



PRSSA holds penny drive

To the average student, pennies are pretty worthless. However, the Public Relations Student Society of America (PRSSA) is currently collecting these copper coins to fund its trip to nationals in St. Louis.

Students are encouraged to bring their pennies from home during Fall Break and deposit them in the jar in Jersey Mike's on Hillsborough Street or donate at PRSSA's booth.

PRSSA will also sell raffle tickets on October 18 in the Free Expression Tunnel for \$150 worth of books from Dollins Bookstore and dinner at Margaux's Restaurant.

Spangler visits Phi Kappa Tau

C.D. Spangler, president of the 16-campus University of North Carolina system, spoke to the brothers of Phi Kappa Tau Wednesday during their "Phi Forum" dinner.

According to president Trey Taylor, a junior in Natural Resources, "It was an honor to have such an important official in our house." He spoke about the future of the system in general and how N.C. State fits into it.

In the next five years, 40,000 new people are expected to join the UNC system. However, NCSU should not expect a surge in new students, Spangler said.

Spangler said he hopes that by raising admissions requirements, quality students will take precedence over quantity.

UGSA wins national honors

N.C. State's University Graduate Student Association received two national awards for outstanding service to the student community.

The organization won top honors for Best Electronic/Internet Services and Best Communications/Newsletter.

The awards will be presented at the National Association of Graduate and Professional Students' annual conference Oct. 25 in Santa Monica, Calif.

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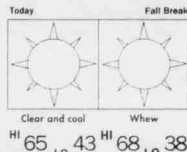
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Outside



## War of words in tunnel mar start of gay event

National Coming Out Day traditionally invokes a strong reaction among students.

By PHILLIP REESE  
 ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

The battle lines are already splattered across the Free Expression Tunnel. The conflict that signifies National Coming Out Day has begun.

On one side of the conflict, students like Scott Starn, a fifth-year senior in aerospace engineering, support today's event.

"A college campus is where people should be most accepting of their peers," Starn said. "People might fear coming out to their families or church. They should be able to come out within their university without fear."

On the other side of the conflict, students like Jeremy Pressley, a freshman in general agriculture, condemn National Coming Out Day.

"I don't think it is right," Pressley said. "Gays and Lesbians are not right. I don't think we should have

a day for them."

Forrest Jones, a senior in agricultural pest control, said National Coming Out Day is not unique.

"It's just another day," Jones said. "I don't see them constituting a day to be their's."

Starn said students like Pressley and Jones need to reconsider their world views.

"I think they need to understand that college is a place for people to accept others," Starn said. "They are missing a great part of the college experience when they are hating others."

Michael O'Neil, co-chair of the Bisexuals, Gays, Lesbians and Allies (BGLA), said in spite of a few stragglers, most N.C. State students are beginning to accept the gay community.

"The population of people who do not have a negative opinion of gays, lesbians and bisexuals has increased," O'Neil said. "There is more of a voice saying that we deserve equality."

National Coming Out Day is held on Oct. 11 each year. It encourages



Anti-gay slogans line the walls of the Free Expression Tunnel, covering BGLA's painted advertisements supporting National Coming Out Day.

## Stats say plus/minus hurts student GPAs

The plus/minus grading system trial period ends this year, the decision on whether to continue it is up in the air.

By MARK MCCRAW  
 STAFF WRITER

Students who are unhappy with the plus/minus grading system might not have to deal with it much longer, according to Student Body President Robert Zimmer.

During Wednesday's Student Senate meeting, Zimmer said undergraduate figures from last year's fall semester indicated that 44 percent of students were not affected by the system, 22 percent got better grades overall, and 34 percent of students' grades were harmed.

The plus/minus grading system has been undergoing a three-year trial period that ends this year.

According to Zimmer, Chancellor Larry Monteith, said the criteria for determining whether or not to keep the system would largely depend on whether or not it would have a negative effect on students.

Although the figures seem to indicate that grades have been harmed under the system, Zimmer warned that the concept of students being harmed was subject to much interpretation, hence nothing definite could be concluded at this point.

Zimmer also announced that he vetoed the recently-passed Senate bill regarding chalking during elections.

"It's tough to enforce laws on chalking," Zimmer said. "People often try to destroy the image of others who are running."

Additional discussion regarding the president's controversial role on the Student Media Authority was also brought up.

"My main objection was that there was no accountability of the SMA to the student body as a whole," Zimmer said. "The president and treasurer are

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## Balancing act



Rishi Khatri, a freshman in pre-med finds balancing a soccer ball on his foot to be a good form of meditation.

## Hinds picked to head arena development

The Centennial Authority approves Sims Hinds for the Sports and Entertainment Arena's executive director position.

NEWS STAFF REPORT

The Centennial Authority believes it has found the man to lead the future Entertainment and Sports Arena.

At a special meeting last Tuesday, the Authority voted to hire Sims Hinds, a minor league baseball executive, to oversee the project's day-to-day operations as the executive director.

Although Hinds' salary has not been finalized, it will be negotiated over the next few weeks and will be within a \$150,000 appropriation set aside for the position earlier this year.

The Authority was created by the General Assembly last year to design and manage the proposed Entertainment and Sports Arena, a 21,300-seat complex to be located next to Carter-Finley Stadium.

The Arena will be home to N.C. State's basketball teams and possibly a National Hockey League franchise.

Since this spring, Hinds has been the general manager of the Oklahoma City 89ers, a Triple-A minor league baseball team.

This is not the first time Hinds has dealt with the Arena. Before working with the 89ers, he was an executive with SMG Inc., an arena management company headquartered in Philadelphia. The company lost a contracting bid to oversee and manage the Arena last year.

The contract was awarded to Ogden Entertainment Services, a New York firm that has overseen the construction of such arenas as the Montreal Forum, the Ottawa Palladium and Arrowhead Pond in Anaheim, Ca.

Hinds oversaw SMG's unsuccessful bid for the management contract.

Ogden is being paid \$10,000 a month for advice on how to build and manage the arena. Once a permanent contract is decided on, Ogden is expected to make double that amount.

As director, Hinds would oversee Ogden and other contractors on a daily basis, but the Authority would still control most policy and budget issues.

Hinds, who joined SMG in 1988, previously worked as vice president of marketing for Warren Miller Films, a producer of feature action films. Before that, he spent eight years as a manager with Concerts West and Management III, a pair of concert promotion and artist management firms.

## Novelist reveals 'tools' of storytelling

A successful local author spoke to the university community about his writing methods.

By KRISTEN SPUILL  
 STAFF WRITER

Tuesday night, study group meetings in Caldwell Lounge were evicted to make room for local author Clyde Edgerton, who told stories, sang and read scenes from his new novel to a rapt audience of more than 75 students and faculty.

The reading, part of the English department's Guy Owen/Tom Walters Creative Writing Series, was scheduled to be held in Caldwell G109, but the audience soon spilled out into the hallway, forcing department head Tom Lisk and associate head Linda Holley to lead the group upstairs to commandeer the lounge for the hour-and-a-half-long program.

William Henderson, an assistant English professor, introduced the author, who has published six novels and is working on his seventh.

Henderson said that some of Edgerton's works have been produced theatrically, while others have been banned. He said that having a book banned "is every writer's dream — as long as things don't go too far."

Getting published, according to Edgerton, is no picnic. He said that in his first four years of writing, he received 202 rejections and only six acceptances. Three of the acceptances were from friends and the other three sold to magazines which were, he said, "so small they're kind of stapled [to the stories] in."

Waiting for the mail truck to come in the afternoon became a ritual for him when he was starting out. "I could hear that jeep like a dog can hear — blocks and blocks away."

Being successful, however, is no guarantee that stories will find a publisher.

"After Faulkner won the Nobel Prize, his short stories were still rejected," Edgerton said. "Tim [McLaurin] had a rejection just the other day." McLaurin has published four books and teaches creative writing at N.C. State.

Edgerton's current book centers around an intersection with a

flashing caution light, in a small Southern town.

The plot, he said, focuses on a marriage between two people whose loyalties to their extended families pull them away from each other.

"If you marry into a family that's very close," he said, "sometimes you'll feel like an outsider."

When asked by a student if he always writes from his own experience, Edgerton replied that "observation, experience and imagination are all tools in telling a story." He told of sitting around eating french fries at Hardee's, listening in on other peoples' conversations and jotting down notes in his notebook.

"I heard this one woman talking about a little boy getting a fishhook in his nose," he said. "I opened my notebook and wrote, 'fishhook stuck in nose.' Later, I'll go home and combine my notes in a journal, where I have all kinds of little notes like that written down."

Edgerton said that storytelling was a big part of his childhood. He said that while the men sat out on the front porch, talking about the weather, chewing tobacco and

sleeping, the women were back in the kitchen cooking and gossiping. He said that was where he learned to appreciate the art of storytelling.

For the last seven or eight years, he said, he has been able to support himself with his writing and speaking fees and teaching "here and there." He also plays a mean blues harmonica — he played a song he called N.C. State Blues, to the delight of the students in the audience.

A recent four-month stay in Mississippi opened Edgerton's eyes to the ways of the Deep South.

"Coming from North Carolina, I always thought I was southern, but after living in Mississippi, I consider myself part Yankee," he said.

Although he learned a lot about rural southerners during his stay in Mississippi, Edgerton said he probably won't use the area as a background for future projects.

"I have a character in this book who is from Mississippi, but I probably won't write a book about the Deep South," he said. "It's just not in my bones like North Carolina is."

# Gore, Kemp inaccurate during debate



■ Wednesday's vice-presidential debates were full of exaggeration, half-truths and hand-picked facts.

By MICHAEL WEISSKOPF  
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — If Wednesday night's vice presidential debate was monitored by a polygraph, the needle would have jumped when Vice President Gore and Jack Kemp turned their attention to problems of the inner city.

Republican challenger Kemp started the exchange by charging that the Clinton administration has "abandoned" blighted communities. Kemp chose to ignore the administration's \$4 billion package of tax credits and redevelopment assistance targeted to 105 "empowerment zones" in inner city neighborhoods.

On the defensive, Gore responded

that the Bush administration in which Kemp was the housing secretary vetoed an ambitious package of tax incentives for inner cities in 1992. But he failed to note that President George Bush vetoed the measure because it was part of a broader bill containing \$27 billion in tax increases passed by the Democratic Congress.

Not to be outdone, Kemp retorted that the White House told the District of Columbia to "drop dead" when it rejected Del. Eleanor Holmes Norton's (D) plan to lower tax rates and end capital gains taxes for investments here. Although Norton did accuse the administration of leaving the District "swinging in the breeze," she later said she was more optimistic about some form of "tax relief" after discussions with White House Chief of Staff Leon E. Panetta.

The 90-minute debate was a showcase for two skilled politicians to demonstrate their rhetorical skills. But their performances also illustrated Harry S. Truman's aphorism that "inense feeling often obscures the truth." If none of their assertions was an outright lie, both men were free with selective facts, exaggeration and half-truths on tax policy, the environment, Medicare, the Mexican peso bailout, affirmative action and late-term abortions.

On the critical campaign issue of taxes, Gore hammered away at what he repeatedly called the "risky \$550 billion tax cut scheme" outlined by Kemp and Republican presidential nominee Bob Dole, contending that it "actually raises taxes on 9 million of the hardest-pressed working families." What he was referring to was a provision to withdraw income tax credits to employed persons earning less than \$28,000 a year, payments that many economists consider a form of welfare subsidy.

Kemp, a former congressman who championed the supply-side economics practiced by the Reagan

administration, defended the tax proposal by arguing that every tax cut in the 20th century has produced higher government revenues. But most economists disagree. The huge Reagan tax cut in 1981 resulted in a tripling of the budgetary deficit over a dozen years.

Hoping to exploit Clinton's broken campaign promise of a middle-class tax cut, Kemp said that when he was growing up in Los Angeles, a "median-income" family might pay 4 percent or 5 percent of its income in federal taxes, while today the rate was an "unacceptable" "close to 30, or at least 27 or 28 percent." In fact, such a family sent about 38.2 percent of its income to the federal government in 1995, but that was compared to 40.6 percent in 1981 and 39.6 percent in 1984, years when Republicans ran the White House.

On the Mexican peso bailout, an issue Kemp tried to use as an example of ill-fated foreign policy,

Gore bragged that "all of the loans have been paid back." But two weeks ago, Treasury Secretary Robert E. Rubin said that the Mexicans still owed \$3.5 billion of the controversial \$12.5 billion loan.

When the issue turned to racial policy, Kemp found himself having to defend his reversal of longstanding support for affirmative action after being chosen as Dole's running mate. Dole had sponsored legislation to end federal programs and supports a California ballot initiative that seeks to outlaw racial and gender preferences in student admissions, contracting and public hiring.

Kemp repeated an earlier defense that he has never supported race-based quotas, which he said "have always been against the American ideal." But in July 1995, after taking himself out of the embryonic primary race, he told reporters that

he opposed the decision by the University of California regents and Gov. Pete Wilson (R) to end minority preferences in college hiring and admissions. "I think race is a legitimate factor to take into consideration," he said at that time.

On the environment, an area in which Gore built his reputation as a senator from Tennessee, the vice president railed against Republican efforts in the just-adjourned Republican Congress to dismantle environmental laws developed over the past generation. He listed a number of Clinton efforts to protect public lands, including the Florida Everglades. "Bob Dole is opposed to that plan."

He failed to note, however, that before leaving the Senate, Dole arranged for \$200 million to be appropriated to clean up the Florida Everglades.

## Dems: Helms fudged assets

■ Democrats contend that the U.S. senator underestimated his property holdings, left some tenants without heat for years.

The Washington Post

The North Carolina Democratic Party Thursday filed a complaint with the Senate ethics committee seeking a probe into published allegations that Sen. Jesse Helms, R-N.C., and his wife officially understated their real estate holdings, including several rental properties that had no heat for years.

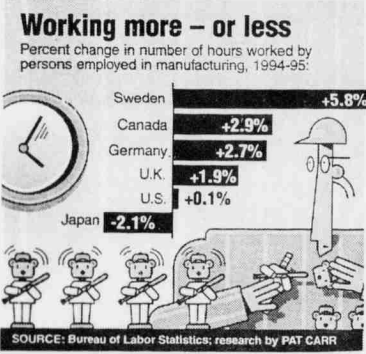
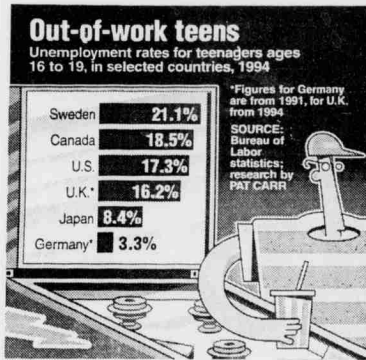
Helms has said any reporting failures were inadvertent. But Lisbeth C. Evans of the state Democratic Party, said in a letter to the ethics panel, "The failure to disclose may have been a deliberate attempt to hide the fact that the senator is a millionaire slumlord."

The News & Observer of Raleigh, citing tax records, reported Wednesday that Helms and his wife Dorothy own 15 rental properties with an assessed tax value of just over \$1 million, six more than they reported as being owned by Dorothy Helms in official disclosure forms. Twelve were listed as belonging to her, two owned jointly and one owned by the senator.

County tax records show six of the dwellings, including a jointly owned one, have no heat, according to the Associated Press. Helms' spokesman Jimmy Broughton said the tax records are outdated and all the houses now have heat. But at least one tenant said he bought kerosene heaters to stay warm in winter. Another tenant said his backyard has been the scene of drug deals.

Helms, who is seeking a fifth term, said he plans to file an amended report and sought to downplay the controversy. He said he knows little about his wife's property holdings. Harvey Gantt, Helms's Democratic opponent, declined comment, saying it was an issue best left to Helms and the ethics committee.

Democrats' contend that Helms, a former member of the ethics panel, has underreported his holdings for 12 years, even after the committee asked him for more information about them in 1990.



## Afghan government strikes back at rebels

■ Pro-government forces plan to hit the Afghan capital of Kabul and recapture it from rebel forces.

By KENNETH J. COOPER  
The Washington Post

NEW DELHI, India — Troops loyal to the deposed government of Afghanistan have launched a fierce counterattack apparently aimed at retaking Kabul from the Taliban militia that seized the capital two weeks ago.

In two days of fighting, resurgent forces of ousted military chief Ahmed Shah Massoud advanced toward Kabul from their northern strongholds, inflicting heavy casualties on Taliban militiamen.

Unconfirmed accounts of witnesses quoted by news services indicated the Taliban had abandoned a forward command post at Gulbahar and fought to retain control of Jalal Saraj, where acting defense minister Abdul Razaq had established his headquarters. Some former government troops had driven as far south as the outskirts of Charikar, a town about 40 miles from the capital, while overnight others raided a strategic air force base at Bagram to the east, according to reports.

"The next operational aim would be Kabul," said Masoud Khalili, the Afghan ambassador to India who remains loyal to President Burhanuddin Rabbani.

The Taliban, a radical Islamic group that controls roughly three-fourths of Afghanistan, reportedly appeared to have been surprised when the counteroffensive

began Tuesday. Khalili said 300 Taliban guerrillas had been killed and 180 captured since then. He offered no count of the former government's casualties, but a Taliban commander said at least four were killed and 47 captured in Thursday's battles. None of the casualty counts could be independently confirmed.

State radio, under Taliban control, denied Taliban forces lost any territory in the fighting. "The news by some Western mass media that the corrupt forces of the previous government had some gains in the north is totally untrue," Radio Kabul said.

But there were several signs that the counterattack put the Taliban, its defense and supply lines stretched, under intense military pressure.

Western reporters who had been making daily trips from Kabul north to front lines near the Panjshir valley

and Salang tunnel Thursday were stopped south of Charikar, at least 15 miles away from the most intense fighting. Hundreds of Taliban reinforcements in pickup trucks and armored vehicles were reported to be rushing north from the capital.

Several Kabul residents reported that Taliban soldiers forced youths in mosques and street markets to join their ranks. Militiamen also searched houses in the capital for suspected collaborators from minority ethnic groups, according to the Associated Press.

The recent fighting was concentrated near the southern end of Salang tunnel, where the forces of former government commander Basir Solangi had trapped and killed a large number of Taliban.



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# Sports

OVER THE BREAK

- Football: Saturday 3:30 at Carter-Finley, vs. Alabama
- Men's Soccer: Sunday 2 at Method Road, vs. Wake Forest

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## Pack looks to turn tide on No. 8 Alabama

■ The Pack looks to keep the momentum going after last Saturday's win at Maryland.

By JAMES CURLE  
STAFF WRITER

This Saturday, N.C. State's football team hosts one of college football's most historically-rich teams, The University of Alabama.

Year after year, Alabama is consistently strong, and this year is no exception. Ranked eighth in the AP Polls, the Crimson Tide is 5-0 and looking to extend their winning streak. Alabama holds a 4-0 series lead on the Wolfpack going into Saturday's game.

Dennis Kiddle is the leader of the Tide's offense. He scored four touchdowns against SEC doormat Kentucky last week.

**"Hopefully we're going to shut them down and come out with a victory."**

—Carlos King, Wolfpack running back

Also beefing up Alabama's running game is freshman tailback Shaun Alexander.

The main concern for the Wolfpack on Saturday will be Alabama's defense. Ranked No. 2 in the nation, the Crimson Tide's defense has allowed an average of only 174.2 yards of total offense per game.

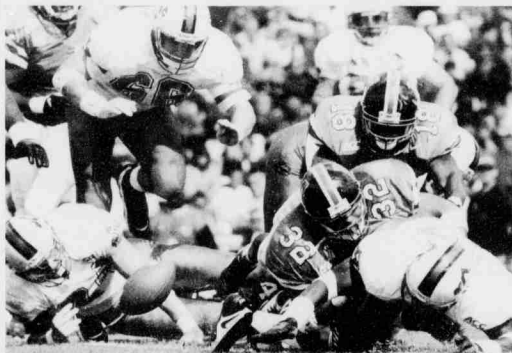
Also ranked second nationally is Alabama's pass

defense, allowing a scant 64.1 yards through the air.

Last week against Alabama, Kentucky was only able manage 124 total offensive yards, with 75 yards rushing and a meager 49 yards passing.

"We know we've got to play a good game, red-shirt junior fullback Carlos King said. "We've got to score points on offense because their defense is real good. Hopefully we're going to shut them down and come out with a victory."

Part of Alabama's strong defensive play has come from senior linebacker Tyrrell Buckner. He recorded a career-high seven tackles last weekend, including one for a six-yard loss. His previous career-high total came in last year's 27-11 win against the Pack.



F-U-M-B-L-E... Seamus Murphy (No. 66) and Mark Thomas (bottom left) scramble for a loose ball in the 34-8 victory over Maryland. State hosts No. 8 Alabama this weekend. The game airs on ABC and will kickoff at 3:30.

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## Beat it, kid

Michael Preston

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seriously, and before too long, the world could come to an end and nobody would know it because ESPN2 was showing a replay of the Arkansas/Ole Miss game.

For instance, I have a friend who likes the Philadelphia 76ers so much, he recorded the NBA Draft this past June ... on video and audio cassette.

This same friend has been known to tape Georgetown games so he could scout Allen Iverson to make sure it was okay for the Sixers to take him with the No. 1 pick.

Yep, he is a freak of nature and, yep, my friends and I mock him

■ Baseball has a new "Mr. October," and he's just starting to like girls.

I know people take their sports

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Carson White (right) returns to the starting lineup for the Wolfpack against Wake Forest Sunday. The captain hurt his ankle which forced him to miss the Virginia game and the first half against East Carolina on Wednesday.

TECHNICIAN FILE PHOTO

## Bucs stop here

■ The Wolfpack takes on ACC-rival Wake Forest at home on Sunday.

By J.P. GIGLIO  
STAFF WRITER

When George Tarantini yells, it's hard to tell if the N.C. State men's soccer coach is upset or simply being George Tarantini.

Nine games into the '96 season, the Wolfpack has five wins and only two losses. Mix in a pair of ties in the ACC, and State is well ahead of last year's pace.

This Sunday, the Wolfpack will try to quiet its coach with a win

against No. 24 Wake Forest. State has a 0-1-2 conference record after last week's embarrassing 5-0 loss at No. 1 Virginia.

State played without captain Carson White for the entirety of the Cavaliers game and the first half of the ECU game.

"We lost to a very good team, let's face it. We should be able to compete with any team in the country," Tarantini said. "For me to use an excuse is not the answer."

On Wednesday, freshman forward Chris Welling scored two goals to help the Wolfpack rebound with a

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# Pigskin Picks 90210: The panel goes to Hollywood

It's a story of twins moving from good life of Minnesota to the glitzy strife in California.

It's 24 years in the making, and a story worth telling. This week on Pigskin Picks, 90210 Sen. Jesse Helms makes a guest appearance as the Walsh's grandfather.

The Senator has gained a share of first place with Debra "Donna Spelling" Morgan. Also in first is

the guest slot, this week held down by Les "Joe E. Tata" Robinson. That's Nat for all of you non-90210ers.

A game off the pace Governor Jim "Claire's father, you know the Chancellor" Hunt. Neck-and-neck with Hunt is Bob "David Silver" Langford and Dr. John David "Dylan McKay" Smith.

Two games back is former soccer

player and all-around good guy, Greg "Betting Brandon Walsh" Frey.

Well behind of Frey is Michael "Steve Sanders" Preston, James Madison "Ray 'Jamie Walters' Pruitt," Lail and J.P. "Key grip" Giglio.

Apparently Giglio's looks don't measure up to the Hollywood scene so he's backstage.

Voted the toughest week of picks since mean old Buddy Hinton was on the Brady Bunch, here's a preview of the games.

**Florida State at Miami**—The search warrants will be numerous for this game. A clinic on "How to fob the NCAA" will be held afterwards.

**William & Mary at James Madison**— Their billing this one as

the "Second American Revolution." The rulers of merry old England versus the great uncle of James M. Lail. OK, you may have heard of him as the author of The Constitution, or something like that.

**Sam Houston State at Stephen F. Austin**—Remember the Alamo? The stupid Texans won't let anyone forget it. Here's a hot tip, we lost! The loser has to give back its

territory to Mexico.

**East Tennessee State at The Citadel**—Simply known as the "Les Robinson" Bowl. Hence, the guest picker. Coach Les would like to point out the only reason he took the Cadets is because of the home-field advantage.

He promises next year to take the Bucs. He didn't know Shannon Faulkner will start at quarterback.

## TECHNICIAN SPORTS PIGSKIN PICKS: WEEK VI



James M. Lail Michael Preston J. P. Giglio Gov. Jim Hunt Sen. Jesse Helms Greg Frey Debra Morgan Dr. John David Smith Bob Langford LES ROBINSON Guest Picker Athletics Director

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<b>Clemson at Duke</b>	Clemson	Clemson	Clemson	Clemson	Clemson	Clemson	Clemson	Clemson	Clemson	Clemson
<b>Florida State at Miami</b>	Florida State	Florida State	Miami	Florida State	Florida State	Miami	Miami	Florida State	Florida State	Florida State
<b>LSU at Florida</b>	Florida	Florida	LSU	Florida	Florida	Florida	Florida	Florida	Florida	Florida
<b>Texas Tech at Kansas</b>	Kansas	Texas Tech	Kansas	Texas Tech	Texas Tech	Texas Tech	Kansas	Kansas	Kansas	Kansas
<b>Wisconsin at Ohio State</b>	Ohio State	Ohio State	Wisconsin	Ohio State	Ohio State	Ohio State	Ohio State	Ohio State	Ohio State	Ohio State
<b>Washington at N. Dame</b>	Notre Dame	Notre Dame	Washington	Notre Dame	Notre Dame	Washington	Notre Dame	Notre Dame	Notre Dame	Notre Dame
<b>Oklahoma at Texas</b>	Texas	Texas	Texas	Texas	Texas	Texas	Texas	Texas	Texas	Texas
<b>Arizona at Southern Cal</b>	USC	Arizona	Arizona	USC	USC	USC	USC	USC	USC	Arizona
<b>Tennessee at Georgia</b>	Tennessee	Tennessee	Tennessee	Tennessee	Tennessee	Tennessee	Tennessee	Tennessee	Tennessee	Tennessee
<b>Oregon at Stanford</b>	Oregon	Stanford	Stanford	Stanford	Stanford	Stanford	Oregon	Stanford	Stanford	Stanford
<b>W&amp;M at James Madison</b>	James Mad.	W&M	W&M	W&M	W&M	James Mad.	James Mad.	W&M	James Mad.	W&M
<b>East Tenn. St. at T. Citadel</b>	The Citadel	E. Tenn. St.	E. Tenn. St.	E. Tenn. St.	E. Tenn. St.	The Citadel	E. Tenn. St.	The Citadel	E. Tenn. St.	The Citadel
<b>S. Hou. St. at S.F. Austin</b>	S.F. Austin	S.F. Austin	S. Hou. St.	S.F. Austin	S.F. Austin	S. Hou. St.	S.F. Austin	S.F. Austin	S.F. Austin	S.F. Austin

## Preston

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when we get the chance. You won't believe this, but I recently discovered there are people who are actually bigger freaks than he is. Wednesday evening, 12-year-old Paul Maier reached over the outfield fence, got his glove on a ball hit by Derick Jeter, and pulled a possible out over the wall. Eventually, the Yankees came back and won the game 5-4 in extra innings, on a home-run by Bernie Williams—one that we can only assume the young Maier helped over the fence. Next thing you know, a kid the country should despise for skipping school if nothing else, is on Good Morning America telling the country, "Oh, I hope I didn't affect the outcome." "Ha, ha, he's a trip!" laughed every New Yorker within earshot. Yeah, that was almost as funny as the right field umpire, Rich Garcia, missing

the call altogether. This man's sole purpose for existing after the end of the regular season was to make sure right field would be a haven for correct calls. What was worse was that he reviewed the replay and said, "Yeah, I should've called fan interference." You sure? What makes this worse was that of all the teams, it had to be the Yankees who benefited from the call. Personally, I loathe New York and all the teams associated with the city. And that includes the pseudo-New York/Meadowlands teams like the Jets and the Giants, Devils and Nets. But my disgust for the Yankees and that Paul Maier kid doesn't quite reach the level of a woman who watched the game from a sports bar in the Inner Harbor at Baltimore. This particular Orioles fan's response to the loss, and to the play that can directly be linked to the loss, was as follows: "I think he should be shot."

Now, I'm well aware of the fact that tensions run high and the estrogen's a-flowing, so this may have been an emotionally-charged response. On the other hand, I've had time to cool off and think about the situation. At most he should be injured in a way whereas whenever he heard the word "baseball," he'd instantly curl up in the fetal position and not eat for days at a time. Then shoot him. That idea is probably being thrown about the streets of Baltimore as we speak. Plus, Major League Baseball Rules, the very definition of "oxymoron," clearly states that any fan interfering with a live ball during play would be ejected from the stadium. Maier's punishment for ruining a perfectly good play-off game: Morning show appearances and autograph requests. Hello, Armageddon? We're ready to see you now.

## Deacs

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4-1 win over East Carolina. "We'd have liked to have scored more, but it was good to at least get on the board," White said. The win over the Pirates involved the most offensive diversity since the season opener versus Belmont Abbey. Cristian Cubillas and Shonn Beauchamp added goals for the Pack in addition to Welling. The goal

was Beauchamp's first of the season and he scored despite hamstring and rib injuries. The Pack will need all of its weapons for the Demon Deacons Sunday. Wake Forest knocked off ACC-leader Maryland last weekend. State would also like to gain a measure of revenge from last year's 2-1 defeat. "It would help us out with our confidence big time to have a win," White said. "Plus it put us back in the ACC." This juncture of the schedule

seems to leave State in a must-win situation. It's remaining ACC schedule includes games at resurgent North Carolina and hosting Duke. "This team has to grow and get experience," Tarantini said. "To us, Wake Forest is the most important game of the season." Sunday's action at Method Road Soccer Stadium kicks off at 2 p.m. Student admission is free with a valid All Campus card.

## 'Bama

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For the second straight game, the Wolfpack offense faces a defense ranked in the Top 10 nationally. Against Maryland's ninth-ranked defense, the Pack put up an impressive showing, scoring 34 points while racking up 383 yards of total offense. State's rushing game accounted for 195 of those yards, behind the strong running game of King. King scored two touchdowns in last week's win

against Maryland. Last week the Wolfpack defense showed up and shut down Maryland's offense, holding them to just four yards of total offense in the first quarter. They look to repeat that type of performance against Alabama, a team that is traditionally not offensively oriented. "They don't put a lot of points on the board," King said. "They rely on their defense to shut people out. Their offense will score 13, 14 points and then hope that they win the game. But hopefully ... our offense will score points."

Eying a conference record going into this week's game is State placekicker Marc Primanti. Primanti will be vying for the ACC's consecutive field goals made record, which currently stands at 16 straight by former Maryland kicker Dale Castro. Primanti's total now stands at 15. "My goal for the whole season was to make every kick every time I went out there," Primanti said. "I try not to focus on that [record] too much, because then I'll be worried about each kick."

**CAN YOU CATCH THIS PASS?**  
Don't worry if you can't, just pick up the new copy of Agromeck and check out all the cool pictures. We'll be at the NC State Alabama game this weekend below the press box under a tent from I Am...until the game is over. So come out and see us and get your copy of Agromeck before they're all gone.

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Adam Hall (Chris O'Donnell) doesn't believe his grandfather (Gene Hackman) murdered two children in 1967. He struggles to find the killers and save Hackman from "The Chamber."

## Grisham's 'Chamber' tops novel

■ "The Chamber" is the fifth John Grisham book to hit the silver screen.

By KELLY MARKS  
STAFF WRITER

John Grisham's book-to-box office attempt, "The Chamber," offers its viewers something new from Grisham. "The Chamber" is not action-packed, nor is it a courtroom drama. It goes beyond simple labels and forces its viewers to ponder over some heavier issues. Chris O' Donnell plays the lawyer/grandson of Sam Cayhall

(Gene Hackman), a former Klan member who faces death for a bombing that killed two small children. As in this summer's blockbuster "A Time to Kill," racism figures prominently into the plot as the audience is submerged into the Klan world and exposed to the hatred within its realm.

However, "The Chamber" is different from past Grisham stories, showing the effects the Klan has had, not on its victims, but on its members and their families.

Grisham creates a bigoted, vile monster like Cayhall and then humanizes him. The hero of "The Chamber" is not likeable, but he is

human, which brings up some difficult issues for moviegoers to grapple.

Racism, corrupt governmental ploys and the humaneness of the death penalty are all addressed and questioned. Violence is used not for climatic action sequences, but for emphasis. Such scenes do not entertain, they anchor the movie in harsh reality.

For those who have read "The Chamber," this adaptation will not disappoint. It is rare that a movie is better than the book, but in this case, Grisham's message was vastly improved in the translation.

Hackman is excellent as the harsh,

condemned Cayhall. He did an amazing job of creating a villain who must be pitied in the end. O'Donnell is believable as Cayhall's lawyer, but at times he is not as convincing as his grandson. Not until the movie's conclusion is there any sign of a true family attachment between the two men.

Overall, the movie is a fantastic, intellectual drama charged with emotion and intense subject matter. Though it takes a different approach than past Grisham-based films, the end result is infinitely better.

"The Chamber" opens nationwide today at theaters everywhere.

## What's new?

All you What's Happening Calendar junkies have probably noticed that the calendar is nowhere to be found in today's edition of Technician. That's because, sad as we are to say it, What's Happening has been canceled. But before you grab a pen and some paper to scribble out a nasty campus forum letter, let us assure you that the spirit behind What's Happening will live on.

The reason What's Happening is being discontinued is space. The calendar, a free service Technician offered the campus community, always ran on a space available basis. The problem is that we could never guarantee how many, if any, of the submissions would run. This wasn't fair to the people who submitted items, or to our readers.

Therefore, Technician has decided to replace the calendar with a different format. Starting in after the Fall Break, the Campus Crier will make its debut. The Crier, which will contain submissions similar to the ones which ran in What's Happening, will run on Mondays. The best part is that all submissions which meet the Crier's criteria will run. The Crier, unlike the calendar, will not run on a space available basis.

Students who wish to have items run in the Campus Crier must pick up one of the new forms which are now available at Technician. Unfortunately we can no longer accept information submitted on the old What's Happening forms. Technician regrets any problems this will cause in the short term, but we believe the improved service this will bring in the long-term will be worth it.

RIP What's Happening. Viva Le Crier!

—Chris Baysden  
Technician editor in chief

## ONCE UPON A TIME

KING FEATURES SYNDICATE

October 12, 1492 — Christopher Columbus and his crew sighted land in what is now the Bahamas.

October 7, 1755 — Nine American colonies, led by New York and Massachusetts, convened at the Stamp Act Congress in New York.

October 7, 1780 — A British force was defeated near Kings Mountain, N.C. by American militiamen.



The Capitol Steps will be doing their comedy schtick Thursday, Oct. 17 at Stewart Theatre. Student tickets are only \$6 and are available at the Student Center.

## STEP UP TO COMEDY

■ Wanna laugh? Check out the Capitol Steps at Stewart Theatre after the Fall Break.

By SHANNON GARLICK  
STAFF WRITER

For those who don't have enough time to research the upcoming election during fall break, N.C. State's Center Stage is providing the perfect opportunity to get briefed on the latest political happenings.

The comedy troupe, Capitol Steps, is coming to Stewart Theater on Tuesday, October 17 at 8:00 p.m. The Capitol Steps is composed of former congressional staffers, who travel around the country parodying anyone and everyone, in politics or news.

The troupe has expanded from three people in 1981 to 20 people today. The comedians, all of whom have first-hand Capitol Hill experience, rotate themselves and their material so that you always see at least six of them, but you never see the same show twice.

The Steps' resume is impressive. In the 15 years they have been performing, they have made 16 albums, the latest of which, "Return to Center," is a salute to—who else?—Bill Clinton. They have performed for Presidents Ford, Reagan, Bush, and Clinton, and also with Sam Donaldson, Larry King, Vice President Gore.

They have been the subject of articles in The Boston Globe, The Washington Post, The LA Times, USA Today, and others.

On television, they have been featured on "Good Morning America," "Entertainment Tonight," "Nightline," "The Today Show," "20/20," "CBS Morning News," "ABC's World News Tonight," and "NBC's Nightly News."

In addition, the Steps have been featured in three national public television specials, dozens of episodes of National Public Radio's "All Things Considered," and were regularly featured on CNN's "Inside Politics." Now they perform more than 300 times a year all over the country.

A Capitol Steps show consists mainly of songs. Most of the

"If anyone in the audience wasn't laughing, it was because they were full of embalming fluid."

— Toni Thorpe

Education/Outreach Coordinator lyrics are written by Elaine Newport and Bill Strauss, who along with Jim Aidala founded the group back in 1981. The bipartisan lyrics are often sung to classics or Broadway tunes. Skits, monologues, and impersonations are also done, in costume. The selection, according to the program, is "subject to change on the length of the show and the political scandal of the day."

Some of the songs the Steps perform in honor of the forthcoming election are "Both Sides Now," satirizing Bill Clinton, "His Not Easy Being Mean," focusing on Bob Dole, and "It's My Party and I'll Buy If I Want To," about Ross Perot.

The music is constantly updated and usually adapted to whatever city the Steps visit. A song about Jesse Helms entitled "No Nudes is Good News" is already prepared. Though the Capitol Steps do provide their own brand of sarcastic and biting humor, they try never to sink to nastiness. Even the victims of the group's hilarious satire - such as the Clintons themselves - are fans.

This is the Capitol Steps' second performance at NCSU. "The first performance was packed. The audience loved it - it was a big hit," says Center Stage's Assistant Director Mark Tulbert.

Education/Outreach Coordinator Toni Thorpe added:

"If anyone in the audience wasn't laughing, it was because they were full of embalming fluid."

Tickets are \$16/\$20 for the general public, and \$6 for N.C. State students. Center Stage ticket centers are located at the second floor of the Student Center.

## Scorpio 3 rocks 'n' rolls all day and night

■ Justin Zerkle is having a party.

By ELLEN HEALEY  
SPECIAL TO TECHNICIAN

A white board scribbled with instructions and reminders stands in one corner of the room. Posters proclaiming the events, May Daze and Festival of the Scorpio adorn the walls. Stacks of mail are piled up on the coffee table.

Welcome to the headquarters of Groovy Cat Productions, Inc.

In the midst of all these surroundings sits 25-year-old Justin Zerkle, looking remarkably calm for someone who's about to have thousands of random people rocking to 12 different bands in his backyard this weekend.

"Everybody wants to be in Rock 'N Roll," said Zerkle to explain how Groovy Cat's shows have become so successful. May Daze 2, held this past May, drew a crowd just shy of 5,000 people.

Zerkle is the epitome of Rock 'N Roll with his long, curly, brown

hair, black jeans topped with a "Groovy Cat" T-shirt and a Marlboro cigarette between his fingers. Don't be misled by Zerkle's casual appearance — he's serious about music.

How serious? Festival of the Scorpio III, the fifth show produced by Groovy Cat, is expected to draw more than 5,000 people on Oct. 11-12.

Groovy Cat was conceived by Zerkle and his brother, Preston, after the first Festival of the Scorpio was a smashing success two years

ago. The festival was originally a birthday bash for the brothers, who were born under the astrological sign Scorpio.

But when 1,200 people arrived for the festivities, the Zerkles realized the magnitude of the niche they were filling — a much-needed gathering place for young people to socialize and listen to local music talent.

After that, there was no turning back. Each subsequent show — May Daze in May 1995, Festival of the Scorpio II in October 1995 and

May Daze 2 in May 1996 — became bigger and better organized.

Groovy Cat's philosophy mirrors that of the popular rock band Pearl Jam that ticket prices for most concerts are ridiculously high and music has also become too commercialized.

Groovy Cat's grassroots shows are not only offered at a reasonable price, but attempt to create the atmosphere of Woodstock on a smaller level, according to the



Meri Saunders is one of many entertainers who will highlight the Scorpio 3 festival this weekend at Justin Zerkle's house on Lake Wheeler Rd.

# Opinion

A paper that is entirely the product of the student body becomes at once the official organ through which the thoughts, the activity and in fact the very life of the campus are registered... College life without its journal is a blank.  
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## Skip meetings, not classes

**Faculty didn't comply with the attendance policy it imposes on students.**

The N.C. State faculty engaged in a bit of hypocrisy Monday. It seemed that all but about 10 members skipped a general faculty meeting. Considering the dim view most professors have on skipping, one can't help to wonder what their excuses were.

Did the family dog eat the meeting notice? Maybe they couldn't remember what building or room it was in. Were they all sick? (Translation: They were out partying the night before and overslept.) How about this excuse? They all had sick children that day.

Whatever the excuse was, they probably wouldn't accept it if it came from a student. Many professors have strict attendance policies and don't accept late assignments. It seems to be a nasty case of "do-as-I-say-and-not-as-I-do" going around the faculty offices of this great institution.

Oh, already excuses are flying around. It wasn't well-advertised. Has a professor taken out a billboard to announce quizzes, homework or test dates? "You should have known this was coming up. It's your job to find out these things," they tell us.

Another good excuse is "The administration called the meeting. If the faculty had called it, they would have been there." So if the students didn't

schedule the class, they don't have to go? If we don't plan the exam, we don't have to take it? Amazing how different the viewpoint is when you change the context.

We all have a job to do, and attending these meetings is part of the faculty's job. How are students supposed to take faculty arranged class times (read meeting times) seriously if they don't take administration arranged meetings seriously. When we enroll in a class, we know there will be assignments, readings, tests, exams and attendance policies. If we choose not to comply with these requirements, we get low grades. What happens to faculty who don't attend general faculty meetings? Absolutely nothing. Where is the university participation grade for them? Did they attend the meetings? Did they contribute to the discussion?

Provost Phillip Stiles asked the Faculty Senate to find ways to make the meetings "worth attending to the faculty." Obviously a different reality is working here. While they're at it, let's ask the Faculty Senate to make certain classes worth attending to the students. That request would get plenty of discussion out of the faculty.

So what now? Well, whenever instructors give you a hard time about not being in class, ask them when was the last time they attended a general faculty meeting. It probably won't help your case any, but it ought to even the odds a bit.

## Looking for a direction

**Some students need more than campus maps.**

Before too long, you will see maps popping up around campus. They're the kind you see in malls. They will be in major traffic areas and be complete with "You are here" arrows. The maps should help visitors and students find buildings they aren't familiar with.

But some N.C. State students are lost, and no map will help them. They're lost in the whirlwind of campus life. Far from home for the first time, they have trouble finding a base to hold on to. There are no familiar faces to help them fit in. Some have not made friends yet. Others may be unable to keep up in classes or have difficulty adjusting to the college style of classes and assignments.

If maps could be put up to find these people and help them adjust, life would be easy for everyone. Unfortunately, it doesn't work that way. But

as individuals, each of us can help and point these people in the right direction.

Sometimes it isn't hard to recognize people who need your help. They're always alone, seem to have no friends, appear frustrated with their classes and never seem to be able to get the work done. We all faced a period of adjustment when we entered NCSU. There were people who helped us. Now it's our turn to pass that help on.

Help may be as simple as letting them know about the available services on campus. Things like campus tutorial services, The Women's Center, the Counseling Center or various other organizations are here to help. It may be common knowledge to many, but we didn't necessarily know about them during our first semester. Passing that information along can do a lot of good.

Whatever you chose to do, remember, we're here to get an education, and we need each other's help to do and be our best.

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## New minority quietly lurks in the shadows

**Christine Oldham**

COMMENTARY

N.C. State has many different and diverse people. However, there is a new minority lurking in the shadows — one many have failed to recognize. And guess what? They're reading a book — for fun. If all you engineer/math/science major people could just put down your TI-81,345,900 for one second, you'll find out who I'm talking about.

That's right — the non-math major people. Who are these people? We're the ones who sneak off to do our math homework alone, fearful of some smarty-pants engineering major seeing us struggle over the MA 101 book. We look both ways before entering math class. Sometimes, we give our tutors false names so they can't identify us later in life as the N.C. State alumni who can barely add.

Okay, maybe it's not as bad as that. However, I personally strongly dislike math and pray that my professor reads this and takes pity on me. Or at least doesn't hate me for not caring what's x. Why should I care? I don't plan on using

this stuff in real life. And you know what? There's at least 30 percent of a fifth or whatever x number of people at State who feel the same way.

Now that we've identified this new minority, we must ask ourselves: Why did they even come to State? Personally, I came here to reduce math majors with promises of beautifully constructed English papers and to con them into fulfilling my every math whimsy. Sure, they think it's an even trade now. But wait until later in life when I call upon them to do my taxes. Or figure out my interest rate stuff. Or to remind me what 2+2 is. (It's four, isn't it?)

I have also decided that, should I be unable to afford hiring one of my fellow accounting majors, I will purchase a calculator that can

do more math than I could after a million math classes — if I could even count that high.

You're probably thinking that I'll be embarrassed and ashamed to whip out my calculator in the middle of the grocery store. Umm, let me think... no. You see, my theory is that there are more non-math people out there than math people. First off, whose idea was it to require two classes of English? Obviously, the non-math people. We were attempting to help our own kind. And look at all the books that have been written. Are any of them books of lyrical poetry about x+y? I think not.

Actually, I probably shouldn't have mentioned that bit about the non-math people in power who require English courses. I wouldn't want to alert anyone to the conspiracy. Oops, too late! Non-math people are infiltrating State... we're everywhere — except in your engineering class. And we're not dangerous, at least not yet. But who knows what dangers lurk? One of these days, our organization

might figure out how to hack into the math... stuff... on the computer and do evil things like changing all the exponents.

And while I'm at it, computers are another thing I'm not especially fond of. It took me a while to figure out the whole e-mail thing, but I think I've finally got it. I go into the computer lab, sit down next to someone who looks "mathy" and then beg them for help. You would be amazed at some of the looks I've received. Maybe next time I'll try to remember what they tell me, but for now I will just continue to employ the sad, puppy dog eyes, pathetic English-major routine.

I think I'll finish my "I hate math" rant now. I hear my remedial algebra book beckoning. Oh, the horror of math. For those of you who disagree, you are now allowed to return to your "graphing for fun" calculator page. For those of you who sympathize, our day will come. Soon... soon.

## The Campus FORUM

### Column showed ignorance

It made me sick to read the literary trash on the opinion page of Technician Oct. 4. Roop Mundi's column on how much a stupid person can misunderstand and hate a piece of cloth really annoyed and irked me, as have most of his articles in the past.

In the last few issues of this usually readable and enjoyable paper, Mundi has, supposedly in the name of good will, said all people who live in University Towers are ignorant white trash and that America is a nation of hate-filled white politics. In Friday's issue, he had the temerity to imply that all people in the "Old South" were "empty-headed."

Mundi, you can go straight to hell. Mundi prances into Technician on the crests of the many controversies of his previous columns, hoping that he might get his hideously flawed point across. In this nation where all are welcomed, where there are more cultures to be seen than stars in the sky, it seems strange that you, a proclaimed proponent of equality, feel self-important enough to tell the good people of the South that their families and ancestors are spreading hate with their love of the Confederate flag. But what could spread hate more than an ignorant bastard in the media who lets it be his liberal right to attack the culture that is allowing

him to live among them. As far as the argument that we can't respect our forefathers for some things that they did, I'm sure that your ancestors did things that were wrong as well. People who live in glass houses...

As far as the Malcolm X argument, to a lot of whites, if you even give a damn, that X represents a man who tried to bring about social change by use of fear and hatred. Sounds familiar, doesn't it, Mundi? The South is not built on the shoulders of slavery, as your twisted mind might have us believe, it is built on the principles of hospitality and hard work. I do not nor have I ever believed or supported the practice of slavery. And I think that you will find, if you care to ask, that most of the proponents of the Confederate flag do not, either.

Mundi, you should be ashamed of yourself. You are one of the most hypocritical and lazy columnists that has ever been my displeasure to read. You never check your stories for stupidity content, but you seem only to print the lies that you see fit. Shame, shame on you. If you had written this column in any paper other than Technician, you would have been laughed out of the offices.

And Technician, shame on you. Feel free to print these grossly one-sided lies without even a hint of counter-point. And, even though it burdens my heart to say this, it makes this paper worth less than Roop Mundi, and that is pretty much worthless. This great university (part of the Southern Association, no doubt) and all her students are deeply ashamed to have you in our family.

**Chad Messer**  
Sophomore, English

### Fees should promote student body welfare

I would like to respond to the Oct. 7 Campus Forum letter written by Jay Cuthrell and Anne Lincoln. Their letter was written in response to several letters criticizing the N.C. State Student Senate for appropriating fees to the newly formed LGSU — err, I mean, BGLA. Cuthrell and Lincoln state the following in their letter: "In a college environment, one must expect that student fees will go to support numerous functions, many of which may not interest or be utilized by each individual. Fees may go to support the library, the gym, or even the College Republicans — you get the idea."

As a conservative, it's my belief that student fees should be used only for things which promote the general welfare of the entire student body, not a narrow special interest group. Fees should be used to build our library, upgrade our computer labs and perform other vital functions that increase our great institution's overall standing. In my opinion, no organization or club that represents the interest of only a small fraction of the student body should be given funds drawn from student fees.

This should apply to the BGLA as well as the College Democrats, the College Republicans, the Mountain Biking Club and so on. Let all of the students keep the portion of their fees that is currently being doled out to whatever groups are most successful during the Student Senate elections. If there is enough interest in a group's mission or cause, the funds can be raised. Most groups accomplish this goal

through a simple process known as the payment of membership dues. If you are unable to generate enough interest and enthusiasm to raise the funds necessary to operate your organization, welcome to the laws of supply and demand that rule the roost in the real world.

Now that I've given my two-cents worth on how student fees should be appropriated, I would like to make a prediction: if the laws of supply and demand were allowed to operate freely, I have no doubt that the NCSU College Republicans would be in greater demand and would experience greater success than the BGLA.

**Frank Williams**  
Class of 1993, Communications

### Class will legitimize lifestyle

What students will go through to inject political correctness into the campus culture amazes me more and more each year. This is why I wasn't completely surprised to read in Terry Bennett's latest commentary (Oct. 4) that N.C. State is in the middle of Gay and Lesbian History month. Mimicking the rhetoric of campus Afrocentrists, the white patriarchy in control of higher education has once again been accused of robbing another "minority" group of their role models. Fortunately for campus homosexuals, Terry Bennett has broken through the chains of heterosexual oppression and discovered the writers of "her history"; those men and women who have paved the way for modern homosexuals to freely admit that someone else in history

Your Horoscope



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ARIES (March 21-April 19) — It's a week of give and take in your dealings with those around you. Don't allow minor setbacks to throw you off, especially as the week progresses. The weekend finds you happily ensconced in the bosom of family.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Don't let minor snags entangle you — which could cause some delays in business this week. Something that has been on the back burner comes to the fore. You are able to apply yourself to this with relief.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Address that certain romantic decision you've been dancing around. Beating around the bush won't make it go away. Someone's patience is running thin on the job. The weekend is the best for discussing a domestic problem, which needs to be brought out into the open.

CANCER (July 21-Aug. 22) — You and your mate are out of sync early in the week, and a bitter argument is likely to erupt as a result. To avoid the fight, try being more solicitous and understanding. A business dream is realized by week's end.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Don't be afraid of that new job assignment you're handed early in the week. It can lead to much success if you apply yourself. Some of your friends are trying to put you in the middle of their quarrel.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Early in the week, a quarrel with a loved one is possible. An assignment awaits that is connected to a group activity. Cooperation is the key to this. The weekend tempts you to overindulge in food or drink while socializing.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — You seem to have all the answers this week, and others flock to you for your "expertise." However, don't let this go to your head. You're not as omniscient as you'd like to believe. This weekend promises sheer bliss romantically.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Someone is spinning quite a tale of potential riches, and you're buying into it. The road to success isn't a fast and easy one, and you'd do well to remember this. It's best to exercise healthy skepticism.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — You're content, but perhaps a bit too complacent this week. Avoid falling into that trap by taking more of an initiative on the job. A possible quarrel with a loved one should be avoided over the weekend.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Patience is the key to success on the work front. You are at your self-expressive best this week and should take full advantage of this. The accent for the weekend is on family issues.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Your ambitions are soon to be realized. However, make sure you're on firm footing on the job with a coworker who's been manipulative in the past. Be careful not to spend too much while out shopping over the weekend.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) — You have an unfortunate tendency to let little things upset you too much, especially this week. A writing or speaking project is on your agenda in the near future. You excel in such communication and should show off your talents.

Groovy

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show's producers. A late-night drum circle and bonfire, an acoustic jam tent away from the main stage, food and clothing vendors are all part of the festivities.

"We're getting to a professional level," said Zerkle, mentioning that May Day 2 consisted of a staff of 350 people, including professional security and paramedics. Groovy Cat became incorporated this past April and now has several investors. Ken Buffaloe, a festival-goer and friend of Zerkle's, came on board officially in May as Groovy Cat's vice-president and co-producer of the shows.

"Things just keep improving ... you learn and get a little better each time," Buffaloe said. "We always want to give the audience more than what they expect ... you should see the reactions to some of the surprises and stunts we pull — the audience goes wild!"

One such stunt at May Day 2 involved a charred plane that swooped over the crowd and spilled

out hundreds of condoms.

"We always want to give the extra mile — give them something they are not expecting," Zerkle said.

If the sentiments of the past festival-goers are any indication, their plan seems to be working. Brett Merrick, 21 and an N.C. State senior in material science, said he attends the shows because they are "cheap, have tons of people and kick-ass bands."

Wake Tech student Amy Marynak, 21, said about the upcoming Festival of the Scorpio: "I look forward to seeing a lot of people. It's a good gathering place."

The triangle's growth explosion is a ripe breeding ground for local musical talent, according to the festival's producers. Zerkle and Buffaloe believe this region could definitely turn into one of the next music scenes, much like Seattle or Atlanta. Groovy Cat's shows appear to be leading the way for the Triangle.

"It was finally something to do in this town that involved live bands and a lot of activities," said Craig Anderson, 19, who attended the past four Groovy Cat shows.

Groovy Cat Productions, Inc., has seven different shows planned for

next year and hopes to eventually produce indoor venue shows involving national acts. In addition, Groovy Cat could be contracted for their production services organizations, such as a fraternity or sorority.

But those are plans for the future. Looking back on that first Festival of the Scorpio two years ago, and ahead to this weekend's festival, Zerkle said he never dreamed Groovy Cat would become as strong a company as it has.

"I'm not in his for the money," Zerkle said. "I'm in this for the production, presentation and artistic quality."

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Gays

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gays to announce their sexual orientation and "take a step toward being able to accept themselves," Starin said.

Most gays at NCSU have chosen to remain in the closet, O'Neil said. If National Coming Out Day is successful, he said, the gay community will be more visible and powerful on campus.

Jeremy Bordeaux, a junior in business management, said many gays might feel pressured today to make their sexual orientation known before they are ready.

"I don't think it is something that should be done on one certain day," Bordeaux said. "It should be done on an individual basis."

In response, O'Neil said gay students who are still in the closet should not feel pressured today to announce their sexual orientation prematurely.

"I do not think National Coming

Out Day is made to make people feel pressured to come out," O'Neil said. "We just want to show that we are here, and we will support you if you want to come out."

O'Neil said he announced his sexual orientation during last year's coming out day. "It is really important to me because it helped me accept a part of myself, which I had not truly accepted until then," O'Neil said. "Anytime you try to hide who you are it will cause a great strain on you."

O'Neil encouraged students who have gay friends that choose to come out of the closet today to be accepting of their decision.

"I think the campus community needs to understand it is a very important and fretful time for the people coming out," O'Neil said. "Many times people act in irrational ways due to fear, and there is no reason for that."

BGLA will hold a luncheon in the Brickyard at 1:15 p.m. today in support of those who choose to announce their sexual orientation.

Senate

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accountable to the Student Senate and therefore to the student body as a whole."

SMA student representative Keith Crawford responded by saying: "The power balance on the SMA is towards the student body representatives. It is guaranteed in our statutes that student body representatives will always have one more vote than the media heads."

Crawford also responded to allegations that SMA meetings were hidden to the public. "Our meetings are open to the public," Crawford said. "The student body and the Student Senate are invited." The Senate also worked on

measures to streamline the efficiency of its meetings.

A bill that would require the Senate Committee to meet on a regular basis was passed in order to increase attendance and negate confusion that has resulted from fluctuating meeting times.

A bill that would make absences from Committee meetings carry the same consequences as absences from a Student Senate meeting was also passed.

A few of Student Senate President Mark Nippert's goals for the Student Senate this year are to: increase committee interaction to expedite Senate meetings, and to provide much more productive sessions.

"One of the primary goals of the Student Senate this year is to increase efficiency," Nippert said.

Overheard at Wednesday's Student Senate meeting ...

"My first association with chalking is elementary school. It makes me think of playing hopscotch." — Student Body President Robert Zimmer

"The Tallahassee trip is a trip to Tallahassee." — Student Senate President Mark Nippert

"Academics is really the most important thing. Just kidding." — Academics Chair Amy Cummins

Forum

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has had biologically indefensible sexual encounters.

I am amazed that listing famous people in history who are/were gay somehow justifies the lifestyle. That some people have had deviant lifestyles proves nothing about the value of that lifestyle. After all, plenty of artists and actors have used drugs very heavily; does their propensity to engage in that self-destructive practice in any way validate their behavior? Of course not. Just because many people have tried sodomy does not mean that it is acceptable.

What is gay history after all? What significant achievements have been made in this country in the name of homosexual rights? None. A gay history class will do nothing more than pick a figure from history who was gay and study them for the same achievements that any other history class would study them for. Walt Whitman was famous because he was a writer, not because he was gay.

Those seeking a gay history class are not interested in promoting knowledge of history but are attempting to legitimize their lifestyle by forcing the rest of us to study historical sodomites.

Glenn Simmonds Senior, Mechanical Engineering

Answers

Crossword Puzzle

Grid with crossword puzzle answers: JAB, SPA, AURA, ATOP, EEL, FRED, DOOR, GEO, ONCE, AMBER, GARDEN, MELODY, FRIENDS, DEVELOP, STOOOP, OVID, DART, LIVE, CLIVED, BIORED, SLATED, YOU, AXES, AGLOW, JILL, HILLS, HAVE, AGE, ORK, TREE, WOOD, NEE, AND

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