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Economic growth to slow in N.C.

The growth of North Carolina's overall economy will continue, but it will slow down through March 1997, according to N.C. State economist Mike Walden.

Walden, coordinator of "North Carolina Economic Outlook," said that the forecasts are mixed for the state's 20 regions. The report, released this week, is sponsored by Centura Bank and NCSU.

Walden said there is no recession on the horizon for the state as a whole, but economic activity will be slower during the next 12 months.

In the past year, from April 1995 to March 1996, the state's Economic Activity Index posted a 3.4 percent gain. The index is projected to rise 2 percent next year.

Courtesy of NCSU News Services.

Researchers experiment with odor-control products

North Carolina State University researchers are beginning their first commercial-scale testing of odor-control products for swine operations, thanks to a collaboration of university, industry and government representatives.

C.M. Williams, director of NCSU's Center for Animal and Poultry Waste Management, said that three large swine operations are being selected for testing of three separate odor-control products.

The companies which developed the products — Spartan Chemical Co. of Ohio, American Aggregates of Ohio and E.K.M.A. Inc. of Miami, Fla. — have entered into individual agreements with NCSU for the objective, commercial-scale research.

Williams said that the products will be tested in southeastern North Carolina on swine farms owned by Carroll's Foods Inc., Murphy Family Farms Inc. and Prestage Farms Inc. These companies provided a selection of several swine operations, and Williams and his co-researchers are now matching the farms with the testing needs of each odor-control product.

Courtesy of NCSU Department of Agricultural Communications.

New law requires soil scientists to be licensed

A new state law requiring soil scientists to be licensed was born of environmental concerns, said an N.C. State soil scientist.

The law, which was passed by the North Carolina General Assembly last year, requires that anyone who evaluates soil for specified purposes and uses the title soil scientist be licensed.

Applicants for licensing must meet educational and experience requirements and pass an examination. The law allows people who meet the educational and experience requirements to be licensed without taking an exam if they apply for a license prior to Nov. 6.

Courtesy of NCSU News Services.

Spangler orders longer academic year

University officials have to decide where to add six days to the academic calendar.

By Jason King, News Editor

Starting Fall 1997, N.C. State students will be spending a little less time on breaks and a little more time in the classroom.

In May, UNC Spangler mandated that the system's 16 schools add six days to the academic calendar to go into effect in Fall 1997.

The current academic year lasts 144 days — 72 days for each fall and spring semester.

To comply with the mandate, officials at NCSU have decided to form a 19-person committee called the Registration, Records and Calendar Committee.

Associate Provost Frank Abrams said the committee will review and consider which days would be best to add. The committee will make a recommendation to the Faculty Senate by October 1 so administrators can reach a decision by Thanksgiving break.

Abrams said there are many things to take into consideration before reaching a decision on which days to add.

"The most important thing we want to do is make sure it is academically sound," he said.

Abrams said the university doesn't want to just "tack on a date here or there." Instead, the committee must take into consideration potential interference and restrictions on possible summer sessions, possible infractions on planned vacations and interaction with some students' necessity to earn

money to support their education.

"We want to try to have the breaks make some sense," Abrams said. "Trying to distribute breaks is something we have to be careful about."

Abrams said the committee would seriously consider starting the semester two days earlier.

"I would not be surprised to see school starting on that Monday instead of that Wednesday," he said.

Abrams said the university would not come to a decision on what days to add as

quickly as administrators at UNC-Chapel Hill did.

"We didn't feel that it was appropriate to just make a change before talking to students, faculty and staff," Abrams said.

UNC-CH officials announced July 5 that they will add a day to the end of each semester, start the Spring semester one day earlier, and hold classes the first day of fall break, Labor Day and Good Friday.

The committee will have five student representatives — complying with a standing university practice to allow

student representatives to help plan the academic calendar.

Abrams said administrators will try to inform the student body about the extended year as soon as most students return from summer break.

"We'll do all we can to get information out at the beginning of the semester," he said.

Chancellor Larry Monteith has the power to approve or disapprove all calendar changes and will make a decision after the committee makes its recommendation to the senate.

Having a ball



HELE TERESA/STAFF

NCSU soccer coach George Tarantini's soccer camp has been a big draw for youths from all over the nation this summer. Thirteen-year-old John Brickhouse is one of 500 people to attend Tarantini's camp.

Hurricane Bertha spares campus

A tornado spawned from Hurricane Bertha caused the only noteworthy damage on campus from Friday's storm.

By Jason King, News Editor

Aside from a downed tree at the College of Veterinary Medicine (CVM), the campus of N.C. State escaped Hurricane Bertha's destructive path unscathed.

While Bertha unleashed most of her destructive force along North Carolina's coastline last Friday, the hurricane's effects were felt in Raleigh.

"It didn't produce any surprises."

Kermit Keeter, National Weather Service

According to Kermit Keeter, meteorologist at the National Weather Service branch in Raleigh, "one of the rain bands that came through produced a couple of weak tornadoes."

One of the tornadoes ripped a portion of the roof off the James B. Hunt Horse Complex at the State Fairgrounds. That same tornado blew over a tree at the CVM, located on the corner of Hillsborough Street and Blue Ridge Road.

"It was short lived — it just touched down and went right back up," Keeter said.

The other tornado caused roof damage close to Buck Jones Road in Cary.

Keeter said the tornadoes produced wind speeds between 90 to 100 mph, but the actual hurricane only produced infrequent wind gusts up to 45 mph.

Keeter said the effects from the storm were expected. "It didn't produce any surprises," he said.

The hurricane also dumped one to two inches of rain on Wake County, Keeter said.

Dividing pension can be hassle

Two professors have found that judges often divide pension funds unfairly between divorcing couples.

NEWS STAFF REPORT

When a couple divorces, splitting up the cash, the furniture and the value of the house usually is not too difficult. But fairly dividing a pension fund — often one of the couple's largest assets — can be quite tricky.

Two North Carolina State University professors have found that courts across the nation routinely split pensions in ways that cost the dependent spouse, usually the woman, part of her fair share.

"In fact, what is perceived by courts to be an equal distribution is apt to be neither equal nor equitable," said J.C. Poindexter, a professor of business at NCSU.

His colleague, David Baumer, said that pension valuations are highly complex and only recently have come before courts in large numbers. "So it's not surprising that this issue has not been adequately dealt with by many courts," said Baumer, who is also a professor of business.

"Failure by the court to consider possible, in many cases likely, adjustments can result in a serious underestimation of the value of the pension."

Baumer and Poindexter are referring to what is known as a defined benefit pension plan: the employer guarantees a payout after the employee retires, based on the employee's salary level, years of service and retirement age.

There are two methods that judges use for dividing these pensions between divorcing couples:

based on how many years the couple was married, or

• calculating an amount of cash or property the pension-holder must give the dependent spouse at the time of divorce.

It is the second method — known as immediate offset — that often leaves the dependent spouse with the short end of the pension stick, according to Baumer and Poindexter.

The inequity results because judges often assume that the value of the dependent spouse's share of the pension reflects a known set of future benefit payments. But the reality is that often there are adjustments — cost of living increases, for example — made to pensions, which cause the level of benefits to increase a great deal between the dates of divorce and retirement. Failure to recognize this can cost the dependent spouse thousands of dollars.

Courtesy of NCSU News Services.

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Cheerleaders head to Atlanta

Some of N.C. State's finest cheerleaders will join the world's best athletes in Atlanta Friday.

NEWS STAFF REPORT

N.C. State cheerleaders chanted, stomped and flipped their way right into the 1996 Centennial Olympic Games Opening Ceremony.

Thirty NCSU cheerleaders will perform as members of the world's largest cheerleading team on Friday, July 19, at Olympic Stadium in Atlanta, Ga.

About 400 cheerleaders from 15 to 20 colleges nationwide were selected to participate. Cheerleading teams were invited by Olympic officials to

qualify for the event by submitting videotapes of their team members performing complex stunts and routines that included gymnastics, pyramids and basket tosses, said Cathy Buckley, NCSU head cheerleading coach.

NCSU cheerleaders began practicing July 6 with other teams in preparation for the opening ceremony performance. The Opening Ceremony is scheduled to be aired at 8:30 p.m. July 19 on NBC, Buckley said.

The modern Olympics is in its centennial year and will run through August 4. Courtesy of NCSU News Services.



FILE PHOTO

Thirty NCSU cheerleaders will help open the Olympics.

'Dateline NBC' quotes Bertha as 'fun,' 'adventurous'

By CLARENCE MOYE
EDITOR AT LARGE

Last Sunday night, after hours of cleansing the yard of debris from Hurricane Bertha, I kicked back on the sofa in my home in Eastern North Carolina (no summer school for me, you fools) and watched my favorite news magazine show, "Dateline NBC," for storm coverage.

What I saw shocked and appalled me. As is the norm for stories on hurricane damage, there were several shots of blown-over houses and destroyed property.

But what really angered me was that "Dateline NBC" had the audacity, the temerity, the bad taste and the balls to run a story like they did.

Shame on you, "Dateline NBC!" They introduced us to the Joneses, a North Myrtle Beach family who ignored warnings and waited out the storm in their home. Fine. If this clan of 12 blonds wanted to do that, that's their business.

I expected to see their butts sprawled all over the beach amongst the debris from the storm with their hair looking like they had

stuck their heads out of a car window for an hour.

Instead, the family made it through the night without much damage, so I was glad for them. Seeing their house sitting on top of them like what happened to the Wicked Witch of the East would have been downright hilarious, but I have a morbid sense of humor.

But "Dateline" showed the family scoffing at the storm, saying it was "fun" and "adventurous" as they sat inside their home during the storm.

"Fun?????" "Adventurous???" Kiss my butt, Jones family and "Dateline NBC." I'll be damned if that hurricane was anything near "fun" or "adventurous."

I was stuck inside my house for 12 hours with no phone, power, cable, TV or air conditioning. That was "fun" to the Joneses of North Myrtle Beach. They sounded like they wanted to sell tickets to the event of the year.

We officially lost power at 7:45 p.m., right in the middle of watching "Goodfellas" for the 139th time. Needless to say, I was pissed.

It was right at the good part, too, where Joe Pesci shoots the waiter

kid (whose name, even after 139 times, I can't remember) for telling him to "go f--- yourself." That was funny to me, morbid humor and all.

We sat in the near dark for a few minutes until my mom announced that she was going to light some candles. She proceeded to light 496 individual candles until the place looked like it was on fire. I half expected people to come rushing to the house, banging down the doors, breaking windows and throwing water in to put out the fire. But no such luck. That would have been "fun" and "adventurous," because then we could have sued their asses and made a fortune.

After my mom lit the candles, I decided to re-read John Grisham's "A Time to Kill" to beef up on it so I'll be armed with criticisms for the movie.

Reading Grisham's first book took all of 45 minutes, so I decided to play with candle wax. I just love how you can roll it around the outer edge and watch it reform. (I'm a pyromaniac, if you haven't guessed).

As I was playing with the candle, I sneezed and spilled wax all over



TECHNICIAN FILE PHOTO

What's in a name? When it comes to hurricane damage, it all looks the same.

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What's happening

<p>Today</p> <p>PERFORMANCE — The International Choreographers Concert performance featuring premiers by Lenka Flory (Czech Republic), Maria Rovira (Spain) and Susana Tambutti (Argentina) will begin at 8 p.m. in the Reynolds Industries Theater, Bryan Center on Duke West Campus.</p>	<p>Thursday</p> <p>MOVIE — "Love Story" is playing at the Campus Cinema in the Witherspoon Student Center at 8 p.m. for FREE and is open to all NCSU students and staff with current I.D.'s. For more information, call 515-5146.</p>	<p>Friday</p> <p>MOVIE — "Shall We Dance," this week's featured film of the summer's Movies on the Lawn series, stars Ginger Rogers and Fred Astaire as dancers who pretend to have a romance for publicity. It's not hard to see where the complications will arise. Showtimes are 7 p.m. (inside) and 9 p.m. (outside). Bring a blanket or a chair — we'll have the popcorn. Admission is \$3. For more information, call 839-6262.</p>	<p>Prince William. Costs \$2 for RESERVED seating. Depart from Student Center at 6:15 p.m. Game starts at 7 p.m.</p>
<p>Monday</p> <p>BALLGAME — UAB Special Activity: The Durham Bulls versus</p>	<p>Friday</p> <p>MOVIE — "Basic Instinct" is playing at the Campus Cinema at 8 p.m. FREE to all NCSU students and staff with current I.D.'s.</p>		

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Melvin on her way to Pack greatness

■ The junior liked what she saw in N.C. State. Now N.C. State likes what it sees in her.

By KEVIN BREWER
CORRESPONDENT

Much of who Chastity Melvin is as a basketball player can be traced to March 4, 1991.

On that day, the 14-year-old Melvin and her family watched the ACC Championship game in Fayetteville's Cumberland County Memorial Arena. North Carolina State University's inside combination of Sharon Manning and Rhonda Mapp scored 47 of the team's 84 points for a 23-point victory. Manning, who had 30 points and 19 rebounds, was named Tournament MVP.

"I thought they were the best players in the world," Melvin says. "After that, I wanted to go to State. I saw how they played, and I knew that's how I wanted my game to be."

The high school freshman was instantly sold. Melvin was a State fan. She even asked her mother to buy her a Wolfpack jersey, but Janet Melvin declined.

That summer, Melvin was playing for a Raleigh AAU, and the State coaches were already wooing her. She formed a close friendship with

State's former Recruiting Coordinator, Cheryl Littlejohn.

State liked what it saw in Melvin, who already knew where she wanted to go.

The 6-foot-3-inch center has been the solution to what was a nonexistent inside game after Mapp's graduation in '92. Melvin has led State to two straight NCAA Tournament berths — its first since '91. But the Wolfpack hasn't won an ACC title since the one that changed Melvin's life six seasons ago.

"I've always told Coach [Kay] Yow I wanted to come here," she says. "But I thought [winning the ACC title] was going to be easier when I saw them win it."

Now Melvin practices against them.

She is trying to contain Mapp in the Roberts Park Women's Summer League this summer. Melvin mustered six points for her Posse in a losing effort last Tuesday, while Mapp led her Dream Team with nine.

Melvin also regularly goes one-on-one with Manning when they work at Yow's summer camp together.

"She's just so smooth," Melvin says. "I really want my game to be like Sharon's."

This season, whether State wins the ACC Championship or not

depends largely on Melvin. The 1996-'97 team could be State's strongest since '91, but its depth is outside, not inside.

So this is where Melvin's game lies now. She is not where her idols were yet, but she could be very soon. She could be even better.

Offense

During her freshman season, Melvin was able to get the ball easily with Kolleen Kreul passing from the high post. Her average of 16.4 points and seven rebounds per game earned her Freshman of the Year honors.

Last season, although she averaged 16 points and eight rebounds, Melvin had a harder time finding easy baskets.

Her biggest assets are her athletic ability and her natural affinity for the game.

"I have to be more physical with Chastity because she's such a strong player," Mapp says. "She has to have more moves and be more creative on offense."

Yow, who is currently recruiting in Portland, Ore., says Melvin's shooting touch, her size and her ability to run the floor are her strong points — the parts of the game you can't teach.

Melvin was also one of the top offensive rebounders in the ACC last season with four per game.

"The first thing I would like to see from Chastity is playing with great strength — to excel in the weight room and be in top conditioning," says Yow.

The key improvement areas for Melvin, Yow says, are her low post moves, especially with her back to basket, and face-up shooting with great range. Melvin has been working on improving her range this summer, all the way past the three-point line.

Rising senior guard Jennifer Howard, one of the best three-point shooters in the nation, says the coaching staff gave the team a goal this season: to hit 1,000 three-pointers.

"She's reaching that," Howard

says. "She wants to add more to her game, and she can shoot it."

Defense

Mapp says Melvin's defense may already be where it should be. Against Mapp's team last week, Melvin had a number of steals in the low post and in the open court.

"It's not that her defense is bad, but that's what she's been working on," Howard says. "Getting better."

Yow says it's Melvin's defensive footwork and homework that need attention.

Melvin has been one of the best — if not the best — post defenders in the ACC during her first two years.

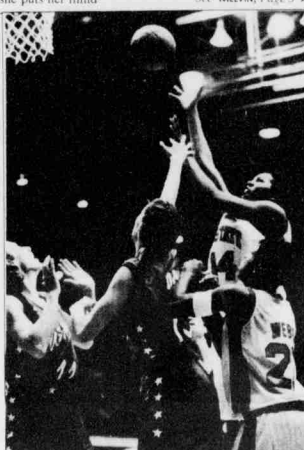
Rising sophomores Payton Black of Duke and Demya Walker of Virginia are emerging, but Melvin is ahead of them.

Intangibles

Manning says there is no limit to Melvin's game if she puts her mind

TECHNICIAN FILE PHOTO

Melvin (No. 44) squared off with the best in November against the women's U.S. National team at Reynolds Coliseum. Melvin improves her low post and outside game, ergo her game this summer in Roberts Park Women's Basketball Summer League.



The young (Umeki Webb, left) meets the restless (Rhonda Mapp) in Roberts Park Women's Summer Basketball League. Games are held every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday until Aug. 10. For more information call, 831-6830.

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Extra days mean extra work

■ N.C. State students will spend some extra days in the classroom, thanks to a UNC System mandate.

UNC System President C.D. Spangler mandated that all schools in the UNC System have 150 days of classes in the 1997-98 academic calendar. Now the N.C. State administration has the challenge of designing a calendar to best accommodate the extra six days — and they have some interesting ideas to look at.

The administrators aren't going to have an easy time making this decision. They are considering the effects of numbers of consecutive class days on overall student health, any possible impact on the summer sessions, and the fact that many students have to work to pay for school and living expenses.

Some suggestions considered could anger many people on campus. The suggestion of half-day classes on Saturdays or altering or eliminating fall and spring breaks should elicit some comments from students, faculty and staff.

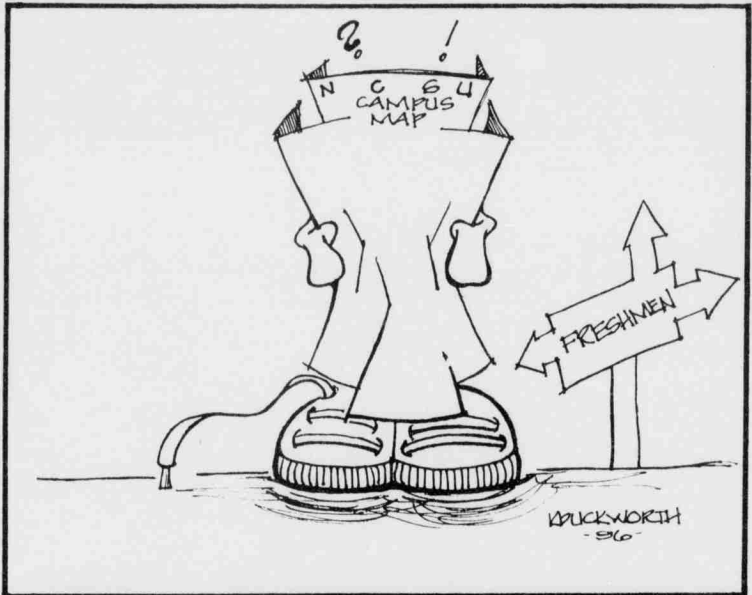
Five days of classes per week is sufficient. Many students work on weekends or use that time to catch up

on their studies. Schools in the mountains tried the half-day Saturday classes to help make up time missed due to snow. No one showed up. Saturday is a day to relax and get ready for Monday — not to go to classes.

Any attempt to decrease or eliminate fall or spring breaks would lead to serious protests from many people on campus. These breaks are valuable time off needed by students and instructors to prepare for the rest of the semester. University staff uses the time to fix things and work on projects without having people travel through their work space.

The best suggestion is to start the semesters on a Monday instead of mid-week, as has been done in the past. This will work best for the students and, in the end, the university. The university will not have to do much extra planning, only plan in advance.

There is no way NCSU will be able to avoid adding the extra days mandated by Spangler. But the university administration should do what is best — for the students, faculty and staff.



Commentary

Bertha shatters old myths and a few egos

Open mouth. Insert

That's pretty much the procedure I was engaged in last Friday around 7 p.m. while driving into a hurricane that was pummeling eastern North Carolina. You see, about six months ago, I remember telling a friend that everybody in my hometown that would be Richlands, N.C.; also known as the Town of Massive Hog Waste Spillage) were fools because they always go off the deep end when the weather man (synonymous for pompous idiot — I'm serious, look it up in the dictionary) tells them that some disgruntled weather system is heading their way. They automatically raid the Piggly Wiggly of all canned goods, batteries and ready to eat foods. Then they proceed to take the bread aisle like Grant took Richmond. We usually lose at least a couple of clerks in all the madness, but those are easily replaced, with what all the extra revenue and all.

Are these people thinking? If two snowflakes hit the ground, the whole crowd goes into mass hysteria and starts listening to the emergency broadcast channel while pummeling their neighbors for that last slice of Sunbeam. If I'm in a storm, the last thing I want to eat are beanies and weenies and dried up, crusty bread.

The people in my hometown really are fools, but ironically, I'm the King Idiot. And I owe this revelation (OK, I was the

only one who found it a revelation, everyone else figured it out a long time ago) to Bertha, which by the way, startled a few people itself. The front-page headline in the News & Observer on Friday read something like "Bertha loses punch." Everybody thought she had fizzled. But as the day went on, she mustered together all her might until she was a juggernaut of wind and water.

And this is where I come in the picture. About 5 p.m. I found myself driving to Richlands from Raleigh transporting my mother, my cousin and her 16-year-old daughter. Forget the "why" to this one, it would take too long to explain. The point is, we were driving into the path of the hurricane, which as I understand it, is usually the opposite of what some people endeavor to do. We knew something was up when we got to Warsaw, N.C. and saw trees and power lines flying around us. Things became progressively worse the closer we got to home. Trees were uprooted everywhere and crashed into anything in their way. Pecan trees seemed to be especially susceptible to high winds as they splintered like bad Popsicle sticks.

Before getting on with the story, let me pause to discuss an interesting side note. If you're driving home in a hurricane, and you live in a town full of rednecks (like me for instance), it's extremely easy to tell when you get close to the hometown. All the rednecks sitting at home are just a

hankern' to get out and see what kind of damage the straight line winds and tsunamis and the like are doing. So instead of waiting until the storm is over, they load up the wife (Bessy Sue) and kids (John Boy, Leroy, Earl) and second cousin/brother-in-law (Joe Bob) into the '67 Pinto. Then they proceed to tour the neighborhood hooting and hollering when they see a scene of massive destruction. Sometimes the wind and rain causes them to get in an accident too, but then there's just more damage to revel in. Besides, they always take along an Igloo cooler full of cool ones just in case they get stranded (or to have along the way, whichever comes first).

Eventually we got home, where I soon found the joys of life in a hurricane. Forget all those stories you've heard about how much fun hurricane parties are. Turns out that when winds knock trees into electric lines, the power goes out. Even worse, zero power equals zero television. Apparently it's also difficult to cook without electric juice. No TV, no warm food, no lights — welcome to hell, Bubba. Suddenly, it occurred to me why people raid the bread aisle.

So, after two days of eating cold cereal (until the lack of power to the fridge caused the milk to curdle) and occupying my time by sitting under the bed in the fetal position humming old 60s television theme songs, I began to realize how utterly stupid I was for tempting Mother Nature, not to mention her kid sister Bertha. From now on, my motto will be the same as the Boy Scouts: Always be prepared. Heck, busting heads at the grocery store can't be all bad.

Chris Baysden



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■ Participate in the campus-wide summer blood drive to be held August 6 and 7.

The annual campus-wide summer blood drive will take place on August 6-7 from 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. in the University Student Center Ballroom. This year's theme is "Be a Champion," and a goal of 700 units of blood has been set. Your help is needed to reach this goal.

Everyone feels a certain amount of invincibility; however, you or someone in your family or group of friends may require a blood transfusion sometime soon. A simple cut could lead to a major loss of blood before you can reach a doctor or hospital. Will there be enough blood when that time comes? That depends on people like you.

In this region alone, hospitals require 1,600 units of blood each day. The 700-unit goal of the North Carolina State University summer blood drive is less than half a day's supply. It will take two days to gather and 12 hours or less to use.

Your assistance is crucial because the need for blood is so great. Many people say they just don't have time to donate or don't like needles. But when they're lying in an emergency

room needing unit after unit of blood, will they look back and wish they'd found the time? Will you find yourself wishing the same for yourself or someone you love?

"Them" is a word you use to refer to any and everyone but yourself. In this case, each and every one of us is part of "them." It may well be your own life that you save — your own future that you protect. You could end up being your own champion. Are you too busy or too scared to save your own life? It makes all the excuses seem lame, doesn't it?

The blood drive has made every effort to make it easy for you to donate, with hours both before and after classes. Donors will be provided with food and drink, and NCSU employees will be provided with non-leave time to participate.

Perform an act of kindness and be a champion to someone who needs you. Give blood and save a life; encourage your family and friends to give.

The students, faculty and staff at NCSU are here to help shape the future. Don't let it be said that people were excluded from seeing and helping that future because we were too busy to do our small part to ensure their future. Watch for the blood drive posters on campus or pre-register at 515-4398.

Voters need to scrutinize economic policies

As the November elections approach, many eyes will be on the presidential election. Battles will be waged over the same worn-out issues that have been raised in every major election in modern times. Ultimately, the winner will be the candidate with the best sound bites or the slickest speech writers. The North Carolina gubernatorial and General Assembly races will feature the same bickering between Republicans and Democrats that has occurred before. We, the voters, with a civic duty to elect the candidate who we feel best serves our needs, are caught in the crossfire.

People scream about abortion rights and homosexual marriages. The environmental wackos swear that the sky is falling. You should wonder how much it will cost you. What most people overlook at election time is simple economics. The General Assembly has been fighting what seems like a holy war over the state's budget. The short session on the budget, which was held a few weeks ago, failed to produce anything of substance, so the Republican lawmakers walked out of the

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assembly, led by none other than Robin Hayes, the GOP's candidate for governor.

What happens in the General Assembly should interest everyone at North Carolina State University. The Democrats in the Senate want to spend \$8 million on planning for new university buildings. House of Representative Republicans do not. The Democrats want to give North Carolina's teachers a 6 percent pay raise, while Republicans only want to give up 4 percent. With over \$400 million in this state's so-called "rainy day fund," your legislators are playing with the future economic progress of this state.

Progress requires education both at the primary and secondary levels. Eight million dollars is a good start for building a new infrastructure for this state's future, but it's a far cry from what is needed to secure a foothold for tomorrow's economic success. Companies want the best and brightest that this state has to offer. With more educated people in the state, we can attract more businesses, which will in turn create a higher standard of living for a majority of residents.

An \$8 million investment seems like a lot of money to lawmakers, but because of

their short-sightedness, they fail to see that a bigger investment will reap a much larger payoff tomorrow. Investing in the education of the masses is a win-win situation. It isn't like playing the stock market or trading futures, it's a guaranteed return on your money.

It is the General Assembly's obligation to provide for its constituents. As educated voters, we must hold them to this fact. This November, as election time rolls around, ignore politics and forget all the mudslinging and emotional appeals. Look at the candidates' records. You can find information about voting records and attendance at the General Assembly's homepage. Use the information that is at your fingertips to make intelligent and informed economic decisions.

The N.C. lawmakers and the nation are spending your money. Hold them accountable for their actions. A sound fiscal policy will lead to more jobs, economic growth and a higher standard of living for everyone.

Pay attention to what the lawmakers say and do. Reading between the lines of a politician's rhetoric can reveal a wealth of information for the economically conscious voter. A mix of well-planned social spending programs and timely economic incentives for businesses will bring about a new wave of prosperity for all to enjoy.

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Bertha

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the antique kitchen table. Since it dried before I could clean it up, I did the only thing a man can do in this situation — blame the cat.

Finally, I decided to try to get some sleep. When I finally drifted off around 11 p.m., the storm had passed.

The next morning, we got up to survey the damage. Limbs (trees, not body parts) were everywhere, but we had survived without major damage.

Or so we thought until we looked at the pool.

We have a pretty large pool. Big enough for us, anyway. But that Saturday morning, it was in sad shape indeed. You see, Mom, with her all-knowing wisdom, had decided to lower the water level in case the torrential rains made it overflow.

She, having attended North Carolina State University, did not know that even though the motor wasn't running, the water would still siphon through the bottom drain. Needless to say, most of the water had siphoned right out the bottom, leaving the sides of the liner to cave in.

The "pool situation," as my father called it between obscenities, was our only major damage. But still, the storm did not qualify as "fun" or "adventurous."

So, "Dateline NBC," use a little judgment before running a story like this.

People across the coast couldn't get to their wrecked homes and still didn't have power on Monday morning. Your alarming display of insensitivity was callous.

I'd never have expected it from my favorite news magazine.

And as for you, the Joneses of North Myrtle Beach, I hope you get your fill of "fun" and "adventurous" hurricanes. Maybe next time you won't be so lucky.

Or maybe next time, I'll send my mom down to take care of your pool for a few days. That will be an adventure you'll never forget.

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the position of Executive Associate Director of Athletics. He will continue to chair the Management Team which is responsible for developing and recommending policies to the AD and serve in an adviser capacity regarding the daily operations of the department.

Horning is entering his eighth season with State and he has been promoted to Associate Director of Athletics for Internal Operations. He will direct the University's NCAA and ACC compliance efforts as well as the development and implementation of the department's policies and procedures. Horning will also look over coordination of student-athlete eligibility and liaison with the Academic Support Program for Student-Athletes and the University's Admissions Office.

Walsh will coordinate day to day compliance matters and will report to and assist Horning.

Melvin

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scoring and rebounding.

"She doesn't have the confidence that Rhonda had yet," says Quicha Floyd (1991-95), who played with both centers. "When she gets it, she can be dominant."

"If she gets more confidence and believes in herself, there's no stopping her," Manning says.

Manning has told Melvin, Howard and some of their teammates that she wants to see a 1997 ACC Champions banner hanging in Reynolds Coliseum next time she comes to camp. Melvin knows her game is coming, and she has worked harder in this off-season than any other. But the task of being as good as Mapp or Manning is still a little daunting.

"I hope I can," she says. "I just have to keep working every day. I hope they left it in the gym, so it will rub off on me."



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-The TOL Staff

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