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## Bell Tower Briefs

### Organization says library's in good standing

The Association of Research Libraries (ARL), an organization of top research libraries across the United States and Canada, has named N.C. State's library 58th among the 108 ARL academic members for 1995.

NCSU Libraries' 1994 standing was 64th. The change reflects critical improvements in the NCSU Libraries — especially in improved speed of access to information, services and collections — that have occurred as a result of increased financial resources.

Examples include the expansion of the NCSU Libraries Information System to offer access to more databases, expansion of the Information Technologies Teaching Center and the extension of evening and weekend hours.

The index is a measure of relative size. It comprises the five elements in which ARL university libraries most resemble each other — number of volumes held, number of volumes added, number of current serials received, total operating expenditures and number of staff.

The standings are derived from a complex set of statistics collected each year by the ARL.

Courtesy of NCSU News Services.

### NCSU Novelist bound for Japan

Angela Davis-Gardner, assistant professor of English at N.C. State, has been awarded a \$20,000 Japan Foundation Artists Fellowship to conduct research in Japan for her novel-in-progress.

Davis-Gardner is one of three U.S. artists to win a fellowship in the international competition. She will spend the summer visiting sites in Tokyo, Kyoto, Hiroshima and Matsue to gather information for her third novel, "The Fox Woman."

"Forms of Shelter," her second novel, won the 1991 Sir Walter Raleigh Award for best novel by a North Carolinian.

Courtesy of NCSU News Services.

### Vet students poised to help control pet population

Students from the College of Veterinary Medicine at N.C. State have formed a Second Chance Pet Adoptions student chapter and have joined with members of the Wake County non-profit group to help neuter and vaccinate feral cats in Wake County.

Through "Operation Catnip," Second Chance volunteers and the students plan to neuter more than 500 wild cats this year, and they hope to neuter 1,000 by next year, said Julie Levy, an NCSU veterinary research assistant.

Levy said the group was inspired to take on "Operation Catnip" because of their concern about the numbers of animals being euthanized by county animal shelters.

Students benefit from the neutering program because it gives them a lot of good experience and a chance to hone their surgery skills, Levy said.

Courtesy of NCSU News Services.

## Fraternity Court takes steps to avoid disaster



**Brett Zick of Cornerstone Construction Company helps repair a fire exit at the Sigma Alpha Epsilon house.**

■ Fraternity houses are undergoing the last phase of repairs to help make them safer for residents in the event of a fire.

By JASON KING  
News Editor

The safety of fraternity houses has been called into question recently after the Phi Gamma Delta house at UNC-Chapel Hill was gutted by fire May 12.

Investigators found that a cigarette left smoldering in a trash bag caused the fire, but any number of things can cause a house to go up in flames.

That's why the houses at N.C. State's fraternity court are undergoing changes again this summer to correct fire-safety violations under order of the N.C. Department of Insurance.

Violations included lack of proper lighting in hallways, stairways that

did not lead directly to exits and improper electrical wiring.

The repairs began last summer when the department decided to make the repairs mandatory instead of merely recommending them, as they had done in years past, said Drew Smith, assistant director of Student Affairs.

"This is a three-phase project," Smith said, "and this is the last phase."

Smith said renovations made to the sorority duplex last winter made up the second phase.

When the houses were built more than 30 years ago, they were built in compliance with Federal Codes, but not the North Carolina Fire Code. Fraternity leaders voiced frustration in April 1995 when the Department of Insurance first announced that the changes would have to be made.

"The violations should have been caught by the state in the original construction," said Amy Krueger, then president of the Fraternity

Court Presidents Board. "The buildings shouldn't have been allowed to pass 30 years ago."

Residents are still upset because they are having to pay for the repairs, which have been estimated to cost as much as \$1.5 million.

"[The] Fraternity Court is a self-liquidated area so the only funds that can go into Fraternity Court would be from the student residents," Smith said.

A recent fire at NCSU's Sigma Phi Epsilon house could have been a disaster, if house resident adviser on-duty Grant Buttram had not acted as quickly as he did, Smith said.

"We could have had a really dangerous situation," he said.

"If the adviser hadn't acted as he did it would have been much worse."

Fire broke out in the house around 1 a.m. on Saturday, May 4 when someone set fire to a couch. The fire damaged many chapter items such as a television, tables and

couches, and caused some structural damage in the living room and dining room area.

Public Safety arrested Michael Nathan McCollum, an NCSU student, and charged him with arson.

According to Smith, Buttram and a member of the fraternity next door doused the blaze with fire extinguishers.

"The fire alarm system in that house did work," Smith said. "When their adviser heard the alarm, he went to the scene, saw what was going on and started to extinguish the blaze."

Smith said if the ceiling had caught on fire the damages could have been much more severe.

"It could have been a big blaze," Smith said. "I think we're fortunate that it did not get up into the ceiling. If it would have caught on to the ceiling we would have been a much bigger mess than it was. The main thing we had was smoke damage."

## Mister Rogers comes to NCSU's neighborhood

■ Mister Rogers had some words of inspiration for graduates as they prepared to enter the real world.

NEWS STAFF REPORT

Addressing some 2,752 graduates at N.C. State's May 11 Commencement at Carter-Finley Stadium, keynote speaker Fred "Mister" Rogers expressed words of encouragement and support for graduates as they prepared to do their life work.

Rogers, longtime host of the popular "Mister Rogers' Neighborhood" television program, is a child development expert and family advocate.

Family and friends of the graduates filled the stadium, where Chancellor Larry Monteith awarded 111 associate, 1,156 bachelor's, 430 master's, 113 doctoral and 65 doctor of



Mister Rogers

veterinary medicine degrees.

In addition, an honorary doctor of letters degree was awarded to Rogers, who was cited for his lifelong personal and professional dedication to the well-being of children.

Rogers, an ordained Presbyterian minister, began producing children's television programs in Pittsburgh in 1953. "Mister Roger's Neighborhood" debuted in 1964.

The program reaches almost eight million households and his own observations and training and consults with experts to write the program, which is the longest-running show on public television.

As president of Family Communications Inc., the nonprofit organization he founded in 1971, he oversees the production of materials that

child-care settings each week. He uses his own observations and training and consults with experts to write the program, which is the longest-running show on public television.

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## Two mothers graduate with their daughters

■ A couple of mother-daughter combinations helped each other along the way to obtaining their degrees.

NEWS STAFF REPORT

Most graduates had family and friends accompany them to graduation ceremonies, but for two mother and daughter graduates, May 11 was a true reason to celebrate with their families.

A love of art and design runs in the McGaughey family, but while Molly McGaughey of Raleigh was working toward her bachelor's degree in design and technology at N.C. State, she had to employ some "arm-twisting" to persuade her mother, Valerie, to pursue a master's degree in the same program. The two graduated together from the School of Design on May 11.

"I felt uncomfortable about going back to school," Valerie said, "but Molly told me how great the school is and how encouraging the

people are. So I went and talked to them, and she was right."

Valerie's major area of study at NCSU was fibers and surface design, a field she is intimately familiar with — her grandfather founded the Jones of New York clothing company in New Rochelle, N.Y.

Her father moved the business to Lumberton, N.C., and the family has since sold the company. Valerie plans to do freelance work in fashion design.

Molly, a 1992 graduate of Enloe High School, said she's not sure yet what she'll do next, but that having her mother around during college has been "absolutely wonderful."

"She has been a real model for me to take my education and do what I want with it," she said. "She is more like my best friend than my mother, and I feel very fortunate."

Another mother-daughter combination, Lynda Smith Harrison and Diane Crossman-Hall of Raleigh, also took part in graduation ceremonies together.

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## Here, take this



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Andrea Johnson, an assistant director in the financial aid office, heaves a water balloon at her teammate during one of the games at Student Affairs' end of the year program on May 13. Water balloons provide a good way to cool off during those hot summer days.

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## New faculty connect with state

■ NCSU professors toured the state to gain a better understanding of the university's mission.

NEWS STAFF REPORT

Twenty-two of N.C. State's newest faculty members and administrators boarded a bus on May 13 to begin a week-long short course in the real world.

Through "Connecting in North Carolina," they will tour industries important to the state's growing economy and will learn more about North Carolina from its citizens, business and government leaders. The program's goal is

to show NCSU faculty and staff how their classroom and outreach activities can continue to serve the state. They also look for further opportunities to take NCSU research into the marketplace.

"Connecting in North Carolina" is a faculty development program begun last year by NCSU Provost Phillip Sules, and coordinated by the office of outreach and extension. This year's tour will cover 1,200 miles, 31 counties and more than a dozen North Carolina cities and towns in five days.

"The program will open new doors for our faculty as they see firsthand the ways our state benefits from our university — through our graduates in the

state's workplace, through research collaboration and through unique public service and extension projects," said Sondra Kirsch, associate vice chancellor of Outreach and Extension.

"The faculty also become goodwill ambassadors, demonstrating to the people from the mountains to the coast that, as their land-grant university, we are here for them," she said. "Our mission is to learn and respond to the needs of our students and our state."

Kirsch said that many faculty members who were part of the inaugural tour last year said they came away with a stronger commitment to North Carolina.

The 1996 Connecting in North Carolina tour left from NCSU's McKimmon Center on May 13 at 7:45 a.m. The first stop was the Jordan Lumber Co. in Mount Gilead, where participants gained insight into the importance of the forest products industry to North Carolina's economy, the role of forestry research and the importance of a family-owned business to the state's economic health.

Also on the tour were stops at other industries that play important roles in the economy of the state, including a textile plant in Mount Holly, a furniture factory in Hickory and a bus manufacturing

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# Tour

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company in High Point. The tour group also visited Biltmore Estates near Asheville, where NCSU researchers have collaborated on important wine-making and trout-breeding projects.

Stops in Eastern North Carolina included a peanut processing operation in Edenton, the N.C. Aquarium at Manteo where N.C. Sea Grant is collaborating on

important marine life research, the Tidewater Research Station at Plymouth and Weyerhaeuser's Plymouth facility where NCSU researchers provided modernization assistance.

"The 1996 Connecting in North Carolina tour will take our faculty to the hometowns of students and introduce them to N.C. State's mission at work across the state," Kirsch said. "We hope it will lead to a mutual understanding of who we are, what we do and what better-informed faculty and students can do together."

The following is a report of activity from the N.C. State Department of Public Safety from May 10-May 16. This report contains major activity only. During this period, Public Safety handled 1812 calls for service and investigated 92 incidents.



# The Crime

**Friday**  
Traffic accident on East Dunn Avenue  
Larceny from Park Shops

**Saturday**  
Burglary from Tompkins Hall  
Traffic accident in the Sullivan Carriageway  
1 arrest for trespassing on Dan Allen Drive

**Sunday**  
1 arrest for Driving While Impaired on Western Boulevard

**Monday**  
Breaking or entering and larceny on Warren Carroll Drive  
Burglary from Caldwell Hall

**Tuesday**  
2 arrests for Disorderly Conduct in Pullen Lot  
Breaking or Entering and Larceny on South Yarbrough Drive

**Wednesday**  
Larceny from Daniels Hall  
Traffic accident in the Pesticide Residue Lot  
Breaking or entering and larceny in E.S. King Village Lot-A

**Thursday**  
1 student charged with misuse of parking decal in Pullen Lot  
Larceny from Kilgore Hall  
Burglary in the Textiles Building  
Larceny from Carmichael Gymnasium

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## Rogers

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encourage the healthy emotional growth of children and their families. Rogers' work has earned him two George Foster Peabody Awards and several Emmys.

Special accolades went to 15 students who earned valedictorian honors by achieving perfect 4.0 grade point averages.

The student speaker, Andrew Crocker of Fayetteville, urged fellow graduates to be heroes in their everyday lives — leaders and role models in their chosen careers and their personal lives. Crocker earned degrees in engineering and humanities as a Ben Franklin Scholar (a double degree program).

Also on Saturday, 28 NCSU graduates were commissioned into U.S. military forces in a joint Air Force — Army — Navy-ROTC ceremony.

## Mother

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The two have a lot in common, including receiving bachelor's degrees in statistics from NCSU on May 11.

Two years ago, Lyn concluded that she needed a mid-life break from her career and headed for NCSU to "upgrade her skills." Her daughter, Diane, was a third-year student here and only too happy to be her orientation counselor.

Lyn soon discovered that gaining computer literacy simply wasn't enough — why not go for another degree? After all, she already holds a bachelor's and master's degree in mathematics.

An introductory course in statistics whetted her appetite. But, fearing her daughter might feel "crowded" by her presence in the same degree program, she sought Diane's blessing.

Diane not only encouraged her, but also showed her the ropes and helped her build class schedules.

Classmates accepted Lyn "as a student who happens to be Diane's mom."

Every nontraditional student needs an advocate like Diane. Lyn said, because university life is very different from her undergraduate days.

"It is immensely more difficult than 30 years ago," Lyn said. "There is much more information to master — computers have changed everything — and I never would have guessed how the environment has changed.

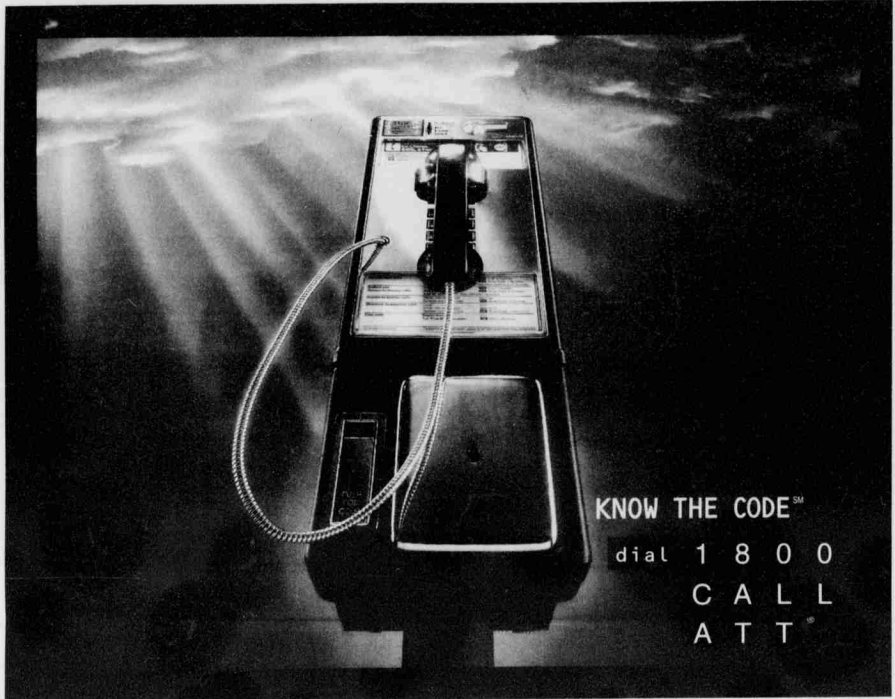
"The culture is more chaotic and should prepare students for what they will face in the real world."

Diane said they have become better friends because of their experiences.

"We motivated each other and kept each other going toward a mutual finish line," she said. Still, she draws the line at shared learning experiences.

"I told her she can't come to grad school with me," Diane said.

Diane will enter the biostatistics department at UNC-Chapel Hill's School of Public Health. Lyn will soon move to San Francisco, where she will make her next career decision.



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# Sports

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## Bull City not kind to Wolfpack

■ The baseball team was shown the door early in the ACC Tourney, losing two of three games.

By CHRIS RHODES  
STAFF WRITER

DURHAM, N.C. — The N.C. State baseball team entered this past weekend's ACC Tournament at the Durham Bulls Athletic Park seeded No. 4 and was considered by many a potential favorite to bring home the championship.

Unfortunately, the Pack's (42-18) chances dimmed early with a 5-1 loss to eventual champion Virginia in the opening, soggy, rain-filled round. The team was unable to fully recover from the early entrance into the loser's bracket.

State will look to bounce back from the disappointing showing in the NCAA Regionals. The

Wolfpack is the No. 3 seed in the East Regional at Gainesville, Fla. Regional action starts Thursday at 11 a.m. against No. 4 South Florida.

### Wednesday's Game

After a two hour rain delay, the first game of the 1996 ACC Baseball tournament kicked off with Virginia's star hurler, Seth Greisinger (10-2), continuing his regular season dominance.

Greisinger, the tournament MVP, provided the Wolfpack with an unscheduled early entrance into the dreaded loser's bracket of the double elimination tournament. Virginia's ace pitched a complete game, allowing only four hits and one run.

"Quite obviously Greisinger had us on the ropes," State coach Ray Tanner said. "We were just not able to get into a situation to win the game."

The traditionally strong Pack hitters couldn't capitalize on Greisinger's eight walks and left ten men on base over the duration.

Pack pitcher Brett Black (12-2) carried his regular season strength into the tournament, but the Pack hurler's five run, 11-hit complete game proved futile as the Pack hitters provided limited run support.

"Brett pitched well, but we were just not able to capitalize," Tanner said. "We were always just a couple of hits away."

### Thursday's Game

State, led by pitcher Corey Lee, bounced back from the opening day loss to Virginia to keep its tournament hopes alive, beating Wake Forest 7-5.

Lee went the duration, scattering ten hits and giving up five runs, while picking up his 10th win of the season.

Lee was strong throughout the game and thwarted the Deacon rally in the bottom of the ninth to ensue the Wolfpack victory.

State bats returned to regular season form scoring seven runs of 12 hits. Right fielder Jake Webe set the example with two double and a sacrifice hit. The remaining ten hits were evenly provided by seven other Pack batters.

### Friday's Game

Georgia Tech eliminated the Pack from the tournament thanks to his strong arm of Chuck Crowder. Crowder pitched a three-hit, complete game, stifling the Wolfpack bats, who entered the tournament with the league-leading team batting average.

Catcher Marty Bourgon was the only State hitter to put a significant dent in Crowder's armor. Bourgon went deep in the fifth inning to tie



State baseball coach Ray Tanner could only watch as his team lost two out of three in the ACC Tournament at the DBAP.

the game at, 1-1.

The Yellow Jacket's broke the game open in the seventh inning

with a five run barrage and Tech never looked back en route to a 6-1 victory.

## Golfers on to NCAAs

By J.P. GIGLIO  
STAFF WRITER

Singer Vanessa Williams would have been proud of N.C. State's golf team last weekend. As the song goes, Coach Richard Sykes' bunch saved their best for last.

After struggling through the season to find the right line-up, the right chemistry, the right you name it, State torched the Concord Resort Monster Course Kiamasha Lake to capture the title at East Regional of the NCAA Golf Championships.

"This game amazes me sometimes," Sykes said. "I never know what we can do one week to the next."

ACC rookie of the year Tim Clark, who won medalist honors by four strokes, was hotter than a

Range Rover trekking through Umkomaas, South Africa. Where?

That would be Clark's hometown. Since joining the squad in January, Clark has been flammable.

"He's kinda phenomenal," is all Sykes could say about his precocious freshman.

In Clark's last seven tournaments he has not shot above a 75.

But the team is not just a one-man show. Senior Mark Slavter joined on the All-ACC first team, and Will Huntley finished in the Top 20 at Kiamasha Lake.

After a see-saw start, the team hit rock-bottom at the prestigious Golf Digest Intercollegiate in Texas. State finished 15th out of 15 teams — not what the coach had in mind after last spring's eighth-place finish at the NCAA Championships.

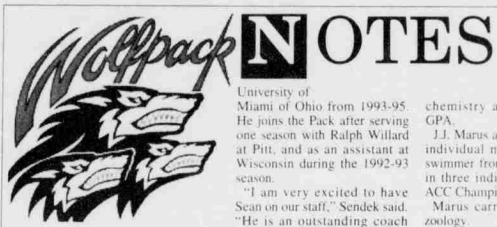
But that just makes last Saturday's championship just a little bit sweeter. Sykes added that since the Ides of March, the Pack has beaten each team who participated in the Intercollegiate.

"It's been a long ways from dead last in March to first in the regional," Sykes said.

Heading into the May 29 — June 1 NCAA Championships at Chattanooga, Tenn., Sykes doesn't know what to think.

"I don't know if we left everything we had up there or if the momentum follow us into the tournament," Sykes said. "We can't afford to stumble."

Unlike Williams' ballad, the Wolfpack hope they have little something extra left in the Range Rover ride to Tennessee.



SPORTS STAFF REPORT

Sendek looks to the future by hiring a face from the past

Former University of Pittsburgh (Pitt) standout and current Pitt assistant coach Sean Miller has accepted an assistant coach position with his former boss, N.C. State head coach Herb Sendek.

Miller served under Sendek at the

University of Miami of Ohio from 1993-95. He joins the Pack after serving one season with Ralph Willard at Pitt, and as an assistant at Wisconsin during the 1992-93 season.

"I am very excited to have Sean on our staff," Sendek said. "He is an outstanding coach and recruiter. With his knowledge of our system, he will make the transition quickly."

State athletes garner Academic All-America Honors

Two State athletes have been named to the 1996 CoSIDA/GTE Academic All-America third team for the fall/winter of late sports.

Joe Wirgau, a sophomore on the

Wolfpack cross country squad, was also All-ACC.

Wirgau, from Clifton Park, N.Y., is majoring in chemistry and carries a 3.976 GPA.

J.J. Marus a sophomore freestyle, individual medley and butterfly swimmer from Greensboro finished in three individual events at the ACC Championships.

Marus carries a 3.913 GPA in zoology.

Wolfpack runners torch competition in Atlanta

State athletes tired well last week at the Georgia Tech-Reebok Invitational at the George C. Griffin Track at Georgia Tech.

Freshman Shirlene Armstrong jumped 41.00/50 for a provisional

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# Opinion

## Spending's up, party down

Student Government wasted money on an extravagant celebration.

Parties and banquets abound this time of year. Graduation and the semester's end encourages student groups to gather and honor their own with dinners and awards. Often student fees pay for part or all of these celebrations.

How much of your money should be spent on a party for just a handful of students, their dates and their parents? \$500? \$1000? Recently, Student Government spent \$4000 of student fees on its end-of-the-year celebration.

The dinner was held at the Velvet Cloak Inn, an extravagant choice by college student standards. Fifty plaques cost \$20 each, totaling \$1000; plaques could be found for about \$15. A compact disk player wouldn't do for music — the band cost \$500. Around 140 people received awards, ate dinner and listened to music at a cost of \$28.57 per person. Some who attended the banquet aren't even N.C. State students.

Your leaders spent \$4000 of your student fees on themselves. That amount is simply outrageous. All year, Student Government preached

thriftiness and lower student fees. Then at the end of the term, members blew a chunk of students' money on a ridiculous display of excess.

In contrast to the cost of this exorbitant party, Technician held an end-of-the-semester party with a budget of \$701.47 or \$17.53 per person. Dinner cost \$13.75 per person, award winners got plaques costing \$14.29 plus tax each and there was no band. Since 90 percent of Technician money comes from ad revenue, NCSU students paid only \$1.75 per person. Seems a little more reasonable, don't you think?

To its credit, Student Government voted to reduce the money allotted for next year's banquet to \$2500. But leaders should have thought of the banquet's high cost before the party was over. This campus is populated with students who watch every penny to make ends meet. Instead of using only student fees for their celebrations, Student Government should consider replacing or supplementing the party fund with donations or money from fundraisers. Student Government should take a tip from constituents and make sure it doesn't spend so extravagantly next year.

## Hats off to good instructors

Technician recognizes outstanding instructors.

The spring semester brought changes to N.C. State. Snapple machines are in buildings around campus. Classes were canceled one day because of snow.

During these changes, professors have been a positive force on campus. They spread expert knowledge and consummate wisdom and conduct research while focusing on students.

Many instructors smoothed the educational path for overworked students. Their enthusiasm for their subjects sparked interest in fields students never encountered before. Difficult concepts became easier to understand and conventional ways of looking at the world were challenged. Technician cites a few exemplars of

outstanding instruction:

- Anne Burdick, graphic design
- Robert Entman, communication
- Joseph Hobbs, history
- Ronald Kuhr, entomology
- Kent Lioret, Spanish
- Fred McClure, biological and agricultural engineering
- Ron Mimms, university transition program
- Pamela Price, geology
- Don Ridgeway, statistics
- Sylvia Smith, German
- Cat Warren, English

These instructors, along with others, are models of good instruction at NCSU. Their work often goes unnoticed and now is an opportune time to thank them.

## About last paper ...

A rogue editorial causes confusion in our readers and our staff.

In our last edition of the spring semester, an editorial appeared on this page blasting a former Technician editor-in-chief. This editorial was placed on the page by

unknown person(s) after production on that day's paper was finished. The editorial was not and is not the stance of Technician or its' editorial board. Editorials running today are the ones that were taken off the page.

Technician apologizes to Jean Lorscheider, the target of the rogue editorial, and to our readers for any confusion and inconvenience.

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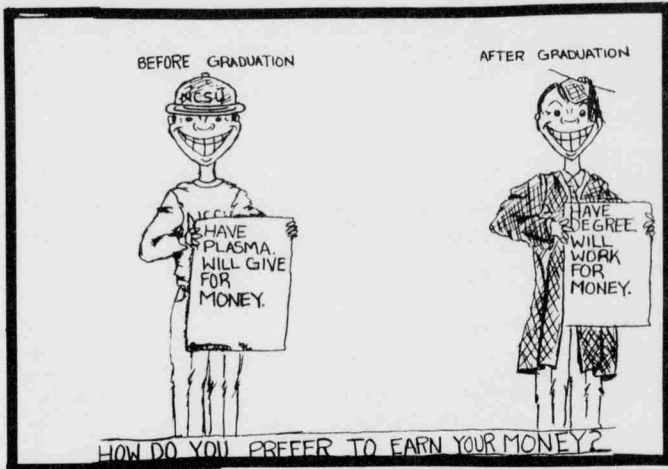
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## Commentary

### Saving now will mean big bucks later

Another N.C. State commencement ceremony has come and gone, and graduates must now make earth-shattering decisions.

After throwing mortboards in the air, there are issues to consider: the rental vacancy rate in Raleigh is 1 percent, which has driven apartment prices as high as some mortgages. The price of a new car can be higher than an entry-level annual salary, and an evening out with friends can absorb a day's earnings.

Let's form a strategy for survival. If you get a job in the future, your income will be minimal. But if you made \$7,500 a year in a part-time job while in school, and your first real job pays \$15,000, you just got a 100 percent raise. If you plan right, your disposable income will be high enough to turn into something substantial.

Your impulse may be to buy things that you couldn't afford when you were a student, but resist it. The strategy to getting a solid footing is to make your money work for you so you won't have to work for the rest of your life.

With pencil and paper in hand, consider how you spend your money now. Typical

Chris Wood

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categories are: food, clothing, shelter, entertainment, transportation and insurance. Writing this down creates a budget. The next step is to keep a daily list of expenses. Every time you make a purchase, write it down. Check your totals weekly and monthly. This will let you examine the difference between needs and wants. Cut the wants.

If rent is top priority, consider moving home or adding roommates to split the rent. Dining out is a form of entertainment. Restaurant food is marked up 500 to 700 percent plus at least a 15 percent tip. Watch those credit card interest rates. Many meals will be eaten before the statement arrives and even more will be eaten before it's paid off. A solution is to invite friends over. Even the worst cooks must eat, and joint efforts of friends in the kitchen is entertainment itself. You can be obnoxious in your own place; you can play chef,

maitre d', beer steward or dishwasher. The evenings will be memorable for all of you.

Clothes are expenses that make statements about us, and saving in that area won't apply to everyone. One idea for saving money is going to outlets. Many clothes are there because they are a season old, while some may have defects that aren't noticeable. Another choice is thrift shops. The Raleigh Junior League manages The Bargain Box in Cameron Village and higher-end clothes fill the racks. It's common to find an \$800 suit for \$30 to \$50. Remember, hard work will gain more respect among co-workers and employers than projecting a Madison Avenue image. Spending lots of money on clothes pays your ego, not your bills.

Shelter means different things to different people. If you work eight or ten hours a day and spend little time at home, why pay high rent? Furniture is another image enhancer that can drain you. Renting and leasing are options, and financing may seem affordable. A room full of furniture isn't important. Life damages it. Every time you move, it costs to move and

furniture can get scratched. Consider the function, and collect pieces that don't cost much. Junk furniture is everywhere — shopping for it and refinishing it can be another form of entertainment. Occasional pieces of junk furniture can add class and character to your apartment or room.

Cars are personal choices that can make a statements about your image. They're usually young people's greatest expenses. For example, a \$20,000 car can be purchased with a down payment of \$2,000. When five years are up, the car would cost \$26,000 and be worth about \$8,000. Then you'll trade it in and start all over again.

Old clunkers have personality. If you live close to work, an early 1970s convertible can get you there. It'll guzzle gas, and the seats might be torn, but everybody looks good in a convertible. Older cars and trucks are in vogue and are affordable. Insurance will be minimal, because you won't buy comprehensively. Making insurance payments will be your biggest

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## Military does more than police world

I was walking about the N.C. State campus when I saw a flyer for an organization called "Food Not Bombs." At the bottom of the flyer was printed, "The money spent by the world on weapons in one week is enough to feed all the hungry people for a year. When millions of people go hungry each day, how can we spend another dollar on war?"

The rest asked for support in the form of people or money and a number to contact for further information.

I thought about what it said, and I felt that the group may have some misguided thoughts. I called one of the organization's members and learned their basic philosophies. In a nut shell, members of the organization feel that nations spend too much money on weapons and military power which could be used to feed the world's hungry. This is especially true in the United States, where we have become the "world's policeman" in order to

continue to live our lavish lifestyles of greed and big business. Even though I disagreed, I was impressed by the non-violent organization because they were actively pursuing a cause which they

Lt. Robert Quinn

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I felt was worthy. I'm a member of the armed forces — more specifically, I'm a lieutenant in the Navy and fly the F/A-18 Hornet (Cost: \$40 million, enough to buy 4000 homeless people housing and food for a year). For the time being, I am attending N.C. State's College of Management until I graduate in August. After that, I'll be in the Navy.

Getting back to the matter at hand, I feel that Food Not Bombs' intentions are good, but the theory behind the organization is flawed. The United States military is an effective tool in getting people fed and as long as dictators and warlords are out there, no worldwide "utopia" will ever exist.

Remember Somalia? The country's population was starving and millions died. To bring relief, the world contributed vast quantities of food to help save those who would soon starve. What happened next shows how the world works. The cruel

warlords stole the food and in some cases killed relief workers who were trying to help. The only realistic solution was to send in a force of military personnel, primarily U.S. servicemen and women, in order to ensure that the food reached whom it was their intended. It worked for a couple of months, and the people of Somalia began receiving most of the food. Tragically, the people turned on the forces who were trying to help them, and in an act of gratitude, killed U.S. soldiers — dragging their mutilated bodies through the streets in celebration. Soon after the troops departed, the country returned to chaos.

Examples can also be seen in Iraq. In the North, starving Kurds were about to be massacred by their own government. The U.S. military came to the rescue with "Operation Provide Comfort." This action successfully fed and protected some of the "world's hungry." In southern Iraq, the Shites who tried unsuccessfully to oust Saddam Hussein were being slaughtered. "Operation Southern Watch" was initiated and resulted in a decrease in the violence.

More examples can be seen in recent history, from Haiti to the Balkans, but these are not conflicts used to protect the "lavish lifestyle of greedy Americans." (Not many people became rich when the United States was in Somalia or Haiti.) In fact, they are unselfish, humanitarian acts in some cases performed at the cost of American lives, to help those less fortunate than ourselves. Whether or not we should be there in the first place, serving as the "world's policeman," is a matter for historians. One thing is certain — if we were not there, the world's population would have decreased by millions.

The U.S. military defends American citizens and successfully carries out the missions this country deems necessary. For our country to be effective at these tasks, we have to spend money on equipment and training. If we did not, we would have a "hollow force." I hope the day comes when there will be no need for bombs or bullets, but until then, I am willing to give my life in order to defend our country or to help feed the world's hungry.

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 annoyance, but it's not worth the gamble of not having it. It's the law to have car insurance. Health insurance is the tough choice to make. It's expensive. Big name companies aren't always the best for your needs. It's worth the time to shop through the yellow pages. Rates can be quoted over the phone.  
 When establishing a budget, an investment might be worth considering. The first goal is to save 25 percent of your income. This is ambitious, but you're paying yourself if you invest that savings. Instead of spending money on a car, invest in a mutual fund every month for five years. The value of the fund will double. Admittedly, the hardest part of investing is letting go of the money indefinitely, but it's wisest to invest.

You can use the money for a down payment on a house, pay a reasonable mortgage, enjoy tax benefits and continue to make money on the property while doing other things. All for five years of saving and spending wisely.  
 We need to invest because people are living longer. Social security won't be there for us — it already has been used up by the large baby boomer generation. Also we can't count on a company to set up retirement benefits for us. Things are different than for previous generations, and we have to be responsible.  
 Look at the list of a graduate's priorities, mentioned earlier: food, clothing, shelter, entertainment, transportation and insurance. No graduate should do without any of these, and you now have possibilities for cutting back and still enjoying life.

## The Campus FORUM

### Wolfline safety questioned

I am getting increasingly concerned about the qualifications of the bus drivers employed by the Department of transportation at N.C. State. I have been riding the Wolfline for well over a year and have been through countless hair-raising experiences. These drivers seem to forget they are driving a public bus and not their own cars. They breeze through stop lights, screech around corners, stop

whenever they please and actually race with other buses! I feel the purpose of the bus system is to provide safe and convenient transportation for students. In my opinion, the printed schedule I carry is well planned and keeps in mind everyday delays such as rush hour traffic. There should be no reason whatsoever for any bus to be driven at breakneck speed in order to "keep with the schedule." I think that either the schedule needs to be revised or the bus drivers need to be trained more carefully. Getting to class on time is important, but not at the risk of my personal safety.

Sheetal Desai  
 Senior, Business Management

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NCAA qualifying mark in the triple jump. She finished eleventh overall. Sophomore Alvis Whitted won the 200 meter dash with a time of 20.51 to earn an automatic NCAA qualifying mark.

State's 4 x 100 meter relay team finished second, tying its top time of the season with a NCAA qualifying mark of 39.92.  
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 Emmanuel Barnes finished fifth in the triple jump with a mark of 52'03.75 to qualify for the NCAA's.

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