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## Bell Tower Briefs

### Animal Waste Center under construction

N.C. State's College of Agriculture and Life Sciences hosted a groundbreaking ceremony July 14 for its \$1 million Animal and Poultry Waste Management Center.

The site is located at the Lake Wheeler Road Field Laboratory, near the college's Swine Research Unit. The new facility will house composting facilities and equipment necessary to conduct waste research, said Mike Williams, director of the new center.

Livestock and poultry operations account for more than \$80 billion in farm-gate sales in the United States each year. However, farm animals generate about one billion metric tons of waste per year. Williams said that the center came about as a result of initial funding by the USDA, private industries, government, NCSU and non-profit agencies.

In addition to projects related to animal waste management, the center's facilities will provide tours and training for NCSU students, North Carolina Cooperative Extension agents, staff from agencies and industry personnel.

### High schoolers attend nuclear camp

More than 22 high school students participated in the Nuclear Science and Technology program conducted this summer by the N.C. State department of nuclear engineering.

Students from around the state and across the country attended lectures, visited laboratories and participated in research projects conducted by nuclear engineering faculty, technical staff and graduate students.

The department's Pulsar reactor, Scaled Pressurized Water Reactor Facility, Neutron Activation Laboratory and Plasma/Fusion Facilities were studied by the students.

The program, which ran June 18-30, was supported by CP&L, Duke Power and Virginia Power. The annual program is open to rising seniors who demonstrate an aptitude for science and engineering and rising juniors who have taken advanced science and math courses.

### Phi Kappa Phi inducts new members

The 361 highest-ranking upperclass, graduate and professional students at N.C. State were inducted into the NCSU Chapter of Phi Kappa Phi, a national academic honor society. Phi Kappa Phi recognizes scholarship and leadership in all disciplines and at all levels of university academics.

To qualify for membership in Phi Kappa Phi, students must have completed a certain portion of their academic work at the university and be among the top-ranking students in their class.

## Zahn to replace Toole as dean of CHASS

■ New dean hopes to encourage more research in the humanities.

By MICHAEL BISECKER  
News Editor

N.C. State Chancellor Larry Monteith named Margaret A. Zahn of UNC-Charlotte as the new dean of the College of Humanities and Social Sciences. The appointment, announced July 14, follows the June retirement of CHASS dean William B. Toole III. Toole had served for more than 20 years as head of the college.

Zahn's appointment ends a yearlong search by a university committee and was approved by the N.C. State Board of Trustees, UNC President C.D. Spangler Jr. and the UNC Board of Governors.

"The committee was overwhelmingly taken with her energy and enthusiasm and her sensitivity to people," NCSU Provost Phillip J. Stiles said of Zahn's appointment.

Zahn has served as associate dean for research, graduate and interdisciplinary programs at the College of Arts and Sciences at UNC-C since 1993. She joined the UNC-C faculty in 1990 as chair of the department of sociology, anthropology and social work.

Zahn is to take over CHASS August 7. She is to be entrusted with a college that

includes eight academic departments and 250 full-time faculty members and serves 3,000 undergraduate students and 500 graduate students. But Zahn feels she is up to the challenge and hopes to build on Toole's momentum and propel CHASS into national prominence.

"I want to turn a very good college into a national model," Zahn said of her plans for CHASS.

"We can become preeminent with a variety of programs, including those that wed the humanities and social sciences with technology," Zahn said.

Zahn also said she is impressed by Toole's legacy of quality programs and his commitment to working collaboratively with the faculty and across colleges on a number of projects. But she said she will make some changes.

Zahn said she plans to search for ways to reduce CHASS's reliance on nonpermanent faculty and to establish and fund research and public service centers aimed at understanding and dealing with issues she feels are critical to society.

"The humanities and social sciences are central to finding solutions to the problems of our age ... Our will be a college at the forefront of dealing with the problems of the 21st century," Zahn said.

"There has never been a time when it has

been more important to understand the issues and to provide tools to address them. It is the responsibility of academia to develop and use knowledge for the benefit of all humanity," Zahn said.

Zahn has a strong social research background studying violence in the United States — especially violence among the nation's youth. She is the director as well as a cofounder of the Academy for the Study and Prevention of Violence, and her studies and publications on the subject span more than two decades. She has been called on to consult on violence issues by the National Science Foundation, the Centers for Disease Control and the National Institute for Justice.

She is a member of the American Society of Criminology, the American Sociological Association, Western Society of Criminology, the American Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences and the Homicide Research Working Group.

Zahn, a native of Ohio, received a bachelor's degree in social administration and a master's and doctoral degree in sociology from Ohio State University.

She served as an assistant professor, associate professor and graduate chair in the department of sociology at Temple University from 1969 to 1987 and was director of a national study on the nature



Dr. Margaret A. Zahn

and patterns of American homicide at Southern Illinois University from 1980 to 1982. She was chair of sociology at Northern Arizona University from 1987 until 1990, when she went to UNC-C.

Zahn, who is married and has a 12-year-old son, has received numerous national honors and teaching awards. She is currently working on her second book, "Homicide: An American Tradition."

## Center to reduce violence

■ A new center dedicated to preventing violence in public schools opens at NCSU's College of Education and Psychology.

By EMILY SUTTON  
Assistant News Editor

Though violence continues to plague the public school systems in North Carolina, educators at N.C. State are fighting back.

"Our mission is to search out strategies to prevent school violence," said Pamela Riley, the director of the College of Education and Psychology's new center to combat school violence.

The center was created in 1993 as a part of Gov. Jim Hunt's Crime Commission under the state department of crime control and public safety.

Riley said there are three main goals the center wants school systems to accomplish. "First we want to understand the problems with school violence," she said. "Second we must discover ways to deal with these problems, and third we must discover ways to prevent school violence in the future."

The relocation of the center was approved by the UNC Board of Governors and the NCSU Board of Trustees, effective July 1. Dean Joan Michael of the College of Education and Psychology said having the center at NCSU will add another dimension to teacher and counselor education at the university.

According to Riley, the move to NCSU will allow the center to blend resources from the university, with colleges and public school systems.

The center distributes information about the prevention of violence in public schools to 129 school districts in North Carolina and anyone else who needs the information.

"Forty-two states have requested information on how we established this program and anyone can call 1-800-299-6054 to have questions answered," Riley said.

The center also assists school officials, law enforcement agencies, residents and communities in implementing programs to prevent violence.

Students Against School Violence Everywhere (S.A.S.V.E.), Conflict Resolution/Peer Mediation Training, Scholastic Crimestoppers, Teen Court and the School Resource Officer program are the main projects the center promotes to school districts across the state.

NCSU students can help by offering their free time to the center. "We need students to get involved so that we can verify that these programs are working," Riley said. "Some graduate students will be offered the chance to work on individual research projects."

"We think it will provide a positive opportunity to make a difference in the schools of North Carolina," Riley said.



TECHNICIAN FILE PHOTO

## Puncture veins, give pints

■ The Triangle area hospitals are having a severe blood shortage — just in time for NCSU's summer blood drive.

By EMILY SUTTON  
Assistant News Editor

By rolling up their sleeves, students can find out if they have any sexually transmitted diseases and help fill the American Red Cross quota of blood for N.C. State at the same time.

The NCSU summer blood drive will be held in the University Student Center Ballroom Wednesday and Thursday, July 26 and 27 from 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. NCSU faculty and staff are sponsoring this summer's drive.

Matt Hodges, assistant director of blood services for the American Red Cross, said certain types of blood are needed, but no one will be turned away as long as he or she is healthy.

"This area is in a severe crisis for blood types 'O' and 'B,' but all blood types are welcome," Hodges said. "The donor will have to fill out a health history and have his or her temperature, blood pressure, pulse and iron content tested," he said. "The process should take only an hour."

The primary goal of the blood drive is to supply area hospitals with blood, said Tim Blair, a member of the blood drive committee.

"Duke Hospital is especially in a crisis because of the number of organ transplants, which require a lot of blood," Blair said.

All the blood is screened for various diseases, including HIV and syphilis.

"If a donor's blood should turn up HIV positive, the Red Cross will contact the person within about eight weeks to tell them of the results," said Janet Rice, American Red Cross donor counselor. "North Carolina State Law requires the

American Red Cross to report any positive results to the health department," she said. "After the health department is notified, a disease 'report card' is made, and the donor is contacted."

"A person would go through a series of interviews about past sexual partners and information about counseling and clinics would be given to the person," said Alice Stafford of the Wake County health department. "Past partners would be notified, but they would not know who gave the health department their names," she said.

The screening process is completely confidential through the Red Cross and the health department.

"There's no way the university would ever know whether or not a donor's blood turns up HIV positive because of the strict confidentiality process," Blair said.

A positive HIV test may not always be accurate, Hodges said.

"Because of the sensitivity of the screens we use on the blood, there have been cases of false positives," he said. "However, there are no false negatives."

"It's recommended that a positive tested donor have more tests done," Hodges said.

Blair said that the Red Cross also hopes to boost student participation by creating a Wolfpack-Tarheel blood rivalry for the most pints drained from a student body.

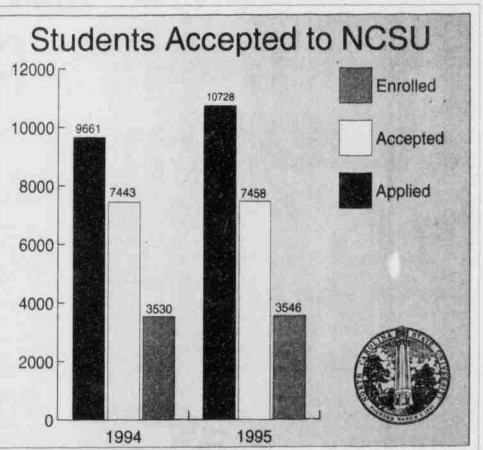
"We did so well last year, we believe by challenging UNC-Chapel Hill, we'll be able to increase participation from students and faculty," Blair said.

Last year NCSU went well over the goal of 450 pints of blood with 600 pints, Hodges said.

"This year our goal is to get at least 650 pints," he said.

Appointments to give blood can be made by calling 512-0234.

"People with appointments will be served first but walk-ins are more than welcome," said Hodges.



Freshman accepted to NCSU for the Fall 1995 Semester had an average High School GPA of 3.58 and an average SAT score of 1065.

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## Garden of death

■ A nationally known gardening writer explores mysteries lurking in the backyard.

By KEITH CRAWFORD  
ET CETERA EDITOR

From Socrates' final shot of hemlock to Seymour, the gigantic man-eating plant in "Little Shop of Horrors," plants often steal the show in movies, books and TV shows.

Peter Loewer, Asheville's nationally known gardening writer, spoke recently to the friends of the N.C. State Arboretum about the more sinister aspects of certain plants.

With a wry but knowledgeable viewpoint, Loewer talked about plants that are lethal if ingested by humans. Nightshade, mistletoe berries, the pitcher plant, hemlock, tobacco leaves, jimson weed, azalea and oleander are all killers if their toxins are ingested.

"Just the juice of a few mistletoe berries are absolutely lethal, and the symptoms would be taken as natural causes," he said.

Hollywood and literature have used plants as deadly weapons for quite some time, and Loewer delighted in the subtly dark humor of their portrayal.

"What you see Jessica solving on Sunday night just might be true," said Loewer, referring to the lead character on "Murder She Wrote."

A few examples Loewer gave were stranger than fiction, like the young members of a ladies' gardening club whose old, rich husbands all died under the same circumstances within a short timespan.

Loewer also mentioned a mysterious killing in New York City from a tobacco leaf by-product. The tobacco leaf's major toxin is nicotine, a stimulant, which can be lethal in high doses.

According to Loewer, the killer knew his victim would ride the

subway home and was a smoker. The killer coated dozens of needles in nicotine, stuck them together and placed them in the victim's coat pocket. When the victim reached for his subway tokens, the needles pierced his skin, and the overdose of nicotine entered the victim's blood stream, killing him.

Because the killer knew the victim was a smoker, he knew nicotine would be overlooked as a factor in the victim's death.

"It took investigators quite a while to figure out how this guy died in the Bronx," Loewer said.

Loewer also showed slides of 1940s films that used plants in their plots.

Taken from "Dracula," Loewer showed a slide of a beautiful young maiden wearing a necklace of garlic, in the arms of a thirsty vampire from the film.

"Garlic is rumored to ward off vampires," Loewer said. "Here you see a vampire eating around the garlic."

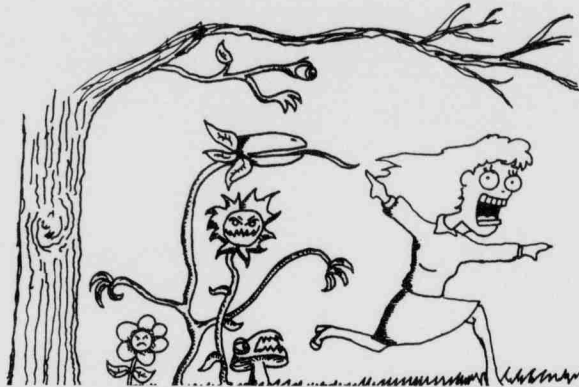
Many of the B-grade suspense films of the period were represented, such as the "American Werewolf in London." The film focused on a certain variety of flower that would prevent terror in London.

"Those flowers contained the antidote that prevented someone from becoming a werewolf," he said. "One plant, two werewolves — tough decision."

Although many of the movie plants are imaginary, Loewer said there are a number of dangerous plants in real life.

The really dangerous plants are the ones that cause Loewer to watch his audience closely. When he gives this lecture, Loewer said he worries that people with less than stable personalities will use plant toxicology information learned from the lecture to kill.

"Often there is a little old lady writing feverishly on the back row," Loewer said half-jokingly. "I worry that I might be the cause of the death of many old men."



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## 'Clueless' stereotypes

■ Alicia Silverstone does a great job in "Clueless," considering the movie.

By AMANDA RAY  
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

Suffering from a case of post-"Crumb" blues? Need a night out where you can let your brain slide into neutral? Want a few chuckles?

"Clueless," the new film from "Fast Times at Ridgemont High" director Amy Heckerling, provides moviegoers with a few hours of blissful idiosyncrasy. And yes, for all you rabid males, there are plenty of scantily-clad Alicia Silverstone (a.k.a. the babe from the Aerosmith videos) shots.

Silverstone plays Cher Horowitz, the filthy rich, 16-year-old popularity queen who seems to have it all. She has a closet full of designer clothes, a brand new Jeep,

a bevy of guys chasing after her, and she can argue and whine her way to good grades.

Cher and her best friend Dionne, played by Stacey Dash, spend their days talking on their cellular phones, shopping and taking it upon themselves to help those who are not as cool as they are.

Cher lives in a world of dreamy ignorance: courtesy of her Robert-Shapiro-like lawyer dad. All this is much to the dismay of Cher's ex-stepbrother, Josh, a CNN-watching, environmentalist, sensitive man.

But Cher can't seem to find a man worthy enough of her love. She shuns the skater boy and the hip king-of-the-party, and the guy she longs for turns out to be gay.



Movie Review

Predictably, Cher realizes that clothes, boys and status are not all they're cracked up to be. She starts to do nice things for others, such as organizing a crisis relief drive, and she gives away some of her rich stuff. Then she realizes that all the guys she's surrounded herself with are superficial jerks.

Cher realizes that she needs a sensitive man who is interested in more than clothes and partying and who wants to do something to help others... and who fits the bill better than her ex-stepbrother, Josh. Yes, that's the entire, somewhat twisted, plot of the movie.

What could have been a biting satire of today's pop-culture overladen youth is nothing but a fairly funny John Hughes movie.

But as disappointing as it is, there are some funny parts in this film. When Cher takes it upon herself to

## Wired together

■ The Internet can introduce you to thousands of people all over the world, but there still isn't the face to face contact that makes interaction fun.

The culture of the Internet is essentially a paradox. Its norms, its mores and its reality are fixed against its nature.

At its most basic level, the Internet is a series of wires, cables and even satellite links to connect computers to each other. By

Andrew S. Damick

extension, the Internet connects people in a way that's never been done before. I can walk into a computer lab and instantly have a direct connection to literally millions of people.

Sounds great, doesn't it?



The conflict arises in the culture of the people who comprise the Internet's population. Although the Internet is about connectivity, it has become a culture of distance.

When you talk to people on the phone, it's easier to say certain things to them than when you speak to them face to face. By extension, it's easier to write a scathing letter to the editor than it would be to talk to that editor on the phone and tell

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# Sports

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## A Brush with Greatness

■ A coaching legend teaches a young writer a thing or two about life.

J.P. Giglio



It's just a game. I had to remind myself that as my summer of discontent rolled on with 18 excruciatingly humbling holes of golf at Pinehurst Course No. 1.

But as fate would have it, the golf gods smiled upon me with a visitor from the Sunshine State.

While I lamented my triple-digit handicap on the couch of the Pinehurst Resort, I met the kingpin of the ACC, Bobby Bowden. Bowden is to the ACC what Bogart is to "Casablanca," what Sinatra is to swing. He is the Chairman of the Board.

"Hi, how are you doing today?" he said with his feet up and leaning back on the green leather upholstery. "I'm Bobby Bowden."

As if the bruises on my arm were from the turnip truck I just fell off. He has won 249 games, 10 straight bowl victories, a national championship, and an unfathomable eight consecutive seasons in the top five.

That should have been my first clue that this was not going the usual weekend of shattered dreams. As I extended my hand to his I began contemplating what to say to him. Then I thought, what could he possibly have to say to me?

At first, it wasn't much. After exchanging pleasantries he continued waiting patiently to check in.

I started to hear the distant voice in the background, "Speak now or forever hold your peace." At this point, the light bulb went on in my head. This is the stuff that dreams are made of.

I decided to drop a name. Not just any name, but my namesake, Penn State coach Joe Paterno.

I normally don't even mention what the P stands for in my name, but this was an emergency. Besides, the only coach in college football on a par with Bowden is Paterno.

Bowden and I started talking about where I was from and what I was doing there. I have been asked, "why did you come to State?" a million times. I didn't mind answering it for a coaching legend.

Then we started talking shop. Will you win it all this year? Can you beat Miami? Should there be a playoff system?

The direction of the talk began

moving towards an interview and away from a conversation. But the conversation switched gears again. Not into a lifeless reporter/coach Q & A, but to philosophy.

After I asked him about the Miami situation and the Sports Illustrated article, he said he didn't think that the University should drop the program.

If any person on this Earth would want the Hurricanes to vanish from the NCAA map, it is Bowden. In the past five seasons, the Seminoles have lost four games, three of them to Virginia. He even once mentioned that on his tombstone should reflect his inability to defeat the 'Cans. His response to the accusations and problems was simple yet it personifies the man Bobby Bowden.

"It's just a game," he said. After 28 years of milestones, being hung in eflags in West Virginia, and a Foot Locker fiasco it's still just a game.

Bowden knows it but does everybody else?

The media clamours for a playoff system, players want a piece of the revenue pie, and alumni and fans want the bragging rights. There is more to life than tailgating, winning bowl games, and media weekends.

On Sunday, after the print media portion of the program concluded, I caught a rare moment alone with Bowden. As the youngest person there and a member of the student media, he didn't have to talk to me. But he did. We didn't talk so much about football but about life.

Bowden and I had more in common than I thought. We discussed the indomitable spirit of youth and how we strive for its eternal existence.

Maybe that is the secret to Bowden's success. He has captured the fountain of the youth. On this weekend, he shared the magical elixir with me. I look forward to Sep. 16 when the Wolfpack travels to Tallahassee and my reunion with the Coach Bowden. Not many teams enjoy the stay at Florida State, but they should remember Bowden's advice—it's only a game.

## King of the ACC Hill

### Florida State



Will this be the year an ACC team beats the 'Noles? Better question is can anyone beat them? FSU will open the season in the top slot in the nation, not just in the conference.

And Coach Bobby Bowden thinks this year's team has some depth. QB Danny Kannel returns with 13 of his closest friends to a team that has never lost to an ACC opponent since joining the conference.

The real question: Who will be second?

### Virginia



The Weedwacker Bowl champs return 17 starters including QB Florida Barber and QB Mike Groh. The Wolfpack will have to rely on road magic to pull rabbits out of their hat vs. Michigan, the Pack and Carolina.

### N.C. State



QB Terry Harvey and his three horseman are back. Stephens, Brown and King should stampede their share of defenders. The Pack will need help on the other side to take second for the fourth time in five years.

### North Carolina



Preseason All-Americans Marcus Jones and Leon Johnson will anchor both sides of the ball for Mack Brown. Two players might not be enough to take the second slot.

### Clemson



With a sub-.500 record and a devastating loss to South Carolina last season, the Tigers can hardly do any worse. Last year's young team now has experience, and so does coach Tommy West.

### Duke



Is the dream season over? Most of the team is back, including All-American safety Ray Farmer, and recruiting has never been better. But this season will make or break Duke football.

### Georgia Tech



Head coach George O'Leary coached only three games last season and lost all of them. Just three starters return on defense. The Yellow Jackets are in trouble again.

### Maryland



Scott Milanovich is gone for four games. 0-4 will not be a good start for the Terrapins. Last year all they had was offense, this year they don't even have that.

### Wake Forest



The Deacs have 14 starters coming back this year. With last season's record of 3-8 last year, it's hard to tell if that's good or bad.

# Who's the greatest of the eight

By Aaron Morrison  
STAFF WRITER

PINEHURST, N.C. — North Carolina's famous mecca of golf became the center of ACC football this weekend. On the very grounds where names like Palmer, Nicklaus and Jones echo through the towering pines, wandered Bowden, Brown and O'Leary.

The ACC held its annual football preview extravaganza at the historic Pinehurst Resort and Country Club. The media event brought all nine ACC head coaches, several assistant coaches and a player from each team.

As expected, the Florida State contingent got most of the attention. If the questions were not aimed at the Seminoles, they were almost certainly about them. Coach after coach had to explain how close they were to finally beating FSU, except Wake Forest's Jim Caldwell, of course.

"To beat Florida State, you have to do what you do best," Virginia coach George Welsh said. "And you have to defend what they do best. And you better not get behind early."

"I don't think the Florida State gap is an ACC problem; it's a national problem," North Carolina coach Mack Brown said. "When you look at it, nobody's beating Florida State."

If last year's conference scores against the 'Noles were scary, Bowden's comments about this year's team were downright terrifying.

"I think we've got three of the finest quarterback prospects we've ever had at Florida State," Bowden said. "The defensive line — we've got more speed there than we've ever had. From top to bottom, those kids can run."

### Season Outlook

So the question still remains, who will finish second? The Virginia Cavaliers will return with 17 of last season's starters, eight of them from the

offense. Leading that experienced offensive squad will be senior quarterback Mike Groh.

Last season the Wahoo defense led the nation in stopping the run, but the loss of some key players up front could change that.

N.C. State is coming off its third second-place finish in four years. The Wolfpack should have plenty of offense in senior quarterback Terry Harvey and sophomore tailback Tremayne Stephens to make it four out of five, but the question mark comes on defense.

The secondary should be strong with junior cornerback Ricky Bell and senior free safety James Walker, but the loss of team captain and pass-rush wizard Carl Reeves lightens the load on the line of scrimmage.

For North Carolina, defense should not be a problem. Linebacker Marcus Jones returns as an All-America candidate. The Heels have plenty of power on offense, too. Mike Thomas will return as the starting quarterback and will throw to the speedy Octavius Barnes and Marcus Wall.

That about rounds out the top contenders for the ACC sub-crown. Both Duke and Clemson could have a shot. According to coach Fred Goldsmith, the Blue Devils had a great recruiting year, but their record this year will make or break them.

Clemson must be good after last season. Tiger fans expect it. Look for coach Tommy West to get his team turned in the right direction.

Maryland is facing some serious problems without Scott Milanovich. Last season all they had was offense. This season they won't even have that.

Georgia Tech is coming off a 1-10 season that began with a close game with Arizona. New head coach George O'Leary has only been in charge for three games, but he lost all three, including one to Wake Forest.

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## Fee soaks returning students

Charging returning NCSU students a \$25 readmission fee is unfair and unjustified.

Thirty years ago, Joe Wolfpacker would have been labeled as stupid or a failure if he took more than four years to graduate with a bachelor's degree.

But times have changed, and students are taking their time to get out into the fabled "real world." For some, a timeout from exams and research papers is the best way to preserve one's sanity. And for those who are working their way through school or facing some other hardship, it's a financial necessity.

But registration and records acts as if it's still back in the Beatles' age, and it shows when these students return from a brief respite on the sidelines to go back into the game. As of July 1, any N.C. State degree student who returns to school after taking the two previous semesters off will have to pay a \$25 readmission charge. Registration and records

claims that the charge is necessary because budgets are tight, but that seems hard to swallow. How much could it possibly cost to register a student who has been away for awhile, and how much harder could it be to enroll the errant student than the student returning from summer break? Do a few extra keystrokes really cost \$25 a head at this university?

The whole notion of penalizing students who wish to further or even finish their educations is ludicrous. The idea of placing a surcharge on students who accumulate more than 140 degree hours at a UNC-System school was a pure stroke of stupidity, but this is even worse. Many students can't rush through in four years anymore.

Registration and records needs to lose the go-go boots and the mop-top coiffures and get with the '90s. There's no point in holding today's students to the archaic standards of yesterday by threatening them with extra charges.



## Commentary

### World power now a world-class whiner

Less than 60 years ago, a great scourge, an evil presence, a wild hare up the devil's derriere loomed over the world. Only two generations ago, a whirling dervish from hell planted his big toe on Europe, claimed that it was his and began negotiations for Asia.

Fifty years ago, we turned that evil back. A great evil, one that turned humans into soap and candlesticks, killed tens of millions for the sheer political thrill of it, and flipped the fashion world upside down with its fetish for little black mustaches, was destroyed. It took billions of people, both directly and indirectly, billions of dollars and billions of work hours to eliminate the Nazi plague.

While it was a worldwide effort that snubbed the Axis powers, the United States took its share of the pain. U.S. citizens tolerated gasoline rations, scrap-metal drives, blackouts, bad Ronald Reagan movies and the government occupation of factories to build bombs, tanks and other bulky products for the military industrial complex.

Now look at us. Farmers whine when the government is slow with its crop subsidies. Companies whine when the government tells them to stop making non-flammable infant pajamas. Lee Iacocca whines that he can't sell his crappy car parts in Japan. We whine that our taxes are too high.

Not two generations ago, we were the proud and the strong. No one could hold us back. We were the world power. What

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happened? We survived revolutions, civil war, depressions, multiple world wars, Presidents Johnson through Carter, and what happened? We are a bunch of whiners. And do you know whose fault it is? Someone else's.

That's right. It's never our fault. Who lost the car keys? The cat probably swallowed them. Who killed our industrial economy? It must be those sneaky Japanese companies who collaborate with their governments. Who made television so crappy? It must have been those liberal freaks in Hollywood.

Who built up the deficit? Who keeps showing all the stupid O.J. coverage? Who keeps leaving the toothpaste cap on the counter? It's gross! All we do is sit around the house and whine and blame everything on someone else. All the world's problems can be blamed on one or more of the following things: the Republican Party, liberals, feminists, homosexuals, Ronald Reagan, the Japanese, the government, atheists, "Mentos" commercials, capitalists, rap music, Rush Limbaugh, the liberal establishment press, blacks, reds, yellows, anyone who wears plaid with prints, the elites, me, Pakistanis, Indians, Mexicans,

racists, the poor, the rich, that blond kid who used to do those Encyclopedia Britannica commercials, God, Allah, old people, young people, yuppies, even kids with chicken pox. But never you, huh?

But it is you, while the government, Hollywood, your television, the press and anything else that feeds you information tells you that you are not to blame. Sure, all they want to do is make you happy, but happy doesn't feed the bulldog. Life isn't sunshine and happiness.

The last "war" we had, we were whining all over the place. We were so whiny over the possibility that one U.S. citizen would get a bloody nose, we hardly got involved. We phoned it in.

A military and financial commitment, yes. A drop of blood, no.

Bush had to pretend Hussein was Hitler to get anybody riled up at all. And when we pulled the plug before everything was over, it was a blame-fest all around. Yes, it's a good goal to want to eliminate bloodshed, but is that any way to lead? All talk, no action? If the cause is right, shouldn't we go? If Hitler did come back, would we all keep watching O.J., hoping that Hitler would go away?

The good life that comes with being number one has made us soft. Stringent education standards, economic fragility, trust in the government, trust in who we were and a feeling of togetherness have been the cost of our struggle to greatness. But if we all end up whiners and complainers, where can it all lead?

## NCSU, Ghana grow closer

The NCSU program to help build living/learning centers at three Ghanaian universities is a step forward for the global village.

Universities are, for lack of a better word, universal. Wherever there is civilized man, there is a university not too far away. It is one of the truly enduring institutions of mankind. The pinnacle of learning, the sum total of man's knowledge — the university is where the human race turns for enlightenment, inspiration and wisdom.

Though their presence and their relentless drive for knowledge is universal, their living conditions are far from equal. Students here have air-conditioning, indoor plumbing, fire alarms, cable television and a police force. One could say that U.S. students have it made in the shade.

But conditions for students in third-world countries such as Ghana, however, are not always as comfortable. There is precious little air-conditioning for protection against an oppressively hot climate, and students are packed four to a room designed for only one. Arguably, not the ideal environs for a flowering

intellect nor one that would attract outside minds, but that will soon change for three Ghanaian universities.

A building project created by the N.C. State office of international programs and spearheaded by Pulitzer Prize-winning poet Maya Angelou hopes to raise \$1.2 million in donations to build living/learning centers at three Ghanaian universities. The new centers are designed to draw more international students and faculty from NCSU to Africa to learn and teach. The aim is to further nurture our healthy exchange program with Ghana and encourage U.S. students to consider studying in the African nation. As it stands now, most students who study abroad spend their time in Europe, a favorite destination for those studying the humanities.

It is great to see that NCSU is working to make the global village a little cozier for young minds seeking wisdom in far away lands. Not only will it expose NCSU students and faculty to a new culture and way of life, but it will give African students a glimpse of ours, thus fostering a greater sense of understanding and appreciation for our brethren across the seas.

## Administration should take same bitter pill

Long ago a grievance procedure was established for the division of student affairs to resolve policy complaints or complaints about division personnel.

The procedure encompasses student development, which oversees student judicial proceedings. By its very nature, the procedure is unsuited for this use and should be replaced with a grievance procedure specifically tailored to fit the unique needs of judging those involved in judging others.

The glaring problem with the grievance procedure for student affairs is this: the vice chancellor for student affairs or his designate is responsible for the administration of the grievance procedure.

The hearing committee is composed of three individuals chosen by Vice Chancellor Tom Stafford or his designate. This committee then hears the grievance and recommends courses of action to Stafford. Although this is not clear, it appears Stafford is free to uphold, modify or ignore the committee's recommendations, or hold another hearing.

Less obvious is the conflict of interest that allows Stafford to participate in the judgment of people whose actions reflect upon his leadership.

The composition of the hearing committee further demonstrates its impropriety for grievances against personnel who participate in the student

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judicial process. The grievance procedure states, "the hearing committee will be composed of one student affairs staff member who is not a member of the department where the complaint arose, one student judicial board member and one faculty judicial board member."

Any grievance resulting from a student judicial hearing will require a review of previous actions or decisions of Stafford, and such reviews cannot be expected to be made fairly by any employee working under Stafford. Nor can judicial board members, who were trained by and work with coordinator of judicial programs Paul Cousins, be expected to fairly judge his actions and decisions.

It is judicial impropriety for anyone to judge the actions of known coworkers in regard to unknown students. After my first mention of a grievance against Cousins, in what appeared to be an appalling attempt to manipulate the hearing even more to his favor, he was quick to place a list of judicial board members he would like to recommend for the committee in my judicial file.

The notion that he is helping select a

committee to hear a grievance against him is utterly outrageous. Even more disturbing is that such action appears to be satisfactory to other university officials.

The fact that my grievance is partly against Stafford is an indication that I do not trust his judgment or actions based upon past experience and will not consent to a grievance proceeding over which he has control. Therefore, here are my recommendations for a suitable replacement hearing.

I request that Provost Phillip Stiles agree to administer a hearing with a committee composed of student senators to be chosen by the student senate president and tenured faculty senators to be chosen by the faculty senate chair. Since I was suspended in a conference in which no students were involved, and the university saw nothing wrong with that, it should also be agreed that the university will see no need for staff members to be involved.

Ultimately, the university must be responsible in its actions to its students. Written judicial procedures must be reasonably interpreted, and unwritten procedures must be reasonably anticipated by average citizens of the university community, not just by those individuals trained by Cousins. In response to this, and in compensation for the lack of student involvement in my judicial conference, I will expect a hearing

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# 'Clueless'

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John Hughes movie. But as disappointing as it is, there are some funny parts to this film. When Cher takes it upon herself to convert her new girl Tai to coolness, she announces "We will do Cindy Crawford workout on Tuesdays and Buns of Steel on Thursdays, and each week we will read something not required by school. I'm reading 'Fit or Fat.'" Tai replies, "And I'm reading 'Men are from Mars, Women are from Venus.'" That scene perfectly captures the "Melrose Place" mentality of the California beautiful kids.

Unfortunately, everyone in the film is a stereotype. The gay character has a penchant for Tony Curtis films. The physical education teacher is a haggard lesbian. The good teacher is a Greenpeace-loving do-gooder. The lawyer dad is a slick Jewish loudmouth. Dionne's boyfriend is a

gangsta with baggy pants who calls her "woman."

Even Josh, the sensitive man, reads Nietzsche, wears flannel and grows goatees. And while he claims to detest all the superficialities that Cher is into, he is drawn to her because she's a beauty with no substance. No character in the movie seems to have any individuality.

But, believe it or not, Silverstone is perfect in the role of Cher. Too bad she didn't have a better script to work with. Silverstone is a good example of how beauty can hinder a career. She may never be taken seriously due to her deceivingly Cher-ish beauty and those damn Aerosmith videos.

The funniest moments of "Clueless" can be seen in the MTV preview clips. But if you have had a summer full of movies like "Smoke," "Crumb" and "Pulp Fiction" for \$1.50, you may want to take a break with "Clueless."

Grade: B-

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him how you feel. The Internet has taken that distance one step further. In a world of words without faces, it becomes easier to fall into a rabid and irrational morass of inhumanity. Flamewars abound among people who could never do or say such things to each other in the flesh. Aggressiveness has become the norm, and he who has the loudest voice wins.

This is not to say that all of the Internet is this way. In fact, the majority of the Internet simply hums along and does its business from day to day. But it happens.

The connectivity, a magnificent tool, has also become a great barrier. I've met several people face to face whom I had once known only online, and it puts an entirely different context to my subsequent dealings with them on the Internet. I know that I'm affected, too, because I treat people differently online than I do in person. I've thought about those experiences, and I've actually made friends

over the Internet. The question is one of respect.

Although there are a great many who have no respect for their fellow man online, there exists a growing community of people who do have that respect. They treat people the way they would treat the same people in person. It may not be the most cordial of treatments, but it's true.

To ensure this, many Internet people have taken to organizing gatherings outside the Internet, to give them the added dimension lacking before face contact.

Like the pioneer days of America, the Internet is a vast region, filled with the tough and adventurous. It's becoming more settled, just as the continent became, and every sort of person is making his or her place on it.

I don't want to scare you away from the Internet. It's just the opposite — as more people use the Internet, there is a greater need to encourage them to treat the Internet as a powerful tool. It creates a connection between you and the rest of the planet, a connection enabling you to touch the lives of literally millions of people.

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committee membership with a student to non-student ratio of at least 3 to 1, which is comparable to the judicial hearing I was denied. Every attempt should be made to choose hearing officers with no connection to those accused to strive for impartiality. Because those who judge others should be expected to submit themselves to the same procedures and standards of judgment, the procedures followed should be essentially the same as those for disciplinary conferences — hearings of lesser student violations, which would not result in suspension or expulsion — not judicial board hearings.

I expect that clear and convincing evidence of guilt need not be presented — only the likelihood of guilt need be established; the privilege of those accused to question me will be decided by the hearing committee and not be a mandated right; and those accused will not be allowed to present mitigating factors or comment upon sanctions or make recommendations concerning actions that should be taken as a result of the hearing. Any sanction, including suspension or dismissal from the university, may be imposed.

In other words, I expect them to accept the exact same treatment I received at my "disciplinary conference."

# Giglio's column scathing, snotty

I just had the displeasure of reading the Technician article J.P. Giglio wrote detailing the reasons why he thought Mike O'Cain did not deserve his recent pay increase. Does Mike O'Cain deserve his pay increase? Maybe he does and maybe he does not, but that is no longer the issue here.

The way Giglio attacked O'Cain in his editorial was cruel and undeserved. I realize that a journalist, which by the way he is not, will often write an article to evoke an emotional response from his audience. His article, on the other hand, was written in a snobbish and self-serving way that could not possibly benefit anyone.

If Giglio has a personal gripe with O'Cain, then I suggest he take it elsewhere. Giglio is a small fish in a big sea, and he had better realize

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that fact before he gets bitten. O'Cain has done more for N.C. State in his tenure as an assistant and as a head coach than Giglio will do in his lifetime. He has the university's interest in mind every day when he reports to work and interacts with his assistant coaches and players.

Can Giglio say the same? I think that he can not. His scathing article proves it. Drivel like that serves no purpose.

If O'Cain has failed to live up to Giglio's standards in some unimaginable way, then it is fine if he wants to inform his little world of it with one of his semiochereot editorials. He should just refrain

from using that snotty little tone that he seem to have perfected. It's quite unbecoming.

How can Giglio justify calling O'Cain "State's biggest cheerleader?" That is a blatant, unwarranted and unjustified dig in an area where a coach should be commended. O'Cain is a player's coach. He seems to have excellent rapport with his players, and his players respond to him. I have never in my life seen a team play with so much heart as I did last year's NCSU football team. That tenacious, "never say die," come-from-behind attitude represents what NCSU athletics is all about.

Maybe Giglio should take some time and visit O'Cain to chat with him about what it takes to make a winner. It would do him a lot of good... if he could face him.

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That Deacs' victory was their only one in the ACC. They probably won't do that well this year.

## Surprises

Around the league some players will see lots of action this season — but not in places you might expect. According to Bowden, Florida

State's on-again-off-again kicker Scott Bentley will enter a few series at wide receiver. Bowden hopes the extra, but limited, action will lessen the nerves in his potential game-winner.

Last season Clemson's Patrick Sapp was a starting quarterback. This year, Sapp will start as an outside linebacker.

Another change for the Tigers will be their new feline roommates, the Carolina Panthers.

## Answers

### Crossword Puzzle

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