



Halogen lamp causes small fire in Bragaw

A small fire broke out around 6:30 p.m. Thursday in room 111-B of Bragaw Hall when a halogen light bulb ignited.

The fire caused no injuries and only minor smoke damage to the room and suite.

Flames from the lamp reached the ceiling, and plastic material dripping on the floor caused a separate small fire, said Captain D.L. Carter of the Raleigh Fire Department.

Carter said it took fire fighters a few seconds to extinguish the flames.

Fire fighters were called to the scene at 6:38 p.m., said Public Safety Crime Prevention Officer Larry Ellis.

The fire was classified as a Code I fire — which is minor in nature.

"There was more smoke damage than anything else," Ellis said.

The actual cause of the fire is not yet known. Public Safety will investigate the incident. Bragaw resident Jason Williams, a freshman in electrical engineering, said that a resident of the suite ran outside and kicked the fire alarm box, triggering the fire alarm system.

—Compiled by Jennifer Sorber.

Where's your mustache?

On Wednesday and Thursday of next week, students will have their chance to don a milk mustache and pose with Pete Sampras and Tyra Banks cut-outs at the "Milk, Where's Your Mustache" booth in the Student Center Plaza on campus.

The winning photograph from N.C. State will appear in Technician and on the new milk Web site. Students who do not want a photo-op can participate in other activities to win calendars and other prizes.

A recent survey by Roper Starch Research that shows 75 percent of college students do not drink enough milk has encouraged a national campaigning effort "initiated to change attitudes and correct misperceptions about milk and to increase consumption."

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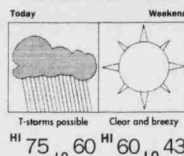
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Outside



System seeks legislative funding for sprinklers

■ The UNC Board of Governors has decided to ask the legislature to pay for sprinkler system installations in university residences.

By JASON KING
News Editor

More than five months after five UNC-Chapel Hill students were killed when the Phi Gamma Delta house caught fire, UNC System administrators and the N.C. General Assembly are still trying to douse potential fire hazards.

In response to legislative pressure to eliminate fire risks, housing officials at each of the 16 UNC campuses were asked to estimate the cost of adding sprinkler systems and centralized fire alarm systems to residence halls and Greek houses.

Estimated fire safety improvements to student residences totalled close to \$70

million — just over \$10.6 million for N.C. State.

Tim Luckadoo, director of University Housing, said the Board asked the department to prepare a building priority list. Two university-owned residences are considered wooden structures — the Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity house and the Sorority Duplex — and are considered top priority for sprinkler systems.

High-rise buildings with interior stairwells (Bowen, Carroll and Metcalf) are next on the priority list, followed by high-rise buildings with exterior stairwells (Lee, Sullivan and North).

Luckadoo said all residences, except E.S. King Village, were already equipped with centralized fire alarm systems. King Village currently operates with individual, battery-powered smoke detectors.

Only one residence hall — the Avenet Ferry Complex — is equipped with a sprinkler system. The university was

required to install sprinklers in AFC by the N.C. Department of Insurance when NCSU bought the building in 1993, Luckadoo said.

Luckadoo said the university provided the Board with a five-year installation schedule, but he was not certain if the time estimate was accurate.

"We don't know how realistic that is," he said. "We'll almost have to get into doing it before we see what the time frame is."

According to Luckadoo, students' rent would increase substantially if the legislature decides not to fund the improvements and the university is forced to foot the bill.

Housing is currently doing preliminary design work for the addition of air conditioning and sprinkler systems in Sullivan, Lee, Bowen, Metcalf and Carroll residence halls, but Housing has yet to receive funding for the project, Luckadoo said.

Sprinkler system costs for each residence

Bowen, Carroll, and Metcalf	\$1,505,700
Lee and Sullivan	2,160,000
North	599,900
Bagwell, Becton, and Berry	549,000
Gold, Welch, and Syme	438,700
E.S. King Village	1,457,200
Alexander, Tucker, Owen, and Turlington	1,263,800
Watauga	240,000
12 Fraternity Residences	745,100
Bragaw and Wood	1,675,900

TOTAL \$10,635,300

Improvement costs at other UNC campuses

East Carolina	\$11,084,600
UNC-Chapel Hill	18,031,000
UNC-Charlotte	6,383,200
UNC-Greensboro	4,553,600

TOTAL for 16-campus system \$69,734,400

Nice doggie



A patron of the Tunnel Inn C-Store took care to avoid this canine admirer when she left the store Thursday afternoon. While C-Store's don't sell Alpo, it seems this pooch still thought it was a good place to get a decent meal.

JAKE OW/STAFF

Issues remain in question after debates

■ The usefulness of the presidential and vice-presidential debates is questioned.

By MARK MCCRAW
Staff Writer

Students looking for information to help them make an educated decision at the polls this year may have a difficult time.

Voting is the means by which the ideals of democracy are upheld, and soon many N.C. State students will be making difficult choices regarding their leaders.

Information about the candidates and their political opinions is critical in making such decisions. Recently, much criticism regarding the lack of information available to voters has been vocalized.

At a recent Honors Convocation, James Leutze, chancellor of UNC-Wilmington, criticized this year's campaign as "one of the most vacuous campaigns of my experience. No one is talking about anything."

However, in a recent effort to clarify the issues and promote interest and education among the general public, several televised debates between the presidential and vice-presidential candidates have been held.

Theoretically, the debates are a means by which important unknown election issues are discussed, while offering the candidates an opportunity to clarify any misconceptions the public may have regarding their stances on policy.

However, according to many, the debates have failed miserably in enlightening the public.

Andy Taylor, an assistant professor in the Political Science and Public Administration department, commented Wednesday on the debates and their consequences in order to provide additional insight.

According to Taylor, one of the most striking aspects of the debates was that the parameters of the election didn't seem to have changed very much.

"They haven't done Senator Dole

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IRC rallies around 24-hour visitation proposal

■ The IRC is attempting to garner student support for a 24-hour visitation policy in residence halls.

By DANIELLE STANFIELD
Staff Writer

N.C. State's Inter-Residence Council will hold a rally to support the 24-hour visitation policy this Sunday.

The rally will begin at 4 p.m. at Harris Field, located in front of Witherspoon Student Center. It is open to anyone — even off-campus students who want to show support for residents' options.

Event organizers say they expect around 1,000 residents to attend.

Student hall council heads will give speeches in support of the policy at the start of the event, while a march around the residence halls will wrap up the rally. Buttons and posters will be available at the rally.

Organizers are urging students to stop by and sign a petition to show their support — even if they do not stay for the rally.

Rally organizer Danielle Greco said the motive behind the rally is not associated with University Housing or any other university department. Instead, it is an event

organized and supported by students for the sake of student choice.

Greco encouraged students to attend and express the need for this policy.

"We are excited, and this is for the students," said Cliff Wurschmidt, IRC president. "We need students to attend to show the trustees that residents are serious, and they want this."

The 24-hour visitation policy allows anyone to visit or stay in a resident's room anytime.

If the Board of Trustees approves the policy this academic year, it will take effect on a trial basis for one or

two years, Wurschmidt said.

NCSU is the only school in the ACC that does not allow the 24-hour policy.

The IRC started researching the effects of having a 24-hour visitation policy two years ago, when campus residents asked the council to do so.

Last year's proposal asked that the policy be initiated for one year on a trial basis in the Avenet Ferry Complex, North Hall and Watauga Hall — all upper-classman residences.

The Board of Trustees rejected the proposal by a 12-1 vote last November.

Fellows Program prepares students for leadership roles

■ The NCSU Fellows Program gives students an opportunity to develop their leadership skills.

By JENNIFER D. WESTBROOK
Staff Writer

Leaders are made, not born. It's this philosophy which drives one of N.C. State's most prestigious leadership organizations the NCSU Fellows Program.

The program, formed in 1968, is designed to promote and enhance

leadership skills for undergraduate students.

Education is primary to the Fellows Program, but interpersonal support, career exploration and personal growth also are important to it's mission.

Gerald Hawkins, associate vice chancellor and program director, said the program is not a club but an actual learning environment. One of the program's primary functions is to prepare students for the roles they will one day be asked to hold.

"Given effective leadership skills, those who accept leadership

responsibility will be more beneficial to our society," Hawkins said.

The Fellows Program was established by Smith Richardson of the Richardson Vicks Corporation. Richardson believed undergraduates with leadership potential should have opportunities to develop their motivation and dedication.

He felt identifying students with such qualities, and providing them with these opportunities, would enable more students to actively involve themselves in leadership roles.

Since the 1970's, the program's name has been changed to the North Carolina State Fellows, but its original goals and traditions in leadership development remain.

Tom Stafford, vice chancellor for student affairs, said the Fellows Program is the most exciting leadership experience at NCSU. He said the only disadvantage of the program is the small number of students selected, but that the benefits are incredible for those chosen to participate.

"The Fellows Program enables 'diamonds in the ruff' to make

outstanding developments over a four year period," Stafford said.

The Fellows Program selection process is open to any interested freshman. Approximately 30 students are selected each year to participate in the program.

The Selection Committee considers an applicant's scholastic ability, motivation, leadership potential and whether or not they have a strong commitment to personal development. Interviews are conducted by Fellows alumni

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Professor's study identifies divorce factors

■ The key to keeping a marriage alive is good communication, a professor says.

By KATHRYN TAYLOR
THE DAILY HERALD
BRIGHAM YOUNG UNIVERSITY

(U-WIRE) PROVO, Utah — A BYU professor's study recognizes divorce as a growing issue for students, said D. Russell Crane, director of the marriage and family therapy graduate program. Thirty percent of BYU students most likely come from a divorced family, and "those from divorced families are more likely to get a divorce themselves," Crane said. This was one cause of divorce.

The study also predicts several divorce factors. As a result of the study, therapists can predict divorce through distress levels and design certain therapy approaches.

The most accurate predicting factor for divorce is the wife's higher distress level, the study said.

Crane said that couples rating on a low-distress level should be given a more educational therapy approach. He also said that therapy for couples with high-distress levels would be taught to handle conflict.

"The key is how people handle conflict," Crane said. He believes that couples need to learn problem-solving skills to handle their conflict.

Couples tend to blame the other partner for the character defect and

punish that partner, he said. Couples need to identify differences and similarities before they are married.

There are also gender differences in the styles of communication and conflict.

According to research on gender role conflict, women share their emotions more and are more willing to talk.

Crane believes that divorce is more likely when the wives discuss marital dissatisfaction openly with their friends.

Crane said couples who are preparing for marriage should have an established friendship and recognize that everybody has a right to be happy.

"Apologize, especially when you're right," Crane said.

Good parenting classes will also allow couples a common language they can refer to as parents, Crane said.

The study used 235 couples seeking therapy from Utah County. It found that there is no relationship between marital quality and the stability of the marriage.

Other predicting factors of divorce included the number of children, remarriage and age of marriage.

The Predicting Divorce at Marital Therapy Intake study used the Marital Status Inventory as a prediction of divorce.

Initial research results, the MSI, were used to help the therapists design a treatment for those at a higher risk of divorce.

The MSI is a 14-item true or false questionnaire that asked husbands

and wives about the steps they have taken for divorce.

According to the study, this was a reliable and valid tool for predicting the level couples reach before divorce.

The goal of the research was to assign appropriate treatments to amend their counterpart divorce factors.

Crane, Jean N. Soderquist from Salt Lake City and Richard L. Frank from Mount Vernon, Wash., conducted the Predicting Divorce at Marital Therapy Intake study.

The two other contributors of this study, Soderquist and Frank, are marriage and family therapists in private practice.

Debate

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much good," Taylor said. "People watching the debates really just reinforce their pre-dispositions."

Taylor said the only time such an event would change someone's mind is when the performance of one candidate is exceptionally outstanding and persuasive, and "at this point I really don't think that has happened."

Taylor said he believed that the public is aware of candidate stances on debate issues. "We know these things already," he said.

Because of the debates' apparent ineffectiveness on voter opinions, debating usefulness has been questioned.

Taylor said he believes the debates have "contributed very little to the overall aspects of the race."

Cultural festival slated for Oct. 26

■ The software company has provided a grant to fund a program to help economically disadvantaged communities.

By LORI ROBINSON
THE DAILY HERALD
UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA

(U-WIRE) LINCOLN, Neb. — The future is now. And thanks to a new program by Microsoft Corp. and the American Library Association, more Americans will have access to the future.

Libraries Online!, a philanthropic program reminiscent of U.S. steel tycoon Andrew Carnegie's library reform efforts of the last century,

will provide Internet access and multimedia personal computers to libraries across the country.

The program is being funded through a \$10.5 million grant by Microsoft and will target economically disadvantaged communities.

Expanded from a successful nine-city pilot project begun in October 1995, Libraries Online! will be offered to 215 communities across the country, including Nebraska libraries.

Mary Jo Ryan, spokeswoman for the Nebraska Library Commission, described Microsoft's donation as "seed money" that in turn may provide an opportunity for Nebraska libraries to tap into other sources of corporate donations.

This, Ryan said, would enable Nebraska libraries to continue to offer the latest in technology and resources.

"The role of the library will be even more important in the future," she said. "It's important that the information on the Internet be made available to everyone," Ryan said. "Not just to those who can afford it."

Microsoft Chairman and CEO Bill Gates said in a press release that providing multimedia PCs and public access to the Internet may revolutionize the traditional role of libraries in U.S. communities.

"Libraries will play a pivotal role as we enter the 21st century in providing access to knowledge and opportunities for everyone," he

said.

Libraries Online! will be available for public use in Nebraska libraries by March 1997. The NLC will provide support and training for library staff who will then provide assistance and training for new computer users, Ryan said.

The NLC will release the criteria for Nebraska library sites next month, Ryan said. Eligibility will be determined through the cooperative efforts of the following: the Nebraska Commission on Indian Affairs, Nebraska's Regional Library Project, Nebraska Department of Economic Development's Governor's Global Community Initiative Project, Nebraska Development Network and the Nebraska Rural

Development Commission.

After the criteria are determined, communities will submit applications to receive a slice of the \$125,000 grant pie. The NLC will choose library systems based on economic need, staff ability to meet technological needs and community potential for development.

Ryan said the NLC hoped to share grant resources with libraries across the entire state with the goal of providing the same resources offered at University Libraries.

"The ideal," Ryan said, "would be for students who come home during vacations to have access through their local library to the same resources they have access to at school."

African-American Heritage Day will be celebrated with the theme "Forward Forever, Backward Never" from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 26.

This celebration of history and culture will take place in the African-American Cultural Center, located within the Witherspoon Student Center Annex.

Storytellers, a dance workshop, gospel music, fashion modeling, art and food will all be part of the celebration.

Reuel Williams, a freshman in accounting, said he feels this will be a day to focus "on the heritage of my people."

Although the event emphasizes African-American culture, people of every ethnic creed are invited to attend this free event.

Correction

The article entitled "SAVES program scrapped" that ran in Wednesday's paper contained an error.

The article stated that former SAVES members are medical technicians and are certified by the American Heart Association. All former members are Emergency Medical Technicians, and some of the members are American Heart Association certified CPR instructors.

Technician regrets the error.

Technician's Words to Live By

"Time you enjoy wasting is not wasted time."

Answers

Crossword Puzzle

Across
1. SAM
2. CAFE
3. SLAW
4. QWERTY
5. HALO
6. DOWNSTAIRS
7. OXEN
8. ALLIOTS
9. COOL
10. UTOPIA
11. MATTER
12. PTA
13. CAT
14. ETAT
15. PIER
16. MOAT
17. NONWATERS
18. ENNY
19. UPKEEPER
20. BED
21. PEAP
22. ORANGE
23. JAMES
24. DOWNLOAD
25. TAGO
26. CHICO
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28. DOOM
29. COED
30. NET

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THE TAILOR OFTEN BRAGGED, "I'M THE LAST OF THE BIG-TIME MENDERS."

Fellows

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and community leaders.

Stellar academic achievement is not necessarily a requirement, as the program is based primarily upon leadership and personal enhancement.

The NCSU Fellows Program is now accepting applications for this year's class. The deadline is November 1.

Hawkins said that fellows are selected based upon their involvement and the contributions they have made to their areas of

participation. Hawkins said the program is looking for those committed to action by promoting self-confidence and individuality.

"The program is non-traditional in that it allows individuals to lead in many dimensions," he said. "There is no predefined or set pattern that each fellow must follow."

The program allows students to find their potential through a variety of opportunities. Activities include a leadership course and seminars, internships, a freshman retreat and the freshman experience.

The freshman experience provides fellows with a stipend to use toward developing personal independence. Most students take part in foreign

experiences or outward bound trips. Hawkins said that each activity is important in promoting leadership skills, but the value of the program is in the association with other fellows. He said the program enables fellows to feed off of one another, encouraging each individual to participate in more areas.

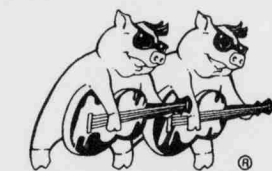
Laura Robinson, an NCSU Fellow, believes the program is one of the best organizations she is involved in at NCSU. She said the impact and potential the program gives undergraduate students is a real confidence booster. Robinson said that the fellows are encouraging, amazing people who

all make great strides toward the good of the NCSU community.

"The program is a nurturing atmosphere where each fellow can feed off each other," Robinson said. "It makes you want to try new things."

Chad Norman, an NCSU Fellow, said the diversity of the group is the greatest benefit of being involved.

"The program allows such a diverse group to have a common link of interest," Norman said. "It helps provide leadership in the future for not just graduates, but North Carolina State University graduates."



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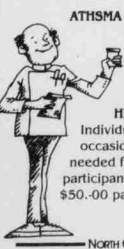
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Wolfpack faces its fourth ranked foe at No. 20 Virginia

■ State faces the Wahoos in the ACC Game of the Week.

BY JAMES CURLE
STAFF WRITER

Saturday, the N.C. State football team faces Virginia, a team that historically has fought the Pack down to the wire.

In the past ten years, six contests have been decided by five points or less, including last year's 29-24 at Carter-Finley.

Ranked 20th, Virginia is strong once again this year. Behind a nation's sixth-ranked rushing defense, Virginia shapes up to be yet another formidable challenge for the Wolfpack.

Rising to meet this challenge,

however, is an inspired Wolfpack football team.

After dropping the first three games, including an embarrassing 42-21 loss at Purdue, many Wolfpack fans had serious doubts about Coach O'Casey's squad.

In week four, the Pack put up an impressive offensive and defensive outing against one of the nation's top teams.

Virginia's running game is powered by senior Heisman Trophy-candidate Tiki Barber. He has rushed for over 100 yards in each contest.

If there's been an Achilles heel for the Virginia offense this year

it's been at the quarterback position. Sharing the play calling duties for Virginia are senior Tim Sherman and sophomore Aaron Brooks. Both of the quarterbacks are barely mustering a 50 percent completion rate, with Brooks averaging a 53.6 yards per game.

With a rush defense ranked sixth in the nation, the Wahoos have allowed a scant 71.2 yards on the ground. Their scoring defense is almost as impressive, ranked No. 7 by allowing 11.4 points per game.

"They very quick and big, also," tailback Tremayne Stephens said. "Basically, they don't have too many weaknesses."

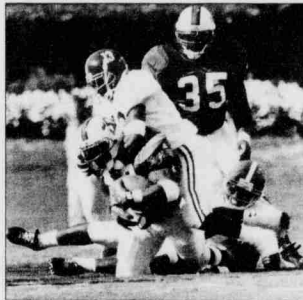
Starting at quarterback for the Pack tomorrow will be redshirt freshman Jamie Barnette. Barnette,

who started last week against Alabama in place of Jose Laureano, racked up a season-high 260 yards passing against the Crimson Tide's second-ranked defense. His strong arm led to the longest pass play against Alabama this year, a 72-yard touchdown to Chris Coleman.

Stephens, despite playing with an injured shoulder, played an impressive game on Saturday. His 105 yards of rushing earned him his ninth 100 yard game of his career, and moved him up to eighth on the all-time rushing list at State.

This week's game makes the fourth time this season that the Pack faces a ranked opponent.

It gets to do it again in two weeks against No. 11 North Carolina.



Tremayne Stephens will look to rekindle his Scott Stadium magic from 1994. His 84-yard run sent the Cavs to the Poulton Weedeater Bowl.

HIDE TERADA/STAFF

Got the Devils' due

■ Will history repeat itself? The Wolfpack hopes so.

BY J.P. GIGLIO
STAFF WRITER

Usually, when a team is struggling the last thing it needs is to face the national runner-up. But for the N.C. State men's soccer team, Duke may be just what the Pack needs to get rolling.

It worked last year. A 2-1 win in Durham sparked last year's four-game winning streak, including three games against ranked opponents. The Blue Devils haven't beaten State in a regular season game since 1991.

Coming off a loss in the NCAA Championship against Wisconsin last year, the Blue Devils took over the No. 1 slot in the polls three weeks into season.

But lately they have faltered with losses to Maryland and North Carolina in the ACC.

State brings a record of 6-3-2 into the game but are winless in the ACC (0-2-2). The Wolfpack, with one conference game remaining after Duke, does not want to head into the ACC Tournament seeded opposite No. 1 Virginia.

"It's a critical game for us, but we have to be patient," Coach George Tarantini said. "There's no reason to push the panic button yet. There's a lot of soccer to be played."

On Wednesday, the Wolfpack rebounded from its 1-0 heart-breaker versus Wake Forest with a 3-2 win at Campbell. Captain Carson White scored the first two goals and assisted on Chris Welling's game-winning goal. The goal was Welling's team-leading eighth. Tarantini was happy to see White



State looks to continue the winning trend against Duke.

closer to full speed. The senior did not play in the 3-0 loss at Virginia due to a bruised ankle. Tarantini said he is still not 100 percent.

"The beauty about Carson is, he doesn't care what position he plays," Tarantini said. "He plays in the front, back, middle, he does it all."

Despite the natural rivalry, the friendship between Tarantini and Duke coach John Rennie is a strong one. The two have been with their respective programs longer than any other coaches in the ACC. Rennie is in his 18th season at Duke with 248 wins which is highest among active coaches.

Tarantini has been at Brick U. for 10 years and amassed 118 wins. With the departure of Bruce Arena to the D.C. United, they are the only two coaches in the ACC with more than 100 wins.

"I respect Duke, it is a great program," Tarantini said. "But when the whistle blows, I want N.C. State to win."

Sunday's kickoff is 2 p.m. at Method Road Stadium. Admission is free to students with a valid All Campus card. Also, the game will be broadcast on 88.1 WKNC-FM.

State tarts 'Heels

■ State drops UNC, 3-1.

BY JENNIFER TAYLOR
STAFF WRITER

The N.C. State women's volleyball team approached the court Thursday night at Reynolds Coliseum with a "never say die" attitude. And it worked.

The Wolfpack beat arch-rival North Carolina in a fierce competition.

"Though we lost against both Clemson and Georgia Tech last week, we gave them both good games," coach Kim Hall said. "We had what it took to win the next three games with scores of 15-12, 15-4, and 15-11 to take the victory."

"We came hyped up to win, and this one was a great one for us," team captain, Nicole Peterson said.

Peterson played an outstanding match, recording a season-high 78 assists. She is currently ranked sixth in the ACC with 11.56 assists per game. Teammate Pam Sumner, who is currently ranked third in the conference with 4.01 kills per game, totaled 31 out of 56 for a .446 hitting percentage.

"We are exactly where we want to be," Sumner said. "Every game is a step closer and today was a good step."

With one win each, the Wolfpack decided to dominate the third game. Quickly putting five points up on the board, they forced Carolina to struggle for possession of the ball. After Carolina scored two points, Hall called a timeout. Upon returning to the court the Pack pulled together and won the match, 15-4.

"Tonight they played with a lot



Nicole Peterson (No. 8) sets up the win for the Wolfpack after losing the first game.

of guts and courage, and they are learning how to win," Hall said.

The final game of the night was full of intense passing plays and several sideouts made by both teams. Ahead 11-4, the Pack quickly allowed the Heels to put

nine points on the scoreboard. But Carolina could not overcome the Pack's power and lost, 15-11.

"I feel like this is what makes coaching worthwhile," Hall said. "If they only learned one lesson tonight, it's that you can't let

down."

The Wolfpack has increased its overall record to 17-7, 3-4 in the ACC. The Pack will stay home this weekend playing host to Florida State. The game will begin at 7:30 p.m.

TECHNICIAN SPORTS PIGSKIN PICKS: WEEK VII

Last Week: 9-6
Overall: 55-35

N.C. State at Virginia
Ga. Tech at Clemson
Wake Forest at Maryland
E. Carolina at Miami (Fl.)
Auburn at Florida
Colorado at Kansas
N'Western at Wisconsin
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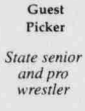
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National NEWS

■ The president plans a swing through the South to help out fellow Democrats in congressional campaigns.

BY PETER BAKER
THE WASHINGTON POST

SANTA ANA, Calif. — President Clinton sailed into the home of the Reagan revolution Thursday, as his confident campaign began mapping out a strategy that would stake a claim to traditionally Republican territory and sweep along Democratic congressional candidates.

White House officials woke up Thursday morning convinced Republican Bob Dole did no real damage with his assaults on Clinton's character during the town hall forum in San Diego Wednesday night. Comforted by poll numbers showing voter skepticism of ethical charges, they said Clinton will continue to ignore

the issue and leave rebuttals to surrogates and television commercials.

Instead, the president intends to try to keep Dole off balance by campaigning in areas where the Republican should be winning, such as Thursday's stop in this conservative bastion of Orange County and a newly scheduled swing through the Deep South next week.

Clinton reminded the crowd in what he called "the most Republican county in the country" that he came in 1992 and promised to be a "fiscal conservative and still be progressive enough to meet the challenges of today and tomorrow." "Do you feel that we're better off than we were four years ago?" Clinton asked the cheering crowd. "There has never been a partnership between the national government and the people of any state like this one we have forged over the last four years."

As Clinton and his aides meet

Friday to discuss strategy for the campaign's closing days, they face a choice: Will Clinton try to boost his prospects for a blowout victory by making serious bids for states that Democrats rarely win, like Florida and Texas? Or will he assume his victory is safe and try to lengthen his congressional coattails?

If the latter is the goal, that could dictate trips to places like Minnesota, where Clinton scarcely needs to promote his candidacy but where incumbent Democratic Sen. Paul D. Wellstone is in a tough fight, and Massachusetts where Sen. John F. Kerry likewise could use the boost. White House senior adviser George Stephanopoulos said Clinton would balance his electoral interests with those of congressional Democrats.

"Battleground congressional races are in lots of battleground presidential states," said Stephanopoulos, noting Clinton would be promoting Democratic candidacies next week in Ohio, New Jersey, Michigan and other states.

"A presidential visit does double-duty," Sen. Bob Kerrey, D-Nebr., chairman of the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee, wants to add Colorado, Kansas, Georgia and Oregon to the list.

While Clinton rarely makes explicit appeals for a returned Democratic majority, the views he espouses help Democrats generally, Kerrey said. "Wherever he is going and talking about his issues, that helps. ... When you've got unity of agenda, it's enormously helpful."



New York City sues tobacco companies for fraud

■ NYC Mayor Rudolph Giuliani says the city filed suit because the State of New York refused to do so.

BY THOMAS S. MULLIGAN
LOS ANGELES TIMES

NEW YORK — The city of New York, joining a growing roster of states and municipalities, Thursday filed suit against the major tobacco companies to recover what Mayor Rudolph W. Giuliani claims is \$300 million a year in city funds spent coping with the ravages of smoking-related disease.

The city, in a complaint

filed in New York State Supreme Court, contends that the tobacco industry defrauded the public by pleading to conduct unbiased research on smoking but then suppressing evidence of the harm it causes and simultaneously pushing to recruit new smokers through deceitful marketing campaigns.

Cigarette makers quickly denounced the suit. Defendant Philip Morris Cos. Inc., headquartered in New York, issued a statement accusing Giuliani of "blatant political grandstanding" and saying the city has "no viable legal basis" for the action.

A spokesman for Brown & Williamson Tobacco

Corp., also a defendant, called the action "hypocritical" and "anti-business."

New York City acted after the state attorney general, Republican Dennis Vacco, declined to file such litigation, saying it would be too costly in terms of money and staff resources.

During a news conference at City Hall Thursday, however, Giuliani, himself a Republican, declined to criticize Vacco or Republican Gov. George Pataki, saying only: "I would advise the state to file a lawsuit."

Anti-tobacco activists were quick to brand Pataki and Vacco as beholden to the tobacco industry for campaign funds.

Besides New York and various California municipalities, 17 states have filed similar lawsuits, and Erie County, Buffalo's home county, was preparing its own case.

New York says it pays for smoking three ways:

• It covers 25 percent of the costs of treating lung cancer and other diseases in city Medicaid patients.

• It picks up the full tab for indigent, uninsured patients in municipal hospitals and clinics.

• It pays substantially higher health insurance premiums for the city's 500,000 employees because of tobacco-related ailments.

A Columbia University study estimates that the

city spends \$300 million per year on health costs attributable to tobacco use, Giuliani said.

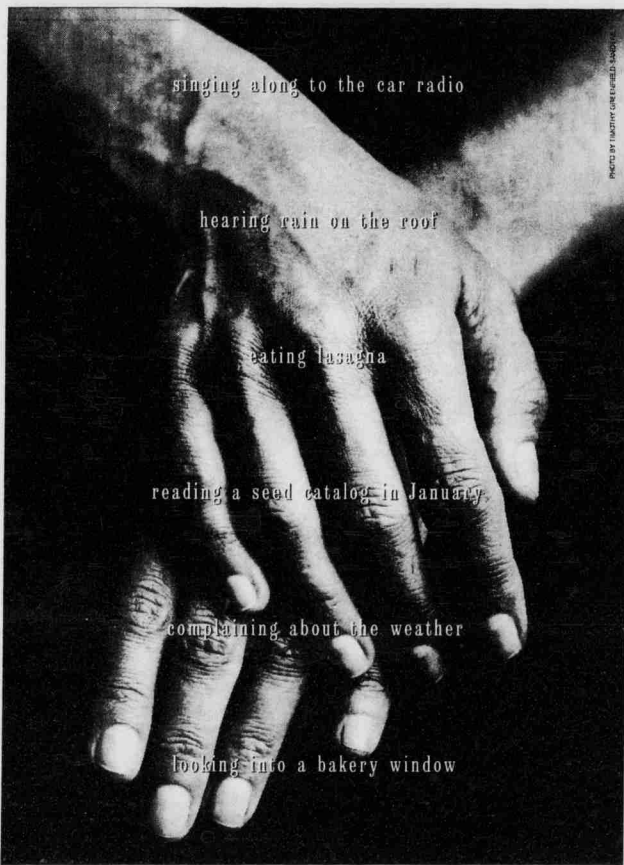
Corporation Counsel Paul A. Crotty, New York's chief lawyer, said the potential damages are in the billions of dollars, because the city seeks compensation going back many years and may be entitled to triple damages under state law if it can prove fraud.

Giuliani said during the news conference that he expects Philip Morris to retaliate by threatening to leave the city, along with its 1,500 New York employees. "I never am affected by people who threaten," Giuliani said, adding: "If they want to

leave the city of New York, we'll replace those jobs with other jobs."

Michael York, a lawyer for Philip Morris, said the company has never made such a threat and that the city "has no finer corporate citizen."

Meanwhile on Thursday, a U.S. District Court judge in Louisiana granted Brown & Williamson a summary judgment in a case brought in behalf of a former smoker, Judge Richard T. Haik agreed with B&W that the case should not go to trial because the risks of smoking were so widely known that the Louisville, Ky.-based cigarette maker had no duty to warn its customers.



singing along to the car radio

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■ The newly-dismissed security advisor still aspires to be president.

BY SUSAN SACHS
NEWSDAY

MOSCOW — The brief, explosive Kremlin career of Alexander Lebed came to an abrupt halt Thursday.

Russian President Boris N. Yeltsin fired his combative national security chief, interceding in the vicious power struggle raging around him but risking Lebed's transformation from a manageable in-house maverick into a potent opposition leader.

Yeltsin said he could no longer tolerate what he described as Lebed's constant quarreling with other officials, his undisguised presidential ambitions and his new alliance with some of Yeltsin's archenemies.

For his part, Lebed blamed his dismissal on the insider backstabbing that has become the chief preoccupation of Russia's government since Yeltsin fell ill in late June. Yeltsin's chief of staff, Anatoly Chubais, engineered his dismissal, Lebed said, and deliberately misinformed Yeltsin about his activities.

"I was the white crow in the flock of black crows," Lebed said in an evening news conference that found him much less peppy than usual. "I will never get used to being one of the flock."

Lebed remains a political force and a magnet for nationalists and opponents of Yeltsin's administration.

"Whatever the outcome, it will be dangerous for Russia," said Yevgenia Albats, a leading Russian journalist and author of a landmark book about the KGB. "Lebed is a very strong opposition leader who is capable of organizing different groups of the population. He has a good foundation in the military,

especially the paratroopers and army intelligence."

Lebed said he will advise his supporters to demonstrate their backing only "through constitutional means." He dismissed speculation that some army units, particularly the paratroopers who once were under his command, are ready to take up arms in his service.

"I'm impudent," he said, "but I'm not a fool."

Lebed's ouster capped a dramatic four-month stint as Yeltsin's adviser, representative to NATO and peace envoy to Chechnya. A career army officer who entered politics barely a year ago and finished third in this summer's presidential election, Lebed said after his dismissal that he still has his eye on the top job.

"First I will have a good sleep," he said, "and then I will get ready for possible elections."

Yeltsin added his own theatrical flourish by firing Lebed on national television. Apparently speaking from the sanatorium where he is undergoing medical care in advance of major heart surgery, a pale and puffy Yeltsin said he could no longer "tolerate ... a situation where everybody seems to be running for election."

Screwing his face into an angry grimace, he ridiculed Lebed's newfound friendship with former Yeltsin bodyguard Alexander Korzhakov, a shadowy figure who claims to have dossiers of compromising material gathered during his years at Yeltsin's side.

"Korzhakov was fired and Lebed ... presents him as a successor," Yeltsin explained. "What a successor? Two generals! Both cut from the same cloth!"

Then Yeltsin grabbed a pen handed to him from someone off camera and made a point of signing — for the camera — a decree relieving Lebed of his duties. The gesture was a clear retort to Lebed's controversial remark last month accusing Chubais of signing decrees on the

Yeltsin fires Lebed after internal bickering

ailing Yeltsin's behalf.

Lebed said he learned of his firing from a Yeltsin underling, although he tried to arrange an audience with the president three times Thursday, without success.

He suggested Chubais prevented him from making his case personally to Yeltsin and accused the chief of staff of acting as "regent" and harboring his own presidential ambitions.

But Lebed also said he would do nothing concrete in terms of launching a campaign while Yeltsin is alive. Nor would he overtly criticize Yeltsin.

"He's a sick person and an old person and I am too well-brought up to criticize him," Lebed said. "I don't find it appropriate to kick a person when he's down."

That thinly veiled put-down was typical Lebed and just the kind of remark that earned him a host of enemies during his brief tenure as national security adviser.

Although the prickly former paratrooper was the first Russian official to negotiate a cease-fire in Chechnya and make it stick, he offended many Cabinet members with his quick insults and forthright lack of modesty.

He quickly alienated Interior Minister Anatoly Kulikov, for example, by blaming him for disgracing Russia's military in the Chechen campaign. Kulikov retaliated first by accusing Lebed of humiliating Russia with his Chechen peace plan and later charging Lebed was organizing a private militia to seize power in Russia.

Lebed's dismissal threw a cloud over the Chechen settlement. Speaking before Yeltsin's TV bombshell, separatist chief of staff Aslan Maskhadov, co-signatory of the accord, denounced Kulikov and said Chechens would have to prepare for war if Lebed were removed "because you can expect anything from people like Kulikov."

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Cows, skeletons and fun

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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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SAVES saved money

■ The gift is worth more than the gold.

Government is well-known for frittering away the taxpayers' money. But silly financial decisions aren't just limited to the outside world — loose pursestrings can be found in the old Riddick Stadium Field House, headquarters of N.C. State Public Safety.

The latest stroke of brilliance from our boys in odd shades of gray was the elimination of the SAVES (Student Assistants Volunteering in Emergency Situations) program. These students volunteered to assist Public Safety in times of emergency, to help conduct fire drills and teach CPR classes. Better yet, they did it all for free.

But apparently, Chief Ralph Harper doesn't see it this way. At the beginning of the semester, he informed all SAVES members that the organization would no longer exist and solicited input for the formation of a new group called Student Employee Assistants. Unlike SAVES, these students would be paid. But these students would only be doing Public Safety's grunt work.

SAVES members, many of them certified medical

technicians, were teaching life-saving skills to others, while the SEA members will be teaching people how to use fire extinguishers. The work Public Safety was getting for free was a much better deal.

Chief Harper said SAVES was too great of a liability because the university's insurance didn't cover them. But SAVES members made themselves into an Explorer post, a branch of the Boy Scouts of America and were then covered for \$1 million under that organization's policy. SAVES registered with Student Development as an official organization and received funds to replace equipment Public Safety took back. The only costs Public Safety incurs is the time to help supervise these volunteers.

At a time when Public Safety is short on staff, the deal is even sweeter. But it seems Public Safety would rather spend more money for less talented employees.

Since Chief Harper is so concerned with safety, maybe he can buy a few armored personnel carriers from the Army or the Marines. After the snowstorm we had this past winter, there's no telling when Public Safety will need that kind of mobility to cut through huge snow drifts.

Visitation revisited

■ Students need to rally around 24 hour visitation.

This Sunday N.C. State's Inter-Residence Council will hold a rally on Harris Field for 24-hour visitation. Along with the obligatory speeches, organizers plan to march around campus and distribute petitions. Organizers like Danielle Greco hope that at least 1,000 people will attend the rally.

The rally comes in the wake of a disappointing setback that occurred at the end of last semester. At a Board of Trustees meetings, the BOT overwhelmingly rejected adopting a form of 24-hour visitation, even if it was implemented on a trial basis. This weekend's rally is designed to keep the idea of 24-hour visitation alive while proponents try to figure out how to get the BOT to consider it again.

The arguments for implementing a 24-hour visitation policy in some form or fashion are formidable. N.C. State students are all considered adults by law and are entitled to be treated as such by the university. If an

18-year-old student living in an apartment can have an all-night visitor, it seems ludicrous to prevent a 21-year-old student from doing the same thing just because he or she lives in a dorm. Whatever hideous dangers the board was exposed to if the policy were adopted are already accessible to students. Hate to break it to the antiquated board members, but if a student wants to, say, have sex with someone else, the current visitation policy won't prevent it.

There is more at stake in this issue than just how long a friend can stay in your dorm room. The real issue is about personal freedom. The BOT is restricting the freedom of on-campus residents in the name of preserving some standard right out of members' glory days — the 1950s. Sorry, guys, but this is the 1990s, and students aren't going to be treated like children any more.

Every N.C. State student needs to support 24-hour visitation by attending the rally or signing the petition. It's time we start reclaiming our personal liberties — starting with who can spend the night with us.

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College is about self discovery

Henry David Thoreau asked, "How could youths better learn to live than by at once trying the experiment of living?"

It seems almost everybody at this university has got one thing on their mind — graduation. Sure, getting good grades and graduating is important, but it shouldn't be the central focus of a student's mind. Beyond learning chemistry, we have come here to learn about the world, ourselves and others.

Why don't people do this though? Well, so many of us are driven by the mighty dollar and are only focused on the salary and "respect" we will receive after graduation. A lack of meaning in our lives develops from this desire of monetary value. Our society has made us believe that success equals a BMW, a house on the lake and two kids who are on the honor roll at a very expensive private school.

To me, success means finding out as much as possible about yourself. A lot of you are probably saying that you know yourself, and I'm sure that some of you do. But I think that a lot of college students don't know who they are. For instance, we graduate from high school and then go to college. We delude ourselves into thinking that this is an incredibly large and life-

changing transition. It's not that big of a deal. We wake up in the morning, go to class, do some homework, go out and have fun, go to sleep and then wake up the next day and do it all over again. I think in the first month or so, you may find out a little bit about yourself, but that is just the tip of the iceberg. There is still so much uncovered ground. Self-knowledge is something that everybody should strive for. How can you go and marry someone at the age of 22 if you don't even know yourself? The same scenario with having kids applies. People in society just like to rush into different phases of their lives. We all would love to graduate in four



years and find a great job that would last us for the rest of our lives, but that is where mistakes are made. Honestly, ask yourself, "Why do you NEED to get out of school as quickly as possible? What are the REAL advantages of getting out of school a year earlier?" I have asked myself these questions many times and have realized that there are no answers that can satisfy me. I see nothing wrong with somebody taking a semester off to travel abroad or sit at home and read as many books as possible or just taking off some time to relax.

The reason I feel we don't

KNOW ourselves is because we

normally don't push ourselves to

our limits, whatever they may be.

We usually don't push ourselves

out of our "safety" or "comfort"

zones. We basically know what

is happening around us at all times.

We know what and what not to do.

Based on many previous examples,

we know where we are, where we

should be going and what we

should become. It seems as though

it takes no thinking on our part.

Everything has already been done

and all we can do is follow and fill

in their shoes.

The idea of pushing oneself out

of the comfort zone is fairly scary.

Nobody wants to struggle; we all

want everything to happen in a

warm and fuzzy manner. Well,

rarely do things happen the way we

want and those people who have

never pushed or been pushed out of

their comfort zone will definitely

struggle. Some people say that they

will just let themselves be pushed

out of their comfort zones when

the time comes, but that is a very

costly plan. By initiating yourself

out of your comfort zone, you

could become prepared for

whatever may arise in front of you.

How do you push yourself out of

your comfort zone? There are

many things that you can do, and

they all depend on what kind of

person you are. Personally, I have

decided not to take any grief from

anybody and have decided to stand

up for my beliefs. There are

endless little everyday things that

one could do. For example, go

introduce yourself to that girl

sitting down in the Atrium, or go

run a few miles in the morning. Do

something that you think you

should or want to do but wouldn't,

either because you are scared or

lazy.

This is how you learn by living.

This is how you learn about

yourself and become successful.

Who tolerates the intolerant?

Homosexuals, Black Supremacists, White Supremacists, Bisexuals, Jews, the Disabled, the Nation of Islam, the National Organization of Women. What do these groups all have in common?

They're all groups which have, at one time or another, been connected to the idea of "tolerance." Whether they're accused of not practicing or they're demanding it from others, these people can't get enough of this concept.

The issue stems from the growing philosophy in the United States that we should be "multiculturalists." In other words, we should accept all cultures, colors, ideas and national groups as being equally valid. Thus, when members of a particular minority group seek to have their ideas more accepted, they use the term "intolerant" to describe the opposing view. Is this what they really mean, though? Are they really seeking to uphold the precepts of multiculturalism?

I have some level of doubt concerning this, since my experience tells me that such groups usually aren't concerned with true tolerance. Essentially, what they want is for everyone to accept their views. Typically, these groups can be recognized by their obsessive use of the term "bigot" when describing the opposition. Before we delve into this basic inconsistency, though, let us seek

Andrew S. Damick

GUEST COMMENTARY

to define what we mean by "intolerance." Is intolerance holding a gun to someone's head if that person refuses to agree with me? Yes, I think so. Is intolerance legislating against the activities associated with a specific view? Yes, I think so. (For instance, most of us do not tolerate a murderer.)

Is intolerance actively trying to convince and debate an unpopular view? I don't think so. Is intolerance simply believing firmly that a particular view is wrong? Again, I don't think so. Oddly though, these last two activities (convincing and debating) are being characterized as intolerant by the tolerance-obsessed.

Let us assume for a moment that the definition of intolerance does, indeed, include the convincing and the view-holding. If so, you'll notice that most tolerance advocates are remarkably intolerant of those who are intolerant towards their views.

That sounds rather odd, so let me restate with a striking example. Imagine that I am an equal-rights activist. I am walking through the Free Expression tunnel here at N.C. State one bright day and meet up with a member of the Ku Klux

Klan. He recognizes me as being an activist and begins to spew his racist madness at me. Under our assumed definition, I would be being intolerant of my obviously superior view and begin telling him what a bigoted person he is and that he shouldn't speak such horrible things.

Under the definition of intolerance being the active convincing or view-holding, both of us were being frightfully intolerant. However, if one defines "intolerance" as being taking bodily (or legislatively) harmful action against someone who holds an opposing view because he holds that view, neither of us was being intolerant. A strange thought, isn't it?

Personally, though, I toss all of that aside. That's right. I think that a universal level of tolerance is a bad thing. G.K. Chesterton once said, "Tolerance is the virtue of people who believe in nothing."

You see, I refuse to believe in nothing. If we accept that all ideas are equally valid, then we have accepted such ridiculous ideas as that a life of honesty, integrity and hard work is no better than a life of cheating, stealing and lying. We have accepted the idea that Bazooka Joe is worth the same in literary terms as Paradise Lost. The people who support this idea are often quoted as saying such things as, "Who are we to judge?" or

"Whose standards and values are we going to use?"

For a long time, I didn't know the answer to those questions. In fact, the ideas of moral relativism were so ingrained in my educational and life philosophies that I had always assumed them to be true. However, I found the answer to those questions finally articulated in a book by William J. Bennett, *The De-Vilving of America*. Bennett writes, "The correct response, it seems to me, is, are we really ready to do away with standards and judgments?"

I don't believe that we ought to see ourselves as the kind of people Chesterton warned against. We, the people, do believe in something. We believe in it so much that we teach it to our children, we demand laws be passed in line with it by our legislators. It's our societal sense of morality and standards. We all believe in the principles of honesty, freedom, integrity and hard work. We do not tolerate the things that violate these principles. For many things we are intolerant people, and rightfully so, for we cannot afford to tolerate certain ideas, and we must take action against them.

Next time someone points the finger and shouts "bigot" or "intolerant," I ask you, think a second time. What do you think he genuinely means?

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Math majors read too

I read, with interest, Christine O'Neil's commentary in your October 11th newspaper. Her attitudes, although certainly genuine, are uninformed.

There was a strong implication that those of us who appreciate mathematics are narrow and single-minded. She states that her "new minority" can be recognized because "they're reading a book — for fun." Many of the math people I know read for recreation, and some of them are the most avid readers that I know. The titles and authors may vary (a mathematics major may prefer Ayn Rand to Charles Dickens, for example) but the appreciation of literature and written expression is common to all of my educated friends.

Indeed, there are many books based on mathematics written by mathematicians that are recognized as classics by English- and math-types equally. Lewis Carroll's *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland* is a wonderful example of mathematical logic woven into a very clever narrative; Jonathan Swift's *Gulliver's Travels* satirizes life by pure reasoning, not only in Gulliver's visit to the mathematical land of Laputa, but throughout the text; Clifton Fadiman's *Fantasia Mathematica* is a superb collection of prose and poetry by mathematicians and about mathematics; and John Allen Paulos' *Innumeracy, Mathematics and Humor*, and *A Mathematician Reads the Newspaper* have shown that mathematical books can make it onto the bestseller list.

In glancing through your examples of mathematics, it is easy to see why it doesn't excite you. I also find adding 2+2 and manipulating x to be tedious — tedious to a power, in fact. However, equating the whole of the subject of mathematics with algebraic calisthenics would be like equating English and literature with the diagramming of sentences by the Read-Kellogg method.

Mathematics is a beautiful and dynamic subject, and just because you cannot recognize its elegance does not mean that the elegance does not exist.

It does take time and effort to become familiar enough with the subject to completely appreciate its beauty, but this phenomenon is by no means restricted to mathematics. For example, one cannot fully appreciate the art of Picasso without absolutely no training in art. It requires at least an understanding of the stages through which Picasso progressed to reach his cubist stage.

If you examine some of his earlier works, you will see some very conventional portraits and pictures with all the noses and eyes in the right place. To understand his work, one must understand the fundamentals of art, as well as where he fits into the panoply of art as a whole.

Literature and music are no different. *Finnigans Wake* is not an easy book to read — many graduate students in English have not been able to get through it. To understand it, or any of the other modernist writers, one cannot simply have a grade-school understanding of the language. The world of Aaron Copeland or Igor Stravinsky are likewise beautiful in their own way. To the untrained ear, *Rodeo* and *The Firebird Suite* are dissonant and unpleasant, but that does not lessen their splendor. Their charm can only be valued with a deep examination of the subject.

I hope you will reconsider your opinion of mathematics and mathematicians. Give yourself the pleasure of discovering all forms of beauty, and don't throw away an entire discipline because you "don't plan to use it." I haven't used *Moby Dick* at all since I read it, but it's at home, on my bookshelf, just in case.

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Bicyclists should wear helmets

I applaud everyone here at campus who has a bike instead of a car. I have been pleased to see the popularity and widespread use of them. I have a problem though, it seems that I am one of the few riders willing to wear a helmet.

I have been a die-hard cyclist for years and would never start pedaling without a helmet. My personal experience has taught me the value of wearing one.

My father's best friend has been a vegetative state for eight years. He was a competitive mountain biker and always wore a helmet...except one day on the way to the convenience store. He was riding up to the corner store on campus and had an accident that left him with a severe head trauma. He has been motionless for eight years now.

Even though helmets look a little goofy and mess up your hair a little, my small collection of shattered helmets at home has saved me from many trips to the emergency room. The trees, rocks and sidewalks that I have encountered when mountain biking and rollerblading are no different from those that I have seen around campus.

So what I beg of you to do is buy a helmet. You can find them for \$10 at the discount bike shops or you can go to Wal-Mart. Get a helmet and wear it.

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College attitudes mirror society's

For the past three issues of Technician, I have read works about the BGLA and National Coming Out Day, the Confederate flag, and Malcolm X that have deeply disturbed me. This letter is not a discussion of my position on homosexuality, the flag, or Mr. X; this is simply to dispel a common myth that wholeheartedly survives in the BGLA and other campus organizations.

In "war of words in tunnel mar start of gay event" (Friday, Oct. 11), Scott Starin is quoted as saying, "A college campus is where people should be most accepting of their peers."

Whoa, Starin. College is a microcosm of society, not a utopia. There are no magical walls around this campus that keep out the influences of the "real world."

Anywhere and everywhere you go, there are people with different viewpoints and different levels of open-mindedness. That also goes for here at N.C. State. There are some people who choose to express their opinion through irrational hate (i.e. the Free Expression Tunnel, Roop Mundi's opinion columns, some Campus Forum letters), some who choose to accept and some who choose just to ignore the whole thing. That is society in a nutshell.

There will never be a time when homosexuals, Christians, blacks, whites or any other race, religion, or choice of lifestyle is completely accepted by everyone. To have that vision is admirable, but it is going to set you up for a lot of bitter disappointment. Instead of focusing on the acceptance of your group by people, enjoy the acceptance you do receive.

Aron Hall
Sophomore, English Education

Helms ignores environment

I am a North Carolina resident and a senior at N.C. State University. I am a Republican and on November 5th, I am voting against Jesse Helms.

I was raised by Republican parents and my views lean to the conservative side. I like the idea of welfare reform, I am a proponent of a strong military and I like the Republican Party's historical stance on the environment. My father teaches environmental science, and I grew up watching nature specials on television and loving the great outdoors; I have been camping and canoeing for as long as I can remember.

Since the turn of the century, the Republican Party has stood for a strong national identity and heritage with well-preserved natural resources. Teddy Roosevelt and the Sierra Club started the national park

system. Richard Nixon signed the Clean Water Act and Endangered Species Act, and George Bush strengthened the Clean Air Act.

For the past 24 years, Senator Jesse Helms has stood against the natural environment. Unlike other Republicans, he does not concern himself with preservation or public health. He was recently named one of the "Dirty Dozen," a name given to the 12 worst members of Congress by major environmental groups.

There are many notable examples of his anti-environmentalism, but I'll just name a few. In 1995, the "unfunded mandates" bill, S. 1, would have erected new procedural hurdles before Congress could pass legislation establishing standards for public health and environmental protections, unless first providing full federal funding to states to implement these standards. Senator Barbara Boxer of California offered an amendment to add health protections for children, pregnant women and the elderly to the list of programs exempted from this bill. Senator Dirk Kempthorne of Idaho moved to kill the Boxer amendment with the help of Jesse Helms' vote; his motion was passed. The health of our most vulnerable citizens was put in jeopardy.

A provision in the 1996 Fiscal Budget Resolution, Senate Conference Resolution 13, allowed agencies to sell federal "assets" to reduce the federal deficit. An individual who sells a home has no new wealth, but has just exchanged a capital asset for cash. This bill would encourage a fire-sale liquidation of valuable public lands to create proxy revenues. Helms voted to kill an amendment that would have protected public lands. His vote was to sell off our national parks.

During a debate over the funding of the Fish and Wildlife Service, Helms proposed eliminating the reintroduction program for North Carolina's native red wolf, effectively dooming the animal to extinction in the wild. On the Senate floor, Helms stated that red wolves had attacked children in Eastern North Carolina. This is a flat-out lie. There is no record of anyone ever being attacked by the red wolf in the last 500 years. They are shy creatures. Jesse Helms intentionally twisted the truth. He showed his lack of pride in our native heritage, and he is uncaring about the protection of the diversity of life. He should at least have had the dignity to tell the truth in a public debate.

In the far future, I would like to surf at Cape Hatteras in unpolluted water and maybe see a red wolf while camping. North Carolina has a unique and precious environment that we need to protect no matter which political party we happen to be in. Helms' votes stand against the Republican party, the environment and North Carolina. In order to protect our heritage and our resources, on November 5th, Jesse Helms needs to retire.

Francis San Juan
Senior, Industrial Design

SAVES sacrificed for no reason

Once again, it appears the word "liability" is being tossed around like a hot potato. This time, it affects the people this university is supposed to be here for.

The volunteer organization, SAVES, is gone. This was a group of students who wanted nothing more than to give the community what it has given to them. In return, they received compliments from the university community but little or nothing from the administration of Public Safety, the department they represented. The excuse for restraining SAVES' liability.

To the Director of Public Safety: There are about 200,000 paid firefighters in the United States and over 2 million volunteer firefighters, some of whom protect your life and your property! Furthermore, the majority of firefighters and emergency medical personnel in Wake county are volunteers. The people who protect large sections of this university (e.g. Carter-Finley Stadium and many research farms) from fire and come to the medical aid of those who work there are volunteers. Think about this next time you get call 911.

SAVES' members were well-trained medical technicians and firefighters, many certified by the NC office of EMS and/or NC Department of Insurance. They were also self-insured! It seems counterintuitive that liability for insured volunteers is greater than that of paid employees.

I sincerely believe that liability is not the issue here. It goes deeper than that. I think that the Director of Public Safety's attitude toward student volunteers (and it appears toward volunteers altogether) is repulsive. As a member of the NCSU community, I feel less protected. As a volunteer, I'm insulted.

Andrew Liepins, NCENT-I
Class of 1993

Public Safety ruined SAVES

I am a former member of SAVES (Student Assistants Volunteering in Emergency Situations). After reading the article in the Oct. 16 edition of Technician, I think more needs to be said about the conditions

in which SAVES was terminated.

In my two-year stay as a volunteer with Public Safety, the morale and employee size of the Patrol Division dwindled. Public Safety has positions for over thirty officers; however, they have been averaging about 16 officers with more leaving weekly. Officers were getting reprimanded instead of being praised for doing the jobs. Often, they cited poor administration and "being tired of putting up with the bullshit," as their reason for leaving.

However, during this time, Fire Protection remained fairly autonomous with Lt. Lamb making most of the decisions. Morale was high, the division was growing in the number of personnel, and SAVES continued to grow.

In March 1996, Chief Harper decided to play a more direct role in the administration of Fire Protection Division. Within a two-day period, the morale of the Division plummeted. In a four-month period, four of the five employees of Fire Protection have resigned citing intolerable working conditions set by the Public Safety Administration as their reason for leaving.

Since March 1996, SAVES has been jerked around by Crime Prevention Officer Larry Ellis, Chief Harper and Harper's boss, Associate Vice Chancellor Jeff Mann. Most of the time, we were yelled at by the above mentioned officials, called names, had the money we earned confiscated and our equipment taken away without reason.

Members were terminated by Harper for "upsetting the secretary." In addition, they expected us to do more of their dirty work for less in return.

Now, Harper and Mann have created these Student Employee Assistants positions and they wonder why none of the former SAVES members will apply. It is because we have seen how the administration treated us and people like Leeman Lamb, John Quesnel, Linda Wiggs, John Overman and dozens of other public officials who have left Public Safety due to its administration.

I discourage anyone from applying for this job or any other job with Public Safety. In addition, I encourage students and university officials to start asking questions as to why so many employees are leaving Public Safety, and why Harper cannot maintain enough officers to properly cover the needs of our campus.

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