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According to Theta Chi member Rich Balot, the purpose of the event is true to the fraternity's moniker.

Theta Chi is an abbreviation for Greek words that mean 'the helping hand' and we're just doing our part to live up to those values," he said.

Compiled by Dawn Wotapka.

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TV can no longer be referred to as the 'idiot box' because you can currently register for the fall sessions of the "Courses by Cable and Video" program.

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For a complete list of courses offered, call 515-7730 or check out their page on the World Wide Web.

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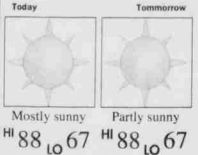
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Outside



Students living in lounges - again

Due to an overcrowding problem, some students must live in lounges or triple up in rooms until more permanent residences become available.

By Julie Murphy Staff Writer

Compared to overcrowding problems in many countries, N.C. State's residence hall population dilemma seems small scale.

As in years past, many on-campus residents have been placed in "transitional housing," or what University Housing officials are calling the living conditions of students who will live in lounges or triple rooms at the beginning of the fall semester.

As of Aug. 15, 150 students were scheduled to be placed in alternative housing, as compared to last year's 439 students.

Luckadoo attributes the need for transitional housing to the ever-changing number of students entering the university and requesting on-campus housing versus those leaving campus housing.

The combination of these problems makes it more of a challenge for Housing to accommodate all the freshmen desiring housing, while at the same time taking care of the housing needs of returning students.

Luckadoo said the department is "committed to be open and honest with the students" and has made an effort to let students know about their situation as soon as possible.

"This year we've bent over backwards to communicate with people," he said.

Peter Baylies, a freshman living in Lee Hall's sixth floor lounge, is one of the many students affected by Housing's dilemma.



Freshman Jason Brown is one of many students living in "transitional housing." Brown currently resides in Lee Hall's 9th floor lounge.

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Students like first-year graduate student Tara Lake have plenty of bookstores to choose from when buying their textbooks.

Bookstores vie for customers

Students should benefit from competition between five area textbook stores.

By Alex Storey Managing Editor

If everybody had a list of the things they needed to have for classes this fall, textbooks would most likely be near the top.

Questions from students abound, like "Why do the publishers print new editions every other year with the same material?"

N.C. State is serviced by five bookstores: NCSU Bookstores on campus, Hillsborough Street Textbooks and PackBackers Student Bookstore, both on Hillsborough Street; and Addam's University Bookstore and Dollins Bookstore, both on Western Boulevard.

It's unusual for a campus to have this many bookstores," said Bill Ryan of Hillsborough Street Textbooks.

Though an overabundance of competition isn't good for bookstores, it does mean lower prices for students.

All the stores said they keep their new book markup around the National Association of College Stores' average of 25 percent.

Based on the findings of the price-checking, the typical student can expect to find only a small deviation in total book cost from one store to the next.

Freshman Heather Hilton bought her books through NCSU Bookstores' Get Booked Early program.

Bookstores are not created equal, and pricing is the only thing they have in common.

Some of the money goes to other university departments for services rendered like the Physical Plant or Health Services.

Another key distinction is the selection of books carried.

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Officials hope students 'Connect' at festival

Connections gives students the opportunity to connect with other students and student organizations — and win free stuff.

By Dawn Wotapka Staff Writer

While some parties offer students the chance to win some lame door prizes, the University Student

Union is offering students the chance to win stuff they can really get excited about.

Connections, a networking festival going on today and Thursday, has more than 200 prizes donated by over 64 campus and local businesses up for grabs for students who register to win.

"We asked them to donate things that would make the students gasp," said Ronald Butler, associate vice chancellor for Student Affairs.

The grand prize is \$1,500 in tuition and fees. Other prizes range from free meals, textbooks for a semester and reserved basketball seats at N.C. State home games.

The event is not only about prizes, however. It's about getting connected with organizations and departments on campus.

The University Student Union invited all NCSU clubs, organizations and service units to set up a table at the festival in the

University Student Center, allowing students to catch a glimpse of what these groups do and where their offices are located.

Butler said because students register through TRACS and don't gather and register in person, they don't get an opportunity to meet, greet and socialize with each other at the beginning of the year.

"TRACS hasn't provided a focal point for students to see one another," he said.

"We purposefully chose the first two days of classes because students will have free time to drop by and connect," he said.

The selling point of this event is the prizes, Butler said.

"They are the key to draw students

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SMA Day offers free music, food

■ The inaugural Student Media Day offers students the opportunity to get acquainted with the people who run NCSU's student media.

By DAWA WOTAPKA
Staff Writer

Except when they are out taking photographs or collecting information, the members of N.C. State's student media usually stay cooped up in their respective offices behind the walls of Witherspoon Student Center.

Friday the media will move outside to Harris Field to give students insight into how the media is run and to recruit new students. The event will run from 4-9 p.m.

Each division of the student media will have tables set up at the event manned with staff to answer any questions students may have. Students interested in applying for a job with any media can also do so at the event.

NCSU's campus radio station, WKNC, has scheduled three local bands to play at the event — the Amateurs, Hobex and the Veldt.

Rock director Andy Cooke said the station scheduled local bands to play because they draw a crowd and are inexpensive.

"We tried to get the bands to reflect the diversity of the station," said Program Director Cliff Arceneaux.

Ole Time Barbecue, Technician and WKNC will team up to provide spectators with food. According to Technician Business Manager Robert Sadler, the restaurant has donated enough barbecue, cole slaw and iced tea to feed about 200 people.

The Nubian Message, NCSU's African-American paper, will provide the stage for the bands to play on, while Agromeck, NCSU's yearbook, will hold a drawing for a yearbook to be given to one winner. Agromeck's new general manager, Jennifer Cesare, said the event would be a good opportunity for students to learn about what goes into the making of a yearbook. "We hope to promote visibility of the book as well as to recruit," she said.

Entry forms for the drawing will be available at the event and will run in Friday's Technician.

Student Media Authority Operations Adviser Stan North Martin said he hopes the event will become an annual occurrence.

According to SMA Board Member Keith Crawford, the purpose of this event is to increase the university community's awareness of the many mediums of the student media — as well as to provide students with a day of fun.

Crawford said that while many people see the media's final products, "they don't see the people working hard to put them together." He said he hopes Student Media Day will help to change people's understanding of the media.

Harris Field is located on the corner of Cates Ave. and Dan Allen Dr. in front of Witherspoon Student Center.

All smiles



Football fever is catching on, and 10-year-old Jamar Dawson of Raleigh is a big fan of the Pack. Dawson and other State fans attended the football team's picture day earlier this month.

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Housing

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been told by Housing that he would be assigned a permanent residence in about two weeks.

While frustrated with his situation, Baylies believes that Housing will "try to take care of [students] as soon as they can."

But not everyone is as understanding of the situation. Many students and parents are not pleased with having to move twice.

"It sucks," said freshman Nick Abraczinskas, also in transitional housing.

Noel Taylor, a freshman in a triple room in Lee, said that over the past month he has received weekly updates informing him of his housing status. Though Taylor said he feels informed of his situation, he still feels inconvenienced because he will have to move twice. He said that he trusts Housing will provide adequate compensation and assign him a permanent residence as soon as possible.

Even though students will be forced to deal with added inconveniences, Luckadoo said Housing is giving those students a small discount on their housing bill.

Each person living in a triple room or a lounge will receive \$3 for every day they are tripled up or housed in a lounge.

"We shouldn't be collecting a third rent for a two-person room,"

Luckadoo said. "It's just not right."

Students who feel inconvenienced by the transitional housing are free to break their housing agreements and move off-campus with no penalty, Luckadoo said.

Luckadoo said he realizes that "we [Housing] make mistakes, but we do what we can to correct them."

Students living in lounges or tripled rooms have been informed that permanent placement will begin tonight. Students not present by 5 p.m. on Aug. 21 are counted as "no shows" and their spaces are distributed among those in transitional housing.

While overcrowding remains an annual problem, there are few possible solutions, Luckadoo said. One option is to return to the lottery system. In this system, all non-freshmen wanting on-campus housing are entered in a lottery. Those chosen (by random drawing) get to live on-campus; those not chosen must find alternate housing.

Luckadoo said another possible option would be to build an additional residence hall, but that would be a last resort.

"At this point, we need to spend more money to improve what we have before we build another dorm," he said.

In addition to recurring problems at the Avent Ferry Complex, Luckadoo says that plans are underway to install air conditioning in Lee and Sullivan and sprinkler systems in all the residence halls.

Wanted:

News writers for the upcoming semester

Technician's News department is currently hiring new writers. If you are interested, there will be a meeting next Monday at 8 p.m. in 323 Witherspoon Student Center in the news room.

For more information, call 515-2411 and ask for Jason.

Connect

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and make them want to come," he said.

Students can register for prizes at Ticket Central.

"To register, students will have to answer a few questions on a questionnaire and then their student ID will

be swiped," Butler said. Scanning student IDs will keep an accurate attendance count and ensure that students register only once, Butler said.

"The momentum we have going is to attract 15,000 students," he said.

Winning names will be drawn each hour and listed on the Arts and Activities

Programs home page on the World Wide Web at http://www2.acs.ncsu.edu/stu_serv/AandA.html.

Organizers said they hope to make Connections an annual event.

"If it is successful, we hope it will become bigger and better," Butler said. "If the businesses are pleased, they will donate more."



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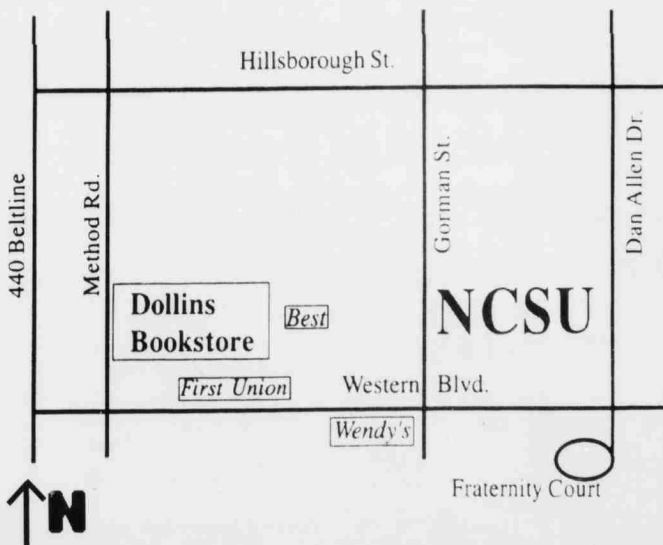
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**What's been happening...
News from the summer**

**Library plans changes
for fall**

While students probably felt like crying when discovering what tuition will cost for this year, officials at N.C. State's libraries were smiling when they heard that half of the \$400 per year tuition increase would benefit the library.

Jinnie Davis, assistant director of Planning and Research at the library, said the library is already planning ways to use the added revenue to improve.

While added funds will help to enhance collections, they will also be used to develop a document delivery project which will allow students to request materials from other Triangle research libraries via computer in D.H. Hill. Davis also said the library is planning on expanding the NCSU Libraries Information System, which will allow students to download entire texts from the computers.

Administrators are also planning to extend service hours at D.H. Hill and the four branch libraries. Davis said the 24-hour trial program that was in place at D.H. Hill at the end of last semester will be adopted for the fall semester.

Davis said she hopes the changes will benefit the students a great deal.

"It's really exciting for us to be thinking about things that make a difference for students," she said.

**University ready to
clean up former waste-
disposal site**

From 1969 to 1980, N.C. State used a 1.5 acre area near Carter-Finley Stadium known as Lot 86 to deposit the university's worst by-products: pesticides, solvents, acids, heavy metals and low-level radioactive waste.

After 15 years of studies, the Environmental Protection Agency and the university have agreed that it is finally time to begin cleanup of the site. However, they do not agree on one of the methods to be used in the cleanup.

While the EPA, NCSU and the N.C. Division of Waste Management agree on how to treat the contaminated soil, they do not see eye-to-eye on how to clean the contaminated groundwater in the area.

EPA Remedial Project Manager

Michael Townsend proposed an expensive plan that would involve pumping and treating the groundwater, while university and NCDWM officials say they would rather allow the contaminants to naturally attenuate, or allow the pollutants to combine with each other and turn into a harmless state.

Townsend said once a decision on what method to use to clean up the groundwater is made, the process can begin.

"A decision will be made as to what will be done in the very near future," he said.

**SMA chooses GM for
Agromeck**

After a lengthy search for a manager that could reverse the financial woes of Agromeck, N.C. State's yearbook, the Student Media Authority selected Jennifer Cesare to head the troubled media's business aspects.

Many students do not know that the book even exists, which Cesare said is a contributing factor to lackluster sales. Only 150 yearbooks were sold last year.

Cesare said that her main objectives would be to raise awareness of the yearbook and to increase sales.

"The only way Agromeck can make a profit is to make it more visible," she said. "It is an excellent product, but it hasn't been marketed successfully in the past."

**Academic year to
increase by six days in
1997**

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 system President C.D. Spangler mandated that the system's 16 schools add six days to the academic calendar, which will go into effect in fall 1997.

Now university officials have to decide where to add those six days to the academic calendar. Associate Provost Frank Abrams said a 19-person committee called the Registration, Records and Calendar Committee will be formed to decide what days classes will be held on.

Abrams said there would be a good possibility that each semester would start two days earlier — on Monday instead of Wednesday.

Abrams also said administrators hope to make a final decision on which days to add by Thanksgiving break.

Books

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carry every single title ordered by professors, whereas the remaining four can pick and choose from a book order list they buy from the university through the state's sunshine laws.

"The competition cherry picks the courses they will carry," said Richard Hayes, director of NCSU Bookstores. The campus bookstore stocks in excess of 4,000 titles, whereas Addam's has about 2,000 titles.

PackBackers has about 85 percent of the fall courses covered, but won't carry books for small classes.

"It's just not worth the effort to carry books for small seminar courses with only 12 or 15 people in them," said Pat Gowdy, receiving

manager of PackBackers. "The campus store can afford to carry them, we cannot."

Some books and coursepacks are carried exclusively by NCSU Bookstores or copy centers like Copytron. A few titles are specially printed by custom publishing houses and some stores just can't stock these books.

Since the best laid plans of mice and men often go awry, bookstores can suddenly find themselves without a title on the shelves. Though the stores try to anticipate demand for a title and stock it accordingly, there are times when the store simply runs out. On occasion, a change will be made in a book order when a professor changes titles or when a course is suddenly added or canceled. When this happens, it usually takes about a week for a book order to come in.

"We're not too far from New

York — where most book publishers are — or any of the major book wholesalers, so the wait isn't too bad," said Caillahauc Romo, textbook manager for Dollins Bookstore. "If we had to order a book from a publisher in California, it would take longer."

But the wait does inconvenience some students.

"I'm still looking for two books [NCSU Bookstores] didn't have," Hilton said.

Another difference is in refund policies. Addam's, PackBackers and Dollins require returns for refunds by Sept. 7 with a receipt. Hillsborough Street Textbooks will give a refund with a receipt until Sept. 5. After that date, a receipt and a drop slip are required until Oct. 3. NCSU Bookstores will give a refund with receipt 28 days after the first day of classes, which this year is Sept. 18. All Stores staple a

detailed copy of their refund purchase receipts at the time of purchase.

Though it's not at the forefront of a student's mind right now, book buy-back is another area where the stores differ. If a book has been reordered for the next semester, the stores generally pay 50 percent of the original purchase price, though NCSU Bookstores offers 50 percent of the current price.

If the book has not been ordered or another text has been ordered, the stores offer the going wholesale price. The prices are listed in large guides printed by the major used book wholesalers: Follet's, Mis-ouri Book and Nebraska Book. These rates are determined by the wholesalers based on national availability, demand, whether or not the book is still in print and various other factors.



**Price Comparisons:
How the bookstores stack up.**

The following is a price comparison conducted by Technician of the five textbook stores serving N.C. State from Aug. 12-14. Ten courses were chosen from various curricula. Used books were priced in this comparison, if available. New books are indicated with an asterisk (*) and should be considered when weighing the results.

| Course and Title(s) | Addams | Hillsborough St. | PackBackers | NCSU | Dollins |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------|------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| ARC 261, section 001 | | | | | |
| •Architect? | \$11.30 | 10.95 | 12.00 | 11.25 | 11.25 |
| BAE 471, 001 | | | | | |
| •Soil and Water, 4th ed. | 55.50 | 51.95 | 55.50 | 55.50* | 55.50 |
| BIO 125, 001 | | | | | |
| •Biology, 4th ed. | 49.10 | 46.95 | 48.95 | 65.30* | 48.95 |
| CH 101(all sections) | | | | | |
| •Chemistry, 5th ed., bundle | 76.40* | 72.95* | 73.35* | 76.35* | 76.30* |
| COM 421, 001 | | | | | |
| •Key Cases in Law ... | 15.60 | 14.95 | 15.60 | 15.60 | 15.60 |
| EC 201, 004 | | | | | |
| •Economics, 11th ed. | 52.10 | 48.95 | 51.95 | 52.00 | 51.95 |
| ENG 111(all sections) | | | | | |
| •Writing, 4th ed. | 18.00 | 17.95 | 19.15 | 25.55* | 20.20 |
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| HI 251, 001 | | | | | |
| •Constructing the American Past | 23.80 | 21.95 | 22.20 | 30.40 | 23.70 |
| •America's Past | 31.70 | 29.95 | 30.30 | 22.80 | 31.55 |
| PSY 376, 001 | | | | | |
| •Live Span/Human Development | 44.60 | 41.95 | 44.45 | 42.00 | 44.45 |
| •Life Span/Human Dev. study guide | 16.10 | 14.95 | 15.95 | 16.05 | 15.95 |
| PY 516, 001 | | | | | |
| •Optics, 2nd ed. | 63.00 | 58.95 | 63.00 | 63.00 | 63.00 |
| TOTALS | \$489.20 | 454.35 | 476.40 | 499.80 | 482.40 |

Note: Not all stores carried books for a particular course. The BIO 125 coursepack is only carried by NCSU Bookstores and Hillsborough St. is not carrying the BIO 125L lab manual or the other two texts for ARC 261 — so these books were omitted.

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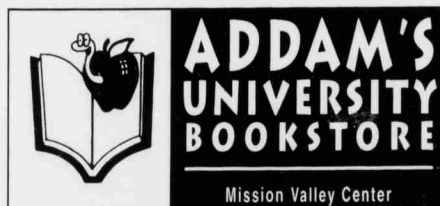
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Russian troops prepare Chechnya offensive

■ President Yeltsin skips town while the Russian military prepares to attack Chechen separatists.

By DAVID HOFFMAN
The Washington Post

MOSCOW — Russian troops Tuesday prepared to launch a risky new offensive against Chechen separatists in the capital of Grozny even as a high-stakes Kremlin power struggle escalated among top aides to an absent President Boris Yeltsin, who was said to have left Moscow for a vacation resort.

As thousands of frightened residents sought to flee Grozny and a hard-line Russian military commander was recalled to duty there, Yeltsin slipped away suddenly for what his spokesman described as a scouting trip to examine a vacation resort in the Valdai lake region, 220 miles northwest of Moscow. The Russian president suffers from heart trouble and there was a new round of speculation Tuesday that surgery is imminent. Yeltsin's spokesman denied the reports. Yeltsin left behind a bizarre public brawl among his lieutenants about whether he had given permission for the latest Russian military moves in Chechnya, where rebels

continue to hold large parts of Grozny after shocking Russian forces with an offensive Aug. 6. As the political and military crisis grows, Yeltsin appears a remote and isolated figure — less than two weeks after his inauguration for a second term.

The latest episode began Tuesday morning when Yeltsin's security chief, Alexander Lebed, questioned whether Yeltsin had personally signed and approved orders to restore Russian control in Chechnya, which Lebed said would lead to new carnage and "a justified outburst of indignation throughout the entire country."

Lebed's spokesman circulated a statement saying that the signature on the orders was a "facsimile" that raised questions about whether it was the personal handwriting of the president.

It was the latest in a series of brazen and unpredictable gambits by Lebed, an opponent of the war who has said a military offensive would wreck chances for a negotiated settlement. Last week, Lebed had publicly demanded the resignation of the Russian minister of internal affairs, Anatoly Kulikov, who is overseeing conduct of the war, but Yeltsin refused and Lebed backed down.

Lebed's statement Tuesday said

he received the orders from Yeltsin only 20 minutes before they were announced, that they were developed behind his back and that they would scuttle his attempts to negotiate a settlement with the rebels, who are seeking independence from Russia.

Lebed accused other Yeltsin advisers, whom he did not name, of "incompetence" and haste in preparing the orders, and suggested they had tried to "manipulate the president's name."

Lebed's statement was extraordinary because it bordered on subordination, suggesting that he doubted the orders were genuine.

It also deepened the cleavage between Lebed, the gravel-voiced security adviser who has said Russia is too weak to resort to force in Chechnya, and the other military and government officials urging retaliation for the rebel capture of Grozny.

Later Tuesday, Yeltsin's spokesman confirmed the gist of Yeltsin's orders. The spokesman said Yeltsin had told Lebed that, in talks with the rebels, the Russian side would reject the separatists' demands as long as they kept shooting, and insisted that the rebels free up the government buildings, road blocks and Russian troops they have surrounded. In effect, the orders appear to quell any chances for successful negotiations.

Yeltsin's statement through his spokesman also replied coldly to Lebed's open questioning of the president's orders. The statement said that Yeltsin's orders to his subordinates are not open for debate and consultations, as are his decrees, which are often fought over before they are signed. "If an order cannot be fulfilled completely, the executor must report about it to the president," the statement said.

Despite the setbacks, Lebed is undeterred and his spokesman said he was still preparing a plan to settle the war. Lebed will travel to Grozny on Wednesday, just as the Russian forces are gathering steam for a new offensive.

Around Grozny, the fighting intensified as Russian forces moved up reinforcements to try and oust the separatists, who overrun much of the city in an Aug. 6 raid. The Russian commander, Gen. Konstantin Pulikovskiy, announced late Monday that civilians would be given until Thursday morning to flee before the Russians launched their strike, using air bombardment as well as ground forces to try and dislodge the rebels.

Helms blasts U.N. in Foreign Affairs Journal

■ N.C. Sen. Jesse Helms has written an article in the journal that claims the U.N. is a pompous organization.

By THOMAS W. LIPPMAN
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Not news: The forthcoming edition of Foreign Affairs, the weighty journal that has long been required reading for the foreign policy establishment, will contain an article calling for a top-to-bottom overhaul and reform of the United Nations.

News: The author of the article is Sen. Jesse Helms, R-N.C., chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, a longtime hero of many people who have no use for Foreign Affairs or the organization that publishes it, the New York-based Council on Foreign Relations.

It's as if Daniel Ellsberg were writing for National Review, or

Martha Stewart for Ms.

Foreign Affairs is not an advocate of any particular policy and says in each issue that its articles "do not represent any consensus of beliefs." But it does stand for an internationalist point of view, and generally embraces the notion that the United States is a global power with global interests and responsibilities.

Helms, while no isolationist, has earned a reputation for taking a dim view of anything that smacks of unnecessary entanglements abroad, and has been especially watchful for any sign that this country is deferring to the United Nations in international policymaking.

In his article, to be published in the September-October issue, Helms argues that the United Nations is a bloated, costly and largely superfluous organization staffed by "bureaucrats" contemptuous of the nation-state.

These are not new views for him. What is new is the forum, which

aides said the senator's staff sought out to expand his audience and make his case to people who disagree with him. Writing for Foreign Affairs signals no change in Helms's attitude toward the Council on Foreign Relations, an organization before which he has declined to appear, aides said.

Using language similar to the text of the Republican campaign platform adopted at last week's GOP national convention, Helms denounces U.N. Secretary General Boutros Boutros-Ghali, who Helms says has "protected the bloated bureaucracy" he promised to reform. According to Helms, the secretary general is bent on expanding the power of the United Nations at the expense of the sovereignty of its members, seeking "the establishment of a standing U.N. army and the power to collect direct U.N. taxes."

Helms notes the Clinton administration has committed itself to veto any effort by Boutros-Ghali

to win a second five-year term, but the senator nonetheless blasts the administration for failure "to nominate or even search for a replacement, just as it has been complacent in the face of his presumptions to power."

According to Helms, the principal interest of the organization's immense staff is to find missions to perpetuate itself. The U.N. system of mandatory assessment for peacekeeping, Helms writes, allows countries "that bring nothing to the table" to make commitments for which the United States is then obliged to pay.

The scope of reform needed "is a gargantuan and perhaps impossible task," Helms writes. "But if it cannot be done, then the United Nations is not worth saving. And if it is not done then I, for one, will be leading the charge for U.S. withdrawal."



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Republicans team up to bash Clinton

■ Dole, Powell blast Clinton for cutting military spending.

By Edwin Chen
LOS ANGELES TIMES

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Campaigning for the first time with retired Army Gen. Colin L. Powell by his side, Bob Dole on Tuesday told the Veterans of Foreign Wars that the Clinton administration has "squandered" America's defense budget, and he vowed to increase military spending and modernize the armed forces.

The Republican presidential nominee also chastised the administration for not dealing more harshly with nations known to support terrorism. And on the domestic front, Dole said that as president, he would declare war on drugs, citing new government surveys showing the percentage of teen-agers using drugs has risen sharply since 1992.

As a starting point, Dole said, he would convene a White House conference on the "national tragedy" and not rest until attaining "absolute victory."

Such policy pronouncements notwithstanding, it was the surprise presence of Powell on the campaign trail with Dole and running mate Jack Kemp that aroused great enthusiasm from the thousands of VFW conventioners here.

Speaking to reporters upon arriving in Louisville, Powell denied rumors that Dole has offered him the post of secretary of state in a GOP administration. "We haven't had any such discussions," Powell said.

In a comment likely to keep such talk alive, however, he said: "Anything's open. But right now, the important thing is to get the team elected."

Powell clearly enjoyed special status at the VFW annual convention. Indeed, the Dole campaign broke with protocol by having Kemp introduce Powell, who received a loud ovation from the audience of about 6,000.

Powell, who in turn introduced Dole, lavished praise on both the former Senate majority leader and Kemp.

He called Kemp "one of the most inspirational men I have ever known, a man who exudes his love for this country with every breath; a man of firm principles and beliefs."

Of Dole, who was gravely injured in World War II, Powell said: "His courage in war was nothing to the courage he showed in the years that followed as his indomitable spirit carried him to new challenges and to a lifetime of service to the country and the Congress."

Dole has often been criticized for inadequately articulating his vision for America, but Powell said Dole's vision is based "on a renewal of our traditional values, values upon which we will rest our future, a vision based on the growth of our economy with the simple goal of providing the dignity and rewards of honest work to every able-bodied American who wants to work."

Powell, a featured speaker at the GOP's convention in San Diego last week, said he was convinced that Dole and Kemp "will be running a campaign that will reach out and touch all Americans."

Dole, as he did during his acceptance speech in San Diego Thursday night, revisited the Vietnam War, noting that he and the VFW had "stood together" to fight against a move in Congress to cut off funds to U.S. forces there.

"I will never commit the armed forces, not one single soldier, without the prospect of victory," Dole said.

Dole, who wore his own VFW cap from a chapter in Kansas, was strongly critical of recent defense spending reductions and suggested that the cuts Clinton pressed through Congress, about 11 percent, might have been deeper were it not for the GOP-dominated Congress that drew "a line in the sand."

Under the Clinton administration, military pay has fallen 13 percent below comparable civilian levels, Dole said, adding that today some 17,000 junior enlisted personnel rely on food stamps.

"That should not happen if you wear the American uniform," he said. "No question about it, we can do better. We must restore our nation's commitment to our men and women in uniform."

Netscape contends Microsoft broke signed agreement

■ Netscape is seeking Justice Dept. scrutiny of Microsoft over possible antitrust violations.

By Elizabeth Corcoran
THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON — Netscape Communications Corp. has asked the Justice Department to intensify its scrutiny of possible antitrust violations by Microsoft Corp.

In an Aug. 12 letter to the Justice Department released by Netscape's counsel Tuesday, Netscape offers a laundry list of ways in which it contends "Microsoft's conduct appears to violate both the letter and spirit" of the consent decree, signed by Microsoft and the government in July 1994. The consent decree aimed to restrict behavior that the Justice Department contended was anti-competitive. By signing the decree, Microsoft did not acknowledge it had acted unlawfully — simply

that it would comply with it in the future.

The eight-page letter, written by Netscape's outside legal counsel, Gary Reback of Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati, argues that Microsoft is unfairly offering computer hardware makers financial "inducements" for exclusively including its software for browsing the World-Wide Web on their computers — or for making Netscape's software "far less accessible to users."

For instance, the letter states that Hitachi has refused to bundle Netscape's software on its laptop computers "because it says that it is prohibited from carrying the product under its license with Microsoft."

A spokeswoman for Hitachi said the company had not yet seen the letter and could not comment on any licensing arrangements with Microsoft.

Brad Chase, vice president of marketing in Microsoft's Internet platforms division, dismissed the

letter's claims as "wild and untrue. It seems more like a hysterical response to some of the early success we've had with Internet Explorer 3.0," the latest version of Microsoft's browser, released Aug. 12.

"There are no exclusive deals" between Microsoft, the world's largest software company, and computer makers, said Microsoft spokesman Greg Shaw.

Several computer equipment vendors, who spoke on the condition that they would not be identified, had differing views. One said the kinds of incentives Microsoft offers are no different from those employed by other software companies. Another described Microsoft's incentives as "strong-handed" and too attractive for companies to pass up.

A spokesman for the Justice Department declined to comment on the letter from Netscape, but did confirm the government has an "open" investigation of Microsoft, which began more than a year ago.

CSU student shoots three professors to death

■ California prosecutors plan to pursue the death penalty for Frederick Davidson if he is convicted.

By Tony Perry
LOS ANGELES TIMES

SAN DIEGO — Frederick Martin Davidson, shackled and downcast, pleaded not guilty Monday to three counts of murder in the fatal shootings Thursday of three engineering professors at the California State University campus here.

Deputy District Attorney James Pippin announced that the district attorney's office will ask the jury to find that "special circumstances" — lying in wait and committing multiple homicides — exist that merit the death penalty.

Pippin said Davidson admitted to police that he shot and killed professors Chen Liang, D. Preston Lowery III and Constantinos Lyrantzis just as a session devoted to his rebuttal of their earlier criticisms of his master's thesis was beginning. Police say Davidson used a gun he had hidden in a first-

aid kit in the laboratory where the meeting was to take place.

Defense attorney Kate Coyne said the 36-year-old Davidson remains emotionally distraught over the killings and suffers from mental problems that were not recognized by his family.

Davidson is being held, without bail, on a suicide watch at the county jail. His mother and sister attended the brief arraignment but would not speak to reporters.

Coyne said she hopes that prosecutors will look at Davidson's life history, drop the bid for the death penalty and instead seek life in prison without the possibility of parole. She said she has not ruled out a plea of not guilty by reason of insanity.

Coyne, who did not dispute police claims of a confession, said that it was Davidson who called the 911 emergency line after the shootings. Campus police found Davidson walking the hallway outside the laboratory, sobbing, carrying a suicide note, and begging for police to kill him.

Municipal Court Judge Albert Harunian set Dec. 5 for a preliminary hearing.

Olympic bombing suspect passes polygraph test

■ Richard Jewell's lawyers have asked authorities to drop charges against the 33-year-old security guard.

By William Booth
THE WASHINGTON POST

The security guard first hailed as a hero and then pursued by the FBI as a suspect in the Olympic Centennial Park bombing last month passed a polygraph test in which he denied any role in the deadly blast, according to his attorneys, who are asking federal investigators to either charge their client or offer him an apology — and perhaps more.

Richard Jewell, 33, a temporary guard whose name surfaced three days after the July 27 bomb blast in the park, has not been charged or arrested but remains a suspect, according to federal law enforcement officials.

A former deputy sheriff, Jewell was the first person to raise suspicions about the green knapsack that eventually exploded, leaving two dead and 111 wounded. But he became a suspect because federal investigators believed, among other things, that he might fit a profile of a "wannabe," a man on the fringes of law enforcement who would plant a bomb only to come to the rescue.

Jewell has repeatedly denied he had anything to do with the bombing.

Investigators, watched by photographers and reporters from around the world, searched the apartment he shares with his mother, his former home and pickup truck. They also have gotten fingerprints and hair samples from the guard. But to date, according to law enforcement officials, nothing has turned up linking him to the bombing.

Senior law enforcement officials say the investigation is ongoing — with other suspects as well — and the apology Jewell's attorneys have demanded is not in the offing.

Jewell's attorneys Tuesday told reporters they paid for a polygraph test to push federal investigators to resolve the case.

The test was administered by Dick Rackleff, who administered lie detector tests for the FBI in Atlanta from 1979 to 1990.

Jewell's attorney, Jack Martin, said, "we're not saying that the lie detector is the end all and be all... it's just one additional thing we can bring to your attention."

Martin said investigators "have not one shred of physical evidence" tying Jewell to the bombing. In addition, a call made to the police 911 emergency number minutes before the bomb exploded was

made by a man with a voice that does not match that of Jewell.

Since his name surfaced, Jewell has been living "literally incarcerated in his apartment," said Lin Wood, another one of Jewell's attorneys. Jewell has no job, his attorneys have said, and might find it difficult to secure one in his chosen field of law enforcement even if federal investigators clear him. The lawyers said that in addition to pursuing an apology from the FBI, Jewell is considering legal action against the federal government, its employees and possibly the news media.

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Housing need changes

■ With students in transitional housing, University Housing needs to make more residence halls open to freshmen.

Last year 439 students were put into transitional housing around this time of year. By November 6, 17 students were still living in lounges, some of them by their own choice. This year's number of students in transitional housing is down to 150, but this still leaves room for improvement.

Every year, University Housing overbooks its residence halls to account for those who decide to live off campus in the fall or those who don't show up. Even though this year's numbers are lower, the problems created by people having to live in transitional housing are large.

Tripping and living in lounges inconveniences everyone involved — those who have to move out, those who want to use the lounges and those living in the rooms.

Housing guarantees housing to any freshman who wants it. But with the steady increase in size of freshmen classes, changes will have to be made if Housing wants to avoid serious overflow problems in the future.

Residence halls currently only available to upperclassmen, such as North and Avent Ferry, should be open to freshmen.

If there are empty spots available in these halls, freshmen should be able to live there. True, they are air-conditioned and have cable and Internet access, and many people will want to live in these halls. But soon all residence halls will be equipped with such conveniences.

The suggestion of going to the lottery system isn't a good one. Upperclassmen who need to live on campus due to convenience or finances might be forced out if this policy was reinstated.

It's true, Housing needs to improve many residence halls. Chipping paint, mold and air conditioning all need to be addressed. Building a new residence hall may not be feasible now, but it will be needed further down the road. The growing student population will undoubtedly demand it.

Transitional housing is an inconvenience to everyone. Sure, 150 isn't as many as last year's 439 people in transitional housing, but it is still a lot of people who already could be living in permanent housing.

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Help gets harder to find as time goes on

Nicole Bowman



Not only is it stylish — it's useful too. It can guide you to most department offices and lets you know where your classes are. If you need to find Scott Hall or a shorter route to classes, all you have to do is check the map. You don't have to carry a map around with you all the time — just until you get acquainted with where your classes are and the location of places you'll need to go on a semi-regular basis. After that just keep it where you can find it. If you plan to get started looking for an internship or job this

semester, the Career Planning and Placement Center is the place for you. They have on-line resumes and workshops to help make the transition to the "real" world smoother.

The leadership development series was also created to help students with the job search. It offers workshops that help students develop leadership skills and qualities that employers look for.

Students always seem to run low on cash. One way to get a loan is to go to the financial aid office. Besides providing long-term loans for college, they provide short-term loans if you need the extra money to make ends meet.

If you pay to go to classes, you should take full advantage of the resources NCSU provides to help you. The first place to go to for help concerning classes is your instructor. Most of them know what they're teaching and have office hours to talk with you. If you can't meet them during their office hours, make an appointment. Most instructors are more than happy to help their students. All you have to do is ask.

Sometimes, you can't get help from an instructor. The Undergraduate Studies Tutorial Center and Supplemental Instruction (SI) are available to

meet your needs. The center can get you in contact with tutors, while SI offers study sessions and class reviews.

One place that is the best help concerning your class schedule is your friendly department office. Talk to one of the secretaries — most of them will help you find out how many hours you have left to complete before graduating or where to find information on how to minor or major in something.

Classes aren't the only things in life. You should also have some fun before you leave.

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Students should use what they pay for

Darwin Nichols



to use? Sounds kind of funny when you say it like that, doesn't it? If you pay for a product or a service you usually expect to get a little something in return. The same should hold true for college education. Another little secret that I would like to share is this — you can't pass a class that you don't attend. (Attending hungover doesn't count.) "What? Sure I can, no sweat, you just haven't seen me in action yet," you say. No, you can't pass and I can prove it. It took me a while to figure this one out myself. The chemistry department here at N.C. State finally convinced me that under no circumstances could CH101 be learned through the process of osmosis or the consumption of CH3CH2OH (alcohol).

While we're on the subject of pre-payment, let's talk about meal plans. Unless you live in an apartment, chances are better than average that you have a meal plan. Once again, you have paid for this service, so why not use it? Save your extra cash for excursions to your favorite watering hole on the weekends or those panicky calls to Gumb's at 1 a.m.

It's very important to always save at least one meal for early Friday morning when you may find yourself not ever going to the cafeteria then cancel any extraneous meals you have on your plan and save some money. There is no reason paying for something that you never use.

Unless you receive a monthly allowance from home or pay your way as you go, then you'll probably get a lump sum of money at the beginning of each semester. Three words — don't blow it. It is a very distressing feeling to call up the parental units

and try and explain to them how you blew your last \$50 on Halloween night in Chapel Hill, when you were supposed to be studying for that big chemistry test.

Take the money and figure out how much you have for each month between now and December. Then take whatever money you don't need this month and put it in your passbook savings account at your local bank. This way your money is not far away if you need to get to it in a pinch.

However, it is a bit more difficult to obtain than if it is just sitting in your checking account. An even better idea is to ask your bank if they have short-term 30-, 60-, or 90-day certificates of deposit, otherwise known as CDs. CDs are a type of savings vehicle that pays a slightly higher percentage rate than passbook savings and checking accounts.

The only drawback is you cannot touch the money for a specified period of time without incurring a penalty for early withdrawal. If you know you are prone to blow large amounts of money in short amounts of time then this is a wise strategy.

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— and his re-election through the liberal media. Hayes is working and fighting everyday for the citizens of North Carolina in the General Assembly.

Thank you for allowing me this opportunity to set the facts straight. I also simply ask that Nichols use facts in his columns, not unconfirmed reports.

George Hulbert
Sophmore, Agricultural Education

Nichols' aims were misguided

I am writing to correct misstatements in Darwin Nichols' column entitled "Voters need to scrutinize economic policies."

Although the title sounds truthful, the so-called "facts" contained in it are nothing more than notions used by the liberal media to frame the news.

Nichols claims that "[t]he Democrats (in the General Assembly) want to give North Carolina's teachers a 6 percent pay raise, while Republicans only want to give up to 4 percent."

While it is true that Democrats want to give teachers a 6 percent raise, it is not true that "Republicans only want to give up to 4 percent."

Nichols also said "Republican lawmakers walked out of the assembly, led by none other than Robin Hayes, the GOP's candidate for governor."

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Open letter about Brent Road

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Larry K. Monteith,
Chancellor

Robert Zimmer,
Student Body President

Nichols

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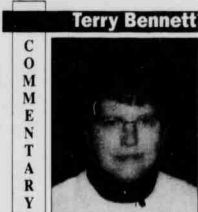
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Christmas in August at the bookstores



Terry Bennett
COMMENTARY

A new semester is beginning and I for one jumped right in and started it with a bang.

Getting to the bookstore was a major logistical feat in itself. The traffic was a nightmare. Cars were bumper-to-bumper on every street leading in and out of campus.

The bookstore was functioning with its usual beginning-of-semester turmoil. The aisles were clogged with first-semester freshmen trying to figure out where to start and how to finish.

People were complaining about the prices, asking where to find

to one and all. You really have to hand it to them. As much as I dread having to go in and buy during this time, I think working there would definitely cause a nervous breakdown.

And like any commercial enterprise, they are short-staffed during the rush. It's something you can count on, like death and taxes.

Another thing I like about going when it's crowded is seeing the expressions on the freshmen's faces when they first see the prices on the books.

If a parent happens to be in there, I'm always glad I've had CPR training. After all, \$120 for one book could cause a heart attack one day, not unlike shopping for Christmas presents.

It also interests me how everyone purchasing manages to ignore everyone else purchasing. I can tell they ignore each other because the four people in front of me in one line asked the very same question when it was their turn.

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Wolfpack gridders out to prove critics wrong

Wolfpack Football

1996-97 Season Preview

■ Few people are giving the 1996 Wolfpack football team much of a chance. That is, everybody except the team itself.

BY JAMES M. LAILE
Sports Editor

Oh, how the times have changed.

One year ago, most N.C. State football fans were anticipating another typical Wolfpack season, complete with seven or eight wins and yet another bowl appearance. Heck, maybe this would be the year to knock off the mighty Seminoles, many State fans hoped.

But something very bad happened along the way, and the 1995-96 Wolfpack 11 finished an astonishing 3-8. Now critics are calling the State program a program in rapid decline. Few are giving the Pack a chance of finishing above seventh place in the conference this season.

And with a home schedule of Georgia Tech, Florida State, Alabama and perennial down-to-the-wire rival Duke, and a road schedule at Maryland, Purdue, UVA, North Carolina, Clemson, and East Carolina in Ericsson Stadium, it's hard not to agree with the critics.

But State coach Mike O' Cain says don't count them out yet.

"I feel really good about this team this season," O' Cain said. "We've got some depth problems at quarterback and at other positions, but all around the players have made commitments to this team. I really like the attitude of this team."

For the Pack to have a successful year, it's going to have to develop some leadership on the field, and fast. That may mean one of the three contending quarterbacks will have to mature quickly.

Only one of the three QBs in the running, Jose Laureano, has any Division I experience. The other two, Jamie Barnette (R-Fr) and Colin Harris (Juco) have yet to take a snap in a State game.

"I think having that game experience [against Maryland] helps me a lot," Laureano said. "It's real important to get that experience. Even though we are all competing, we are still friends and we help each other during practice. It's like [Terry] Harvey and [Geoff] Bender."

But O' Cain contends that the quarterback



The eyes have it. Tremayne Stephens (20) and the Pack came oh so close against Virginia last season, losing 29-24. From there it was downhill for State. Despite being picked among the worst in the ACC, the Pack is determined to turn the corner this season against an excruciating schedule. The Wolfpack begins the season on Sept. 7th at Carter-Finley Stadium against the Georgia Tech Yellow Jackets on ABC. From there, State plays Florida State with the home field advantage (1), Purdue, Maryland and perennial national-power the Alabama Crimson Tide.

dilemma is not over.

"We've got three guys competing hard for the starting quarterback position, but the staff has been pleased with the progress of all three so far," O' Cain said. "They've all thrown well and make good decisions in practice."

If the quarterbacks work out, then the Pack should be reliable on offense. Junior running sensation Tremayne Stephens is looking to mirror his freshmen campaign in which he rushed for 791 yards in just nine games.

Despite not having a mirror image of his freshman season during his sophomore season, Stephens still managed to gallop for

849 — with opponents keying in on him. If Stephens continues on the pace he is on, he will easily finish in the top five of the State record books for rushing yardage.

But more importantly, Stephens, and some of the other State veterans, is ready to take over a leadership role, understanding that the team is young.

"There are great guys on this team like Tremayne, the captains Jimmy Grissett and Kenny Harris, George Williams and Morocco Brown who have stepped up to become the leaders on the field," O' Cain said, acknowledging that the team lacked an on-field leader last season.

But Stephens is not the only backfield

threat for the Pack. Senior fullback Rod Brown and junior Carlos King are as effective as any two running backs in the ACC. And despite only carrying the ball 14 times last year, senior tailback Kevin Matier averaged 6.3 yards per carry.

The receiver corps should be one of the steadiest in the conference with senior captain Jimmy Grissett leading the way. Steve Largen-ish junior Greg Addis finished third last season working for 433 yards while being responsible for punt returns as well. The fastest man in the ACC, Alvis Whitted, will make him the Pack's top deep threat.

The State defense returns seven starters

"The whole team has a different attitude. We're playing as a team."

Larry Daughtry
Junior longsnapper

from last year's team. But to many, that might not be a good thing considering the Pack D finished seventh in the conference in total defense last season for a national ranking of 82nd.

The defense will still be young, but with a season's experience behind them, Junior linebacker Brown has the potential to lead the Pack defense, while sophomore cornerback Hassan Shamsid-Deen has already exceeded expectations.

Surprisingly enough, the most solid area for the Pack is special teams, which returns seven starters and lost no lettermen. This is one part of State football O' Cain or the players are not worried about.

"Guys [on special teams] are out to push each other this year," junior longsnapper Larry Daughtry said. "[Marc] Primanti [senior placekicker] is kicking really well and we've got starters returning to every position on special teams."

"The team as a whole has a different attitude than last year," Daughtry said. "We're really playing as a team."

Anyway you look at it, this could be an interesting season for State football. With the stepping-up of key players and barring injury, the Pack could be on its way to its ninth bowl in eleven years, and back to national prominence. But it may be unfair to expect that much out of this young team, especially with the obstacles and tough matches ahead.

"We're going to have to play tough no doubt about it," O' Cain said. "But it's fun for us and for the fans to play the Alabama and the Florida States. And it will be fun for the fans of both schools when we play East Carolina in Charlotte. It's definitely an exciting schedule."

Exciting yes, but worrisome nonetheless to Red and White die-hards. But O' Cain insists that, without question, the '96 Pack will be better than the '95 State team.

"I feel really confident that we will be a better all-around team and that we have improved a lot since last year. It just might not reflect in our record."

Quarterback situation still a mystery

■ For the first time since 1990, someone named Geoff or Terry will not be quarterback at State. And that is a concern for coaches and fans alike.

BY CHRIS RHODES
Staff Writer

The 1996 N.C. State football team will break with a tradition which spans back over 10 years. For the first time since the Tom Reed era of State football, the Pack is entering the season opener without an experienced front-runner for the starting quarterback job.

The void left by the departure of Terry Harvey is immense to say the least. Harvey holds N.C. State career records for yards passing, total offense, total offense per play, pass completions, pass attempts, and touch-down passes.

Who is ready to fill these huge shoes? The focus has been on three different candidates: Redshirt freshman Jamie Barnette, junior college transfer Colin Harris, and redshirt sophomore Jose Laureano, the only one to have ever seen game-day action in a N.C. State uniform.

Even though Barnette does not possess game experience, he has proven that he has a strong arm and is a natural athlete. In addition, Barnette has rapidly progressed in his ability to run the Pack offense through spring drills and into fall practice.

Colin Harris joins the Pack after two seasons at Fort Scott Community College. At Fort Scott Harris threw for 2,357 yards and had 20 touchdowns over nine games in his sophomore season, numbers which ranked him fourth among junior college players nationally in total offense. A large part of Harris' performance may be based on his ability to adapt to his new team's offensive scheme.

"It is a hard adjustment," Harris said. "By the end of two-a-days I hope to have all of the wrinkles out."

If any of the candidates has a slight edge in the running for the starting spot, the nod clearly has



Jose Laureano (No. 15) spent two seasons watching every move record-breaker Terry Harvey made. Now it could be his turn to follow in a long line of great QBs.

to go to Jose Laureano. Laureano mainly played in a back-up role to Terry Harvey last year, but he did get a start in last year's Maryland game in which he rushed for one touchdown while completing 15 of 25 passes for 205 yards.

In '95 Laureano appeared in a total of six games, throwing for 355 yards and one touchdown, while rushing for a pair of touchdowns. Laureano feels that his 1995 experience will assist him in preparing for the upcoming season.

"It [game experience against Maryland] definitely will help," Laureano said, "it is real important to experience live action."

Fortunately, the competition for the starting role has not been detrimental to the chemistry

between the three players.

"Even though we are all competing, we are still friends and help each other during practice," Laureano said.

The starter may be named as late as the week before the season opener against Georgia Tech on Sept. 7. However, this late selection date may provide additional motivation. Naturally, the players will attempt to improve performance in practice under the watchful eye of the coaches.

"I will definitely play harder," Harris said, "with only one [starting] quarterback, you try to do the best you can with every chance."

Coach Mike O' Cain has implied that the fight

Avent named to lead Pack nine

SPORTS STAFF REPORT

The N.C. State Athletics Department followed tradition Friday. They hired an alumnus to take the reins as Wolfpack baseball coach.

Elliot Avent will be the 16th head coach in the 94-year history of State baseball, replacing State alum Ray Tanner, Interim Director of Athletics Les Robinson said.

"I'd like to commend the search committee for developing a list of outstanding candidates," Robinson said. "After consulting with athletics department staff members and a number of people close to the baseball program, including former Wolfpack coach Sam Esposito, Elliot was clearly the best person to lead the baseball program."

Avent was previously the head coach at New Mexico State since 1989, where he compiled a record of 215-213, becoming the winningest coach in Aggie history. This past season New Mexico State defeated perennial power Cal State-Fullerton twice in a three-game series.

And he did it Las Cruces with just four scholarships and a limited budget.

"The budget [at N.M.S.U.] is limited, but the level of competition is very high. He's competed very successfully out there, including [he] two wins this year over Cal State-Fullerton when they were ranked No. 1 in the country."

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Lineman Walker flees to Volunteer services

SPORTS STAFF REPORT

Darwin Walker, a 6-3, 273 pound defensive end from Walterboro, S.C., has transferred from State to the University of Tennessee in Knoxville.

Walker, a projected starter for the ailing Wolfpack defense, said only, "This just isn't the place for me."

Walker earned his first letter as a true freshman last season after totaling eight tackles and one quarterback sack. He earned two tackles for a loss and also caused one fumble against Wake Forest.

Walker was the younger brother of James Walker, a former State



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Linemaker Darwin Walker

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Watch for Technician Sport's soccer tab on August 30!!

De Avila, Meola and Ramos lead MetroStars to MLS win

By J.P. GIGLIO
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

EAST RUTHERFORD, NJ — It's gotta be the turf. Or maybe it's the smurf. Three times this season the New York/New Jersey MetroStars have played the New England Revolution. Three times they have lost.

Sparked by the debut of Anthony De Avila, the MetroStars reversed that losing trend last Wednesday night in the first Major League Soccer game played on Astro turf, stonewalling the Revolution, 4-0.

De Avila, or "Pitufo" translated from Spanish as "smurf," as he is known as in his native country, did not start, but his assist and goal put the proverbial nail in the Revolution's coffin.

Former N.C. State all-American Tab Ramos, who assisted on De Avila's goal, was pleased with the ammunition that De Avila supplied the MetroStars.

"He showed that he's willing to work and he will pass the ball. I'm sure he'll add a lot more."

Playing without U.S. National team defenseman Alexi Lalas,

suspended for disciplinary reasons by coach Frank Stapleton, the Revolution could do little to counter the MetroStars attack.

Forward Rob Johnson almost stole the spotlight from De Avila, by doubling his season goal output with two scores. But the night belonged to De Avila.

With the MetroStars leading 2-0, courtesy of Johnson's first goal and A.J. Wood's one-time goal off an assist from Italian star Robert Donadoni, De Avila stole a clearing pass from Revolution keeper Aiden Heaney. With the

front of the net open, Johnson deposited De Avila's crossing pass nicely in the back in the back of the net.

De Avila would score a goal of his eight minutes later off a give-and-go with Ramos.

While the Astro turf didn't give New Jersey any problems, the Revolution looked in slow motion compared to the fleet MetroStars players.

"It could work to our advantage," Ramos added he had not played on the surface since his junior year at State against Virginia. "Teams

aren't used to it, plus it hurts like hell."

In a trilingual press conference, MetroStars coach Carlos Queiroz mentioned he was happy the team won but you couldn't tell by his comments.

"We made too many mistakes" Queiroz repeated in a variety of languages.

Keeper Tony Meola didn't make many mistakes in registering his league-high eighth shutout. The ex-Virginia star made nine saves but also got a little help from the Revolution which missed three one-

on-one opportunities.

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New England 0 0 — 0
NY/NJ 2 2 — 4
First: 1, Wood 4 (NY/NJ), assist Donadoni, 12th minute; 2, Johnson 3 (NY/NJ), 17th minute.
Second: 3, Johnson 4 (NY/NJ), assist De Avila, 73st minute; 4, De Avila 1 (NY/NJ), assist Ramos, 81st minute.
Goals: NY/NJ-Meola, 10 saves; NE-Heaney, 4 saves.
A—20,711.

Review: The Sports Summer of 1996

SPORTS STAFF REPORTS

Tanner bolts for 'Cocks job

Ray Tanner, who led the N.C. State baseball team to the NCAA Regionals seven out of the last nine years, is on his way to Columbia, S.C., in hopes of leading the University of South Carolina to similar glory.

"Coach Tanner comes to us with the highest of recommendations from respected baseball people across the country and his credentials are outstanding," Mike McGee, South Carolina Director of Athletics, said. "We welcome him and his wife, Karen, to the Carolina family and we look forward to having him lead our baseball program."

With Tanner at the reins in Raleigh, the Wolfpack won an average of 45 games a year over the past seven years. He leaves State as the second winningest coach in school history with an overall record of 395-173, a .695 winning percentage.

"We took a close look and talked with some outstanding baseball coaches during this search," McGee said. "And throughout the process, Tanner's name kept rising to the top of the list."

Tanner, who is considered one of the games best young coaches, was an assistant coach with the U.S. Olympic Team, where he served with legendary coaches Skip Bertman of LSU, Mississippi State's Ron Polk, and Jerry

Wolfpack Notes

Weinstein of Sacramento City Community College. Tanner served as an assistant on the Olympic Team in '93, and began a two-year stint as an Olympic assistant last summer.

Tanner led the Wolfpack to the 1992 ACC Tournament Championship and twice received Coach of the Year honors — the 1990 ACC Coach of the Year and 1993 Atlantic Region Coach of the Year. The 1993 Pack won a school-record 49 games. Thirty Pack players have gone on to play professional ball after Tanner's guidance, and more than fifteen players have earned first-team All-Conference honors. Two State players from the '96 team, pitcher Corey Lee and first baseman Chris Combs, were selected in the Major League Amateur draft, and four State recruits were also taken in the draft. The highest State recruit taken was Paul Wilder of Cary, who became the Tampa Bay Devil Rays' first-ever pick.

"Tanner is one of the most outstanding young coaching talents in this country," Bertman, whose Tigers recently won its third National Championship, said. "The South Carolina fans will be very, very pleased. He has a tremendous knowledge of the game and really

cares about his players. Dr. McGee and the University of South Carolina have made a great choice."

Mike Gillespie, head coach at the other U.S.C., Southern Carolina, agrees with Bertman.

"[Tanner] is highly regarded by his peers, as recognized by his selection to serve as one of our Olympic Team coaches," Gillespie said. "There's no doubt in my mind that under Tanner's direction, South Carolina will soon compete for the SEC Championship and become a nationally recognized program."

Tanner came to State from Benson, N.C., in 1976, and in his fourth year as a Pack shortstop and third baseman, he earned All-ACC recognition. He received his Master's degree from State in 1983.

Tanner became the head man at Doak Field in 1987 at the age of 29 after Sam Espisito retired, making him one of the youngest coaches in the country.

Tanner is married to U.S.C. graduate Karen Donald, a native of Charleston, S.C. His five-year contract in Columbia is worth \$70,000 a year.

Clark finishes third in Rolex standings

Tim Clark, the N.C. State freshman who carried the Wolfpack golf team to a win in the NCAA East Regionals, finished third overall in the Rolex/Jack Nicklaus Men's Individual Final Rankings. The Wolfpack golf team closed-out a superb year by earning a final Rolex Men's Team standing of 21st

in the nation.

"If you had told me at the beginning of the year that we would finish 21st in the nation, I would trade for that," State coach Richard Sykes said. Clark's ranking rose dramatically after his win in the East Regional and then with performance in the NCAA Championships in Tennessee, where he finished tied for fifth overall. Clark, who hails from Ukonkoma, South Africa, earned a total of 343.25 points on the Rolex standings. NCAA Champion Tiger Woods of Stanford led the way with 619.15 points. Texas' Brad Elder finished a not-so-close second with 467.39 points. Bud Still of Arkansas (320 points) and Darren Angel of Arizona State (288.171) rounds out the top five.

State senior Mark Slawter was the only Pack player to make the top 100, finishing 45th overall with a point total of 137.367.

Clark was the leading point-getter for the District 3N standings as well. He was the only State player to make the 10-man district standings.

The Pack team finished its season with a point total of 237.56.

Assistant swimming coach hired

N.C. State swimming and diving coach Scott Hammond has hired Maureen Blandford as an assistant swimming coach. Blandford

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Men's Basketball

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| 27 | Lamar | 7:30 p.m. |
| 30 | at Memphis | 8:30 p.m. |
| December | | |
| 3 | Winthrop | 8:30 p.m. |
| 7 | Wake Forest | 12:30 p.m. (ESPN) |
| 19 | Central Florida | 7:30 p.m. |
| 21 | at Kansas | 8 p.m. |
| 31 | Arkansas-Pine Bluff | 7:30 p.m. |
| January | | |
| 4 | at Florida State | 1:30 p.m. (WRAL) |
| 7 | Texas-Pan American | 7:30 p.m. |
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| 25 | at Georgia Tech | 1:30 p.m. (espn2, WRAL) |
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| 5 | at Maryland | 8 p.m. |
| 8 | at Duke | 8 p.m. (WRAL) |
| 12 | North Carolina | 9 p.m. (WRAL) |
| 16 | at Wake Forest | 4 p.m. (WRAL) |
| 19 | Virginia | 7:30 p.m. |
| 22 | Georgia Tech | noon (HTS) |
| 26 | Florida State | 7:30 p.m. |
| March | | |
| 1 | Wofford | 7:30 p.m. |
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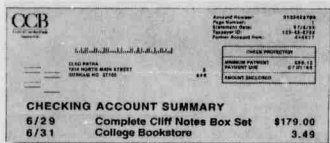
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Turner takes over Vandy athletics department



Former State basketball coach Les Robinson was appointed Interim Director of Athletics by Chancellor Larry Monteith after the departure of embattled A.D. Todd Turner, who left for Vanderbilt in Nashville, Tenn. Robinson (for now) will be the head honcho at the offices in Case Athletics Center. But the search is on for who will take the reins from Turner.

Todd Turner left behind not just his hometown, but an athletics department seeking to find itself.

By JAMES M. LAIDL
Sports Editor

After over a week of speculation, Wolfpack Athletics Director Todd Turner made it official on July 2 and left N.C. State for Vanderbilt University to become the Commodore's A.D. "Todd Turner was our first choice after a thorough and professional national search," Vanderbilt Chancellor Joe B. Wyatt said. "He brings to Vanderbilt a career of distinction and accomplishment. He has proven his ability to direct top-notch athletics programs that help prepare student athletes for success both in the athletic arena and in life." Turner, who earned a degree in religion at North Carolina, leaves his hometown university after six years of work that has been often questioned and criticized. But his improvement of State's academic image through a period of rebuilding and his work in the past as A.D. at the University of Connecticut and his experience with the University of Virginia's athletics

department convinced Vanderbilt that Turner was the man to lead the Commodores.

"Todd Turner is the right person for Vanderbilt," John Hall, president of the Board of Trust and a member of Vandy's search committee, said. "His experience as a successful athletic director at Connecticut and N.C. State uniquely qualifies him for the Vanderbilt position. He comes highly recommended by outstanding leaders in the athletic community."

Turner succeeds Paul Hoolahan, a fellow UNC grad who resigned last December and was recently named executive director of the Sugar Bowl.

"It is indeed an honor to accept the opportunity to direct the intercollegiate athletics program at one of America's premier universities," Turner said. "The University's reaffirmation of its commitment to excellence in athletics makes this position one of the nation's most exciting."

Turner, 45, will make about \$165,000 annually at Vanderbilt, compared to \$119,600 he was making a year in Raleigh.

Former basketball coach Les Robinson has accepted the position of Interim Director of Athletics, appointed by Chancellor Larry Monteith.

Robinson wasted little time in his duties as A.D., hiring former New Mexico State baseball coach and former State assistant coach Elliott Avenet as the successor of Ray Tanner at Doak Field. But the search for a permanent AD has already begun.

Already speculation has begun about who will succeed Turner as Pack A.D. Robinson seems to be a popular choice, and his experience as A.D. at East Tennessee State University may seriously help his chances.

Former football coach Dick Sheridan, who retired in 1993 for health reasons, and who has had personality differences with Turner, is also a candidate, but that may hinge on whether he wishes to return to coaching in the near future.

Other candidates include Wolfpack Club executive director Bobby Purcell, associate athletic director Nora Lynn Finch, Miami of Ohio A.D. Eric Hyman and Jeff Long, associate athletics director at Michigan, who was an assistant football coach at State under former head coach Tom Reed.

Turner became A.D. at State on April 20, 1990 amid the controversies left behind by former basketball coach and athletics director, the extremely popular, late Jim Valvano.

Turner's departure echoes a new beginning for all fans

Thanks Todd, for the memor—uh, we mean the academic improvements.

Parting is such sweet sorrow. The Todd Turner era is over, and contrary to Shakespeare, this is should not be considered tragic.

Turner has taken over the athletics department at Vanderbilt. This is a college that proudly calls itself the "Athens of the South," that's Athens as in Greece.

Judging the degree of the Commodore athletic prowess, I'd be insulted if I were partial to gyros and lived on an island named Crete.

But enough about Vanderbilt's on-field accomplishments, because well, we could cover them in less than a sentence, make that two words—women's basketball. Good



for Todd Turner, I say. He and a private institution go together like Michael Irvin, two topless dancers and a ounce of nose candy. At Vanderbilt, nobody will bother him. I shudder to think of the awesome power that the Cho-

Charlie Club must wield.

Commie Fan No. 1.—"You know Bob, we haven't had a winning season in football in nearly 50 years."

Commie Fan No. 2.—"Great, Fred, pass the pork rinds will ya? I'm fixin' to visit the Grand Ole Opry."

In the end, Turner's legacy at N.C. State will be positive. He helped the school's image academically during a suspect period. However, his ego got in the way of continuing the athletic level achieved in the 80's.

Many Wolfpack fans blame Turner for the departure of State's most successful football coach Dick Sheridan.

In what seems like a distant four seasons ago, Sheridan came down

with "health" problems. Whether they were physical or personal, only Turner and Sheridan will ever know.

The Sheridan snafu, and the recent departure of baseball coach Ray Tanner, has left Turner as welcomed as Al Franken in Rush Limbaugh's refrigerator.

Turner is the only man who could be booed when introducing two of State's all-time sports legends.

First, during Jim Valvano's "Don't ever give up" speech in 1993 or last spring when Hall-of-Famer David Thompson's jersey was hung from the rafters of Reynolds.

If you subscribe to the local media's explanation of Turner's popularity, you should pack your bags and go back home.

Wolfpack fans didn't hate, which

is a strong word but for the lack of a better one, Turner merely because he graduated from North Carolina.

He may have attended North Carolina, but he also worked at Virginia. If Duke would have offered him a job he would have jumped at it.

Turner, has no loyalty to any school, only to the greenback.

As Wolfpack fans, maybe we should thank Turner for being fiscally responsible. But the athletic director should be more than a glorified CPA with glasses.

Athletics Directors don't win games and fans don't buy tickets to watch them fill out checks. Fans want to be, well, fans with the A.D. This is our Guy. Willis Casey was our Guy. Jim Valvano was our Guy.

This is what Todd Turner is guilty of. He is a no-nonsense business

manager. He never related to the fans of N.C. State and it seems to me this didn't bother him one bit.

In the past six years, 10 coaches have left voluntarily, including the football, baseball and basketball coaches. That's a higher turnover rate than Madonna has bisexual lovers. Higher than bad movies made by Pauly Shore. Well, you get the point.

On the grand scale of thing, Todd Turner has life-long dream and Les Robinson has gone from hot seat to the head seat.

It's time to move on. Just as Robinson said when he resigned as basketball coach, all the wolves must pull in the same direction.

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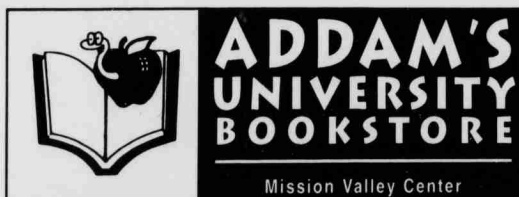
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Is the heat on for O'Cain to win?

■ The 1996 season has yet to begin, but the critics are starting to wonder how the Pack got so bad so fast.

It may be a little presumptuous to think that State football coach Mike O'Cain is running out of time. He's only recorded one bad season since he was handed the reigns from Dick Sheridan, but that was last year's 3-8 season that followed one of the most memorable seasons in modern seasons.

The 1996 Wolfpack is a mystery. The team could easily surprise some people and finish in the usual upper echelon of the Atlantic Coast Conference, snuggling up close to the Seminoles and the Wahoos.

But I may realistically be the only person in the media who believes that. And that has many Pack-backers nervous.

Since the repetitiveness of the Tom Reed years (3-8, 3-8, 3-8), State fans have been used to winning. And at least seven games a season. Granted Sheridan didn't have that good of a year in 1987, but the Pack came back and started the string of bowl games in '88 that did not end until, uh, oh, last season.

The preseason analysis doesn't look good for the Pack. With no guaranteed starting quarterback and a handful of key defensive players gone, most critics predict the Pack to finish slightly above those private institution football powers that are Duke and Wake Forest. Oh, and our school is three times the size of both those schools combined.

Another strike being pitched at O'Cain is the fact that most State fans truly believe that Sheridan would make this current team into a Top 25 mainstay easily. Whether that is true or not, it is true that Sheridan's teams were a regular in the polls.

To his credit, O'Cain took a fairly untalented team in 1994 and led them to a dramatic Peach Bowl win over Mississippi State. But that team had on-field leader and current Chicago Bear Carl Reeves who, though vastly undersized for his position, was the voice and conscience of the team. That was what seemed to be lacking last season en route to a dismal 3-8 season. Someone, anyone needs to try Reeves' cape on for size. O'Cain does have a couple of

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things going for him. One, he's a tremendously nice guy. It's easy to hate Bobby Knight because the guy's a jerk. But O'Cain takes the time to speak with you whether he has the time or not.

Secondly, some pressure will be taken off this season simply because State is traditionally (though not recently) a basketball school and fans are excited and anxious about the premiere of Herb Sendek in Reynolds Coliseum. A bad football season won't be excused, but it could be remedied by the attitude of, "Oh, well. We've always got basketball." It's been a long time since someone at State said that.

And finally, O'Cain has a fellow friendly, yet pressurized interim athletics director in Les Robinson. Robinson knows how it feels to be under the gun, and he'll do everything he can to make sure O'Cain gets a fair shake as football coach. But conversely, after everything that has shaken down at this school in the past six months, Robinson may feel pressure to turn this puppy around. He may need to make strong decisions if he hopes to lose the "interim" from his job title.

Like I said before, it's way too early to judge O'Cain. He's got a lot of wolves knipping at his heels. If history repeats, it will be a good season for State. Since the Sheridan-O'Cain staff has been in Raleigh, everytime the Pack has been picked at the top of the polls, they've finished at the bottom. And everytime they've been picked at the bottom, they've finished at the top. So let's hope the Pack sticks to tradition.

If not, it could be a long season for O'Cain and the Pack.

But at least he's got one person in the media who believes they can get it done.

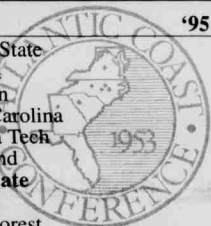
From Tar Heel state to Golden State



Former State basketball player and honor student Todd Fuller (seen here doing his best John Starks impersonation against Clemson two seasons ago) was drafted 11th overall in the 1996 N.B.A. Draft. Fuller was the first draftee to sign with his team, signing with Golden State to a three-year deal reportedly worth around \$4 million. Fuller joins former ACC rival and night club frequent Joe Smith, the top pick in the 1995 N.B.A. Draft. Fuller was the second senior taken in the draft after Villanova's Kerry Kittles. Fuller spent the summer participating in the Fla Summer League and Rocky Mountain Revue in Salt Lake City, Ut. In his four years in Raleigh, Fuller was named to All-ACC teams three times. He finished college with a 3.97 G.P.A.

1996 ACC Preseason Football Predictions according to ACC media

| TEAM | '95 FINISH |
|-------------------|------------|
| 1. Florida State | 1 |
| 2. Virginia | 1 |
| 3. Clemson | 3 |
| 4. North Carolina | 5 |
| 5. Georgia Tech | 4 |
| 6. Maryland | 5 |
| 7. N.C. State | 7 |
| 8. Duke | 8 |
| 9. Wake Forest | 9 |



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Walker

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free safety and a late free agent selection by the San Francisco 49ers in April's NFL draft. James Walker led the ACC in tackles after his freshman season, but was involved in a breaking and entering controversy involving Wolfpack basketball players last year. He was also the only person kicked out of the State-North Carolina game three seasons ago after a fight erupted on

the Carolina sidelines. And before the 1995 Peach Bowl, Walker was suspended by coach Mike O' Cain and was not permitted to play against Mississippi State. Walker's mother said that she didn't want Darwin's career to be dented like James' was. Out of high school Darwin Walker played in only five games as a senior at linebacker and fullback, but he still tallied 47 tackles and rushed for 497 yards and six touchdowns to earn all-conference honors.



TECHNICIAN FILE PHOTO
Darwin Walker (No. 34) fights off the blockers against Clemson in last year's Textile Bowl loss. But the Tigers won't have Walker to kick around anymore — he transferred to Tennessee.

Summer

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replaces Colleen Langan, who resigned in May to pursue other interests. Blandford comes to join the Wolfpack from the University of Toledo, where she was an assistant coach. Blandford was a 1992 Olympic Trials qualifier. She also swam for Hammond at Ohio University and was a three-time All-America swimmer. She was even more prolific in the classroom, earning Academic All-America honors four times.

Athletic department gets shuffled

Wolfpack associate director of athletics Jim Miller and assistant director of athletics David Horning have accepted new responsibilities within the department, and David Walsh has been named the department's Compliance Director, as announced last Tuesday in a released initiated by former Director of Athletics Todd Turner and Acting Director of Athletics Les Robinson.

Harrison decides to leave

Marco Harrison, a rising sophomore on the N.C. State men's basketball team, has decided to transfer to St. Paul's College in Laurenceville, Va. The 6-foot-8 Harrison was expected to be a key contributor on a Wolfpack team that would already be comparably small to other frontcourts in the conference, especially with the absence of Golden State pick Todd Fuller. "This decision is entirely up to Marco's," State coach Herb Sendek said. "We certainly wish him the

best." Harrison averaged just over two points per game last season after enrolling in January.

Fox earns gold

David Fox, a former State swimmer who earned a national championship for the Wolfpack, was awarded a gold medal for his help in the U.S. swim team's record-setting time in the 400 meter relay.

Although Fox competed in the morning preliminaries but not the finals, he was credited with helping the team reach its goal. "It was disappointing," Fox said on not swimming in the finals. "But it's a team effort."

Fox also finished sixth in the 50 meter freestyle, the same event he set a world record in while at State. He hasn't decided whether or not he will compete in the 2000 Summer Games.

Opponents set for Sendek's first season

With four of the top 20 seeds from last year's NCAA Tournament on tap before the end of December, N.C. State's early-season 1996-97 basketball schedule will rank as one of the toughest in the country. State, with new head coach Herb Sendek, will host national powers Penn State on November 25 and conference rival Wake Forest on December 7. The Wolfpack will also travel to Memphis to face the Tigers on November 30 and then to Kansas on December 21. Wake and Kansas were both seeded second in their respective regions during last year's Tournament, while Penn State and Memphis held down No. 5 seeds. State's January and February schedule does not show any drop-off in the level of competition as it

will play the remainder of the ACC schedule, including a stretch of 14 consecutive league contests. In the middle of January, the Pack will play six of eight conference games on the road before finishing the regular season with five of its final six games in Reynolds Coliseum.

Hayes announces tennis recruiting class

N.C. State men's tennis coach Eric Hayes hopes to lead the Wolfpack to national power status. And like all other collegiate sports, it starts with recruiting. So far, Hayes is doing all right.

"This is an impact signing class," Hayes said. "This group should come in and play immediately and will be very important in shaping the future of Wolfpack tennis."

Keith Salmon, of Monroeville, Pa., was ranked among the top 50 in the nation this past season, although he suffered an injury a year ago.

Shawn Thomas from Matthews, N.C., was ranked 70th and attended Providence High School. His teammate, Jeffrey Smith, was ranked 79th in the nation.

Devang Desai, of Grimsley High School in Greensboro, was ranked No. 158 in the nation. Desai was the No. 1 singles and doubles player in the state of North Carolina this past year.

"We signed three of the top four players from North Carolina, which was one of my goals this year. I wanted to sign American players and to get as many in-state people as possible."

"This is a top 15 signing class nationally, even with signing all American players. All of them were recruited by Top 25 programs. I believe these players plus the players we have returning from this year's team will make up a very strong, but young team."

set a school record for wins with 40 in 1990.

"I feel really good about this selection," Robinson said. "Our baseball program is in good hands. The program has gotten stronger under each new coach, and I'm very confident the Elliot will maintain that."

Editor's note: Avent will meet the press today. Look in Friday's Technician for a more kinder, gentler look at your new baseball coach.

QBs

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for the starting quarterback job is clearly up for grabs. As O' Cain waits for the one individual to emerge as the leader of the offense, he has been impressed with the improvement he has seen.

"I am pleased with their (the three quarterbacks) progress so far," O' Cain said.

Regardless of who becomes the starting quarterback for the Pack this year, the real question is will he one day be mentioned in the company of the other modern Wolfpack stars Erik Kramer, Shane Montgomery, Terry Jordan, Geoff Bender and Terry Harvey.

ACC Football Champs

| YR. | TEAM | CONF. REC. |
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| '67 | Clemson | 6-1 |
| '68 | N.C. State | 6-1 |
| '69 | South Carolina | 6-0 |
| '70 | Wake Forest | 5-1 |
| '71 | North Carolina | 6-0 |
| '72 | North Carolina | 6-0 |
| '73 | N.C. State | 6-0 |
| '74 | Maryland | 6-0 |
| '75 | Maryland | 5-0 |
| '76 | Maryland | 5-0 |
| '77 | North Carolina | 5-0-1 |
| '78 | Clemson | 6-0 |
| '79 | N.C. State | 5-1 |
| '80 | North Carolina | 6-0 |
| '81 | Clemson | 6-0 |
| '82 | Clemson | 6-0 |
| '83 | Maryland | 5-0 |
| '84 | Maryland | 6-0 |
| '85 | Maryland | 6-0 |
| '86 | Clemson | 5-1-1 |
| '87 | Clemson | 6-1 |
| '88 | Clemson | 6-1 |
| '89 | Virginia | 6-1 |
| | Duke | 6-1 |
| '90 | Georgia Tech | 6-0-1 |
| '91 | Clemson | 6-0-1 |
| '92 | Florida State | 8-0 |
| '93 | Florida State | 8-0 |
| '94 | Florida State | 8-0 |
| '95 | Florida State | 7-1 |
| | Virginia | |

Avent

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Robinson said.

Avent came to Raleigh from Red Oak, N.C., and played for the Pack from 1974-79 under longtime coach Sam Esposito.

"When I think of State baseball," Avent said, "I think of Sam Esposito."

After his playing days were over, Avent became an assistant coach at North Carolina Wesleyan from

1981-82. One year later, he joined the staff at Virginia Commonwealth. From 1984-85 he was assistant under State alumnus Russ Frazier at Louisburg College.

After two seasons at Louisburg Avent joined the staff at William & Mary and stayed there for two seasons. He then returned and joined Tanner as a volunteer assistant in 1988, a year in which the Pack set the school record for wins with 45. The next season Avent was off to Las Cruces.

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| November | | |
| 1-3 | at Rolex Regional | at Chapel Hill |

| Women's Tennis | | |
|----------------|--------------------------------|----------------|
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| October | | |
| 11-13 | at UNC-Greensboro Invitational | |
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| 1-4 | Rolex Regional | at Chapel Hill |

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Men's Soccer

| September | | |
|------------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------|
| 1 | Belmont Abbey (Alumni Weekend) | 2 p.m. |
| Wolpack/adidas Classic | | |
| 7 | High Point vs. DePaul | 1 p.m. |
| | N.C. State vs. Mercer | 3 p.m. |
| 8 | N.C. State vs. DePaul | 1 p.m. |
| | High Point vs. Mercer | |
| 11 | South Carolina | 3:30 p.m. |
| Duke Met Life Classic | | |
| 13 | vs. American | TBA |
| 15 | vs. Akron | TBA |
| 23 | Maryland (Coaches Day) | 2 p.m. |
| 29 | at Clemson | 2 p.m. |
| October | | |
| 6 | at Virginia | 2 p.m. |
| 9 | at East Carolina | 3 p.m. |
| 13 | Wake Forest | 2 p.m. |
| 16 | at Campbell | 7 p.m. |
| 20 | Duke | 2 p.m. |
| 23 | at William & Mary | 7:30 p.m. |
| 27 | at North Carolina | 2 p.m. |
| November | | |
| 3 | UNC-Charlotte (Senior Day) | 2 p.m. |
| 6 | UNC-Wilmington | 2:30 p.m. |
| 14-17 | ACC Tournament (Charlottesville, Va.) | |

Women's Soccer

| September | | |
|--------------------|--------------------------------|-----------|
| 3 | at Duke | 7 p.m. |
| 6 | Nebraska | 3:30 p.m. |
| 9 | George Mason | 3:30 p.m. |
| 14 | at Washington | noon |
| 15 | at Portland | 2:15 p.m. |
| Wolpack Tournament | | |
| 20 | Loyola | 3:30 p.m. |
| 21 | Brewton Parker | 2 p.m. |
| 23 | Campbell | 4 p.m. |
| 28 | at Clemson | 7 p.m. |
| 30 | Davidson | 4 p.m. |
| October | | |
| 4 | at UNC-Greensboro | 7 p.m. |
| 6 | Virginia | 2 p.m. |
| 10 | at Wake Forest | 7 p.m. |
| 13 | at Old Dominion | 7:30 p.m. |
| 15 | at William & Mary | 3 p.m. |
| 19 | at Maryland | 7 p.m. |
| 22 | Charleston Southern | 3:30 p.m. |
| 25 | at Florida | 7 p.m. |
| 27 | at Florida State | 2 p.m. |
| November | | |
| 2 | North Carolina | 7 p.m.* |
| 7-10 | ACC Tournament (Clemson, S.C.) | |

* at Paul Derr Track

Volleyball

| August | | |
|--|----------------------------------|-----------|
| Wildcat Classic at Northwestern | | |
| 30 | Northwestern | noon |
| 30 | Rice | 5:00 |
| 31 | S.W. Missouri State | 10 p.m. |
| 31 | Kansas State | 5 p.m. |
| September | | |
| Wolpack Challenge | | |
| 6 | Winthrop | 3 p.m. |
| 6 | St. John's | 7 p.m. |
| 7 | Navy | 2 p.m. |
| 7 | East Carolina | 7 p.m. |
| Best Western Invitational at UNC-Charlotte | | |
| 14 | Murray State | TBA |
| 14 | EastTennessee State | TBA |
| 15 | Appalachian State | TBA |
| 15 | Akron | TBA |
| 20 | at Wake Forest | 7 p.m. |
| 21 | at Duke | 7:30 p.m. |
| 24 | Appalachian State | 7 p.m. |
| 27 | Virginia | 7 p.m. |
| 28 | Maryland | 7 p.m. |
| October | | |
| NC State Invite | | |
| 4 | William & Mary | 6 p.m. |
| 5 | Florida Atlantic | 10 p.m. |
| 5 | Towson State | 7 p.m. |
| 9 | at Clemson | 6 p.m. |
| 12 | at Georgia Tech | 7 p.m. |
| 17 | North Carolina | 7:30 p.m. |
| 19 | Florida State | 7:30 p.m. |
| 23 | at UNC-Greensboro | 7 p.m. |
| 27 | at Florida State | 1 p.m. |
| November | | |
| 1 | at Campbell | 6 p.m. |
| 5 | Wake Forest | 7:30 p.m. |
| 8 | Georgia Tech | 7:30 p.m. |
| 9 | Clemson | 7:30 p.m. |
| 12 | Duke | 7:30 p.m. |
| 15 | at Maryland | 7:30 p.m. |
| 16 | at Virginia | 7 p.m. |
| 22-24 | ACC Tournament (at Georgia Tech) | |

Cross Country

| September | | |
|-----------|---------------------------------|----------------------|
| 21 | Wolpack Invitational | |
| October | | |
| 5 | Disney Cross Country | at Orlando, Fla. |
| 20 | Wolverine Intra Regional | at Ann Arbor, Mich. |
| November | | |
| 2 | ACC Championships | at College Park, Md. |
| 16 | NCAA District III Championships | at Greenville, S.C. |
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Independent films disappoint

Independent films are becoming more mainstream.

By CLARENCE MOYE
EDITOR AT LARGE

As founders of the independent film distributor Miramax Film Corporation, brothers Bob and Harvey Weinstein built a name for themselves in the film industry by thriving on controversy. At the Toronto Film Festival in September 1994, they became aware of a then little-known film called "Priest." The inflammatory film details the struggles of a Catholic priest as he comes to terms with his faith and his homosexuality. They snapped it up for \$1.75 million.

"Priest" was then scheduled for release on April 14, 1995, Good Friday.

This sent Catholic groups into an uproar.

Cardinal John J. O'Connor, in the April 6 *Catholic New York*, called the film "blatantly anti-Catholic" and compared it to "a scrawl on a bathroom wall."

The ensuing furor over the independent film would not have been half as important to Hollywood, according to many film scholars, had Miramax, the owners of "Priest," not been bought by the Walt Disney Studios in 1993.

When Catholic groups threatened to boycott Disney upon the release of "Priest," the film's release date was pushed back. This gave industry watchers reason to believe that "the Weinsteins were bowing to Disney's pressure," Anne Thompson wrote in an April 24, 1995, *Entertainment Weekly* article.

In 1993, the Walt Disney Studios announced that they would purchase Miramax for \$80 million with the

Weinsteins remaining with the company to head the division.

This announcement shocked the film world, leaving many to wonder how this would affect the independent film market and how Hollywood would follow Disney's example. According to many film watchers, Disney's purchase would spell the death of the independent film market.

"I thought it was the worst thing that could happen," said Larry Campbell, adviser to the N.C. State Union Activities Board Films Committee. "Miramax had always been cutting edge. It was fun to see what they would come up with next."

"Disney, on the other hand, has a family image," Campbell continued. "They put restraints on Miramax as far as what they

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COURTESY OF MIRAMAX

Wish I could afford a \$5 shake.

Explore the thespian lifestyle

Opportunities for both actors and backstage technicians are abundant at Thompson Theatre.

By SHANNON GARLICK
STAFF WRITER

As new students pour into N.C. State and old students return, the staff at Thompson Theatre hopes to gain a few volunteers and actors. There are many opportunities for involvement at Thompson, from acting to technical work to designing programs.

Thompson Theatre is always looking for a fresh face. And while three of the staff at Thompson teach drama-related classes, neither experience nor class enrollment is necessary to work at Thompson.

"If [interested students] have had experience or just want to try, this is the place to come," said Diane Ocilka, head of audience development and public relations.

Both actors and technicians are needed.

"We're always looking for actors, and we always need people to sew, do lighting, build sets, etc.," said Ocilka. She is also looking for people with art skills and computer savvy to help with programs and publicity.

Senior Rae Bazzarre has been helping Ocilka with publicity since January of 1995: her sophomore year. As the publicity assistant, she helps to design the programs, ads, and posters, and this year will help write and edit press releases.

"It's been a learning experience," said Bazzarre. "It's been helpful in building up my resume and helpful in learning what I want to do with designing and editing."

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— Diane Ocilka, head of audience development and public relations.

Thompson Theatre is responsible for eight shows each season, plus the Madrigal Dinner. The amount and type of help needed varies for each show, according to factors like the type of set to be built and the amount of costumes needed. For large shows, such as musicals, as many as 60 or more students may be needed, and about half of those are technicians. Smaller shows, like student studios, require only about 10 or 15 people.

Students with experience and interest in specialized fields, such as lighting or costumes, may be hired as technical assistants or do independent studies. Many students are hired each semester to work with Thompson's experienced staff. "There is a wonderful camaraderie among the students here," said Ocilka.

Thompson Theatre is headed up by John C. McIlwee, who is the director and the costume designer. McIlwee also teaches classes on make-up.

The technical director is John Andrews. Andrews designs the sets, supervises the set-building process and teaches classes on stage work.

Terry Janney, the associate director of Thompson Theatre, is the lighting director. He teaches classes in lighting and directs some shows.

Associate professors Dr. Burton Russell and Dr. Patricia Caple teach general drama classes.

Other important staff members include Jane Herr, the theater secretary, Donna DeAngelo, John Andrews's assistant, and Betty Fetvedt, the costume shop assistant.

As qualified as the Thompson staff is, we are just here to guide the students, stressed Ocilka. "Theater is a part of student affairs," she said.

Students interested in getting involved at Thompson Theatre or attending the shows can pick up a schedule of performances and auditions in the lobby of the theater. Also available are pamphlets containing information

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Nathan & the Zydeco Cha Chas take Stage



Nathan & the Zydeco Cha Chas will perform tonight at Stewart Theatre.

COURTESY OF ROUNDER RECORDS

The back-to-school concert will be held at a special low price of \$3.

By MICHAEL O'NEAL
STAFF WRITER

Tonight Center Stage kicks off what promises to be a great season with the heart-pumping, feet-stomping sound of Nathan & the Zydeco Cha Chas.

Nathan Williams takes zydeco, a sound originating from the heart of Louisiana, and modifies it with the sound of R&B and a beat that rings out from the Caribbean.

"Because of the Connections Festival this year, we decided to book an event on the first day of classes as a back-to-school

special," said Mark Tulbert, assistant director of Center Stage.

Regular admission is \$6, but for this event, will only cost \$3. Tulbert hopes that students will attend the concert as a way to kick back and relax after a long first day of classes.

Center Stage is going into its 24th season here at N.C. State. Its mission is to open doors to new perceptions and integrate them with ideas, beliefs, actions and emotions in order to enhance life's meaning and promote self-growth.

"We're not doing pop acts, we're running a professional performing arts series here," said Tulbert of the upcoming season. "But we're certainly not doing performances that are stuffy. We frequently do

things which are very issue-oriented, that are the work of cutting-edge performers."

One issue-oriented performance this season will be the Metro Theater Company in "The Yellow Boat." A nationally-acclaimed production, "The Yellow Boat" is based on the life of a boy who died before the age of eight from AIDS-related complications.

"The Yellow Boat" is a monumental celebration of a child's life; it's about living and the power of imagination and art to transform our lives and make them full of color, energy, humor, and hope," reads the Center Stage Brochure. You'll have to wait until Friday, November 8 at 7 pm to see this wonderful performance.

In many cases Center Stage tries to find performers on their way up, but organizers try to get artists who are recognized as being the best among their field, he said.

You never know what yet-to-be-discovered talent you might see at the next Center Stage performance you attend.

"I was flipping through an old file looking for something for a student and on the playbill found the name John Goodman," Tulbert said. "There were still photos in the file and sure enough, it was a young, skinny John Goodman who had been here 20 years ago in a theater production."

In addition to the regular Center Stage Professional Performing Arts Series, the Pine Cone Series enters

its 10th season at Stewart Theater and will be presented by Center Stage.

Pine Cone is the Piedmont Council of Traditional Music and has various performances around the area.

"[Pine Cone is] a separate, non-profit organization which was invited in order to bring traditional music into what we do," Tulbert said. "The series is very popular with the students. For a lot of students, it is the music they grew up with."

If you want to get involved with Center Stage and be more than just an audience member, you can apply to work on the technical or

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Comic books are not just for kids anymore

These days the industry targets a more adult audience.

By JOSH JORDAN
STAFF WRITER

Comics. Where are they today, and why, for that matter?

Do you remember comic books? You know, those stories about Batman, Superman, and all those X-people from our youth. They may even still be a part of your world. Let's just hope you're not seeing them for real. In that case, you're crazier than just a fan.

These days, comics are not just a silly little kid's hobby. The comic book industry is geared towards an adult audience now, and why not? It is older people that can buy comics.

"The college student is the average clientele around here," said Russ Garwood, an employee

at Capitol Comics of Raleigh on Hillsborough Street.

This is a market where \$1.95 is the average price for a single comic, Garwood said. Not every 12-year-old can afford to spend his entire allowance on the latest graphic novels.

Sean Robbins, a junior at N.C. State University, started collecting comic books 12 years ago, when he was ten years old.

"When I started collecting comics, they were only 60 cents," Robbins said. "Now they can cost as much as \$4.95 or more."

In addition to the price increase, there is also a greater deal of diversity out there now. The comic book world is not just a Marvel or DC universe anymore. Growing popularity in recent years and the mainstreaming of more independent titles have spurred a fast and furious time for comic companies.

Many companies, such as Valiant and Image, formed and started off with great critical acclaim, only to peak, and quickly bottom out after people realized there was nothing to support all the hype. Other smaller companies have popped up in the wake of giants like Image, only to be swallowed by these giants, who in turn are swallowed by the titans like Marvel.

The monopoly forms, and the largest company controls the competition. And all the while, the true independents stay quality and story without the flash, glamour and hype that creates the many titles that grow and die in a regular succession.

A fine line has developed between the money-driven market and comics that are created more for the sake of creation and the simple art of storytelling. So while a few companies may control the

market, they may not control the best comics.

There is a difference between the popularity and sales figures, and the actual quality of a comic's elements. It is this difference that separates many older readers from the younger hordes who follow popularity from one title to the next.

"I've found that the ones that are the most popular are usually the worst," Robbins said.

These days, consumers buy whatever is hot, just because they think it will rise in value or because all girls are well-proportioned and are wearing little in the way of clothing. Most of these people miss a comic's finer elements — its ability to convey a good story and artwork that matches the mood — not artwork where everyone looks like an

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Ken Pleasant, the manager of Capitol Comics of Raleigh on Hillsborough Street, sells more comics to college students than to children.

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Take your first test this semester at the infirmary, and hope you pass

■ The HIV test could be the single most important test of your life.

By ELIZABETH BOOKOUT
X-TRA EDITOR

A test that all N.C. State students should take, regardless of their major, is one that is largely overlooked.

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Lois Carnicorn, a public health investigator for the Wake County Department of Health, administers this all-important test.

"We started this as a pilot program in October, and we had such a good turnout we just continued," Carnicorn said. "We're going to try to keep it going; this is an experimental thing. We're doing the first and second sessions this summer. So far we've had a good

turnout." You can make an appointment by calling the Student Health Center. The operator will tell you the available appointment times, and instead of taking your name to hold the appointment, the operator writes down your sex.

The operator will give you a teletip number and instruct you to call the NCSU Teletip Line, which will provide you with specific instructions on where to go for your appointment. The teletip also discusses how the HIV virus is spread and the ways you can avoid contracting it.

"People can be infected with the HIV virus five to 10 years before they show symptoms," she said. "They may feel fine, and they may look fine. They see that their partners look OK and feel OK, and they assume that their partners are OK. But if somebody's been tested, they are going to know for sure if they are infected or not."

When you get tested, you will be asked a few questions before any blood is actually drawn. The questions you are asked basically determine your level of risk for statistical purposes.

The tester will ask you if you have had sex with a male, if you have

"Use condoms. You can't assume that everybody is okay. You've got to be in control."

—Lois Carnicorn,
Wake County Public Health Investigator

had sex with a female, if you have had sex for money or drugs, if you have ever used intravenous drugs or had sex with someone who has, if you have ever had sex while you were on drugs, etc.

Carnicorn assures you that if there is a question you don't feel comfortable answering, you don't have to answer it. And she is more than happy to answer any questions you may have about sexually transmitted diseases.

The tester will then ask you if you'd like your test to be confidential or anonymous. If you decide to test anonymously, there are no records or names involved. If you decide you want your test to be confidential, you sign a form and there is a record kept at the Wake County Health Department.

"But no one can get those records unless you sign for someone to get

results, you must display your appointment card with your identification number on it.

"It's so important for people to use condoms — you can't assume that everybody is okay," Carnicorn said. "You've got to be the one that protects yourself, be in control of the situation, be aware."

You can't afford to think that you are invincible, that you can't or won't contract the HIV virus, she said. And you won't know for sure until you get tested. It's better to know than not to know.

"The sooner someone knows if they are infected, the more we can do to keep them as healthy as possible for as long as possible," she said. "And they will keep from infecting other people if they know they are HIV positive. People with HIV have a better chance of living longer when treated early. If damage has already started, special treatments may help slow down how fast a person develops AIDS."

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Your Horoscope

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) You feel good that you can believe in a certain person again. This person has been trying your patience of late. While out shopping, you have some trouble resisting temptation. A co-worker isn't forthcoming with information you need.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) That news you've been waiting for finally arrives this week. Something you're concerned about on the work front is a complicated issue and requires more thought on your part. Consult with co-workers to find a solution.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) It's

full speed ahead on that certain project that had you a bit stymied a while back. At the same time, those around you are indulging in an ego trip. You're at your communicative best over the weekend.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) A friend is likely to agree with you on a sensitive issue concerning a mutual acquaintance. This person is really only indulging in self-pity and some manipulation. You're both wise not to fall for it. The weekend promises rest and relaxation.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Socializing is jeopardized this week

when someone gets some wires crossed and there's miscommunication. You'll want to withdraw into yourself, but someone close gets you to open up.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) A business or financial development that occurs this week ultimately benefits you. The accent is on friendship, although a certain person is cantankerous and difficult and should be avoided. This weekend, leave your credit cards at home.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) The beginning of the week is beset by those domestic chores you've been avoiding. You and a

loved one come to a new agreement about your relationship and where it is ultimately leading. You are finally able to be realistic about this.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) You're on the same wavelength with a co-worker and communication improves in general at work. In friendship, you are able to find a solution to a mutual problem when you both put your heads together. Use the weekend for domestic tasks.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Something you'd been worried about for some time finally



dissipates. You're feeling frisky in romance, but you're being too pushy at the same time. Your significant other needs some space right now. Stick close to home this weekend.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) It's best to put your social plans on hold for a while until you tend to what's going on at home. Later in the week, business-related concerns take up your time. However, someone in authority is willing to work alongside you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) A

financial worry is eased this week with help coming from a surprising source. However, certain family members are itching for a fight and could try to goad you into it. This weekend, something unusual catches your eye while out shopping.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to Mar. 20) You're being a bit of a Mother Hen when it comes to a certain friend who is perfectly capable of solving his own problems. Business deals aren't favored, so patience is needed on the work front. The weekend favors getting together with friends.

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"The committee is open to any interested students, and they work in an advisory capacity to us on the programming," Tulbert said. "Two of the students each year go on the booking trip to New York."

If you're majoring in business, communications, design, or any number of other areas, you may want to become involved in the committee.

The entire season line-up is listed in the Center Stage Brochure. You can pick it up at the University Student Center and at many other offices around campus. The brochure has photos and a brief description of each performance, and is a great help in planning which events you want to attend

Auditions are open to all NCSU students, and managers and crew are needed for each show. Any students with special talents such as juggling, magic, music, dance, or fencing are encouraged to try out for the Madrigal Dinner. There are perusal scripts for those interested in auditioning.

A great opportunity for interested students to get more information is Thompson Theatre's open house, which will be held on September 25 from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. There will be refreshments, tours and door prizes, and the staff and students of Thompson Theatre will be on hand to meet people and answer questions.

After the open house, freshmen will be admitted free to the

this season.

"Center Stage does a pretty eclectic season," Tulbert said. "We present four groups, modern dance, world music artists, and comedy."

Tickets for Center Stage events can be purchased at Ticket Central on the second floor of the University Student Center. Don't forget to present your student identification card — your student I.D. will allow you to purchase two tickets at the student rate of \$6. General public admission costs \$14.

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Theatre

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production of Agatha Christie's "The Mousetrap" at 8 p.m. while seats last.

Ticket prices to Thompson's shows vary, but most are \$4 or \$5 for North Carolina State University students. Because the shows are heavily attended, tickets should be reserved by calling Ticket Central at 515-1100.

Some shows, like the fall and spring student studios, the Hap'n Tales Children's Theatre, and the professional August production are free to season subscribers. Season tickets cost \$14 for NCSU students, and include a choice of dates for the five main shows.

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During move in process, many parking lots were closed. Scott Hood, (left) from NCSU Department of Transportation was directing traffic on Dan Allen Drive during rush hours.



Emily Duncan (left) a freshman from High Point majoring in accounting, prepares to move in to University Towers

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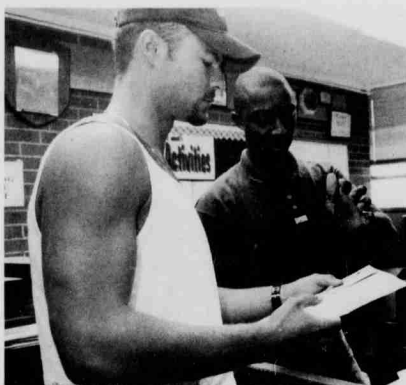
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Stuart E. Callahan, (top middle) a senior in textile design, gets ready to check in at Bragaw Residence Hall. Larry Oates (above) from Winston Salem carries bricks into University Towers for his son Grant, a freshman in civil engineering.

HIDE TERADA/STAFF (ABOVE, TOP MIDDLE)



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Charles Flowers (above) helps his daughter Carla move into Sullivan Hall while Katie Flowers enjoys a ride across campus.



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Erin Hagen, a freshman in chemistry, (left) tries to carry as much as possible in one trip while moving into Sullivan Hall.

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AUDITIONS — Auditions for the mystery "The Mousetrap" will be held at 7 p.m. tonight

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AUDITIONS — Auditions for the Hope Street Players Ensemble and Improv Theater Troupe. Men and women needed, no experience necessary. Auditions will be held at 7 p.m. tonight and Thursday in the University Student Center, Room 1200. For more information, call 834-2428.

Thursday

RECEPTION

— A public reception celebrating the opening of "Ceramics of Israel," an exhibition to be on display at the Visual Arts Center that opens Friday, will be held at 6:30 p.m. in the South Gallery of the University Student Center. For more information, call 515-3503.

MOVIE — "Spy Hard," starring Leslie Nielsen plays at 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. in the Witherspoon Student Center Cinema.

Comics

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imitation of everyone else.

Titles in the "X-Men" or "Gen-13" genre seem to be hollow and lacking soul. The binding substance is a group of buff males and voluptuous females, it is painfully obvious why collecting comics is a male-dominated hobby.

On the other side of the coin are independents like "Cerebus," a storytelling epic that is more of a novel than a comic book. "The Maxx" images only quality product with more than just a lot fighting and tight costumes, and the DC line, "Vertigo," a collection of titles for mature readers (and mature is for story content, not because it showcases a bunch of naked girls). All of these titles exhibit exceptional storytelling and good artwork, but they rise little in value, and never gain a large following. But like many small followings, they are devoted and will stick with a title to the end, unless it becomes another mass-marketed, money-

making ploy. Along with these lesser-known titles are "Manga," an item of growing popularity here in the United States.

"Manga," in today's form originated in Japan around 1950, and is brought here in translated versions by companies like Viz and Dark Horse Comics.

"Manga" is widely read in Japan by adults as much as youth, so it only makes sense that the older or more mature readers in the U.S. would become the followers of "Manga." Some of the bigger titles include "Ranma 1/2," "Nausicaa of the Valley of Wind," (whose title character is continually voted favorite character by Japanese fans), and "Guyver" (yes, it was a comic book before the B-movie with Mark Hamill).

Manga is comprised of shonen, or "boy's comics," which are already quite prevalent here, and shojo, or "girl's comics." Shojo is primarily a female creation for a female audience. It has no counterpart throughout the rest of the world where comics are a male-dominated arena -- so they are a nice

difference, and provide many different stories due to their unique outlet.

"Reading comics has made me realize that life is like a lot like a comic book, except in real life, there aren't any panels or bright colors or superpowers," Robbins said.

Today, you'll find the adults shopping in the comic stores, eager to live vicariously through comics. Not too many children hang out there anymore, unless they are accompanying the adults. Comics have changed a good deal over the years, while some things never die. So go to a local shop (there are two right on Hillsborough Street — Foundation's Edge and Capitol Comics of Raleigh) and learn what is out there. Maybe you can rejoin that title from your youth, or enter the world of comics for the first time.

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Films

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According to an article from "Baseline's Encyclopedia of Film," reprinted in the CD-ROM "Microsoft Cinemania '95," independent films and distributors like Miramax didn't appear on the filmmaking scene until the dissolution of the studio system in the late 1940s.

"Court decisions forced Hollywood studios to divest their exhibition operations, thereby sharply restricting their profit ratio," the article said. This caused studios to compete for theater screen space and for the viewing audience lured away by television. The studio system began to collapse under the pressure, and "a new brand of filmmaking outside the traditional Hollywood establishment" emerged, according to the article.

This "new brand of filmmaking" introduced some of the most famous directors and films of the '50s and '60s that were dealing with more serious moral and social issues. Stanley Kramer and Otto Preminger were two of the directors who flourished in the independent scene, according to the Baseline article.

Kramer's "Judgment at Nuremberg" and Preminger's "Anatomy of a Murder," among others, influenced Hollywood-style directors used to big budgets and egotistical stars to explore the independent route. Charles Laughton ("The Night of the Hunter"), Sidney Lumet ("12 Angry Men") and Delbert Mann ("Marty") are a few of the directors who found great success with the independent market.

But the independent film also received much influence from overseas with the advent of the '50s French New Wave, according to NCSU English Professor Joe Gomez.

Gomez recalled a time in the late '60s and early '70s in Brooklyn, N.Y., when he and a friend could go to the local "art house" theaters, the popular showcase for independent features, and see the films that are now widely considered classics.

"We went from 'La Ventura' to the new Fellini to the new Truffaut," Gomez said. "I was



Quentin Tarantino disappointed fans when he starred in Robert Rodriguez' flop "From Dusk Till Dawn."

knocked out! Each film got better and better.

"But we basically got spoiled," Gomez continued. "It's awfully hard to find things like that today."

Other film scholars agree with Gomez's opinion of current film, both independent and mainstream alike.

"There aren't very many smart things coming out of Hollywood. (New films) are irredeemably stupid," said Jim Morrison, NCSU assistant professor of English, "and as far as I'm concerned, they can just tear the whole thing down."

That view is shared, in varying degrees, with most serious cinema watchers.

"I think it's true that mainstream films are getting increasingly bad — boring, over-marketed, underwritten — and that independents are picking up the slack in terms of creativity," said Ty Burr, a film reviewer for "Entertainment Weekly," in an e-mail message.

As a result, theater patrons see a larger number of independent films on the market. Most independent films, such as the current David O. Russell film "Flirting with Disaster," now have a major studio behind them — in Russell's case, Disney. Film scholars like Maria Pramaggiore see this trend as deadly to the independent market.

"I can see that trend solidifying when Disney bought Miramax," said Pramaggiore, who is an assistant professor of English. "It serves as a good metaphor for the turning point in Hollywood."

Widely seen as the crucial point in the evolution of the big-studio independent feature, Disney's \$80

million purchase of Miramax and the subsequent glamour tales of flowing profits and multiple awards have caught the eye of most every major studio in the business.

But the "Priest" episode, and ensuing Miramax/Disney controversies with other films such as "Kids," a stark docu-drama about teen sex, have since made film watchers wary of the marriages between profit-hungry mainstream studios and independent studios.

"It's a little worrisome when a big company starts buying up small distributors," said John Munson, manager of the Rialto Theatre in Raleigh, "and prevents them from operating normally."

"Miramax had a good track record with films like 'The Piano' and 'The Crying Game,'" Munson continued. "Lately, Miramax doesn't seem to be taking chances anymore. As an independent film distributor, it seems restrained."

Munson cites the French film "The City of Lost Children" as a prime example of the waning cutting-edge nature of Miramax. "Lost Children" directors Jean-Pierre Jeunet and Marc Caro's first film, the dark and quirky "Delicatessen," was distributed as a Miramax film. Munson said he was amazed when Miramax did not pick up their second effort.

"I thought 'Lost Children' was just as good as their 'Delicatessen,'" Munson said. "But Miramax passed and Sony Pictures Classics picked 'Lost Children' up. Maybe, under Disney, Miramax has stopped taking those chances that made them so great to begin with." Look for part two of this article in Friday's edition.

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