



Student remembered for her love of animals

Jennifer M. Fogel, a 19-year-old sophomore at N.C. State, died Aug. 14, 1996.

Fogel, a native of Havelock, N.C., was a member of the American Native Indian Club at NCSU, according to her father, Clay Fogel. She lived in Sullivan Residence Hall last year and was assigned to live in Bragway this year.

Jennifer Fogel was a graduate of Havelock High and a member of Cherry Point Baptist Church.

Mr. Fogel said it was his daughter's life-long dream to attend NCSU.

"She was real happy at NCSU," he said.

According to her father, Jennifer was studying to be a veterinarian.

"She loved animals,"

Compiled by Chris Baynden.

Two promoted in Finance and Business

Stephen Keto has been named associate vice chancellor for finance and information systems in the Office of Finance and Business at N.C. State; Kathryn Hart has been named university treasurer.

The appointments are part of the reorganization of the Office of Finance and Business, said Vice Chancellor George Worsley.

"Steve's and Kathy's demonstrated leadership and integrity will significantly contribute to the finance and business team as it serves the campus," he said.

In the newly created post, Keto will oversee the university's budget, accounting, telecommunications, and administrative data processing functions. As part of the reorganization, the transportation department has been shifted to the business division, and the payroll office has been moved to Human Resources.

As university treasurer, Hart will oversee day-to-day treasurer functions of the university and its affiliated foundations. She also will manage capital project debts of the university as it continues to develop the Centennial Campus and other university facilities.

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## Police ready for big night at Brent Road

NCSU students will have to be extra careful while partying on Brent Road this year.

By PHILLIP REESE  
 ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Students looking for a smashing good time at Saturday's Brent Road party may be disappointed to learn that the Raleigh Police Department and N.C. State's Public Safety are both planning on crashing the annual party.

Capt. W.W. Stewart of RPD said there will be approximately 90 uniformed RPD and Public Safety

officers on the scene. There will also be a contingent of undercover Alcohol Law Enforcement and RPD officers mingling amidst partygoers, Stewart said.

"It is going to be well policed," Stewart said. "Go to the beach or something. Have fun somewhere else."

Stewart said that in the past most arrests and citations at Brent Road have been alcohol-related. He said that anyone who receives a citation will be forced to pay at least \$60 in fines.

RPD will increase traffic patrols and set up checkpoints along Brent Road in order to discourage drunk driving, Stewart said.

"Go to the beach or something. Have fun somewhere else."

Capt. W.W. Stewart,  
 Raleigh Police Department

"Our traffic unit will increase patrol for D.W.I.'s," Stewart said. "If somebody leaves intoxicated and wrecks a car in another area, that is a product of Brent Road." Paul Cousins, coordinator of

judicial programs at NCSU, said that every student who receives a citation or is arrested will also be issued a campus appearance ticket by Public Safety. Cousins added that the university can take disciplinary action against any student receiving a campus appearance ticket.

Tom Stafford, vice chancellor of Student Affairs, said increased patrolling by Public Safety and RPD is softening the damage to NCSU's Brent Road party reputation. He said that since 1991 the party has reduced in size and resulted in less arrests and less negative publicity.

"I think the word has gotten

around over the last three or four years that RPD is there in a significant way and that they will take action," Stafford said. "Last year was probably the best year we have had in the last five years."

Stafford said that students who still wish to attend the party should respect the rights of everyone living on Brent Road and on adjacent streets.

"If students plan to go to Brent Road they need to be very careful about damage to other's property," Stafford said. "RPD is going to be out in substantial force and they are going to be there early."

## Read fine print on alcohol tickets

Consequences stemming from alcohol violation citations go beyond a mere fine.

By JULIE MURPHY  
 STAFF WRITER

Students under the legal drinking age who are caught with alcohol on campus may have more to deal with than they think.

Any student under the age of 21 caught drinking an alcoholic beverage on campus will receive a citation that carries a fine (usually \$10-\$25) and a campus appearance ticket.

According to Deb Luckadoo at the Office of Student Conduct, most students are under the misconception that once they pay the fine and court costs, they're in the clear. There is a catch, though.

What most students don't realize is that paying the fine is the same as admitting guilt to the crime. According to Luckadoo, after the fine has been processed, a student is charged with a misdemeanor that is attached to their permanent record.

"When you get a citation, don't just mail in the fine," she said. "To do that is to admit guilt. Then the misdemeanor is on your permanent record, and it becomes more difficult to deal with."

Student Chief Justice Lorraine Stone said when a citation is issued, "sometimes Public Safety officers can give misleading advice" about how to handle the violation and said "student(s) should go to [Student] Legal Services right away."

In dealing with a campus appearance ticket, students have to travel a different route to have the violation taken care of. This type of ticket is handled within the university and "is seen as a minor violation," Stone said.

Students first have to attend a disciplinary conference, where they are assigned a student assistant or a coordinator from Student Development to privately discuss their case. During this discussion time, "students have the option to plead guilty or innocent," said Stone, "but most of the time the students plead guilty."

At this point, the terms of their punishment are determined. Stone said that the typical discipline requires student attendance at a university sponsored Alcohol Assessment Program. This program

## Smile for the ... computer?



Smile, that picture's going to be with you for a while. Freshman Emily Duncan of High Point, NC, poses for her AllCampus Card at University Towers.

is a three-hour seminar designed to be "an educational experience for the student," Stone said. "It seems to work really well for most people."

Successful completion of this program and additional meetings with the assigned Student Assistant generally relieve students of further responsibilities for that violation, Luckadoo said.

Public Safety's Sgt. Larry Ellis, a crime prevention officer, said the punishments handed out by officers are simply state law.

Ellis said the university is concerned with the liabilities involved with not reporting and properly punishing underage students caught drinking alcohol.

"The guidelines are that if you are underage, you're going to get a citation and a campus appearance ticket. This is not new," said Sgt. Larry Ellis. "This is standard."

While underage drinkers will still be subject to everyday law at the upcoming Brent Road bash, students of legal drinking age will be restricted as to where they can carry their beverages at the party, Luckadoo said.

According to Raleigh's City Codes, open containers of alcohol have never been allowed on public property, except during special events. Then it is allowed on streets, parking lots and alleys.

However, during the summer of 1995, the open container policy

changed — mandating that "special events" must be officially recognized as such by the city council.

Since last year's Brent Road party was not recognized by the city as a special event, students who carried open alcoholic beverage containers onto public property were in violation of the Public Consumption Ordinance.

The ordinance will also be in effect this year, and Luckadoo said students need to be careful where they carry their alcoholic beverages or they could be charged with a misdemeanor.

During last year's Brent Road

## Ruling will not affect admissions

A ruling on affirmative action will not have an immediate impact on admissions at NCSU.

By JASON KING  
 NEWS EDITOR

With its political allies dwindling in numbers, affirmative action could be on the bridges of becoming extinct. But, for now, the program is still being used in admissions at N.C. State.

On July 1, the Supreme Court declined to change a ruling by a lower court which said a University of Texas law school admissions policy was racially biased against Caucasians.

The decision, made in March by the U.S. 5th Circuit Court of Appeals, dealt a blow to affirmative action in that circuit, which includes Texas, Louisiana and Mississippi. State-run schools in these states can no longer use race as a deciding factor in their admissions process.

The Supreme Court's decision may not have a direct impact on the way NCSU currently runs its admissions policies, according to administrators. Associate Affirmative Action Officer Joanne Woodard said the university has not deviated from its admissions policy because of the ruling.

"To my understanding, the kinds of admissions programs — whether they be race-based scholarships or other programs that might give preferential treatment to women or designated minority groups — are continuing as they are presently constituted," she said.

Kay Leager, senior associate director at the admissions office, said it would be "hard to say" whether the decision would have any form of impact on NCSU.

"We really have not had any indication that it's going to affect us," she said.

Woodard said the Appeals Court ruling would affect NCSU if the university was in the 4th district instead of the 5th. Or, if the Supreme Court had ruled on affirmative action in admissions as the 5th District court did, NCSU would have been affected.

"Had the Supreme Court ruled on that it would have greater impact on what we do here at N.C. State, perhaps," Woodard said.

Leager said the department has a "little more flexibility" when it comes to admitting members of "under-represented groups."

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## Rape victims can get help via new phone system

By making one phone call, victims of sexual assault can get help from several different organizations.

By DAWN WOTAPKA  
 STAFF WRITER

Sexual assault victims often find it difficult to talk to anyone about their ordeal. But a new committee has developed a system that will offer victims help anytime they want it. The Sexual Assault Education and

Response Committee, composed of representatives from departments and students from N.C. State, has developed a system that will help the survivors of rape and sexual assault more efficiently.

The new system is a collaborative effort to "let students know the university is tying all systems together" and reaching out to victims, said Joe Campbell, committee member and assistant director of University Housing.

The free service is open to anyone who feels they need any type of

help. "Someone may have been raped six months ago and is just now ready to deal with it," said committee member Rhonda Mann, director of the Women's Center.

The service also allows friends and roommates of victims to call for advice on dealing with the situation.

The program is designed to allow rape victims to contact an advocate 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The advocate's goal is to navigate the caller through what can be a confusing and scary time.

Mann said the volunteers "provide referrals, counseling and offer support."

Callers can access trained volunteers at any time of the day because advocates rotate shifts with a cellular phone. Campbell said the service does not use a voice mail system.

"If one line is busy, it automatically rolls into the second one," he said.

Mann said there will always be a

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**If you are raped...**  
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 Get medical attention right away. You may have internal injuries.  
 Accept emotional support and give yourself time to heal.  
 Don't blame yourself for the attack; no one asks to be raped.

# Connections looks to improve

■ Connections '96 will be used as a stepping stone for Connections '97.

By Dawn Wotapka  
Staff Writer

The first ever Connections festival didn't connect; many students as planned. Only 1500 of the projects 15,000 N.C. State students chose to attend the two-day networking festival.

But students weren't the only ones who didn't attend. Some campus organizations, service units and club chose not to set up a booth.

According to associate vice-chancellor Ronal Butler, the overall turnout was not as good as expected. "Our expectations were built on the assumption that brochure sent with tuition bills, a full page ad and Technician article would be enough to inform most students of what was going on," Butler said.

But informal polling of students at Connector revealed that more than half of the attendees did know much about it, even as they wandered around the University Student Center.

Low turnout numbers left Butler wondering: "How do you really get the word out so that everybody knows?"

The University Student Union, coordinator - Connections, now has a year to reevaluate the program and plan for Connections '97.

"We've got a lot of evaluations to do," Butler said.

The Student Union will consider the following whether or not the hours (9 a.m. to 9 p.m.) should be shortened, if the first two days of classes are a good time to hold the event, and whether one day would suffice. Surveys will also be sent to those clubs and organizations that attended to get more input for next year's event.

Although the event didn't go as planned, Butler believes that it was helpful. "No one thinks that this was a bad idea," he said. "The goal was met, a lot of



Roger Austin, president of Triangle Woodturners of NC operates a lathe at his booth during Connections '96. Austin is teaching a class in the making of lathe turned boxes this semester at NCSU.

students connected and got their questions answered."

# SAERC

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backup and more phones will be added if necessary.

Once a victim calls the caller, a volunteer will offer the caller assistance about what to do.

"The survivor has complete control over the wanted services," Campbell said.

Campbell said an advocate can also connect a caller to any available off-campus resources.

"It is basically a one-call-does-it-all deal," he said. "It takes one phone call to connect them to any resource."

The caller will be informed as to what each different service has to offer and what can be expected of them.

"They can decide to go to the hospital, file a police report, receive counseling or do nothing," Campbell said.

Campbell said the group did not change any of the existing services' systems.

"We want to let each office maintain autonomy," he said. "We are not here to tell them what to do, they are the experts."

The previous system did not involve any networking between various offices such as: the Women's Center, Student Health Services, the Counseling Center, Student Legal Services and University Housing, Mann said that because of the lack of communication between the departments and due to the size of the university, "victims could fall through the cracks."

SAERC members started meeting and they will be issuing citations and campus appearance tickets to all underage drinkers present.

Administrators at the Office of Student Conduct said the Raleigh Police will also be in full force at the party and the office is there to help if students find themselves in situations that may cause problems.

While students who are found in violation of the underage drinking law have a lot to deal with, they don't have to worry about their parents finding out, Luckadoo said.

In accordance with the Right to Privacy Act, the university is prohibited from releasing any information about student violations to parents without the

written consent of the student. Even if a parent calls to request information, the student must sign a release form allowing the office to grant the request.

Also, alcohol violations can neither hurt first-time offenders academically, nor can they affect any scholarship, grant or loan. If a student is repeatedly found in violation of the law, more stringent actions could be expected, Luckadoo said.

Drug violations can have a more serious affect on a student's status and can result in actions that may affect receiving federal financial aid.

last September. They began their benchmark study by looking at the different ways rape and sexual assault cases were handled at other institutions. They studied various schools in North Carolina, the University of Virginia, Colorado State College, the Internet and federal statutes.

After completing their research, Campbell said the group "started mapping out what would be good for NCSU."

Both Campbell and Mann emphasized that the service is completely confidential.

Campbell said the new program should not cause people to believe NCSU is an unsafe place.

"We just want to let people know if they find themselves in this position, the university is here to help," he said.

# Drinking

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Raleigh Police officers dished out 105 citations for alcohol violations.

NCSU students who are issued citations from Raleigh Police officers at the Brent Road party will be reported to the university, Ellis said.

He added that even if a student does not get caught by a Public Safety officer, the student will still be subject to university disciplinary procedures.

Ellis said that Public Safety will have a strong presence at the party,

and they will be issuing citations and campus appearance tickets to all underage drinkers present.

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# Sports



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## "This is my dream job, it's my New York Yankees"

■ Elliott Avent, the school's 16th baseball coach met the press Wednesday.

By James M. Lail  
Sports Editor

Quoting Lou Gehrig by saying he feels like "the luckiest man on the face of the Earth," N.C. State's new baseball coach met with the media on Wednesday and talked about the beginning of the Elliott Avent Era. "This is the only job I've ever wanted," Avent said. "I've never wondered why I've wanted this job. I've just known I wanted it."

Avent is the Wolfpack's 16th head coach, and his selection continues a tradition that dates back 28 years. Of the State coaches that

have paced the dugouts at Doak Field, all but three have had strong ties to the university. Avent is no exception.

The former New Mexico State coach, who hails from Aventon, N.C. (he insists it's not named after his family), came to Raleigh in 1974, where he majored in textiles and later was an assistant under former coach and fellow Pack alum, Ray Tanner.

"The great thing about N.C. State is the tradition," Avent said. "The first thing I think about when I think about State baseball is Sam Esposito. Then Ray [Tanner] took over the program for nine years, and it never missed a beat."



One man's Doak Field, is another's Yankee Stadium. To Elliott Avent, improvements to the Doak were not as high on his wish list as his predecessor.

■ In Elliott Avent, the search committee hired the right guy.

By J.P. Giglio  
Assistant Sports Editor

The praise for Elliott Avent seems to have no end: Coach Gary Ward, Oklahoma State: "He fought all the battles and did a marvelous job."

Coach Augie Garrido, Texas: "[N.C. State] had a great coach and now [they] have another."

Coach Larry Hays, Texas Tech: "No disrespect for New Mexico State before Elliott got there, but it just wasn't much of a program. He went in there and I was amazed at what he did with what he had to work with."

Coach Jerry Kindall, formerly of Arizona: "Elliott's

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## Can I have your autograph?



That's, that's... that's right it's Michael Overby of Cary, he's only 13 years old now, but Technician scouts say he can run a 4.5 in the 40, and can bench press his Algebra book.

## Faith, Focus... Finished

Michael Preston

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■ Carter-Finley Stadium could be a very depressing place this year.

Brace yourselves. Because if you've never been to an N.C. State football game, you may wish to clear your throat and bring some water. This year is going to be a tough pill to swallow.

And where everything went terribly wrong is in question just as much as the linebacker situation is. This is a university whose football team is just one year removed from a resounding flogging of Mississippi State in the Peach Bowl.

Before State has even run onto the field with the sound of someone killing a wolf blaring from the loudspeakers (Face it, that's really what it sounds like), the 1996 season is already shaping up to be one of the least memorable in State's history.

I'm talking Tom Reed proportions, possibly even worse. One publication even picked the Wolfpack to finish behind — and believe me, this will make you lose control of your bodily functions — Wake Forest.

Realize that the Deacons, who successfully pumped out NFL second-stringer Rickey Proehl, have

finished with either one or no league wins 21 times.

Calling the Los Angeles Clippers "the Wake Forest of the NBA" would be an insult to Pooh Richardson and most likely send Bill Fitch back to the hospital for another bypass.

And apparently we can't live up to this? C'mon, I hope we're not that bad.

In taking a step to improve the Pack's chances this season, the team has taken up a new motto: "Faith, Focus, Finish." Pretty catchy, huh?

I believe the "Bigger, Faster, Stronger" motto was eliminated faster than it takes to put 77 points on the scoreboard.

Not to say that there isn't a reason to be very, very concerned. There are only two real areas that you, as a fan, have to worry about.

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## Melvin working way into history

■ The junior post player is trying to become the next truly great center in Wolfpack history.

By Kevin Brewer  
Special Technician

Much of who Chasity Melvin is — at least as a basketball player — can be traced to March 4, 1991.

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

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

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

That summer, Melvin was playing for a Raleigh AAU team, and the State coaches were already wooing her. She formed a close friendship with State's recruiting coordinator Cheryl Littlejohn.

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

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

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

Now Melvin practices against them.

She spent the summer in Roberts Park Women's Summer League, posting up for Posse and trying to contain Rhonda Mapp's Dream Team. Last week, Melvin scored a game-high 24 points but Dream Team won the tournament championship.

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

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

This season, whether State wins the ACC Championship or not depends largely on Melvin. The 1996-97 team could be State's strongest since '91, but its depth is outside, not inside.

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

### Offense

During her freshman season, Melvin found plenty of easy baskets with Kolleen Kreul passing from the high post. She averaged 16.4 points and seven rebounds per game, earning Freshman of the Year honors.

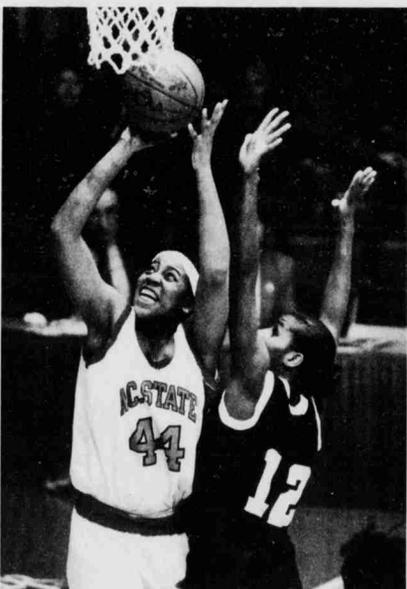
Last season, although she averaged 16 points and eight rebounds, Melvin had a harder time underneath.

She came to State as a great athlete, and she has gotten stronger. "I have to be more physical with Chasity because she's such a strong player," Mapp says. "She has to have more moves and be more creative on offense."

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

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

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



Chasity Melvin (No. 44) played against State's best this summer.

The key improvement areas for Melvin, Yow says, are her low post moves, especially with her back to basket, and face-up shooting with great range.

Melvin has been working on improving her range this summer — all the way past the three-point line. This summer, she hit the three regularly.

Rising senior guard Jennifer Howard, one of the best three-point shooters in the nation, says the coaching staff gave the team a goal this season: hit 1,000 three-pointers. "She's reaching that," Howard says. "She wants to add more to her game, and she can shoot it."

### Defense

Mapp says Melvin's defense may already be where it should be. Against Mapp's team last week, Melvin had a serious block that got

the attention of the crowd. She often comes up with steals in the low post and in the open court too.

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

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

Melvin has been one of the best — if not the best — post defenders in the ACC during her first two years. Sophomores Payton Black of Duke and Demya Walker of Virginia are emerging, but Melvin is ahead of them.

Last season, Duke's Tye Hall was having one of the best seasons in the ACC — until the Blue Devils lost at Reynolds Coliseum in January. Melvin frustrated Hall, who finished the season in a funk.

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## Practice twice as nice but hard work

■ The football trims practice to one-a-day.

By James M. Lail  
Sports Editor

The worst days of the football season are over.

The N.C. State football team ended its two-day practice sessions on Tuesday afternoon to prepare for classes.

The team will practice once a day, usually in the afternoons.

Ever the optimist, State coach Mike O' Cain sees the glass half-full.

"I am very pleased with our two-a-day practices," O' Cain said. "I feel we are in very good shape physically in terms of conditioning. Mentally we are a very tired and sluggish football team, but that is expected coming out of two-a-

days."

The one question that has been on the tip of every State fan's tongue is the quarterback position. Or has it graduated to the controversy level? Although O' Cain has yet to decide on a starter, he believes that his team has enough talent at the position.

"I am very pleased with our quarterback performance," O' Cain said. "I think we have made progress at the position. All three guys (Jose Laureano, Colin Harris and Jamie Barnette) that are competing for the job have done a good job, which is a very good sign."

But even with the improvements O' Cain still feels that the road ahead will not be easy. The failure

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## Summer's here, Mitchell's not

■ It's been a busy week for the Wolfpack Women.

By J.P. Giglio  
Assistant Sports Editor

The summer season may be leaving us, but Summer Erb is just getting here.

The women's basketball team received a front-line boost earlier this week when 6-6 Purdue center, Summer Erb transferred to N.C. State.

Coming off a red-shirt season, Erb will have three years of eligibility left when she will begin play with the Wolfpack Women in 1997.

"We're very excited to have our player of Summer's caliber join our team," Yow said. "Her size and abilities at the center position should mean much to our future

success on the court."

Erb is the second transfer from a Division I-A program that Yow has landed in the past three years. Kristen Gillespie, who will be eligible for the upcoming season, transferred from Auburn after starting 14 games for the Tigers her freshman season.

Erb will team up with State center Chasity Melvin, both of whom were invited to the USA Women's National Team Trials this summer.

Speculated reasons for Erb's transfer center around Purdue's controversial dismissing of Coach Lin Dunn. Some players have shown their disapproval over Dunn's departure by leaving the team.

A native of Lakewood, Ohio, Erb

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# Preston

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The offense and the defense. First of all, the only thing getting dropped faster than N.C. State football players are acid hits at a Lollapalooza show.

Tremayne Stephens and Rod Brown, the most potent part of our team, might not get out of the backfield because of all our offensive linemen are hurt, and in one very special case, academically ineligible.

Not that State has a quarterback to protect yet. This is, like the Pittsburgh Steelers situation, terribly wrong. Jose Laureano, Jamie Burnette and Colin Harris are all vying for the position.

However, if you put the positive aspects of the three together you would probably get ... Terry Harvey.

The bright side of this is now we won't have to worry about the lack of depth issue, primarily because the lack of depth issue is now the lack of starters issue.

Secondly, Darwin Walker, our starting outside linebacker, up and

moved to Tennessee because he didn't like the way his brother, James, was treated while he was here.

Remember James "The Hitman" Walker? Here's a helpful tip for all you young players looking for a nickname: All it takes is a Louisville Slugger and a Wolfpack basketball player.

Here comes the one, real, true bright spot: Alvis Whitted. ESPN magazine named him to the ACC first-team as a kick-returner. He was five-tenths of a second from going to Atlanta to compete in the Olympics.

This is probably a case we should be reviewed before jumping all over him.

He can get from endzone to endzone in roughly the same amount of time it takes me to drive the same distance.

But, because the basketball season is still 76 days from beginning, we need to find something to fill the space.

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# Avent

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"Now it's my opportunity, I'll do everything I can to uphold the proud tradition of N.C. State baseball, because it is all about tradition."

Avent spent the last eight seasons (1989-1996) in Las Cruces, New Mexico, where he coached at New Mexico State, compiling a record of 225-213.

Though his winning percentage is relatively low, New Mexico State was considering dropping baseball as a varsity sport before Avent arrived. He turned the program around, becoming the second-winningest coach in school history.

But to Avent, turning around the Aggies was easy. Continuing Wolfpack tradition will not be.

"It was easy to win at New Mexico State because it just took hard work," Avent said. "Here, everybody works hard and there are no excuses not to win. And when you come to State you better beat Cal State-Fullerton, you better beat [North Carolina]."

Rumors abound that Tanner left State for South Carolina because of unfulfilled promises from the athletics department concerning the renovation and expansion of Doak Field.

But to Avent, better facilities are not a concern.

"We can win a national championship at Doak Field," Avent said. "Improvements will be in order, but it's Yankee Stadium to me."

Avent kept assistant coach Matt Donahue and is expected to hire another within two weeks.

# Baseball

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out there in the desert and I don't mean to diminish the school but it's a tough place to recruit."

So the question that begs to be asked is, "Just who is Elliott Avent, and why are all these people gushing over him?"

On Wednesday, Avent held a press conference. If he hadn't walked into the room in head-to-toe Wolfpack baseball garb, he wouldn't be recognizable.

"Hi, I'm Elliott Avent," he said as shook each person's hand in the room. He even sat next to the lowly Technician reporters for lunch.

"Technician must have grown since I've been gone," Avent said. It seems, so has he.

Coach Avent, as a kid who grew up an hour from campus, said "This is my Yankee Stadium." With the departure of former Coach Ray Tanner because of a lack of sufficient facilities, Avent's attitude is a breath of fresh air.

"The goals for the facilities are for the entire university," Avent added referring to improvements to Carter-Finley Stadium and the Centennial Center. "We have to take care of the football team and the basketball team."

Another refreshing aspect about Avent is that he has worked for everything he has. He wasn't an also-ran Major Leaguer with a

battling average just above the Mendoza-line like Phil Garner or Art Howe. He never even played baseball at the collegiate level.

He has never hand-picked for manager's job. He's kind of like your average die-hard N.C. State fan. He just loves his sport. He also happens to have devoted the previous 39 years of his life to reach this pinnacle. He is now simply living his dream.

Mind you the dream can turn to reality in a hurry, especially when two starters left for Major Leagues and another two transferred to other Division I-A programs. But Elliott Avent's track record leaves us with hope.

"When I drove out to Las Cruces, people didn't even know where the field was," Avent said at the lunch table.

Before his first season with the Aggies, the administration was seriously considering doing away with the program. Scholarships were at a bare minimum. Yet he still found a way to win 30 games on four different occasions. Hence the respect from his peers.

Avent holds his predecessors with the utmost respect. He thanked both Sam Esposito and Tanner at least 10 times each.

"I'm not going to try to fill Ray Tanner's shoes, they're too big," he said. "I'm just going to be Elliott Avent."

Well, it was only one lunch and a couple of questions, but by the looks of things, Elliott Avent is just what the baseball team needs.

I feel we will have some players step up and become contributors in the interior lines."

The Wolfpack opens the season Sept. 7 when Georgia Tech comes to Carter-Finley Stadium for a noon game, which will be televised on ABC.

Cleveland Indians pitcher Terry Harvey set the school all-time record for passing yards in the Wolfpack's 27-19 loss to the Yellow Jackets 27-19 in Atlanta.

Student tickets are available starting Sept. 3-5 outside of Reynolds Coliseum.

A valid student identification card is all you need to pick up your ticket.

# Melvin

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## Intangibles

Manning says there is no limit to Melvin's game if she puts her mind to it. ACC Player of the Year, Kodak All-American. Those are two things Mapp and Manning never accomplished.

Mapp and Manning are part of an elite group of post players at State that has included Genia Beasley, the school's all-time leading scorer and rebounder; Susan Yow, Kay's sister; Trema Trice and Angela Daye, another great combination; and Trudi Lacey.

Yow says Melvin can join them. "The secret for her is work ethic," she says. "She has to work all the time with great intensity in practice. Every year, she has worked harder ... in the weight room, on the court."

There's also an intangible difference between Melvin and Mapp, who is one of only five players to lead the conference in scoring and rebounding.

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

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

Manning has told Melvin, Howard and some of their teammates that she wants to see a 1997 ACC Champions banner hanging in Reynolds Coliseum next year when she comes to camp.

Melvin knows her game is coming, and she has worked harder this off-season than any other. But the task of being as good as Mapp or Manning is still a little daunting.

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

# Transfer

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was named Per Parade All-American her senior year in high school and ranked No. 24 player in the country in 1995 by Blue Star Index.

Erb averaged 3.4 points and 2.4 rebounds in 8.1 minutes per game in 1994 with the Boilermakers. She shot 46.3 percent from the field and 65 percent from the free-throw line.

There wasn't all good news from

the Wolfpack Women this week, however. Starting guard Nicole Mitchell, who will graduate in December has decided to leave the team. She is planning on getting married and continuing her life away from the basketball court.

Mitchell, who averaged 7.6 points while starting all 30 games last season, is engaged to former State men's tennis player Merritt Lawn.

Forward Tasha Newman was dismissed for violation of team policy. The Texan played in eight games as a freshman, averaging 1.9 points and 2.3 rebounds.

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## Dining halls go vegetarian

■ University Dining is attempting to meet vegetarian needs.

By ELIZABETH BOOKOUT  
X-TRA EDITOR

In an attempt to accommodate vegetarians' dietary needs, University Dining has set up a special section devoted to vegetarianism in both the Fountain Dining Hall and the smaller Case Athletic Center.

"We started the 'Vegetarian Corner' last year because we had several people requesting vegetarian food, and vegetarianism is a current trend in both the food service industry and in our society in general," said the director of contract dining Joanne LaVacchia, who is also a dietician.

But despite the efforts of University Dining, some vegetarians who live on campus have had problems finding a good meal.

For instance, you would expect that directly underneath a "Vegetarian Corner" sign you would find only vegetarian items. But this was not the case Sunday night, when I ate in Fountain Dining Hall. Employees served meat in the vegetarian line.

"I just don't know why they have meat sauce in the vegetarian line," said Nicole Newton, a freshman in public relations, who was in line at the Vegetarian Corner.

She's not the only one who was asking that question. Melissa Harris, a freshman in political science, didn't understand why the dining hall wasn't offering a vegetarian version of spaghetti sauce.

"They should at least have a tomato sauce," she said. LaVacchia explained that on Saturdays and Sundays, the vegetarian line serves some meat, such as meat sauce for spaghetti, because only half of the dining hall is open.

But it just doesn't seem right to be serving meat in the vegetarian line.

Harris has been a vegetarian for almost six years and did not seem pleased with Sunday's selection at the Vegetarian Corner.

"For lunch there was nothing [vegetarian] here, it was all out," Harris said. "It took almost an hour for a new vegetarian pasta to come out."

LaVacchia, who was there that particular day, said that no one waits longer than about five minutes for food, "unless it's something that we don't think anyone's going to eat and everyone

likes it."

In that case, LaVacchia said, there may be about a 10-minute turnaround. But, she emphasized, "we always have a meatless entree, and we always offer a vegan option."

A typical meal from the Vegetarian Corner includes a meatless lasagna, steamed veggies, fettuccine Alfredo or macaroni and cheese. Vegan options (meals made without meat, eggs and dairy products) include red beans and rice, garden vegetable stew or a veggie sauce taco, LaVacchia said.

The main line at the dining halls is vegetarian-friendly, too, she said. All the vegetables and starches are steamed and they are not prepared with margarine or salt, and there is also a salad and fruit bar.

"At N.C. State we do have a fairly large vegetarian population," she said. "In addition to that, lots of people like to eat vegetarian meals once or twice a week."

The majority of students who go through the vegetarian line are not vegetarians, which makes it hard to estimate the demand for certain entrees.

"Once we figure out which items are the most popular with students we will know how much to prepare," LaVacchia said.



## Corporate market tainting 'indy' films

■ Independent films are becoming more mainstream.

By CLARENCE MOYE  
EDITOR AT LARGE

This is the second part of a two-part series on the future of the independent film market which, according to many film observers, is endangered by Disney's purchase of Miramax films. For the first part of the story, see Wednesday's X-tra. During its 15 years, Miramax has become famous in the industry for taking obscure, small-budget films such as "The Piano," "The Crying Game" and "Pulp Fiction" and using controversy, critical acclaim and, now, the marketing forces of Disney to push their product on the market.

The Disney-owned Quentin Tarantino film "Pulp Fiction" premiered at the Cannes Film Festival in 1994 where it won the highest honor, the Palme d'Or. It also went on to receive seven Academy Award nominations, including Best Picture, but won only the Best Screenplay award.

"Pulp Fiction" cost only \$8 million to produce and has grossed over \$100 million in the United States alone, not counting video, pay-per-view and foreign revenues.

Now, almost every major studio has an independent wing to its distribution policy, such as Sony Pictures Classics and 20th Century Fox's Searchlight division, which released "The Brothers MacMullen," a coming-of-age story about three Irish-American brothers, that premiered at Robert Redford's 1995 Sundance Film Festival. Originally conceived as an independent film festival, Sundance has since become a prime draw for Hollywood studios looking to pick up independent films to distribute.

"Films like [The Brothers MacMullen] are what we're given now, as far as independent fare," N.C. State film professor Jim Morrison said. "They're often sitcom-esque pieces of garbage that really ask no serious questions like true independent features should."

This produces what Gomez calls being "Miramaxed," meaning that major studios are now quickly scooping up features and

distributing them under the banner of independent films, but the features bear little difference to what are marketed as mainstream films.

"(Miramax) is just an independent wing of a conglomerate that's set to take over the world," NCSU film professor Joe Gomez said.

With the finances of major studios behind them, independent branches reach out for the next Quentin Tarantino, whose "Pulp Fiction" has become one of the most celebrated films of the '90s, Gomez said.

"Because of him, there is a certain expectation placed on the independent film," Gomez said. "It has to make money, and it has to be a certain kind of film to appeal to a certain kind of audience that Miramax and other studios want to tap into."

For example, a group of former NCSU students made an independent feature called the "Delicate Art of the Rifle," which won first prize in the N.C. Film Festival held last year at the Rialto Theatre.

Since then, Gomez said, the group

has been approached by the William Morris Agency "not so much for 'Delicate Art' but for the promise of future films."

Gomez said that the agency sent the filmmakers a Christmas present of two Quentin Tarantino shooting scripts with "This is one of our clients' written on them."

Morrison sees Quentin Tarantino's career as a perfect example of what happens to independent filmmakers after they make a successful debut feature.

"The standard (way of filmmaking) is for a director to go from fairly serious films," he said, "and then get sucked into the Hollywood mystique and produce trash."

Morrison cites Tarantino's early "Reservoir Dogs" and "Pulp Fiction" as valid attempts to raise serious questions about the nature of violence. Since the release of these two films, Tarantino has starred in "Destiny Turns on the Radio" and "From Dusk 'Til Dawn" and participated in "Four Rooms," all three of which

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'Pulp Fiction' was nominated for seven Academy Awards.

New students: Here's some unsolicited advice that might come in handy while you are adjusting to your new environment.

### School Stuff

• If you aren't a morning person, don't even think about signing up for a class before 11 a.m. (unless missing class at least once a week is the way you want to start your college career). What will happen is that every time you actually show up at your earlier classes, you'll be late. And compulsive tardiness is very insulting to professors — it won't earn you any brownie points, either.

• Register for one extra class each semester. That gives you the leeway to drop a class if you don't like it or it turns out to be ten times harder than you expected. Then you don't have to worry about not getting into one that you want. Also, make sure that at least one day a week you've got a pretty light schedule. You deserve a day to be lazy — it prevents burnout.

### Entertainment

• Pick up a Union Activities Board film schedule and watch the movies at the Campus Cinema. They're cheap — \$1.50.

• Slightly more expensive is Carmike's Blue Ridge Cinema 10, where you'll pay

\$2 on weekends. And check out the movies on the Lawn series at the North Carolina Museum of Art. Films are screened Fridays and Saturdays at 9 p.m. Admission is only \$3 and they let you bring your own refreshments.

### General Stuff

• Don't try to argue with the Brickyard preachers. It may be funny, but you are wasting your time. Watch

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someone else do it, it's more entertaining that way.

• If you don't already have one, buy an umbrella and keep it with you at all times. Don't put this off — you'll need it. When the downpour starts, you don't want to be caught without an umbrella ten minutes away from your car.

Try to get a sturdy one that will hold up against the wind. That way you can justifiably laugh at other people when their flimsy

umbrellas get blown inside out.

And get some rain boots, because the water can really accumulate in spots around campus. Soggy, squeaky sneakers are very uncomfortable, not to mention embarrassing.

Stay away from credit cards. Forget the free shirt and all the other piddly giveaways. Like you really want that junk — you'll never wear that tacky shirt in public.

And if you do get a credit card, make sure you don't get more than one. It's easy to get carried away. You can easily spend more money in 30 days than you make in one year.

(Nobody wants to be paying for a shopping spree two or three years after the fact. It's pretty bad when you don't even remember what you bought.)

• If you haven't already, activate your e-mail account and check your mail regularly. E-mail is the best way to keep in touch with friends at other universities, and yes, even your parents at home. (request money without having to spend any — no long distance calls to pay for).

• Finally, and most importantly, keep an open mind. N.C. State is composed of thousands of diverse people. Don't judge others based on their appearance, and don't

## DeNiro's acting helps 'Fan'

■ In yet another movie, DeNiro portrays a crazed stalker.

By CLARENCE MOYE  
EDITOR AT LARGE

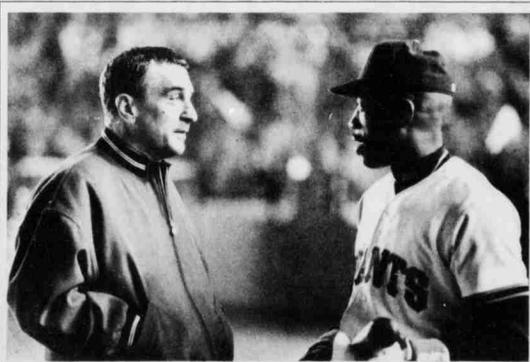
By now, not many people would deny that Robert DeNiro has cornered the market on playing murderous psychotic weirdoes. His convincing characterizations of Max Cady in "Cape Fear" and Al Capone in "The Untouchables" have catapulted him into the master class of acting that few have matched.

And now, with the release of the long-winded "The Fan," DeNiro adds one more to his repertoire of cinema antagonists. His creation, the stressed-out, working-class Gil Renard, is without a doubt the highlight of "The Fan."

The film stars DeNiro as Gil, a knife salesman who can't keep up with his younger and tougher sales competitors. His father started the business, but that doesn't keep him from getting fired when he falls behind.

Gil's major weakness/pleasure is his fanatical love for the game of baseball — a real man's game — and his favorite player Bobby Rayburn, played by Wesley Snipes, who has just been signed by the San Francisco Giants for \$40 million.

The film starts in a brilliant, fast-paced car sequence in which the principals chat



Gil (DeNiro) becomes obsessed with his hero, Bobby Rayburn (Snipes).

over cellular phones in a radio call-in show. "Sea of Love's" Ellen Barkin plays the show's host, but her character is little more than window dressing in this testosterone-heavy script.

The opening is unique and fun — how often do we really get to see people weave in and out of traffic and not have a ridiculous car chase?

The film keeps up the admirable pace for about 30 tense minutes until Gil takes his son to opening day at Giants Stadium. It's truly heartbreaking and altogether too true to see Gil spout obscenities and act

rude while his son looks on and learns from his father.

There are even good scenes of Gil's obsession funneled through little league practice. But once "The Fan" begins to focus on Snipes' character and the thriller aspects, the film really bogs down and drags on for what seems like hours.

That's not Snipes' fault, though. He convincingly plays the ego-centric ballplayer with macho grace and agility. It's Tony Scott's direction and the

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## Kennedy assassination theory sparks libel suit

■ A former Secret Service agent is trying to squelch a theory that says he was responsible for the president's death.

By SCOTT HIGHAM  
THE BALTIMORE SUN

BALTIMORE — Get ready to rekindle the never-ending conspiracy theories surrounding the death of President Kennedy.

This time, one of those theories will be played out in federal court in Baltimore, where a former U.S. Secret Service agent assigned to protect John F. Kennedy on the day of his death nearly 33 years ago is suing for libel.

A little-known book called "Mortal Error: The Shot That Killed JFK" claims that the agent slipped and accidentally pulled the trigger of his high-powered AR-15 rifle, striking Kennedy in the head Nov. 22, 1963.

It's a theory — first advanced by a ballistics expert from Towson, Md. — that just won't go away.

"We're trying to stop this now while Hickey's still alive," said Mark S. Zaid, an attorney for former agent George W. Hickey, 73. "He doesn't want his grandchildren growing up and hearing other children say, 'Hey, your grandfather killed the president of the United States.'"

Hickey is seeking untold damages from St. Martin's Press in New York. He also wants an apology, preferably printed on full-page ads in The New York Times, The Washington Post and The Baltimore Sun, his lawyer said.

But it doesn't look like Hickey will see an apology anytime soon. "The case is utterly without merit," said David N. Kaye, chief attorney for St. Martin's.

Hickey's suit, filed last week in U.S. District Court in Baltimore, says "Mortal Error" is simply false, and other Kennedy assassination experts agree. Published in 1992,

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# Clinton defends administration in new book

■ The president puts pen to paper to define his views, and attack the GOP.

By JOHN F. HARRIS  
THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON — President Clinton's 1996 campaign manifesto offers a vigorous defense of activist government and chides Republicans for passing a budget that he said would have "abandoned responsibility" for the poor and elderly and would have launched a "withering attack" on the environment.

The book, entitled "Between Hope and History: Meeting America's Challenges for the 21st Century," was kept secret until its announcement last week, and presidential aides said it was intended to be not so much a political tract as a statement of Clinton's philosophy about

government and the nation. The book's 178 pages, however, make an unabashed and at times bluntly partisan argument about why Clinton thinks his presidency has been a success, and why Republican rule would set the country back.

White House officials said the first draft of the book was compiled by California writer and policy consultant William Northdrift, who worked from previous speeches, while Clinton edited and rewrote the draft in spare moments at night or on long flights aboard Air Force One.

This collaboration produced essentially a recital of favorite Clinton themes and anecdotes. The book's arguments have almost all been articulated by Clinton elsewhere, often in precisely the same language he uses in the book.

A consistent theme is that Clinton's declaration in this year's State of the Union address that "the era of big government is over," does not mean he favors weak

government. "The truth is, Americans don't want our government gutted," Clinton said. "The real issue isn't big government versus small government. I believe America needs a government that is both smaller and more responsive."

White Clinton said he opposes "top-down, command-and-control" government, with "lots of micro-management through rules and regulations," he said the federal government can act as a catalyst and facilitator for all manner of worthy projects. He said it should do more to encourage job training and lifelong education, to cope with the layoffs and dislocations of the modern economy, and cited his administration's program to encourage private donations from high-tech firms to wire schools for access to the Internet.

Clinton repeats a case he made frequently in speeches last year and earlier this year, that the current era's technological advances are producing the most rapid historical

change in a century, when "our nation made the transition from the Agricultural Age to the Industrial Age."

Clinton cites the great Progressive Era presidents, Theodore Roosevelt and Woodrow Wilson, who "went beyond the conventional thinking of both their parties," and suggests his own presidency is in that tradition. "The Progressive Movement was about a shared vision of what America could and should be, about mending the fabric of family and community, about harnessing the forces of change them to meet both individual dreams and common national goals," Clinton wrote. "That same shared vision guides us today."

After these broad historical strokes, Clinton turns to more immediate issues. Without mentioning Republican presidential nominee Bob Dole by name, he sharply criticizes his proposed across-the-board tax cut.

"If implemented it will either explode the deficit, raise interest

rates and slow the economy; or if it is paid for it will require even bigger cuts in Medicare, Medicaid, education and protection of the environment than the budget I vetoed," he said.

"Either way it will reduce opportunity, slow the economy, and ultimately hurt hard-working Americans. It is not responsible." Clinton took the title of his book from a phrase in a poem by Seamus Heaney, a Nobel Prize winner whom he met on a trip to Ireland last fall. Heaney wrote of a moment "when hope and history rhyme," and Clinton said he was so struck by the words that a copy of the poem Heaney wrote in his own hand hangs in Clinton's White House study.

The book was published by Times Books, a division of Random House, which is making an initial printing of 400,000 books, due in stores this week. The White House has said Clinton is accepting no advances or royalties.

## Study analyzes campaign contributions to Dole, Clinton

■ Lawyers and financial institutions are the biggest contributors to presidential campaigns this year.

By RUTH MARCUS  
THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON — Lawyers were the biggest source of contributions to President Clinton's reelection campaign, while Republican presidential candidate Bob Dole was most aided by the financial sector, including securities and investment banking firms and the insurance industry, according to a new study.

The study, by the nonpartisan Center for Responsive Politics, examined contributions to Clinton and Dole from January 1995 through mid-1996. As of the end of June, Clinton had raised \$41.4 million, including receiving \$12.2 million from taxpayers in the form of federal matching funds; Dole had raised \$45.7 million, including \$13.2 million in matching funds. The report sorted the contributions

by industry and company to determine where each candidate received his biggest source of support. (In Dole's case, the study included donations from political action committees; Clinton does not accept PAC contributions.)

For the most part, the candidates' efforts to raise money for their own campaigns are over; Dole has received nearly \$62 million in public funds to run his general election campaign and cannot raise any private money to supplement that. Clinton will receive the same sum once the Democrats formally nominate him next week.

But both candidates raised record sums during the primary campaign. According to the study, Clinton's biggest backers were lawyers, who donated \$3.9 million, followed by people who identified themselves as retired (\$1.3 million), the real estate industry (\$721,000), and business services (\$665,000).

Examining contributions by individuals associated with a

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## NASA aids TWA crash investigators

■ The space agency is examining pieces of the fuel tank and pumps to find clues.

By ERIC MALNIC  
LOS ANGELES TIMES

SMITHTOWN, N.Y. — Scientists at the Marshall Space Center in Huntsville, Ala., are joining the attempt to solve the five-week-old mystery of what caused the crash of TWA Flight 800 off Long Island.

National Transportation Safety Board Vice Chairman Robert Francis said Thursday that shattered components of the Boeing 747's belly fuel tank system are being flown to the space agency facility in the hope that "the same folks who worked on the Challenger" spacecraft crash investigation can shed some light on the Flight 800 disaster.

Francis declined to speculate on what the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's examination of fuel pumps, probes that monitor the amount of fuel and other belly-tank debris recovered from the ocean bottom might reveal.

But he has said repeatedly that there is strong evidence of a fiery explosion in the tank, which underlies a portion of the passenger cabin directly ahead of the wings. That evidence includes bits of

charred, twisted metal from the fuel tank area.

The tank was nearly empty when the jetliner took off from New York's John F. Kennedy Airport, but it still contained about 100 gallons of high-grade kerosene — enough jet fuel to generate volatile fumes that could have detonated in an explosive burst of flame.

The question is: What might have ignited those fumes?

Most investigators still favor the possibility that it was a small but powerful bomb, perhaps one placed under a passenger seat directly above the tank. A bomb placed beneath a seat exploded on an Avianca Colombian jetliner in 1989, triggering a blast in the belly fuel tank that felled the Boeing 727.

But other investigators are studying the possibility that some mechanical failure on Flight 800 could have touched off the fumes generated by the sloshing jet fuel.

"It only takes one little spark," one source said. While Francis declined comment, it is believed that NASA experts are looking for some sort of malfunction in the fuel-pumping and monitoring system that could have generated that spark.

It had been hoped that analysis of a "loud sound" captured by the plane's "black box" cockpit voice recorder might have told investigators whether a bomb exploded, but experts say nothing conclusive has been found.

A third possibility — that a missile was fired at Flight 800 — is still technically under consideration. However, because radar data fail to show the sort of track that would have been left by a missile, most investigators are skeptical of this theory.

Infrared sensing systems on the ground detected two

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# Lebed brokers cease-fire with Chechen separatists

**Russia's security chief is eager to end the 20-month civil war.**

By **RICHARD BOUDREAUX**  
LOS ANGELES TIMES

MOSCOW — Struggling to pacify his own troops as well as those of the enemy, Russian security chief Alexander I. Lebed announced a new, more detailed cease-fire Thursday with separatist rebels in Chechnya, but hopes for peace were undermined again by criticism of him from President Boris N. Yeltsin.

The accord, due to take effect at midday Friday, followed a day of shuttle diplomacy in which the retired general, who has staked his powerful Kremlin post on ending the war, acted more like a mediator than the leader of the Russian side.

"We must stop this bloody bacchanal immediately, firmly and severely," a stone-faced Lebed told reporters after signing the accord with the rebel commander, Gen. Aslan Maskhadov, in the Chechen village of Noviy Atagi.

The agreement goes beyond the

short-lived cease-fire Lebed achieved last week, as it spells out a plan for disengagement of the rival armies and their joint control of the southern republic's embattled capital while talks on a political settlement begin.

Before returning to Moscow, Lebed said he would be back in Chechnya Saturday with a proposal defining a semi-autonomous status for the tiny republic, whose Muslim leaders seek full independence.

"We will discuss it and sign it," he said confidently.

Lebed's latest mission to the war zone, his third in less than two weeks, marked a new turn in a fast-moving drama that began Aug. 6 with the rebels' stunning recapture of their capital, Grozny, from the Russian army that had routed them in early 1995.

Arriving in Chechnya late Wednesday, Lebed managed to call off a bombing counteroffensive that Russia's overall troop commander had threatened for Thursday to take Grozny back. Lebed called the commander's ultimatum, which had been issued Tuesday over his objection, "a bad joke." Maskhadov said Lebed "gave a guarantee that there would be no storming of

Grozny."

No one but Lebed, however, voiced expectation that the latest cease-fire would take hold. Russian news agencies reported a major clash in southern Grozny late Thursday.

As the accord was taking shape Thursday night, Russian television stations aired an interview with Yeltsin in which he criticized the paratrooper-turned-politician who became his Security Council secretary two months ago.

"One should remember that (Lebed) constantly promised to solve the Chechnya problem if he had power," Yeltsin said. "Now he has power. Unfortunately, no results can yet be seen as far as Chechnya is concerned."

Yeltsin, interviewed in the Kremlin after a two-day visit to a possible vacation spot in northwest Russia, denied news reports that he would travel abroad for heart surgery but did not address the question of whether he needed such an operation.

"If I take my leave, I will spend it on Russian territory," the 65-year-old president said, smiling, gesturing firmly and looking slightly more animated than the

wooden leader who was inaugurated for a second term Aug. 9.

His evident illness in recent weeks has added more confusion to Russia's already-blurred lines of military command. And his criticism could further weaken Lebed, who has responsibility for Chechnya but no clear authority to fire disobedient generals who want to keep fighting there.

"No one has given anyone any power," Lebed told reporters in Chechnya as he shuttled between military camps. "You simply have to take power, as I am quietly doing."

A new lull in fighting Thursday came after President Clinton appealed to Yeltsin to call off the threatened counteroffensive and spare civilian lives. The rebels allowed food and water to be brought to Russian troops trapped in Grozny and wounded soldiers were evacuated.

Almost 200,000 people have fled Grozny since the rebel takeover, leaving 120,000 civilians in the devastated city, according to Russian and International Red Cross officials. Thousands have been killed, boosting a death toll of

30,000 in 20 months of war. A Russian official said 406 federal soldiers have been killed since Aug. 6 and another 130 are missing and presumed dead.

Under Thursday's accord, Russian and Chechen troops would stop firing, exchange dead soldiers and war prisoners and withdraw some troops from Grozny, Russia's ITAR-Tass news agency reported. Russian troops would retreat to Grozny's Severny Airport and their Khankala military base east of the city. They would pull back from besieged rebel strongholds in the southern Caucasus Mountains between Monday and next Thursday, relocating in two villages closer to Grozny.

While clear withdrawal routes and boundaries would separate the two armies, Grozny would be supervised by joint command offices — to be set up Friday afternoon — and by joint military patrols. Both sides renounced terrorism and agreed to a procedure of joint investigation of cease-fire violations.

Neither Lt. Gen. Konstantin B. Pulikovskiy, the acting Russian commander who had issued the

bombing ultimatum, nor Lt. Gen. Vyacheslav Tikhomirov, who reassumed his duties from Pulikovskiy on Wednesday, commented on the cease-fire accord.

But Anatoly Shkirko, a lower ranking general who commands Russia's Interior Ministry troops in Chechnya, noted pessimistically that all previous cease-fires had broken down.

Russia's military is reportedly split between the army, which wants to withdraw from Chechnya and let Lebed negotiate a face-saving peace, and the Interior Ministry, which believes that a Russian withdrawal would only lead to Chechen terrorist attacks on Russian cities.

Lebed vowed again Thursday to take Russian troops out of Chechnya, but he could only use bluster against opponents of such a course. "I foresee numerous attacks" on the latest peace effort, he declared. "I will form a strike battalion out of them and give them an opportunity to fight as much as they like."

## American neo-Nazi convicted in Germany

**A Nebraska man operated a mail-order company that sold Nazi propaganda materials.**

By **JONATHAN C. RANDAL**  
THE WASHINGTON POST

BERLIN — Gary Rex Lauck, an American neo-Nazi who proclaims to admire Adolf Hitler, was sentenced to four years in jail Thursday on conviction of inciting racial hatred and disseminating illegal propaganda in Germany.

Lauck, from Lincoln, Neb., broke a self-imposed silence that he had maintained throughout the four-month trial in Hamburg, shouting in slightly American-accented German as security guards led him away: "Neither the Communists nor the Nazis would ever have dared kidnap an American citizen. The fight will

go on."

The outburst reflected his insistence that he was wrongly arrested in Denmark in March 1995 and extradited to Hamburg last August to face charges here that would not exist in the United States under U.S. freedom of speech laws. His lawyer, Hans-Otto Sieg, immediately said he will appeal the sentence on grounds that the so-called Farm Belt Fuehrer's Nebraska-based mail order exports are legal in the United States despite Germany's draconian laws punishing neo-Nazi propaganda and paraphernalia.

He argued that Germany has no right to tell an American citizen what to do in the United States. Lauck, who prefers to be addressed as Gerhard, affects a Hitler-like toothbrush mustache and speaks English with a German accent but is a resident of Nebraska.

Lauck, 43, has been in jail in Denmark and Germany for the past 17 months. Under German time-served and parole rules, he could be released and deported by next February, according to court sources.

German officials nevertheless were pleased by the verdict, capping two decades of efforts to interrupt Lauck's thriving exports of neo-Nazi propaganda literature, cassettes, arm bands, records, swastikas and other symbols in 10 European languages to more than 30 countries.

In contravention of German laws, Lauck's materials slander Jews and other "non-Aryans," praise Hitler, advocate restoration of his Third Reich and deny the Holocaust.

## ANC admits human rights violations

**The ANC admits to committing human rights violations during the Apartheid era.**

By **BOB DROGIN**  
LOS ANGELES TIMES

CAPE TOWN, South Africa — Opening its files for the first time, the African National Congress admitted Thursday that its members and supporters had committed grisly human rights violations during the bitter struggle against white rule but insisted the abuses were unintentional.

Thabo Mbeki, deputy president of both the ANC and the government, apologized to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission for what he called "excesses" and said he "deeply regrets" the civilian deaths.

The ANC, the former liberation

movement that is now the ruling party in a vibrant democracy, handed over some 420 pages of documents to the commission. They included graphic details of bombings, use of land mines and other attacks that killed civilians, as well as three long-hidden internal reports describing horrific living conditions and mistreatment at former ANC military training camps.

Hundreds of ANC operatives and guerrillas who died or disappeared in exile were identified, including the names of 34 suspected spies, murderers and mutes executed by the ANC at the notorious Quatro Camp in Angola.

Testifying for three hours, Mbeki insisted that none of the abuses "arose out of official policy, or were in any case sanctioned by the leadership. There are instances where we could have acted more firmly and speedily to prevent or stop abuses, and for that, the ANC

accepts collective responsibility."

He said the ANC "never permitted random attacks" on civilians but said they inevitably died in bombings, shootouts and other attacks. He cited, for example, an infamous car bomb at the Magoos and Why Not bars in Durban in 1986, in which three civilians were killed and 69 injured.

Other civilian deaths, Mbeki said, "including (victims of) 'necklacings' and attacks on a cinema and restaurants, were in fact carried out by agents of the apartheid state in their continuing attempts to damage the image of the ANC."

He denied that the ANC sanctioned necklacing, in which a victim is burned alive with a gasoline-filled tire around the neck. More than 500 people died in such gruesome executions. "Necklacing was never the policy of the ANC," Mbeki said.

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# Admission

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Leager said NCSU often gives preferential treatment to applicants from minority races because the university is "trying to reflect percentages out in the real world." "We think it's important for students to be in a diverse environment while they're in college," she said. "Maintaining a diverse campus population seems like part of our commitment to students."

According to some, admissions policies aren't the only race-based factor which affect college-bound students. The SAT test, taken by high school students preparing to enter college, has been under fire because critics say it is racially biased.

Leager said the SAT makes a lot of assumptions about a person's experiences and the environment in

## By the numbers

NCSU population percentages

Race	%
White	80.7
African American	9.3
Native American	0.5
Asian	4.2
Hispanic	1.3
International	4.0

Statistics as of Spring 1996  
Source: Fall Enrollment and Compliance Report of Higher Education, OCR Report 2-3

which they live. She also said NCSU's admissions office is relying on SAT scores less in their admissions process.

In recent years, more schools have been depending less on SAT scores in admissions and more on high school grades and extra-curricular activities.

"It's already been established that the SAT is not that much of an indicator of what kind of college student somebody will be," Leager said.

# Kennedy

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the 350-page book recounts the day of the assassination and focuses on the actions of Hickey. Kennedy cleared the way for Hickey to be assigned to the president's personal protection detail in July 1963, four months before the murder in Dallas. Hickey was 40 at the time.

Written by Missouri-based journalist Bonar Menninger, the book claims that when Hickey heard the first volley in Dallas' Dealey Plaza that day, he pulled out an AR-15 assault-type rifle while standing in a trailing Cadillac outfitted for the Secret Service.

The first shot by Lee Harvey Oswald hit the pavement. The second — the so-called "magic bullet" — struck Kennedy in the neck. At that point, Hickey lost his balance in the Cadillac, "Mortal Error" claims, and he accidentally pulled the trigger, hitting the president in the head.

The lawsuit — which does not name Menninger as a defendant — says "Mortal Error" is "replete with false and misleading defamatory statements and innuendoes." The suit says the book labels Hickey by accusing

him of a crime — negligent homicide for shooting Kennedy — and by claiming that the agent has participated in a deliberate cover-up for three decades.

The lawsuit quotes numerous passages from the book, calling them libelous and saying they were published with "reckless disregard" of the truth — a legal standard lawyers must establish to prove a libel case.

"So Hickey reaches down and grabs the AR-15 off the floor, flips off the safety and stands up on the seat, preparing to return fire," one passage reads. "But his footing is precarious. The follow-up car hits the brakes or speeds up. Hickey begins to swing the gun around to draw a bead on Oswald, but he loses his balance. He begins to fall. And the barrel happens to be pointing toward Kennedy's head. And the gun happens to go off."

Hickey, who lives in Abingdon, declined through his lawyer to discuss the case. Menninger did not return a call to his home in Kansas City, Mo. But Howard Donahue, the ballistics expert responsible for the theory, said Wednesday that he still stands by it.

Donahue's theory was published in 1977, when The Baltimore Sun ran a two-part magazine article. Hickey was not

named in the article, but Donahue's theory was discussed in detail. To this day, he says there is plenty of evidence to support it.

Donahue — who was not named as a defendant in the suit — says the entrance wound in Kennedy's head was slanted from left to right, precluding a shot from the Texas School Book Depository where Oswald took aim. He also says the wound was a quarter-inch wide, an indication that a large-caliber round, 22 like one fired by an AR-15 hit Kennedy. He says the bullet exploded upon impact, another sign that the bullet was a high-velocity, thin-jacketed projectile — the kind fired by an AR-15.

Donahue's theory has been questioned many times before.

Last year, Donahue settled a suit filed by Hickey in Baltimore County after he recounted his theory on a public television show hosted by then-Congressman Kweisi Mfume. Donahue declined to disclose the details of the settlement, but he said Wednesday that he admires Hickey's heroism.

"He showed a great deal of courage and nerve to stand up during an ambush and try to return fire," Donahue said.

Donahue's theory has been brushed off by a number of

Kennedy experts. The director of the JFK Assassination Center calls his theory "absolutely ridiculous." The theory was dismissed by a House Select Assassination Committee in 1978. One of Hickey's lawyers is the director of the Assassination Archives and Research Center, which holds one of the largest collections of Kennedy documents in the nation.

"Assassination researchers on both sides all agree on one thing," said Zaid, one of Hickey's lawyers. "Mortal Error is wrong."

So far, Hickey has filed three libel suits around the country relating to "Mortal Error," including the one in Maryland. Because the book was published nearly four years ago, Hickey and his lawyers are facing statute of limitation problems. Hickey did not file the suit earlier because of health problems. He also wanted to protect his family name after the births of two grandchildren, his lawyer said.

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particular company or other organization, 19 of the top 50 Clinton contributors were law firms. But while trial lawyers are big donors to Clinton and the Democratic Party, the individual firms whose lawyers contributed large amounts to Clinton were for the most part large national law firms, not firms that specialize in

personal injury cases.

Among lobbyists and public relations executives, Dole's fund-raising outperformed Clinton's, collecting \$307,000 compared to the president's \$234,000. And though Dole raised less than half of what Clinton did from lawyers, he also took in a substantial sum from members of the legal profession and their families, \$1.5 million.

The biggest total of contributions for Clinton came from the same source as Dole's:

the accounting firm of Ernst & Young. Employees of the accounting firm and their families contributed \$136,000 to Clinton and \$108,000 to Dole, by far the biggest grouping of contributions for either candidate.

Also giving heavily to both candidates were employees of the investment banking firm of Goldman, Sachs & Co., who gave \$36,000 to Clinton and \$49,000 to Dole. The New York law firm of Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom also gave substantial

sums to both, \$32,000 to Clinton and \$35,000 to Dole.

The Dole campaign's biggest source of contributions was the financial sector, which contributed \$3.3 million, including \$980,000 from securities and investment banking firms, \$668,000 from real estate employees and \$606,000 from the insurance industry. The gambling industry gave Dole \$173,000, compared to \$64,000 to Clinton.

# NASA

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separate blasts July 17 — the first as Flight 800 was climbing through 13,500 feet after takeoff from New York, the second moments later as the shattered aircraft plunged toward its final

destination on the floor of the Atlantic Ocean, about 10 miles off the coast of Long Island. The crash killed all 230 on board.

Investigators now think the first blast may have been the exploding belly tank; the second a massive fireball that erupted when thousands of gallons of misting fuel from ruptured wing

tanks burst into flame. Pilots of other planes in the area said the fireball ignited at about 9,000 feet.

The delay between the two blasts probably occurred because the wing tank fuel had to vaporize sufficiently before it could ignite, investigators say.

By nightfall Thursday, Navy

divers had largely completed their search of two of the three main debris fields on the ocean bottom, but Francis said the remaining debris field still contains "great deal of wreckage," and the undersea recovery effort is expected to continue for weeks.

Thus far, the bodies of 209 of the victims have been recovered.

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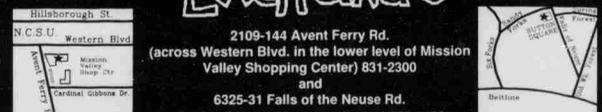

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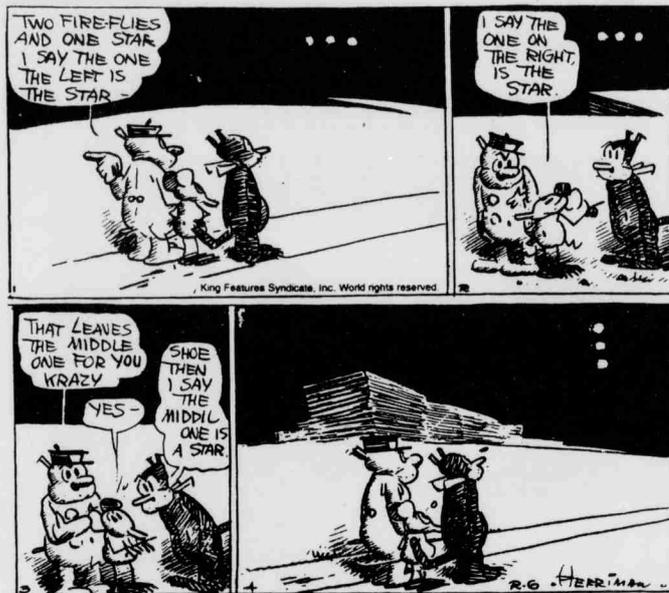
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**KRAZY KAT**



**Fan**

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screenplay that really disappoints.

There are too many subplots and characters that aren't really needed in the long run. The filmmakers try for the gritty brilliance of Martin Scorsese's "Taxi Driver" when showing the gradual breakdown of the human soul.

But this film doesn't peak our interests. The plot is outlandish and far-fetched. The murders aren't convincing or shocking because of one simple element: we don't really care about a lot

of these people.

The main object of compassion is Gil's son, who is torn between love for his father and the knowledge that Gil's harsh treatment isn't right. But he's excluded from the majority of the film.

The saving grace of "The Fan" is DeNiro's marvelous performance. He conveys the plight of the middle-aged divorcee with nothing going right in his life: his wife hates him; he's lost his job; and people treat him like dirt. Yet, his enormous love for baseball fills the emptiness in his life because it provided one moment of shining glory for this otherwise very ordinary

man.

"The Fan" would be unbearable without DeNiro. And even with him, it's still not very good. There are no real thrills. It just plays like a character study of some very uninteresting ballplayers who don't even deserve one-tenth of the admiration that DeNiro's Gil bestows upon them.

And DeNiro's work is so good that it becomes painful to watch this man sink so far into depravity. Because of him, there's no pleasure in seeing the villain get his in the end. It's just all very unpleasant.

Grade: C

**Film**

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Morrison refers to as "trash." But this career trajectory from independent to mainstream is not exclusive to film, said Entertainment Weekly writer Ty Burr.

"It's not unlike what's happening in the world of music," Burr said, "with the majors constantly scouring the alternative underground for the next big thing. Nirvana on one hand, Tarantino on the other."

But, in reaching out for the next big independent hit or filmmaker, some studios end up biting off more than they can chew. Film industry publications such as Entertainment Weekly cite

Disney, Miramax, "Priest" and "Kids" as prime examples of what can happen when independent filmmaking clashes with mainstream filmmaking.

But where idealists like Burr differ from other film watchers is on the future role of the independent filmmakers in the world of Hollywood.

"As time passes, I think the indie filmmakers will have more of a role in Hollywood," Burr said.

Whether that is so remains to be seen. Burr considers the merging of Hollywood and independent films as a mutual agreement to produce quality films, but most other film watchers hold polar-opposite opinions. They see independent film being sucked into Hollywood and being

drained of most of its originality and vitality.

"It's definitely a vampiric approach to filmmaking," NCSU film professor Maria Pramaogore said.

"What used to be an independent film circuit is now an entree into Hollywood."

More often than not, talented independent directors merge into the Hollywood system and produce several features for studios. Is this a sign that Hollywood is interested in producing more intelligent films? Not so, said Campbell.

"The bottom line for everything is money," UAB Films Committee Advisor Larry Campbell said. "The industry has become money-driven, and Disney has made a

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**Top Ten Videos**

Rented Last Week

10. Rumble In The Bronx (Turner — R)
9. Leaving Las Vegas (MGM/UA — R)
8. Casino (MCA/Universal — R)
7. Get Shorty (MGM/UA — R)
6. Dead Man Walking (Polygram — R)
5. The Juror (Columbia TriStar — R)
4. Heat (Warner — R)
3. Mr. Holland's Opus (Buena Vista — Buena Vista — PG)
2. 12 Monkeys (MCA/Universal — R)
1. Broken Arrow (Fox Video — R)

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## Partygoers beware

University shouldn't concern itself with the Brent Road party.

The Brent Road party is this weekend. It has become something of a tradition at the beginning of the fall semester. Unfortunately, this year continues the tradition of N.C. State policing the off-campus event attended by students and non-students alike. Public Safety officers will be patrolling the party watching for underage student drinkers. If caught, the students will be issued a citation and a campus appearance ticket. The city of Raleigh also will have officers patrolling the party. After all, it's a private party sponsored by the student residents of a city street.

The Raleigh Police Department has the obligation to be there just as they would be at any other large gathering where the consumption of alcohol is expected. They will watch for underage drinking and people violating the open container ordinance as well as limiting potential problems by remaining visible during the course of the celebration. The university, however, has

no valid reasons for being there other than the fact that comments have been made in the past concerning the impact of such a party on the university's image. The party is neither being held on university controlled land nor is it in any way sponsored, endorsed or supported by the university. NCSU students are giving the party, but large numbers of the guests are not students.

Since the party is off-campus, the university shouldn't involve itself in trying to control what goes on there. This action only makes NCSU look as if it was trying to police its students. Raleigh Police have a duty to supervise Brent Road not Public Safety officers. Students need to be aware that it's illegal to carry an open container of alcohol on public property. If you are caught in violation of this ordinance, you will be cited by police officers and ordered to attend a city court. You will also be cited by the university.

If you're going to the party, remember the rules. Party safe and drink in moderation. The best way to continue a tradition is to avoid giving people a reason to end it.

## Meet the media

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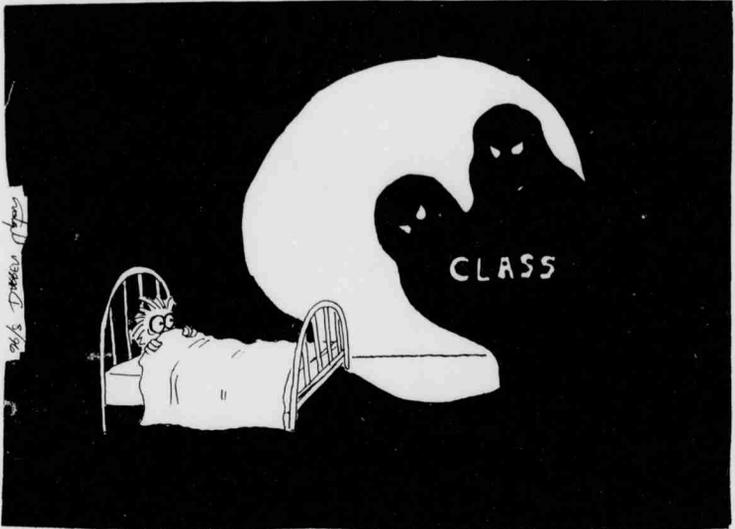
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## Even Housing makes mistakes, so get over it

Life — it's a funny thing. One day everything seems to be going your way and some days everything seems to fall apart.

This semester, some students will spend a part of their time living in triples and lounges due to overbooking in residence halls. From what I've heard, it's difficult for the residents in temporary housing and those around them. Students who want to use the lounges can't and those in temporary housing have to stay ready to move their stuff again.

It would be easy to say the University Housing wronged those students living in triples and lounges, but they haven't wronged anyone. They're just like everybody else on campus — they make mistakes.

It's hard to plan for every situation that may arise in the future when you have approximately 6,000 people living on campus. All Housing can do is study what's happened in the past and try to prevent its mistakes from being as large as they were.

People living in temporary housing aren't the only ones who have felt let down by Housing. Things happen, mistakes happen, all the time. Take me for example.

Before I start, I'd like to say that on the whole, my experience with Housing has been pretty good.

Nicole Bowman



They have a friendly staff that has helped me whenever I've needed help. But, I've also learned that they're not perfect. My misadventure with Housing started this summer. I decided I wanted to live in a different room than the one I had stood in-line for two hours for during fall sign-up in the spring. I was told that they couldn't guarantee that I would get a room change. I understood everything and knew everything would work out.

In July, I received a call from Housing notifying me that a room change had been found and they wanted to know if I would take it. Of course, I would. It was better than what I had.

Well, time passed and I had almost forgotten about the room change until the week before

school started. In the mail was a copy of my class schedule.

Apparently, Registration and Records knew more about my room change than I did, because it had printed my new address on the sheet. Being that I'm usually the last one to know about things, I was a tad bit surprised. I hadn't received any confirmation letters from Housing in the mail. I had hoped everything worked out.

So, the next day I called Housing to confirm the address. I thought maybe they would have something on record saying when information was mailed out to me. I talked to someone who said that they had no way of knowing if they sent me mail all the time. That's when I started to doubt that everything would work out.

That same day, Housing called to confirm my cancellation for the fall. I went off the deep-end for a while and complained to anyone who would listen to me, but it wasn't as big of a deal as I thought it would be.

A Housing staff member found a mistake in my file. She was just calling to make sure it was right. Everything was taken care of and I moved in without any problems.

I know my problem may be insignificant from the inconveniences caused by

temporary housing, but to me, your problem isn't as bad either. At least you know you'll be living on-campus. For a while, I didn't.

Without the help of Housing staff, namely Ruth Fuller, I probably would be living with my parents for the next school year. And some of you are complaining about living in temporary housing and would probably be living with your parents without it.

Everything will work out. You'll find a place to stay in a couple weeks or use that lounge soon. Those of you that want to stay in your temporary housing assignments can stay.

Housing is working its hardest to make sure everything works out and students get moved as soon as possible. Be patient, it may take a while. They're working as fast as they can.

You shouldn't necessarily be nice and act like nothing happened. If you don't like what's going on, complain to Housing. Tell them that you don't like having to give up the kitchen to house students or like having to move twice in one year. They can take the criticism and will work to keep these mistakes from happening too frequently in the future.

One expression that keeps

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## Americans deserve disrespect from Europeans

Roop Mundi

GUEST COMMENTARY

The place was crowded and people were frustrated. A sophisticated looking man, wearing a three-piece business suit was standing next to me. He looked very nervous. He kept checking his watch and fidgeting with his ticket, his passport and anything else he could get his hands on. He was obviously late for some important meeting or something. I studied him for awhile and based on his rude mannerisms and impatience, I guessed that he was an American.

I had to test my hypothesis. So, I asked him if he knew what time it was. He said, in a clear New York accent, "It's 5:45."

Hah, I was right. This incident made me ask myself if I could point out all of the Americans in this great slue of people.

Trust me, it's not very hard. You just have to look where all the noise is coming from. Americans stood out like sore thumbs at the airport. Not only in the way they dressed, but also and especially in the way they interacted with other people.

I looked around at all of the people lined up in the many rows of the room. I noticed a typical

suburban American family with two kids who were in a constant battle over a certain toy; a neurotic mother, who kept checking her purse to see if anyone had stolen anything; and a father who was wearing a giant straw hat with "Mickey Mouse" on it, an incredibly bright and gaudy Hawaiian shirt, shorts that were three sizes too small, a video camera hung over one shoulder and of course, he had a huge smile on his face. America.

I looked further into the line-up and noticed a small group of teenage girls, probably around 17-18 years old. They were all very ecstatic about being in London. They made sure that everyone in the airport knew they were from America. With loud and pompous mouths, they engaged in a pretentious conversation about the differences between American and British cultures. After the "conversation" fell apart, which didn't take very long, they began to annoy almost everybody in the room by talking with their pathetic attempts at British accents. America.

Next, I saw a group of typical frat boys. These guys were classic fraternity lords with their old, dirty, ripped, use-to-be-white caps, plaid J.Crew button down shirts tucked into faded, ripped blue jeans and topped off with hiking boots.

Obnoxiously loud conversation about great European beer invaded everybody else's ears from these guys. I was waiting for one of them to rip out a funnel from a bag and for the rest to start bashing beer cans on each other's foreheads. America.

After seeing all of this first hand and then spending three weeks in London and receiving a cold shoulder almost wherever I went, it was no puzzle to me why Americans aren't respected in England. When most Americans come to England, or anywhere for that matter, they have an incredibly arrogant attitude about being from America. They think that any local person would be more than glad to help out an American, to "actually talk to an American."

The American ego is one of the tallest barriers that we have to crumble. Europeans, Asians and even Canadians have a negative attitude directed toward Americans. This negative attitude doesn't stem from international politics or international sporting events. It stems from their personal interaction with Americans — because Americans are generally very conceited and boastful on an international level.

I have observed that most of the Americans that I saw in England

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# Bowman Film

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popping in my mind about my ordeal is "life is a compromise." (It's also the name of a cereal, but that's not important.) Sometimes everything goes your way and sometimes it doesn't. You have to learn to live with it and move on.

Mistakes happen — not everyone is as perfect as you think you are. Just let Housing do what it does best and find you a place to live. It'll work out.

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lot with Miramax. Essentially, they'll ride that horse until it dies."

Morrison agrees with Campbell's fatalist view of the future of the independent film.

"There's a collapse of filmmaking so that there is no longer a distinction between mainstream schlock and independent art," Morrison said. "Plenty of the independent films you see now are as stupid as anything that comes out of Hollywood."

Morrison cites David O. Russell's first feature, "Spanking the Monkey," as the perfect example of an independent film that is as "stupid" as a Hollywood feature.

"Even though it deals with serious topics," Morrison said, "it's just a sitcom treatment of those serious ideas. Much in the same vein, films like the Coen brothers' "Fargo"

value cuteness and hipness. These are not values that serious artists take to heart."

Serious values, according to Rialto manager John Munson, are sorely lacking in the current Miramax release schedule. He cites Miramax's film "The Pallbearer," released last spring, as a perfect example of this trend.

"The Pallbearer" featured TV star David Schwimmer of "Friends" as a 20-something who serves as a pallbearer in the funeral of a high school friend he doesn't remember. Even though it is distributed by Miramax, the film was widely seen as an audience-friendly mainstream comedy because of Schwimmer's "Friends" connection.

"It's not quite as 'out there' as some of the things that we expect from Miramax," Munson said.

"Again, it very well could be the immense Disney influence."

But Munson does not see that "Disney influence" as warping the independent industry on the whole.

He sees the up-and-coming distributor Gramercy Pictures as a definite candidate for the independent greatness once held by Miramax.

"There's always going to be filmmakers with a distinction vision and a distributor looking for that "diamond in the rough," so to speak," Munson said.

"Gramercy seems to have their act together. They have been releasing two or three great movies a year and marketing them really well."

The success of such Gramercy releases as "Four Weddings and a Funeral," "The Usual Suspects," "Fargo" and the Oscar-winning "Dead Man Walking" is a prime example of what Munson sees as the Hitmax test for Gramercy's future in the independent market.

"And as far as I know," Munson added, "they don't have a major studio telling them what to do with their films. They've managed (success) on their own as independents."

# Mundi

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were very loud, obnoxious and showed no respect to England's culture, history and especially its people. We Americans have this perception that the British people are very snobby and rude. This misperception is a direct result from the cause and effect relationship that America shares with England. Americans visit England and make complete fools of themselves, which promotes the snobby British attitude. The British have every right to look down on Americans. The lack of sophistication and intelligence displayed by American tourists clearly displays why the British have a sense of superiority over Americans.

If you decide to travel to England or anywhere else in Europe, let me give you some advice on how not to look like a typical American tourist — keep your mouth shut.

# College students are trendy

X-100A STAFF REPORT

According to the American Express Retail Index, which monitors consumer spending trends in retail and is based on a survey of 1,000 consumers nationwide, back-to-schoolers are as style-conscious and brand-conscious as ever.

Contrary to last year's back-to-school survey, the American Express Retail Index found that

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The survey also found that nearly half of all students are considered style-conscious by their parents. On a scale of 1 to 10 (with "10" being extremely style-conscious and "1" being not at all style-conscious), 45 percent of parents give their kids an 8 or higher.

According to the study, college

students demonstrated a strong preference for certain brands. Top brand names among the students were Levi's (45 percent), followed by Nike (39 percent), The Gap (17 percent), Reebok (16 percent) and Guess (13 percent). Designer labels were also popular, with Tommy Hilfiger, Calvin Klein and Polo/Ralph Lauren cited as the most popular designer brands.

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