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Ferry sports NCSU emblem

The newest ferry in the North Carolina Department of Transportation's ferry fleet wears the red-and-white colors of N.C. State and sports the university's strutting wolf emblem.

The dedication of the new Thomas A. Baum ferry was held on July 19 on the Manteo waterfront. Gov. James Hunt joined Chancellor Larry Monteith and other state and local officials for the dedication ceremonies, sponsored by the DOT.

All 16 universities in the UNC system will have their emblem and school colors on a ferry as part of the DOT's plan to promote the ferry system as a tourist attraction and destination, as well as a vital means of coastal transportation.

"Showcasing the ferries in our school's colors is an excellent way to support our state's colleges and universities and at the same time make those vessels more colorful and attractive," said Transportation Secretary Sam Hunt.

The Thomas A. Baum, named in honor of one of the pioneers of the state ferry system, runs from Hatteras to Ocracoke daily with a crossing time of about 40 minutes.

It is Coast Guard certified for 149 passengers and four crew members and accommodates 30 passenger vehicles.

The ferry's superstructure is painted red and white. The strutting wolf emblem is featured on the port side and the NCSU seal on the starboard side of the vessel.

A diamond shaped NCSU logo is featured on the pilot house.

— This story courtesy of NCSU News Services

Program identifies trees

North Carolina's rich tree life provides a difficult challenge for N.C. State forestry students learning to identify trees.

Those students, and others interested in dendrology (the study of trees), may benefit from the work of some NCSU faculty members and students. The team is creating a computer program designed to identify trees by their names and various characteristics such as leaf configuration, bark and bud shape.

The program is under development by Jay Tomlinson, director of the School of Design's design research lab; architecture major Robert Stevenson; John Tector, associate professor of architecture; forestry graduate student Karen Hall; and Richard Brahm, associate professor in forestry.

In addition to providing precise computer images of the trees, the program will show specific details about the tree, its habitat and range, listings of animal and human uses and correct pronunciations of the Latin names.

"We see this not as a replacement for a teacher, but as a helping guide that allows students other ways for learning about information," Tector said. "Considering the number of slides and the amount of information they need, we see this as a resource they could refer back to when the professor is not available."

The prototype, which is almost complete, will use random imaging. When a user receives data on a certain tree, he may see a different picture on his computer screen from the one he saw the last time he hooked up the same tree.

Once the prototype is finished, Brahm, Tector and Tomlinson hope to acquire funding to expand the program to include more than 400 woody plants.

The prototype will contain information on six or seven pine species found in the southeastern United States when completed.



Glenda Haynie conducts her Math 103 class last Thursday

SALVADOR FASKAN/STAFF

Budget cuts translate into larger math classes

N.C. State's math department is trying to cut costs.

By JANA JENKINS
STAFF WRITER

In an effort to reduce spending in the N.C. State mathematics department, many smaller sections of low-level classes are being eliminated. To compensate, students are being placed in larger

classes.

Mathematics department head Robert Martin said he hopes the budget can be lessened by eliminating smaller sections of certain math classes and opening larger sections.

"We hope to reduce spending by three to four percent," Martin said. "While we will still be teaching the same number of students, they will

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Brent Road survives police, rainy weather

Saturday night's revelers disagreed over whether the party lived up to its reputation.

By RON BATCHO
CO-EDITOR IN CHIEF

Mother Nature couldn't stop it. The Raleigh police department and Public Safety couldn't stop it. Undercover Alcohol Law Enforcement officers couldn't stop it. Chancellor Larry Monteith could only ask to keep it controlled.

On Saturday night, the Brent Road block party was back in full force.

Thousands of former, current and future college students took over a half mile stretch of the road a couple of miles from N.C. State under the careful watch of over 60 officers from RPD, Public Safety and ALE. Even though there was an on-and-off drizzle, the annual event attracted people from several area colleges and universities and from as far away as Arizona.

Despite the large crowd, some veteran party goers were not impressed with the turnout early in the evening.

"I've been here since 1988 and so far this is no comparison," Jonny Jackson, a senior in communications, said.

Dana West, a junior in zoology, said the crowd was not as rowdy as usual.

"It seems to be a lot calmer than last year," she said.

A Raleigh police officer, who had

patrolled Brent Road before, agreed.

"I've supervised a lot of these parties and this one is definitely under control," he said.

The police presence may have been one reason why the party was better controlled. One nearby resident said RPD was handling the situation better than last year.

The police presence was an important factor at the party, some attendees said. The authority figures did their jobs, to the dismay of some parties.

"In one house, ALE took three kegs when someone sold beer to an undercover agent," Joey Martinez, a junior in civil engineering, said.

One resident said the police came by and said there would be zero tolerance for the first few weeks of classes. Over 100 tickets were distributed and a few arrests were made at the party, and a lot of alcohol was poured out or confiscated by officers.

"There have been too many police officers," Jackson said. "The party has gotten to be too controlled and has received too much publicity."

The extra officers were not necessary, Brian Breiholz, a senior in mechanical engineering, said.

"The cops should be busting real criminals and murderers," he said.

But not everyone thought the police were detrimental to the party. Some students said the police presence, along with all the

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Police watched over students at Brent Road Saturday night.

JENNY FRADEN/STAFF

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Police issue 45 citations to NCSU students

The aftermath of this year's Brent Road party includes 105 violations and judicial hearings for students.

NEWS STAFF REPORT

The party on Brent Road may be over, but some students will be feeling the effects for a long time to come. And hangers won't be this weekend's only legacy.

According to Raleigh Police Department's captain, D.A. Weingarten, 105 citations and arrests were handed out at Saturday night's annual Brent Road bash.

Only a couple of the violations resulted in arrests, Weingarten said. An arrest is a more serious violation, since the people arrested have to appear before the magistrate. Citations are only a misdemeanor violation, like a parking ticket.

Most of the violations involved alcohol, and they included underage possession of alcohol, drunk and

disruptive behavior and possession of alcohol on city property.

Also, some students were cited with the unlawful discharge of pyrotechnics and misdemeanor possession of marijuana, Weingarten said.

Sergeant Larry Ellis, Public Safety spokesman, said he had not heard of any instances of violence.

"[As] far as I know, it was pretty orderly," Ellis said.

Raleigh police officers were at the party from 8:45 p.m. until 2 a.m., Weingarten said. WTVB Channel 11 reported on their 11 p.m. newscast that more than 60 RPD, ALE and Public Safety officers were on duty at the event.

N.C. State's Public Safety was also at the party. Ellis said Public Safety assigned six uniformed officers to the party.

"They were working in conjunction with the Raleigh police," Weingarten said.

Ellis said he had no problems working with the Raleigh police department. "It's a teamwork effort," Ellis said.

Approximately 2,000 people attended this year's party.

"There was a pretty big crowd," Weingarten said.

The effects of the party were evident on Brent Road the morning after, Weingarten said there were thousands of beer cans covering the yards of residents.

"If you go out there today, it looks like a tornado came through," Weingarten said Sunday.

Students charged with violations will face disciplinary action by the university, said Chief Justice Lorraine Stone. Student development will receive faxes from Public Safety today that will contain the names of students who received citations.

The violations will be reviewed by Deb Luckadoo, assistant coordinator for judicial programs, and Paul Cousins, coordinator of judicial programs.

"They determine if they are suspendable charges," Stone said.

Stone said most of the alcohol citations handed out Saturday night would probably not result in suspension.

"Compared to everything else we have, [those alcohol violations] are a simple charge," Stone said. "Most of them will go to the students."

The students Stone referred to are judicial administrative assistants who will meet one-on-one in a disciplinary conference with people who received citations. The judicial assistants will determine what kind of punishment the offender receives.

Punishments range from probation to community service. A student may have to enter an alcoholic assessment program, which is run by NCSU Student Health Services.

"That's pretty much the minimum for an alcohol violation," Stone said.

Stone said the changes made to the NCSU Student Code of Conduct will not affect any of the students who received citations.

"That has no implications," Stone said. "Those changes have nothing to do with the Brent Road situation. It's going to be

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Violations

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pretty much the same as last year," Stone said the only change from last year is that students who have to enroll in the Alcohol Assessment Program have to pay the \$35 fee that the university used to pay. Fewer than half of the violations were committed by NCSU students, Weingarten said. Of the 105 violations, 45 went to NCSU

students. Several students from other universities, like Wake Tech, Duke, UNC-Wilmington and even the University of Northern Arizona, were also issued citations. "I'm glad to see they weren't all State students," Stone said. Despite all the citations, Weingarten said he didn't think the party was as disruptive as it was in previous years. "It was not as bad," Weingarten said. "There wasn't anybody laying out there drunk [Sunday morning]."

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TUESDAY

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AUDITIONS — Auditions for the 1995-96 NCSU Dance Co. will be held from 7-9

p.m. in the Carmichael Gym Dance Studio. Members of the company enroll in Daniels Hall 295 and rehearse Wednesday and Friday from 12:30-2:15 p.m. and other arranged times. For more information, call 515-1398.
CAFE — The Cloud and Fire Express, Cafe, is a smoke-free, alcohol-free nightspot offering live acoustic, music, poetry, etc. CAFE is open Tuesday-Saturday nights at 7 p.m. in the Western Lanes Bowling Center. For more information, call 834-5229.

WEDNESDAY

MEETING — The Society of Paganism and Magic invites all open-minded people to its meetings at the lower level of Tompkins Hall. For more information, contact Donna Nolen at 781-9757.

MEETING — Students interested in meeting new friends while helping others are invited to Circle K International's meeting at 7 p.m. on the Fourth floor of the Student Center. Projects include Tammy Lynn Center, Duke's Children's Hospital, and Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. For more information, contact Parul Patel at 512-3590.

MEETING — The NCSU Equestrian Club is meeting at 6:30 p.m. in Room 2036, Carmichael Gym. Anyone with an interest in horses is encouraged to attend. For more information, call Kerry at 859-2589 or Aimee at 851-4913.

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be in larger classes." The class reduction will result in a cut in the number of temporary faculty members.

"The fewer classes help the professors to teach each class themselves, which in turn cuts back on temporary help," Martin said. "Students will be taught by the professors themselves, and not by a temporary fill-in."

The cutback mainly affects the 100-300 level math classes. In the 1994-95 academic year, lower-level math sections averaged about 90 students. This year's average will jump to 140 students.

John Kolb, head of the

mathematics and science education department, said the cutbacks are necessary.

"What expenses we have that are not covered from the school are covered from our own budget. This has been going on for a long time [the math department covering the expenses the school cannot]," said Kolb. "We hope that by cutting back on what is spent, money from the school can help cover the expenses, and less will be used from our own budget."

Calculus and analytical geometry was not greatly affected by the cutbacks, because it keeps larger classes due to the number of students required to take the course.

Upper level classes that usually had two different sections are being reduced to one section with twice as

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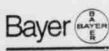
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Golf with me and the big boys

Go on a whirlwind trip with Mike and meet some of the friendliest and jerkiest celebrities at the Jimmy V Golf Classic.

CARY, N.C. — This week's column finds us at Prestonwood — no relation — Country Club in Cary, home of the Jimmy V Celebrity Golf Classic.

Each year, people with more money than they know what to do with converge on the North Carolina course with two things in mind: playing golf and raising money for cancer.

So of course Joe, the other assistant Sports editor, and I were excited when we learned we would be receiving a press pass that would enable us to attend such an event. I would be in the same general vicinity as people who need no introduction — people who are so famous, they have homes so big

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Stars gather to raise money for Jimmy V



Celebrities came out to keep Jimmy V's dreams alive.

By J.P. GIGLIO
Assistant Sports Editor

CARY — Dreams are forever. The Jimmy V Golf Classic at Prestonwood Country Club this weekend proved that one man's dream will not be forgotten.

"Nothing can happen if it's not first a dream," former N.C. State basketball coach Jim Valvano said in his speech at the ESPY Awards in 1993. "If you have someone with a dream, if you have a motivated person with a goal and a vision, if you have someone who never gives up, who has great hope, anything can happen."

Since Valvano's fight with cancer ended in 1993, the V Foundation has grown exponentially. According to the event's organizers, this year's star-studded celebrity tournament, with the likes of Charles Barkley, David Robinson and Hootie and the Blowfish, continued Valvano's vision of raising "urgent awareness among all Americans of the importance of the fight against cancer."

One person who Valvano has left an indelible mark on is San Antonio Spurs guard Vinny Del Negro. Del Negro played under

"Everyone here was just fortunate enough to have him in our lives at some point."

— Vinny Del Negro,
San Antonio Spurs

Valvano from 1984-1988 and is also the defending Jimmy V Golf Classic tournament champion.

"Coach V's popularity was incredible," Del Negro said. "He was very unique and had an unbelievable personality. "Everyone here was just fortunate enough to have him in our lives at some point."

Del Negro is not surprised by the consistent outpouring of support for the annual event. The combination of Valvano's charm and the nature of the event add to the weekend's atmosphere.

"It's a family tournament," he said. "It is a great cause and hopefully it will get bigger and better each year."

With all the hoopla and camaraderie involved during the weekend, Del Negro believes that Valvano would be pleased with the continuation of his dream.

"He has to be smiling," Del Negro said. "There is no question that everyone would love to have him here."

"This was his stage — his style."

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Cross country team is off and running

The men's and women's cross country teams will rely heavily on the veterans, but the freshman could be the secret weapon.

By BETH HERRMAN
Staff Writer

The N.C. State men's and

women's cross country teams return this season with an ACC champion and plenty of depth.

Of course, that champion is from two years ago, but Kristen Hall didn't have a chance to compete in last year's ACC championships.

Hall and two-time All-ACC runner Heather Hollis will try to lead a young team back toward a title they held for an impressive

seven straight years — ACC champions ('87-'93).

Coach Rollie Geiger is enthusiastic about the prospects of a successful season for both the men and women.

"On the women's side, we are privileged to have large numbers, which provide depth as well as maintaining the level of talent that we have experienced in the past,"

Geiger said.

Hall and Hollis are the only returning upperclass runners for the women's team, but there is plenty of young support behind them. Ami Herriman, Colleen McDonnell, Christy Goodison, Jennifer Lakas and Mary Kay Bridgers should

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The women's cross country team will rely heavily on Kristen Hall, who was unable to compete at the ACC's last season.

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Vinny Del Negro and others gathered at Prestonwood Country Club to raise money for the Jimmy V Foundation.

Two of State's best remember coach

Memories ... from the corners of their minds, Vinny Del Negro and Tom Gugliotta reminisce.

By J.P. GIGLIO
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

The Jimmy V Golf Classic is about memories.

The weekend's events honor Jim Valvano — the man and his fight against cancer.

To N.C. State fans, he is Wolfpack basketball personified. The ACC championships, the top-20 finishes and the dash to destiny in Albuquerque.

His downfall in the late '80s is also a symbol of the basketball team's troubles since then.

To two of the celebrities at Prestonwood this weekend, he was the coach. Vinny Del Negro and Tom Gugliotta, both in the NBA, blossomed under Valvano.

Each of them had a chance to reflect on the state of Wolfpack basketball today.

Gugliotta, of the Minnesota Timberwolves, has seen both sides of State basketball. After his sophomore season, Valvano resigned and Les Robinson took

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they need their own area codes. Let's face it, who wouldn't be excited about getting to meet Bob Staak, that's with two A's, no C? If you're like me, you had no idea that he's an assistant coach with the Miami Heat.

There were parts of this event that were great and parts of it that were just plain abysmal. For every cool person we got to meet or good thing that came out of the event, something worse was to follow.

For all the good that came out of the tournament, I happened across one glaring fault with the whole thing. It was run by the same people who work the night shift at Denny's.

It started with the press passes. Generally a sign of authorized access, the press pass is supposed to be the equivalent of "open sesame" for the writer.

Apparently, word didn't come down to the people running the Jimmy V Golf Classic. We might as well have been issued big signs that read, "Please give us a hard time wherever we go because nothing would make us happier."

I was nearly tackled as I went for my interview with Tom Gugliotta. I had to sneak into the area where they were serving food. We didn't get to our interview with Dick Vitale because Graham Wilson, our media liaison, forgot to tell us that he was at Cary High School.

You forget to turn off your iron, not that you've set up an interview with Dick Vitale for two members of the press.

We also had times set up by Wilson to meet with Gugliotta and Vinny Del Negro. In our hands was a sheet of paper that had the times and the persons' names. The one thing it didn't have was a meeting place, and for good reason: There was none.

We had to hunt down Googs on a tennis court, and Del Negro was still playing golf when we caught up with him. You already know the Vitale situation.

Another problem was the layout of the country club. This isn't something you'd really notice unless you were denied access to a golf cart. And Heaven forbid Graham actually tell us that there were roughly seven different courses, each with names like "Highways", "Roadlands" and "Lakeraker". When you reached Hole 4 on one course, if you weren't careful you'd end up on Hole 13 in a completely different course. At one point, I think I saw my house — in Woodbury, New Jersey.

It was on one of these confusing treks that Joe and I ran into our first "celebrity" — a term I use very loosely. Dudley Bradley, who played at UNC-Chapel Hill in 1979, was there. That was his claim to fame, playing at North Carolina. Appearing next year at the Jimmy V Golf Classic, celebrity Pierce Landry.

Anyway, the first celebrity we met on the links was Mike "The Czar of the Teletrotter" Fratello. You all know Fratello as head coach of the Cleveland Cavaliers, but you probably didn't know this little nugget of information: he's a complete jerk. The man wouldn't give us the time of day because he was too busy trying to get his sorry drive out of the sand trap.



TECHNICIAN FILE PHOTO

Tom Gugliotta (24) battled with Christian Laettner for the ball in college, but now they play together for the Timberwolves and to earn money for the V Foundation.

And then there was Georgia Tech coach, Bobby Cremins. Upon hearing Joe's introduction, the fact that he wrote for Technician and enjoyed covering his games, Cremins' turned the other cheek and responded, "Oh, that's great."

Hey Bobby, how about you take your sarcasm golfing with you next year when you get snubbed from the Big Dance.

For the most part, the celebrities were very approachable. David Robinson even asked how I was doing as he went flying by in his golf cart. Chris Berman's response to a young fan's request for an autograph: "Hell yes." Vinny Del Negro was a pretty nice guy, as well.

We even saw a Blowfish.

But nobody topped Tommy Basketball. That's Mr. Gugliotta for all of you out there. He was

really approachable and even gave us the lowdown on Christian Laettner ("He's not a jerk") and the upcoming NBA season ("Baseball was in the same boat we are").

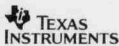
But, if I were to complain about the weekend, I could be termed a spoiled little jerk. Here I am, with the gall to complain at the Jimmy V Golf Classic, which cost me nothing to get in. On top of that, I saw more celebrities in one weekend than some people may see in their whole lives.

We may have hit a few snags here and there, but we survived. I got Googs' autograph, spoke a few words to Tom Eplon (Jack McKinnon on "Another World, although I didn't know this until I looked at the bio sheet) and ate some free food.

And I saw a Blowfish. What more is there?

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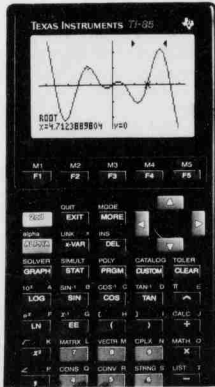
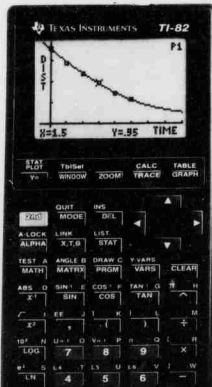
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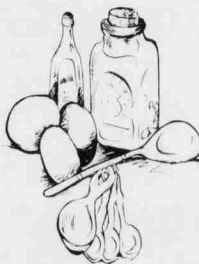
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Fashion Flick Fails

■ A new documentary on fashion designer Isaac Mizrahi delivers on the glamour but disappoints in giving insight into the actual man.

By AMANDA RAY
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

Style! Glamour! Linda! Cindy! Naomi! Everybody sees the high glitz of the fashion world through magazines and television. But the new documentary, "Unzipped," gives us an inside look at that gilded world by following the tribulations of one of fashion's high priests, Isaac Mizrahi. "Unzipped," directed by Mizrahi's former lover, Douglas Keeve, begins the day after Mizrahi's spring 1994 collection. A bit miserable at the less-than-stellar responses to the collection, Mizrahi discusses his visions for the fall collection and his hopes of regaining the critics' favor. The labor, anguish, excitement and fun that goes into the show of fashion design are all captured by Keeve's camera.

Mizrahi, who won the coveted CFDA Designer of the Year Award, is a great subject and host for a



Isaac Mizrahi (l) and Cindy Crawford (r) in "Unzipped."

strange and glamorous journey into the fashion world. He is animated and a bit flamboyant, obviously enjoying the presence of the camera. He also has a great self-deprecating sense of humor.

He has a wide repertoire of witty sayings that can only be referred to as "Isaacisms": "Between her and Jackie Kennedy, they shaped this country."

on fashion: "It's about women not wanting to look like cows," and "It's almost impossible to have style nowadays without the right dogs."

He does impressions of Bette Davis, Eartha Kitt and Susan Hayward, and he gives sly insight into the fashion world. He rubs elbows with Vogue and Allure fashion gurus and Sandra Bernhard. And his brief run-ins with Cindy, Naomi and Linda prove that supermodels have less than their fair share of personality genes.

Mizrahi's personality and the flashy craziness of his career are reflected by the colors and editing. A grainy black and white opens the

film and accentuates Mizrahi's disappointment. Bright colors express Mizrahi's ideas as they take shape and become reality. Clips from old movies that inspire him are even included.

The whole film is a collage of black, gray, blinding whites and brilliant colors.

The only tiny problem with this amusing and enlightening foray into Mizrahi's life and the fashion world is that it focuses a bit too much on the glitz and not enough on "the darling of Seventh Avenue" who created it.

Mizrahi's show is the grand finale of the film and the culmination of all his efforts. This glam-fest makes the film seem a bit like a particularly glamorous page out of Vogue.

But then again, fashion is not deep. It is excitement, beautiful people and beautiful things.

Keeve's film, which won the 1995 Audience Award for Documentaries at Sundance, gives a funny and intriguing look into the

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Vegeterians: starve no longer

■ When it comes to places to dine, NCSU vegetarians have more options than they may realize.

By ELIZABETH BOOKOUT
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

The vegetarian lifestyle is sweeping the nation and health concerns, an increase in animal rights awareness, environmental issues and newfound religious beliefs are to be credited.

By definition, vegetarians do not eat meat — including fish, chicken and any other animals. Vegans additionally eliminate dairy, eggs and all other animal products and by-products.

When everyone else is chowing down on a bloody steak, vegetarians are usually stuck eating greasy fries or wilted lettuce. Yum. This may pass for an adequate meal in a pinch, but it gets old really fast.

Fortunately, around N.C. State's campus there are several places to dine that offer at least one veggie alternative to the typical salad/potato fare. International restaurants are usually a best bet, offering the most

selection, but there are also other restaurants that are veg-friendly.

Irregardless Cafe on West Morgan Street is a vegetarian-based restaurant that serves one vegetarian and one veggie entree per night. Irregardless is the closest thing to a strictly vegetarian restaurant in Raleigh.

Hillsborough Street's The Rathskellar is probably one of the best places in Raleigh for a vegetarian to dine with non-veggie friends. The menu boasts around 20 vegetarian items, and more than half of these are vegan or can be made without dairy products.

Ever tried Middle Eastern food?

Nur Deli serves fast meals at two convenient locations: one on Hillsborough Street and another at Mission Valley — which also has a grocery store in the back. There are about 10 vegetarian items on Nur Deli's menu, and most of these are vegan.

The Rock 'N Reggae Cafe, Mission Valley's Jamaican restaurant, offers two delicious veggie steaks and a rare treat, fried plantains when in season. If you

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Clive Barker forgets plot

■ "Lord of Illusions" offers gore galore, but forgets about a decent plot.

By CLARENCE MOVE
ASSISTANT ET CETERA EDITOR

There's nothing wrong with a gross film — let's get that straight first. "Candyman" was a disgusting yet satisfying horror film that delivered on the scare as well as the gore.

But Clive Barker's newest film, "Lord of Illusions," fails to achieve

much more than gross-out special effects and mild shocks.

The story begins with a cult taken to the highest extreme. The cult is led by Nix, a magician who uses his tricks to warp feeble minds. Nix is murdered by his star pupil, Swann,

in a prologue that goes on and on and sets up a highly confusing plot.

Enter a private detective, played with little skill by Scott Bakula. We're told that he tends to lean toward the dark side of life, but unfortunately the film does little to explain it. We just get a few sketchy details about an exorcism that he was involved in.

The detective goes to California to investigate an insurance fraud but

inadvertently becomes involved in the death of Nix's murder. Sound confusing? It is.

Barker directs the film with a great feel for murky and dark streets, but he concentrates on the gore aspect too much. The plot falls by the wayside, and the audience is totally confused by the end of the film.

There are a few moments of shock when people leap out of dark spaces, but they are far and few between. "Lord of Illusions" is minorly entertaining but don't expect much from it — unless you like to be grossed out by bolts screwing into heads and a man with about 20 knives sticking out of him.

The first et cetera staff meeting will be Monday August 28th at 6 p.m. in Technician World Headquarters. All new and returning writers are expected to attend, as assignments will be given. It's going to be a great year — if you're already on board, hold on to your hats. If you've never worked up here and want to write, come on — it's going to be a trip

—Keith Crawford
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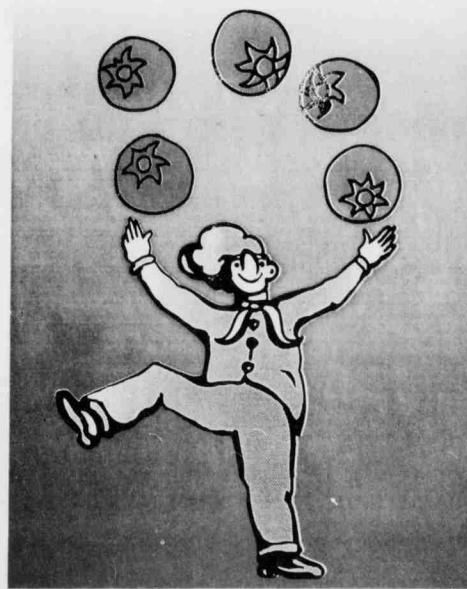
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In Review



GRAVY

You'd surely think that the last thing we need is another Southern-fried blues-rock band. Well, no. The last thing we need is an Eddie Vedder spoken word album. Blues-rock, meanwhile, has been languishing about in search of a new standard-bearer. Once Stevie Ray Vaughn hit the broad side of a mountain, it was all up for grabs.

Everyone from the Tragically Hip to Eric Gales Band to that Bloodline thing (honestly...what were they thinking?) has been doing their best to keep on the gravy train. You might think that there's plenty of room for everyone, but in reality, every genre has its leader. Blues-rock is missing a king (or queen).

Now, Gravy, with their debut "From the Hip," will not fill that need. Let's be fair. This Alabama trio has its licks down and a steady hand at the wheel, but the genius just ain't there.

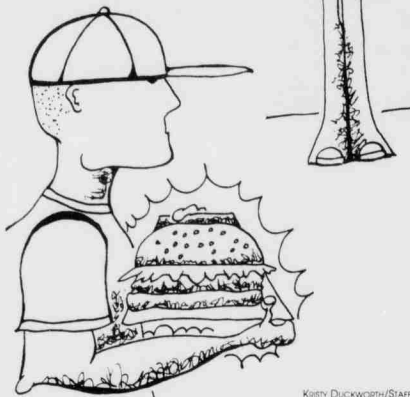
With a whiskey and cigarette soaked vocal track that would make Bono green with envy, a solid bass and drum backing, and some sweet guitar work, this band would seem to have it all. But what they need is someone to write them some songs. Never horrible, but rarely more than good, Gravy needs a little help. I guess they knew it because they stole a whole guitar riff from Stevie. (Their "That's one for me" wouldn't last three seconds in a copyright case against SRV's "Willie the Wimp.") But, they followed the Lenny Kravitz rule: if you're gonna steal, steal from the best.

Side note: This album contains yet another example in a disturbing trend: answering machine messages in the songs. Everyone from the Beastie Boys to Mike Watt has done it, and Gravy has a long one. Be afraid. Be very afraid.

There's a good chance that if you were already a big fan of Stevie, Eric Gales, Tragically Hip or any number of other blues-rock bands, you will enjoy this album. But so long as a couple of friends wander down to the local icehouse or bar to throw back some longnecks, they will need something to listen to. Gravy fills that void perfectly.

Also recommended: Stevie Ray Vaughn and Double Trouble's "Live." Before he was a legend, he was a damn fine guitar player. Live is the only way to hear his stuff; Stevie just wanted to stand up and play, without all that studio tinkering and re-working. And until MTV releases his unplugged work, this is the finest collection of SRV work you'll find.

- James Ellis



Vegetarian

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appreciate good reggae music, the atmosphere makes a visit to Rock 'N Reggae worthwhile.

India Mahal offers perhaps the widest selection of veggie meals around campus. With 25 vegetarian items on the menu, even the pickiest vegetarian can find something pleasing to the palate.

Hillsborough Street's Beansprout Chinese Restaurant offers five vegan entrees, and Golden Dragon serves three. Chinese restaurants are always a good choice for a vegetarian meal.

El Rodeo and Las Margaritas, Hillsborough Street's Mexican eateries, offer several vegetarian choices. All of these are smothered with dairy products, however some dishes can be prepared minus the cheese.

The NCSU area is home to a number of Italian restaurants. These include Amodeo's, Brothers, Two Guys, Bacciagalupe's and Piccola Italia, to name a few. Italian restaurants usually offer at least one veggie dish, although they are usually laden with cheese. Again, some dishes can be tailored to a vegan's needs upon request. Although a vegetable pizza without cheese may not seem like a pizza, it is actually very appetizing!

Wellspring Grocery, in Wade Avenue's Ridgewood Shopping

Center, has a restaurant that serves several vegetarian dishes, although its main function is as a grocery store. For other specialty grocery items, try shopping at Noah's Co-Op, located downtown, off of Johnson Street, and Harmony Farms on Hillsborough Street.

Also, there are some restaurants around campus that offer only a couple of veggie dishes, such as the vegetarian chili at Mitch's Tavern, the hummus at Caribou Coffee, the veggie subs at SubConscious and Subway and the bagel sandwiches and veggie soups at Bruegger's Bagel Bakery, among other places.

When it comes to vegetarian fare around NCSU, if you seek, you shall find.

Some helpful tips when visiting a new restaurant: don't be afraid to ask about the ingredients in an entree — some places have been known to season marinara sauce with anchovies or neck bone, yet still refer to it as "vegetarian." Many restaurants are more than happy to prepare a menu item without meat or cheese when possible, so always ask. And if you are special-ordering something, repeat the order to ensure that it is written down correctly, otherwise you may have to send it back.

And last but certainly not least: keep an open mind and be willing to try new things! You might find that your favorite quick meal is a Baba Ghanouj sandwich from Nur Deli.

Windows 95 works: almost too well

■ A Macintosh user states his impressions of Microsoft Corp.'s new Windows 95.

By KEITH CRAWFORD
ET CETERA EDITOR

Windows 95 is probably the best thing that has happened to computer users everywhere — even Macintosh users.

Apple created the graphical user interface, or GUI, in the early '80s. Apple's first application of the GUI in an operating system coincided with its 1984 launch of the first Macintosh.

Even the most die-hard DOS users will admit that the Mac's system of pointing and clicking was a more simple way of managing files and running the computer. What the first Macs

lacked in processing power was more than made up for in the elegant, seamless way that the Mac processed instructions.

Mac users were able to avoid the cryptic command line invocation of commands that made using a computer daunting for the average person. Point and click. If there was ever a system problem, all a user had to do was reinstall the system software. In a matter of minutes, the Mac was back up and smiling on start up.

Microsoft Corp's Windows came along and added a GUI to cover up DOS on IBM compatibles and through time, Windows grew to be a fairly advanced GUI. Mac users saw their interface become more refined as well. Aesthetically, with the release of Windows 3.11, Windows made a clunky, but widely usable GUI for IBM compatibles.

That is, unless problems surfaced.

Windows 3.11 often gave users odd error messages that required expensive technical support to solve. Crashes of Windows computers were common and users would grudgingly learn how to modify AUTOEXEC.BAT files and CONFIG.SYS files to make their machine work.

Macintosh users could later add hard drives and other peripherals by just plugging the hardware into the back of the computer and installing the latest release of system software. Windows users could spend hours on the phone with technical support to figure out how to attach a CD-ROM drive or sound card.

It used to be just plain easier with a Mac. Windows 95 comes extremely close to being as Mac-like as the Mac. It even has little clickable folders to move through directories and a menu

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Win 95

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item that aliases frequently used applications.

It does everything that a Macintosh does with one major difference — it costs less. Microsoft has done a credible job at creating an operating system that will steal away new users from the Macintosh. New users are willing to pay for the operating system that is easiest to use. The Mac has lost its advantage.

While the MacOS is still more elegant than Windows 95, the differences are not so great between the two that an experienced Mac user would be unable to pick up a Windows 95 computer and have any difficulty making it run.

The tables are turned. Windows 95 has leapfrogged the Mac in crash protection. Power Macintoshes are forced to emulate much of the basic code that guides its normal operation. A PowerMac is like an engineer who has taken only intermediate French working in a Lyonsian engineering firm. She might get the job done, but there will be times the language barrier gets in the way.

The next version of the MacOS, Copland, is expected to prevent the "language barrier" between a native and foreign code being run on a PowerMac. Windows 95 will



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The box of Windows '95.

hopefully force Apple to release Copland as quickly as possible. PowerMac users will supposedly reap the benefits of improved speed, crash protection and less required memory.

Die-hard Mac users will probably keep their Macs and eagerly await the upgrade to Copland — partially because of the large scale investment they made in hardware and software.

Converts to the Mac will dwindle. Microsoft has launched a formidable weapon against the Macintosh. Apple must not only counter, but leapfrog Windows 95 by increasing utility and decreasing prices.

The Mac is at risk of being obsolete. Apple had better act fast.

Textbook buy-back prices bite

■ Book Buy-Back is a frightening and frustrating experience. That is unless you enjoy selling your books at 75% of their value.



Keith Crawford

Just before the beginning of every semester, I fall right into the hands of the textbook Mafia and sell back the previous semester's books.

I always feel like I'm hocking the family silver when I sell back those unneeded, unwanted pests. The worst part of it is the lady who staffs the buy-back desk, to whom I'll refer vitriolically as "Miss Sunshine."

The lady at the book buy-back desk reminds me of a particularly evil first-grade teacher of mine who approached the prospect of dealing with a returned textbook as her way to show the

world her infinite power. If that book wasn't in better shape than you were issued it, you would be charged at least 20 percent of the book's replacement value. Well, that first grade teacher of mine must have a sister who works at the MCSU Bookstore's buy-back desk.

You had better have your university ID. If you don't, Miss Sunshine will give you an evil glare and dismiss you from the half-mile long line of sullen students waiting to get the cash that will keep their rent checks from bouncing.

Supposing that you are the lucky sort that could actually find your university ID, Miss Sunshine will take your ID with undue force and type in the books you are forced into selling.

Sunshine said "S2" with a bitter smile at the \$25 Style Book that you were required to buy new for your English class. Don't dare inquire about why they are offering so little — she'll just tell you that they have met their quota for that book.

The quota was, of course, filled with new books. You are burned, but I don't advise you to actually check to see what they are selling the three available used copies of that style manual for — \$17.50. The Cali cartel could learn

something from this.

Sunshine calls out "\$5, \$35, \$22.50," planning to make the down payment on her new Mercedes after fall textbook sales wrap up.

Sunshine does her dirty work quickly. Before I have the chance to speak my mind over that \$25 style book's value, she gives me a final total.

Sunshine wants to proceed to her next victim quickly.

After having my ID thrown back at me, I am relegated to the register line. There I must sign a release renouncing the ownership of my textbooks and agreeing to the price that they are offering me.

If you don't sign the release, you can't get cash for your books. If you do sign the release, you can't sue the book Mafia for racketeering. It's downright criminal.

I walk out of the bookstore, my wallet less empty and feeling like a prostitute after seeing a bad-tipping customer. I'm used, ripped-off and tired after the entire ordeal.

And my sadomasochistic nature mandates that I always go back for more punishment.

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Fashion

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hectic but rewarding life of a famous fashion designer. It also tells more about

the industry than any "satiric" film could (such as "Ready-to-Wear.")

Even though Mizrahi enjoys his work and finds it liberating, he concedes that the end product is nothing but a show.

Grade: B

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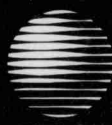
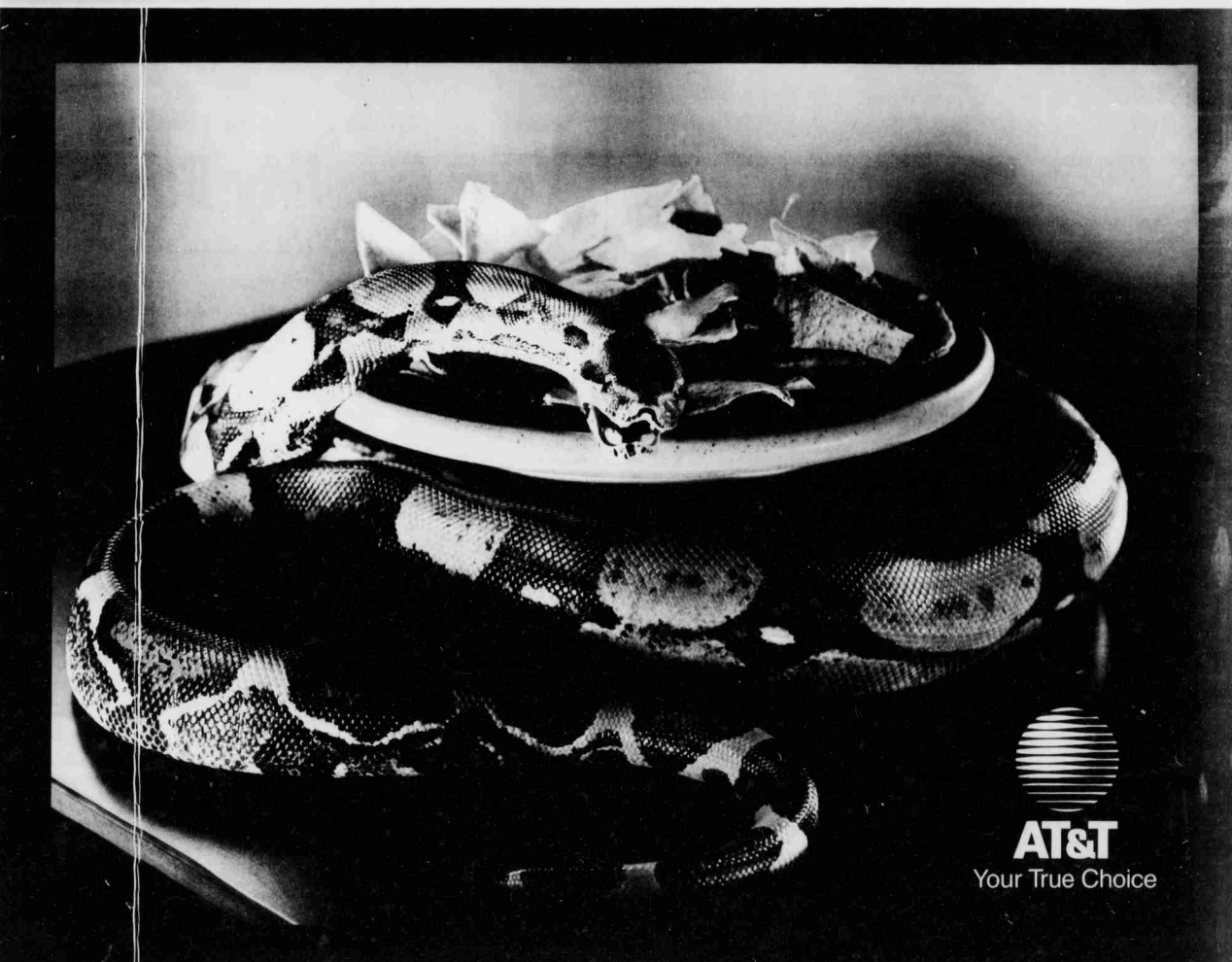
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provide strength and depth to the Wolfpack.

"This team is really going to surprise everyone with the amount of talent that it has, coming from this influx of freshmen combined with the runners that are returning," Hall said.

Eight freshmen have joined the Wolfpack women this fall from high schools across the country.

According to Geiger, the future looks equally bright for the men's team.

"I am pleased with the chemistry of our men's team," Geiger said. "The program has come a long way, the unity is very evident and they are all working together towards the common goal."

Leading the men's team are senior Jose Gonzalez and sophomore Pat Joyce.

Gonzalez returns as State's lone all-conference performer from last season. He finished second individually at the ACC meet last season and helped the Pack to a second place finish overall.

"Jose and Pat are an extremely successful 1-2 combination," said assistant coach Laurie Gomez-Henes.

Sophomore Joe Wiergau, senior Mike Brook, junior James Bache and sophomore John Hunt provide a strong foundation of experience and talent for the team.

The men's team has also added several new runners. Five freshmen will add some needed depth.

"The freshmen may turn out to be

our secret weapon," says Gomez-Henes. "I see much potential, and each one of them has the ability to reach the point where they are strong collegiate athletes."

The freshmen may be strong, but Geiger says he will still have to rely on his veterans for much-needed leadership.

"Both the men's and women's team exhibit strong leadership qualities from the upperclassmen," says Geiger. "Their experience is a positive influence on the freshmen, who are eager and willing to work towards performance on the highest level."

Work ethic, Geiger says, will help his team reach that level.

"The philosophy of the program has remained the same over the years due to the success that has ensued," Geiger said. "Alterations in workout regimes are inevitable because we focus on the individual runner and each athlete's needs are different."

Injuries to a cross country team can be devastating. Coach Geiger hopes to keep all his runners healthy for the upcoming season.

"Not overtraining is the key to injury prevention," said Geiger. "Some injuries are to be expected, but we hope to keep them at a minimum. So far so good, everyone is healthy and we're expecting great things."

The Wolfpack runners will kick off their seasons September 16 with the Wolfpack Invitational in Raleigh.

The women will look to Kristin Hall for support, but have several runners who will help.



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Players

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over the program. Gugliotta made a trip to the NCAA tournament under both coaches. But in his senior season, the Pack won 12 games.

"My senior year was difficult," Gugliotta said. "No question we got hurt from the setback of NCAA, but I think we should have recovered from that by now."

According to Del Negro the key to getting the program back to the elite status involves one thing.

"You have to recruit players with no probation and problems. It's a matter of getting the players who can perform at the highest level of college basketball — the ACC," Del Negro said. "You can't just recruit state players, you have to get the All-Americans."

With North Carolina and Duke winning three national titles in the past five years,

"Coach V and Les Robinson are completely different personalities and different coaches — both are very good coaches."

— Tom Gugliotta, NBA forward

the pressure for NCSU to win mounted on Robinson. Gugliotta said the pressure goes with the territory.

"You can't say it's not fair, it's the ACC," Gugliotta said. "He accepts it, he knows that this is the hotbed of basketball."

"You gotta win."

Gugliotta pointed out that it wasn't just the NCAA sanctions that have troubled the Pack. State has had to fight problems in the doctors office and the classroom.

"It's hard to win," he said. "You can bring in a lot of good players, but it doesn't do any good if they aren't able to get on the court and play."

Even though Robinson hasn't matched Valsano's success on the court, Gugliotta has been impressed with his character.

"Even through all the hard times, he hasn't changed a bit," he said. "He accepts responsibility and what you see is what you get with him."

Del Negro doesn't doubt Robinson's character, but he questions the team's ability to get back to the top of the conference.

"He is a class guy," he said. "He stepped in a position that was difficult from the get-go, but the bottom line is you have to win basketball games."

"You need to give the fans at N.C. State

what they are used to: winning tradition behind the basketball team."

Gugliotta, who remains in contact with Robinson and speaks at his basketball camps, believes that there is no comparison between his two former coaches.

"Coach V and Les Robinson are completely different personalities and different coaches — both are very good coaches," Gugliotta said. "I learned a 'heckuva' lot from both on how to compete at the next level."

With the talent on this year's team, Gugliotta said he feels this could be the year for the Wolfpack faithful.

"This year can be different," he said. "They have a chance to be a pretty good team."

"The type of person Les Robinson is, he can do it."

Jimmy V

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Valsano's style was never more evident than at the end of his life in his famous "Don't ever give up" speech at Reynolds Coliseum, commemorating the tenth anniversary of NCSU's 1983 national championship basketball team.

"Cancer can take away all my physical abilities, but it can't touch my mind, it cannot touch my heart and it cannot touch my soul and those three things can carry on forever."

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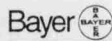
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Party

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 publicity, helped the party. The large number of officers may have drawn a bigger crowd. Dan McBrien, a lifelong education student, said,

"People don't care about the police," he said. "I think there are more people when there are authority figures around."

Several people in attendance said the reputation and tradition of the party was its biggest attraction. Breiholz said the party started as a result of dry rush on Fraternity Court.

"The fraternities just need a release after the first week of classes," he said.

One NCSU freshman said she did not think the turnout would be as big as it was.

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Opinion

August 28, 1995

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The party that wouldn't die

Throw it, and they will come. Police it, and they will come anyway.

Despite some administrators and city council's best efforts, Brent Road was only a bit smaller this year. The annual celebration that was rated as one of the top-10 college parties in the nation by Playboy Magazine a few years back is still alive and kicking — just not quite as hard.

Raleigh police, Wake County Alcohol Law Enforcement and N.C. State Public Safety combined to send more than 60 officers to this year's celebration, and instead of breaking up fist fights and wild brawls that most everyone would expect, they just handed out alcohol violations. There were 105 arrests and citations that night, but arrests were few and very far between. However, the

mighty minions of ALE did manage to capture three kegs of beer when someone made a sale to an undercover agent.

Three kegs and a lot of tickets. But how much overtime did they all have to fork out to get to this end, and once again, wouldn't that manpower be better utilized in raiding a crack house?

Nobody got killed, the gutters weren't running red with blood and the paddy wagons weren't loaded with drunk revelers. No riots, tear gas or police dogs either — just a big block party with lots of hoopla to help it along.

The university tried its best and still couldn't stop a good party. The university should mind its own business — on-campus business. Because even off-campus, college students do have the ability to control themselves.

Liar, liar, school on fire . . .

Are fewer students cheating, or are they just getting better at it?

It is as regular as clockwork. Like the tides and the phases of the moon, N.C. State professors and administrators repeat the same words to their students: "Do not cheat." Such a command, usually followed by a litany of awful things that will happen if the law is not obeyed, passes in one ear and exits the other without a second thought. Do not pass go. Do not collect \$200.

According to student development statistics, the number of cases of cheating by students dropped from 83 to 42 in one academic year. On the surface, that may sound good, but when coupled with a national survey that says that 70 percent of U.S. college students admitted to cheating; this can lead to one conclusion: NCSU students, not normally

intellectual slouches, have gotten better at cheating than their national peers.

There could be any number of ways your average Wolfpacker could have gone from cornered cheater to the artful dodger of academia — maybe he has adapted high-tech military surplus gear for clever concealment of crib notes, or perhaps he's just realized that plagiarism can't make the grade without cleverly placed synonyms or the strategic omission of ideas too brilliant for the average undergraduate to conceive. Heck, even the dimwit graduate teaching assistants know the old "notes taped under the bill of a ball cap" trick, so they must have come up with an all new modus operandi.

The boys from student development shouldn't pat themselves on the back too hard or too early. This is just another case of higher administration being out-witted by a bunch of students.

It better be autographed

Ever feel a stinging sensation in your posterior when leaving the bookstore?

By now, your wallet is anywhere from \$200 to \$700 lighter than it was a week ago. Not counting the ever mounting costs of housing, food, tuition and beer, a couple hundred of your dollars are missing.

Why? Books.

Here's the story. Book stores, who live and die by the money students bring in, need to make money. Students have to study. Because book stores are the only outlet for such important learning materials, they can charge whatever they want.

Sure, they offer used books at a slightly reduced price, but that assumes the publisher — the only person who prints the learning materials — hasn't "updated" or "revised" the book, which entails changing three words, but keeps you from saving \$10.

Then there's the other half of the farce. While students pay a few hundred for books, they will rarely get more than \$20 or \$30 back. At a loss of up to 95 percent of the value, students are getting the shaft. It's such an obvious scam that it's laughable. Perhaps mathematics and economics majors, who should know better, should automatically fail if they buy and sell their text books.

But therein lies the real education.



Commentary

Ignorance, stereotypes soil Greek image

Michael Biesecker



them elitist asses and forced them to wear Ralph Lauren.

The fact is that most Greeks are regular folks who joined a fraternity or sorority because they wanted to diversify themselves socially. Seeking diversity implies searching out those who are different from yourself. There are members of Greek organizations of every color, religious creed and economic standing.

Fraternity house equals box of saltines. If many Greek composites look like a W.A.S.P. convention, it is because, with the exception of the traditionally black fraternities and sororities, many minorities don't rush Greek organizations, assuming they aren't welcome. Nothing could be further from the truth, as minorities are most definitely welcome.

Tuition is too expensive to buy all those friends living in a fraternity house and paying brothers' bills is less expensive than living in Bragaw Residence Hall and having a University Dining Any-15 Meal Plan. Joining a fraternity is not "buying your friends" anymore than tuition buys you a diploma. You still have to go to class. True friendship, which is "brotherhood" to fraternity men, has to be earned. Dues pay primarily for the upkeep of a house, bands for parties, insurance for drunk nonaffiliates and for the national organization. All of these things pay for an opportunity to make friends. There is no

guarantee.

Animal House. Faber College doesn't exist. John Belushi is dead and "Flounder" is an asinine nickname. Hollywood's version of the fraternity is pretty far off-base. Though fraternities do have outstanding social events, there is more to a fraternity than a keg of beer.

NCSU's Greek organizations raise more money for charity each year than any other campus group. The Make a Wish Foundation, The American Cancer Society, The Jimmy V Foundation, the Food Bank of North Carolina and scores of other charitable organizations benefit greatly from Greek contributions.

Only Dumb Jocks Join Fraternities. Given, many fraternity men are athletic, but this does not mean they are lacking upstairs.

A high standard of academic achievement is pursued by Greek organizations, and many of NCSU's best students and campus leaders are Greek. This is no accident. Grade point averages and other measures of academic achievement as well leadership are strongly weighed during rush. Fraternity pledges must achieve an acceptable GPA to be initiated.

Fraternities and sororities may not be for everyone, but no one should go through college in ignorance of Greek organizations. Anyone who might be interested in a Greek organization but has reservations is strongly encouraged to attend a rush event to see what it's all about. The variety of chapter identities within the Greek community ensures that there is a Greek organization for everyone.

Stupidity abounds in today's society

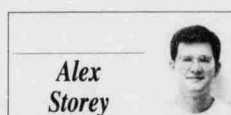
It is at the beginning of every school year that I am reminded of the general stupidity inherent in the human race. Why is that you ask? Well, there are teeming hordes of greenhorn freshmen all over campus, what else could it possibly remind me of? So prevalent is this malady that even bronzed legs in cutoffs cannot draw my mind away from it.

Past ponderings led me to form STUPID, The Society for the Treatment and Understanding of People with Idiocy and Dunderheads. I took the name Dalai Nauga and made myself leader of this cult in order to channel the wisdom of the extinct red-cockaded naugas, whose hides were used in the manufacture of the cushy red couch that now resides in the opinion office, also known as Mount Caramel.

After taking some time off for the summer to establish missions in Greenland and Cary — Cary because it's overrun with yankee yuppies with more money than sense, and Greenland because its very existence makes no sense at all — it's high time to resume my swindling, er, enlightening activities at my West Raleigh base of operations.

My mission is simple: to point out the stupidity in society (and believe me brother, there's plenty of it) and help my loyal brainwashed robots, ahem, readers avoid it.

The wonderful people at USAir are running ads on television touting their new modern fleet of aircraft. You've probably seen this spot. A guy with two traffic



Alex Storey

wands is directing a plane on the ground with his words in subtitles at the bottom of the screen, since he can't be heard over the jet engines. He can finally be heard when it is time to say that their new planes meet the new FAA regulations for airplane noise five years early. The fact that their big, honking Pratt & Whitney turbosans don't make as much noise as they used to is all well and good, but I wonder how USAir (aka USScare and USAirkTurf) and their new planes measure up to the "Welded Aircraft-Grade Aluminum Airframe Crashing Nose First into the Ground at 120 Knots with 80 Screaming Passengers On-Board" noise restrictions?

Stupidity and bicycles seem to go hand in hand. I mentioned last week the correct way to ride a bike — being on the street with traffic. But it didn't take me long — just over an hour one afternoon last week — to see plenty of examples of the wrong way to ride. I saw lots of people riding all over the sidewalk, apparently negligent of the fact that there are far fewer pedestrians in the way on the roads. I also saw just as many people riding without helmets. For those of you who are perhaps not as well-

schooled in fundamentals of solid mechanics, when skull meets asphalt — regardless of the velocity of either — asphalt generally wins.

But the worst riding I ever saw I witnessed twice. One lady was pedaling her way up Morrill Drive one afternoon riding on the road against traffic without a helmet! One fellow a few weeks back was riding on the inner loop of the Bellline, again sans helmet. I would have yelled out the error of their ways to them, but I see it as natural selection in progress, so who the hell am I to interfere? If you're making copper-bottom mistakes like that, you shouldn't be allowed to reproduce anyway. The fewer of you the better. I don't know why, but somewhere along the line our education system has failed to impart the meaning of several significant words to the masses. One of those is "closed." The summer before last I was working for an inventory company and we were counting a large discount retail store chain that was closing its Carboro, N.C. store as part of their corporate downsizing. The store had to be closed for two days for the inventory, and the employees taped a big sign on the inside of the door saying simply: "We will be closed this Saturday and Sunday for inventory." Well, either this sign was somehow invisible or there's something in the water out there that makes people illiterate and stupid. Several times over the course of our

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Appalled by Biesecker

We are responding to an article entitled "Affirmative Action is modern-day segregation" that was published on Aug. 23, 1995. We are appalled by Mr. Biesecker's lack of understanding about the purpose of affirmative action — which is to make the playing field fair. What Mr. Biesecker fails to realize is that the playing field is not fair from day one in education for minorities.

While we will agree that it would be wonderful for no one to have to identify his or her race or sex as one of the criteria for admission, it is not reasonable because a person's race and sex play huge factors in the kind of education he or she receives. Ask any education, sociology or psychology major, and he or she will acknowledge the biases involved in curricula, perceptions of ability, and testing, particularly in the SAT. To argue against biases on standardized tests does not mean that particular groups are not addressed directly. The problem goes far deeper than that. Couple these biases with proven

The Campus FORUM

lower socioeconomic statuses for minorities, and anyone can see that even the most intelligent of minorities is never afforded equal opportunity.

Consequently, until all elementary, middle and high school personnel take responsibility for equality in the classroom, it is truly unfair to expect that everyone will enter college at the same level of achievement. The system simply does not allow for that; it sets minorities up for failure from the beginning. However, rather than falling prey to society, many minorities are able to beat the system and achieve a high GPA in high school and score well above the national SAT average. Let us not forget about those remarkable young men and women who succeed despite the daily obstacles

they face because of their physical attributes. Not every minority accepted to college "plays the race card."

In a perfect society, affirmative action is unnecessary, but we know our society still has a long road to travel before equality is achieved. Affirmative action is helping pave the way. Unfortunately, attitudes like Mr. Biesecker's continue to present roadblocks that slow down progress.

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NCSU Alumna

Sorority's rush gag rule is absurd

I will be the first to admit that I hold many stereotypes. In fact, people watching (and criticizing) is one of my favorite pastimes, be it at the mall or on the lawn of Walnut Creek.

However, I pride myself in the

diversity of my friends. Some are nerds, jocks, preps, weirdos etc. Some are Greeks and some are not. And, just for the record, I am not in a sorority. This is not to say that I have not been in one or have not considered rushing one at N.C. State. I have always recognized the benefits of the Greek system. It is a good way to make friends and bond with people one may not meet otherwise. And I'm sure Greeks do many positive things for the community.

At the same time, I recognize the disadvantages of the Greek system. The cost, the hazing and the rules and regulations are just a few of the drawbacks, in my opinion. I try to keep all the pluses and minuses in mind when regarding the stereotypes of sororities and fraternities, and when forming my opinions of Greeks as a whole.

Recently, an encounter with an acquaintance of mine, in an unnamed sorority, swayed my opinion to the minus side. Several weeks ago, I ran into her at a bar on Hillsborough Street. Upon recognizing her I went over and said hello. After reintroducing myself, I was astonished to receive

a very curt hello with the response that she could not talk to me. She then walked away as my mouth gaped open.

Maybe I've been living under a rock for the past few years. Apparently, sorority members cannot talk to other females who are not in their sorority during certain times of the year. Needless to say, I was shocked, incredulous and a little hurt. Suddenly, I was spinning back in time, as if I was in an old episode of "Dr. Who," to when I attended UNC-Chapel Hill four years ago.

Since this happened, I have met other females with close friends whom they don't hear from or see at times like these because of this rule. Give me a break! I came to NCSU to escape all that crap and to meet people with good home training and attitudes to which I associate people of North Carolina (no offense to out-of-staters). I have to wonder if the people of NCSU are getting just a little too snooty. I may be a naive farm girl, but I know how people should act, and how to react when someone approaches me to say hello.

This letter is not meant to bash the

Greek system. As I said before, it has its own advantages. I also know that all sororities and fraternities are not alike. Each has its own set of attributes; each emits a certain attitude. What I would like to accomplish is to raise the awareness of the students participating in sororities and fraternities.

Another friend's reaction to this incident was: "Don't blame her. She could have been punished with serious monetary fines for talking to you." But the truth is, I do blame her. The blame can not be passed from one to another, it has to be accepted by all. Everyone holds responsibility for their actions, be it for themselves as individuals or as members of any organization. Please recognize this and recognize the need to act as members of a larger organization called society.

Stereotypes may be unfair, but I'm beginning to see how they are started and why they stick.

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Storey

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work there, several people walked right up to the door and tried to open it. They yanked and tugged at the chained door, knocked on the glass incessantly and peered

plaintively into the store, all the while ignoring the key word "closed" in four-inch high letters right in front of them. The manager had to put two employees up by the door to turn people away before they ripped the door off its hinges.

This may be column's end, but rest assured it isn't stupidity's end.

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