



Gardening writer speaks tonight in Bostian Hall

Nationally acclaimed gardening writer and illustrator Peter Loewer of Asheville will give a free public lecture, "The Evening Garden," today at 8 p.m. in 3712 Bostian Hall.

The event is co-sponsored by the Friends of the N.C. State Arboretum and the Friends of the NCSU Libraries. A reception and book-signing session will follow.

Loewer's talk is based on his popular book, "The Evening Garden," which is the first gardening book devoted solely to plants that bloom or give off fragrance after sunset.

Loewer said he believes that gardens designed to peak after the workday ends make sense for modern families, who often have little time during the day to spend in their yards.

Group sponsors toy drive

The Educational Talent Search is sponsoring a stuffed toy drive from now until December 14. Old and new toys will be accepted.

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Toys can also be sent or delivered to: Educational Talent Search, NCSU Box 7319, Raleigh, N.C. 27695-7319.

Display features NCSU authors

N.C. State's Libraries have recently started an ongoing exhibit of recent NCSU articles. The exhibit is located in the lobby of D.H. Hill library next to the main circulation desk.

Each week, new articles that have been submitted by campus authors have their first pages on display in the exhibit.

The display will soon be available as a bibliography on the Libraries' World Wide Web page.

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Public Safety questions remain unanswered

Records from the Department of Human Resources help shed new light on Public Safety's staffing procedures.

By PRESTON MOON
 Staff Writer

There is concern brewing that Public Safety is not providing adequate protection for the N.C. State campus because the department is under-staffed.

Allegations from former employees about the department being under-staffed first surfaced weeks ago.

From the start, Public Safety

Director Ralph Harper has denied the accusations. In fact, he said Public Safety is in the process of adding more officers to its roster in order to better serve the campus.

On Oct. 24, Harper said that Public Safety had just filled three police officer positions and two more would be filled by Nov. 7. However, the Department of Human Resources' records indicate that only four of those positions had been filled as of Nov. 15.

The first three of those positions are listed as being filled four and five days (Oct. 28 and 29) after Harper had said they were filled. Kathy Lambert of Human Resources defined the "date filled" as the date the employee starts

getting paid by the university — the day they start work.

Mike Williams, former chairman of SAVES (Student Assistants Volunteering in Emergency Situations), has expressed a concern that he said was shared by many former and current Public Safety employees — that there was a shortage of police officers on campus at the beginning of this semester and that squads of patrolling officers were working with only three people at a time.

Whenever one of the four scheduled officers took leave for illness or other serious matters, then another officer would have to be on call to come in and fill the vacancy, Williams said.

That, according to former Public Safety employee John Quesnel, meant that some officers were going a week without a day off and overtime hours were becoming a problem.

Harper agreed that there has been times when officers were on call at home in case a squad was short a person, but he said that the only overtime they work is during football games and other large university activities.

If a squad was on the beat with four officers, and one had to leave campus for reasons such as escorting Cashiers Office employees to the bank, then only three sworn officers would be left on campus, Williams said this

happened frequently, and said three officers is not enough to cover an area the size of NCSU's campus.

According to Harper, "We never let a squad go out on the street with less than four people. It has never happened."

Harper said there were 31 sworn police officers with Public Safety just before Oct. 24. Of those, 12 people (including the director and the assistant director) were not part of the patrolling squads. That left 19 officers to the squads.

There are four squads, Harper said. If the 19 patrolling officers were spread evenly among the four

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Caldwell Scholarships could go to upperclassmen

The development of the Park Scholarships program could benefit upperclassmen.

By PHILLIP REESE
 Assistant News Editor

One of N.C. State's most renowned scholarships could soon be awarded to upperclassman instead of just incoming freshmen.

Art Padilla, assistant to the chancellor, said the Caldwell Scholarship should be awarded to upperclassman. He said other scholarships currently earmarked for incoming freshman, especially the Park Scholarship, sufficiently meet recruitment needs.

"Turn the Caldwell into an upperclassman achievement scholarship," Padilla said. "It's like picking a race. It's much easier to pick a winner by looking at the nine-mile mark and seeing who is ahead."

Padilla's comments came during a presentation on the Park Scholarships at Tuesday's Faculty Senate meeting. He said Park Scholarship recipients are given more benefits than Caldwell Scholarship recipients.

An out-of-state Park Scholar receives a scholarship worth \$80,000, a \$4,000 computer and a \$200-a-month stipend, Padilla said. Twenty-five students received the scholarship this year. Fifty students will receive the scholarship next year.

Applicants for the scholarship

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On-line evaluations under review

NCSU has taken the next step toward making teacher evaluations available on-line.

By PHILLIP REESE
 Assistant News Editor

N.C. State Provost Phillip Stiles recently told student leaders that a proposal to place teacher evaluations on-line must be reviewed by the Faculty Senate before it is approved. The Senate now has that proposal in its hands.

Faculty Senate Chair Gilbert Smith told the Senate Academic Policy committee Tuesday to study potential positive and negative aspects of on-line teacher evaluations and then report back to the Senate.

"I think it's going to make it."

—Jim Reinke, SSP Pro Tempore

Senator Gary Blank said he will endorse on-line teacher evaluations.

"I strongly support your plan," Blank told student leaders after the Senate meeting. "I supported teacher evaluation reports when I was an undergraduate."

Stiles commended the work students have put into the advancement of on-line teacher evaluations.

"I want to give students very high marks on the way they have tried to do this constructively," Stiles said. "They have done their homework. I hope the Senate takes this seriously."

Student Senate President Pro Tempore Jim Reinke said he was encouraged by the warm reception on-line evaluations received from Blank and Stiles.

"I think it's going to make it," Reinke said.

Reinke said the Senate should not view the proposal as an attempt to isolate teachers who do not receive positive evaluations.

"I hope the Faculty Senate doesn't take this defensively," Reinke said. "I hope they greet it with open arms."

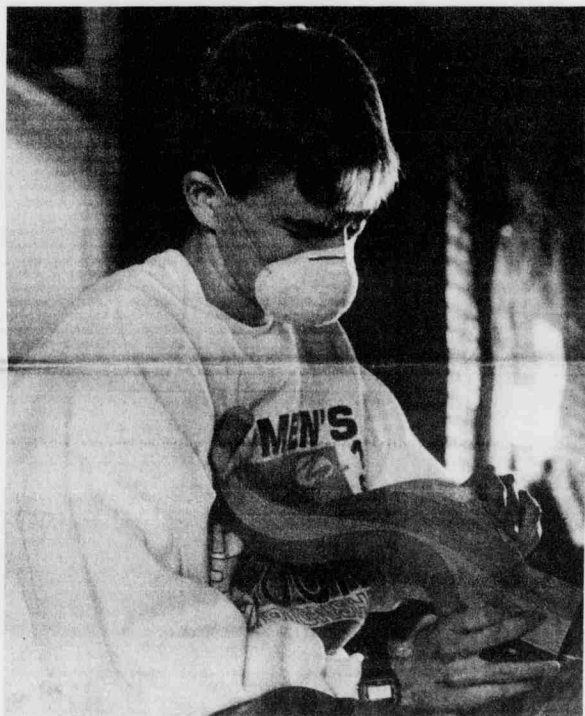
Reinke said instructors should be willing to face the consequences that might accompany below-par evaluations.

"Obviously there (are) going to be bad evaluations, but everything is relative," he said. "If a professor is registered for a class and no one shows up because of these reports, there is something wrong with the professors."

In other Senate business, Stiles expressed concern about recent demonstrations of violent behavior at NCSU. He cited the recent harassment of a gay student in the Free Expression Tunnel as an example of unacceptable behavior.

"We must address the way we treat each other," Stiles said. "We have seen examples of unacceptable behavior recently. We need to take stands."

Sand storm



Judd Whitehead, a senior in Industrial Design, wears a mask to protect himself from the dust created from sanding a furniture leg.

Physical Plant ready to take on Old Man Winter

Physical Plant has taken measures to ensure this winter won't be as bad as the last, as far as facilities are concerned.

By APRIL HARRISON
 Staff Writer

N.C. State's Physical Plant has taken many steps since last winter to improve the performance of the power plants on campus so that the problems with heating and hot water will not occur again.

Physical Plant controls NCSU's two power plants. These power plants generate the steam used for heating and hot water in the buildings and residence halls on campus.

The smaller plant is located on Cates Avenue and works throughout the spring and summer. During the colder months, the steam production is switched to the larger plant located on Yarbrough Drive.

When the winters are at their coldest, both plants are working to provide campus with much-needed heat.

According to James Vespi, director of Facility Operations at Physical Plant, "with last year's very demanding winter, the steam plant was stressed, to say the least."

Combined with nature's obstacles, the power plants had to deal with physical problems as well.

"Along with the performance problems, the boilers themselves didn't work well and needed lots of attention," Vespi said.

Another determinant was the age of the steam boilers. The youngest boiler was installed in 1963, making it 33 years old. The others were installed in 1951. All three of these factors led to heating and hot water problems on campus.

In order to alleviate some of the stress on the power plants for this upcoming winter, the plants have undergone numerous physical and operational changes.

"The best thing we have done to fix the problems we were having was to hire a new engineer named John Young," Vespi said. Young is an engineering expert on boilers and a graduate of NCSU.

Young started in July and "identified and corrected performance problems, as well as assisted in operations and maintenance," Vespi said.



Shoveling snow was the least of Physical Plant's problems last winter.

Along with Young, Physical Plant also hired Jim Reneau, a new power plant supervisor. His function is more administrative. Reneau "has brought leadership, focus and organization to the plant as well as skill level training to the operators," Vespi said.

"The modifications in the first phase upgrade to the boilers were finished over the summer, and we anticipate much improvement in the performance of the boilers for this upcoming winter," Vespi said.

These changes are only the first of many, Vespi said.

Same-sex violence not taken seriously

■ Abusive relationships also occur in non-heterosexual relationships, but victims are often reluctant to talk.

BY JEFFREY KOSSEFF
THE MICHIGAN DAILY
UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

(U-WIRE) ANN ARBOR, Mich. — While heterosexual domestic violence has received a great deal of public attention since the O.J. Simpson trial, some experts said last night that violence in same-sex relationships is not taken as seriously.

The Lesbian Gay Bisexual Programs Office and the Sexual Assault Prevention and Awareness Center sponsored a panel discussion yesterday to discuss abuse in lesbian, gay and bisexual relationships. Workers from Safehouse, a battered women's shelter, and lesbian survivors of

domestic violence spoke to the audience of about 15 people.

"In general, people tend to believe it doesn't happen, and if they do, they tend to minimize it," said SAPAC Director Joyce Wright.

Ann Humphry, Safehouse coordinator and a survivor of lesbian domestic violence, said that in addition to physical, emotional and sexual abuse, same-sex victims also have to cope with "homophobic control." This includes "threats to tell the victim's significant others about his or her sexual orientation."

Humphry, who spoke at the panel discussion about her experiences and patterns in homosexual domestic violence, said there are many myths about same-sex violence. This includes the myth that the more masculine woman in a lesbian relationship is more likely to abuse the more feminine partner.

"There is no association between violence and traditional gender

roles," Humphry said.

Nancy Galbraith, an Eastern Michigan University graduate student and intern at Safehouse, pointed out that gay men have an especially difficult time dealing with an abusive partner.

"There are no men's shelters for men to seek these services," Galbraith said. "It is more difficult because they are hidden."

Galbraith pointed to a research study on domestic violence in lesbian and gay relationships that suggested weekly support groups for victims and educating local officials on issues of same-sex abuse. Safehouse offers a support group for lesbian survivors of domestic violence.

Humphry said homosexual victims also have a harder time reporting their story because they are not taken as seriously.

"Non-heterosexual victims find it more difficult to say they are being victimized," Humphry said. "When

they come forward and tell someone, the violence is minimized. They get told, 'That's what you get...'"

Many agree that same-sex relationship violence is not researched enough for the public to be familiar with it.

"There's not a lot of information available about domestic violence," said LGBPO director Ronni Sanlo. "Same-sex domestic violence isn't talked about unless the person reporting is astute enough to talk about it."

Humphry said that while only a few studies on same-sex abuse were published before 1990, there has been an increase in studies recently.

Rachel Ermann, an LSA senior who is doing an Alternative Spring Break project on domestic violence, agreed that while she hasn't heard a great deal about non-heterosexual violence, it still must be discussed. "I think any kind of violence is a problem," Ermann said.

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must make it through a nominating process and a screening selection process before they receive the award. Padilla said the scholarship selection process is based on a number of factors.

"We are trying hard to look at things other than SATs and grades," he said. "But that is easier said than done."

The Park Scholarship program was initiated this year, Padilla said. It is the 11th largest scholarship program in the nation. He said the scholarship will have a profound effect on NCSU.

"I think this program will have a huge impact," he said. "The challenge is to develop ways where this program can spill over into other activities."

Park Scholars attend a seminar every week and are required to participate in community service.

Safety

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squads, then at least one squad contained only four officers. If one of those four left campus for any reason, only three would have been left, as Williams said.

Harper said the squad officers are not the only officers on the beat, however. Of the 12 non-squad officers, there is a captain on duty at night, a major on duty during the day, an officer at the College of Veterinary Medicine, two officers at Centennial Campus and four plain-clothes investigators, all of which patrol the campus. There are also several security guards and Student Patrol Officers working at night, adding to Public Safety's watch, he said.

Williams was also concerned with the number of Fire Protection staff working with Public Safety. He said, and Harper concurred, that since the Spring 1996 semester, four of the five Fire Protection Division staff, including its lieutenant, have left.

Human Resources' records show that only two of those four positions have been filled. Both positions were filled on Oct. 14, which was over a month since the last two former officers left their positions. The officers, Leeman Lamb and John Quessel, both said that they left on Sep. 12. Therefore, according to Human Resources, there was a 32-day period in which Public Safety had only one Safety Inspector in its Fire Protection Division.

The records indicate that a Safety Technician and a Safety Supervisor position are still vacant from the Fire Protection Division's staff.

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Sports

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•The N.C. State men's cross-country team has won four of the last five ACC Championships.

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Pons twins provide twice the success

■ Rollie Geiger is doubly satisfied with Chan and Corby Pons.

By DAVID HONEA
STAFF WRITER

N.C. State cross-country coach Rollie Geiger expected to see twins Chan and Corby Pons running close to each other. What has surprised him is how few other people are running close to either of them.

At the ACC championships, Chan placed second and Corby third as N.C. State won the ACC title. The sophomores from Franklin led the way once again at Saturday's

district meet, with Chan taking third and Corby sixth. That keyed another first-place finish for the Wolfpack as the team qualified for the NCAA Championships, to be held Monday in Tucson, Ariz.

"Their improvement from the freshman to sophomore year has been tremendous," Geiger said. "And as freshmen they were all-ACC, which we didn't anticipate. Looking at their workouts, it's no surprise to see them running this well, but we never expected this when we recruited them."

Those races continued an outstanding season for Chan. After tying three N.C. State teammates for the win at the Wolfpack

Invitational, he broke away in the last mile of the Disney Challenge and was on the way to winning when a wrong turn set him back to fourth. He followed that with a fourth-place finish at Michigan, where he stayed in the race for the win until the final quarter-mile despite running with a cold.

"Chan hasn't won any of the races this season, but he has been in the hunt every time, including some races against possible top 10 NCAA performers," Geiger says. "He's improved so fast that he's not really experienced at racing at this level. But he seems to be getting better every time."

While Chan has been near the



Chan Pons (No. 49) and his brother Corby have been essential to the N.C. State men's cross-country team's vast success this season. Chan placed second at the ACCs, while Corby placed third to lead the Wolfpack.

By DAVID HONEA
STAFF WRITER

front of every Wolfpack meet this season, Corby has only competed in the last two races. But in some ways, that makes his performance even more impressive.

With the Wolfpack lineup looking very deep at the outset of the

season, Geiger hoped to redshirt at least one runner. Having run in 1995 as true freshmen, one of the Pons seemed like the obvious choice, and Corby ended up sitting out the first three meets, even while Chan was competing as the team's

top runner.

"It's really amazing how unselfish Corby was, that he was willing to sit and wait for the team's sake."

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If the world were fair, it'd be Primanti for Heisman

Michael Preston

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■ Hey, break out the aged

Asti Spomanti, we've got Heisman candidate Marc Primanti.

Assuming you can tear yourself away from such trivial pieces of propaganda as the Orlando Pace "Pancake" magnets and the Tiki Barber clipping shears, maybe everyone can finally turn their attention to N.C. State.

Now, I know you're asking yourself, "Which took a worse beating this calendar year, the N.C. State football team or Rasheed Wallace's girlfriend?" And goodness knows we haven't

had a legitimate Heisman trophy candidate since, well, may we count Dave Buckley? Survey says, "No."

Even worse, Technician Sports failed the last time it promoted an athlete for a major award. We can't say that the "Bridget Durkan for ACC Player of the Year" came off without a hitch. But I believe we've bounced back and it's time to hop back in the proverbial saddle.

I think maybe the Heisman Trophy voters should seriously begin looking through the remnants of our season and maybe consider one of State's own for the award. Kicker Marc Primanti.

I'm as serious as "One Heartbeat" (apologies to the basketball team's inspirational motto).

Primanti, already a finalist for the Lou Groza "Golden Toe" award honoring the nation's top kicker, has the statistics to back up the hype.

He leads the team in scoring and is in the top 10 in the nation in field goals per game. He's hit 21 straight field goals, dating back to last season. He is a perfect 18/18 after State scores a touchdown.

If Marc Primanti were a professional women's basketball team, he'd be the Columbus Quest. The kid just hasn't missed. Not

very many players in the country can boast perfection, much less perform to the extent Primanti is forced to each game.

Second only to quarterback, he's also in one of the most stressful positions football has to offer. There are no excuses, nobody else is responsible for a miss.

In my opinion, the only thing holding Primanti back is lack of promotion, and that's where Technician Sports steps in. What he needs is a clever slogan, something to the effect of "Marc Primanti is no Jimmy Durante... When it Comes to Kicking," or possibly something better than that.

We're new at this. Try to think of something that rhymes with "Primanti" or "Marc." It's just not that damned easy.

Or possibly someone could start sending out postcards shaped like the town of Thorndale, Pa. Primanti's hometown. On the back, it would simply read, "Thorndale, Where Kicking Is a Way of Life."

Heisman voters love that sort of thing. In a season where there is a huge push to ignore quarterbacks and running backs on this ballot, Primanti's chances are, or should be, as good as anyone's in the nation.

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Pollution causes reproductive problems

■ A new study links lake pollution with various reproductive deficiencies in fish, raises questions about effect on humans.

By FRANK CLIFFORD
LOS ANGELES TIMES

Disturbing new evidence that chemical pollution can deform reproduction systems has turned up in fish in Lake Mead, one of the nation's most popular recreation spots and a major source of drinking water for Las Vegas and Southern California.

The results of federal research at 25 sites around the country reinforce a growing body of science that common chemical contaminants have interfered with hormonal systems, feminizing male animals and generally wreaking havoc with sexual development in several types of wildlife.

The study on so-called endocrine disrupters is to be officially released Tuesday in Washington D.C. at the annual meeting of the Society of Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry.

In the Lake Mead study, evidence of endocrine disruption showed up in the presence of female egg protein in plasma samples of male carp, the report said. The fish were taken from areas of the lake, Las Vegas Wash and Bay, that receive much of the treated and untreated waste, including pesticides, and industrial chemicals, from the Las Vegas area.

Testing the same parts of the lake for organic compounds associated with endocrine problems, researchers found higher levels of the suspect material than they did elsewhere in the lake.

The chemicals are considered dangerous because in the earliest stages of animal development they are able to imitate natural hormones, scrambling genetic instructions and permanently distorting sexual identities and reproductive systems.

The phenomenon has shown up in a variety of wildlife exposed to chemical contamination, including river otters and alligators with abnormally small sex organs, in beluga whales with fertility problems and male panthers with high estrogen levels and low sperm counts. Researchers rarely have been able to link similar disorders in humans to environmental pollutants. However, scientists are exploring possible connections between chemical contaminants, low sperm counts and high rates of prostate and testicular cancers.

NATIONAL NEWS



Clinton opposes doctor-assisted suicides

■ Clinton's reversal on recent court decisions allowing doctor-assisted suicide receives criticism.

By THOMAS MAIER
NEWSDAY

NEW YORK — Advocates for doctor-assisted suicide Tuesday sharply criticized the Clinton administration for opposing their lawsuit, which challenges the existing ban on such assistance and is now before the U.S. Supreme Court.

"This is not a wise position because it runs counter to public opinion, which supports the idea of doctor-assisted suicide," said Barbara Coombs Lee, head of Compassion in Dying, the Seattle-based group that has sponsored two lawsuits now on their way to the nation's highest court.

Earlier this year, federal appeals courts struck down existing bans on doctor-assisted suicide in two separate lawsuits in New York and Seattle. Since then, New York and other states have filed briefs with the U.S. Supreme Court. Hearings before the high court are expected to begin Jan. 8.

Last week, U.S. Solicitor General Walter Dellinger filed papers opposing the lawsuit, contending that states should have the right to continue such bans. "Our position is that states should be allowed to prohibit doctor-assisted suicide, but we do not call for an outright ban," Justice Department spokesman Bert Bradenburg said Tuesday.

At a New York City news conference Tuesday, Lee and other advocates, including Dr. Timothy Quill, the lead plaintiff in the New York lawsuit, expressed disappointment with the Clinton administration's position. Advocates for doctor-assisted suicide — who have likened their case to the court's

1973 decision giving constitutional protection to abortion — hoped Clinton would favor their position. "I was very surprised to hear this," said Quill, about the federal government's court papers filed Nov. 12.

But Bradenburg said the Clinton administration views abortion and doctor-assisted suicide as separate issues. He said Dellinger will likely make oral arguments before the court when the hearing on the lawsuit begins next year.

Tuesday's news conference was part of the increasing public relations effort by both sides to get across their views on this widening debate. At their news conference Tuesday, Lee's group and another organization, Death With Dignity, emphasized that their lawsuit is aimed at helping doctors avoid prosecution for assisting terminally ill patients in ending their lives. "This is a vehicle to reverse the tremendous harm from the current criminalization," said Lee.

U.S. eases on cryptography exports

By DAVID KAHN
NEWSDAY

President Clinton has eased export regulations on computer encryption devices, the White House has announced.

These devices — usually computer chips — put messages into secret form.

Law enforcement and national security agencies such as the FBI have long opposed liberal exportation of encryption devices. They maintain that the wider use of good encoding techniques would make it harder for them to gain information on international criminals.

Pressing for greater ability to export stronger encryption systems have been privacy groups, which see such systems as enhancing individual freedom, and hardware and software producers, which want to sell more and better products to foreign markets.

The executive order issued Friday transfers export control of encryption from the State Department, which has depended for its rulings upon the expertise and views of the Defense Department's codemaking and codebreaking, National Security Agency, to the Commerce Department, traditionally more amenable to business interests.

Computer software and hardware cannot be controlled within the United States under the First Amendment. But its export can be regulated. The new moves follow an administration plan for encryption announced Oct. 1 by Vice President Al Gore.

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Honda Civic	37
Ford Aalora	34
Honda Civic	34

*Other engine sizes, transmission systems, options. Environmental Protection Agency annual report.

NTSB simulates oxygen generator fire

By DON PHILLIPS
THE WASHINGTON POST

MIAMI — A test fire meant to create conditions similar to those aboard ValuJet Flight 592 quickly produced temperatures hot enough to burn stainless steel, officials said Tuesday.

Within 10 minutes, the combustion tests of oxygen generators, similar to those believed to have played the key role in the plane's crash, were burning at 3,000 degrees Fahrenheit.

While the tests did not precisely replicate the conditions aboard the Miami-Atlanta flight on May 11, they indicated that the 144 tennis can-sized canisters aboard the DC-9 could have cut through its floor rapidly after an accidental ignition and spread fire and smoke into the

passenger cabin.

A video presentation of the tests, conducted Nov. 6 and 7 by the Federal Aviation Administration in Atlantic City, N.J., showed not only a spreading blowtorch-like fire but an unearthly sound from the igniting generators somewhat like a cross between a howling elephant and a high-pitched scream.

Merritt Birky, the National Transportation Safety Board's fire and explosives expert, said that in his 30 years of experience, "this is the hottest fire I have seen in the test apparatus."

Data released on the first day of hearings Monday indicated that a fire sliced through the floor and smoke began spreading shortly after takeoff. Passengers were heard on a

cockpit voice recorder shouting intermittently for almost a minute, according to a transcript.

The board will not designate an official "probable cause" for the McDonnell Douglas DC-9's plunge into the Everglades for weeks or months, but investigators know that the 144 oxygen generators were placed aboard the aircraft just before takeoff, mistakenly labeled "empty."

Birky said the tests involved igniting a single generator in boxes filled with generators and bubble wrap. Unlike the closed ValuJet cargo hold, the tests were conducted in a larger area that was left open. In some tests, luggage and aircraft tires surrounded the boxes, as in the ValuJet plane. Birky said a fire ensued in about half the tests.

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Pons

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Geiger said. "It was obvious that he was in good shape, and he's a very competitive person who wanted to run, but the only thing that was concerned with was what served the team's needs."

After defending ACC champion Pat Joyce suffered a foot injury in mid-October, the State lineup suddenly had a hole. Enter Corby, who in his first race of the season took third in the ACC, staying with the leaders until the final half-mile.

"I told Coach all along that I was willing to go in at any time if that's what we needed, even though I had missed the early races," Corby said. "I still feel like I ran as well as I could have. I think I probably got a lot out of being able to watch the earlier races."

"One of the things about Chan and Corby, and it's not surprising given the type of people they are, is they never have had races," Geiger said. "We weren't worried about Corby going into the ACC meet, because we knew he would run up to his capability. It's really special to have people that reliable who have also turned out to be this good."

Geiger says that the twins have been a big boost for the team of the course as well.

"You always hear people described as a 'quality person,' and I would say that about anyone in our program, but Chan and Corby are really special, in the way they treat people and the way they conduct themselves," Geiger says. "I think they played a major role in

our signing two of the best freshmen in the country this year, and in the fact that the whole outlook of our program has improved."

State enters the NCAA meet ranked number five and as one of only two unbeaten teams in the nation. And while Geiger gives the Pons a lot of credit for the team's success, they are quick to credit him and the program for their own success.

"There are three main things that have gotten us here," Chan said. "The first is God, because He gave us the talent. Second is Coach Geiger, because he is the best in the country. And third is our teammates, because we all build off each other."

"Really we had no choice but to get better, because if we didn't we wouldn't get to run, this team is so good," Corby added. "And it makes it so much easier going out for a workout or a race when you know everyone else out there is giving 110 percent, so you have to do the same."

The Pons say their main goal is for the team to place in the top four next week, which would not only eclipse the 1987 team's fifth-place finish as the best in school history, but would also earn one of the NCAA trophies which go to the top four finishers. Both are also hoping to earn all-America honors, which go to the first 25 American finishers in the race.

"I think there is a very realistic chance to achieve some major goals, both as a team and for them individually," Geiger said. "It's the kind of thing we would have hoped for, but that we never would've expected this soon."

Confident Chinese government sending mixed signals to U.S.

■ Analysts believe the country is caught between of nationalist pride, need for foreign trade.

By STEVEN MUFSON
The Washington Post

BEIJING — This is supposed to be a time for healing in U.S.-Chinese relations. If all goes according to plan, the missiles and verbal salvos of the past year will give way to banquets, 21-gun salutes and talk of common strategic interests. Last last week, President Jiang Zemin entertained a group of U.S. senators with shots of potent Chinese liquor and renditions of Chinese opera and American show tunes.

But listen to these recent words about the United States from the People's Daily, the newspaper of the ruling Communist Party. "In this world, just one country is famous for its xenophobia, its wild arrogance and haughtiness, known to all. Every day it issues Cold War propaganda to interfere in other nations' internal affairs and tries vainly to foist its own values on others."

Secretary of State Warren Christopher, arriving in Beijing Tuesday, found a Chinese government that has been sending many such conflicting signals about its posture toward the United States.

The mixed signals may be part bargaining tactic, but analysts say they also reflect real tensions in China's foreign policy. On one hand, Chinese leaders are tugged by nationalism and a domestic political calculus that makes overly chummy relations with the United States risky. On the other, they are driven toward improving relations with the United States as a way to boost their image as world leaders by making state visits and by the need for foreign trade,

technology and investment to nourish the domestic economy.

Against that background, China's leaders seem to "exhibit a combination of supreme confidence and great vulnerability," Stanford University professor Michel Oksenberg said. The confidence flows from the country's stunning economic growth, its war chest of foreign exchange, seven years of social stability and the giddy notion that China will rival the United States within a generation.

That cockiness is bolstered by the outside world's return to China's doorstep in pursuit of profit, just seven years after the June 4, 1989, crackdown on Beijing democracy demonstrators. Premier Li Peng, once reviled as the "butcher of Beijing," now graces world capitals; over the past week, he met with leaders of Brazil and Italy.

However, "down deep, China's leaders know that they remain rather weak," Oksenberg added. China's military capabilities are limited, economic problems remain daunting, the potential for social disorder is high, corruption runs deep, and Taiwan remains troublesome.

Chinese leaders also believe the United States has a containment policy to hinder growth of China's economy and power. U.S. senators here last week said this idea came up at virtually every meeting. "If China continues to grow, the West will try to stop it," says Song Qiang, one of five co-authors of the popular nationalist tract, "A China That Can Say No."

At the same time, China is in the midst of the closest thing it has to an election year. At the Communist Party congress late next year, party chief Jiang Zemin hopes to solidify his power.

Li, who must leave the premiership, will seek a new post and others are jockeying to replace him.

China's reluctance to limit arms sales to Pakistan is another sore point in the U.S.-Chinese relationship. Washington fears China is helping Pakistan develop nuclear weapons or long-range missiles, and thus the United States has blocked the sale of nuclear energy technology to China. But China fears an India that possesses nuclear weapons, fought with China and its neighbors in the past, and once forged an alliance with Moscow as a bulwark against Beijing.

At the same time, however, China has made a triangular relationship with the United States and Japan part of its global chess game, reflecting fears dating from the brutal 1931-1945 Japanese occupation in China.

But two developments have forced China to reexamine its foreign policy assumptions.

First, with the collapse of the Soviet Union, the U.S.-Japanese alliance that once was aimed against the Soviet Union now seems to be directed against China. Second, last April, as part of talks about "upgrading" or "strengthening" the U.S.-Japanese defense pact, President Clinton and Japanese Prime Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto announced increased Japanese logistic support for American missions.

On another front, China both longs for and fears membership in groups such as the World Trade Organization, which it is still struggling to join. China contends that as a world power it deserves a place at the councils of power. But it suspects such organizations might limit its ability to act in its own.

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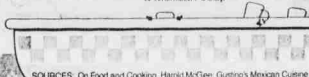


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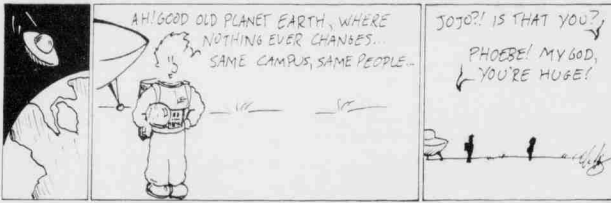
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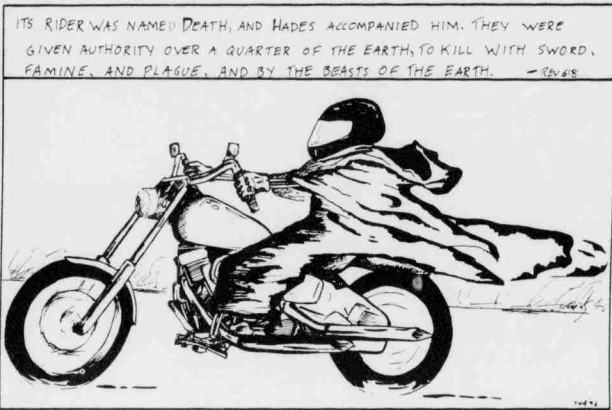
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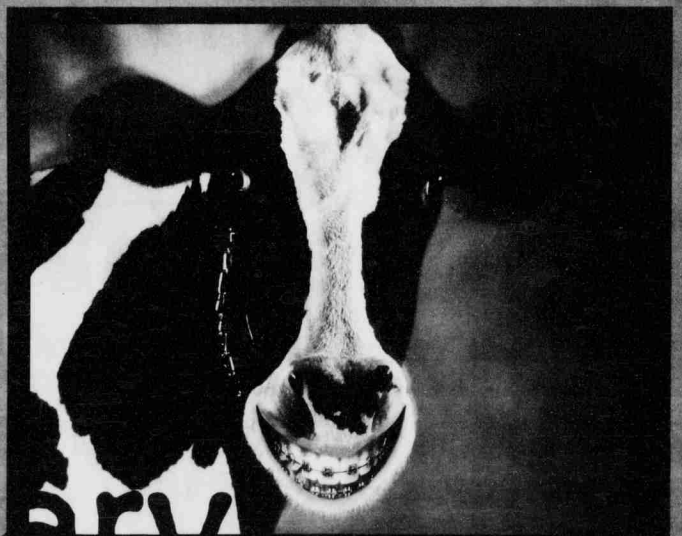


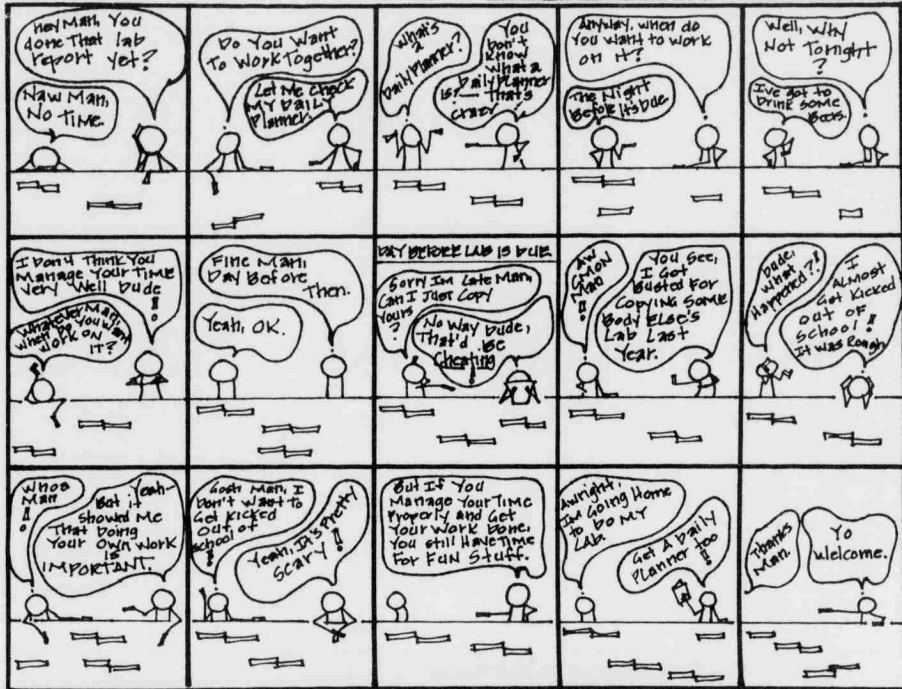
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NATO to supervise Bosnian truce

■ Now that the U.S. has committed to keep troops in Bosnia, NATO can focus on working to resolve the conflicts plaguing the nation.

By WILLIAM DROZDIK
The Washington Post

BRUSSELS — The NATO allies gave unanimous consent Monday to the reduced multinational force that will supervise Bosnia's fragile truce when the mandate for the current peacekeeping mission ends next month.

Ambassadors from the 16 member countries issued orders to senior military commanders to draw up detailed contingency plans for the 30-member stabilization force, or SFOR, that is expected to succeed an international contingent now twice its size that has worked over the past year to ensure compliance with the Dayton peace accords.

The main obstacle to NATO's continuing peacekeeping presence in Bosnia was

removed when President Clinton announced Friday that the United States will contribute 8,800 troops, despite earlier promises to pull all troops back home by the end of the year. France and other European allies said they would not keep their troops in Bosnia unless the United States did so.

While pleased by the consensus on maintaining a strong international peacekeeping force in Bosnia, NATO officials said there are still significant differences that must be resolved over the tasks to be undertaken by the new force and the length of its stay.

"Everybody realizes that a smaller force will not be able to do as much," a senior NATO diplomat said. "It is extremely important that having secured the peace in the first year, alliance troops must not be stretched beyond the breaking point in the second year."

"If NATO left, war would start again in the blink of an eye," said Carl Bildt, the former Swedish prime minister who is supervising the civilian reconstruction in Bosnia.

Russian spacecraft crashes, sets back Mars program

■ The crash of a Russian Mars spacecraft will be felt by the entire international space program, setting back vital research.

By RICHARD BOUDREAUX
AND K.C. COLE
Los Angeles Times

The shocking plunge of the Russian Mars96 mission into the Pacific Sunday sank a crucial, irreplaceable piece of the worldwide scientific effort to study Mars over the next few years, scientists said Monday.

It was a "terrible, terrible tragedy," for researchers throughout the world, said chief of U.S. Mars effort, Donna Shirley of the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, Calif. The satellite that failed to boost itself out of Earth orbit was a "monster mission," packed with critical scientific experiments that cannot easily be duplicated, she said.

More than a ton of high-tech experiments crafted by scientists in the United States, Russia and 18 other nations were buried on the ocean floor, along with the potential riches of information they were to beam back to earth from Mars after the

spacecraft's scheduled arrival next September.

The accident's impact on the future of the Russian space program is unclear — American officials said they still consider the two countries partners in the effort to explore Mars and to build an Earth-orbiting space station. Nevertheless, Russian officials were devastated.

"It is a terrible blow for all of us. ... We put a lot of hope into this mission, a mission that had no parallel in the world," Yuri Milov, director of the Russian Space Agency's automated flight program, told reporters. "We don't plan any other mission of this kind," he added.

President of the Pasadena-based Planetary Society Louis Friedman, in Russia to view the launch, said scientists in Russia were still in shock. "We never expected it," he said. "People were worried that instruments might fail in the long run, but to have it over in the first hours" was completely unanticipated.

Duplicates of some instruments exist, and some may be launched on future missions. Over the next decade, NASA — in cooperation with other space programs — is sending two missions to Mars every two years.

But it's unlikely that any country will retry such an ambitious mission with such

a valuable collection of hardware as that aboard Mars96.

Some critics said the spacecraft may have been too heavy a burden for the Proton rocket that launched it. James Oberg, a Houston-based space specialist, called Mars96 "a strikingly ambitious mission even for a healthy space program."

Still, insisted Goldin, "I haven't lost faith in our Russian partners." Cooperation with the Russians will continue as planned on an international space station that will be built by the United States, Russia, Japan and Europe, he said.

Goldin pointed out that missions to other planets are far more complex, and therefore prone to failure, than Earth orbiting missions like the space station. The Russians, he said, have a solid track record orbiting Earth, while the NASA has a better record elsewhere in the solar system. "It's much harder when you leave Earth orbit," he said. "I expect to see more failures." NASA lost its own billion dollar mission to the red planet, the Mars Observer, just over three years ago.

The European Space Agency also lost a major science mission last month, said Friedman. "It would be very hard to do finger pointing at this stage," he said. "The scientific community is a little used to this, I'm sad to say."

U.S. commits troops to aid in African crisis

■ Conflicting reports make it difficult for U.S. official to send troops.

By BRADLEY GRAHAM AND
STEPHEN BUCKLEY
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The Pentagon announced a scaled-back plan Tuesday to send about 200 U.S. military personnel to Rwanda and another 600 to neighboring African states as part of a multi-national relief effort, amid disagreement over just how much the central African

refugee crisis has eased.

The Rwandan government proclaimed the refugee crisis over, declaring virtually no Hutu refugees remained in Zaire following a weekend exodus that brought hundreds of thousands of them home to Rwanda. But United Nations officials and private aid agencies continued to maintain that more than half a million refugees still are wandering the hills of eastern Zaire without food or water.

U.S. officials expressed uncertainty over the size of the remaining refugee population and cautioned

that some international military intervention in Zaire may yet prove necessary. Defense Secretary William J. Perry said that while U.S. forces are preparing for a limited logistical operation flying food and humanitarian supplies into the Rwandan capital of Kigali, the effort may have to expand.

As now envisioned, the U.S. role would be considerably smaller and tamer than the one outlined last week by President Clinton, who had agreed in principle to dispatch a U.S. force about five times larger and more heavily armed to secure an

airfield in eastern Zaire and corridors for delivering aid.

"I must emphasize that this situation remains fluid," Perry said. "For the moment, the peaceful return of so many refugees is a very positive development, but there still remain hundreds of thousands of refugees displaced outside the camps in Zaire."

"We do not have precise information on their number or location," he added. "The approach that we are taking is designed to help those that have returned, while at the same time leaving the multi-national

force prepared to help inside Zaire, if that were to become necessary."

Recent weeks of fighting in both the north and south forced aid workers to evacuate, so no one was tracking refugees on the ground, and attempts to do so from the air proved unsuccessful.

"The question of numbers is critical because if humanitarian assistance is necessary for those remaining refugees in eastern Zaire, we need to know on what scale and how" to provide that aid, said Omar Bakhet, resident representative for the U.N. Development Program in Kigali.

Russia's low life expectancy

Poor nutrition and high alcohol consumption have reduced male life expectancy in Russia.

Male life expectancy in 1995, in years:

Country	Life Expectancy (Years)
Russia	61.5
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France	73.8
United Kingdom	74.4
Spain	75.3

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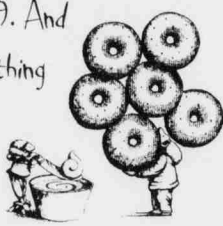
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■ **Mixing and matching sounds, like socks, is not necessarily a bad thing.**

By DAVID LUND
STAFF WRITER

Putting together influences just might create something interesting. Rather than being a complete rip-off, a twisted amalgamation of an artist's influences can create something either not yet heard by an audience or something similar, yet well done and likable.

A perfect example comes screaming straight out of Scotland with a stolen name, and a heavily influenced sound. Their original name was Urusei Yatsura, which is the name of a Japanese comic whose name, roughly translated to English as "loud kids."

Yatsura is about as Japanese as "Transpotting." The creators of the comic, while surely flattered, asked the band to change their name.

Yatsura may well have spent the last few years sitting around in their practice space listening to Pavement and smoking pot. The noisy, infectious pop sounds were first displayed on their import-only singles "Kewpies Like Watermelon," a bouncy song full of screaming and nonsense, and "Plastic Ashtray," a fuzzed out rocker.

Both tracks are included on their first full-length release, "We Are Yatsura," which is full of Boy Racer meets Speedracer noise pop. Nothing too heavy here. No lyrical masterpieces, just dissonant, distorted pop fun.

Yatsura will be available for your listening pleasure, this Friday at the Cats Cradle in Carrboro.

Nothing wrong with wearing your influences on your sleeve, plenty of bands have done it and had it come out well.

Splashdown has created a wonderful collection of songs that definitely shows their roots. Claiming Portishead, the Cranberries and Curve as heavy influences, Splashdown is exploring the points where pop and dub intersect. Haunting, sultry vocals; solid beats and atmospheric instrumentation make Splashdown's latest album, "Stars and Garters," sound like a collaboration between Dolores O'Riordan and Chapterhouse.

Nothing too fluffy on this one. The sound is sparse at times and full at others, but not tedious or overdone at any point.

Speaking of fluffy, taking cues from early punk attitudes and Sex Pistols sounds, England's own Fluffy is not very fluffy. This fierce foursome of women is apparently the first "punk" act to come out during the '90s.

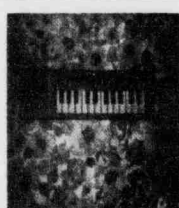
Their first album, called "Black Eye," was recorded and produced by Bill Price, who also worked on Sex Pistols and Clash releases.

Robert Christgau, world-famous critic who writes for the Village Voice, says that Fluffy is "as pure punk as the '90s get."

Christgau, by the way, hasn't liked anything in the last decade.

Fluffy is fun in the way that '90s style punk/pop can be and have all the punk credentials that are needed to make them credible.

Check out cuts like "Nothing," "Scream," "I Wanna Be Your Lush" and "Dirty Old Bird."



Yatsura



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Yatsura's album, a la Pearl Jam's, "No Code."



November 19, 1620, The Plymouth Pilgrims landed the Mayflower at Cape Cod.
November 19, 1863, President

Abraham Lincoln delivered his Gettysburg Address.
November 22, 1963, President John F. Kennedy was shot and fatally wounded by an assassin he rode in a motorcade through downtown Dallas, Texas. Lee Harvey Oswald was arrested and charged with the assassination.
November 24, 1963, Jack Ruby, 52, a Dallas nightclub owner, shot and fatally wounded Lee Harvey Oswald.
November 21, 1994, 39 NATO warplanes from four countries: Britain, France, the Netherlands, and the U.S., bombed a Serb air base in Croatia in response to Serb air attacks near Bihać, Bosnia.

Just in case you went to class

■ **Catch up on your favorite soap operas.**

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ALL MY CHILDREN: Trevor caught Janet digging up Kinder's grave and accused her of killing him. Hector grudgingly allowed Bobby to see Anita. Liza accepted Adam's proposal and later announced on the Cutting Edge that he's giving her half of WRCW. Anita stormed out when Hector insisted she vow not to have sex with Bobby. Grady told Slade the broken brakes on Julia's car should end their problems. Noah bought a gun before his meeting with Grady. Hector and Mateo took Julia's car to go after Anita, unaware of the tampered brakes. **Wait To See:** Erica faces a moment of truth.

ANOTHER WORLD: Ryan managed to walk through the attic door and come face to face with Vicky who walked right through him. Matt suggested that Sofia take time to assess her feelings for Nick. An incident in the barn threatened Sharlene's life. Maggie ran off with Rafael. Gabe heard Carl accuse Grant of associating with Cody. **Wait To See:** Carl takes a drastic step.

DAYS OF OUR LIVES: Marlena met with Kristen after Kristen's secret meeting with her twin, Susan. After Franco told Hope that he left Bo and Billy at the Horton cabin, he agreed to take her there where she found Bo and Billie naked under a blanket. Kristen panicked about Marlena having the phone number of the justice of peace. Hope called off her wedding. **Wait To See:** Jake gets upsetting news about Jennifer.

GENERAL HOSPITAL: Luke suspected the Cassidines were

involved with the growing drug problem. On their 15th anniversary, Luke and Laura arranged a secret tryst. Bobbie met Stefan in the Dominican Republic and let him comfort her. Brenda reacted at learning Miranda was Jay's first wife. Alan tried to negotiate a settlement with Dorman, but he insisted on going ahead with the sexual harassment suit. With Miranda's arrival, Mac was forced to deal with his deepest, darkest secret. **Wait To See:** Emily tries to deal with the problems facing Alan and Monica.

GUIDING LIGHT: Blake feared the worst when Ross rushed to donate blood for baby Jason. Annie heard Josh tell Reva that his life was on hold until Annie recovers. As Matt vowed to find the connection between Vanessa and Zachary, Vanessa wondered who Zachary really was. While Phillip prepared to leave town, Alan confided his plan to stop him to Alex. **Wait To See:** Annie's plan begins to take effect.

THE YOUNG AND THE RESTLESS: Diane learned that she was to design Jack's new lake house. Victor threatened to send Ryan to Taiwan if he didn't stay away from Vicki. Later, Ryan and Vicki learned that Nina filed for divorce. Unaware that Jake had copies of the new keys, Chris and Paul left Betina in their apartment. Olivia told Danny and Phyllis that Daniel had a fever of unknown origin. Nikki and Ashley met Kurt, and Ashley found herself quite impressed. After Sharon said she told Nikki about skipping the pill when she was depressed, Doris feared Nikki would use it against her one day. **Wait To See:** Cole faces a decision about Victoria's relationship with Ryan.

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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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A sinister, unsafe silence?

■ The call for an investigation goes out again.

Is anybody out there? Is there anybody listening?

A couple of weeks ago, Technician called for an investigation into N.C. State's Department of Public Safety. Numerous allegations about mismanagement in the department have been made by former Fire Protection Division employees Lieutenant Leeman Lamb and Safety Inspector John Quesnel, as well as former SAVES member Mike Williams. These three also claimed that Public Safety was vastly under-staffed.

While all of the accusations were unconvincing, it was the under-staffing charge which should cause the most concern. If Public Safety cannot field enough officers to protect NCSU, the university has a serious problem. And if the accusations are false, NCSU must demonstrate that to the university community. Rumors like that are detrimental to the university's image, as well as to its morale.

But no one else seems to see it that way. So far, no official

investigation has been conducted. Meanwhile, even more rumors have begun to surface. Is there a hush-hush internal investigation going on? Is there a cover-up? Is everything fine and dandy? Nobody knows. And therein lies the problem.

NCSU's administration is doing all of Public Safety a disservice, from Chief Ralph Harper on down to the officers walking the beat. If the allegations are unfounded, an investigation would expose the accusers as merely disgruntled employees. If some of the accusations turn out to be true, Public Safety has a lot of explaining to do. Either way, the only sure-fire method to clear this up is for NCSU to conduct a formal investigation.

With this in mind, Technician demands that someone from outside the department review Public Safety's procedures, records and budgets. The results of this investigation should be made public, so everyone knows the outcome. Until this happens, the students, faculty and staff at NCSU can't feel safe.

Finding a place to play

■ The university needs to allow greater access to athletic fields.

One day you look out the window and this is what you see: a clear blue sky with the radiant sun presiding over a multicolored landscape. You might even hear a few hardy birds chirping in the brisk autumn air. What a nice day. Can't get any homework done now.

Putting your favorite textbook/doorstop aside, you call a few friends to get a football game going. Intramural fields at 2 p.m. — got it. You and your cohorts arrive at the great green expanse behind Carmichael Gymnasium... only to find several other cohorts already there. Club teams, intramurals and physical education classes are as immovable as government bureaucracy when it comes to using the fields. Well, you're certainly not playing here.

But wait, what about the fields around Derr Track? Forget it — they're under the

lock and key of the athletics department. The field behind Lee? Same thing.

There are fields up by King Village right? You came out to pass and tackle, not play Lewis and Clark. Harris Field in front of Witherspoon Student Center? It's more like a weed that's sprung up between bricks — thanks but no thanks. That soggy patch could qualify for federal wetlands protection.

Oh well, there's always Nintendo.

Such is life for many NCSU students looking to have some good grass-stained fun. It's a shame that the students who, one way or another, help bankroll all the fields on campus don't have enough access to them. Many are paying so a few can dominate them. We're not advocating wild socialist or communist reform here, we're just asking for greater access.

The fee-paying student makes many things on this campus possible, including all the pretty, emerald-green fields. The university should return the kindness and let the kids play.

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Paying athletes has blessings and curses

Darwin Nichols



lessons that sportsmanship stands for would be irrevocably tarnished. There would be hell to pay if someone were to get caught taking payment for their services. These people would say that it compromises college athletics, the athletes themselves and the school's good name.

The other side of the coin is slightly different. This group sees athletes as being undercompensated for their troubles. That's right, undercompensated. This, especially, applies to the so-called "revenue sports" like basketball and football. The money spent on room and board by the university is a drop in the bucket compared to what these young men and women are really worth. Every football and basketball game, especially

televised games, bring in hundreds if not thousands of dollars for the university. Why shouldn't the athletes get to share in the glory and prosperity that they helped create?

Besides, if we pay them for their troubles, wouldn't the athletes be less likely to go pro? It can also save us from trying to find a replacement for them. A little spending money for the weekend never hurt anybody. Besides, they deserve it, because they work hard and stay out of trouble.

They say paying athletes wouldn't compromise anyone's integrity. Basketball players get free pairs of hundred-dollar shoes all the time. What's the difference between paying them in shoes and paying them in cash? It all evens out, right? Well, obviously there is no easy answer. There may not be one answer that will make everybody involved happy. Will the NCAA's decision satisfy the players as well as the fans? Can the spirit of college athletics emerge from this controversy, unscathed? Of course, it can. Carolina fans will still be obnoxious and self-centered whether or not the basketball team gets paychecks. If Octavius Barnes gets \$5 a carry, will it really make that much difference in how annoying Woody Durham is? No, it won't.

I, honestly, don't think that \$50 or \$75 a month in laundry checks will break the athletic department's budget. I, honestly, don't see how \$50 a month will help out a whole lot either. If the players are going to get paid to play, at least pay them a real wage that means something. Is \$50 a month worth fighting over? No. If a player wants to work in the off-season, why not let him?

I admire hard work and anyone who can play a Division I sport, go to school and make the grades while holding down a legitimate part-time job. As long as their grades and performance on the field don't suffer, is anybody worse off? The players would have cash in their pocket and some of their free time would be tied up. That way, some of them won't need to think up new and creative ways to sell back textbooks that they never bought.

Whatever decision the NCAA makes will be in the best interest for all of the athletes across the country. With any luck, we can put all of this behind us just in time to watch the new and improved Wolfpack basketball team win the Les Robinson Invitational for the first time since I've been at this school. Win one for the Gipper boys.

Wasting an education on frivolity

Joshua Whitaker



the rear window. My logic offered this hypothesis: There are quite a few students who have access to cars that they, more than likely, did not pay for. Therefore, many students drive with reckless abandon, perhaps because they did not have to work for the vehicle they consistently endanger. Subsequently, these unfortunate students are doomed to not appreciate what they had been bestowed. This discovery entertained me for only a short while and was eventually discarded after lumbering through an hour or so of homework.

The following day, this thesis resurfaced in my thoughts, as I was sitting in class. Its recurrence came as a result of three students

who were engaged in a deeply disturbing, yet surprisingly trite and meaningless conversation. While I struggled to remain attentive to the professor, these individuals were lost in a discussion that was very similar to the following:

"Man, I got so f--- drunk last night!"

"Dude, last night was a Wednesday, you're damn crazy."

"Hey, class'll have to wait when I get the chance to go to a kegger."

I'm sure you can continue this pathetic dialogue, as many of you have probably suffered a mild intelligence loss just by overhearing such drizzle. The audacity of such immature behavior was furthered as our professor was a good 30 minutes into his lecture.

From these individuals' actions, my theory gained a universal quality. I found it useful in explaining a wide range of moronic behavior. I hypothesized that the unfortunate aforementioned trio must not be funding their collegiate education. If indeed they were working to pay for college, wouldn't they put forth a tad more effort or at least try to remain sober during the week? For that matter, would they even have time for such trivial pursuits?

After answering these questions, I

safely assumed that these students and others on a similar plight fell victim to the "Whitaker principle."

A plethora of potential students find themselves unable to pursue a college education. Many factors that contribute to this sad, yet common occurrence, the foremost being financial difficulties. But for every eager mind denied further development because of monetary restrictions, there is one given such an opportunity who chooses to squander it. Those students, who make the conscious decision to waste their fortunate position by viewing college as a never-ending party, are truly a waste.

This argument is not meant to slander those students who take responsibility for their educational expenses and occasionally allow time for a little "stress relief." Only when the memories of your college experience are a series of drunken exploits, you should worry. Also, I'm not so closed-minded that I refuse to acknowledge those students who take full advantage of educational opportunities given to them. However, for the students whose only occupation is just that, I hope you understand your envious position and value it, accordingly.

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N.C. State must act now to save program

I want N.C. State to get a new football coach! Mike O' Cain is not capable of having a winning team, and the few he did have, were Dick Sheridan players. Unfortunately, we are at the same crossroad as our basketball program was a year ago. I would hope that we don't carry this out as long as we did with the basketball program. Under O' Cain's leadership, the football team has gotten worse each year and is not improving. NCSU had gone from a top ACC contender to a joke. Although O' Cain did fine with the Sheridan players, once they graduated, his own recruits have not "measured up." I find it hard to support this

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losing program every year. I have always supported the football team and all the other teams at NCSU, but how long do you expect Wolfpack fans to continue their support?

Please take actions in the removal of O' Cain as the head coach of the NCSU football program. We must act now, not later, if we want to continue our quest for a winning team!

Clifton E. Snyder

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