



**Dorms may get
swingsets in future**

N.C. State's Inter-Residence Council, the student organization that governs the 16 hall councils on campus, will hold its first meeting of the year Thursday night at 7 p.m. in the Blue Room of the Student Center. IRC representatives will discuss a number of issues, including the lack of lighting in the Bragaw parking lot, 24-hour visitation and getting swingsets to be placed on campus near designated residence halls.

Appointments will also be made to the following committees: Residence Life, Dining, Physical Environment and Historian. Students interested in serving on these committees should call the IRC office at 515-3238 or attend the meeting, which is open to all.

Compiled by Chris Baysden.

**Student Senate to
hold first meeting of
year**

N.C. State's Student Senate will hold its first meeting of this semester tonight at 7:30 p.m. in Student Senate Hall (Room 201 Witherspoon Student Center). Scheduled business includes: forming ad hoc committees, a report from Election Board Chair Diann Heibel and approving the finance packet for this year. The finance packet is the information student clubs fill out in order to receive funds from Student Government. The meeting is open to everyone.

According to Student Senate President Mark Nippert, the senate will soon concentrate its efforts on the up-coming fall elections and on making new appointments to the senate.

Compiled by Chris Baysden.

**Last day to add
without instructor's
permission**

Today is the last day students can add a course without the instructor's permission.

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Faculty, grad students could be big winners

■ **NCSU faculty and graduate students may benefit from an \$8.6 million appropriation.**

By PHILLIP REESE
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

UNC system faculty members received good news when the N.C. Legislature decided to increase their salaries by 4.5 percent. If the circumstances are right, faculty members and graduate students may receive even better news in the future.

N.C. State Chancellor Larry Monteith told the NCSU Faculty Senate Tuesday that the administration may direct \$8.6 million in extra revenue toward faculty salaries and an insurance

program for graduate students.

NCSU Provost Phillip Stiles said an increase in faculty salaries would make the university more attractive to both current and potential faculty members.

"We must have a competitive strategy for retention and recruitment," Stiles said. "In that, salaries play a significant role."

Stiles said a graduate student insurance program would be a valuable recruiting tool.

"It is important to be able to attract the best graduate students. The coverage of health would be one way to make us more attractive," Stiles said. "If other institutions are already doing this, it makes us less attractive."

Funding for the insurance program and salary increase would be drawn

from an \$8.6 million appropriation which the N.C. Legislature approved after last year's tuition increase. UNC-Chapel Hill also received extra revenue from the legislature.

"The legislature felt the two institutions had taken the difficult road and essentially matched the [tuition] increase," Stiles said.

Both Stiles and Monteith said that all suggestions concerning how the extra revenue should be spent will be considered. They both added that increased faculty salaries and an insurance program for graduate students are potentially desirable, but not definite ways to spend the revenue.

Monteith said NCSU's administration will work to improve telecommunication and computing

technology on campus. He also told the Senate that improvements to D.H. Hill library will be encouraged.

"I think it is very important for us to be in front of this," Monteith said. "Be a driver, not a follower."

Monteith said the administration will attempt to raise additional scholarship money and make the transition from community colleges to NCSU easier on students this year.

Student Body President Robert Zimmer also addressed the Senate. He presented a system of conducting teacher evaluations that could make results more accessible to students and expressed reservations about NCSU's plus/minus grading system.

"I am adamantly opposed to the plus/minus grading system,"

Zimmer said. "The system is flawed because there is no uniform policy. It is at the discretion of the instructor to use it."

Zimmer said grade reports on the World-Wide Web should be expanded. Currently grade reports are only listed for classes with enrollments over 50.

"I am sure that a majority of classes have more than 50 people in them so we never get to see grade reports," Zimmer said. "I would like for that number to be lowered because [that] is beneficial to students."

In other business, the Senate passed a resolution which asked that students be given the opportunity to take at least one class with an enrollment under 30 during their first year at NCSU.



Chancellor Monteith: the university is "not just orchestrated by one person."

Monteith explores past, future

■ **The administrative head of the university takes time out to talk with Technician.**

By J.P. GIGLIO
STAFF WRITER

There is no magic beanstalk into Larry Monteith's office. There is no fee or magic password that allows you to enter Holladay Hall.

Yet, as the leader of this university, the chancellor will always remain an enigma to the students on campus.

As intimidating as the task may seem, getting to know the chancellor — just who he is and what he does — is not that difficult. All you have to do is ask nicely.

Quite simply, what does the Chancellor do?

All the important work goes on with the students and the faculty. In the administrative part of the system, we try to create an environment, emotionally, physically, culturally, and morally that facilitates the learning process.

As a student, I would have thought surely that the chancellor knows about every single thing that goes on, but I've learned that the people make it function.

It's not just orchestrated by one person.

If somebody told you fresh out of college in 1960 that 36 years later you would be the chancellor of NCSU, what would you say?

I would've said, "You're crazy, why would I want to do that? I didn't even know what he did or the responsibilities that go with the position."

Assess the changes you've seen in your seven years as chancellor.

Personally, I've put on about ten pounds too much. As Chancellor I don't take credit for any of these projects because many of them are 20 years in the making, such as the growth of the graduate school and the college of management. I take pride in numerous national awards won by various students.

You measure how good you are by the people. There's no one thing that I can look at and focus on. I don't think any chancellor stands alone.

What adaptations do you see the university making for the next millennium?

For 50 years we've had these huge, great research institutions come along. The change in higher education will be driven by the accessibility to information. The way we get the information will allow us to spend more

time learning, then teaching. N.C. State is a leader in satellite education. This fall the college of engineering will be offered in Asheville and other campuses, and also through a video network at community college. This is a new way of looking at the college experience. There will be more people accessing education from where there are instead of spending four years on campus.

In 1994, N.C. State was awarded a Phi Beta Kappa chapter. What does that accomplishment mean to you?

Let's not forget Phi Kappa Phi as a validation of technical and scientific programs. The reason we didn't have the chapter before was an athletic issue. The controversy had nothing to do with the basic character and strength of this university. It has always been an outstanding university and it remains one today. So, we went through the process again because we decided that we have a great program.

This past academic year, N.C. State raised both its in-state and out-of-state tuition. In September you said, "In my opinion, out-of-state tuition is overpriced and is a contributing factor to an out-of-state student's decision

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Resume project emphasizes activities

■ **A new service will offer students the opportunity to let employers know the types of cocurricular activities they participated in.**

By CHRIS BAYSDEN
EDITOR IN CHIEF

College isn't just about classes. Students can learn almost as much or more from activities outside of class.

Now, N.C. State's Division of Student Affairs hopes one of its new projects reflects the value of cocurricular activities.

According to Ronald Butler, associate vice chancellor of Student Affairs, the division is working on developing a cocurricular transcript. Whereas the standard transcript details a student's academic performance, the cocurricular transcript lists the out-of-class activities a student has been involved in while at NCSU.

These could include membership in clubs, campus groups, religious groups or job experience during the semesters a student was enrolled in college.

"I think the cocurricular transcript allows for specific reporting on a semester basis that is more detailed than what you would normally put on a one-page resume," Butler said.

The transcript would be accessible over the Internet, said Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs Tom Stafford. "It'll be an exciting use of the technology," Stafford said. "I think it will be a tremendous asset as they [students] seek employment."

Stafford said the service will be linked to a page with information about many of NCSU's clubs and other organizations.

"It will be a directory of opportunities," he said. Butler said it's possible the project could be completed as early as next year.

"I'm hoping it will be on-line at that time," he said. "The prototype of how it might work has been presented to the division's leadership."

Butler stressed that the prototype is merely a first draft, and changes are still likely to be made on the project. Also, there are still key decisions that have to be made before the transcript becomes a reality.

"We don't know how or where it will be administered at this point," he said. "There are literally hundreds of little questions that have to be answered."

The rationale behind the development of the transcript is to show students how important it is to get involved in cocurricular activities.

"The idea is to make them consciously involved in the value of learning that takes place outside the

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Student Government represents the student body

■ **Ever wonder what Student Government does for you?**

By REGGIE JACKSON
STAFF WRITER

When the Student Government election period rolls around each semester, students often are stopped on their way through the Brickyard by some guy they've never seen or heard of who wants them to vote for him.

While many students could not care less about these people and what they want from them, Student Government members attempt to better student's lives while they are at the university. But the process that senators and government officials have to go through to get resolutions passed is a process

many do not understand. Basically, student government represents the student body and its concerns.

"Every time administration needs an opinion from the student body, it goes through [the Student Government] office," said Student Senate President Mark Nippert.

Student Government at N.C. State parallels the United States government, with a few slight variations. Both consist of a legislative, executive and judicial branch.

The legislative branch, which consists of elected student senators, is headed by Nipper. Student Body President Robert Zimmer fronts the executive branch, and Chief Justice Lorraine M. Stone spearheads the judicial branch.

To ensure all students get a fair shake in the system, each college has elected student representatives. The number of senators from each college is determined by the college's population. Because the College of Engineering contains the largest student population, it has the largest group of senators.

Senators gather in the Senate Hall every other Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. to discuss government bills, treasury bills and resolutions. Resolutions (written suggestions by

the student body for some type of change) are first considered by a committee.

The committee, which is made up of senators, decides whether a resolution has enough merit to be brought to the attention of the senate.

The judicial branch has appointed positions for two different boards: academic dishonesty and general discipline. The first board hears only academic dishonesty cases; while the general discipline board hears all other cases. The justices on the academic dishonesty board need to have had some prior experience, while the general discipline board justices need no prior experience.

Student Government is allotted a \$50,000 budget each year and must decide the best way to spend it —

whether on projects, group needs or the betterment of the school.

One of Student Government's projects for 1996, according to Nippert, is to reevaluate the Physical Education Department. NCSU, which requires students to complete four hours of PE classes to graduate, has one of the highest required amounts in the UNC system.

Nippert said Student Government officials are trying to change the things students are graded on in PE. Instead of basing a student's grade on skill level in the particular course, officials say students should be graded on how well they learn how to play a sport.

Student Government officials also are planning to develop a teacher

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classroom," he said.
Butler cited several studies that indicate cocurricular activities help students develop mature interpersonal skills and a positive self-image. Those students are also more positive about their college experience and more satisfied with their social life, living environment and academic major, the studies said.
Also, Butler said that these activities help students in the classroom.
"The value is you're more likely to graduate if you're involved," he said.
The classroom environment isn't geared to developing teamwork and interpersonal relations — at least not as much as activities outside of class, Butler said. But that's not to say the cocurricular transcript is meant to devalue the classroom experience.
"That's not the case," he said. "That's the reason they (students) are here, to get that degree. All we're doing is saying there's value in those other things."

The prototype allows students to enter the information themselves. Butler said it would be difficult for the university to verify the information on each transcript, so there is a line on the prototype which will tell employers that all entries are student-reported.
"We don't want to get involved in documenting this or that," he said.
Butler said input from students will be gathered.
"We are developing this in the best interest of the students," he said. "That's going to drive what we do."

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not to attend N.C. State.' Having said this, what was the paramount reason for the increase?
Let's put it in perspective. North Carolina is a state that is supposed to keep the tuition as low as possible. We are the second to lowest state in the country in terms of what students have to pay in tuition.
But we are faced with difficult circumstances. We've had problems with our library, scholarships we can offer and the competitive salaries for our faculty.
It is an unpleasant situation, which I hope I don't have to do again in my career as chancellor — to have to way and deal with the consequences.
Todd Turner left N.C. State this summer to take over the athletics department at Vanderbilt. What type of person are you looking for as his replacement?
It's important to get a leader who can lead athletics, but also interact with the various constituencies which athletics is all about.
It is important that we commit

ourselves to try within the framework of who we are and what we value to be competitive. It's not fair to the students to have terms that will never win.
Do you think Turner was criticized unfairly for the performance of the athletic teams?
If people criticize him for his North Carolina education, it's unfair and it makes no sense and totally irrelevant. I think he did an outstanding job in giving our athletic program a sense of direction.
Will Les Robinson be the next athletic director?
Gee whiz, why don't you ask him? The circumstance that we have with Les is that we believe that he should make that decision. We should not press him into that. There is a committee in place that will review the various candidates and pick the best one. I will not be surprised to hear from the committee after school starts — within weeks, not months.

Editor's Note: This is the first in a weekly series of interviews that will run each Wednesday and shed some light on the people that make N.C. State run. Next week: Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs Tom Stafford.

Student

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evaluation for the World Wide Web. At the end of each semester, professors are required to distribute teacher evaluation sheets. The questionnaires contain 10 questions, and all responses are kept confidential.
If funding is approved for the project, Student Government plans to add eight questions to the list which will provide feedback from students that will be made public on a web page, Nippert said.

Correction

In Friday's edition of Technician, the story entitled "Read fine print on alcohol tickets" contained a factual error. The story stated that all students under the age of 21 caught drinking alcoholic beverages would be automatically charged with a misdemeanor that would appear on their permanent record after paying the fine. Only students 18 and under will be automatically charged with a misdemeanor if they pay the fine. Technician regrets the error.

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THE ODD COUPLE

■ Former State stars Tab Ramos and Roy Lassiter are turning the MLS into the Wolfpack playground.

By J.P. GIGLIO
Assistant Sports Editor

Tab Ramos and Roy Lassiter are as different as two soccer players can be.

They may have both excelled at N.C. State and are now stars in the new Major League Soccer, but it's difficult to further find any similarities.

Tab Ramos is one of the biggest names in U.S. soccer. He has his own Nike contract. Make that he has his own Nike soccer *school*. Two years ago during the World Cup, he starred in his very own Snickers commercial.

Ramos has made more than 70 international appearances with the U.S. National Team, including the World Cup twice, and the Olympics once. He has vision of the soccer field that few who have ever played the game possess. He would rather pass than score, but as evidence of the rocket he blasted past Mexican National team keeper Jorge Campos in the MLS All-Star game in July, he can score as well.

Roy Lassiter has no such notoriety. He had been incognito for so long, the Raleigh Police Department only located him on a breaking-and-entering charge from college after the highlights from his game-winning goal against Benfico in the Parnal Cup made ESPN.

With his legal troubles behind him, Lassiter can get on with what he does best. "Roy Lassiter can just flat out score goals," Wolfpack men's soccer coach George Tarantini said. "He has a gift to put the ball in the back of the net."

In 1987, Lassiter was named the prep player of

the year in North Carolina after he led Athens Drive to the state title. That year he scored 47 goals in half as many games.

After two years at Lees-McRae junior college, Lassiter found his way back to Raleigh. In the two seasons under Tarantini, he combined for 31 goals and 13 assists. In '91, the Raleigh native spearheaded the Wolfpack attack with 18 goals, the fifth highest season total in State school history.

This season Lassiter has been, for all intents and purposes, flammable. As of this week, he has scored 18 goals in the last 17 games and overall leads the MLS in goals scored with 20. His six-game goal streak is also a league best.

All of this from a player who has played in Costa Rica with Alajuela the past three years. Lassiter views it as a learning experience and education in the game of soccer.

"They live for soccer there," Lassiter said. "There's a big difference in the atmosphere there, but I learned to have patience and to play in front of big crowds."

Lassiter's ability to finish (17 goals in 43 games) opened eyes back in the States.

Mutiny coach Thomas Rungren knew he was getting a player with raw talent and potential, but Lassiter has exceeded expectations.

"I knew he could score, but I didn't think he would have 20 at this point in the season," Rungren said.

One player who is largely responsible for Lassiter's success this year is Colombian National team superstar and big-haired teammate Carlos Valderrama.

"It does not surprise me. He's a good scorer who moves well without the ball," Valderrama



(TOP) TECHNICIAN FILE PHOTO (ABOVE) SALVADOR FAJAN III/STAFF
Tab Ramos (top) and Roy Lassiter (above) are Pack alumni in the MLS.

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Redmond action-satisfaction

■ Kenneth and Jonathan Redmond might have left their mark on the football field but certainly not their sense of humor.

By JAMES M. LAIL
Sports Editor

"Just the good ole boys, never meaning no harm."

That phrase is a perfect fit for former N.C. State football players Kenneth and Jonathan Redmond. The brothers from Seneca, S.C., kept their coaches, teammates and even the media in stitches in the five years they were in Raleigh protecting quarterbacks. Now, they're cracking up a lot of people on WRDU 106.1 FM Thursday mornings.

And they're just being themselves.

"We're just average Joes," Jonathan Redmond said.

Maybe. Maybe not. The Redmond brothers began playing football about 19 years ago. In those early days, the older brother, Kenneth, was a quarterback and little brother Jonathan was his center. As they got older (and bigger), they knew that they had something special besides just brotherhood.

As graduation from high school was approaching, the Redmonds knew they wanted to play at the Division I level. Unfortunately, teams were recruiting Jonathan, an offensive lineman, heavier than

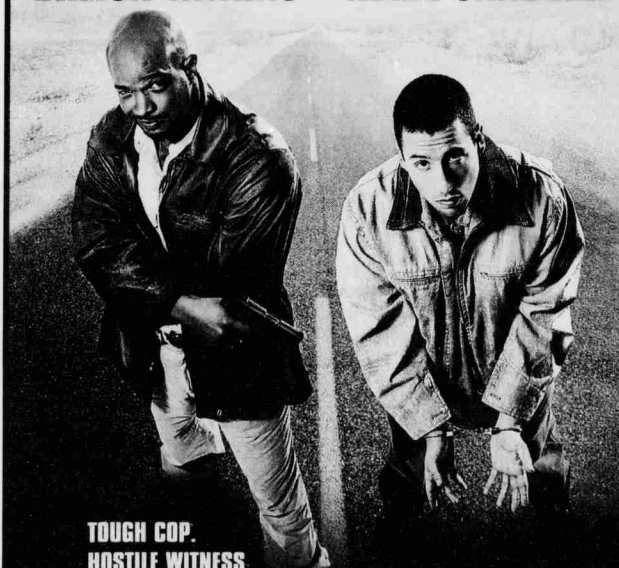
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FILE PHOTO

Kenneth Redmond (No. 61) and his brother Jonathan do it all together: football, hunting and comedy. It's nothing new to the guys from Seneca, S.C. They've been doing it all for almost 19 years. It's just the Redmonds simply being the Redmonds.



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Laureano, Barnette will compete for QB job

■ And then there was two.

BY JAMES M. LAUL
Sports Editor

With less than two weeks until the season opener, N.C. State coach Mike O' Cain has at last made a dent in the Wolfpack's quarterback controversy by cutting the number of candidates for the starting job down to two.

"Jose and Jamie have moved ahead and will get the majority of the time under center as we begin to get ready for Georgia Tech," O' Cain said. "This by no means is a reflection on the effort that Colin has made to this point. He's had an excellent fall camp."

Despite spending two seasons at Fort Scott Community College in Kansas where he played his way into the top five among junior college quarterbacks, Harris apparently doesn't have the mental

ability to lead the Pack. "Jose and Jamie are ahead with the mental aspects and overall knowledge of our offense," O' Cain said in a press release yesterday. "We'll continue to work with all three, but we need to narrow our approach as we prepare for the season."

Laureano, a native of Orlando, Fla., played in six games last season, starting one game against Maryland. In that game, Laureano completed 15 of 25 passes for 205 yards with one rushing touchdown while substituting for the injured Terry Harvey. For the season Laureano was 28 of 50 for 355 yards and one touchdown.

Barnette, while in high school in Roxboro, converted from a receiver his senior year to complete 196 of 380 passes for 2,979 yards and 23 touchdowns with just six interceptions.

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said through an interpreter. "He's a difficult player for other teams to defend."

At 5'8", and with a 165-pound frame, Lassiter is not built like your typical soccer player. As a point of comparison, Ramos is 5-7, 140. His legs rival sequoias and his speed could be illegal on the Costan Rican roads. His physical attributes plus his finishing gift make him an almost inexplicable combination.

"It's half from God and half my skills," Lassiter said. "It's a miracle in itself the way I've been able to score this many goals."

For Tab Ramos, it's a miracle that he's playing a stone's throw from the house he grew up in. (Although he was born in Uruguay, he was raised in Kearny, N.J., hometown of fellow U.S. National team veterans, Tony Meola and John Harkes.)

Tab has been in the soccer spotlight since he was 18. After Parade All-American senior season at St. Benedict's High School in Newark, N.J. in 1984, the New York Cosmos drafted him. But the



Roy Lassiter

ex-State soccer star

North American Soccer League folded before Ramos ever had a chance to fulfill his boyhood dream of playing for the team.

In that same year he was the first pick overall in the Major Indoor Soccer League draft. But the inside game, like the beta-max recorder, was not the wave of the future.

Ramos' detour led him to N.C. State. During his half of the Reagan

years, he amassed an impressive curriculum vitae. He was named All-American three times.

His career totals of 104 points (31 goals, 42 assists) is sixth all-time in school history.

He led the team in points both in the '86 and '87 seasons. His 37 points in '87 is the fourth highest total in State history.

"Without Tab Ramos, there would be no N.C. State soccer," Tarantini said. "There would be no Henry Gutierrez, Dario Brose or Scotty Schweitzer. He's the one who started it all."

"I always wanted to play professionally in the U.S.," Ramos said after a MetroStars victory in early August. "The New York metropolitan area is the best place to play in the country."

In January, Tab became the first player to sign with the MLS, appropriately enough with the New York/New Jersey MetroStars. Twelve years delayed, his prayers were answered.

Ramos' Sinatra attitude about the Big Apple has led him to steady, if not spectacular (He's so smooth on the field, he makes the impossible the normal), play for the MetroStars. Since joining the team a month into the season due to contract obligations in the Mexican first

division with the UNL Tigers, the MetroStars have been a different team. They went from an 0-4 start to the verge of clinching a playoff spot.

In the '90s State has produced four of the six ACC Players of the Year — Gutierrez in back-to-back years '90 and '91, followed by Schweitzer in '92 and current keeper Kyle Campbell in '94.

But Ramos modestly brushes aside the compliment.

"I never won a thing when I was there," he said. "It wasn't just me but the players in my class like Kris Peat, who raised the national level of awareness at N.C. State."

Ramos and Lassiter have teamed up on the U.S. National Team and most recently for the MLS All-Star game in July, also at the Meadowlands in New Jersey. They will meet again for the Friendly match between the U.S. and El Salvador on August 30.

Ramos sees the success of himself and Lassiter as tribute to the Wolfpack soccer.

"To see two of us start in the All-Star game, it just shows it's one of the best programs in America," Ramos said.

Editor's note: A special soccer preview section will appear in Friday's paper.

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Redmonds

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Kenneth, a center, leaving him out of the mix. Every school, that is, except for two.

"We knew we wanted to play ball together," Redmond said. "It came down to Ole Miss and N.C. State. We took the trip up to State and loved it, and we didn't even bother to go to Ole Miss."

The Wolfpack coaching staff made a steal by recruiting both Redmonds. Although the Redmonds received little distinction for their athletic endeavors (Jonathan was second team All-ACC as a guard in '95), they worked themselves into vital roles in perhaps State's most productive offenses.

"People probably thought of us as overachievers," Redmond said. "We played at a higher level than we were supposed to, but we knew we could compete at the Div. I level."

But when last season ended with a loss to North Carolina, the brothers knew it was over.

"We were gonna just sit back and relax," Redmond said. "We were gonna hunt every night. But we knew we had lived our athletic dreams."

With the season and their careers over, the folks at WRDU asked the brothers to join the studio and serve as bowl analysts. As analysts, they were horrible. But as entertainers, they stole the show.

"We don't know how it happened. They just called us in to be analysts," Redmond said. "And we didn't pick out one game right. But we had good reasons why."

WRDU knew they had something too good to let go, and the brothers have been on every Thursday since, displaying their dry, down-home humor that's made them a hit with Pack fans and humor fans alike.

The future looks bright for the Redmonds. They have an agent, and they're working on more Hardees radio commercials. Kenneth is married and Jonathan will be hosting Monday Night Football at Hooters.

But with all this going for them, the Redmonds put it into perspective.

"I really don't care how this thing goes," Redmond said. "People seem to think our lives are interesting. But we're just average Joes and everybody likes to hear about average Joes."

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Connells turn out another superb effort

■ Even though it doesn't get the notoriety of other bands, the Connells' new album confirms its status as one of the greats.

By James M. Lail
STAFF WRITER

It's safe to assume that if there is any band in the country that has a reason to be bitter, it's The Connells. The band from Raleigh, which began in 1984, has been consistently pumping out great albums after great album. It has developed one of the more loyal fan bases, all the while seeing its contemporaries from the North (Dave Matthews Band) and the South (Hootie and the Blowfish) become megastars.

But with The Connells' new album, "Weird Food and Devastation," that bitterness translates into probably their best album since 1987's "Boylan Heights."

In a time when pop guitar bands like Hootie and the Blowfish are dominating Top-40 radio and selling out arenas, the second-in-command of the genre (behind REM), has cranked up the distortion to produce a quality album that its fans will cherish for years to come.

Critics and fans alike believe that The Connells are capable of writing that one song that could take them to the top. It seems they're comfortable with the respect they have earned and the quality of albums they've produced.

The first single, "Fifth Fret," could be the one to take them where a North Carolina rock band has yet to go — the top ten. On 1993's "Ring" that song was "74-75," which made The Connells superstars basically everywhere but the United States.

"Fifth Fret" features a typical guitar-driven song by the band, complete with a catchy, sing-along chorus echoing past fan favorites "Something to Say," "Stone Cold Yesterday" and "Slackjawed."

Probably the only other song on "Weird Food" that poses potential for vast radio success is "Hang On," another grungy, guitar-heavy song that could have tens everywhere bopping their heads.

As musicians, the band members are better than they

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Credit card freebies are not worth it

■ Beware of people offering "free" stuff.

Ever been to the North Carolina State Fair and had a gang of toothless carnies accost you on the midway? Or do you have some extremely persistent older relatives?

Well, an even worse threat is among us. I am referring to the never-ending blight of credit card applications and "free" stuff at every corner. How odd that it always takes over 10 minutes to get your "free" stuff.

Hey, if it's free, just give it to me. But whatever secret device they use to draw people in must actually work, because they seem to have long lines of eager students everywhere you go.

Why is this, if everyone always complains about the hassle?

One — freshmen. They just don't know any better and are easy prey for these



sharks of the brickyard. Freshmen don't already have one of every form of credit known to mankind.

How many people have a Visa that earns free gas from Exxon, an AT&T calling card for Exxon and has a save-the-planet, earthy picture on it? And since when do you save the planet by filling out paper applications for plastic credit cards?

What does everyone do it for? A "free" shirt, software or food.

Mind you, I do have a card that I obtained solely for the "free" shirt. I no longer wear that shirt because it shrank

so much after washing that it ceased to exist.

I got a second credit card because I was hungry, and they were giving away ice cream. (N.C. State's meal plan can drive the best of us to desperate acts.)

Besides being a freshman or hungry, there is a final reason to get in line — the fact that they will give anyone credit, no questions asked.

I got a Visa, and I wrote "plasma donor" underneath job title. The recruiters for the credit card companies work hard to enable every poor college student to quickly dig themselves deeper into debt.

As the year goes on, and club after club continues this atrocious solicitation, just run away. Stare bemused at those who are still filling out the forms at the end of the year, and wonder why. Did it take them that long to get a credit card or do they just enjoy spending 15 minutes of their lives to get two liters of soda.

Hey, if you're that bad off, just get a cup and take it to Hillsborough Street. I'm sure someone will give you 89 cents to buy your own 2-liter — and in a lot less time than it takes to fill out an application.

Remember this: it doesn't matter what they say about saving the earth, free soda, a thin shirt or even if they hold you at gun point. (Some clubs can be very persuasive about how much you need another Exxon gas card.)

Just say "yes, I already voted for student body president," and then run for your life. You'll thank me when you're the only one who doesn't get a new copy of a gas card every day.

That ice cream just wasn't worth it, even though they did throw in a waffle cone.

—by Josh Jordan

Your Horoscope

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ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Be sure you know your prices before honoring the hefty price tag for that special item you want. Rethink travel plans made a while back. Weekend socializing is both romantic and thrilling.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) You're rather lethargic and you have a hard time getting your enthusiasm going for routine tasks this week. The cure for your doldrums arrives later in the week in the form of exciting social activity. This goes a long way toward improving your mood.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You're somewhat dissatisfied with the progress being made on the job. At the same time, there is nothing really major

going wrong. Perhaps you're being too picky. This weekend, you're delighted by the unexpected news you receive.

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

LEO (July 23 to August 22) You start the week feeling tired and sluggish. However, this wears off as the week wears on and you ultimately accomplish much. Minor disagreements occur over the weekend with a

loved one who's unhappy with you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) If out shopping sometime this week, you and your mate are in direct disagreement over a certain purchase. On the work front compromise is the key to a business concern. This weekend, opportunity knocks.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Your main focus of attention this week is on matters at home. Consequently, it's not a good idea to entertain guests. This weekend, couples seek some quiet, romantic moments for themselves.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) You're feeling very sorry for yourself and oh-so-misunderstood. This could lead you to a binge of impulsive shopping. If you're not careful, you blow your whole budget. This weekend, you're likely to have unexpected company.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) What occurs on the job, although unexpected, is ultimately to your benefit. You need to think twice before whipping out that credit card while out shopping. This weekend, you do better staying at home than socializing.

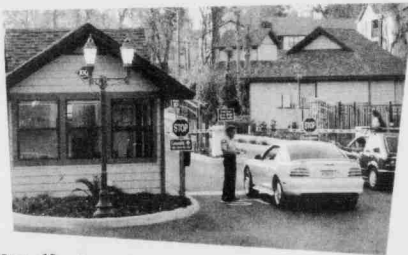
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) It's not a good idea to mix

friendships with finances. Something being proposed on the business front needs to be explored further before making a commitment.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) You are wisely cautious about spending money now, especially since you're not in the position to do so. A situation involving your mate is the cause of some concern. This weekend, it's best to be spontaneous.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to Mar. 20) That plan you think is so brilliant isn't capturing the imagination of family members. Some receive an unexpected gift of favor. This weekend, it's best to tend to domestic chores rather than gadding about.

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ASCAP won't charge for songs

■ The licensing group had no intention of cracking down on scout groups.

By Ken Ringle
The Washington Post

Reeling from the worst public relations disaster since Dan Quayle spelled potato, the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers (ASCAP) now says that "ASCAP has never sought nor was it ever its intention" to make Girl Scouts pay to sing around a campfire. Other campers? Well, maybe.

Vincent Candilora, ASCAP's vice president and director of licensing, vaguely suggested that dark forces may have been behind a Wall Street Journal article last week that disclosed that the songwriters' group had sought this year for the first time in history to collect fees from children's summer camps.

"They buy paper, twine and glue for their crafts — they can pay for the music, too," ASCAP CEO John Lo Frumento told the Journal.

Candilora conceded that ASCAP had cast a wide and nondiscriminating net in notifying the nation's 8,000-odd summer camps that federal copyright law requires them to fork over fees to ASCAP for any songs they use.

But he said Lo Frumento had been quoted out of context when he promised to "sue them if necessary" if they didn't pay for their campfire songs. And he was

particularly insistent that ASCAP wasn't picking on the Girl Scouts, even though it has already collected fees from 16 Girl Scout camps this year. Any fees collected from the Scouts will be returned, he said.

In the wake of news stories and editorials picturing ASCAP throttling tiny, hopeful renditions of "Puff the Magic Dragon," Candilora said the organization had been beset by protests from both the public and its songwriter members.

Lo Frumento was reported unavailable for comment Tuesday on the protests, but his son Peter, a salaried ASCAP spokesman, released a statement from ASCAP President Marilyn Bergman saying, "It has always been in the interest of our members to encourage the use of music anywhere — particularly by young people."

Candilora said ASCAP still intends to collect what fees it can from large, profitable summer camps — "the sort that bring in bands for square dances, have music by the pool... and are like sending your kid to a resort." But he said he "would assume the organization has other priorities" than to crack down on mom-and-pop camps and campfire songs, regardless of what its mailings earlier this year may have implied.

"What can I say? We bought a mailing list. We should have done more research," Candilora said.

ASCAP, he emphasized, is "a nonprofit organization owned by its member songwriters, composers,

Dole holds 'economic summit'

■ Dole and a team of economists say tax cuts will energize the economy and make up for lost revenue.

By William Claiborne
The Washington Post

SANTA BARBARA, Calif. — Surrounded by top economic advisers in the Reagan and Bush administrations, Republican presidential nominee Bob Dole on Tuesday defended his supply side economic growth plan, telling a group of local businessmen, "You can trust me."

Clearly anticipating a barrage of criticism of his tax-cutting and budget-balancing plan at the Democratic National Convention in Chicago, Dole interrupted his four-day rest stop at a seaside resort for a preemptive attack on President Clinton, whom he accused of imposing "the biggest tax increase ever" after promising to reduce taxes in the 1992 campaign.

In a carefully scripted economic

summit" held in a food company warehouse near here, Dole and his vice presidential running mate, Jack Kemp, took turns answering the business leaders' friendly questions accompanied by a half dozen GOP officials and economists who helped him draft the plan.

They included Michael J. Boskin, former chairman of the President's Council of Economic Advisers in the Bush administration; Martin Anderson, a former Reagan economic adviser and his wife, Annaliese, a former deputy director of the Office of Management and Budget; former OMB deputy director John Cogan; John G. Taylor, director of the Center for Economic Policy Research at Stanford University's Hoover Institution, and former cabinet secretary Donald Rumsfeld.

As if those names were not enough to lend an aura of respectability to his economic plan, Dole said the private "summit" of economists held just before the open business forum had included telephone conference calls with Milton Friedman, a Hoover

Institution fellow and 1976 Nobel laureate in economics, and George P. Shultz, former Treasury secretary and secretary of State.

"Regardless of your views, beliefs or political affiliation, these are outstanding economists. They are not running for anything," Dole said.

No new details emerged on how the plan will reduce tax rates by 15 percent while simultaneously balancing the budget by 2002 without major cuts in such costly entitlements as Social Security or in other social services.

Dole repeatedly referred to the "feedback" effect of his tax cuts — as the economic growth they generate make up for the revenue lost. Several times he deferred to the economists to provide details, saying that while he had taken "Economics 101" in college, he would feel more comfortable having the experts discuss the details.

Anderson, rejecting Democratic claims of "Voodoo II" economics, said the Dole plan assumes that 27 percent of the lost tax revenue

would be recouped in "feedbacks" of some combination of higher incomes and less tax sheltering under an overhaul of the Internal Revenue system. Reagan's tax cuts in the 1980s produced economic growth "feedbacks" of 47 percent, which would have reduced the deficit had the Democratic-controlled Congress accompanied it with cuts in spending, Anderson told the business leaders. "The big difference is... Bob Dole will have a Republican Congress," he said.

Dole said other aspects of his plan, such as a \$500-per-child tax credit, regulatory reform, a simpler and flatter tax rate, a halving of the capital gains tax and expanded individual retirement accounts would also help stimulate growth enough to offset the proposed tax cut.

"Bill Clinton says, 'We can't do it. We can't do it. It will blow a hole in the deficit.' Well, it'll blow a hole in his head, that's the problem," Dole said. "If you have the will to do it, you can."

Jackson endorses Clinton

■ Former presidential candidate stresses unity, in spite of disagreement with Clinton on welfare.

By John M. Broder and Paul Richter
Los Angeles Times

CHICAGO — Touching on a fissure that divides their party, leading liberal Democrats, including the Rev. Jesse Jackson, expressed disdain Tuesday for President Clinton's compromise with Republicans on welfare reform but told delegates to the national convention they must fight for Clinton's re-election.

Jackson, echoing recent comments from other liberals gathered here for Clinton's renomination, offered the president a tepid endorsement but spared him

the kind of harsh criticism that would have roiled the celebration of party unity or embarrassed Clinton in a highly visible campaign forum. "The last time we gathered in Chicago," the preacher, activist and two-time presidential candidate said in prepared remarks, "high winds ripped our tent apart. We could not bridge the gap. We lost to Nixon by the margin of our despair."

"In 1968, the tension within our party was over warfare. In 1996, it's welfare," Jackson said. "Last week, over the objections of many Democratic Party leaders, and the opposition of millions of Americans, Franklin Roosevelt's six-decade guarantee of support for women and children was abandoned. On this issue, many of us differ with the president."

Jackson said although Clinton's re-election may seem unpalatable because of his concessions on benefits for the poor, it is necessary

to defend against worse evils from the Republican Congress.

"Sometimes," Jackson said, "you have to play good defense before you get back on offense. President Clinton has been our first line of defense against the New Gingrich-Contract on America-right-wing assault on our elderly, our students, our civil rights. We must re-elect the president and take back the Congress, and stop the right-wing train in its track."

"In 1996, Bill Clinton is our best option. The cross is on his shoulders," he concluded.

Much of the convention's second day was given over to speakers representing the party's liberal wing. In addition to Jackson, they included former New York Gov. Mario Cuomo and abortion rights activist Kate Michelman.

As these voices of a philosophy that Clinton has largely rejected were given the convention

platform, White House officials announced new multi-billion-dollar programs aimed at assuaging their concerns and their constituencies.

At the same time, in the convention's two final days, party leaders will shift the focus to issues and speakers that underscore the president's top-priority effort to appeal to moderates and the middle class.

At a stop in Wyandotte, Mich., on his four-day train journey to Chicago, Clinton announced a \$1.75 billion program to improve reading skills among schoolchildren. Later in the day, aides outlined a \$3.4 billion program of aid to cities to soften the blow of the welfare reform bill the president signed last week. They also previewed a \$1.9 billion environmental initiative that Clinton will announce Wednesday to speed the cleanup of polluted industrial sites.

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Thermodynamics

Syria steps up military exercises along border

■ The military moves follow an exchange of threats by Syria and Israel.

By **BARTON GELLMAN**
The Washington Post

JERUSALEM — A series of Syrian troop movements along Israel's northern border, dismissed at first as insignificant or routine, has generated growing unease here amid the deepest diplomatic impasse since the two nations began peace talks in 1991.

The Syrian initiatives, which include stepped-up military exercises and repositioning of substantial combat units near the Israeli border, follow an exchange of veiled and not-so-veiled threats this month between the Jerusalem and Damascus governments.

No immediate risk of conflict is seen by Arab, Israeli or American analysts, and there has been no decisive shift in the balance of forces along the confrontation line on the Golan Heights.

But although divided on whether the Syrian moves are intended as self-defense or saber-rattling, experts in and out of government described them as the first significant manipulation of military forces since the two adversaries agreed to meet face to face at the Madrid Conference five years ago.

Israel and Syria have long fought a low-level proxy war in the Israeli-controlled portion of southern Lebanon, where Hezbollah guerrillas operating from Syrian-controlled territory battle Israeli troops and the Israeli-sponsored South Lebanon Army.

Israeli and Syrian forces, however, have taken pains to avoid direct conflict.

Apart from marking a new low in their dialogue, the implied menace of the new deployments, together with the likelihood of countermeasures by Israel, carry a logic of their own that is worrisome to Israeli officials and foreign diplomats here.

Although they were cautious in their appraisals, several said they feared that the two sides could stumble into an escalation that neither intends.

Beneath the growing tension is Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's

rejection of any Israeli withdrawal from the Golan Heights, which Israel captured from Syria in the 1967 Middle East war.

In recent contacts that were mediated by the United States, Netanyahu notified Syria that he does not feel bound by a set of nine informal understandings reached by Israeli Prime Minister Shimon Peres at negotiations at the Wye Plantation in Maryland before Netanyahu defeated Peres in elections last May.

The major Syrian military movements involve units based in Lebanon, where at least 35,000 Syrian troops have controlled the bulk of the country since 1976.

Tuesday, according to officials with access to Israeli and foreign intelligence reports, Syria continued to shift the tanks and supporting vehicles of an armored brigade from positions east of Beirut — at Bhamdun and Dahr al Baydar, along the main highway linking the Lebanese and Syrian capitals — to the southern Bekaa Valley, close to Israel.

In a more serious development, two of the three regiments of the 14th Syrian Special Forces Division have been withdrawn from Lebanon to take up positions on the Syrian side of Mount Hermon. That peak, now home to an Israeli intelligence complex, is the highest and most strategic point on the Golan plateau.

Israeli military intelligence assessments are cautiously confident thus far that the Syrian moves are "largely defensive" in character, according to one official, and U.S. Ambassador Martin Indyk used the same term in a public statement today.

"There is one problem, though," the Israeli official said, "because some elements of the new deployment there can be used in due time for offensive purposes. These units are commando units, and they can use them very easily against targets like our positions on the Hermon, as they did in the (1973) Yom Kippur war."

One sign of Israel's anxiety is a week-long string of public statements in which Netanyahu and his ministers have sought to persuade listeners at home and in Syria that there is no reason to fear an outbreak of fighting.

Israel's military censor has prevented

local news organizations from disclosing all they know about the Syrian deployments, and the consequent vagueness of newspaper and broadcast reports has contributed to the discomfort of some Israelis.

Commenting on a Monday night broadcast in which Foreign Minister David Levy said "there is no need to panic or be in panic" about the Syrian moves, columnist Yosef Lapid wrote today in the Maariv newspaper, "If we needn't be alarmed, what are we being reassured about?"

Syrian fears are equally manifest in that country's official government press, which has been filled with warnings in recent days that Netanyahu plans an attack on Syrian forces.

Until about a week ago, the Israeli premier appeared to be fostering that concern deliberately, by way of pressing his proposal that Israel and Syria should negotiate first about ending their proxy war in Lebanon rather than immediately resuming the previous talks toward an exchange of the Golan territory for a peace treaty.

In a visit Aug. 19 to the Israeli-occupied portion of southern Lebanon, Netanyahu seemed to include Syria in a list of adversaries who would suffer "painful" reprisals if Hezbollah again launches Katyusha rockets into northern Israel.

"Therefore we suggested to Syria, the Lebanese government and the Hezbollah that we find a way to resolve this conflict," Netanyahu said, in a threat later reiterated by anonymous officials. "If it is not found, we will only enter an escalation, one that will certainly be painful to the other side."

Syrian rhetoric has likewise taken on a harshness in recent weeks that is unprecedented since President Hafez Assad declared he had made the "strategic choice" to seek peace with Israel.

Gen. Hikmat Shehawi, the Syrian chief of staff, told the government newspaper al-Baath on Aug. 1 that Syria still had other choices, and Syrian newspapers have compared Netanyahu to Hitler. On several occasions they have taunted the Israeli prime minister with the fact that the first half of his name sounds like neten, the Arabic word for "rotten."

WORLDWIDE News

Royal divorce imminent

■ The divorce will be a far cry from the wedding which captivated 700 million people 15 years ago.

By **BILL GLAUBER**
The Baltimore Sun

LONDON — On Wednesday, they will be free at last — from each other.

The divorce of Charles and Diana, the prince and princess of Wales, is scheduled to be finalized Wednesday in a routine proceeding that costs \$31.

But what next for the sensational couple?

A worldwide television audience of 700 million people watched them marry at St. Paul's Cathedral in 1981. Wednesday, the couple won't even have to attend the final act of the rancorous union that comes six weeks and a day after a *decree nisi* was granted in the Family Division of the High Court.

Instead, lawyers will gather, documents will be checked, and barring any last-second appeals, a rubber stamp will be applied by a clerk to make the divorce final.

Will Charles, 47, now marry his longtime love, 49-year-old Camilla Parker Bowles, the famous "third person in the marriage"?

And what are the prospects for Diana, 35, who gives up her royal title but emerges with a divorce settlement that leaves her some \$23 million wealthier?

"He'll do what he has done throughout this crisis, which is work," says Nigel Evans, publisher of Majesty

magazine. "She'll have to use wit and charisma to maintain the high public profile she needs to have and to feel that she has not been ditched and eclipsed by the royal family."

The couple that made a mess of their 15-year marriage will now have to salvage the divorce, if not for the sake of the children, Prince William and Prince Harry, then for the sake of the monarchy, which has been battered by years of royal marriage scandal.

In the buildup to Divorce Day, the royals appeared to pull out all stops to placate a public growing increasingly disenchanted with the Windsors.

Earlier this month, it was revealed senior members of the royal family, including Queen Elizabeth II, were discussing the development of the monarchy.

Among the proposals that were floated were streamlining the royal family, allowing heirs to the throne to marry Catholics, ending the monarch's role as head of the Church of England, and scrapping public financing of the royals.

But the media remains focused on the royal soap opera.

Charles, faces the "Camilla Problem," as the tabloid newspapers and public begin to turn their attention to his mistress, who has apparently been the object of his affections since 1970.

The News of the World landed the first scoop Sunday by publishing the first "intimate" photographs of the couple in 20 years. Parker Bowles was photographed with a friend

walking some five paces behind Charles, but the fuzzy picture was enough to ignite a media furor.

"Bed her... don't wed her," thundered The Sun of London Tuesday, trumpeting the results of a phone-in poll that claimed 85 percent of the callers were against Charles remarrying to Parker Bowles.

"Our poll is powerful evidence that perhaps Charles should make it clear he will never wed Camilla Parker Bowles," the paper said in an editorial.

The Sunday Telegraph claimed senior clergy in the Church of England had "strong misgivings, bordering on hostility," to Charles' remarrying.

"Right now, remarriage would be a complete disaster for him," Evans says. "It would show he is out of touch with the public mood. The irony is that Camilla has been the perfect courtier. She is very discreet. She has stayed in the background. That's what the royal family likes. She is the exact opposite of Diana."

Diana, who lost her title as "Her Royal Highness," remains a royal headache for her soon-to-be former in-laws.

She is the mother to an heir to the British throne. She is rich. And after the divorce, she will again be single.

"What is going to be difficult for her in the future, is as the most famous woman in the world, she is under a lot of pressure and scrutiny," Evans says. "It will be difficult for her to form personal relationships with people. Everyone wants her story."

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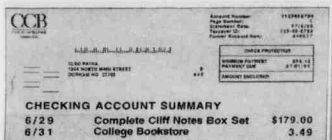
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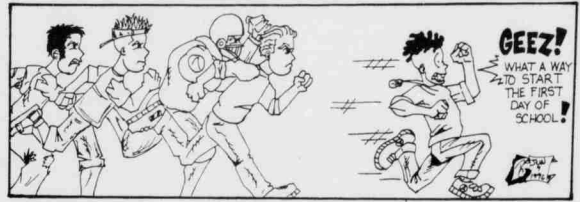
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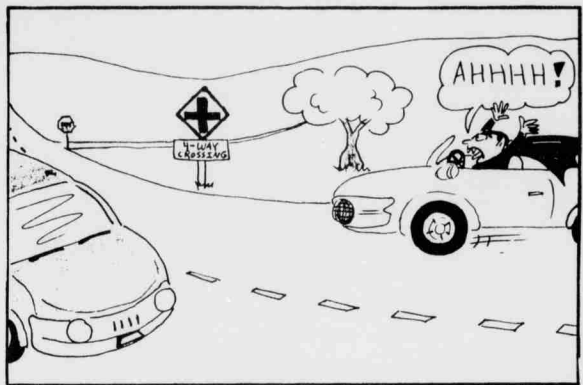
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Don't mess with breaks

■ A mandate to increase time in the classroom shouldn't disrupt students' breaks.

In May, UNC System President C.D. Spangler mandated that all schools in the system have 150 days of classes starting Fall 1997. Adding seven and a half extra days will be the challenge of the Registration, Records and Calendar Committee.

The only reasonable solution to this dilemma is to start the semester earlier and end later. Starting on Monday will add four days. Adding three days to the end of the semester will not be that difficult.

Attempts to decrease or eliminate any holidays will lead to serious protests from many people on campus. For example, breaks allow maintenance staff to work without students passing by. Instructors and students use breaks to catch up and prepare for what lies ahead in the semester. In addition, faculty and staff of N.C. State are employed by the state. Any attempt to decrease the holiday schedule would cut their benefits package.

In the end, starting school earlier and ending later will be the best choice. Not much will have to be in the way of

extra planning, only planning in advance.

There is no way NCSU will avoid adding the extra days mandated by Spangler. But the university administration should do what is best for the students, faculty and staff. Adding days to the semester would cut into the break between summer sessions; however, it would impact the students and faculty less than cuts within the spring and fall semesters when course loads are much heavier.

Student Body President Robert Zimmer has selected five students to be on the committee. If you have any concerns over this change in the academic year, you should contact them. They are there to represent you and need to know your opinions. These five students will speak for the student body and bring our concerns to the committee. The committee should develop a plan which has the least negative impact on all involved.

Let your student representatives know that breaks shouldn't be messed with.

Transcripts help resume

■ With a new service, participation in cocurricular activities will have a bigger impact.

A transcript is currently being developed that will add a new dimension to grades on paper. It will include cocurricular activities.

Students will soon be able to fill out a form and list activities they have been involved in and the positions they have held. These new transcripts will be available over the internet. Coupled with the on-line resume, they are expected to give N.C. State students an edge in applying for and obtaining positions in the public and private sectors.

These listings of cocurricular activities are important. They allow an employer to evaluate an individual's overall ability to organize and perform certain varieties of work. Positions held in campus organizations are also a reflection of what fellow students think of a person's character and abilities. This informal peer evaluation reveals a great

deal to potential employers.

The one drawback to the program is that, as of yet, there is no way to evaluate students' entries for accuracy. Employers who are aware of this problem will obviously consider the fact when reviewing a transcript. In addition, no one has been named to administer the program.

Whatever happens, this will be a plus for students. Competition for jobs is fierce in the "real world" and every point in your favor will have to be used if you are to beat out the other candidates for a particular job. This transcript should give you an edge, unless of course the other person also graduated from NCSU. If that is the case, here's hoping you held higher and more responsible positions prior to graduation.

The cocurricular activities transcript is a big plus for those participating in activities. For those who aren't participating, the new transcript will be a good incentive to start.



SPEED II: THE WOLFLINE CRISIS

Technician works to be more than status quo

Technician.

It's been said that a picture is worth a thousand words. Maybe so, but to me, that one word is worth a thousand pictures — at least.

I've worked at Technician since before I actually attended a class at N.C. State. The job I hold here is the single best thing that's ever happened to me. Twenty years from now, when someone says "college," I won't think of classes or beer or parties. I'll think of newspapers.

Hopefully, you can see how important this place is to me. In many ways, I define what and who I am by my work at this newspaper. That's why I'm so excited about the new year in front of us, and I'd like to take a few inches of column space to talk to you about what we've got planned around here, and maybe, just maybe, how you can get involved.

Ever since I've been here, Technician has been a status quo entity. Despite the fact that each editor in chief I've known has had radically different approaches to what Technician is and how it should operate, almost everything has stayed the same. We're still plagued by the same problems we had when I was a staff writer, and we really haven't moved in any direction — backwards or forwards. We've just kept chugging along, resisting those

Chris Baysden



forces which shape the rest of the world. Well, that's all about to change.

Actually, I think we've already started. If you've been reading the paper since the start of the semester (and I hope you have), you've noticed a couple of new items popping up in our pages. First and foremost, we now offer national and international news coverage. We hope that this will act as a supplement to the stories which our staff writes about NCSU. Technician is a local paper, make no mistake. We aren't trying to compete with The News & Observer (AKA the world's most vain and self-promoting newspaper: "Wow, look at our pretty new presses!" or "Our Pulitzer is bigger than yours!"). In the first place, we don't have the resources for that, and it's not our

job anyway. Our job is to be a local paper; it just so happens that "local" in this case means "campus."

But there are things going on outside of campus that can have a drastic impact on our little corner of the universe here in Raleigh. We don't want our readers to be ignorant of these events, so we've elected to devote some valuable space to giving them the coverage they deserve. Another change you might have noticed is that the department formerly known as "et cetera" is now called "x-tra." What's in a name, you ask? Well, theoretically nothing. But in practice, a new name often brings a new attitude. That's what's happening over in x-tra.

Last year, the department concentrated on movie and music reviews. This year, we want the bread and butter of the features page to be just that — features. You'll still see some reviews in x-tra, but you'll also see stories which capture some aspect of life at NCSU or some that are just too hip for the news page.

Another change in the features department is that we've brought back Frontiers. Long-time readers might remember the previous incarnation, which was dedicated to covering the science and technology stories at the university. Our new version of Frontiers will run every Monday in place of the

x-tra page.

What's behind all these changes, not to mention lots of minor ones that I don't have the space to discuss here? The answer is simple: attitude. In the past, Technician has done a pretty good job fulfilling its role as the campus newspaper. But somewhere along the way, we forgot what our true purpose was: to provide information that our readers want and need. Many times, our emphasis was on filling a page with enough copy and pictures; there were times when we forgot to question whether or not that copy was something our readers actually cared about.

We're not the first newspaper that this has happened to. Papers all across the country have begun to realize that it is the customer who really decides what should be on a page, not an editor. Just because we print something doesn't mean it's what you want to read. While it is our obligation to provide you with information that you need, it's also our duty to give you the coverage you want.

Because if we don't do that, we've ceased to fulfill our purpose, and without a purpose, we have no reason for existence. We're here for one reason and one reason alone: to serve you.

That brings us back to what you

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Rise in tuition increases education's quality

By now, I guess everyone is just about over the severe shock of seeing their tuition bill for this semester. Yes, it did seem brutal compared to the relatively mild hit to the wallet last year's bill made. And as expected, we students seem to take these tuition increases personally, forming rallies and protest marches, all in the name of keeping our tuition dirt cheap.

What people seem to ignore is the concept behind raising tuition rates. The demand for a college education has risen dramatically over the last several years. As a result, state and private institutions have been unable to adequately meet the needs of those seeking a higher education.

In order to compensate for the shortage of space, the price of a college education has skyrocketed. Although some attribute the increase solely to inflation, this is not true. Tuition increases have exceeded the rate of inflation by several percentage points over the past several years. This increase not only includes the quantity of education that is being demanded but also the quality.

Technology is the quality I am referring to. As a general rule, it lowers the costs of goods and services in a society. The exact opposite is true when it education in mass. Students and faculty

Darwin Nichols



expect the most recent and advanced technology on the market today to be available for their use. These demands are not outrageous and are certainly well-founded. The bad news is that computer companies don't just give the stuff away. Tax dollars are raised and tuition money is siphoned out of students in order to try and at least to follow the direction technology is moving. Somehow, in one way or another, the money must find its way to the university.

The general public, thanks to the General Assembly, is footing a great majority of the bill for our education. For this, I am thankful. We as students, the recipients of these good graces, are then asked to contribute a small sum in order to help pay the balance for our education. Not a bad deal in my

book.

One can argue that it is the duty and obligation of the government to arrange and provide for the education of the people. I agree. It is the responsibility of a rational and functional state government to provide a basic and well-rounded education for all of the people. And, fortunately for us, they do. Notice that I use the word "basic," as in kindergarten through twelfth grade.

Now after twelve years of free education, have we grown so callous and self-aligned that we expect the government of this state to subsidize us forever? Should a college education be free to anyone who desires it?

The point that I'm trying to drive home is that we receive an excellent education at an extremely low price. When you look around at other states and see the cost of tuition at their public colleges, you begin to realize that we have it pretty good here in North Carolina.

Because I am footing the bill for the vast majority of my own education, I see no reason not to pay for the best. If the General Assembly or any other governmental body deems it fit to raise my tuition by a reasonable amount, then fine.

We fail to realize that in the long run an \$1100 tuition bill is a drop

in the bucket compared to what we are receiving in return. As long as there are low interest loan programs available to students and there is a continued effort to provide scholarships from the private sector, I don't see any reason why we should complain about tuition increases. After all, why would you not want the best education that you could possibly receive here at NCSU?

Before we point the finger and place blame for tuition hikes, let's stop and think about why we're complaining. For some, I think that they like to hear themselves think aloud. Others just jump on the bandwagon. The government doesn't owe us anything. The fact that they subsidize the majority of our college education is commonly overlooked.

I want the best education that this school has to offer. If that means digging a little deeper into my pocketbook, so be it. I am willing to pay for bigger and better technology because I know that it will pay off in the future. Anyone who isn't will be left behind.

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can do for us. First, as the reader, we need you to give us feedback, both positive and negative. Without feedback, we don't know what changes we should make, and what should stay the same. Finally, there's one way you can really contribute to making Technician the best it can be and that's to come work for us. We have plenty of room for more writers, copy editors, photographers, ad sales staff, page designers and many others. Some of these positions are paid, others are not. But whether you get paid or not, there are two very important reasons to work for us.

First, you get an opportunity to explore the world of journalism, and learn useful skills. And I'm not just talking about writing. I've learned more from working here than I have in all my classes combined — and only about 10 percent of it had anything to do with news writing.

Secondly, and the best reason of all, you'll get to be part of a new era at Technician. You can help us strengthen a campus institution which has been serving students for 76 years. The best pitch I can give you is the same one that appeared in Volume 1, Number 1 of this proud publication, "We mean to make this, the Technician, a humdinger. We mean to make this a paper that will distinguish the College and be a pleasure to those whom it will represent.

Come, fellows, one and all, lend your aid for a bigger and a better Technician. We're relying upon you to help put it across."

The Campus FORUM

Health insurance helps out

Every year we have to decide whether or not to invest about \$522 in health insurance. It seems like a lot of money, but I bite the bullet — you never know what will happen. If I think I can't afford \$522, just about any health problem I might have would certainly cost more than that. But what are the chances that I get sick? And if I do get ill, I can always go to the Student Health Center, right? Sure, if I get a cold or an ear infection. But this year, I had a more serious health problem.

On January 11, I broke the tibia and fibula in my right leg in a freak ice hockey accident. I was carried from the ice on a stretcher by the Wake County Paramedics. The ambulance ride cost \$217. The hospital bill was \$411, but that doesn't include most of the services I would need that evening. Although it was very easy to look at my leg and determine that it was broken, I had to be referred to an orthopedic surgeon by the emergency room doctor. His five minutes cost \$162.

I needed two sets of x-rays (one before and one after the cast was put on my leg) which cost \$56. The orthopedic specialist who set the bone and put on the cast cost \$1,051. Prescription pain pills were \$9. All told, I racked up \$1,906 in medical bills on January 11. Adding in the follow-up visits to the orthopedic surgeon over the next few months (\$785) brings the total

to \$2,691. This is what it would have cost me if I did not have health insurance.

Health-care bills are inflated in part because a certain percentage of customers do not pay their bills. Because they buy health-care service in large quantities and have a lower default rate, insurance companies negotiate prices for specific services that are considerably lower than the prices charged to uninsured people. The "contract cost" of the services related to my broken leg was \$2,013.

Blue Cross/Blue Shield (BCBS) paid 100% of the hospital bill because the contract cost was less than \$300 and the injury happened after the on-campus health center had closed for the day. After I paid my \$120 in deductibles, they paid 80 percent of the other charges. My total liability (including deductibles) was \$442, or 16 percent of the pre-negotiated bill.

Hill, Chesson and Associates is the insurance agent that we use to purchase BCBS coverage. When I needed to be reimbursed for health expenses that I paid out-of-pocket (ambulance, prescriptions), they did so promptly. If I had a question about a bill or thought that a bill was incorrect, they helped me out, sometimes while I waited on the phone. I am more than satisfied with the service I received from Hill, Chesson, and Associates and Blue Cross/Blue Shield of North Carolina and would not hesitate to recommend their services to other students. Needless to say, I am glad I decided to buy health insurance last August. I want to wish everyone the best of luck in the coming year, but please, don't break a leg!

David Dudek
Graduate Student, Chemical Engineering

Officials forgetting college students

While I cannot change the recommendation that was made by the UNC System, I can state my alarm at the prospect of lengthening the academic year at N.C. State. The issue is one of forgotten youth.

C.D. Spangler, Larry Monteith, at one time you were both taking your undergraduate classes and likely found your spring break to be rather enjoyable. You worked hard for the first-half of the semester and that week allowed you to work and make money to pay for your education (a likely scenario here at NCSU, Spangler) and catch up on your work. If you are fortunate enough, you might just be able to go home and see your parents.

At NCSU, we work. Seventy percent of NCSU students are helping pay for their education. We are a traditionally a blue-collar school. The days you are considering to take away are dollars out of people's pockets.

Monteith did his undergraduate work here in Electrical Engineering and from what I remember him saying in a personal interview last year, he put himself through school. That required working.

Many NCSU students co-op to pay for their education making about \$12/hr while learning about their chosen profession. Most work part-time jobs. Tuition continues to increase, yet this idea would not allow students to spend their off-time paying for their time in academia. It saddens me greatly.

Spangler, your wealth is impressive ... if it wasn't a sin I'd call it envious. I am afraid that your finances are insulating you from the situations concerning a middle-class college student, the type you see at

NCSU — like me. We have to work to live ... it isn't for frivolous things. This recommendation hurts my livelihood. And it hurts me.

This is not a lofty academic issue. This is an issue of finance and one of conscience. I urge that the academic calendar at NCSU stay at the current length.

Keith D. Crawford
Junior, Biochemistry and Chemistry

Connells

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have been in years. The balance of the songwriting of "Weird Food" is more spread out than on previous albums. Guitarist Mike Connell still writes about half of the songs, but singer Doug MacMillan has his share of credits, as does guitarist George Huntley. Huntley's "On Your Honor" closes the album on an atmospheric high.

The rhythmic section of the band is as steady as ever on "Weird Food." Bassist David Connell and drummer Peele Wimberly do their best work on the album, with Wimberly finally getting a song-writing credit with "Any." And keyboardist Steve Potak adds much to an already full sound.

Other highlights on "Weird Food" include "Maybe," a dark, brooding song; "Smoke," "Just Like Thai" and "Adjective Song." The fast, upbeat "Let It Go" has a Drivin' in Cryin feel to it, but it works well with Huntley's natural voice.

All in all, even the worst songs from "Weird Food" are better than most songs on Top 40 radio, but what else is new? It may take an "MTV Breakthrough Video" on the band to put it where it belongs. "Weird Food" may not be the one to do it for The Connells, but it doesn't matter. They're not overplayed on commercial radio, and it sounds like that's just fine with them.

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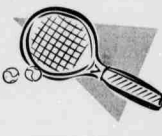
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CORRECTIONS: In last Wednesday's Technician, the Student Health Services facility was referred to incorrectly as the infirmary. We apologize for the mistake.


In last Wednesday's Technician, in the article titled "Comic books are not just for kids anymore," Ken Pleasant was incorrectly referred to as the manager of Capitol Comics on Hillsborough Street and Russ Garwood was referred to as an employee. Ken Pleasant is the owner, and Russ Garwood is the manager. We apologize for the mistake.

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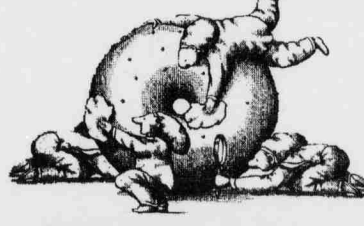
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