# **Technician**

# **Infirmary makes** a rash assumption

\* A misdiagnosis at Student Health Services caused two weeks of discomfort for a

BY JOSEE DAOUST

After Dee Davis was diagnosed as having poison ivy by a nurse on campus, her rash only got to the emergency room.

On two occasions, she went to Studen Health Services with a black mark on her arm surrounded by a red, painful rash. After her first visit, she was given cortisone lotion and a red, painful rash. After her first visit, she was given cortisone lotion and a tetanus shot. After her second visit, she was given calamine lotion. Davis had had poison ivy previously, and she thought this rash seemed different.
"There was probably five inches of a red, bumpy rash on my arm when I went there on [May 22]," Davis said.

said.

Davis suggested the rash may have been the result of a spider bite, but she said her suggestion was ignored. A few days after her second visit. Davis went to the emergency room at Rex Hospital with a swollen arm, numb, blue extremities and swollen lymph nodes. Dr. Glenn Zerby, an emergency room doctor, told her she had been bitten by a brown recluse soider.

spider.

Davis said the experience destroyed her trust in NCSU's medical services.

"I really don't ever want to go to Student Health Services again," she aid. "I feel sorry for another person who may go through the same thine."

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Davis was surprised that even though the lady who saw her was a nurse practitioner, she didn't err on the side of caution and look into the situation a little more.
"It's just a matter of do you really trust these people." Davis spaid.
Davis approached head physician Dr. Robert Mosely about the incident.

"Anyone who complains about treatment received at the center will get a response," Mosely said.

The usual scenario involves going to Dr. Jerry Barker, the director of Student Health Services, with the complaint. Barker then gathers information and sends it to the appropriate person, Mosely said.

Barker may get back to the person who filed the complaint, and sometimes the center will even change procedures, Mosely said. In this case the complaint was not sent to Barker, but handled by his staff.

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> Dee Dee Davis. NCSU student

hink about the rare things initially,"
Mosely said.

The brown recluse spider is rare in
North Carolina, he said.

"I haven't seen a bite like that in
35 years," Mosley said.

Mosely also said a doctor can't guarantee a diagnosis.

"You are never one hundred percent sure in medicine," he said.
"There is always a chance that the condition is something else." If there is a greater chance that it is something else, more attention is paid to the patient's condition, Mosely said.

The brown recluse spider is

paid to the patient's condition, Mosely said.

The brown recluse spider is common in North Carolina and usually can be found indoors.

The bite of a brown recluse contains venom that dissolves tissue under the skin, causing swelling and pus that hardens the skin.

The hardened skin will then fall off, leaving a deep, rotting wound that will take a long time to heal and may require a skin graft to cover.

## **Express yourself.**



Ann Grant makes her mark on a free expression banner a the Sextasy Ball. Saturday, June 17th, Prick, My life with the Thrill Kill Cult and The Lords of Acid played at The Ritz. The banner was just one part of the festivities.

Invasion... of the first-year students.



Two rising N.C. State freshman happily make their way across campus. They are among a wave of new students who are visiting over the month of June during Freshman orientation.

BY ROBERT EDWARDS

\* Two N.C. state senators

want to rekindle a rivalry between the Pirates and the Wolfpack.

Traditionally, East Carolina University and N.C. State haven't seen eye to eye on nearly anything. Now, if some legislators have their way, the two schools may be forced to go head to head on the football field and the basketball court. Four months ago Todd Turner, NCSU's athletics director, Proposed that NCSU and ECU resume their long-dead basketball rivalry. The last time they played each other in basketball was the 1982-83 season.

Unfortunately for Turner, ECU athletics director Dave Heart will hear nothing of a basketball match until NCSU adds football to the ticket.

"ECU is not interested in playing NCSU, or Chapel Hill for that matter, unless both schools would agree on a football match-up,"

**Competition revival** 

attempt stuck

in legislature

Heart said.
Turner turned down the idea of renewing the football rivalry, and ECU walked away from the bargaining table.
NCSU and ECU have not played against each other in football since a 1987 skirmish followed a game in Carter-Finley Stadium.

Carter-Finley Stadium. Turner said the Wolfpack would

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- Dave Heart. ECU Athletics Director

have no problem playing the Pirates if the games were either in Raleigh or at a neutral site, such as Charlotte. Crowd control is Turner's largest

fear.
"We're not willing to get into any kind of long-term relationship with them if the reaction might be the same as it was in 1987," he

said.
Turner is also concerned about sacrificing football games against teams in other conferences.
"We'd love to be playing East Carolina next year instead of Marshall." Turner said. "But we don't want to give up future games with Ohio State, Syracuse or Purdue to play a local opponent."

or practice of the component."

The schools could be playing again if the North Carolina senate passes a bill in committee requiring NCSU and UNC-Chapel Hill to play ECU in football on a

home-and-home basis by the 1999 season.

The bill is sponsored by Sen. Richard Conder, D-Richmond County, and Sen. Ed Warren, D-pitt County. Conder said he feels the bill is strong.

"The main intention of the bill was to get the schools working together," he said.

While the co-sponsors think the bill is strong. Sen. Robert Carpenter, R-Macon County, said he thinks it will go nowhere.

"Why should we get involved in a football rivalry?" Carpents add. ECU is probably looking to become part of the big game, he said.

# Weir slated to testify this week in Simpson case

X An N.C. State professor will travel to Los Angeles this week to sit on the country's most famous witness stand.

By Josee Daoust

For Bruce Weir, the long wait is

over.

Weir, the William Neal Reynolds professor of statistics and genetics, has been called by the prosecution to testify in the high-profile O.J. Simpson case.

Simpson case.

His testimony will deal with the reliability of DNA forensics. Weir has been "on call" since early this year and is slated to testify this week.

Earlier this week, prosecutors had hoped to put Weir on the stand today. Judge Lance Ito had not ruled when — or if — Weir would testify when Technician went to

the when Technician went to press.

Weir specializes in population genetics, the study of genetic variation between human, animal and plant populations. His research has led to the development of statistical methods that give scientists the ability to calculate the probability of a DNA match linking a person to a crime scene.

There are critics of DNA testing that contend, just as Simpson's defense team has, that certain races may have more alleles in common with one another than members of a randomly chosen sample. Alleles are part of a DNA strand.

"DNA testing has been challenged." Weir said. "As a result of these challenged, people are more

careful about the way they go about doing the testing.

"It's never absolute proof." Weir said. "It typically comes out to one in a million."

DNA testing has been allowed as admissible evidence since 1989, and Weir believes that DNA testing is a highly reliable means to obtain murder and rape convictions.

To conduct the tests, DNA samples are usually taken from blood and semen stains as well as from bone, saliva and hair.

Similarities exist between the DNA of brothers and sisters. For example, four brothers have a 25 percent chance of having similar DNA. The chances of two unrelated people having the same DNA are one in a million.
"The odds for matching DNA

people having the same DNA are one in a million.

"The odds for matching DNA are one in 200,000 between parent and child." Weir said. "Although they are related, they have no trouble distinguishing between parent and child." The similarities between DNA of parent and child are the basis of paternity testing.

Weir has been called upon to verify the statistical reliability of DNA tests in 16 trials and pre-trial hearings. All have resulted in convictions.

Weir testified in North Carolina

convictions.

Weir testified in North Carolina vs. Futrell. a 1991 rape case involving an NCSU student. The suspect's DNA was matched with crime scene evidence and he was eventually convicted. The use of DNA evidence was challenged in the N.C. Court of Appeals, but the court upheld the conviction.

Faculty members from the Department of Statistics at NCSU are frequently called to testify in legal and civil proceedings.

# Down-home taste in a quick, healthy serving

\* An N.C. State researcher has developed a new low-fat food product from sweet potatoes.

BY ELIZABETH BOOKOUT

Sweet potatoes and fast food have never been associated with each other. Baking sweet potatoes has always been considered a ime-consuming chore reserved only for the fall and winter

only for the fall and winter seasons.

Times are changing.
William M. Walter Jr., a USDA Agricultural Research Service chemist from the N.C. State Department of Food Science, has developed a product he hopes will increase the consumption of sweet potatoes year-round by cutting sweet potatoes year-tound by preparading the sweet potatoes year-tound by prepared quickly and easily. Walter said.

Because sweet potatoes are naturally low in fat and calories and high in beta carotene, this new product is a healthy alternative to the typical variety of fast foods.

A four-ounce serving contains only 110 calories and the full recommended daily allowance for beta-carotene. Beta carotene, an antioxidant that is converted into vitamin A, may reduce the risk of certain types of cancer.

The sweet potato product is not only good for health-conscious

about one-third of the sweet potatoes harvested in the United States.

"This gives them another market for their low-grade sweet potatoes, which typically account for a minimum of 30 percent of the overall crop." Walter said. Low-grade sweet potatoes have the same high nutritional value but are misshapen or oversized and are either sold at lower prices to canneries or just left in the field to rot.

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This sweet potato product is packaged in frozen, pre-cooked, single-serving portions, which can be reheated in the microwave. The product, a mixture of sweet potatoes, a cellulose binding agent and sugar, was rated equal to baked fresh sweet potatoes in a taste test conducted among 30 food scientists and students. No significant differences in color, flavor or texture were noted by the panel.

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The product is skinless and therefore can be formed into any shape. Walter said that he wanted to create a product that always looked and tasted the same and would not require new machinery in order to develop the food. Walter and his colleagues first presented the idea to food industry representatives in July 1994. Interested companies will not need permission to use the processing

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"This is not a patented type thing. Anybody can use it," Walter-said. The product is most suited for use in cafeteria-like places.

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# BAT CETERA

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# USTED METAL, BATMAN

■ Riddle me this, riddle me that, who's ready for an even hotter bat?

By Sharon Corkery

By SHARON CORKERY
SIAP Wants

If you're one of those people who never
could get used to Michael Keaton as a sex
symbol, much less a super hero, you're
gonna love the Val Kilmer version of
Batman — new and improved.

Not only does the Caped Crusader have
nicer buns in "Batman Forever" than the
"Mr. Mom" hero in "Batman" and
"Batman Returns," he's got a sexy, young
partner (Chris O'Donnell) who helps take
the focus away from the villains who stole
so much of Keaton's thunder.

Not to say that the villains this time
around aren't outstanding. Jim Carrey's
Riddler and Tommy Lee Jones' Two-Face
rival Jack Nicholson's Joker. This time
around, however, we are spared the long
history of why the villains are the way
they are — something that slowed the
action in previous Batman flicks. It was
never clearly explained if the Penguin was
born a penguin or became one from
association. Either way, Danny DeVito's
bad guy kind of makes you want to skip
that next visit to the zoo.
Two-Face's origination is explained in a
flashback. Batman was unable to save him
from being scarred by acid, Not only did
the acid mutilate one side of his body, the
event scarred his psyche as well. The
combination of scars and derangement
allows him to wear some pretty strange
outfits and date two very different women
— one for each side of his body.

The Riddler develops right before the
audience's collective eyes in the midst of
a plot with intermingling storylines. The
technique is similar to our introduction to
Catwoman, but much more believable.

The skin-tight vinyl-suited villainess, Michelle Pfeiffer, gave the audience something to look at, but Carrey is genuinely funny and does not need to rely on special effects to netertain us. But there are special effects. The Riddler creates himself after being snubbed by Bruce Wayne (the man behind the mask for those two people who have been living in a cave all their lives) for developing a mind-controlling device. There are 3-D TV images and spooky green brain sucking machines that will intrigue sci-fi fans. Carrey's Riddler gets crazier every time he comes on screen.

Carrey was made for this role, and his performance is flawless. Even if none of the other characters were any good, Carrey alone would be worth the price of the ticket. — evening prices, too, not just matinee.

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The two villains, or three if you count Two-Face's two personae, aren't just looking to cause trouble for all of Gotham — it just happens to be in the way of their plans. They have a combined revenge scheme reminiscent of the TV series specifically intended for the super hero. And they almost succeed.

specifically intended for the super hero. And they almost succeed. Luckily, the not-as-moody-as-Keaton-but-still-brooding Batman has an acrobatically enhanced Robin to lend a hand when he's in a pinch. Two new bat vehicles, the awesome batboat and baplane, help catch the ville villains. The latter even turns into a batsubmarine after crashing in water. Did Mattel make a deal with producer Tim Burton or what? And yes, Kilmer does say the much publicized Mickey D line. "Till get drive-sthru." after Alfred asks about Batman's dinner plans. Robin's revenge-for-Two-face theme gives director Joel Schumacher a chance to exploit the death of Bruce Wayne's parents once again, as if we didn't have to see enough dead-parent stories in "Batman

Returns." Apparently the hidden-past theme has run its course, so don't expect it to appear in Batman IV.

The only thing missing from the film is a believable female counterpart for Kilmer. Nicole Kidman, with straightened blonde hair, comes off looking more like a horny, talk-show therapist than a talented and beautiful psychiatrist. As Dr. Chase Meridian, she's got that look—you know the one, intensive gaze captured on all McDonald's merchandise—and she keeps pulling out that one look as if she knows she has no other real purpose in the plot.

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Vicky Vale makes no appearance this time around (you won't miss Kim Bassinger's scream), so the audience has to accept Kidman as the only available love interest. But at the strolled as a psychologist called in to help reveal the identity of the Riddler seems contrived. Considering she offers little help, and Batman and Albert do her work for her, Mrs. Cruise is only in Gotham to serve as a batchick. She has no really good lines, and not even her wardrobe will make you want to look twice.

White the audience can easily see why she wants both Batman and Bruce Wayne, Kilmer's come a long way from "Top Gun." His interest in her seems to stem from a general lack of available women in Gotham City. You get the idea of how desperate he might be by checking out Two-Face's two women, played by Drew Barrymore keeps her top on here, but her appearance probably won't do much for her career. She's had finer moments. Even with the many fast-food and toy promotions, the sexy dynamic due will entertain the adult audience first. Look sat grantious golden arches for one heck of a summer movie.

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# "Batman" music just doesn't fly

Batman Forever Soundtrack

Every summer. like executive producers crawling out of the woodwork to try and get a piece of the summer box office pie. Hollywood's big-name movies vie for a chance to cash in on the music cited of files.

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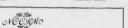
This year's heavyweight is the "Batman Forever" soundtrack. Now, the general idea for soundtracks is to throw a few tunes into the main character's car stereo

or on the compact disc player as people have fake sex. Unfortunately, it usually sounds bad. Take a random sampling of 12 songs that might play during your average day. Unless you listen to one radio station all day, they probably sound haphazardly and randomly thrown together, as they should.

to. "The Crow" soundtrack is a way to test the waters of what was unfamiliar territory for most people. "Batman Forever," like most soundtracks, has a couple of good tunes. The standouts on this album include U2's "Hold Me, Thrill me, Kiss Me, Kill Me," Seal's light "Kiss From A Rose," the Offspring's cover of the Dammed's "Smash it Up," P! Harvey's guitarheavy "One Time Too Many," Nick Cave's dark "There is Light" and Sunny Day Real Estate's "8." However, the rest of the album is filled with second-rate material. To

make matters worse, my brother and I could only count two songs, not including the U2 credit-ender, that actually appeared in the film. What happened to the other 11 tracks?

If you are a completist, this wonny Day Real Estate are rumored to have broken up and PJ Harvey has abandoned the guitar, fans of these two groups should run and pick up a copy. But otherwise, save your cash for the movies.



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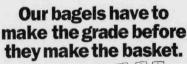




The Riddler (Jim Carrey, r.) and Two-Face (Tommy Lee Jones)



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the freshest ingredients, the tresnest ingredients, kettle-boiled, and baked to a golden finish on a real stone hearth. And every single one has to be perfect. Because they're guaranteed. If you don't like them, we eat them ourselves. Not that we mind.

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# Benjamin Unplugged

On May 18. N.C. State men's baskethall coach Les Robinson suspended rising sophomore Ishua Benjamin indefinitely. Last season, Benjamin started at point guard in all 27 games for the Wolfpack, leading the time in assists and averaging 14 points per game. The Concord native was named to the ACC's All-Freshmen team. Monday, Technician talked with Benjamin about his suspension, his first season with the Wolfpack and the future of the program.

Technician: The press release said you were suspended for not taking your academic responsibilities seriously." In your words, what was the reason for the

your words, what was the reason for the suspension?

Benjamin: For just being lazy, I wasn't doing what I was supposed to do. I did things like not going to class, not turning assignments in and I put schoolwork off to the last minute. I wasn't being as mature as I should have been."

Technician: Since the suspension is by Coach Robinson and not the university, many people speculate that you will be suspended for the summer and fall semesters and reinstated for the beginning of the season. According to what Coach Robinson has told you, is that true?

Benjamin: I definitely will sit out — at least the first three games. If I show improvement, I will get to play. If I don't, I won't play at all.

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Technician: What are your impressions of Coach Robinson?

Benjamin: If's hard, as far as my suspension is concerned. I got pissed off about getting suspended, but when I said down and thought about it, and talked to my morn, it was form y well-being. I was using school for the wrong reasons. I was only playing basketball, and you can't look at it that way. I came here to get an education, and he's making sure that I do that. Sometimes, I don't agree with what he does but that is his job. He is the coach, and I have to listen to what he says.

Technician: Do you think he takes a lot

"I got pissed off about getting suspended, but when I sat down and thought about it, and talked to my mom, it was for my well-being. I was using school for the wrong reasons."

> Ishua Benjamin, N.C. State point guard

of undeserved pressure from the media and

of undexerver.

He fans?

Benjamin: He is just as good a coach as anybody else. He came in and did his job, turned the program around. Academic wise, he built the program up. A lot of people take him down because we are not winning right now.

right now.

But he is more concerned about you succeeding in life. Not everybody is going to be a professional basketball player. He makes sure you get your degree. He is worried more about my personal interests first, then basketball. I would rather have a coach who cares about that and not just a winning record.

Technician: The amount of media attention surrounding your signing with State is the most since Chuck Kornegay signed in 1992. After his freshman season, Kornegay was suspended by the University and since then has transferred to Villanova. What are the similarities between Kornegay and yoursel?

and yourself?

Benjamin: [Assistant] coach [Al] Daniels told me not to do some of the things that Chuckie did. He wasn't going to class at all, and didn't get his work done. They preached to me that I don't want something like that to happen to me. And it did. Now I'm taking the heat for what I did.

Technician: There have been rumors that you are going to transfer. Will you transfer like Korneava did?

Benjamin: The rumors are just that — numors. Transferring has crossed my mind a couple times, but I can't do it. I like it here. It would be bad for me to leave because of the situation that I'm in.

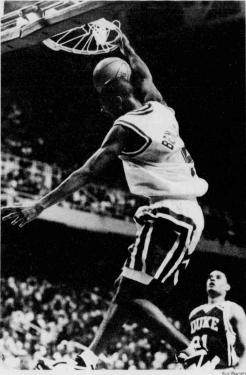
Technician: There were high expectations for you to come in and be the "savior" of the program. Was it difficult on you to perform under those circumstances? "Benjamin: I expected a lot out of pressure started to mount up on me. I was just trying to figure out a way to handle it. A combination of a lot of things— the media, coaches, family and friends. You'vego to people all around pulling you in different directions. A person can only take so much.

Technician: After the win over North Carolina, the team hit a full. The team started losing, and a season that started out so promising ended in the play-in game of the ACC Tournament. What was hardest part of the second half of the season? Benjamin: My biggest problem was frustration. We won the first couple games, and then we just hit rock bottom. After the Carolina game we got comfortable with what we had achieved. During the full there was a lot of frustration going on. By losing you are going to get frustrated. In high school I went from winning — to here and losing. Whenever the team is down, I take it upon myself to do more. I don't like to look behind. I'm looking forward to next season and applying what I have learned."

Technician: Will next year be the year the team puts a consistent season together and returns to the NCAA Tournament for the first time in five years?

Benjamin If I have anything to do with it. I will make sure we make it to the tournament. You can't have the talent that we have coming back and not make it.

Technician: Coming into the year, one of



Ishua Benjamin: 'I will make sure we make it to the tournament.'

Wolfpack **Notes** 

Lane leaves Pack

post for Florida

# Wolfpack players pick up post-season honors

Since the end of the baseball season, plenty of awards have come the Wolfpack's way.

By MATT LAIL

Despite not making the NCAA Tournament for the first time in six years, several N.C. State baseball players received postseason honors. Outfielder Tony Ellison was named a third-team All-American by Mizuno and Collegiate Baseball magazine.

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Right fielder Jake Weber was named a first-team Freshman All-American by Mizuno and Collegiate Baseball.
Ellison led the Wolfpack this season with a 398 batting average, 72 RBIs and 72 runs scored, while

drilling 14 doubles and stealing seven bases. Ellison finished the season belting five homers in the ACC Tournament — three of them in one game. He missed winning the conference's Triple Crown by e RBI

me conference's Triple Crown one RBI.

Weber had a solid freshman campaign, batting .326 with 11 doubles, four triples, 10 home runs.

54 RBIs and 10 stolen bases. He committed only two errors all season — both coming in the final game of the season. Weber finished second on the team in runs scored (70), triples, home runs and stolen bases, while finishing third in RBIs and hits (84).

bases, while finishing third in RBIs and hits (84).

Weber is N.C. State's fourth Freshman All-American in the last five years, joining Tom Sergio, Terry Harvey and Pat Clougherty.

Tony Ellison and second baseman Tom Sergio have been named third-team All-Americans by Baseball America magazine.
Ellison finished his junior season by breaking two ACC Tournament records, the most homers for the entire tournament (3) and the single-game mark (3).
Ellison was named firist-team All-ACC and first-team All-Tournament, as well as being named National Player of the Week twice during the season.
Sergio, a sophomore, was invited to the USA Baseball Trials at Millington, Tenn. He batted, 391 with eight doubles, six triples, five homers, 35 RBIs, and 17 stolen bases. Sergio reached base safely in all but two games last season.
In the innings in which Sergio reached base, the Wolfpack scored

On your mark, get set ...



State's Tom Sergio picked up some post-season kudos 67 percent of its runs. His 26-game hitting streak was the longest in the

N.C. State assistant basketball coach Brian Lane has accepted the top assistant position at Florida Atlantic, he said Monday. Lane will be coaching at his fourth different school in a five-year period. Before his two-year stint with the Wolfpack, Lane was an assistant at the University South Carolina.

The expanded responsibilities are what enticed Lane to Florida Atlantic.

"Since I am the third assistant, the

Since I am the third assistant, the

NCAA does not allow me to recruit here," Lane said, "At Florida Atlantic, I will in charge of

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recruiting."

Lane, 27, spent his first season as a graduate assistant at UNC-Charlotte.

He played college basketball for his father, Don, at Transylvania

nis father. Don, at Fransylvania University. The Lexington, Ky., native joins Ray Martin, a former State assistant under Jim Valvano, on the Florida Atlantic staff.

#### Lawrence arrested for sexual battery

All-time N.C. State sack leader Tyler Lawrence was charged Saturday with sexual battery in Fort Lauderdale, Fla.
The Broward Sheriff's Office said a 25-year-old Pompano Beach woman claims Lawrence, now with the New York Giants, performed sexual acts upon her Friday night at the hotel where the team was staying.

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The Giants were in Florida on Friday for a charity softball game with the Miami Dolphins.

Lawrence, a two-time all-ACC performer, was held Saturday at the Broward County Jail charged with sexual

sexual battery and imprisonment.

The Greensboro native, who finished his career with 24 sacks in 1993, signed with the Giants last season as a free agent.

The National High School Track & Field Championships were held at N.C. State's Paul Derr Track last weekend for the first time.

Technician Sports: Come and knock on our door. We've been waiting for you. Technician Sports: Smarter than the average bear. Technician Sports: Stringin' it for Jesus.

**Technician Sports:** Book 'em, Dano.

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A paper that is entirely the product of the student body becomes at once the official organ through whe 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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## Student Health errs on bite

■ N.C. State's Student Health Services misses the mark twice diagnosing a young woman's ailing arm.

he Student Health Services he Student Health Services generally does a good job of providing medical care at a low cost for students. It's not on par with Duke Medical Center or the Mayo Clinic, but for what each student pays in student fees, it is a bargain — and on campus. Now it sounds as if Dee Dee Payis got something of a raw. Dee Davis got something of a raw deal from the friendly health-care professionals in Clark Hall.

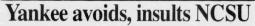
Davis went to Student Health Services last month seeking treatment for an insect bite on her left arm. The wound developed into a black mark, and the area around the site became a red, bumpy painful rash. Even though Davis suggested that she might have an insect bite because the rash did not itch, the nurse practitioner diagnosed it as poison ivy. The nurse prescribed a tetanus shot and cortisone cream — a treatment consistent with the diagnosis and one that would help

alleviate the symptoms.

But Davis returned four days later when her arm had worsened. The diagnosis was the same — poison ivy
— and she was given a bottle of
calamine lotion. A week and a half
later, Davis checked into Rex Hospital's emergency room with a swollen arm, numb and blue extremities and swollen lymph nodes Dr. Robert Mosely, who treated her at Rex, diagnosed the rash as a bite from a brown recluse spider.

Mosely responded to the situation by saying that since doctors don't look for rare conditions initially, the brown recluse diagnosis was overlooked. certainly understandable would be foolish to search for a possible food allergy just because somebody has a stomach ache, and it did sound like the bite in early stages could be confused with a bad case of poison ivy. But one would think that if this case worsened after four days of treatment with cortisone cream, that something else might be the culprit. The question then is why wasn't Davis correctly diagnosed second time'

This is not to say that Student Health Services provides substandard care. On the contrary the care is quite good. But a mistake was made, and the situation needs to be rectified so that similar missed diagnoses do not occur again. Davis' second visit, with her left arm showing prolonged and more severe symptoms, should have resulted in something better than a carbon-copy diagnosis and a bottle of generic calamine lotion.



A visitor from up north visits the Triangle and misses the best university completely.

writer from Gentleman's Quarterly Magazine a.k.a. GQ paid a visit to the Triangle area last fall to investigate what Money Magazine dubbed as the best place in the country to live. His remarks were somewhat disparaging, and his brief description of N.C. State was downright insulting.

The three major universities, as described by Joe Queenan, are "North Carolina, best known for basketball; Duke, well-known for basketball; and North Carolina State, only known for basketball." A confessed yankee displays the kind of narrow-minded ignorance he would likely accuse Southerners of passing down through the generations. the generation

Although NCSU is known for basketball, there is much more to the red brick corner of academic heaven than hoops, and our yankee visitor sorely needs to be disabused of such misguided notions

misguided notions.
Queenan for instance failed to notice
the eminence of Wolfpack football.
The Pack was ranked in the top 15
programs in the entire nation last
year, gaining even more respect for
the ACC as an up-and-coming
football conference. But then again,
yankees don't care much for football

Speaking of national prominence, NCSU geneticist Bruce Weir will be NCSU geneticist Bruce Weir will be testifying for the prosecution as a witness in the O.J. Simpson trial this week. The trial has drawn out some the best minds in the country — lega as well as scholarly. Weir, whose specialty is population genetics — th study of the deviations of DNA in plants and animals — is expected to plants and animals — is expected to defend the credibility of DNA as forensic evidence. Although this may be a giant leap of logic, a double-helix strand and a double-pump jumper are two totally different things. But then again, what do a bunch of dumb Southerners know

NCSU is also known for its advances in agriculture, medicine and textiles. The tomato harvester, denimrecycling technology and the artificial aorta were invented on these rolling, West Raleigh hills. The yankee visitor most likely lacks an appetite for tomatoes, a need to save the landfills or even a heart, so such oversights are understandable.

Of course, it did not dawn upon Queenan until tphe end of his stay in the area that he was judging the Triangle as the place to visit rather than the place to live as Money
Magazine says it is.
Nobody ever said this place was a

huge tourist magnet. So much for yankee ingenuity.

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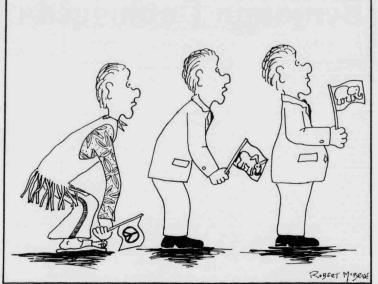
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### Commentary

# Judicial system problems need to be aired

columns discussing N.C. State's student judicial system. Beginning with broad statements, the column will narrow to and encompass a presentation of flaws, suggestions for improvements, along with public letters to and accusation against university officials. I plan to present my personal experi as a student caught up in the system and a formal written grievance against the following four individuals: Tom Stafford. Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs; Evelyn Reiman, Director of Student Development; Bob Bryan, Associate Director of Student Development; and Paul Cousins, Coordinator of Judicial Programs.

Copies of this series will be delivered to the four individuals mentioned above, Student Body President John O'Quinn, Student Senate President Robert Zimmer. Provost Phillip Stiles, Chancellor Larry Monteith, current and newly elected members of the Board of Trustees. Chair of the Board of

#### David Sandgren

President C.D. Spangler Jr. and Governor Jim Hunt

I am very uncomfortable making my statements public for fear of reprisal. Cousins has already tried harassment and intimidation to silence me. I will not respond favorably to such tactics, but only to fair and honest treatment, which I have thus far been denied. I would much rather not be in this position, but the university's treatment of me leaves me fev alternatives. Having been through the system, I understand that judicial hearings are hardly fair. lack commonly understood and assumed judicial principles and disregard written procedures. The appeals process is a reprehensible sham, and the current grievance process is not only inadequate and badly in need of rewriting, but is equally a sham.

My responsibilities and allegiance

are to the students of this university, not to the officials who deceived me and were dishonest with me. Cousins should understand that the best way to silence me would be for him and Stafford to plead guilty to violations of due process of the code of student conduct, violations of the procedures manual, intentional dishonesty and we are unethical conduct. The two should also accept a substantial suspension without pay and other appropriate punitive measures and make such changes as necessary to enforce judicial fairness for students in the future.

Having lost respect and trust in the university system, I will present my comments publicly to protect myself, to demonstrate the need for substantial change within the judicial process and to inform students about current unfair practices within the system.

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# Ending senseless lawsuits is best tort reform

While everyone is sweeping up White everyone is sweeping up the confetti of false political "revolutions," what we should be looking at is the quiet plank of the "Contract with America:" the plank that tries to eliminate "frivolous lawsuits".

The problem of frivolous lawsuits The problem of frivolous lawsuits is a pressing one. Our civil judicial system is swamped with cases. Why? Because we love to sue each other. A woman spills hot coffee in her lap at a drive-through at Mcdonald's? She sues the big clown and gets a few million. Your place of employment has faulty equipment that injurees you, and you can't work? Sue your boss for medical costs. A child throws a cookie at your child's eye? Sue the cookie company and make a fortune. fortune.

Some suits that come to trial are valid. If a doctor leaves a pair of scissors inside you, the doctor should be held accountable. And some suits are stupid. If a kid throws a cookie in my kid's eye, I should yell at the kid and threaten to call the cops until he cries, not sue the bakery for making cookies that don't break apart upon impact

#### James Ellis

like your average commuter

Then there are some suits that lie in the middle. If coffee gets spilled on me and I need to go to the doctor, I would expect the franchise to pay my bill. But millions of dollars for a brisk earlymorning wake-up? No way

Republicans want to make it look as dangerous as possible to try to sue. "Loser pays" laws are an attempt to make people who have silly claims think twice about going for the big bucks. Lawyers
— whose main point is getting a
percentage of the award if they w are in big trouble as their clients now incur a risk by suing.

What will happen is that poor people who have a valid claim will not want to tangle with a company with expensive lawyers on the payroll. Let's say the We Hate People Corp. accidentally dumped

a ton and a half of toxic sludge in a ton and a half of toxic sludge in your yard. You could sue it to clear up its mess if it refuses. But you know that if you take the company to court and lose, you will not only have a spill to clean, you'll also have your own lawyer as well as the defendant's gaggle of pinstriped sharks to pay. It won't be pretty.

You should have the right to sue. You should feel relatively unencumbered when trying to right a wrong. But at the same time, a problem exists.

So, what is fair? Well, the closest

So, what is fair? Well, the closest I can imagine is if we pull together and stop suing each other. For God's sake, you should be embarrassed, people. What are you thinking? Just because you accidentally get bumped by a car doesn't mean the driver should pay your way through school. Suers (if there is such a ward) should stop. there is such a word) should stop trying to make a profit out of life's little mishaps. It's disgusting.

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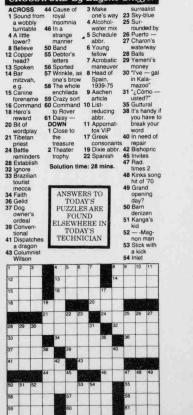
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