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NCAA grants full certification to N.C. State

■ After a rigorous year-long process, N.C. State athletics recently received a top honor.

By JOSE DAUST
News Editor

N.C. State athletics can finally close the book on its less-than-stellar academic standing with the NCAA.

On Thursday, NCSU was told it gained the highest level of NCAA certification. NCSU became the first Atlantic Coast Conference program to receive certification, and the first of a wave of universities to complete the year-long

certification process, said Todd Turner, NCSU athletics director.

"It validates NCSU athletics as one of the premier programs, and we're proud of that," Turner said.

The certification program is designed to ensure that member universities comply with the NCAA's commitment to integrity in intercollegiate athletics.

"The entire university family, particularly our Wolfpack Club and our coaches and faculty, should be very proud of this recognition," said Chancellor Larry Monteith.

Monteith, who led the certification process, said it shows that NCSU is on the right path with the changes it made to

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improve the academic experiences of student-athletes.

The NCAA's process examines the

athletics department's academic and financial integrity, governance and commitment to equity, and rules compliance. An NCSU self-study committee completed a 300 page report for submission to the NCAA.

Art Padilla, a professor in the College of Management and an assistant to the chancellor, chaired the committee.

Padilla said the report showed improvements in academic achievement of all students at NCSU over the last five years. Graduation rates for all undergraduate students have risen from 59 percent in 1990 to 68 percent in 1995, Padilla said.

Padilla said the academic improvements

in student-athletes have been most impressive.

Nearly 40 percent of student-athletes had GPAs above 3.0 last fall, with 62 making the dean's list and 18 having perfect 4.0 averages.

The review included the self-study and a three day site visit conducted by peer administrators last December. The administrators, who came from other national NCAA member institutions, forwarded their recommendation to the NCAA's Committee on Athletics Certification. The committee makes the final decision to give universities full certification.

Trying hard and having fun



KATHLEEN OEHLEH/STAFF

An athlete makes her way to the finish line at Paul Derr track Saturday where the Special Olympics took place.

Kids get rare chance to shine

By ELIZABETH BOOKOUT
Senior Staff Writer

The North Carolina Special Olympics 1995 Summer Games were held at N.C. State and other sites in Raleigh on Saturday and Sunday. More than 1,600 mentally retarded athletes from 81 counties in North Carolina competed. Over 3,000 volunteers from all over the state worked on the project, doing everything from coaching the athletes to preparing their meals.

"This event is the culmination of almost one year's worth of work by some of the most dedicated volunteers to work on any event in this state," said Dave Lenox, executive director of the N.C. Special Olympics.

Lenox said that the main goal of Special Olympics is to bring people with mental retardation into society under conditions where they are accepted, valued and allowed a chance to become productive citizens.

Each athlete can compete in three events of their choice. Twelve-year-old Michael Rosario from Randolph County placed in all three of his events; he won the bronze medal in the 50-yard dash, fifth place in the softball throw, and fifth place in the standing long

The Special Olympics allow North Carolina athletes to excel.

jump.

Rosario has been competing in the Special Olympics for three years, and he said he would add this year's awards to his growing collection.

Florence Miller from Pamlico County said she "worked real hard" training for the Special Olympics. Miller wore her medals around her neck — a silver in speed walking and a bronze in softball throwing.

Rosario and Miller demonstrate how beneficial the Special Olympics is to athletes. Lenox said the athlete's improve in fitness and strength, earn acceptance from their peers and the community, improve their capabilities to be employed, live independently, gain confidence and raise self-esteem.

Special Olympics athletes have the opportunity to set goals and make choices, Lenox said, and

their training offers them a rare freedom.

To be eligible to participate in Special Olympics competitions, an athlete must train for at least eight weeks with a qualified coach in a particular sport. All Special Olympics competitions are based on the philosophy that every athlete or team in every division should have a reasonable chance for victory.

The dedication, hard work and training that the athletes put into the games were reflected in their enthusiasm and spirit.

When Chad Kerley, 20, dead lifted 440 pounds in the power lifting event Saturday, the look of accomplishment on his face said more than any words could express.

Kerley does not speak, so his mother helps with interpretation. Kerley said he has been lifting weights ever since high school, but he's been training seriously for

only a year. Kerley, who lives in Boone, will compete in the World Games next month in Connecticut.

When another athlete attempted to lift weight but did not succeed, he received applause because he tried. At the Special Olympics, everyone who participates is considered a winner. The Special Olympics Oath is, "Let me win. But if I cannot win, let me be brave in the attempt." At the awards ceremonies, each athlete is recognized for his or her effort and is presented with an appropriate ribbon.

The state-level competition was hosted by the Raleigh Parks and Recreation Department and NCSU. The competition included power lifting at Stewart Theatre, gymnastics and volleyball at Carmichael Gymnasium, aquatics at the Pullen Aquatics Center, track and field at the Paul Derr Track Stadium and softball at the Walnut Creek Softball Complex.

More than one million athletes from ages eight to 80 participate in Special Olympics programs in over 100 countries. Lenox said the program helps unite the countries of the world, transcending barriers of politics, economics, religion and language.

For more information about the North Carolina Special Olympics, call 1-800-843-6276.

New library service offered

■ Research consultation should make it easier for students to find what they are seeking for in D.H. Hill Library.

By SCOTT REAVES
Staff Writer

Does the sheer size of D.H. Hill Library frighten you? Do you have no clue how and where to start looking for information?

If so, the library reference department is now offering a research consultation service that will allow reference librarians to spend more time with befuddled patrons.

The service, which started around mid-April, lets a student or faculty member sit down with a librarian to review research strategy for a term paper, learn how to use the computer databases or explore the resources available in an area of particular interest.

"This is not a new idea. A lot of reference libraries are based on the same model," said Kathleen Green, head of the reference department at

D.H. Hill Libraries.

Green said the librarians in the reference area asked themselves whether or not the old method of finding information was the most effective now that so much information is in computer databases.

"When there was information in books, the reference desk could help rather easily," Green said. "But now that computers are available, users need to understand more about the commands that make them accessible instead of just staring at a blank screen."

Green said the service is going well so far.

Although Green expects the service to become more popular with increased advertising, no extra staff will be added.

In addition to the new service, assistance is still available at both the reference desk and by appointment with librarians who specialize in particular subject areas.

The consultation service is located across from the database workstations in the library.

New parking ban goes into effect

A new parking ban, going into effect tomorrow, will restrict parking in the areas from Shepherd Street to Oberlin Road to resident-only from 11 p.m. to 7 a.m., and restrict parking to 2 hours from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. in areas not already limited to 2 hours.

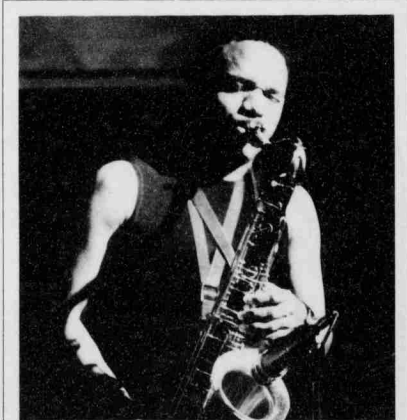
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Parking on the south side of Hillsborough Street from Pullen Road to Brooks Avenue has been approved for selected areas from 7 p.m. to 6 a.m., providing an extra 100 spaces.



MELISSA BAUER/PHOTO EDITOR

Kirk Whalum, jazz saxophonist, played songs from his new album "In This LPPife" at Seldom Blues Cafe Sunday.

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Children's arts festival teaches special lessons

There's more to the Special Olympics than sports.

BY ELIZABETH BOOKOUT
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The North Carolina Special Olympics focuses primarily on sports training and competition, but it also offers athletes a full range of artistic, social and cultural experiences. The Very Special Arts Festival (VSA), a companion program to the Special Olympics, was held Saturday night at the Pullen Park community center.

The goal of the arts program is to "teach the athletes about the arts in a fun way," said Ingrid Wright, a teacher from Wilmington. The program brings the arts to everyone, she said.

The VSA activities were planned so the athletes could learn more about art and enjoy themselves even if they didn't excel in the sports activities, Wright said.

The festival consisted of exhibits, entertainment and workshops for the athletes.

Steve Myott, the world's tallest stilt-walker, performed with his 5-year-old son, Luke, who is just learning to walk on stilts. The stilt-walkers made quite a pair as they walked around the community center talking to children who dived on the pavement with chalk.

Other entertainment included musical performances by the athletes.

Speed-walker Dorothy Hollifield from Wilmington sang a soulful version of "Amazing Grace." Hollifield said she wasn't nervous about performing; it was her favorite part of the weekend.

And where there's singing, there's dancing.

The dance workshop, led by the

Jordan Dance Troupe, taught the athletes a blend of modern, interpretive and street dance. The participants danced to music ranging from Benny Goodman to "You Ain't Never Had A Friend Like Me" from "Aladdin."

During the cooling down period after the dancing, Eyna's "Watermark" was played. Each athlete was given a scarf and instructed to "use the scarf as if it is a paintbrush, swirl it around, be artistic."

Kathy Brooks, an observer from Cumberland County, was moved to tears while watching the athletes cool down after the workshop.

"This has just been a great appreciation for the kids as great athletes," Brooks said as she wiped her eyes. "It doesn't matter about their mental ability; they were given their chance here."

Visual arts were another important part of the event.

Collages, paintings, drawings, hand puppets and sculptures created by mentally retarded students from all over North Carolina were on display.

Athletes' cheery smiles were captured by artists who drew caricatures at the art workshop. The circus tent, complete with clowns and magic tricks, brought cries of delight from spectators. And North Carolina folk singer John Golden encouraged the athletes to sing along to songs such as "The Lion Sleeps Tonight."

"VSA is not well-developed all over, but the program is very strong in North Carolina," Wright said.

Through entertaining and being entertained, Wright said, the VSA program allows all athletes to "put their best foot forward."

For more information on the North Carolina Special Olympics, call 1-800-843-6276.



MANUWADE KARUTHANANG/STAFF
Supermodel and Supremom Kathy Ireland was present at the Special Olympics to congratulate participants.

Union Activities Board offers summer fun

You can have fun in summer school without wrecking your grades. Here's how.

Et Cetera Staff Report

While the heat is growing in intensity, and classes are crisscrossing throughout the summer, the Union Activities Board has planned some cool entertainment to relieve summer-school stress.

For all UAB excursions, seats are limited, and reservations are required.

Every Tuesday and Thursday night while classes meet for summer school, the Campus Cinema in the Witherspoon Student Center will be showing a feature film. Admission is free and open to students and staff with current IDs. Showtime begins at 8 p.m.

For those of you whose interests wander toward the Louisiana bayous, check out the "Suck Dem Heads" Party on the North Plaza of the University Student Center Wednesday, July 21. Featuring the music of Captain Cook and the Coconuts and cajun specialties such as broiled crawfish and jambalaya.

"Suck Dem Heads" is going to add a little fire to the already sweltering summer heat. Admission is free, and the party starts at 4 p.m.

Not all of the UAB's summer plans take place on campus.

Saturday, June 10, NCSU invades Kings Dominion Theme Park in Virginia. The cost for the trip is \$25 for adults and \$15 for children under 13. The charge covers admission into the park and transportation.

Not all UAB excursions cost as much as the trip to Kings Dominion.

You can take in a Durham Bulls baseball game at the DBAP Wednesday, June 14, and take a seventh-inning stretch Wednesday, July 12 at Five County Stadium to see the Carolina Mudcats take on Huntsville. Transportation and admission are provided.

For only \$1 you can take in a day at the N.C. Zoo in Asheboro Saturday, July 15. Admission and transportation are included.

To make reservations or for further information stop by the University Student Center Activities Office, 3114 University Student Center, or call 515-2451.

This is the end of "My So-Called Life"

Kevin Brewer

The trouble for many TV viewers is trying to live without "My So-Called Life," one of the best dramas of the past year.

When ABC announced "My So-Called Life" was going on hiatus in January, the network received more than 20,000 letters and phone calls in protest. Then Steve Joyner organized Operation Life Support, an Internet service designed to save the show. MTV even aired reruns of the teen-angst series in April. None of these efforts worked.

ABC canceled the show a couple weeks ago when it announced its new fall schedule.

Not that ABC didn't have its reasons. "My So-Called Life" ranked 107th out of 132 network series last season.

But it did something all the episodes of "Beverly Hill 90210" put together haven't come close to in five years. "My So-Called Life" made a genuine connection with its audience, if not large, audience.

And that connection starts with the show's star, Claire Danes, who played 15-year-old Angela Chase. At first glance, it's hard to get a grasp on Danes' brilliance because she plays Everyteen so subtly, mostly with telling facial expressions.

Angela suffers through a continual identity crisis, and it doesn't help that her parents have no clue. Basically, she's 15 and in high

school. That's where all the angst comes from. But Angela isn't mad at the world. She's so innocent, she's doesn't even know she's innocent.

At 16, Danes is a true acting prodigy. She was the best actress on television last year. She won best actress in a drama at the Golden Globe Awards in January, and she should do the same at the Emmys later this year.

"My So-Called Life" also worked because of its writing.

"This life has been a test," Angela says to herself. "Had this been an actual life, you would have been given instructions on where to go and what to do."

That's Angela and "Life" at their best. And at its best, "My So-Called Life" was as good as any drama on television.

The show's producers, Ed Zwick, Marshall Herskovitz and Winnie Holzman, crafted a very knowing show. They wrote characters that

were believable without being cookie-coutons of the people you knew in high school.

Angela's parents are the best examples. They know nothing about her that she doesn't want them to know. Her parents aren't dumb or uncaring. They're just oblivious, and they have problems of their own.

"My So-Called Life" has been criticized for being "depressing" or "overwrought." And it is a little of both of those things. It is high school reality that gut-wrenching 'No.

But you think it is when you're there. Everything that happens is another mid-adolescence crisis.

Now the crisis for many adolescents and adolescents-at-heart is the cancellation of "Life." And the last MTV rerun aired Friday.

Here's hoping we can deal with life after "My So-Called Life."

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And here's to you Mr. Robinson

■ Certification is justification for Les Robinson.

Last Thursday, Les Robinson earned his greatest victory. Not on the basketball court. But off it — from the NCAA.

The NCAA awarded the N.C. State athletics program a full certification, and the beleaguered N.C. State basketball coach must have felt a sense of vindication.

Without Robinson's commitment to academic excellence, the honor would not have been possible.

Robinson, a State graduate, was hired because of his reputation for motivating athletes to work hard on the court and in the classroom. During the last four seasons, the men's basketball team has struggled on the court, and Robinson has been criticized by everyone from the alumni to the editorial staff of this newspaper.

Robinson's struggle to return the Wolfpack to contender status has been well chronicled and magnified by the championships won by North Carolina and Duke.

He has a lost a starter for each of the past five seasons for a variety of reasons from suicide to injuries to academic suspensions.

Robinson's recruiting has been questioned by fans. Ironically, his most notable recruits are the ones that go elsewhere at the last minute. How many Tar Heel fans hearts did Jerry Stackhouse break when he left school after two years? How many national championships did he deliver?

Robinson's critics obviously have never met him. Isn't it odd that the majority of the beat writers in the local press don't write scathing stories about the man?

That question can be answered with one word — respect.

Les Robinson respects the game of basketball. He respects the members of the media and realizes, win or lose, that it also has a job to do. After a loss he doesn't impersonate Bobby Knight, but Howard Cosell. Robinson tells it like it is.

After the Georgia Tech loss this season, when the Pack led an eight-point lead slip away on Senior Day, Robinson didn't make any excuses. When the team upset Carolina, he didn't take the credit.

A quick personal anecdote. This past season I traveled to cover the Clemson game. I think it was the fourth game I covered in my career. Before the game during a radio interview, Les Robinson waved to me.

Now, I don't think he will invite me over for the family Fourth of July picnic, but he did acknowledge me. He recognized me, Joe Giglio, a no-name staff writer for the school newspaper, on the floor of



Joe Giglio

Littlejohn Coliseum.

Like every other reporter Robinson deals with on a daily basis he treated me with respect and answered all my questions.

Robinson also respects the ideals that this university is trying to implement and the reputation it has been trying to salvage for the last five years.

"This is independent authentication of the integrity and value of our athletics program," Chancellor Larry Monteith said in a press release last week. "It shows we're on the right path with changes we've made to strengthen the academic experiences of our student-athletes."

Do you think student-athletes like Chris Washburn and Charles Shackleford would merit the highest honor possible from the NCAA?

No, but players with the physical and intellectual caliber of Todd Fuller do. Fuller was named a first-team Academic all-American and a second-team all-ACC member.

Consider two of the centers on the first-team ACC: Maryland's Joe Smith and Tim Duncan of Wake Forest. Smith will probably be the first player chosen in the draft this year. Duncan could be the top pick next year. Fuller didn't exactly get his lunch money taken by either of those players.

In the classroom, he is nearly perfect. He has made only one B in his college career. I pray for B's.

Robinson's ability to recruit players such as Fuller has led indirectly to a Phi Beta Kappa chapter and now the NCAA full certification.

The academic improvement of the basketball team is not the only reason the athletic department has achieved this award. Last fall, the athletics program was ranked 18th nationally in the Sears Directors' Cup, thanks in large part to the men's and women's soccer programs and the football team.

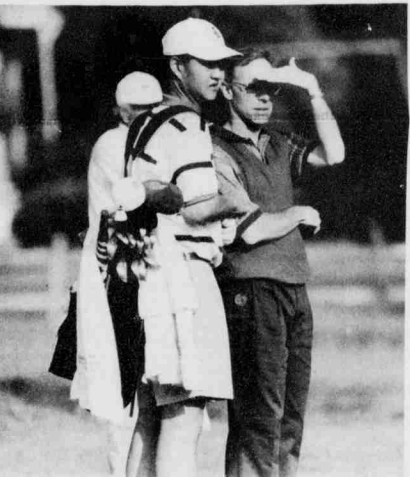
While this award acknowledges the university's whole athletics department, Robinson's ability to turn State's tarnished reputation into an award-winning program is unmeasurable.

Unfortunately in sports, coaches are measured by wins and losses. Maybe Vince Lombardi summed it up best: "Winning isn't everything, it's the only thing."

For Robinson, and the future of this university's athletic program, let's hope character turns into championships.



(Above) Senior Todd Ormsby shows his anguish after the team falls from third place on Friday to eighth by Sunday. (Below) No regular caddie, Hank Kim was advised by AD Todd Turner.



Golfers make cut, take eighth at NCAA's

SPORTS STAFF REPORT

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Consistency is the mark of a good golfer.

In the NCAA Finals, the N.C. State men's golf team had five consistent players rise to the occasion to tie for eighth place overall.

All five players made the final cut for the Wolfpack, with Todd Ormsby leading the way with a 291 four-round total, good for a 21st-place finish.

State's play pleased coach Richard Sykes, but he felt the Pack could have gone further.

"We expected to get lucky and win," he said. "But we got a top ten finish, and that ain't that bad." Playing in his final tournament for the Wolfpack, Ormsby hovered around par throughout the tournament. His highest round was a 74 (+2) in the opening day of play. In the final two rounds, he hit even par.

Ormsby's total was only eight strokes back of NCAA champion Chip Spratlin of Auburn.

Ormsby and the Pack were playing against the country's best amateurs. Phenom Tiger Woods of Stanford, who won the title last year, took fifth this year while leading the Cardinal to a first-place tie and a playoff with Oklahoma State. The Cowboys captured the crown by hitting a 286 in the last round.

"There are no bad teams here," Sykes said. "It's like the PGA Tour."

But State didn't shy away from the heavyweights. Ormsby wasn't alone on the leader board.

Junior Mark Slawter finished one stroke back of Ormsby with a 292, and James Bunch and ACC champion Hank Kim ended at 293 and 296, respectively.

The Pack's eighth place finish

was second best from the ACC behind Florida State, which edged the Pack by two strokes. Other teams from the area didn't perform as well as the Wolfpack.

"This is a hard golf course to average 73 shots per player," Sykes said. "Our guys did a great job, especially considering the way some of the teams in our area played."

"The course was difficult, but we were able to overcome it." North Carolina and Clemson missed the cut two days before the final round.

"The course really isn't that bad," Woods said. "The hardest thing is the tee shots."

The course wasn't the only problem for the players. Mother Nature was not in a mood to smile. But maybe she was smiling on the Pack.

"We got some breaks. I don't think we were really adversely affected by the weather," Sykes said. "I think we should have been seeded higher, but if we were, we would have had to play in the thunder and lightning." "Somebody was being nice to me."

State was only two strokes back heading into Saturday's play. But the Wolfpack's lack of a top-ten finisher hurt over the weekend.

"Everybody would like to have done better," Sykes said. "We will be trying again next year."

The Pack loses Ormsby and Kim to graduation, but the rest of the squad returns.

Sykes is optimistic about the team's chances of returning to the Big Show next season.

"We are really going to miss two good players," he said. "But they have been playing with the younger guys all season long, training them, so they will be ready to take their place."

1995 NCAA Men's Golf Finals

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Ohio St.	296-290-296-288—1170
10. Arizona	294-290-291-296—1171
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13. Florida	299-290-305-290—1184
14. Houston	304-280-300-302—1186
15. UNLV	295-290-300-302—1187

N.C. State Individual Results

T 21 Todd Ormsby	74-73-72-72—291
T 24 Mark Slawter	75-71-72-74—292
T 29 James Bunch	73-74-73-73—293
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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 a blank.

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Athletics makes the grade

Coaches and players put "student" before "athlete" and make N. C. State the first ACC school to be awarded full certification from the NCAA.

Athletics at N.C. State have borne a heavy load — the sins of the past. The scandal surrounding the men's basketball program turned the athletic department into a modern-day Hester Prynne and brought great shame to NCSU and legions of loyal Wolfpackers. Though the scarlet letter was removed, the evidence of its presence still remained. The shadow it cast still lingered, standing out from the weathered fabric it did not cover. This shadow faded with time, and last Thursday it all but disappeared.

N.C. State was the first ACC school and one of the first 12 in the entire nation to be awarded full certification from the NCAA. The certification, which is the highest level possible, is awarded to schools that uphold the NCAA's dedication to the financial and academic integrity among its member institutions.

A 300-page report prepared by the self-study committee as part of the certification process showed a marked

improvement in the academic performance of student-athletes. Nearly 40 percent of student-athletes had a GPA of 3.0 or better last fall. Sixty-two athletes were on the dean's list and 18 athletes had a perfect 4.0.

This high honor is due in large part to the efforts of men's basketball coach Les Robinson, who inherited a program fraught with troubles that repelled high school recruits. He made academics a priority for players, creating phenomenal success in the classroom and a magnet for young talent. But perhaps the biggest difference was made by people who don't get a lot of press making the kinds of changes that don't make headlines — the coaches who held their athletes to the high standards of academic performance, and the student-athletes themselves, who put the "student" role before the "athlete" role to come out ahead in both.

The past decade was certainly rough for NCSU athletics, but circumstances have come out for the better, in spite of the witch hunts in the press and "goldenbocking" from those willing to smear the university to make a quick buck in the book market.

The shadow of disgrace has vanished. The Pack is back.

Brand new blue lights

Public Safety moves out of the Stone Age and into the Silicon Age by installing new high-tech emergency phones on campus.

For years now the ears of N.C. State Public Safety have been those antiquated red call boxes mounted on white steel posts with a blue light perched on top. The aging boxes were easily broken and not readily accessible to the handicapped. But that has been changing over the past year thanks to an investment in new technology.

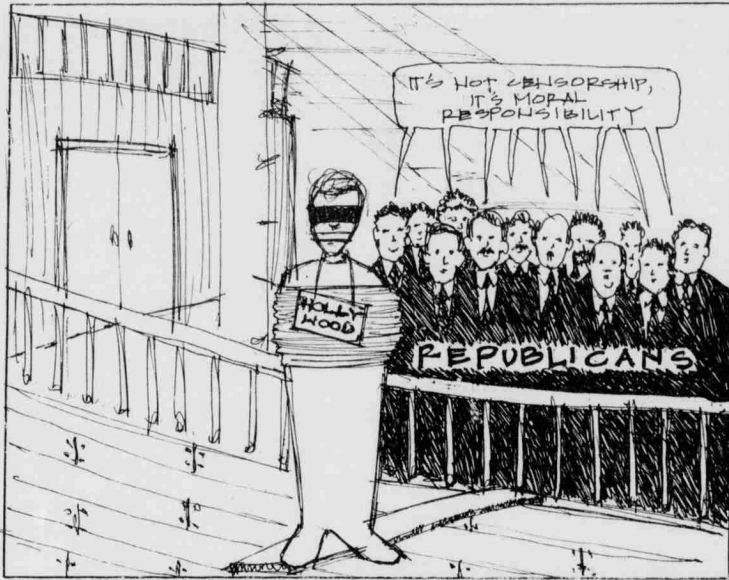
The old call boxes are being phased out and replaced with new high-tech phones. The new hand-free phones are mounted in a wide white pillar with "emergency" stenciled in red down all four sides, making them much easier to locate than their predecessors. They feature a lit call

button that, when pressed, activates a blue strobe light atop the pillar and puts the caller in contact with a public safety dispatcher.

The phones are also handicapped accessible with buttons marked in Braille to assist the blind and wheelchair ramps placed in the sidewalk if no ramp is nearby. The new phones can be used for emergencies, to report accidents or request an escort from Public Safety.

New phones have been installed at the Avent Ferry Complex and near the southeast wing of Bragaw Residence Hall. All of the old call boxes will be replaced with new phones within the next two years.

The new phones are a worthwhile investment on the university's part for the safety and well-being of NCSU students, employees and visitors. They will help to bring the security of the campus into the 21st century.



Commentary

Thoughts on Student Code, Bosnia

Image is everything. The university in its infinite wisdom amended the Student Code of Conduct recently. Through revisions to the "Inherent Authority for Off-Campus Conduct," N.C. State gave itself the power to, at its discretion, take action against students who are charged with a crime off campus. The rationale behind this section of the code is that the students could pose threats to the university. The section also gives the university the power to deal with "significant community disturbances" like the huge Brent Road party.

Admittedly, NCSU does have the right to do this — even without the policy a student found guilty of a felony would likely be kicked out of school. But the university did not specify which types of activities are considered threats, the idea being that gives NCSU the ability to see what's around the corner. This leaves the student body in a position where it doesn't know what it's up against. It's like playing dogeball blindfolded — no one knows where the ball is or when it will be thrown.

If one took the text of this section literally, spitting on the sidewalk while wearing an NCSU sweatshirt could be considered a threat to the university, as it presents a bad image. At the very least, the university needs to give an example of what is perceived as a threat.

In my mind, a direct and genuine threat to the university would be students conspiring to cheat on an exam or plotting to blow up the library. Deliberate and malicious actions like these can easily disrupt the learning environment and the normal working order of the university. A threat to the image would be several

Alex Storey

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thousand drunken revelers a mile from campus. Yes, it certainly doesn't look good on the late news or on the front page of The News and Observer, but it is not disruptive. Campus on the Monday after Brent Road this past year was the same as any other Monday.

As a paying customer of NCSU, I expect it to deal with problems that have the potential to adversely affect the campus and not the feelings of the ivory tower's brass.

Friendly neighbors. The current occupant of 1410 Hillsborough Street, near the Valver Cloak Inn, is the corporate world's best friend, the N.C. Republican Party. The occupant of 1418 Hillsborough, the house right next door, is the labor-union world's best friend, the AFL-CIO.

The Overmier Watch. It's no secret that I do not count myself as one of Douglas Overmier's biggest fans. It is also

not a secret that I would like to see an investigation of some sort into the allegations made against him.

Finally, something was done to meet that end. Three students filed grievances against Overmier and Tom Trovings, the former head of the Music Department, a while back, and the drawn-out hearing process — which involved your humble commentator — concluded a few weeks ago. According to assistant university counsel David Drooz, members of the judicial panel hearing the case have made their recommendations on the charges, and those have been forwarded to Vice Chancellor Thomas Stafford to make a decision. Take all the time you want, Mr. Stafford. I can wait.

Sticky Slogans. Seen on the rear window of a pick-up truck near campus: "Ted Kennedy's car has killed more people than any of my guns." Amen.

Uneffective. It seems that Serbia, in its attempt to sanitize the Balkans, has made a mockery of the United Nations, as the blue-helmeted keepers of peace in Bosnia have a bad habit of getting themselves taken hostage by Serb forces and handcuffed to vital military targets. They were sent there with guns, and I'm surprised to find that they don't use them very much. NATO and the U.N. will likely withdraw their forces from Bosnia very soon. And since we wouldn't want to appear as ungrateful and rude house guests, perhaps we should leave a few crates of M-16s and some hand grenades to the Bosnians for being such lovely hosts.

A final thought. Why do they call it a "disk drive" when the disk isn't taken anywhere?

Help prevent cancer by putting modesty aside

Recently a delightful and friendly university employee lost her best female friend to cancer — a tragic loss at any age, but the victim of the cancer was only 42. That may sound quite odd to some readers, but take it from someone who is almost there: we all get there much too soon, and then it doesn't seem quite so odd.

Her illness started as breast cancer, which makes one wonder whether or not it could have been detected earlier, perhaps saving her life. I don't know the answer to that, but it does remind me that early detection of cancer is essential for improving the odds of survival.

I am not a doctor and I don't play one on TV, but I do own a few books that discuss the matter of cancer, and just as I have been prompted to refresh my knowledge of the subject, perhaps you will use this as an opportunity to refresh yours.

Breast Cancer. One out of every 11 women will develop breast cancer sometime during her life. It is second only to lung cancer as the most common cause of cancer deaths in women, but it should be noted that men are not immune from breast cancer. Certainly, it is rare in men, but it does happen. I — as an aside and an illustration — had a temporary case of fibrositic breast disease (a non-malignant tumor) a few years ago which is also uncommon in men. It was the first case of a man having this disease that my doctor had ever seen.

Mammograms provide the very best diagnosis of breast cancer currently available — provided they are done

David Sandgren

correctly. Ultrasound scans may be used as a further diagnostic tool, but not as a substitute. The American Cancer Society recommends that women begin mammography at about age 35, with periodic follow-ups increasing in frequency as age progresses. Sadly, it is estimated that only 15 to 20 percent of women have mammograms as frequently as they should. Indeed, 90 percent of breast tumors are discovered by women themselves, through self exams. But these detections often come at a more advanced stage than they do by mammogram.

Testicular Cancer. This type of cancer is rare but more fatal than breast cancer because 88 percent of the time it is not diagnosed before it has spread. Testicular cancer is the most common form of cancer found among men between the ages of 29 and 35, although it may appear at any age. If discovered early enough, the survival rate is almost 100 percent, but usually it is not. One acquaintance of mine, a valedictorian of an Ivy League school, died at 36 because of testicular cancer which was discovered too late.

Skin Cancer. This is one of the most common forms of cancer, but it's also one

of the easiest to detect and treat. Everyone should routinely examine the skin from head to toe as most doctors usually do not.

Self Exam. Although there are certainly other cancers which should concern us, I singled out these three for one reason: each of them can be detected by self exam. While most female readers need not be concerned about breast cancer for a few years, now is the time to learn how to properly examine yourself. Self exams should be done monthly to check for all three of these cancers. The sooner they are discovered, the greater the chance of survival.

Undoubtedly the greatest stumbling block of both self exams and mammography is a very common shame of the physique and becoming intimately familiar with our bodies.

I may have an advantage here over many others, because for several years now I have been a dedicated naturist — akin to a nudist, if you will. Indeed, many of my friends, both male and female, would argue as I do that nudity enhances the appreciation and acceptance of all bodies, giving us a greater appreciation of ourselves and others.

Let's put our modesties aside for our own benefit and learn to be comfortable with our own bodies and those of each other. I suggest that the Student Health Center and/or the Women's Center hold periodic seminars instructing participants in the importance and techniques of these exams using volunteers of both sexes for demonstration purposes.

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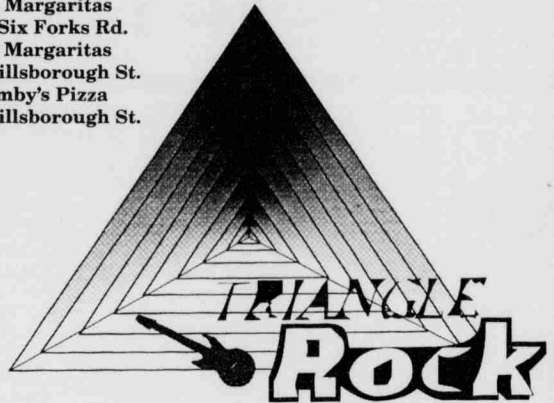
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