from the return of Chip Furman, who was sick and did not travel to Colorado.

"If we just get two of those guys up with Mike Brooks, we're a solid third in the meet," Geiger said. "We simply have to run at the level we've been training at."

The Wolfpack women continued to struggle, finishing seventh with 161 points. Host Colorado once again dominated, scoring just 29 points.

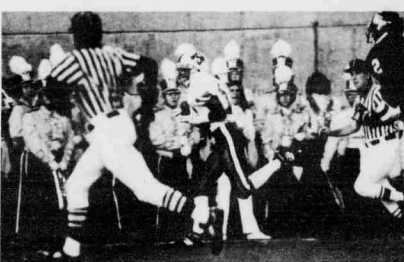
Senior Kathy Knabb led the way for State, finishing 17th and running 18:33 for the three miles. Western State's Elva Dryer, the defending NCAA Division II champ, ran 17:11 to win by nearly

30 seconds. Former all-ACC runners Kim Goode and Jen Norton both had respectable returns to action after missing the season opener with injuries. Goode was 28th, running 18:57, and Norton finished 44th in 19:39.

State's other scorers were Christy Goodison (32nd, 19:21) and Heather Hollis (40th, 19:29).

Hollis, who led the team with a fourth place finish at the Wolfpack Invitational, continues a pattern of early season struggles that have led to all-ACC performances the past two years. Geiger said a return to form by Hollis, coupled with continued improvement by Goode and Norton, could help the women salvage what has been a disappointing season thus far.

"There is some potential there, but the women are in a more questionable position than the men," he said. "We're counting on some substantial improvement from a few people."



Against Tech, Eddie Goines didn't have anywhere near the yard he had against Wake Forest last year — five catches, 207 yards. He only got one catch for 22 yards. But it was a Big Play — a fourth down conversion on State's first scoring drive.

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Williams comes alive at Thompson



"The Night Hank Williams Died" plays through Oct. 5 at Thompson Theatre.

■ Thompson Theatre's new play has it all: good ol' boys, country music and dreams of grandeur.

BY HEATHER HUGHES
Staff Writer

For anyone who has grown up in a small town and has longed for star-studded, exciting places where success falls like rain, where everyone is beautiful, and where dreams always come true, Thompson Theatre has got the play for you.

"The Night Hank Williams Died" opens on the summer of 1952 at a tavern in Stanley, Texas. Harry Truman is president and Thurmond Stottle is stuck with his crumbled dreams in Stanley.

Thurmond, a young hometown football hero-turned-gas station attendant and struggling country singer, dreams of success in Nashville but lacks the courage and motivation to leave on his own without his past and its glory.

He feels trapped. Gus Gilbert is a bartender at Sundown Tavern and

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Pop band Velocity Girl plays Triangle

■ Velocity Girl brought its low-fi, noisy, pop tunes to the Cat's Cradle recently.

BY KRISTEN KEACH
Staff Writer

Velocity Girl brought its pop noise to the Cat's Cradle in Carrboro Thursday night.

They were big. They were loud. And they were good. Very good.

The striking thing about the members of the band was they

didn't look like rock stars. Sarah Shannon, a disgustingly cute lead singer, is backed by four bespectacled nerds with short haircuts. Even she described the band "indie rock geeks."

It's hard to believe these dweeby looking guys can produce this much sound. And Velocity Girl's low-fi, pop noise translates nicely to the stage.

Occasionally, though, Shannon had to strain to be heard above the din. Her vocals were heard easily, but the lyrics were almost always

unintelligible.

Without so much as a "hello Carrboro," the Washington, D.C.-based band took the stage shortly after midnight and played an hour-long set.

The crowd, which filled about three quarters of the Cradle, happily moshed its way through the upbeat set, occasionally supporting a crowd surfer. When the band left the stage, the audience clamored loudly for

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The men's ultimate Frisbee team practices.

The ultimate Frisbee game

■ No whiners allowed: Ultimate Frisbee is an up-and-coming sport that offers excitement, competition and good times.

BY BARRY F. MILLWARD
Staff Writer

Ultimate is back, and it's better than ever. The N.C. State men's and women's Ultimate Frisbee teams are gearing up for the fall season and are looking for energetic and enthusiastic players.

Touted as the world's coolest sport, Ultimate combines speed, action and intensity of competition with a relatively laid-back, good-time partying camaraderie.

But what exactly is Ultimate?

For the uninitiated, Ultimate is a noncontact, team sport played between two teams of seven players using a flying disc, like a Frisbee, but heavier. The game combines the passing and scoring of football with the cutting and guarding of basketball, played on a 70-yard-long field with 25-yard-deep endzones.

Speed, endurance and good eye-hand coordination are important, as is the ability to play within a team structure. There are no referees, so the players make the foul calls, with experienced observers on the sidelines to arbitrate major disputes.

While some plays and strategies are involved, the game is much more free-flowing than most team sports. It resembles soccer in the ways the players move.

Several important differences include: the disc may only be moved by being thrown (no steps by the thrower allowed), contact between players isn't allowed, goals are scored only when an offensive player in the end zone catches the disc, and any interception or dropped pass is an immediate turnover.

The object of the game is to pass the disc from player to player until a pass is caught in the opponent's endzone.

Who plays this game?

According to Ultimate player Russell Furr, players are "athletic, fun-loving people — those who like to compete, party, be a part of a team and just have a great time."

The sport is played throughout the world, and the NCSU "Jinx" is one of 150 teams competing for the National Collegiate title. Men and women from all majors and all walks of life compete in college and many go on to play in the "Open" division after graduation. This division includes hundreds of teams and players from over 25 different countries.

People who begin playing in college have a five-year college eligibility window, then often play in an Open Division team, of which we have at least four in the Triangle area.

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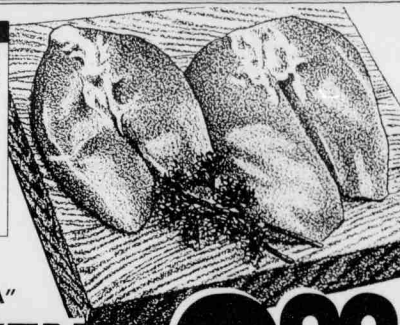
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Frisbee

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teams include "Grits" and "Red Hot Women," and ECU's team, "Helios," who placed ninth last year overall.

There is also an extremely popular Winter League consisting of approximately 16 co-coed teams.

How can you get involved with the NCSU teams? Generally, you need to be a full-time student in excellent condition with a desire to play on a competitive team. The men's team practices Tuesday and Thursday from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. on the Lower Intramural Fields behind Carmichael Gymnasium, and the women's team practices Tuesday and Thursday from 7 p.m. until 9:30 p.m.

The teams compete on the weekends in both local and out-of-town tournaments. It's a great way to meet people in this area and world-wide. You'll learn cool slang terms like "going horizontal" and "laying out" (no kidding, it means diving for a throw) and even have access to an Ultimate Hotline (834-0600 ext. 500). Don't worry if you aren't the best Frisbee thrower around, you'll get it down in no time.

Pruitt let us know that the "Horton Huxters" are "always looking for enthusiastic players, new and old," and Furr clued us in to the fact that "North Carolina is a hotbed of Ultimate Frisbee in the United States, and the U.S. leads the world in the highest levels of Ultimate play."

So if you are looking for a team sport with all the competitiveness of basketball and the relaxed social climate of a good friend's party, check out the Ultimate scene.

The two NCSU teams are the men's team, "Jinx," and the women's team, "Horton Huxters." Contact Russell



MELISSA BAUER/STAFF

Ultimate Frisbee is popular at State.

Furr at 859-5689 or coach Charles Kerr at 821-5509 for the men's team and Jennifer Pruitt at 851-3060 for the women's team. For information about the winter league, call Joe Wolhar at 783-8291.

Like to throw Frisbee but not into the running aspect? Do you like a more individual sport? Keep your eyes open for an upcoming article on "Disc Golf" in Technician! This up-and-coming sport is inexpensive and fun, and there are two nearby courses in Raleigh.

Theater

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an older version of Thurmond Stottle. Gus has let his dreams die quietly through the years and now tries to advise young Thurmond on the right way to go.

Nellie Bess Powers Clark is Thurmond's ex-fiance who had the courage to leave Stanley in search of a better life. An unfortunate turn of events leads Nellie Bess back to Stanley to think about what she really wants out of life and to make peace with the past.

The cast includes phenomenal performances from the trapped threesome and also from the town's closed-minded, bullying, power-poisoned sheriff, the local good ol' boy and Nellie Bess's religion-crazed mother.

"The Night Hank Williams Died" includes trapped lovers, shattered dreams, love, and old friends. Come see this play and laugh and cry along with the sensational cast as you identify with each of them and feel what they feel.

Velocity

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Returning to the stage for the band's final two songs, guitarist Archie Moore took a job at the tradition of pre-planned encores. "Oddly enough," he quipped, "we forgot to play two songs."

Velocity Girl ended its set with covers of songs by Echo and the Bunnymen and New Order.

Velocity Girl — singer Sarah Shannon, bassist Kelly Riles, guitarist Archie Moore and Brian Nelson, and drummer Jim Spellman — is one of a new breed of D.C.-based, low-fi, noisy, pop bands.

The band formed in 1989 while its members were students at the University of Maryland. (All but one has graduated). The band, which has been compared to My Bloody Valentine and Lush, took its name from an obscure Primal Scream B-side from the mid '80s.

Shortly after releasing its first single on Silver Springs, Md., label Slumberland Records, the band was

signed to a five-record contract with Seattle's indie giant Sub Pop.

The debut, "Copacetic" (beatnik slang for "cool"), became Sub Pop's biggest seller since Nirvana's "Bleach." Velocity Girl's latest offering, "Simpatico," has enjoyed similar success.

Velocity Girl delivers a unique sound, combining ethereal, pop vocals with jangly guitars. On stage, the band has more of an edge. The vocals aren't as sugary and the guitars are noisier on stage.

This band is not for anyone looking for political sentiment or social commentary. Velocity Girl relies on simply-constructed songs and uncomplicated lyrics about all things ordinary. It is simply fun listening.

Thursday's Cat's Cradle show opened with the local band, Grover. The trio's upbeat, catchy tunes made the band an easy crowd pleaser. Its set featured some new material along with old standards.

Second on the bill was New York City quartet, Cell. It ripped through its voluminous set with noisy, dissonant guitars and heavy, aggressive vocals.



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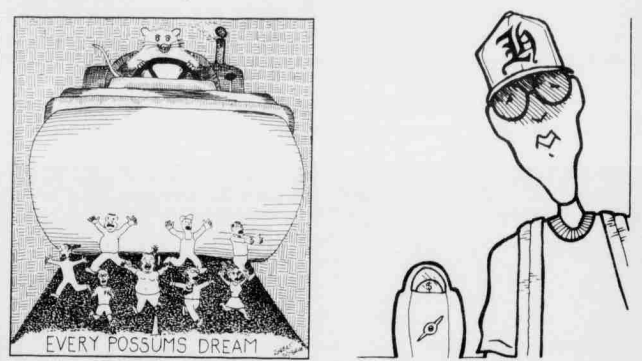
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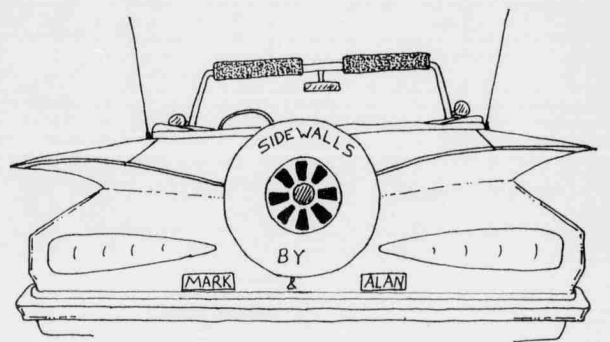
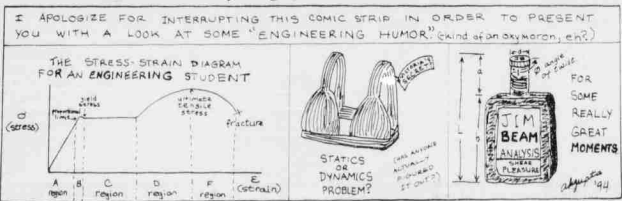
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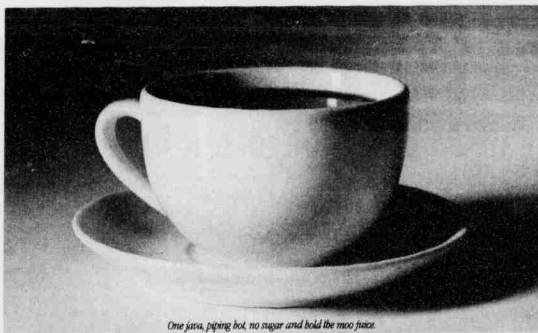
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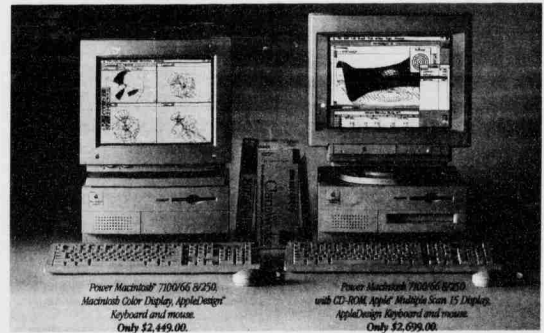


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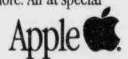
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A paper that is entirely the product of the student body becomes at once the official organ through which the thoughts, the activity and in fact the very life of the campus are registered. College life without its journal is blank.

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Special treatment causes a mess

■ **Minority groups on campus would benefit more if they were treated like other students.**

Having a large number of successful minority graduates active in the community would provide much needed role models for youth. Recruitment to fill quotas at N.C. State does nothing to this end.

The Advocates for Minority Engineering Students Success program, created in 1982 and originally named the Minority Services Program, has reorganized its focus from recruiting to increasing the graduation rates of minority engineering students.

But many of the program's initiatives assume minority students aren't capable of facing the same workload as others.

Minority students' GPAs and SAT scores are comparable to their counterparts when they enter college, the group said. So why would they need to be preregistered for MDS 101?

Ethnic isolation, low expectations from students and professors and lack

of positive role models are the main problem, AMES' says. The group is trying to remedy this by clustering minority students in core engineering classes.

Freshman may have to take a class stressing skills important for college success. The program provides a special five-week, academic, head-start program called Summer Transition Program for freshman and tutoring for upperclassmen.

If ethnic isolation is a key problem, why do these students need to be clustered with others of their skin color? Why must they be isolated in facing different course work requirements than white students?

The more minorities depend on outside support, the less likely they are to get much-deserved respect from students and professors. There is a fine line between sympathy and pity — and oftentimes, the two together lead to cynically low expectations.

While AMES' intentions are good, the effects are likely to be detrimental. By providing a constant security net for minorities, groups like AMES' are not allowing minorities to fend for themselves in an environment that is supposedly a model of the real world.

Hurry! Offer expires soon

■ **Avoid the hassle of reactivating your Unity account and log in today.**

It is a shame when a privilege will be taken away because not enough students are showing an interest.

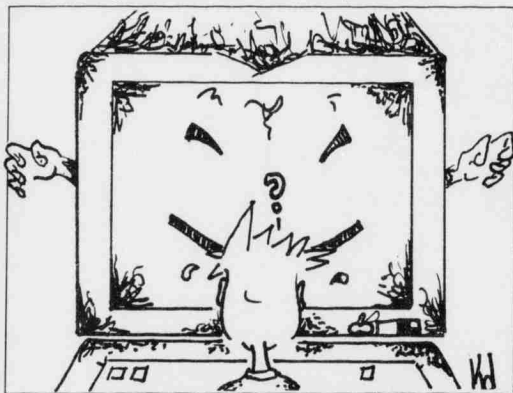
Unity accounts made their debut on campus this fall. They are available to all students. But use it or lose it is going to become the policy by Oct. 7. All Unity accounts that have not been accessed will be deactivated by then.

The Unity accounts are being deactivated due to a continuing problem with non-students breaking into the university's inactive accounts

illegally. The system is connected to many worldwide internet systems which would make it possible for a hacker to gain access and use the file as a base for breaking into some of NCSU's more sensitive systems. Anyone who has the Social Security number of a student who has not changed his password can do this. This is a security risk which the administration is unwilling to assume.

Closed accounts may be reopened with a request to a lab assistant — but why go through all of that trouble?

Don't let your fear of technology keep you from trying out the new labs. Grab a friend who is in engineering and have them show you around the system.



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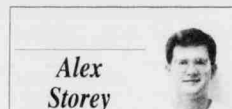
Dictator style alienates the band members

During WPTF's Tailgate Show, on the radio before last Saturday's N.C. State-Georgia Tech game, I heard NCSU's marching band. Apparently the band had stopped by their broadcast location to play a few tunes. While they were playing, one of the radio guys said the band was so good because "Doug [Overmier] treats the band the same way [NCSU football coach] Mike O'Connell treats the football team." If this was true, we wouldn't have a football team.

Overmier, talented as he is, is severely lacking in interpersonal skills. All instructors, regardless of what level they're teaching on, must have some notion of how to deal correctly with their students. It seems to me Overmier has none.

Last semester, Overmier filed a grievance against six members of the marching band's drum line: Jim Claggett, Paul Kehle, Kevin Neal, Matt Nicholson, John Helsebeck and Steve Wahlbrink. Trouble had been brewing for some time between Overmier and the accused finally reaching a head on May 8, with the filing of charges ranging from harassment, to alcohol violations and to threats of infliction of bodily harm.

The number and seriousness of the charges was staggering. Overmier wanted the students expelled from school for no less than one year. When I first read about the charges I thought the students didn't have a chance. But they had readied an impressive defense: nearly 50 witnesses to corroborate their side of the story on the various charges. If there are that many people able to refute Overmier's claims, doesn't that say something about the validity of the charges?



Alex Storey

Much to everyone's surprise, Overmier dropped the charges on Sept. 7, three days before the Sept. 10 hearing. Dropped charges cannot be brought up again in the NCSU judicial system, so the first act of this saga has ended.

But it begs the question: with charges this severe and numerous, why drop them so suddenly? The marching band was playing at Clemson that Saturday, thus Overmier and presumably his witnesses would be unavailable. But the hearing could have been easily rescheduled for the following week, when the State football team had a bye, so that couldn't be the reason. The only other explanation I can think of is the charges are farcical and exaggerated, if not virtually groundless, and Overmier realized he couldn't win.

If the charges couldn't hold water, why were they brought up to begin with? The only answer I see to this is Overmier sensed a challenge to his authority and decided to assert his control by pressing charges. By doing this, he would quell the current unrest and discourage more from arising in the future. Overmier recommended in a memo to music department head Ronald Toering, dated April 19, 1994 that "Paul Kehle, Steve Wahlbrink, and John Helsebeck will be asked not to join the marching band this fall. Based on previous actions, they will

be suspended from that organization for fall 1994. I hope this action will have a domino effect and remove remaining sympathizers." Overmier sounds more like a dictator than a director of a college band.

The accused won this legal battle by forfeit, but the damage had been done. These six men lost a lot in this ordeal. Their whole semester was spent under the looming shadow of a possible expulsion from N.C. State, and the subsequent ruin of their academic careers. John Helsebeck even sat out this semester from his studies so he could focus on the grievance.

They lost their faith in an academic institution that is supposed to give them the education they paid for in a fair and just environment. Instead, this institution has let the new faculty member on the block run roughshod over their academic careers and their good names. They lost their faith in the administrators of a music department that is supposed to provide them an outlet for their musical talent and creativity.

Instead, the music department treated them in the same manner Senator McCarthy treated "communist subversives" in the late 1950s: like common criminals who are guilty until proven innocent. They lost their faith in instructors, who are supposed to be imparting said education unto them, instead of degrading and destroying them. Most importantly, the accused lost the opportunity to play drums. All these guys wanted to do was to put on their drums, go out on game day and put on one hell of a show. They wanted to feel the rush from nailing a drum feature in front of a visiting

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Some of us have forgotten how to laugh

There is no justice in the world. John Lennon took six bullets in the chest. Yoko was standing five feet away and didn't get a single one.

So, are you laughing?

Or are you thinking I am a violent, evil, arrogant person. If you are, you have no sense of humor.

As much as we would like to think otherwise, many groups have been persecuted in this country's past, including ethnic and religious groups as well as social classes.

The people chronically overlooked are those who still retain their sense of humor. To put it another way, too many people can't take a joke!

It has been said certain subjects should not be talked about because doing so would be inappropriate. We have since left that idea behind. Yet those people with a sense of humor are told to stop joking about the same subjects because they are not funny.



Jason Burgess

Of course, the reason people do not want others to joke about certain things is they are offended by the idea of someone targeting a subject with jokes. This is the epitome of not having a sense of humor. Someone who truly has a sense of humor can take jokes not only about touchy subjects, but about his or her self.

Obviously, some subjects are not inherently funny. No one sees a tragedy on the evening news and immediately bursts into laughter, unless it is the "Bobbit incident." However, just because things are not funny on their own does not mean we can't joke about them. In fact, the best jokes of all are those that turn an otherwise serious situation into a funny one. The Yoko joke took the death of John Lennon, which is not funny to most, and ignored the tragedy to highlight the possibility for humor.

The term given to humor that takes advantage of tragedies is "dark humor". Dark humor is one of the most widely used forms of comedy with jokes. Everyone from Shakespeare and Milton to George Carlin and Denis Leary uses dark humor. The Three Stooges used dark humor with slapstick comedy to prove that complete

idiocy, an unfortunate situation in real life, could be funny.

One reason people take offense at jokes is they stubbornly refuse to accept a certain situation as humorous. People who take themselves too seriously are missing out on a true joy of life and are spending a fortune on fiber supplements.

Another reason for someone taking offense at a joke is they find the exaggeration of the joke incomprehensible. The basis of any joke is the exaggeration therein. It is the stretching of reality to ridiculous proportions that makes a situation humorous.

However, this fairly simple idea eludes people with no sense of humor. Even though my opening joke states that Yoko Ono deserves to be killed, her music is not quite as horrendous as that, or so I have been told. It was an exaggeration of the consequences deserved for being a talentless musician. Some mistake the exaggerated view of a joke for the joker's actual view. Making such a mistake is a sure sign of a simple mind.

One thing those without a sense of humor should realize is the jokes are never going to go away. As long as there are people going overboard for a cause, being extreme in their efforts or having a great deal of a certain quality, there will be people around to make jokes about them. The spirit of the comedian, class clown or simple joker is indomitable.

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Swift penalty benefits condemned and the victim's family

After being urged to do so for a number of months, I finally read John Grisham's "The Chamber." As a general rule, I try to avoid the books which reside on the best sellers' shelf. Most of the immensely popular novels which sell millions of copies are not worth the pulp they are printed on. Most of these books are no more than quick reads with little or no substance. "The Chamber" was a rare and disturbing exception to this stereotype — it stimulated thought.

The plot revolves around the legal maneuvering to save the life of a man, condemned to die in the gas chamber of Mississippi. Grisham's anticlimactic ending left me reconsidering my stand on the death penalty.

Previously, I concluded some crimes do indeed deserve the most dire of punishments. I feel someone

who has been legally sentenced to die should have their execution carried out with all due speed. Anytime I question my resolve, I consider what I would want done to a cold blooded murderer, who had taken the life of a loved one.

The Constitution does forbid cruel and unusual punishment, but I agree with the current Supreme Court that this does not apply to the death penalty. What I am not so sure about is the average nine years and seven months, which a death row inmate will wait before their execution.

Death Row is located in the North Carolina Central Prison located on Western Boulevard, less than one mile from NCSU. Currently it has 107 residents who live in single-occupancy eight by nine cells. They are allowed out one hour a day to shower and watch television, and



Michael Biesecker

one hour a week to go outside and exercise, weather permitting. Three meals a day are served in the cell where the inmate dines alone.

With the exception of two female prisoners housed at another facility, none of the inmates is ever more than 200 feet away from the death chamber. Each inmate is confined alone for 23 hours a day to think about the impending execution, creeping up at a snail's pace. This is hardly a life of luxury, yet it cost over \$80,000 a year to house each prisoner. A decade of this kind of

existence may be construed as torture for both the condemned and the family of the victim. Nine years and four months is a long time to wait to see justice done.

From the date of sentencing, through the endless appeals, till the convict finally pays for their crime, millions of taxpayer dollars are spent on each individual. This system of punishment is punishing to all involved and needs serious adjustment.

I am not going to morally argue the death penalty — the fact is that those on death row were legally convicted to death. The families of their victims have the right to see a murderer punished in like fashion under the law.

The condemned also have rights. There should be an appeals process in place to ensure that the jury came

to the right conclusion.

But nine years and four months? Don't misconstrue my statements to believe that I am a gas happy kill-them-all-and-let-god-sort-them-out kind of guy. I am not condoning a system like that of the Chinese, where the prisoner is executed within a week of conviction and the government bills the family of the condemned for the cost of both the bullet and the cremation, but I do feel something could be sped up in the process.

If a majority of our nation is going to continue to demand the death penalty, then legislation should be drafted to ensure an execution might take place every now and then. The current web of appeals available to defense lawyers is ridiculous.

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band: a feeling which defies comparison, a thrill that has no equal. They wanted to challenge themselves, and in doing so make them better musicians.

The grievance barred the accused from auditioning and participating in marching band this fall. Since the charges have been dropped, Overmier has the professional responsibility to grant all six an open and fair audition for this year's marching band. But seeing as Overmier has had little regard for fair treatment of these six men in the past, I don't expect him to start now.

Last fall I praised Mr. Overmier and the improvements he made in the band, after three months at the helm. But seeing how he runs the band without a modicum of respect for his students, exercising his power so recklessly, I'm sorry I ever made such a statement.

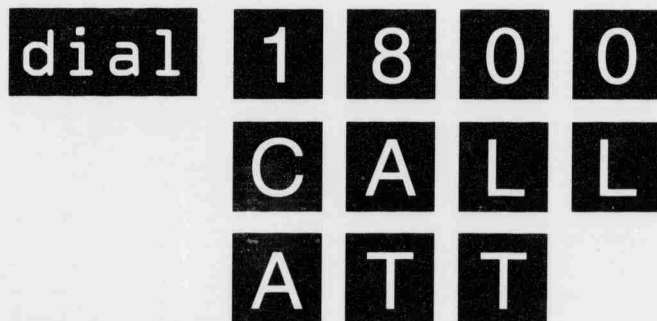
If this is how Mr. Overmier uses his power, to start witch hunts against students, he shouldn't have it. His means are just that, mean, and to what end is not apparent. I can only speculate what else he has done with his power, and what else the music department and university administrations let him get away with.

Burgess

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What the jokers of the world know is laughter is the best medicine for anything that bothers someone. If your job, your friends or life in general has been rough on you, humor is possibly the best way to get back at them. Humor even allows you to take out your aggressions toward something distant. Why do you think there are so many jokes to be told about government? It is because we can't walk up to Capitol Hill with an array of automatic firearms and assorted edged weapons. Trust me — I speak from experience.

So, to all of those who think the world around them is one to be taken seriously: loosen up and enjoy yourself for a change. To the jokers of the world: keep on laughing at whatever you want.



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