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Maine farmer gives frozen sperm

A retired dairy farmer from Maine has given an integral piece of his dairy operation to N.C. State — the frozen semen of at least 50 of his best bulls.

Last spring, Henry Black shipped three canisters filled with frozen semen from West Baldwin, Maine to NCSU. The farmer hoped that John Wilk, an NCSU animal science professor, could use it to attack inbreeding problems cropping up in Jersey Cattle. With the widespread use of artificial insemination, the same bulls tend to be used for breeding around the country, and there is no concern among most dairy farmers about inbreeding, Wilk said.

Black's collection includes semen from bulls that are not closely related to those now being used for breeding. "I figured it would do the most good to send it where I did," said Black. "I couldn't think of a better place for it than N.C. State. A unit of bull semen typically sells for three dollars to \$20. Black sent roughly 3000 units. Wilk put the value of the gift at \$15,000 to \$20,000. Several NCSU cows have been impregnated with semen from Black's bulls. The calves are expected in December.

City council bans alcohol in public

The Raleigh City Council has amended its alcoholic beverage ordinance to prohibit drinking or carrying open containers of beer or wine on city property. This includes sidewalks, streets and parks. The law went into effect July 18.

The revised law doesn't affect restaurants or pubs that are already licensed to serve alcohol at sidewalk tables. Before July 18, drinking on the city's sidewalks only warranted a slap on the wrist. The most severe violation one could be charged with was disorderly conduct. Violation of the new ordinance could result in a \$50 fine and/or 30 days in jail.

Citizens ignorant of sexual diseases

According to a survey conducted by the American Social Health Association (ASHA), most adults in the United States and five European countries have little knowledge about sexually transmitted diseases (STDs) other than HIV/AIDS. Thirty percent of respondents said they know someone who has an STD. One-third could not name an STD other than HIV/AIDS. The survey also revealed that almost three-fourths of respondents get information about STDs from TV or books and magazines rather than from health care providers or other sources.

"It's particularly striking that a significant number of the respondents — almost a third — know someone with an STD, yet they don't know the facts about STDs," said Peggy Clark, president of ASHA. "In the U.S. alone, an estimated 55 million people have STDs, with 12 million new infections each year." Asked what they consider to be the biggest obstacle faced by people who want to protect themselves from STDs, respondents most often listed embarrassment (26 percent), ignorance on how to protect themselves (25 percent), inability to discuss their concerns with a partner (19 percent) and lack of information (16 percent). Gallup sampled about 1,000 people in each country using a standardized questionnaire.

Duraleigh Connector threatens Schenck

■ If the Department of Transportation has its way, NCSU students could lose an important educational resource.

By SEAN GALLAGHER
STAFF WRITER

Though the battle has raged furiously for years, opponents of the proposed Duraleigh Connector are wondering why more people aren't on their side.

Jeff Morissette, president of the graduate student association, is concerned that N.C. State's administration isn't fighting for what he sees as a threatened educational resource.

"I'm confused why [the university] has not taken a stronger stand," Morissette said. "They should be opposed to it."

The Duraleigh Connector is a proposed road that would cut through the Richlands Creek flood plain. This wooded area bisects Umstead State Park and the Schenck Forest, which is owned by N.C. State and utilized as a living laboratory. The road would link Interstate 40 to Highway 70 and could possibly alleviate the congestion on Blue Ridge and Duraleigh roads caused by the residents of North Raleigh commuting to Research Triangle Park everyday.

Although the road is designed to reduce traffic headaches, the planned connector is not welcomed by many in the community.

Naturalists, students, teachers and the public have been fighting the construction of the connector for years. It was public opposition that halted it three years ago.

The university has taken no definite stand on the issue.

"N.C. State University does not oppose the project, and this will continue to be our position on the issue," wrote Chancellor Monteith.

"I think it's a tricky way to avoid the issue," Morissette said of Monteith's statement about the university's stand.

John Connors, an NCSU graduate and naturalist who has worked in Wake County for the past 16 years, is frustrated with the time spent on the Duraleigh Connector.

Not only will the wildlife, woodlands and wetlands surrounding the Richlands Creek flood plain be affected by the proposed highway, but NCSU students will suffer as well, Connors said.

"State students will lose a lot," he said. "There's no more important natural resources area in Wake County — certainly not in Raleigh. That's why it's so important." In 1991, when the debate over the connector was raging, former forestry professor and department head Arthur Cooper wrote, "We do not agree with the North Carolina Department of Transportation finding of no significant impact from this project [Duraleigh Connector]. In fact, the impact to the NCSU Schenck Forest promises to be quite significant and wholly adverse."

When construction of the Connector was blocked three years ago, the Raleigh City Council voted unanimously in favor of building an alternate route to divert traffic from Blue Ridge road — the Edwards Mill Extension. The alternate route has been zoned.

"That's the real crime," Connors said. "We went through all of this three years ago."

So why does the DOT still want the Duraleigh Connector? DOT officials say that it is needed to move the increasing amount of traffic in the area.

"You'll have a much higher level of service to the arena [the new Sports Arena] with the Duraleigh Connector than without it," said DOT's Larry Goodie.

But in reality the Edwards Mill extension is much closer to the arena than the Duraleigh Connector, Connors said.

"I contend the Edwards Mill extension can satisfy the needs here," he said.

Morissette thinks that other alternatives like the Edwards Mill extension should be considered.

"I believe in balancing good with the bad," he said. "But the university should stand up against it until the alternatives aren't feasible."

The proposed connector would sever the existing link between Umstead and Schenck and reroute 1000 feet of Richlands Creek to make room for the road.



Schenck Forest is used as a living laboratory by students in NCSU's forestry school.

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Prof works for better lead testing

■ An N.C. State professor is working to improve the accuracy and efficiency of lead testing.

By EMILY SUTTON
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Even though there is no longer lead in gas pumps, those fumes you may have inhaled as a kid are still lurking inside your body.

For scientists, determining how much lead is naturally in someone's body and how much of that is lead poisoning from unnatural sources is still a problem.

Robin Gardner, professor of

nuclear and chemical engineering at N.C. State, is studying ways to make lead tests more sensitive for determining lead in bones. Gardner is conducting the study along with a graduate student and a post-doctoral student.

"We have developed a mathematic model to study poisoning at earlier stages, so we can detect lower levels of contamination" Gardner said.

Gardner has begun a three-year project to render current bone-lead testing more sensitive. The project is being funded by a \$432,000 grant from the National Institute of Environmental Health Services

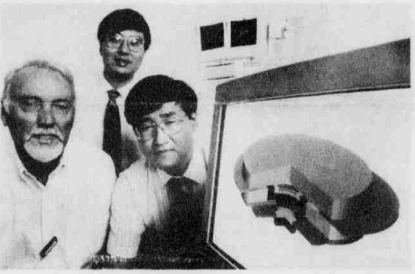
(NIEHS).

Blood tests measure only recent exposures to lead, and Gardner hopes to improve the bone test.

"What Dr. Gardner is doing is helping refine the sensitivity of the measurement, which hopefully will lead to making the instrument more helpful on a diagnostic level," said Dr. Annette Kirshner, a health science administrator at NIEHS and contract monitor for Gardner's research. "This certainly would help in the intervention and treatment of lead poisoning."

Lead poisoning can cause an array

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Dr. Robin Gardner, Dr. Qi Ao and Sang Hoon Lee are working for a better way to test the levels of lead in human bones.

NCSU NEWS SERVICES

Find employment on the net

■ The internet makes job hunting easier.

By JEAN LORSCHNEIDER
CO-EDITOR IN CHIEF

Recent graduates and those about to graduate have been spending a lot of money on postage and time in the library, researching jobs and sending resumes to potential employers.

But, with a combination of technology and N.C. State's Career Planning and Placement Center (CPPC), job hunters may be able to find dream jobs via the Internet.

The CPPC now has a page on the World-Wide Web.

"It's an extra tool for people to use to job search," said Beverly Marchi, a counselor at the CPPC who did much of the work on the page. "But I feel this is meant for all students who need career information."

The page is accessible by clicking on "Employment, Career Development, and Related Policies and Benefits" on the NCSU home page. Then, on the next page that comes up, click on "Career Planning and Placement."

The CPPC Web page contains databases for internships, employers who have a standing relationship with the CPPC and job

listings. Links to pages for professional societies are available, and a database in which NCSU students can enter their resumes is under construction.

Students can enter their resumes from any Unity station. There are helpful hints and instructions along the way, letting job-seeking students know what information to enter, Marchi said.

With the click of a button, the computer turns information into a standard personal data sheet that is soon accessible to potential employers.

Employers with clearance from the CPPC can access the resume database and search for prospective employees through a major or keyword search.

Students' resumes remain online for six months after graduation.

Anybody in the world who is online can access the NCSU home page and the CPPC's page, Marchi said. However, certain areas, such as job listings and resume access, are open only to NCSU students and recent graduates.

Also, students who put their professional life online don't need to worry about Internet pirates tampering with their resumes, Marchi said.

"It won't happen, but [tampering] has been a problem on the

Internet," Marchi said. "When it is up and going, it will be 100 percent secure, or we won't do it." But the computer will not replace the hard-copy job and employer listings the center already offers, Marchi said.

"There are plenty of people who want to hold a book in their hands. There are plenty of people who want to come and talk," Marchi said. "This is simply another way. If you would like to [job search] in the wee hours of the night, you can call up the Web."

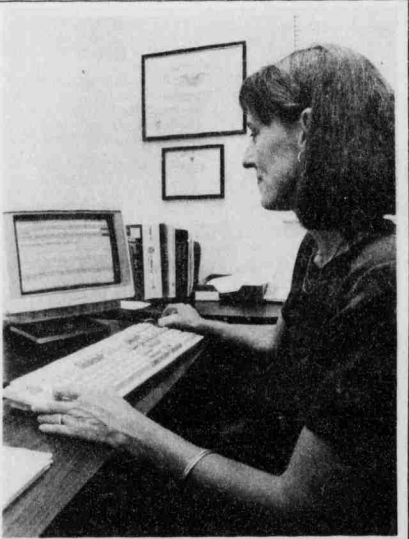
Another project being constructed on the CPPC page is an alumni "networking" database, Marchi said. The database, which might be available by spring, will list NCSU alumni who wish to be job contacts for graduates of their alma mater.

For instance, a student embarking on a career in accounting can access the database and find alumni in the accounting field.

"It is something that's a priority," Marchi said. "It's a great service to offer students, and also alumni who want to keep close ties to the university."

Marchi said reaching a network of contacts is sometimes difficult for recent graduates, and academic

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Beverly Marchi peruses the center's home page on the World-Wide-Web.

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This little piggy ... herds sheep?

■ If you happen to be one of those people who's a sucker for cute animals, you'll love the new pig movie, "Babe."

By SHARON CORKERY
STAFF WRITER

You sort of have to expect that a pig as the main character is focusing on the Nickelodeon crowd and not your average generation Xer. But we all know that when you take your niece, nephew, younger sibling or the neighbor's offspring to see the latest kid flick, it's OK to enjoy yourself. Kid movies are often well-made, and though the themes are usually simple, sometimes simple makes for a fun matinee.

If you can stand a theater filled to

capacity with runny-nosed, drink-spilling, fidgety children, spend an afternoon watching "Babe."

Based on Dick King-Smith's book, "The Sheep-Pig," "Babe" tells the story of a pig who survives becoming Christmas dinner by learning how to herd sheep.

Underneath the too-cute-for-growups main theme runs a much deeper sentiment that will touch the hearts of moviegoers of any age.

As in our society, the animal world is full of prejudices and nativist attitudes, philosophies. On the Hoggett farm, sheep dogs think sheep are dumb animals and can only understand commands if "you show them who is boss." Sheep think dogs are unmerciful savages and dumb, too. And the entire farm believes that every animal should know and not stray from its rightful place.

Along comes Babe, with the voice of Christine Cavanaugh, who not only does not possess a single preconceived notion about any other animal on the farm, this pig doesn't even realize what pigs are

for. Not knowing that his destiny is the skillet, Babe makes friends with the other animals and adopts "Fly," the female sheep dog, as his mom.

Wanting to fit in with Fly's puppies, Babe attempts to do everything the dogs do. And what do sheep puppies learn to do? Herd

equals. Not exactly edge-of-your-seat suspense, but "Babe" will definitely not put you in a bad mood.

The animals in this film are adorable and made more realistic by the folks at Jim Henson's Creature Shop, not to mention the many, many live animals that were used to create the production. Down to the sweet little tuft of dark hair on Babe's head, you won't be able to tell when you're seeing a puppet and when you're seeing the real thing.

Filmed entirely in the beautiful Southern Highlands of New South Wales, Australia, "Babe's" cast includes talented human actors, too. James Cromwell, most familiar to audiences from his role as Stretch on "All in the Family," plays Farmer Hoggett, and his wife is portrayed by Australia's top comedienne, Magda Szubanski.

Yes, it's simple and somewhat predictable, but for a kid movie, it doesn't get much better than "Babe."

Grade: B+

BABE

sheep, of course. Going against the wishes of Rex, the champion sheep dog, and Mrs. Hoggett, Farmer Hoggett's wife, Babe and Farmer Hoggett practice for and enter the world sheep dog championship.

As you might expect, Babe wins the championship, but not by emulating the other sheep dogs. Babe is too small and too kind to growl and bite the sheep into submission, but he convinces his sheep to cooperate with his commands by treating them as



PHOTO COURTESY OF UNIVERSAL PICTURES
Babe (r) touches the lives of all the animals on Hoggett farm, especially the dogs. Babe thinks he's a dog.

And the band played on ...

■ The Dave Matthews Band has come a long way from fraternity parties and clubs.

By KEITH CRAWFORD
STAFF WRITER

The Dave Matthews Band knows how to entertain a crowd. And entertain they did at their recent concert at Walnut Creek Amphitheater.

The crowd was wild and stayed on its feet for the entire concert.

Matthews and company did its job well, except for one problem: they didn't play "What Would You Say." When a band doesn't play its most popular song in concert, the fans sometimes feel cheated.

"They didn't play the '***ing song,'" said one disgruntled fan as he left.

Despite that minor snafu, Matthews more than made up for it

with some honestly impressive numbers.

Leroi Moore's saxophone and Boyd Tinsley's classical violin that would all-at-once lose its composure and assume a fiddle's personality stole the show. Not that Matthews' own guitar, Carter Beauford's drums or Stefan Lessard's bass were the least bit shabby. The slick musical changes from hard rock to rock down kept the audience dancing in their seats.

While Matthews' Michael Sipe's vocals are impressively haunting, much of the Band's talent is in its ability to play. Perhaps that is why it is the Dave Matthews Band and not just Dave Matthews.

From the sweet, almost solemn, tunes of "Sateelite" to the heavier, angst-ridden "Rhyyme & Reason," the band played almost every song on its current release, "Under the Table and Dreaming."

We'll not get into that again, though.

"Under the Table and Dreaming"



PHOTO COURTESY OF PCA RECORDS
The Dave Matthews Band pleased the crowds at Walnut Creek Amphitheater last week.

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'Fishtar' just doesn't float

■ Since it's the most expensive movie ever filmed, you would expect "Waterworld" to be a little less predictable.

By ELIZABETH BOOKOUT
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

"Waterworld" is action-packed. The underwater sequences are worth seeing, the costumes are well done and the floating structures are

amazing. But not even \$2 million worth of action can make up for what this flick lacks — a well-written script.

The humor is cheesy, consisting of typical one-liners even a 13-year-old would find sophomoric, and the characters are not developed enough to allow the viewer to relate to them.

"Waterworld" opens with an explanation of the polar ice caps that have melted, leaving the world covered in water. Humanity has

survived the flood by building floating islands called "atolls."

The Atollers live a life of conservation because of the scarcity of "hydro" (fresh water) and supplies. They all dream of a place called Dryland where hydro and dirt, the world's two most precious commodities, are not only abundant, but are also free.

One problem: no one is sure if Dryland really exists.

One little girl, Enola (Tina Majorino),

bears a tattoo on her back that is supposedly a map to this mythical place. Her adopted mother, Helen (Jeanne Tripplehorn) realizes that Enola is the only link to future civilization. So Helen dedicates her life to protecting Enola, and she is eager to find Dryland. But Helen doesn't know how to read the map on Enola's back, and they don't have any transportation.

The Atollers aren't the only people left in this world. There are also Drifters, loners who live in boats and float aimlessly on the water. The Mariner, Kevin Costner's character, is one such Drifter.

Costner portrays a man/fish who lives the simple life on a not-so-simple vessel. His boat can reach high speeds in a matter of seconds with a shift of his sails and is equipped to fight off attackers. When someone notices Mariner's gills, the Atollers lock him in a cage and sentence him to death.

Just when the Mariner is about to face his ruin, the Smokers, the bad guys in this movie, attack the atoll. Led by the David-Koresh-like Deacon (Dennis Hopper) the Smokers are a band of pirates who raid atolls and kill Drifters.

The Smokers live on a tanker and are rapidly depleting their supply of oil. They don't conserve anything. They just ride around on jet skis

with machine guns, taking things from other people.

And you never see a Smoker without a cigarette in his mouth. Where, in a world covered by water, do they grow tobacco?

The Deacon has heard about Enola's map to Dryland, and he attacks the atoll in hopes of finding her. When Helen realizes the potential danger, she rescues the Mariner under the condition that he will take them with him on his boat.

From here, the movie continues going downhill. And we all know how it will end.

Costner's performance lacked charisma. The physical nature of Costner's role seemed to be all that he focused on. His character lacked depth, and he mumbled his lines.

Dennis Hopper's performance breathed a bit of life into the movie at times, but this wasn't consistent

■ "The Net" is too close to reality to be realistic.

By SHARON CORKERY
STAFF WRITER

Imagine if Bill Gates, the owner of Microsoft Corp., the largest software company in the world, developed a software program to ensure businesses and government agencies that their records would be safe from viruses and hackers.

Envision something similar to the new software, PGP, which stands for "pretty good privacy," that's currently causing a stir in the computer world.

Now imagine that there are powerful people who hack Gates, and of course there are those who don't want big companies getting too powerful or too involved with any government agency. There'd be some type of controversy.

Now add a little person, because if nothing else, movies have taught us that the little people are really smarter than everyone who's in power. We know by now that if someone is going to uncover some controversy, it will ultimately be a little person.

The little person, a hacker in this case, stumbles upon a major flaw in the new software, but no one else in the computer industry has noticed this flaw. The flaw, as in any good bad-guy-threatens-to-take-over-the-world story, would change society as we know it and make it a scary, "not fun" place to live.

This hacker, a female because we do live in the politically correct '90s, is in danger because she alone can expose the flaw. The pursuit is on.

If you have any sort of

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PHOTO COURTESY OF UNIVERSAL PICTURES
Kevin Costner plays Mariner in the epic "Waterworld."



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Mariner, Helen, and Enola search for the fabled Dryland in the floundering "Waterworld."

WATERWORLD



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Dennis Hopper (the Deacon) and one of his lackey plot.

Sports

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O'Cain, Pack want respect

By J.P. Giglio
Sports Editor

Respect, in a word, is what's missing from the N.C. State football program.

The Wolfpack has finished second in the ACC three of the last four seasons, including last season's 9-3 campaign, but it's still the Rodney Dangerfield of the ACC.

"You ask anybody in the conference who the second best team in the ACC is in the last five years and N.C. State wouldn't pop into too many people's minds," coach Mike O'Cain said. "We've got to change that." O'Cain said. "You do that by beating the Alabama's and the Florida State's."

"We started it by beating Mississippi State."

O'Cain plans on playing the national powerhouses this year. The Pack has set up a rigorous non-conference schedule for O'Cain's third season.

"It's a heck of an opportunity," O'Cain said. "It is the toughest since I've been at N.C. State."

All of the Wolfpack's non-conference foe's participated in the post-season last year, including six-time national champion Alabama.

The road to respect will travel

through Tuscaloosa for the Pack.

"It means an awful lot if we go down there and win," O'Cain said. "It doesn't mean anything if we don't."

"If we win or play very respectably it gives us the national attention which we need at N.C. State."

The road trip to Forrest Gump's alma mater is only one of six early season tests for the Pack. Five of the six teams participated in post-season action.

A bonus for O'Cain is that four of those games will be in Carter-Finley Stadium.

"There aren't too many teams in the country that play a tougher six games than we do," O'Cain said. "I like our schedule, but not the way it is laid out."

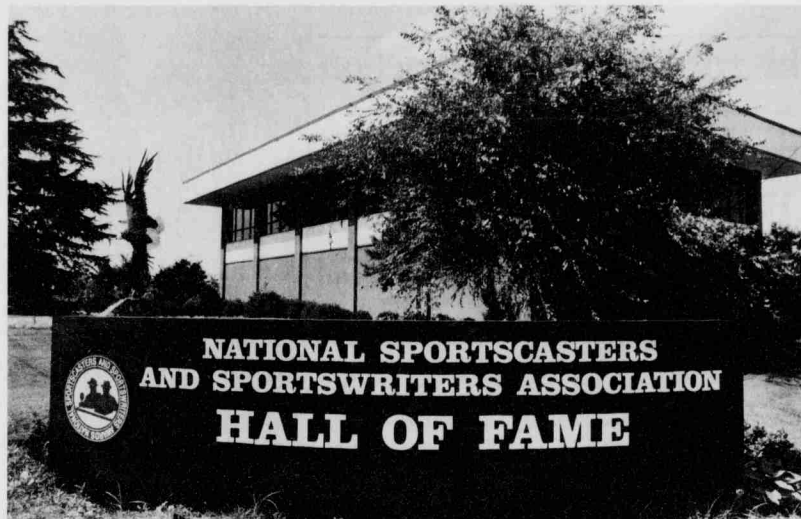
O'Cain indicated the reason for the grueling first-half of the season was that the ACC increased involvement in setting the schedule



O'Cain

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Do what? In where?



Submitted for your approval. On the corner of E. Innes and N. Long streets in Salisbury, N.C. is the sportswriters' Hall of Fame. We would like to tell you more, but the place was closed. But as far as we can tell, this place is for real.

HUNTER MOORE/STAFF

Wolfpack soccer yearns for respect from media and fans

■ NCSU's women's soccer team, the forgotten stepchild, may surprise you yet.

Matt Lail

To paraphrase the Dave Matthews Band, what could I say?

Last week, I was caught with my guard down at, of all places, the Walnut Creek amphitheater. A high school friend, who now goes to Duke University, and I were waiting for the show to start when I asked her about the upcoming semester.

Without hesitation, she exclaimed, "Yes! Our women's soccer team is supposed to be one of the only ones to give Carolina a run for their

money!"

And just like that, almost 21 years of Tobacco Road rivalry came to a head. I don't know why it irked me so much that she failed to acknowledge N.C. State's women's team. Maybe she wasn't aware that the Wolfpack was leading the nine-time defending champion with less than 10 minutes in the second round of the NCAA Tournament. And honestly, I didn't start to think about it until later that night.

However, I do remember replying,

with unparalleled confidence. "Yeah, our women's team is supposed to be pretty good, I guess."

And I sincerely apologize for not taking the time to put in my two cents worth for the Pack.

But when I thought about it, I wondered if the media lacking respect for NCSU in general, also found yet another target to snub. Apparently they have.

Granted, the Blue Devils did beat the Heels last year, but we must remember that the loss still did not prevent Carolina from winning yet another NCAA title. But people should remember how the Pack had the Heels "scared to death" at the Big Dance.

And it isn't just the women who are feeling forgotten.

In the August issue of College Sports magazine there is a rather snide quote. It reads, "Last year was supposed to be a season of parity, a year in which Clemson and North Carolina finally would bump Virginia from the ACC throne. ... But that chance got away like an errant kick."

Excuse me, but if my memory serves me correctly, didn't NCSU win the ACC regular season championship? Did no one catch that, or is it just not politically correct to mention State in a good light?

The magazine does go on to list State in the top 15 in the nation, and

it selects goalkeeper Kyle Campbell to its All-America team. But it does not even take the time to mention State in its "longshots" section of the article. What is even worse is the fact that No. 16 Princeton, No. 17 Florida International and No. 20 Indiana all get special attention.

But lack of attention is nothing new to the sport of soccer. Although internationally it is the most watched sport, it still has yet

to catch on in the good old U.S. of A.

And as Jack McDowell was flipping fans off in New York, the U.S. soccer team was doing amazing things for a considerably smaller amount of money. They were quietly in the process of shocking the world by reaching the semifinals of the Copa American.

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North Carolina law provides that an out-of-state student may petition for in-state tuition status if you now consider North Carolina as home. Information on the requirements of the law and the application process are discussed in Residency Status And Tuition. This guide is sold at the NCSU Bookstore.

The co-author, Brad Lamb, is an attorney who has assisted NCSU students with the application or hearing process. For information on his services, please call (919)932-2444.

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This road leads to destruction

■ Is the administration trading a living classroom for a sure shot at a nice road?

Once again, naturalists and forestry students are fighting a proposed state road that would demolish Schenck Forest, a natural habitat that is an important area of study for students. And, once again, the administration is not taking a stand on an important issue.

While local naturalists and N.C. State's own forestry students are against the Duraaleigh Connector, administrators, through their silence on the issue, seem to have acquiesced with the N.C. Department of Transportation. Recently, Chancellor Larry Monteith said "N.C. State does not oppose the project, and this will continue to be our position on the issue."

Back in 1991, the DOT found "no significant impact" from the Duraaleigh Connector project. Forestry professors, students and naturalists disagree with this statement. But are we to believe NCSU's administrators agree with it? Do they believe the loss of a wetland habitat is insignificant? How about the destruction of an irreplaceable and convenient living classroom?

It seems as if wildlife, education and research mean nothing when there's a traffic to reroute. The road is still

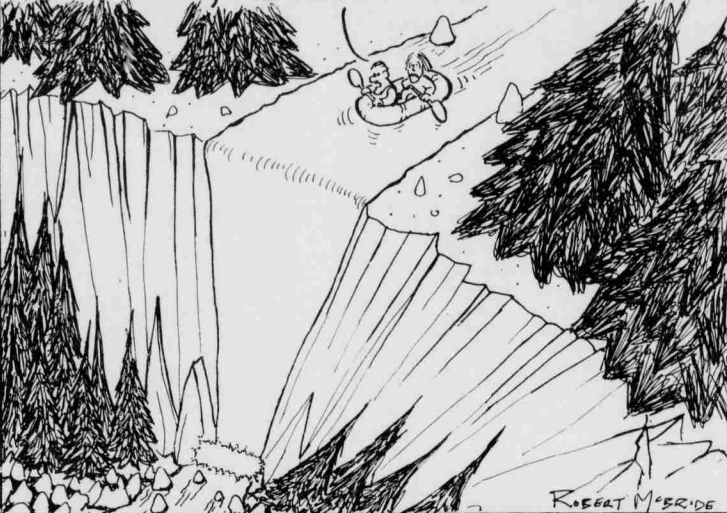
being planned, though the Raleigh City Council voted unanimously three years ago in favor of building an alternate route to divert traffic from Blue Ridge Road to the Edwards Mill Extension.

It's obvious that the administration should do the right thing — get off the fence and oppose the slaughter of Schenck. The administration's nonaction is inexcusable and seems unexplainable, until the future of NCSU athletics and alumni relations are considered. The explanation for the administration's silence may lie in the NCSU sports complex, which is sure to be grander than any old forest.

Maybe NCSU policymakers are remaining silent on the issue so the DOT will play nice in the future. ... say, when the time for building the sports complex comes around. Maybe administrators want to keep the alumni happy by presenting them with a nice, smooth road complete with switchable lanes to take them to the shiny, new sports complex, and they need the DOT to make their dream road come true. Maybe forestry students' education and a pristine forest are the price they decided to pay.

Maybe the administration should be ashamed.

"DON'T WORRY HILLARY, ITS JUST A LITTLE WHITE WATER, WE'VE BEEN THROUGH IT BEFORE..."



Commentary

Passing thoughts on a passing summer

Summer is almost over. Yes, it pains me greatly to admit it, but the fall semester starts in a scant three weeks. My summer evaporated like so much morning dew on a blade of grass. It's amazing what a little work — and a little history of the middle ages — can do to make the days just zoom right past.

Waco and smell the coffee. The Waco hearings, which are being held by a House subcommittee, are finally shedding some light on what is arguably the most tragic and most blundered law enforcement operation in years. It seems evident that the Branch Davidians started the fire which engulfed their compound, and had been alluding to such a fiery end for some time. There's not much anyone can do to stop a bunch of loonies with big guns.

But the blunders came when the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (the Bureau to Regulate Bad and Nasty Things that Corrupt People, if you will) tried to serve a warrant on the cult's leader, David Koresh. It was common knowledge in Waco that he went to town regularly to get supplies, cat lunch, and so forth, so the warrant could have been served then. But no, the fools with big guns just had to catch him at home. Word of a raid had been circulating around town several days before the raid, so all the kooks at Mount Carmel knew it was coming. And the ATF knew that everybody else knew, but they went ahead with it anyway.

Despite the incredible mistakes made in the operation, several ATF and FBI agents were promoted, one of them becoming the No. 2 man at the FBI. Sew up and get a raise — if life worked like that, every other bureaucrat would be a demigod by now. And pollsters wonder why people

detest government... **Mickey Mouse journalism?** It was announced Monday that the Walt Disney Corporation would buy Capital Cities/ABC for a reported \$19 billion. I only hope that Goofy doesn't replace Ted Koppel on Nightline. But I always did wonder how Peter Jennings would look in mouse ears.

Nightmare on Jones Street, Part II Our elected leaders have wrapped up another session of legislative chaos downtown. Amidst all the other trouble the appointed caused for the unwashed taxpayer is another tuition hike. The increase of \$500 a year would apply only to N.C. State and UNC-Chapel Hill students. I can understand the need for some increases — both schools are losing faculty to schools that will pay more and ask them to teach less. But, when added to past increases, tuition will have nearly doubled from two years ago, from \$874 to over \$1,400 a year for in-state students, with out-of-staters paying nearly \$10,000 a year, up from \$8,400. This is simply too much too quickly. Your tax dollars at work.

A few burning questions. Like most people, there are things I just wonder about, like: What is a "hontas," where do you find it, and what are you supposed to poke it with when you do? **What is a "Rocky Mountain high?"** Is it any different from, say a Smoky Mountain high or a Space Mountain high? And are there any annoying flashbacks involving John Denver singing? Is it just me, or does this new-fangled "Health Rider" exercise machine look like some twisted sex toy?

Why in the devil didn't anybody put up a fwy when Money Magazine rated Raleigh-Durham as the best place to live in America? Didn't they know it would draw flies, er, Yankees?

A parting thought. The Susan Smith trial is over and, thankfully, it didn't turn into a circus like a certain high-profile murder case on the Left Coast. The jury in Union, South Carolina gave her life in prison, which is 30 years according to the new math.

Was justice served? I think so. My rule of thumb for life or death is simple: If they're damn sorry they did it and are racked with guilt (Smith wanted to kill herself when she confessed to the crime), life in prison with the guilt gnawing their guts like Prometheus is punishment enough. Death would be an easy way out for them.

But if they have absolutely no remorse whatsoever for their trespasses, a bullet in the back of the head on the courthouse steps will suffice. Society should not have mercy on those who do not possess it.

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Alex Storey



Center brings opportunities

■ Gov. Hunt's anti-crime center, dedicated to preventing school violence, gives a boost to N.C. State students.

Violence is a growing problem in society. Once limited to rough neighborhoods, violence has spread to the safe havens of quiet neighborhoods and even our public schools. It used to be that the worst thing a kid could bring to school was a Walkman or a copy of Playboy, but now Junior is packing a knife or a 9mm pistol.

The growing problem of violence affecting our youth spurred Gov. Jim Hunt's Crime Commission to establish a center dedicated to preventing violence in public schools. Two years after its inception, the center has found a new home at N.C. State's College of Education and Psychology.

The center provides information to the state's 129 school districts and the general public. The center's main

goals are understanding the problems with school violence, discovering ways to deal with these problems and coming up with methods to prevent school violence in the future.

This one-of-a-kind center has received calls from school administrators from 42 states who want to find out how the program was established. The program is indeed a boon to the College of Education and Psychology as it allows students to volunteer their time to learn how such a unique system works. The center also plans to offer graduate students the chance to work on individual research projects, giving them invaluable experience in preventing violence.

Something of a dream come true, the center not only helps save lives by preventing school violence, but also gives college students a chance of a lifetime for some hands-on experience while still in school.

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Political correctness, Republican style

If it's not one tirade, it's another.

Republican Party champion and presidential wanna-be, Senator Bob Dole, has tossed his hat into the ring for America's hearts, if not their votes.

Bob "Beastmaster" Dole must listen well to his pollsters. First, in an attempt to rid the government of immoral and disgusting pork like Big Bird and Nina Tottenberg at National Public Radio. Mr. Chuckles himself wanted to remove all government funding from public television and radio. Geez Bob. They said thank you, what do you want? A gushy letter on perfume-stained stationery?

Then, Senator Goo Smiley gave a speech saying how Hollywood has put "profit ahead of common decency." Uh, Bob, you're a Republican — it's your job to rape and pillage the virgin countryside and the native savages for profit. Didn't you read the handbook? From the people who have killed clean air and water bills, threatened to eliminate regulation and murder a number of safety organizations, I would have assumed that Hollywood was some sort of Mecca. Nowhere else in the world is the dollar more highly prized. No matter how stupid, insane, disgusting, filthy, tite or without value (insert scathing adverb here) it sounds — if it makes a buck, it is good.

It was Hollywood who made "Friday the 13th" parts one through gross. It was Hollywood who made three (count 'em, three) Amy Fisher movies. It was Hollywood who thought we might need another "Police Academy" movie. It's all

about profit, not quality. Dole mentions films like "Natural Born Killers" and "True Romance" as the worst in Hollywood's attempt to milk America's desire to see a little fake violence. Nowhere does he mention recent films like "Die Hard with a Vengeance" or "Braveheart," where the death tolls are high and the morals are vague.

But now that the Christian Coalition has moved into town and put up its big, hypocritical, judgmental, liver-spot ridden, wanna-go-back-to-the-1950s, white makes right, no separation between church and state high enough, "Constitution?" revival tent, all the little GOPers, with their hands sticky with cotton candy and heads filled with the sound of victory, want to join up. That means Majority Leader Warm-and-fuzzy has to cuddle up to the religious freaks.

While Mr. Dole's remarks were inspired by the religious right, it makes an odd combo, with his crusade to turn Big Bird into a holiday feast. Bump. What are we to make of his true feelings on the matter? Sure, he's a politician, and just as likely to admit that he knows where Hoffa is buried as he is to keep his word. But if we take him on his word, what kind

of world is Mr. Rogers on lithium driving us to? For a man so intent on helping America find its conscience, why is he driving Bert and Ernie to the poor house?

Bob Dole is trying to build a new political correctness. Instead of right and wrong, education and love. Conan the Senator wants us all to know might makes right, misogyny, "it's okay if it's done in the name of national security" and other such wholesome notions.

What does Bob see as being "good" films? First, "The Lion King," where a fascist ruler gets song-and-dance numbers proclaiming the king's righteousness from the little critters who will undoubtedly turn into midnight snacks in the sequel.

Then "Forest Gump," where kids can learn that if you play dumb enough, you too can meet a president, survive war and catch shrimp. This is a politician's dream come true: millions of people who just assume life moves on and the movie in charge has things under control.

People can only make violent movies if they star GOP actors who kill the bad guys. Gee, what fun. For all the Bush fans who bemoan PC, you should question why it's okay for Bob Dole to say what you can or can't see.

But it's just politics. The last time politicians and the media got in an uproar over violence in the media was 1991, a presidential warm-up year just like 1995. This is the warm-up, folks. This is the candidate's chance to see how cold the water is without getting wet.

James Ellis



Reckless littering can harm campus wildlife

I was walking between Harrelson and Dabney Halls around 7 p.m. last Tuesday (July 18th) when I saw something that made me feel both sad and angry. A squirrel had managed to get a plastic six-pack ring stuck around its body and under its forearms.

This helpless creature's predicament tore at my heart and brought tears to my eyes. The tiny creature was desperately trying to remove this foreign object so carelessly tossed aside by a drink vendor.

Although I had much work to do, I tried to coax the squirrel closer with some crackers. But I was not able to get close to the terrified animal. I left to call my wife (she teaches at the School of Veterinary Medicine), but when I returned, the squirrel was gone. My wife arrived shortly thereafter with gloves and a net, and we searched for the hapless squirrel.

After an hour, we gave up. My wife tried to comfort me, saying that we had tried our best as I shuffled home with a heavy heart.

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Why did this have to happen to an innocent creature? How can someone be so careless and cruel? It doesn't take much effort to place the rings in a recycling bin, or at least cut them and dispose of them properly.

I know vendors are in a hurry to finish their job, but do they really not care what havoc their laziness and negligence wreaks? No matter where the plastic rings end up, in the city dump or ocean, they pose a significant danger to animals. Cut the plastic rings to ensure that no creature will face a slow death due to strangulation.

Please help us spread the word! Dispose of all our trash properly so that it poses no danger to others, our pets or wildlife!

William M. Monroe Jr.
Graduate student, Marine Sciences

Forest

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This fragmentation of Umstead and Schenck, according to Connors, would limit the movements of wildlife between Umstead and Schenck which in turn could cause the population of woodland animals in the Schenck to decline.

The public could also be adversely affected by the proposed road.

"The Schenck is being used more

now than ever," said NCSU forestry professor Doug Frederick. "The public, high schools, elementary schools — all of these people and groups will be affected by the road."

In 1990, James L. Ohlinger, then associate dean and director of academic affairs wrote, "There is absolutely no question that the academic and research programs of several departments in this college [College of Agriculture and Life Sciences] would be affected adversely by the negative impact of

the Duraleigh Connector of Schenck Forest."

The DOT plans to conduct an environmental impact study in December. This will be one of the last steps performed before the road is approved.

Morissette is going to present an information packet on the impact of the Duraleigh Connector on the Richlands Creek area to the graduate student association and a petition against the road will be circulated by opponents.

uncomfortable for the patient. Finding lead earlier, when it is in smaller concentrations, can prevent the need for this procedure.

Gardner will use the Monte Carlo computer method to lower the minimum detectable concentration of lead, while maintaining as low a radiation dose as possible. Gardner invented the method.

"It's a method of simulating the actual path of an individual particle by choosing from appropriate random distributions in the computer," said Gardner.

"We will test mainly from the computer, but we will also test on synthetic bones," he said.

Jobs

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departments do not always have the information to give students.

"There are a few departments that keep really close tabs on their alumni, like landscape architecture," Marchi said. "It's a small, nurturing department. It's so ideal."

She said the CPPC page may be able to create an instant network for students from larger, less intimate departments like communications.

"It will have a tremendous impact," Marchi said. "There's something like real people to talk to."

Dave

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is the Band's second album and first major release on the RCA record label.

Matthews' music is part of a new style of music that made its way out of clubs with elements of rock, jazz and a little country thrown in for good measure. "This new 'urban' music is what would be considered alternative not that long ago but is now Top 40. Go figure."

Lail

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which to many is the world's toughest tournament. But, unfortunately, the Americans lost to Brazil (surprise!) 1-0.

Soccer is full of strategy. Scoring is rare, but passion is plentiful.

What is sad about this is that while our nation's soccer team was leaping hurdles down in South America, the media was captivated with some guy giving Gotham the bird. What's so new about that?

One problem soccer has is that it

is not as fast-paced and full of egos as the NBA. And it is not as physical as the NFL (all the aggressiveness is left to the sport's fans).

One could compare the plight of the U.S. national team to that of N.C. State's programs. All three have made tremendous gains over the last few years. Some have turned heads and marveled at what has taken place, yet the media still seems indifferent to it all.

It may take a game-winning goal by Stephanie Sanders's in the NCAA title game to beat the Heels or a Tab Ramos assist to win the World Cup before anyone notices

or gives soccer the respect it is due.

One way to respect the Pack is to go to the games. You never know, that guy who sits beside you in Psychology could one day have his own Snickers commercial. Or you could take comfort in knowing that you were one of the "true fans" before everyone jumped on the NCSU bandwagon after its tremendous streak of national titles.

Either way, you will be doing something rare, something different, something cool, yet something not cool to everyone else outside Raleigh: showing interest in N.C. State soccer.

'The Net'

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imagination at all, or if you saw the oddly similar movie "The Pelican Brief," you already know what happens in the new Sandra Bullock film, "The Net."

Though the movie does have more than a few good scenes, the plot is so predictable you'll think you're having deja vu.

But not really. The plot line is not a true story, but it's trying very hard to make you think it is.

Instead of Microsoft, we have Microsystems, and the CEO is named Gregg instead of Gates. That's a stretch. Creativity is not one of this flick's strong points.

Creativity could have made you miss the point, which is: anything that is different or slightly confusing is scary and will probably lead to the downfall of our culture. And what could be more different or confusing than the Internet?

And though the Internet is still little more than a toy, interest has surged through the United States via those little plastic disks that keep arriving in the mail encouraging every single American to go online. Whether you like the Internet or not, you probably know enough about it to believe that it can ruin your life. A little suggestion is all Hollywood needs to turn a small fear into a movie.

"The Net" not only preys on the fears of the computer illiterate, it speaks about and to a lot of people who have found a home, page that is, on the Internet. Yes, it's possible to live an entire existence without having IRL (in real life) meetings with other humans. The film focuses on the idea that a computer program could invade and manipulate all aspects of our lives, but what is even sadder is the idea that we could rely on computers more than we rely on people.

When Bullock's character, Angela Bennett, disappears, no one can identify her because her only contact with the outside world is through the Internet. Now that's scary.

And if you're planning to see this movie because you want to get two hours of a Sandra Bullock fix, be forewarned, she's not the same hot babe who helped Keane Reeves drive that bus in "Speed." This Bullock babe, with a touch of Linda Hamilton's "I can't trust anyone, but believe me the world is coming to an end" hysteria — without the well-toned arms — is a tad on the homely side. It's easy to see why she doesn't get out much.

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O'Cain

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because of television. One team O'Cain does not want to see on his schedule on a yearly basis is East Carolina. The prospect of playing the Pirates each season would detract from the Pack's longtime goals of lining up against national powers.

"We don't need to play another in-state school," O'Cain said. "We already play three."

One of those in-state rivals is North Carolina. One reason State has been unable to grab the national exposure it covets is its inability to defeat the Tar Heels.

"They have outplayed us in the past two years," O'Cain said. "I

think the '93 score was indicative of the two teams.

"They were a little better football team than we were."

The Wolfpack will face UNC in the final game this season which could have major bowl implications. O'Cain welcomes the challenge of facing the Tar Heels for all the marbles.

"I hope we are both 10-0 going into it," O'Cain said. "I like playing that at the end of the year."

"It is a game with no holds barred."

In order to defeat the Heels, the Wolfpack will have to contain North Carolina tailback Leon Johnson. Two of Johnson's three touchdowns came on a breakdown in assignment football.

"Both big scores, we just didn't cover him," O'Cain said. "Our defensive player did not run with their offensive player."

"Things like that shouldn't happen but they do."

Another team that has tormented the Pack, and the rest of the ACC, is Florida State. O'Cain knows his program isn't as established as the Seminoles, but he isn't ready to concede the game to coach Bobby Bowden.

"We are not at that caliber yet," O'Cain said. "Don't confuse that with we can't beat them."

We have to take advantage of the opportunities. We did not do that last year. We had opportunities to keep the game close, but their talent is so great."

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