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Football players arrested by Raleigh law enforcement officers

Two N.C. State football players have been arrested on charges of obtaining property under false pretenses. Defensive end Christopher McNeil, a junior in business management, and offensive linebacker Stephen McKnight, a sophomore in sociology, criminal justice option, both of 2717 Western Blvd. allegedly picked up two expensive engineering textbooks Friday afternoon at Addams University Bookstore and attempted to return them for a refund, according to Monday's News & Observer. The players were released Saturday night on a coach's signature, according to the News & Observer. Sports Information Director Mark Bockelman would not comment on the case.

Accident on Hillsborough St. causes traffic jam Tuesday afternoon

A steering wheel malfunction caused a 16-year-old woman to flip her van on Hillsborough St. Tuesday afternoon. According to a Raleigh Police Department officer, the woman's steering wheel locked up, causing her van to jump a curb. The van then hit a telephone pole's guard wire, causing it to flip. The wreck occurred across from the Darryl's located at 1906 Hillsborough St. "The accident held up traffic for 33 minutes," the officer said. "There were no injuries." No other vehicles were involved.

NCSU English department sponsors poetry contest

The N.C. State English department is sponsoring the sixth annual Guy Owen/Tom Walters Poetry Festival, which offers a \$100 prize for the best poem. Any North Carolina resident who has not published a full-length volume of poems, including limited editions, is eligible. Members of NCSU's English Department faculty aren't eligible. Interested poets should submit no more than three unpublished poems, the total not to exceed 10 double-spaced, typed pages, by Feb. 23. Contestants should turn in two copies of each poem along with one typed cover sheet stating the author's name, address, telephone number and titles of the submitted poems. Authors' names must not be included anywhere on the manuscript. As no entries will be returned, contestants are advised to keep copies of their poems. The winner must be available to read his or her poem at the festival on Tuesday, March 19, when poet Ellen Bryant Voigt announces the winner and presents the prize. Courtesy of the NCSU News Services.

Proposed fee hike still fueling controversy

Some student-government representatives are questioning the Student Center's request for a fee hike.

By PHILLIP REESE
Staff Writer

The Beatles may have made the phrase "I want moonshine, that's what I waannt" famous, but the N.C. State University Student Center has taken up the chorus. Last year the USC, which has a budget close to \$4 million, was forced to dip into a \$400,000 emergency trust fund after it exceeded its budget. After exhausting the trust fund, the USC

spent another \$28,000. Now the center is looking to students for more money. Currently, 90 percent of the revenue the USC receives comes directly from student fees. Last week the student senate accepted a proposal from the center that could raise these fees by another \$5 per student. Student Body President John O'Quinn, while not yet condemning the increase, expressed reservations. "Does every student feel like they are getting enough out of the \$131.20 that they are currently paying the Student Center to justify another \$5?" he said. "My feeling is that the students do not feel like they are getting their money's worth."

However, Don Patty, director of Business and Planning at the USC, said most students are not aware of many services the center provides. According to Patty, the USC pays for student government and student media, USC utilities, repairs, salary increases, programs and more. Patty said the center was forced to exceed its budget last year because of unpredictable emergencies, such as a costly lawsuit and a 2-percent faculty-salary increase. O'Quinn said he was suspicious about the way USC revenue is handled. "I don't have reason to believe that there is any intentional mismanagement — the operative word being intentional," O'Quinn said. "It does make you raise an

eyebrow." Patty said the center was taking steps to improve its financial situation this year. These include cutting the budget for all USC departments by 7 percent and making all non-student organizations who meet in the center pay a fee. Student Senate President Robert Zimmer criticized the way Patty is handling the USC budget. Zimmer said that when he asked for a comprehensive copy of the center's budget, Patty would not give him one. He also said the "lame budget" that he received was misleading. "If they are saving all this money, why do they need a fee increase?" Zimmer asked. "If you [Patty] are giving us all these numbers, why

aren't they adding up?" Mike Wallace, director of USC activities, said that there is no possibility of fund mismanagement because the budget had to be approved by the NCSU Board of Directors. The board contains many student representatives, including O'Quinn and Zimmer. Patty said neither O'Quinn or Zimmer attend Board of Directors meetings on a regular basis. "It bothers me that they are exercising opportunities to complain," Patty said. "O'Quinn has never been to a Board of Directors meeting. Zimmer has been to one. It would be

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Students influence welfare reform

Students from N.C. State and Campbell University cause legislators to change welfare reform plan.

By KEVIN COLLINS
Staff Writer

Gov. Jim Hunt's executive order last summer to push greater numbers of welfare recipients into jobs brought the degree plans of several N.C. State students to an abrupt halt. That is, until the students decided to take action. NCSU students Martie Allen, Kristen Spruill, and Tiffany Shire, along with a Campbell University student, drove to Greensboro on the final day of classes last semester to present their stories to the Senate Select Committee on Welfare Reform. As a result, the committee wrote a letter to Hunt asking for changes to his plan. The students are back in classes this semester. Senator William Martin, D-Guilford, chairman of the committee, e-mailed Allen on Dec. 19 to tell her of the governor's response. "I have some good news," he wrote. "The governor agrees that persons who had already received commitments under the JOBS program should be able to complete the education programs in which they were enrolled; they will be grandfathered (grandmothered) in." Hunt's welfare-reform plan, Work First, went into effect Aug. 1, 1995 and replaced the federal Jobs Opportunities and Basic Skills (JOBS) program that provided services such as transportation and child care to



Brandy Spruill helps her mother Kristen make dinner Tuesday night.

MELISSA BAUER/STAFF

recipients of Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC). Effective Dec. 31, Work First would have eliminated day-care subsidies that allow Allen, Spruill, Shire, and Campbell student Angela Thomas to attend college full time. At the senators' request, Hunt issued another order that extends the deadline to June 1997, allowing the women to graduate. Martin said that the students' situation isn't unique. Almost 4,000 North Carolinians would have been prevented from finishing their educations if the day-care subsidy had been eliminated. Allen, a junior in computer engineering with a two-year-old son, learned about the changes last summer. She left her phone number with social workers and

asked them to distribute it to people in similar circumstances. When Allen met with Martin in Oct. he told her that it would take an executive order to change the law by the Dec. 31 deadline. "The government was going to pay me to sit at home and give up my education," she said. "Senator Martin gave us the opportunity to speak before the committee and it worked." But Shire, a 20-year-old junior in business management, said getting their JOBS benefits continued was only the first step. "It's not over yet," she said. Sunday, the students met at D.H. Hill Library to discuss their plan of attack. Next, they'll speak before the 12-member Joint Welfare Reform Committee. The women plan to help the joint

committee create a reform bill that will not exclude the possibility for someone to attend college full time, said Spruill, a 27-year-old mother of three children double majoring in English and Psychology. "Higher education is the key to self-sufficiency," she said. The welfare reform debate's catch phrase repeated on both sides of the debate is "self-sufficiency." The sides disagree on the best method to achieve independence from the welfare system. Both sides are represented in the N.C. legislature by two bills: the North Carolina Partnership for Independence Act (S.B. 35) and the Public Assistance

Patents yield mega bucks for NCSU

NCSU ranks above other state universities in patent royalties.

By ANTHONY CALDEIRA
Staff Writer

Necessity is the mother of invention and at N.C. State, invention is a check in the bank. Thanks to all the patents granted to NCSU researchers, the university ranked 27th in patent royalty income in the country in 1994, according to a national survey of universities. The survey was conducted by the Association of University Technology Managers, Inc. (AUTM), which works with inventors, files for patents and facilitates the licensing process. According to the survey's findings, NCSU researchers received 40 patents in 1994. Jayant Baliga, an N.C. State professor and researcher, received 11 patents during that fiscal year alone. Patents like Baliga's and the subsequent licensing of inventions for manufacturing helped NCSU receive \$1.63 million in patent royalties in 1994. AUTM ranks universities on the amount of money earned through royalties. Mark Crowell, assistant vice chancellor, a vice president of AUTM, and director of technology administration and development — the department that grants NCSU licenses for patents — said it's an honor to be ranked 27th. His office coordinates the overall activity of patent making at NCSU. The AUTM survey showed that 37 of NCSU's patents generated income during the 1994 fiscal year, in addition to patents licensed before 1994 which have also been receiving royalties for a number of years. He said that NCSU licensed 39 patents in 1994, but since some of the technology is so new, these licenses will not generate income for an extended period of time. Baliga is no stranger to the patent

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Public Safety spends big money on big screen

Campus security employees disagree over the necessity of a new big-screen television.

By MICHAEL BIESECKER
Staff Writer

N.C. State Public Safety recently completed construction of a multi-purpose training room in Riddick Field House, but at least one Public Safety employee is questioning whether the Hitachi big-screen television and RCA DSS satellite dish in the room are necessary. "It's wasteful," said a uniformed Public Safety employee who asked to remain anonymous for fear of losing his job. "They could have spent those funds better. They just don't need that much of a television."

But Sergeant Larry Ellis, Public Safety's Crime Prevention Officer, said the television in question, valued at over \$2,000, is a valuable training tool. "This is not a luxury," Ellis said. "We don't have luxuries." Ellis said that the 60-inch-screen television and top-of-the-line satellite dish, valued at \$700 and capable of receiving over 100 channels, are primarily needed to allow officers to watch the Law Enforcement Training Network (LETN) — though Ellis admitted that these programs could be ordered on VHS tape. "We need to have the best equipment to do the best job possible," Ellis said. Ellis said that Public Safety had



Sgt. Larry Ellis stands before the controversial big-screen television which cost over \$2,000. Ellis said the television is not a luxury.

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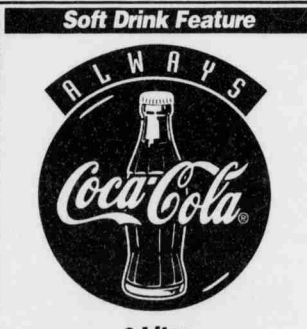


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...adventurous for them to attend board meetings when their positions call for it."
Zimmer said he has attended board meetings on a fairly regular basis. O'Quinn said he could not attend board meetings because of a class-scheduling conflict. He has sent Student Body Treasurer Carmita Davis as his proxy.
O'Quinn also said Wallace exaggerated the role of the Board of Directors.

"If I am not mistaken, the Board of Directors is an advisory board," O'Quinn said. "They give input. They do not make the decisions."
Patty said that if student-government leaders are concerned they should speak to him or other USC officials.
Zimmer said that when he tried to speak with Patty he was given confusing answers to most of his questions about the budget. O'Quinn said that it was Patty's responsibility to contact student government.
"If Patty and others are concerned about how we feel, they are

welcome to pick up the phone," O'Quinn said. "Somewhere there is a breakdown in communication. I am going to tend to put that with the Student Center because they are coming to us for money."
O'Quinn said that there was no hostility between Student Government and the Student Center.
"This is a question of how to meet the needs of the student body," O'Quinn said. "I see this as a cooperative venture in which we are both looking out for the best interests of the students. Our overall goal is the same."

Patents

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...process. All told, he has been awarded 30 patents while working at NCSU spearheading projects concerning electric cars, heat pumps, air conditioners and other systems.
Although none of Baliga's inventions at NCSU have begun to generate royalties, he believes that eventually the products will be

effective in the marketplace.
"It takes time to go from a research stage to an actual product and something that will get licensed," he said.
Crowell said licensing is essentially contracting with others outside the university to produce what has been patented.
"We may license an invention when it is brand new, but it takes three, five or seven years before it actually generates income," Crowell said.
Crowell said that his office

follows NCSU's patent performance by comparing it to other schools.
NCSU placed highest against other North Carolina schools. Duke had \$1.56 million in patent royalties, and UNC-Chapel Hill had \$886,384.
The highest ranking Atlantic Coast Conference school was Florida State University with \$6.77 million in royalties. The University of Virginia, Clemson and Georgia Tech beat NCSU in patent royalties.

Safety

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...an older dish which was capable of receiving LETN. I at the new dish was less obtrusive."
"It was just so big," Ellis said of the older dish.
Ellis also said that it was sometimes necessary for officers to watch news channels such as CNN, but denied the television and room were ever used for non-essential reasons.
"Both the television and the dish are used for training," Ellis said. "They are never used for entertainment purposes."
The unformed Public Safety employee said he didn't totally

agree with Ellis' statement.
"I've never been in a class where it was used," said the employee.
"But 15 to 20 officers and myself did watch the State-Carolina game on it."
Ellis said that officers had watched the State-Carolina basketball game on the big-screen, but it was not for their entertainment.
"How do we know what to do on Hillsborough St. if we don't know who wins the game?" Ellis asked.
"We do monitor the major games in that room, but we have legitimate police business."
Ellis said that the Public Safety officers were on standby in the room, in case students flooded Hillsborough St. in a post-game celebration of State winning the

match-up.
The officers were prepared even though the Jan 4 game was played in Chapel Hill and school was not in session due to Christmas vacation.
Ellis contended that the television was essential for exercises in the Multi-Purpose Training Room and that its large screen was needed for viewing training videos from the back of the room.
The employee said that much larger classrooms on campus made do with much smaller televisions — most with 24-inch screens.
"With those types of funds, the department would be better served if the money was spent more efficiently — possibly on employee salaries or uniforms," the employee said.

Welfare

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Julia Shealey, social-work supervisor with Work First, said the program's main emphasis is employment.
"We no longer support four-year degrees," she said. "The governor's Work First committee thought four years was too long to wait for someone to become self-sufficient, even though it would let them achieve higher living standards."
But the problem is more complex. In Spruill's opinion, minimum-wage jobs don't allow families to get off welfare.
"Work First is a quick-fix," Spruill said. "It's a trap. You get caught in a cycle of dependence."
The NCSU students' major concern is the inaccurate stereotyping of welfare recipients, which they said affects how

legislators vote.
"We want them to know that we are individuals," Allen said. "They need to hear our stories and see our faces. They can't put everybody in a box labelled 'lazy, alcoholic child abusers.'"
Allen said that only seven percent of welfare recipients are fraudulent, but the media focuses on that seven percent as if they were the only people receiving public aid.
"Those fraudulent recipients are the exception to the rule," she said. "The other 93 percent of us have to beg to get seen and heard. I had senators coming up to me in Greensboro and thanking us for opening their eyes."
Shire said that a lot of people look at her differently when they learn that she has a child. But they don't realize her accomplishments.
"Everybody thinks I'm at Wake Tech or something," she said. "They don't think I have a good head on my shoulders."
Spruill said stereotypes prevent a lot of people in her situation from speaking out.
Spruill knows just how unfair the system can be. She and her three children receive \$297 a month from AFDC. But her husband, who abandoned the family four years ago "to pursue a career in dealing drugs," receives \$458 monthly in Supplemental Security Income and was released from his obligation to pay child support last March due to being diagnosed as manic-depressive.

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Tracksters fly with a little help from their friends

■ The interaction between the football and the track programs has provided both teams with quality players that neither would have had otherwise.

By DAVID HONEA
STAFF WRITER

Look at the results of N.C. State's first track meet of the season, and you may wonder if the Wolfpack men were running around wearing pads and a helmet. Of the 15 events that State won at the Delaware Invitational, seven of them were won by six different athletes who are also on the Wolfpack football team. In fact, a total of eight football players are on State's track roster this year.

That group includes three athletes who earned all-America honors in track and decided to use their talent in football as well. Sprinter Alvis Whitted, high jumper Omar Dixon and long jumper Neil Chase were all receivers for the Wolfpack last fall.

But the State track team is also getting a lot of help from athletes who were recruited primarily for football. Sophomore Jason Perry, who started at free safety last fall, is one of the ACC's top hard-core Freshman defensive linemen

Darwin Walker is already one of the favorites for the conference shot put title. Running backs Cordell Smith and Theo Chavis and defensive back Lloyd Harrison make up the bulk of the Wolfpack sprint crew, with Smith also being a standout long jumper.

The players follow in the footsteps of past Wolfpack greats Izel Jenkins and Danny Peebles, who were the backbone of N.C. State's seven straight ACC track and field titles from 1982-1988, before moving on to NFL stardom.

"We would not have won any of our seven ACC titles without the points we got from football players," Wolfpack track coach Rollie Geiger said. "We will be a serious contender for the title in both indoor and outdoor track this year, and we wouldn't have that opportunity if it weren't for the athletes from football."

Although the track and football combination has always been around, particularly at N.C. State, several factors have combined to make it more common recently. They include changing recruiting emphasis, NCAA scholarship reductions, and an increased ability for the two programs to work well together.

"I think our football team has really concentrated on speed in recruiting, particularly since the

addition of Florida State to the ACC," Geiger said. "Obviously you are going to find some outstanding track athletes at the same time."

"Because we recruit similar athletes, it's important for track and football to work closely together," State football coach Mike O' Cain said. "I think it's very attractive to an athlete coming in to know that he can be part of successful programs in both sports."

O' Cain thinks that track can offer more than just recruiting help to the football team.

"Before there were limits on the size of the team, we would have a lot of guys who maybe wouldn't help the track team but they ran track because it helped their speed. I also think competing helps you improve in other areas; Jason Perry is a good example."

Perry, who was All-ACC and reached the NCAA semi-finals in the 110-meter hurdles last year, is the most successful trackster among those who started as football players. His situation illustrates some of the benefits, as well as the drawbacks, that two sport athletes face.

"Jason redshirted his first season in football, but had a lot of success in track last year," O' Cain said.



HOE TRABA/STAFF

Darwin Walker (right) is a linebacker by Fall and shot-putter by Spring for the track and field team. Jason Perry (above) sprints down on the football almost as fast as he does the 110m hurdles. Perry, a New Jersey native, was All-ACC in the event last season. He is one of eight football players on the track team.



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Money talks, academics walks

The Constitution

James Madison Lail

■ Les Robinson's future at N.C. State hangs in the balance, but whose decision is it to make? And will it be the right one?

If there has ever been anything that tears me in two, it would have to be the whole Les Robinson situation. Why can't I decide one way or the other about the guy?

I like to think that my opinion matters, but I know that isn't the case. I've yet to locate my quarter-million to this university for a new press box at Carter-Finley or a sky-box at the new Entertainment and Sports Arena. Until that happens, as sad as it may seem, I do not have much say in the really crucial decisions at N.C. State.

And you know what? That's just fine with me. Unlike a lot of people, I would hate to have to be in the position to decide if Robinson is back next year or not. It would be a heck of a lot easier if the man was a complete jerk and all of his players were flunking out and committing crimes. If that were the case, we'd have had this thing settled a long time ago.

But it isn't that easy. On one hand, Robinson has done everything he was hired to do. He's raised the team grade point average to new

heights. Since he's been in Raleigh, State players consistently have the highest SAT scores and GPA in the conference — above Duke, Virginia and North Carolina. And he's graduated his players.

Amid all the Jim Valvano controversy, this school's athletics department took the easy way out and decided to make it harder for high school student-athletes to be accepted here, in addition to making it tougher than it already was to stay in school.

All of this was done to make the NCAA happy. Robinson couldn't recruit for a year, and he had to contend with the school-imposed academic requirements that were (and still are) higher than the NCAA's. This led to players transferring or just not making the grades to stay in school.

Robinson also had to direct a team in which one of its players killed himself. As if that isn't tough enough, Robinson also had to compete with what may be the death of him — tradition.

It would also be a heck of a lot easier if there was no tradition to Wolfpack basketball. Take Clemson, for instance. This is a school that has banners in its rafters commemorating its NIT appearances, not championships mind you, but appearances. The only other school I can think of that does that is Carolina. But remember, this is a school that retired J.R. Reid's jersey. I think Henrik Rod's time has come, too.

If there weren't two National Championship banners and 10 ACC banners flying in Reynolds, then Robinson wouldn't be a marked man.

But memories are still fresh from the "glory days" of N.C. State basketball. It's been a long time since a State team has cut down the nets. Almost nine years to be exact. The last time the Wolfpack went nine years without an ACC Tournament title was between 1974 and 1983. Hey, maybe that's an omen.

But I sincerely feel that the students, alumni and fans of State have been plenty patient the past five or so years. And if Robinson is eventually fired or resigns, his supporters will end up looking like the bad guys. And I don't know whether that's right or not.

What other school in the nation would have put up with results of the past five and a half years? What other coliseum would still be filled-up for every conference game even after its team had finished at the bottom of the ACC?

I can't think of any other school that would do this. Maybe it's because we're all kind-hearted people. Maybe it's because that's one of our own down there working his tail off for this university. Whatever the reason is, it's happened.

But people are starting to get impatient. In the next few months, some important people are going to have to make some very important decisions.

I sure hope they have a clue. Because I sure don't.

James Madison Lail was born six weeks prematurely causing his father to miss the greatest ACC tournament ever. He's sorry for the inconvenience.

ACC Standings

Conference	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
N. Carolina	6	1	.857	15	4	.789
Ga. Tech	6	2	.750	13	9	.591
W. Forest	5	2	.714	13	3	.813
Clemson	4	4	.500	13	4	.821
Duke	3	4	.429	12	7	.632
N.C. State	2	5	.286	12	7	.632
Fla. State	2	6	.333	10	7	.588
Maryland	2	6	.333	10	7	.588
Virginia	2	6	.333	7	9	.438



Tuesday's result

Clemson 64, Georgia Tech 61

Wednesday's games

N.C. State at Wake Forest, 7 p.m.

Duke at North Carolina, 9 p.m.

Thursday's games

Maryland at Virginia, 8 p.m.

Saturday's games

Virginia at Florida State, 2 p.m.

Wake Forest at St. Louis, 2 p.m.

North Carolina at N.C. State

Clemson at Duke, noon

Georgia Tech at Maryland, noon



JACOB COLE/STAFF

Jeremy Hyatt shows his ups on this dunk, but Hyatt and the rest of the State backcourt will have to show some touch to top the Deacons.

Wake Forest: 13-3, No. 9

N.C. State: 12-7, NR

Wednesday's matchup between the Demon Deacons and the Wolfpack isn't just a matchup between two of the nation's best big men. It will also be a game between two teams that are both averaging almost eight three-pointers a game.

Look for Wake to go inside-outside, with Tony Rutland and Ricky Peral launching from behind the arc.

Brand-new starasty LaRue isn't had a shot shooting 45 percent from three-point land, good for fourth in the ACC, with Rutland following close behind in 6th place.

Wake should have a comfortable feeling playing in Winston-Salem. The last time State won there was the 1989-90 season. Since then, the Deacs have held the upper hand, winning all games at Wake and only losing two in Reynolds Coliseum.

And he's been able to do it this year, even with Randolph Childress picking the splinters out of his butt in Portland.

The Wolfpack is looking to build upon its dramatic last-second win at Clemson on Saturday. But they will have to contend with a hungry Wake team that's coming off a choke against North Carolina.

Unlike Wake, who can shoot the threes consistently, State will more than likely need Fuller to play the game of his life. He may be all the offense the Wolfpack has.

State conference point alone. In scores, the Wolfpack sits at the top of the ACC. Wake's state is also dead in the water. Wake's percentage, while the steady Deacs have managed to remain in the upper tier of the standings.

Backing-up Fuller will be always-steady Jeremy Hyatt, who will be looked upon to show his defensive skills against the sure-handed Deacs. Hyatt currently ranks seventh in the ACC in steals with almost two a game.

Look for State guard Ishua Benjamin to build on his confidence and his 10 point performance against Clemson.

Technician Sports Spotlight

These are senior center Todd Fuller's stats against the alleged, two best centers in the country. He last faced Wake Forest's Tim Duncan March 1, 1994. Overall, Duncan owns a 1-3 team series edge, but Fuller has outscored Duncan 3-1. Fuller met Camby pre-collapse in Hawaii, but again... team lost.



compiled by—J.P. Giglio & J.M. Lail. *—through Saturday's game. □—First in ACC. ●—second in the ACC.

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Raleigh nightlife?

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The night life around Raleigh leaves much to be desired.

While we're not in the same league with huge cities like Los Angeles, New York City or Atlanta, that doesn't mean that our weekends should be filled with the same routine, everyday, blah-blah stuff. Just think. What if there was actually something fun to do, something different?

Our downtown district has great potential, but it's not being utilized. City Market, for example, would be the great hub of activity, only there is nothing there to do — many people from Raleigh don't even know where it is. I have to wish that I were in a larger city, say, New York for example. Returning from there: a few months ago, I became greatly disappointed by how much Raleigh dulls in comparison. Isn't anyone else tired of doing the same thing: the \$1.50 movies, coffee houses, the same clubs and music venues?

I don't mean to sound so pessimistic about Raleigh. Hey, I grew up here, and it has a lot to offer, but there is so much that is lacking too.

Take First Friday, an event held downtown the first Friday of every month. Local artists open their galleries until 9 p.m., and the there is music and food — a really good atmosphere. Great idea, I thought

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LISA WHITEMAN/STAFF

Where do they get those great hats? Regatta 69.

Lemmy gets better as he gets older

A quick glimpse inside the life of Lemmy.

By Sarah Thomas
Staff Writer

Motorhead and heavy metal may not be to everyone's taste, but they damn well should be. Why? Because whatever your preconceptions about what heavy metal is, they should stop here.

Motorhead has jumped the boundaries of heavy metal and reached into the greener pastures of significant respectability. It has become one of the bands that isn't ignored when its particular genre is mentioned. When it comes to heavy metal, Motorhead is the godfather. And deservedly so.

Singer Lemmy, guitarist Wurzel and drummer Mickey Dee, a.k.a.

Motorhead, graced Raleigh with their presence on Friday. This tour has accounted for the past 11 months of the band's life. During its stop in Raleigh, Motorhead played at The Ritz with a brief stop at WKNC to publicize the show.

Lemmy is not just a singer, he is Motorhead. He's about 50 years old and has a colorful history of rock and roll. He started playing in bands when he was 20 and began a career that carried him through being a roadie for Jimi Hendrix, seven albums with Hawkwind and Motorhead since 1975. The longevity of the band certainly delivers some sense of its significance if nothing else.

With this background, Motorhead is amazingly down to earth. The band entered the WKNC studios at about 6:30 p.m., neither fashionably late nor complete with flashy entrance. Lemmy strutted in nonchalantly with his pencil-thin legs, leather waistcoat (with beer

gut and graying chest hair exposed) and feathered cowboy hat. And hair. And The Ward.

All three seemed to have a penchant for wearing jeans disturbingly tight for men of their age. Mickey Dee has the kind of atrocious rock star fright wig. Blonde highlights plus layered effect equals public eyecore and should be banned for the good of humanity.

Dress sense aside, on the air, Motorhead had plenty to say, trading lively and witty banter with the three WKNC interviewers. Andrew "the Sandman" Mica, Caroline Okun and Bernie Wesoja. Conversations ranged from the tour, to the band's history and the band's previous-night adventure at Marzz (Yes, Motorhead did go to college night.) and the whole interview was peppered with snappy self-promotions of the show that night.

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The ska's the limit

Party people, get your funky ska butt moving for Regatta 69.

By Lisa Whiteman
Staff Writer

Now that starting a band is customary for anyone who lives within a 30-mile radius of Chapel Hill, it's difficult to find a distinctive yet likable sound. Regatta 69 has done just that.

A self-described "progressive" and "kaleidoscopic" ska band, the group has managed to combine a blend of ingredients, including reggae, punk rock, world beat, alternative music and energy. Judging from the audience's reaction to Regatta 69's Friday night show at Captured Live in Durham, its recipe is a success.

Captured Live, which is a club, recording studio and former roller skating rink, felt an earthquake of dancing clubgoers at the

concert. The people formed conga lines, shook the floor, sang the words and enthusiastically yelled their approval at the completion of each song. They even had the privilege of being part of the band's live recording of the show.

The stage was crowded with Regatta's members, comprised of choreographed trombone players, a sax player, two guitarists, a lead singer/bass player, a keyboard player who bounced around on stage, adding to the energy quotient already existing in their sound. At one point, all of the band members lay down on the stage floor while continuing to play their musical concoction.

By the end of the set, the stage was crammed with at least 25 crowd members, who danced among the musicians and chanted "Ra-Ra-Ra-69-69." The band welcomed the flood of audience members to its throne, executing its creations with continued ease.

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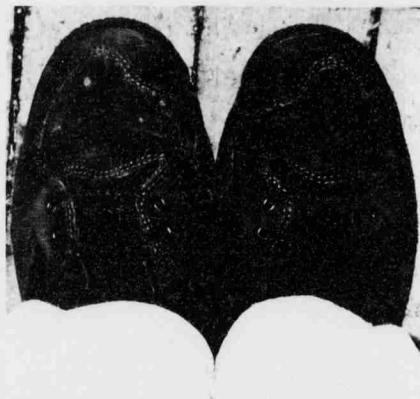
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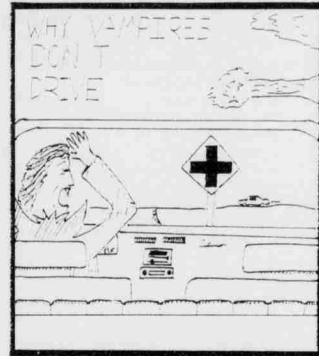
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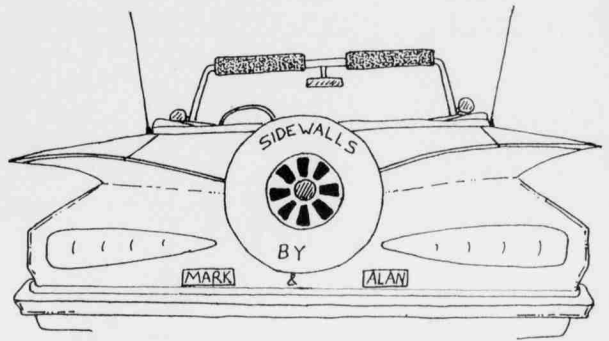
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Opinion

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Hey buddy, can you spare \$5

■ University Student Center is barking up the wrong tree to get itself out of some red ink.

It should come as no surprise that student fees will increase yet again. The Student Senate received requests from seven different departments and recommended six of them to the Board of Trustees.

Student fees currently amount to \$784 per student per year. The money paid in student fees does not necessarily translate into services received. As fees continue to rise, one must question just how all that money is spent. One department needing the attention of a scrupulous eye is the University Student Center.

The Student Center currently has an operating budget of \$3.69 million, 90 percent of which is funded by student fees. Students pay \$131.10 per student per year. For next year, representatives are requesting an increase of \$5 per student per year. These figures do not reflect a \$24 per student per year fee to cover the center's indebtedness for buildings. It should be noted that the Student Center ended the 1994-95 fiscal year with a negative cash balance of \$23,000. State law requires that they have at least \$400,000 on hand. In other words, the student center is in a hole, and I am asking the students to bail them out.

The issue of a depleted reserve fund is not the only fiscal problem that pervades the center. There is a problem with logic in spending. A recent incident involved the delivery of a package via FedEx overnight delivery from the center to an address on campus — costing students \$13. Although this is only one isolated incident, the fact that such an error in judgment was made calls other decisions concerning day-to-day administrative expenditures into question.

In lieu of continuing requests for student fee increases, the USC should focus on implementing cost-effective strategies to reduce its size while offering increased services. Measures have been implemented in other governmental areas to do just that, and they have succeeded. Students, who are facing ever increasing costs such as tuition, merit decreases in student fees. The fact of the matter is that students simply aren't getting their money's worth.

Certainly there are the basic functions of a university that need to be funded by student fees, but paying more and receiving less doesn't fly. The Student Center should re-examine its priorities, adjust its expenditures and attempt more cost cutting from within before asking students to ante up. Better planning needs to be undertaken to ensure that students will not be forced to pay for the financial mistakes of Student Center personnel.



Commentary

Need a better solution to death penalty

In the wake of the recent hanging of one convicted criminal in Delaware and the firing squad execution of another in Utah this past week, I feel compelled to submit my disagreement with those who defend the legalized killing of people in any form. As a result of the predominant attitude in this country that the death penalty is justified in a number of capital crimes, I am a member of a small minority. Death penalty supporters sleep easy at night knowing that a criminal will be executed in reparation for the pain and suffering he has inflicted upon society. I, however, cannot justify the killing of one human being by another in order to atone for criminal actions. It matters how a man dies.

Mike Frost

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sleep and party, we are constantly badgered to sign up for credit cards for a two-liter soda, encouraged to attend meetings with the promise of free pizza, and offered jobs that speak of large pay for a minimum of time invested.

By the same token, politicians are using the death penalty as a quick, simple, and painless solution to prison overcrowding under the guise of making a criminal repay his debt to society. I believe that criminals locked away in a small, solitary confinement cell until they die is a much more effective means of punishment than simply executing them. In this way, criminals have the rest of their lives to think about what they did and will be denied the promise of freedom by being killed. While that may not seem like a strong punishment, consider removing all fruits of current prison life (i.e., television, workout facilities, newspapers) and make the prisoner suffer the feeling of isolation. This is not cruel or inhumane, but it certainly is not a life that anyone would choose to live.

The argument that keeping criminals alive costs too much can be refuted by considering the cost of legal representation for a death-row prisoner for 10 years while he appeals his sentence to every court in the land. The costs of lawyers for the state and the defendant, in addition to the duration of court operation for unnecessary criminal litigation, can

and should be deferred to the cost of maintaining a correctional facility with absolutely no risk. The thought that costs can be cut by sending criminals to the quicker is idealistic in today's world and is only a quick-fix solution that comes down to accepting that our society has stooped to the vigilante lawlessness of the past. Most people, when given the choice of paying for a lifetime of solitary confinement for a criminal versus paying for endless appeals, would be happy to fork over their tax money for the punishment rather than the defense of that crime.

It does not make sense that by not executing the criminal we are denying the rights of the victim involved. If your concern lies with the rights of the victim, prove it by providing support from the community, assistance in bringing a civil suit against the criminal if it is applicable and the peace of mind that comes with the knowledge that once a criminal goes to jail, he will remain there until he dies. The victim has no more right to determine the fate of the criminal involved than that criminal had to commit a crime against the victim.

Support for the killing of another human being for whatever reason, makes you no better than the criminals who rape, murder, and commit all manner of crimes. When dealing with criminals, don't think like a criminal and justify killing as a criminal does. Killing a criminal for his actions does not erase what happened in the mind of the victims. Concentrate instead on toughening the parole laws and enforce them strictly. The worst crime of

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No steals in football, kids

■ Two unsupervised children escape from the Stroud Daycare Center and run amok.

Mankind has believed for centuries that stealing is wrong — Moses came down from the mountain with, among other things, "Thou shall not steal." Chris McNeal and Steve McKnight, both N.C. State football players, were caught trying to return books they had not bought from Addams University Bookstore Saturday. They have been charged with obtaining property through false pretenses, a felony.

Unfortunately for students with better demeanors, people judge the university by the people who are in the public eye the most, our athletes. And since McNeal and McKnight represent the school, NCSU is now colored as an institution that harbors thieves. The athletic department constantly reminds us how well-rounded and wonderful the athletes are, so what now? Is the basketball team going to hold up the dining hall for extra mashed potatoes?

The worst part is McNeal and

McKnight live in the Stroud Center, the area of campus where the activities of its resident athletes are monitored. Athletics was not thrilled about NCAA regulations banning athletes-only facilities and integrating plain old students, contending that athletes need extra-special attention. Well, two of them went one block east down Western Boulevard and committed a felony. Obviously somebody's not doing their job of getting these two men the extra-special attention and coddling they so desperately need.

Coach Mike O' Cain needs to have a sit-down chat with his team and make sure that such misadventures with the authorities do not persist. The athletic department needs to stop hiding behind "no comment." There is a problem, so why not just say so? There is no Final Four in public relations or stonewalling.

Athletics should stop acting like the three-year-old child who thinks what he doesn't see must not exist. Peekaboo! Someone got caught with their hand in the cookie jar.

Admit the trespasses. Make the athletes in question cut themselves a switch. Solve the problem, don't deny it.

Dole is no longer a viable candidate

When did U.S. Senate leader Bob Dole sell his soul? I remember a time when political moderates could vote for him.

It was only three or four elections ago that I could have voted for him. It's amazing that 12 years and growing political desperation can do to a senator.

After watching Dole's sorry attempt at presenting the Republican Party's State of the Union response, I felt a sense of loss. It was at that point I realized he just lost any chance he had of ever being elected president.

Besides the fact that he is about as old as my grandfather (if either of one of them were still alive today), last week he made it official that he no longer wanted to be the voice of compromise and reason.

No, what Dole presented to the American public last week was a gross display of a good senator gone Limbaugh. Sure, some people may say that Dole could not try to appeal to the country's political moderates because Clinton beat him to the punch, but that doesn't explain why he had to try to appease those on the far right.

As a matter of fact, I don't understand

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why some Republicans are actually upset that Clinton sounded a lot like a Republican.

If Clinton had been politically a little too far to the left for some of us, and he felt he had to take a few steps back to the middle to win the next election, then we have what we want. Maybe that is why Dole's speech was such a bomb. Maybe he realizes he has nowhere to go. Maybe that is why he had to resort to

name calling and blame shifting (something that the president respectfully avoided).

Did Dole really think the average American could relate to one rich politician calling another wealthy politician elitist?

Why did he (or his staffers) think that the American public wanted to hear him blame someone else for the problems that Congress has been having making laws?

The last time I checked, compromise takes two. Clinton has agreed to the Republican idea of a balanced budget in seven years. Great. Send him a bill that he can sign, and let's get the job done.

This new inability to compromise is the biggest change in Senator Dole. A few years ago moderate Bob would have had no problem finding a compromise and getting the job done.

Now that he has been corrupted by the radical right, he has no choice but to stand against what he believes in — the art of compromise — the very thing that in the past gained him so much respect.

Whereas Clinton gave a rather powerful compromising speech whether you believed what he said or not, Dole came off as little more than a grumpy old man.

He's upset that he no longer calls his own shots. He's upset that most republicans are still waiting to find a candidate with a progressive (not regressive) vision of where this country should go.

Maybe these realizations are why his speech was so negative and uninspired. Maybe Dole would have been better off had he heeded his mother's advice. If he didn't have anything nice to say, he shouldn't have said anything at all.

If the speech Dole made last week did anything, it emphasized what a rough two years this has been for moderates like myself. The political middle has been shrinking since the 1994 elections.

I have to give the far right some credit — they have done a good job of ridding Congress of what little middle ground it had. With one moderate representative after another dropping out of Congress, it's a shame that Dole has decided to leave moderate Republicans without a serious candidate to vote for in the primaries.

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(that is until I realized that local art sucks, and it's pretty much the same stuff over and over again.)

What about coffee houses? There are a few decent places to go at night and talk with your frier. Is, have a latte and listen to some old guy moan along with his acoustic guitar. But how many times do you go before it becomes redundant? If you do want to go check some of these out, try Barista Java or Berkeley Cafe — they're fun really, just don't over do it.

Raleigh isn't too lacking in comedy, but it still could use some work. Let's see ... Comedy Sportz — great location, right smack in the middle of the City Market sector, but you can't go more than once every two months. They have a core of comedians, and with only

nine on stage at every show there is a certain amount of variance. It really is a fun place to go, you'll just exhaust yourself or if you're not careful.

What else? Clubs, bars. From my understanding there are about four clubs that I hear about: Marzz, The New Bar, Networks and Legends (been there, done them). But isn't this the capital city, aren't we a little more hip than to have only four big clubs? I realize this is North Carolina, but I con'tion.

Here's downtown Raleigh as of right now. Restaurants — good food, decent ambian'e, but all fairly expensive. They are a pretty much geared to the folks that want to dine before partaking in another expensive downtown venture — the Memorial Auditorium has a good deal for students. If you show up with your student ID about 5 minutes before curtain, you get a major discount — you're in the

door for \$5. The Who's "Tommy" is coming soon, and you can't beat a Broadway play for \$5.

Summing up, there is comedy, art, food, coffee and some music, but on all counts nothing to boast about.

There may be a savior though. Supposedly there is someone working to make downtown Raleigh more of the social hub it deserves to be. That person is Mayor Tom Fetzler. I am probably getting my hopes up — another victim of political propaganda. But since there is someone out there that is even thinking about addressing this issue, please show your support. I know writing to Fetzler may sound like a total waste of time, but it may help to get the ball rolling. Downtown Raleigh needs as much help as possible. I'm sure many would benefit from a bustling energetic hub. But until then, I'll be seeing you elsewhere.

Track

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"When we had some injuries and he got put in to start as a freshman, he'd already had that chance to compete and build some confidence."

One thing Perry did not get to build as much of was strength, because the track season coincides with football team's most intensive period of weightlifting. The job of balancing those two activities falls on N.C. State improvement coordinator William Hicks, who oversees the Wolfpack football team's speed and strength development.

"Because Jason had such tremendous success in track, a lot of times before important meets we would not have him do the really intense weight work and he didn't make the strength progress a non-track person would have made,"

Hicks said. "He has to do that to be a super football player, and he will, but in the short run it leaves him ahead in the lower body and a little behind in the upper body."

Under Hicks' guidance, N.C. State has gotten much better at combining running with lifting weights, killing the notion that the two don't mix and making the track/football combo more acceptable to coaches. But the key to a successfully combining of the two sports, Hicks says, is having football players with not only the raw talent but also the individual event skills to succeed in track.

"The track coaches don't have time to teach someone an event, especially someone who misses the first two months of practice because he's playing football," Hicks said. "For the athlete, a lot of the work on form and technique doesn't really contribute to football. But if the athlete already has a track background, most of his work goes into improving his speed or his

jumping and that makes him a better football player too." Watching the players work out every day, Hicks can see how the mingling of the teams benefits both programs.

"For track, obviously they get some very talented guys who can score a lot of points," Hicks said. "And with someone like Alvis or Omarr, football is required to pick up the scholarship, which really helps the track team because their scholarship limits have been cut back. It helps football as well, because they get someone who is already a talented athlete."

"The guys who run track bring back to football the idea that each individual has to take some responsibility for the team's success and get some things done on their own," Hicks added. "I think it also helps the confidence of everyone on the team, knowing that we have guys who run well in track and can match up with anybody out there."

Regatta

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Much of Regatta's appeal lies not only in crowd involvement but in its detour from straight ska as well as commonplace alternative rock bands.

"We're much more accessible to a general audience than a pure ska band," said Jason Priebe, the band's keyboardist.

What's more, some of the newer members of the ever-evolving band are also newcomers to ska. They've gotten a crash-course through exposure to older, more established ska-esque bands, such as the Skatalites, The Police and Elvis Costello.

Ranging from ages 16 to 24, Regatta's members emanated from

Pennsylvania, Florida, Ohio and various towns in North Carolina. The band eventually converged in the Triangle where it progressively multiplied into the current nine members.

"Fat-Free," Regatta's last album, was released in May and provided most of the material heard at Friday's show, including songs titled "I Know What You're All About" and "Simple Simon."

In case you missed the ska band's Durham appearance, it plans to return to the area sometime in



LISA WHITEMAN/STAFF

Hail the mohawk, king of all haircuts.

March. So to satisfy your craving for new music until you can see Regatta 69 in person, invest your allowance in "Fat-Free," and break the monotony of your current compact-disk collection.

Monday, the word on the street has graduated the kerfuffle into a full fight between Lemmy and the beer thrower, but the loser drama faded as swiftly as it arose.

The Ritz henchman reappeared a couple more times to remove rowdy elements of the crowd, but by this stage Motorhead was well into its set, and nobody cared about who or what was happening any place other than the stage. From the opening of "Ace of Spades" to the end of the hour-and-a-half-long set, Motorhead seized and pummelled the senses of those present without relinquishing. Granted, most of the songs do sound like the "Ace of Spades" revisited, but it was simply awesome.

Awesome because the band created the kind of energy that most only associate with the punk sound. Awesome because it only takes three of them to do this. Awesome because there's nothing other than the music to achieve this, no theatrics, no amazing lighting, just guitar, bass and drums. And it blew the audience away. For a 20-year-

old band that's at the end of a year-long tour, it was energetic and vibrant and never, ever dull. Awesome.

Assistant tour manager Razzle has seen this show almost every night, but she still dashes out into the crowd crying "this is my favorite song!" before thrashing her long, thin braids about the place and dancing like there's no tomorrow. Or at the very least, like there's no Motorhead show tomorrow.

Of course there will be Motorhead shows in the future, although the band does intend to return to the studio after this tour. In the future, go see Motorhead, because 50-year-old Lemmy with his 20-year-old band can still provide an ecstatically electrifying show. As for most rock bands "hip with the kids" these days, no matter how great or wonderful or original they may seem, it's nothing like this. Lemmy needs only to repeat a call made that night at The Ritz, "Come up here and I'll kick your ass!"

are too lazy to consider other options of punishment and probably think the Singapore police should have lopped off the hand of that American who was caught vandalizing. All the effort spent finding new ways to kill criminals should be spent on finding new ways to make them suffer a punishment that rises above their lawlessness, not that falls beneath it.

Editor's Note:

Last Friday, Technician et cetera printed a feature story about Chad Blunt, an N.C. State student who had his screenplay optioned by Walt Disney Pictures. Based on a tip we received, we investigated Blunt's story and found that it was fabricated. Blunt sent a screenplay to Disney, but the company has not purchased or optioned it.

Walt Disney Pictures had no involvement in this story, nor did the company know that Blunt was using its name. Technician regrets the error. We apologize to our readers and Walt Disney Pictures for any inconveniences.

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323 Witherspoon Student Center
Campus Box 8608
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Attn: Classifieds

Deadline: 5 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 9

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DATE: February 1-3, Thursday - Saturday
TIME: 10am - 4pm PLACE: NCSU Bookstores
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