



Cultural center holds holiday sale

The African-American Cultural Center at N.C. State is hosting a day-long African Marketplace on December 7, 1996 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room of the Witherspoon Student Center.

Area vendors will be on hand offering shoppers entertainment, food, greeting cards, art work, games, cosmetics, clothing and many other gifts.

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Holidays pose threat to pets

Humans may see the Christmas tree as a symbol of a joyous winter season, but to cats it's just one great big toy. And a potentially perilous one at that.

Barbara Simpson, adjunct assistant professor at N.C. State, has some advice for cat owners who want their cats to enjoy a safe Christmas.

Cat owners should not use tinsel on their Christmas trees, Simpson said. Tinsel can get caught behind an animal's tongue, causing injury.

Cats should also be kept away from unattended Christmas trees, Simpson said. Cats often climb trees in nature, and some may hurt themselves while attempting to climb amidst all the ornaments and electric wiring that usually decorates Christmas trees.

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.

All toys collected will go to children who must spend the holidays in a hospital or care facility.

Toys can be dropped off at the N.C. State campus mail room or at the Educational Talent Search Offices located at 1200 Front Street Suite 11, across the street from NCN 17 studios.

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Instructors overlook official dead week policy

Many students claim NCSU's official dead week policy is a waste of paper.

By **JOSH JUSTIN**
 STAFF WRITER

Many students will be forced to take exams this week, despite a clearly stated university policy that prohibits exams during dead week.

University regulations state that "faculty members shall not give any tests or quizzes or assign any additional papers or projects during the final week of the semester."

Many students say the university does not enforce this policy. Michelle Peedin, a junior in English, says that dead week has never been "dead" for her.

"I don't put much stock in dead

week," Peedin said. "It's said by the university and it never really happens. I have an exam on Tuesday and a project due on Wednesday."

Many students must turn in papers and projects this week, even though such assignments could cut into valuable study time. Jenny Bancroft, a sophomore in English, has assignments due everyday.

"I have a 7-10 page paper due Thursday, a five-page paper due Friday, and an oral presentation on Friday," Bancroft said. "I don't have time to study for exam material because of stuff this week."

The problem for many students is additional assignments, which in most cases are tests that occupy enormous amounts of time for

study. Jamie Johnson, a freshman in meteorology, has known about a final paper due this week for a long time, but is concerned about a test this week.

"I knew in plenty of time about my paper due for Thursday," Johnson said. "It's the test I have on Tuesday that's going to kill me."

Some students say they feel they are ill-informed by professors concerning the policies set forth by the university.

Gina Ingle, a sophomore in accounting, said she thinks that professors need to "lighten up at this time of year."

"The professors aren't complying with dead week," Ingle said. "My boyfriend Sal is in a bind. He has a project due Monday and a project

due Tuesday, and Thursday he has a big test."

A scenario that is becoming familiar to students is the heavier work-load during dead week compared to the first week of exams. Dead week will be the busiest week of all for many students.

Trish Jacobs, a sophomore in business management, said she definitely feels this week is going to be busier than the first week of exams.

"This is definitely not a dead week for me," Jacobs said. "I have a paper due Tuesday and a group project due Friday, and they'll consume all my time."

Due to her busy schedule during dead week, Jacobs will have to put off studying for exams.

"The papers and the project are going to consume all of my time," she said. "I'll have to begin studying next weekend."

Despite the university policies for dead week, many students will be under extreme pressure to complete assignments and attempt to find necessary time for the final exams. The one result that spins off of the added pressure is simple: students get behind.

Lindsay Ray, a freshman in pre-med and zoology, said N.C. State's dead week policy is useless unless professors comply with it.

"I think it's a great rule," Ray said. "Yet I do have numerous assignments this week, and I'll probably be behind on everything. The professors just don't take dead week seriously."

Shooting victim's recovery slow but sure

An NCSU student who was shot during last year's Million Man March is doing well.

By **SHANNON UMBERGER**
 STAFF WRITER

Gregory Allen Patterson, a former N.C. State engineering student shot on October 13, 1995 while attending the Million Man March in Washington, is exhibiting positive signs of recovery.

The bullet that struck Patterson's neck severed his spinal cord, leaving him paralyzed from the neck down. But after a successful surgery in June, things are on the upswing for Patterson.

Patterson said he still feels sensation in his body. Now that the bullet is no longer in the way, he is able to concentrate on strengthening his muscles and has hopes of attaining movement again.

Patterson said he has been able to move his fingers and toes to some extent. "I also have slight movement throughout my legs," he said.

Although he is still on a respirator, Patterson said he is doing special chest and stomach exercises to try to strengthen his diaphragm muscle, with the goal of getting off the respirator soon.

Patterson said he has therapy everyday for around three hours, at different time intervals. He has four different nurses who work with him during the day and stay at his house late at night in case of an emergency.

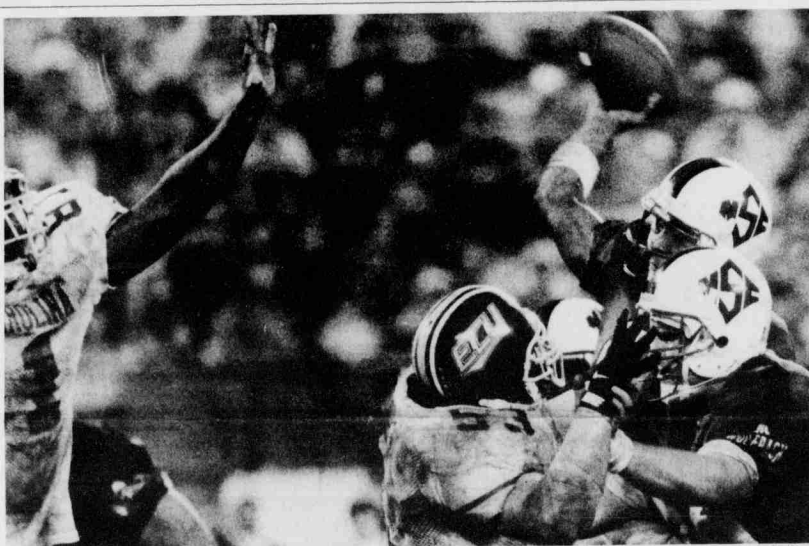
Patterson is doing better than anyone anticipated. "What (movement) I've gotten they (doctors) didn't expect," he said.

Of course, the complete recovery process is very slow. But Patterson is determined and hopeful. "Things are looking good," he said.

In his free time, Patterson is just like any other college-age student. He said he reads and watches television a lot. He said he would like to visit his friends at NCSU more, though.

"I'd like to come visit and go to a

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JAKE OBI/STAFF

Pirate pressure forced quarterback Jamie Barnette into throwing 23 incomplete passes on the day.

Harley motors past Pack in ECU romp

The Pirates turned a long-awaited rematch into a one-sided affair.

By **CHRIS RHODES**
 STAFF WRITER

CHARLOTTE — Both N.C. State and East Carolina entered Saturday's football game with something to prove.

The Wolfpack not only wanted atonement for the earlier losses this season, but also to set the stage for next year.

On the other hand, the Pirates were playing to improve their chance at receiving an at-large bowl bid by finishing with an 8-3 record. In addition, the years of negotiations were over and bragging rights were finally on the line.

"I think we were ready to play," State coach Mike O' Cain said. "Our players knew what this game was all about...enough are from the eastern part of North Carolina and North Carolina to know what this

game means." State appeared strong early. Rashon Spikes started the game with a 48-yard kickoff return to the Pirate 45-yard line. However, the drive stalled and State punted after the offense lost 15 yards on a personal foul penalty.

The cold, wet conditions made the need for an effective running attack paramount and the Pirates were the first to respond on the way to a 50-29 victory.

On ECU's third play from scrimmage, fullback Scott Harley shot for a 75-yard touchdown run.

On its next possession, State was again forced to punt after one first down.

ECU started its second offensive series on the Pirate 21 and proceeded to drive 73 yards in 12 plays. The State defense responded in the red-zone and forced the Pirates to settle for a 23-yard field goal.

State countered back with a nine-play, 56-yard drive which was completed with a 11-yard pass

from quarterback Jamie Barnette to split end Jimmy Grissett.

After trading field goals, Harley exploded again for the Pirates. The fullback rumbled from the ECU 40 yard line to Wolfpack endzone for his second touchdown run over 50 yards.

"Well I'm going to have to break an NCAA rule and maybe buy Scott Harley dinner," ECU coach Steve Logan said. "I told him if he ran one over 50 yards I would have to buy him a dinner."

With the score 19-10 in favor of the Pirates, both teams were able to once again trade field goals. Marc Primanti's second kick covered 47 yards as time expired before halftime.

The second half started with the Pirates missing a 47-yard field goal after driving 51 yards.

However, ECU quickly got the ball back after a fumbled pitch between Barnette and tailback Tremayne Stephens. The Pirates recovered the ball on the State seven-yard line and Harley was

able to punch into the endzone for his third rushing TD.

With 19 seconds left in the third quarter, Primanti was able to connect on his last field goal attempt in a N.C. State uniform. The kick covered 39 yards and ran Primanti's consecutive field goal streak to 27.

As the game entered the fourth quarter, both team's defenses seemed to disappear. State was able to put 13 points on the board, while the Pirates had three touchdowns in the quarter.

The defining moment came with 5:58 left in the game. After scoring on a one-yard touchdown run by fullback Rod Brown which cut the State deficit to 13 points, the Pack attempted an on-side kick. The Pirates' Jason Nichols fielded the kick in stride and did not slow down until 43 yards later when he reached the Wolfpack endzone.

"When they return the on-side kick, that pretty much takes you out of it," O' Cain said.

R.E.A.L. men H.E.A.R. women teaches and informs the NCSU community about sexual assault.

By **APRIL HARRISON**
 STAFF WRITER

R.E.A.L. men H.E.A.R. women is an N.C. State student-run organization that educates the campus community about rape and sexual assault, provides survivors with resources and improves campus safety through programs, meetings and events.

RMHW officially began as two separate organizations. In the fall of 1993, R.E.A.L. men (Rape

Educators and Active Leaders) came to NCSU with the intention of educating students about sexual assault. The next spring, H.E.A.R. women (Help, Education and Action on Rape) was formed.

Shortly thereafter, the two groups decided to join forces. Each year the group grows in both size and campus responsibility. Amy Wazenger and Eddie Croom are co-chairs of RMHW this year.

RMHW began co-sponsoring the annual Take Back the Night march in 1994 with the Center for Health Directions at Student Health Services. The march is now totally student-run, and its attendance has grown to about 700 people — 40-50

of whom shared personal stories of sexual assault during this year's march.

Patti Hammond, the advocacy chair of RMHW, refers to the loved ones of survivors as secondary survivors because their experience can be almost as traumatic as the victim's.

"Secondary survivors are people close to the victim that have helped them deal with the rape," Hammond said.

RMHW members act as educators about sexual violence and are available to give workshops on sexual assault and rape at any group on campus.

RMHW also distributes the red rape crisis cards to residence halls

and posts them throughout campus.

Some of the members of RMHW sat on the committee to get the Advocacy System implemented on campus. The Advocacy System is a 24-hour, seven days a week phone hotline for victims of rape or sexual assault. It is a completely confidential way for victims to get the help they need.

Wazenger said advocates at the hotline inform callers of the options available to them.

"They can put you in touch with anyone from Public Safety, the Raleigh Police Department or the campus judicial board if you want to report the assault," she said.

Advocates can also help victims find a place to go for medical

treatment. And if callers just want to talk, advocates "can act as counselors, or can connect you with Interact, the Rape Crisis Center in Raleigh," Wazenger said.

None of the assistance offered is mandatory, some advocates have even been asked by the victim to go with them as they get the help they need. The hotline number is 218-9102.

Only two rapes have been reported in NCSU's history, Wazenger said. But already this year, the advocacy hotline has received 10 calls involving either

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Recovery Assault

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basketball game," Patterson said. Lathan Turner, NCSU's coordinator of African American Student Affairs, said he plans to bring Patterson to NCSU on the same weekend that Spike Lee's "Get on the Bus," the movie about the Million Man March, is shown at the campus cinema — sometime in late January or early February. "We'll also have some other events held for Allen that weekend," Turner said. Patterson said he is looking forward to seeing his friends at NCSU and appreciates all the support he has received from campus groups. "I can't wait to come back," he said.

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rape or sexual assault — and the year is only half over. To help increase effectiveness and productivity, RMHW attends annual national conferences on Campus Student Violence. This conference is student-run and gives student organizations throughout the country the chance to get together and share ideas that work on their own campus. RMHW meets every Monday night from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the Women's Center in Nelson B-18, to discuss further actions of the group. Their first spring semester meeting will be on January 13. Anyone interested is welcome to join them.

Examination Schedule

FALL 1996

EXAMINATION TIMES	800-1100 a.m.	100-400 p.m.	600-900 p.m.
Hours Class Actually Meets During Semester			
Monday, Dec. 9	910-1000 MWF (940-1030 MWF)	1225-115 MWF (1255-145 MWF)	600-715pm M W (545-700pm M W) 600-850pm M or W ACC 210,310,311,410 Common Exam PSY 200 Common Exam
Tuesday, Dec. 10	1120-1235 T H (1150-105 T H)	405-520 T H 410-700 T or H (435-550 T H)	600-715pm T H (545-700pm T H) 600-850pm T or H FL,GRK,LAT 101,102,105,201,202 Common Exam MAT 200,201 Common Exam
Wednesday, Dec. 11	805-855 MWF (835-925 MWF)	235-325 MWF (305-355 MWF)	730-845pm M W (745-900pm M W) 720-1010pm W ACC 220 Common Exam
Thursday, Dec. 12	805-920 T H (835-950 T H)	235-350 T H (305-420 T H)	730-845pm T H (745-900pm T H) 720-1010pm H FY 205,208 Common Exam
Friday, Dec. 13	1015-1105 MWF (1045-1135 MWF)	340-430 MWF 410-700 M or W or F (410-500 MWF)	BUS 310 Common Exam EC 201 Common Exam
Saturday, Dec. 14	CH 101,107 Common Exam	CSC 114 Common Exam	
Monday, Dec. 16	1120-1210 MWF (1150-1240 MWF)	130-220 MWF (200-250 MWF)	720-1010pm M
Tuesday, Dec. 17	950-1105 T H (1020-1135 T H)	105-220 T H (135-250 T H)	720-1010pm T

In order that students may complete semester projects, take lab tests, and prepare for final examinations, faculty members shall not give any tests or quizzes or assign any additional papers or projects during the final week of the semester. Exceptions to this policy must be approved in advance by the department head and the dean of the college involved.

Final examinations for regularly scheduled classes have precedence over common final examinations. Instructors who give common final examinations should make arrangements for make up examinations on their courses.

Grade Report Rolls for ALL classes must be reported to the Department of Registration and Records within 48 hours after the scheduled completion time of the final examination.

(CENTENNIAL CAMPUS TIMES IN PARENTHESES)

REGULATIONS

- No examinations may be given before December 9.
- Examinations will be held ONLY between the hours indicated. Exceptions must be approved by the Dean of the School concerned.
- Courses having both recitation and laboratory hours should use the class hours for determining when the examinations will be given.
- In the schedule, the term "Monday" applies to classes having their first meeting of the week on Monday, Wednesday, or Friday; the term "Tuesday" applies to classes having their first meeting of the week on Tuesday, Thursday or Saturday (i.e., a class holding its first meeting of the week on Wednesday at 10:15 will take the examination as a Monday 10:15 class provided no student in the group has a regular class on Monday at that hour. If so, the examination is called an "arranged" examination.)
- Except for research, seminar, tutorial, or studio courses, final examinations should be given in all courses. Exceptions may be granted by the faculty member responsible for a particular course or section provided prior approval is obtained from the department head. Exceptions may be applied to whole courses, sections, groups of students, or individual students provided that these exemptions are applied equitably to all sections of multiple-sectioned courses.
- No student shall be required to take three consecutively scheduled final examinations within any 24-hour period. If students find that they have three consecutively scheduled exams, they should report to the Department of Registration and Records before the exams are to be given to have their schedules verified and to obtain a form approving their request to change the date of a specific examination as designated by the student. They will take the form to the specified instructor or departmental office and arrange for a new examination date. The instructor will enter the new date on the form and sign it. The instructor and the student should both retain a copy. The student shall be responsible for return of the form to the Department of Registration and Records, 1000 Harris Hall.

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Pack stifles Tigers

Memphis couldn't find a way to stop C.C. Harrison in State's first road game.

By J.P. GIGLIO
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Heading into Saturday night's game at Memphis, the N.C. State men's basketball team expected a tough road test. What they got was an open-book quiz.

The Wolfpack used the same solutions that have led them to a perfect 4-0 start — a suffocating defense and a patient offense — to ace its road test at The Pyramid, 67-46.

C.C. Harrison poured in a career-high 26 points while the Tigers shot a ghastly 27 percent from the field. State hit 48 percent including 10-of-21 from three-point range.

"Anytime you shoot the ball well, it always gives you a better chance to win," State coach Herb Sendek said. "The guys on this team don't care who scores. They are always looking for the open man."

Harrison has been flammable for the Pack in the last two games. He has topped his career-high in both.

"I had the confidence to shoot the ball tonight," Harrison said. "My teammates did a good job of getting me the ball."

The junior guard hurt the Tigers in every way possible. He hit five three-pointers, running lay-ups and pull-up jumpers. He finished 9-of-14 from the field.

The Tigers (0-2) never got on track. They led only once and their shooters couldn't hit water from a boat. They made only 2-of-18 from three-point range.

Memphis had a 33-game regular season winning streak at The Pyramid entering the game. The so-

called "Tomb of Doom" hardly lived up to its moniker. Embalmed mummies in a crypt make more noise than the generous estimate of 11,300 fans in attendance Saturday night.

The Wolfpack took control with less than eight minutes left in first half and hit 6-of-12 three-pointers and 10-of-13 free throws to take a comfortable 34-21 lead into the locker room.

"We're getting better and better each day," Jeremy Hyatt said. "We recognize that you have to play defense in order to win."

Harrison scored seven consecutive points to start the second half. The Tigers never got closer than 11 after that.

Danny Strong added 11 points and a team-high eight rebounds. Despite Damon Thornton's foul trouble, State outrebounded the Tigers, 41-32.



The Pack, led by C.C. Harrison and Danny Strong (with ball), travelled to Memphis, Tenn. to take on the Tigers in The Pyramid. State defeated Memphis 67-46. Strong added 11 points and eight rebounds for the 4-0 Pack with Harrison pouring in a career-high 26. The Wolfpack snapped Memphis' 33-game regular season consecutive home win streak. State faces Winthrop Tuesday.

SALVADOR FARRAN III/STAFF

State rolls over break

The State women's basketball team had little trouble with ECU.

By K. GAFFNEY
STAFF WRITER

It was billed as sister vs. sister, but it Chasity Melvin was aware that her sister, Danielle was aware that the floor last Tuesday when the 13th-ranked Pack faced off against East Carolina, it was unapparent. Melvin came out strong, leading the Pack

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SCOTT TERADA/STAFF
Scott Harley ran all over State.

Harley, penalties too much for State to handle

It's hard to win when it's two against none.

By JAMES M. LAIL
SPORTS EDITOR

N.C. State faced two very powerful enemies Saturday at Ericsson Stadium in Charlotte. On one side of the field was East Carolina and sophomore running sensation Scott Harley. On the other side was the Wolfpack, fully capable of shooting themselves in the feet.

Harley was unstoppable for the Pirates, barreling his way for 351

yards and three touchdowns against a porous State defense. Harley outraced the Pack for more yards by himself than State gained as a team (308 total yards). His performance was the ninth best in NCAA history.

"He's a different back. He's probably a little stronger than Warrick [Dunn, of Florida State], he doesn't have quite the explosion of acceleration of Tiki [Barner, of Virginia]," State coach Mike O'Cain said. "But he's a heck of a runner, a very tough runner."

Harley's performance did not go as understated by his own coach.

Steve Logan.

"I'm gonna have to break an NCAA rule and maybe buy Scott Harley a dinner," Logan said. "I kid him all the time about not being fast enough. So, I'm out a cheeseburger, maybe."

"He had a good game, the kid had a good year, no question about it. He came through and provided us with a running game that we did not have at the beginning of the year."

It wasn't all prettiness and finesse on the Ericsson turf. The game was intense for players and fans alike, and it resulted in 23 penalties between both teams. Six of those

penalties were personal fouls, with four of them coming against the Pack.

"I'll be curious to look at the film and see what happened," a dejected O'Cain said. "Obviously we don't condone it, and a couple of them [the State players] felt that the play was still going on. One of them was a definite personal foul, the very first one."

That foul pushed State back 15 yards and brought up a third-and-17 and put the Pack on their own side of the field. Two plays later, the Pack punted to ECU. Three plays after that, Harley scampered 75

yards for a touchdown. The Pirates never looked back. State never recovered.

"We talked about [penalties] before the game," O'Cain said. "We didn't do a very good job of keeping our heads."

Logan had a different perspective on the numerous flags, calling the game a "classic" one.

"Because when [the media] want these players jacked up and playing, and you want to go right to the line. Sometimes you go over," an irate Logan said. "[They] had a lot of class, both sides."

Technician Sports: Hey, that "Sendek's Rednecks" thing is pretty doggone catchy.

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State

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to a 88-43 victory.

In the first five minutes, the 6'3" junior put away six points, and added the assists to two of her teammates' buckets.

During the past few games, State has struggled with turnovers. The Pack entered the game focused on remedying that situation.

"We wanted to try to move the ball offensively and not to have as many turnovers," State coach Kay Yow said. "We tried to pick up the pace and make them make the mistakes."

State jumped out to a 23-9 lead in the first half, using a full court defense to force Pirate mistakes.

Melvin had ten points by the half, as the Wolfpack took a 41-15 lead into the locker room.

East Carolina's trouble extended into the second half, as the Pack took off and left their Pirate opponents in the dust.

During an eight and a half minute run, State out-scored East Carolina 26-5.

Sophomore reserve Kenyetta Williams came on strong during the run.

After not playing in the first half, Williams score 11 points and added two assist and two steals. Williams' four field goals included one trey and a lay-up which ignited the crowd after she had stolen the ball in the ECU backcourt.

Williams also finished out the game for State, sinking two free throws with 11.5 seconds left on the clock.

In the Melvin vs. Melvin match up, it was the older, more experienced Chasity who came out on top. Danielle Melvin saw 17 minutes of playing time for East Carolina, but didn't score. The 6'0" freshman pulled down one rebound and added one steal.

"I really wanted to sit and watch her play," Chasity Melvin said of her sister. "I hadn't had a chance to see her play in college yet."

Williams and Melvin were two of the four Wolfpack players to score

in double digits. Senior Umeki Webb led all scorers with 13 points, as well as adding a game high five assists.

Melvin finished with 12, and frontcourt mate Peace Shepard added 11 points. Both forwards pulled down eight rebounds.

Guards Jennifer Howard and Katie Smrka-Duffy each added 10 points. Kristen Gillespie, a sophomore transfer from Auburn, played thirteen minutes for the Pack. Despite heavy tape on her left shoulder, the 5'11" guard controlled the ball for State.

"We had decided that Kristen would do a lot of the ball handling when she was in the game," Yow said. "We wanted to take some of the pressure off of Jennifer (Howard), and free her up to shoot a little more."

ECU guard Justine Allpress led the Pirates with eight points. Tracey Kelley, Jen Cox, and Beth Jaynes each added seven points.

Kelley pulled down a team high seven rebounds, as State crushed the Pirates on the boards as well, out rebounding ECU 41-28.

The Pack had no trouble with Syracuse at the San Juan Holiday Classic, crushing Syracuse, 104-69.

Jennifer Howard and Chasity Melvin were virtually unstoppable for State, scoring 31 and 28 points, respectively. Peace Shepard added 12.

Howard was 11-of-18 from the field and 9-of-16 from beyond the arc. The senior also added three assists.

Melvin poured in her 28 by hitting 10-of-17 on the night to go along with 10 rebounds.

Umeki Webb also had 10 rebounds for State and Constance Poteat had 10 points and six boards.

The Pack shot almost 50 percent from the field for the entire game. They shot 40 percent from three-point range.

Annetta Davis had 25 points for the Orange.

State improves to 5-2 with the wins, and faces Florida State in Tallahassee this coming Friday.



Chasity Melvin (44) battled her little sister Danielle in Tuesday's game against East Carolina. Needless to say, Chasity won the battle, scoring 12 points while Danielle failed to score.

Technician Sports:
At least Ericsson Stadium is nice.

It's a family affair

■ It was a two-for-one Melvin special Tuesday at Reynolds Coliseum.

By D. LOUISE WOTAPKA
STAFF WRITER

"Was that two points or three?" Chasity Melvin's mother turns and asks.

As if keeping track of one daughter's every play wasn't enough, try keeping track of two.

That's exactly what Rev. Jimmy and Janet Melvin had to do at Tuesday's women's basketball game against East Carolina.

Janet had plenty of help keeping track of the scores, as two bus loads of spectators came from their church to cheer the girls on.

There was one slight catch—Danielle is a freshman at ECU.

"I think it's good Danielle plays for ECU," Rev. Melvin said. "It gives her her own arena."

Who is a parent to cheer for when their daughters play for two different teams?

"It's easy support them both evenly," Janet Melvin said.

Chasity scored 12 points for the Pack in her 31 minutes of play, while Danielle played for 17 minutes in her second starting game.

"Danielle will be in her own right when she gets adjusted to playing for the college level," Rev. Melvin said.

Janet Melvin believes that Danielle had butterflies because so much of the community attended.

"Once she gets settled, she'll be fine," Janet Melvin said. "Their younger sister Jimelle cheered for them both."

"I wanted Danielle to score," she

said. "She really worked hard." Playing together is nothing new, as the girls were teammates in high school.

"It was exciting to get to see them guard each other," Rev. Melvin said.

Although the girls are highly competitive, any competition is left on the court, according to their parents.

"On the floor for two hours they're competitive," Janet Melvin said. "After that, there's no jealousy or strife."

Even though they are sisters, these two should not be compared.

"I think that sometimes it bothers Danielle when people compare her with Chasity," Janet Melvin said.

Rev. Melvin said that it comes with the territory.

"Chasity left some pretty big footsteps," he said.

He also hopes that Danielle will leave even bigger footsteps for her younger sister to fill.

Jimelle, a high school senior, is being recruited by schools including ECU, High Point and Hampton.

Will we see two sisters playing for ECU next year?

"They're both (Chasity and Danielle) advising me not to play," Jimelle said.

Both are encouraging her to go the academic route because they believe that it's hard to play ball and go to school.

"They don't get to enjoy college because they're always practicing," Jimelle said.

Although the Pack stomped the Pirates 88-43, the Melvin clan left Reynolds happy Tuesday as Chasity and Danielle played together in the big leagues for the first time.

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Lawrence J. Wobker

High-Tech gifts top wish lists of the young and old this holiday season.



All I want for Christmas is an electronic gift

As the Christmas season kicks into high gear with the Thanksgiving holiday, Santa's little helpers head for a few places not usually high on their lists. Stores like Radio Shack, Best Buy and Circuit City are preparing for what may be the biggest year ever for high-tech "toys."

Once again, young people are expected to drive a major portion of the Christmas market. Sega Saturn, Sony Playstation and especially the new Nintendo N64 are expected to sell out of most stores as soon as they arrive. Local Raleigh game stores like Babbages and Software Etc. are already taking reservations and backorders numbering in the hundreds on the new N64.

Lagging more than a year behind

Sega and Sony, Nintendo executives are betting the ranch on the new system, but are confident in the product, saying, "There's no question this is a super duper platform for Christmas. The only question is how many will it sell."

For the older kids, expensive new toys will be first on the list. Cellular phones, satellite TV systems and computers will top the lists of adults around the country. BellSouth, Ericsson and Nokia, all of whom have manufacturing and/or research facilities in the Triangle, foresee a major jump in sales as more and more people are interested in the cellular revolution.

A BellSouth media flyer includes the statement, "The holidays are always a major selling time for new communications technologies, and all of the new ideas that have been introduced this year promise to make 1996 the Christmas of Communications."

Cellular phones and pagers are expected to top the list, as people are looking for mobility and the ability to reach family and friends anywhere at anytime. Motorola, a major producer of cellular phones and pagers, expects to make huge profits this Christmas from its pager and cellular phone divisions, with sales growth in the 50-percent range from last year. Prices of these items are also much lower than last year, and improved service and pricing plans make them affordable to far more people.

At the highest end of the gift selections are home computers and satellite systems priced in the thousands of dollars, and internet TV sets in the hundreds. With the

phenomenal growth of the internet, more and more people are interested in the World Wide Web and email. This interest is rocketing sales of personal computers to levels never seen before. Recent developments in computer technology have brought the price of internet and multimedia capable computers to under \$1500, making them affordable to consumers who, until now, have been locked out of the PC revolution.

WebTV, an interactive internet access service that hooks up to a standard television set just like a VCR, is also expected to sell very well during the holidays.

Another high-demand item, especially

among sports fans, is the digital satellite system. The receiver is an 18-inch dish, which combined with any of a number of service plans, can bring over 200 TV channels into your home.

The technology sector of the economy has seen incredible growth all throughout 1996. Retailers and manufacturers are hoping the trend continues during the holidays.



Cellular phones and pagers will be hot items as well. Motorola, Ericsson and BellSouth all have major offices or facilities in the research triangle.



The video game wars continue this season as Sony's PlayStation, Sega's Saturn, and Nintendo's N64 (left to right) form the new generation of game systems. This Christmas shopping season should show who triumphs... in sales anyway.

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Nations meet to change obsolete copyright laws

■ The convention should help bring copyright laws into the 21st century and clarify their affect on the internet and it's users.

By AMY HARMON
LOS ANGELES TIMES

Billions of dollars and the commercial future of the Internet are on the line as Clinton administration officials, media and technology executives and consumer advocates met in Geneva Monday to discuss a stack of hotly controversial proposals for overhauling copyright law.

In the first government-level meeting in decades of the World Intellectual Property Organization, participants hope to update international law for the digital age — a mission that nations large and small and a wide cross-section of industries agree is a worthy endeavor. Cyberspace is widely seen as the future distribution medium for books, movies, music and software, and effective copyright protection is essential to its development.

But that's where the consensus ends. The U.N. body's proposals, contained in three draft treaties and strongly supported by the administration, have already produced a rancorous debate in the United States, the world's biggest exporter of intellectual property.

Supporters of the treaties say they are merely a common-sense extension of existing property rights, but opponents characterize them as a sweeping power grab by big media conglomerates.

A bill updating U.S. copyright laws, which contained many of the same provisions as the main proposed international treaty, stalled in Congress last year. But ratification of a treaty would boost its chances for success next time around, and the jockeying for position in Geneva will serve as a prelude for the coming domestic debate, participants say.

Entertainment and publishing companies backing the new measures want to extend copyright protection to new kinds of intellectual property and strengthen protections against piracy, which digital technology makes easier than ever.

But public advocates and some communications and computer companies say the draft treaty tramples the rights of information consumers. Giving copyright

owners too much power, they argue, will impose unacceptable policing requirements on Internet service providers and stifle the growth of the Internet as a democratic communications medium.

In Geneva, developing nations that have little interest in the rights of foreign copyright holders will also join the battle as negotiators from about 60 countries hash out what would be the first update to the Berne Convention in 25 years. Initially drafted in 1886, the Berne Convention establishes international rules for the protection of an array of creative works.

The legal issues confronting the WIPO convention, which will continue for three weeks, are arcane. But the stakes are high. "The export earnings of American creative industries is the second-biggest contributor to the U.S. balance of trade," said Bruce Lehman, chairman of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. Our future rests very much on what copyright rules look like in a global networked society, and right now there are no rules."

On the table in Geneva are contentious issues including the creation of a new copyright for database material, the liability of on-line service providers for copyright infringement on their networks, digital rights for audiovisual performers and the legality of devices that allow users to pick electronic locks on copyrighted works.

The most contested treaty provisions center on the concept of "fair use." Under current U.S. law, fair use exemptions make it legal to use copyrighted material for some educational, scientific and noncommercial purposes.

Critics of the draft WIPO treaty say the absence of an explicit and reasonably broad fair use clause would make the simple act of e-mailing a few paragraphs of a copyrighted article to a friend illegal.

Further, the critics say, the proposed treaty could even be interpreted to criminalize World Wide Web browsing, because computers make a temporary copy of material each time it's transmitted over the Internet.

"We are concerned that fair use exemptions not remain stuck in 20th century while rights of owners get updated for the 21st," said Adam Eisgrub of the American Library Association which opposes the proposed treaty. "Schools and libraries won't be able to use computers to their full potential for the public unless these treaties are properly balanced."

NATIONAL



NEWS

NASA cancels Columbia spacewalks

■ Unable to perform space walks, astronauts can not test new tools which will be needed in building the international space station.

By WILLIAM HARWOOD
SPECIAL TO THE WASHINGTON POST

CAPE CANAVERAL — Worried about making a bad situation worse, NASA managers told the Columbia astronauts Saturday to give up on a jammed airlock hatch and to write off a pair of high-pressure spacewalks.

"We like to think we can always solve problems, and this time we struck out," said Jerry Ross, a veteran spacewalker, at the Johnson Space Center.

Despite two days of around-the-clock troubleshooting, engineers were unable to determine what might have caused the airlock hatch jam Thanksgiving night, preventing astronauts Tamara Jernigan and Thomas Jones from beginning the first of two planned spacewalks.

"We have not been able to hypothesize (the cause of the problem) and thereby understand what the failure mechanism is and come up with a way to work around it," Ross said.

As a result, NASA's mission management team Saturday reluctantly called off additional

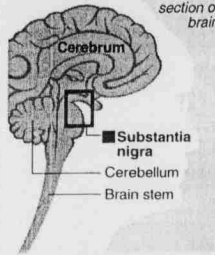
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Understanding Parkinson's disease

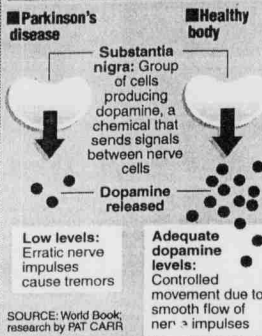
Parkinson's disease is a nervous system disorder, which affects millions of people worldwide.

ABOUT THE DISEASE

For yet unknown reasons, cells in a part of the brain called the substantia nigra deteriorate, causing a gradual loss of muscle control.



WHAT HAPPENS



SOURCE: World Book research by PAT CAIRN

Military key player in fight against drugs

■ The Pentagon's role in the war against drugs has increased, gaining more support with each new administration.

By JIM MCGEE
THE WASHINGTON POST

For more than 20 years, enthusiasm for flinging the military into the drug war has ebbed and flowed in Washington. In the late 1970s, the Carter administration provided military assistance to source countries, such as Mexico, to help eradicate marijuana fields, but left in place strict prohibitions against more overt military involvement.

President Ronald Reagan, faced with a burgeoning cocaine trade, first mustered the Pentagon for the drug war in 1981 by declaring international drug trafficking a threat to national security and assigning Vice President George Bush to head a drug task force that advocated extensive use of military assets.

The military's role grew slowly, however, constrained by the Pentagon's discomfort with the new mission and modest funding from Congress.

But in 1989 the concept gained new traction. President Bush ordered the Pentagon to participate vigorously in the drug war and Congress more than doubled the Defense Department's counter-drug appropriation, from \$200 million in 1988 to \$438 million in 1989. For fiscal 1997, Congress appropriated \$947 million, a 16 percent increase over the previous year.

Initially, the Pentagon favored a massive deployment of radar ships and Airborne Warning and Control System (AWACS) planes to set up a virtual blockade in the Gulf

of Mexico. The operation led to some large seizures, but proved expensive and had little impact on the availability of cocaine in U.S. cities. The Colombian drug cartels boosted production and modified their smuggling tactics.

Concluding that such massive interdiction was fruitless, President Clinton ordered a shift of military counter-drug assets from transit lanes to source countries. AWACS counter-drug flight hours in the Caribbean plummeted from a peak of 5,265 in fiscal 1991 to 1,448 in fiscal 1996, according to the U.S. Atlantic Command in Norfolk; the new strategy relied more on "targeted interceptions" cued by military radar, such as the Relocatable-Over-the-Horizon Radar (ROTHR) system originally designed to detect attacking Soviet bombers.

This approach fostered a new network of interagency task forces, such as the one occupying a new \$13.5 million command center in Key West, Fla., which put military officers in seats next to federal agents. The modified strategy has resulted in thousands of pilots, soldiers and military commanders cross-training in a civilian law enforcement specialty that is increasingly viewed as a permanent part of the Pentagon's job.

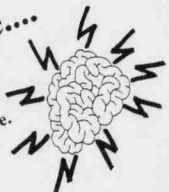
Such integration has occurred on a scale both small and large. In Utah, 125 soldiers work to translate telephone conversations garnered by DEA eavesdropping, often on Colombian, Mexican or Nigerian suspects. Military analysts from the Defense Intelligence Agency work beside their civilian counterparts at DEA headquarters.

"Once the military was told by the Congress and the president that this was part of their mission," Dempsey said, "then they were institutionally bound to make it permanent and pervasive."

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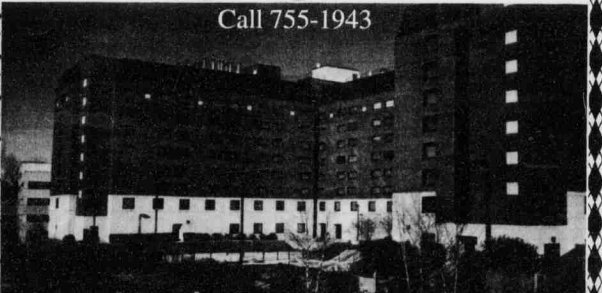
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Arabs want restrictions on Iraqi trade removed

U.S. sanctions target Iraqi government, but Arab officials say they are only hurting the people.

By JOHN LANCASTER
The Washington Post

CAIRO — Iraq's acceptance last week of a United Nations plan to permit limited oil sales for humanitarian purposes has fueled a simmering debate among moderate Arab governments over the wisdom of a once unthinkable prospect: the rehabilitation of President Saddam Hussein.

While there is no love lost between Saddam and most Arab leaders, officials in several Persian Gulf countries — and to some extent Egypt and Jordan — have begun to call for an end to the crippling international trade sanctions imposed on Iraq after its 1990 invasion of Kuwait.

These officials contend that the sanctions are punishing the Iraqi people, not the government, are threatening Iraq's territorial integrity and are providing an opportunity for another hostile country, Iran, to establish itself as the dominant military power in the Persian Gulf region.

The United Arab Emirates has launched a highly public campaign to persuade its neighbors the time has come to normalize diplomatic and economic ties with Iraq. U.A.E. has hinted it is prepared to do so on its own if necessary.

In Egypt, meanwhile, officials have accused Washington of delaying for political reasons the oil-for-food deal, which will permit Iraq to sell under U.N. supervision \$2 billion worth of oil over six months to pay for food and medicine. Egypt also was reported to be trying to broker a reconciliation between Iraq and Kuwait by arranging a meeting

between their parliaments' speakers.

The United States contends that any talk of removing the trade sanctions is premature, given unanswered questions about the U.N. effort to make sure Iraq has no nuclear, biological or chemical weapons programs. That view is shared by Saudi Arabia and Kuwait; both assert that Saddam will pose a grave threat to the region until he is removed from power.

Saddam has profited from several recent developments. The first was the return of Iraqi troops to northern Iraq's Kurdish region in early September. That provided a foothold for renewed government authority in the rebellious area and exposed strains in the anti-Iraq coalition that drove Saddam's forces from Kuwait in the 1991 Persian Gulf War.

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WORLD NEWS

Bunker-blasting weapon

U.S. forces are developing a weapon designed to destroy buried targets previously immune to anything weaker than a nuclear bomb.

HOW IT WOULD WORK:

Bomb penetrates roof of bunker

Concrete barrier

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Detonates when it reaches designated floor

BOMB IN USE:

In test, a bomb prototype pierces 10-foot concrete wall, 10 feet of soil.



BUNKER BOMB:

Length: 13 ft.

Weight: 4,370 lbs.

Timed fuse

Warhead: 630 lbs. of high explosive

Early underground weapon was developed for use in the Gulf War

SMART FUSE:

Sensor detects slow-down as bomb crashes into each floor of bunker

Foreign nations reduce aid to Zaire's refugee crisis

With the return of many Rwandians to their homeland, less contributions are needed from outside.

By LYNNE DUKE
The Washington Post

SAKE, Zaire — On the rocky road out of eastern Zaire's mountains, an old man and his walking stick inched forward. A huge parcel of firewood balanced on his head. A plastic jug hung from his belt. An old beer bottle for storing water tugged on the pocket of his ragged suit coat. For warmth, he wore three shirts. After five weeks on foot in the forest, the 80-year-old Rwandan refugee, Enok Mihigo, described himself as "totally defeated."

"I want to go and die at home."

Refugees gathering here where the mountains meet Lake Kivu shouted out desperate reports of malaria, diarrhea and hunger. "She will give birth any time on the road," a father of four said of his very pregnant wife. "All the children are sick," another man cried.

These refugees represent the visible presence of still-hidden hordes of Rwandans who remained marooned in the mountains around here as foreign nations cobbled together yet another plan to find the scattered refugees and provide protection for humanitarian agencies that want to feed them and help them return home.

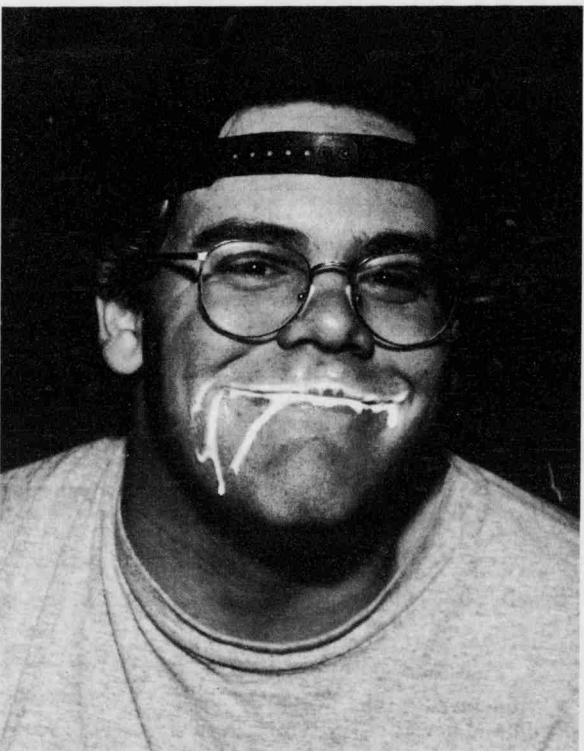
The latest plan was announced Friday in the Rwandan capital of Kigali by Canadian Lt. Gen. Maurice Baril and approved by diplomats in Ottawa, Ontario. It authorized establishment of an international headquarters in

Uganda and the start of reconnaissance flights over areas of eastern Zaire where Rwandan refugees are believed to be. It also gave Baril, the leader of the long-proposed international intervention force, authority to airdrop food into the densely forested and mountainous terrain and to send reconnaissance teams into Zaire on foot. Soldiers also could be dispatched to escort relief workers into the region.

The plan, a far cry from the 10,000-member task force that Canada proposed three weeks ago, could be implemented within a few days.

The mission has been in limbo since thousands of the 1.1 million Rwandan Hutu refugees who fled to Zaire in 1994 began returning home. After two years in camps

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I drink skim milk because it has all the nutrients of whole milk without the fat. Anyway, if I want fat, I can always eat the lunch special in the cafeteria.

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Where's your mustache?

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Opinion

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A paper that is entirely the product of the student body becomes at once the official organ through which the thoughts, the activity and in fact the very life of the campus are registered... College life without its journal is a blank.
Technician, vol. 1, no. 1, February 1, 1920

Adding distractions

Some instructors don't realize that this week is a time to wind down.

Today marks the beginning of Dead Week, a time for students prepare for their exams. But, some instructors don't seem to have realized this.

According to the N.C. State Bulletin, the policy states that "faculty members shall not give any tests or quizzes or assign any additional papers or projects during the final week of the semester." While it may be true that some instructors are following the rule, there are others who don't.

Have you noticed that most big class assignments were due either last week or this week? While, technically, the instructors didn't assign anything additional, there still is an unnecessary burden on students. If you take four classes and each has a paper or project due this week, you won't be able to adequately prepare for next week's exams.

Many instructors tend to feel that their class is the most important and takes precedence over all other classes. If any of your professors following this logic, you will be lucky to make it through exams unscathed.

Some people feel that having an assignment due during the

last week of classes is great because you have all semester to work on the assignment. But this isn't the case, especially for class instructors. Many professors have to get their grades in by Dec. 18 for winter graduation. If they have 32 four- to six-page papers to grade, they'll have to put in overtime. This could affect the students' grade, because the papers may not be as thoroughly reviewed as they should be.

Two weeks may be enough for professors with only one class to grade papers, but for most instructors, that two weeks is spent grading two or more classes' papers. To ease both students' and professors' work load, a policy change is needed.

No major projects or papers should be due during Dead Week. This week shouldn't be a time of waiting for a computer or last minute trek to the library. Students need time to prepare for Monday exams.

If students get bogged down with assignments this week, will their exam grades be the best they could be? For some organized students, the answer is yes. But for the majority of students, they'll crawl into the exam room over-worked and under-appreciated. These students will not be prepared and will be unable to give the best effort they could otherwise.

Arts flourish at NCSU

Creativity lives at N.C. State.

As we rush towards exams, it's easy to forget that something exists besides notes, technical manuals and fact-based papers. N.C. State is so well-known for its technical and research expertise that it often seems the only focus of people's lives here. However, nothing could be further from the truth.

Creativity exists and flourishes at N.C. State. It's manifested in areas people know little about. Television production classes offer more than just lectures and critiques of existing productions. These are hands-on classes where students produce their own shows. Some productions have won national awards and are being shown around the country.

Our literary magazine, Windhover, publishes short stories, poems and visual art by students, faculty, staff and alumni. It too has won national awards.

Thompson Theatre sponsors

an annual Playwrights Contest which is open to amateurs and professionals. They frequently produce the winning play, which is a wonderful opportunity for young playwrights.

These are but a few areas where the artistic and creative sides of NCSU shines. They offer a chance for students to head out into the real world with practical experience and literary and visual arts credits under their belts.

Creativity isn't confined to the literary or visual fields. There is art in the completion of an intricate equation or the preparation of a complex schematic. We each define beauty within our own area of expertise. Perhaps, more needs to be done to recognize the intrinsic artistry in the technical areas as well.

It's the celebration of creativity in our labors of love that refresh our souls. We need to remember that when we attempt to find common ground between the humanities and technology, it can best be achieved by seeking beauty through each other's eyes.



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Nothing irritates me more at N.C. State than physical education classes. Just how well-rounded do these classes really make you? In high school I spent so much time in the gym that I started getting mail there. I took every PE class my little backwoods high school offered way back then.

All except golf that is. Golf is a sport that I simply refuse to participate in. Have you ever seen a bigger waste of real estate than cemeteries and golf courses? I think not.

But, on a more serious note, are four credit hours of PE really necessary? Not for my major. Cows and chickens don't really care how many sit-ups I can do in two minutes, do they?

Here's the scenario: you carry around an extra set of clothes two days a week, since you can't get a locker. You dress out and get all nice and sweaty playing your little sport of choice and then the instructor lets you out 10 minutes before you have to be at your next class. You then sprint, disheveled looking, across campus to your next class. While traveling across campus at near light speed, you work yourself up into a worse sweat than you had while in class. I didn't know someone could have this much fun and it still be legal.

This semester, I chose to take badminton to fulfill one of the many PE credits that I still have

left. Not a bad choice, right? You run around a miniature basketball court and chase down this little plastic shuttlecock (I love that word — shuttlecock) with pee-wee size tennis rackets and bat it back and forth over a scaled down volleyball net. Shouldn't I get three credit hours for this, considering it involves aspects from three different sports? All I have to do is close my eyes pretend that I'm eight years old running around in Uncle Cletis' backyard back home, and I'm in heaven. An extra credit assignment should be figuring out how to play without spilling your beer. Hmmm, sounds interesting.

To top it all off, the inevitable written exam was sprung upon our class just the other day. How do you give a test in badminton? Just for the occasion, I had to go buy the required text book for the

class. What a joke.

When I got to the not-to-be-named off-campus bookstore, I had forgotten my syllabus. No problem, I asked the nice young lady behind the counter for the PE 240-something another book for badminton. Her response floored me. "Which one?" she asked.

Which one? What are you people smoking? How many freaking books can there be in this world about badminton? I bought both of them.

I found the reading quite stimulating, actually. Did you know that badminton originated in China several thousand years ago? Neither did I until the other day. The text went into great detail about scoring methods, Olympic champions, world champions, official organizations, ad nauseum. After I had finished studying the required reading, I did what every red-blooded American college student would do, I took it back. That's right, I went and got my money back. What use could I possibly have for a textbook on badminton besides kindling for the old fireplace?

Let me tell you that the guy at the bookstore was really happy to see me bring back a PE textbook that had been purchased a mere 18 hours ago.

In actuality, the whole situation of buying textbooks for PE classes is a big headache for everybody

involved. It wastes students' money to buy them. It wastes the local area bookstores' time and money to stock the books and put up with people, like me, who bring them back after looking over them for one night.

I have a proposal. It is intelligent and well thought out. It makes total and complete sense. And those are precisely the reasons that the PE department will never adopt it.

The PE department should buy enough copies of the required textbooks for all the students taking a PE class during the semester. The department then loans the books out to the students for say, \$2 a semester. If they don't return the books then they don't get credit for the class until the missing books are returned.

This saves students the time and effort, not to mention the money, that it takes to buy the books. This also saves the local area bookstores money and that might actually help to lower the cost of other real textbooks that you actually need.

But I guess my proposal makes far too much sense for the university to adopt it. I think they like playing with their shuttlecocks too much to care about what students think.

Sendek brings fire to position

When Herb Sendek was chosen as our coach earlier this year, I was optimistic about his coming but didn't want to get excited. From what I have seen so far this year, though, I'm pretty happy with everything he's done. Not just the big things like putting together one of next year's best freshman classes in the country, but the details.

Details like strict discipline for players who get lat. Details like bringing back the classic uniforms, taking the names off and changing the court to look more classic.

Details like recognizing we have to make up for our lack of size by playing a suffocating man-to-man defense. The list goes on.

With a minute left in the Penn State game, Coach Sendek turned to the then quiet crowd and motioned with his arms for them to make noise. Which they did. To me, it didn't matter what happened after that.

I saw a fire in a N.C. State coach that I have not seen for about six years when another fiery coach left. To me, there's a very symbolic comparison. Les Robinson and his fuzzy red sweater are gone, and Sendek and

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his suit are here. He's here for business, not to make friends. I understand that NCSU will need a few years to be one of the big dogs, but when Sendek showed up, we got a much needed shot in the arm. Give 'em hell, Herb.

Craig R. Gresham
Graduate Student, Civil Engineering

Complainers should find new seats

On Friday, Nov. 22, the N.C. State men's Wolfpack basketball ushered in the Herb Sendek era against the owls of Florida Atlantic.

This being the first non-exhibition game of the 1996-97 season and of our new coach's career at N.C. State, many students were understandably excited and quick to jump to their feet to

support our Wolfpack.

Some students in the back of the ABC-seating section were busy cursing everyone who jumped to their feet. They seemed to delight in the clever epithets they hurled at their peers like "sit the f--- down you ass—" from the safety of the back of the section.

The equally morose nonstudents that snuck down to the student section were equally explicit in making an ass of themselves.

Perhaps it would be more comfortable for them if they just stayed home and asked the real fans about the game after we've won. I realize that there are some people who are physically unable to stand for extended periods of time. This is why we have accessible seating along the bottom rows of the Coliseum. The rest of you, think we have nothing better to do than to listen to you whine.

Cheers to everyone who stands up and voices their support for the

Wolfpack. As for the rest of you, transfer to Carolina. I hear they've got a lot of seats available.

Matt Windsor
Senior, Natural Resource Management

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NASA

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troubleshooting in space, canceling two spacewalks needed to test a variety of tools that will be used to build the international space station.

Landing remains scheduled for Dec. 5, but the flight may be extended a day to permit additional observations by the ORFEUS-SPAS astronomy satellite.

As for the lost spacewalks, Randy Stone, a mission operations representative in Houston, said NASA managers are looking at downstream flights to find a possible slot for the space station tests.

The goal of the canceled excursions was to test a telescoping space crane, power tools and complex articulating work platforms that will be used to build and maintain the orbital outpost.

The hatch problem, the first of its type in shuttle history, caught flight controllers by surprise. Engineers initially suspected it might have jammed after shifting in its frame because of launch vibrations or the effects of temperature changes in space. But after extensive analysis and tests on the ground using spare shuttle hatches, they were unable to duplicate the failure reported in space.

Stone said the best guess at present is a problem of some sort inside the hand-cranked gearbox that drives the latches open.

"We don't want to make the situation any worse and potentially unsafe," said Ross. "Secondly, it's important to bring this hardware home in its current condition so we can determine the precise reason for the problem ... to preclude it from happening again or maybe a more important spacewalk mission."

Iraq

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Then there was his decision last week to accept the U.N. oil-for-food plan — a move analysts said could free additional resources for the Iraqi military.

These developments have occurred against a backdrop of growing anger among ordinary Arabs over the trade sanctions and the role of the United States in prolonging them. The view is that the sanctions unfairly punish the Iraqi people for the sins of their leader while doing nothing to weaken Saddam's grip on power.

For several years, Egypt and U.A.E. in particular have been urging Saddam to comply with U.N. weapons inspections while holding out the carrot of reconciliation.

The U.A.E. president, Zayed Sultan Nahayan, recently called for resumption of full relations even before certification of Iraqi's compliance.

U.A.E. is expected to raise the normalization issue at this month's annual summit meeting of the six-nation Gulf Cooperation Council.

But Zayed's proposal already has encountered stiff resistance from the Kuwaiti prime minister, Crown Prince Saad Abdullah Sabah. He told the Kuwaiti parliament after meeting with Zayed on Tuesday that "reconciliation does not apply to a country like Iraq."

Saudi Arabia has voiced similar objections. "We will never feel secure so long as Saddam Hussein rules Iraq," a Saudi official said. "To ease the pressure on Saddam because of the suffering of his people would be the same as negotiating with a terrorist holding hostages — it never works."

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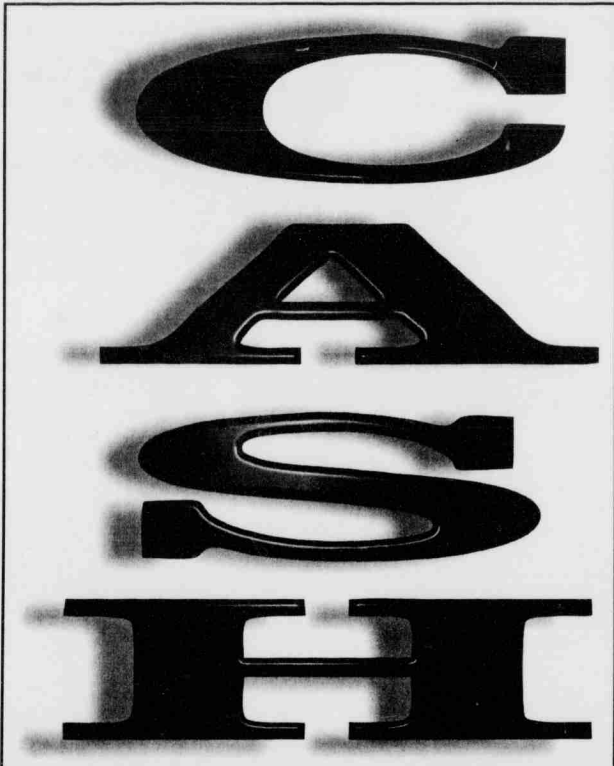
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dominated by armed militiamen and former soldiers — many of whom orchestrated the slaughter of a half-million Tutsis and moderate Hutus in 1994 — the Rwandans were scattered by fighting in the area in late October. With the Hutu militias' grip largely broken, about 600,000 of the refugees have returned to Rwanda, which is now ruled by a Tutsi-led government.

Most of those returnees surged over the border in a matter of three days, beginning Nov. 15. The flow then diminished to a trickle, but has intensified in the past week to a steady stream of between 7,000 and 11,000 a day. Unlike the earlier exodus, when refugees walked all the way to the border and beyond, they now are emerging from the mountains at Sake, about 18 miles west of the border, where they are loaded onto trucks and driven to the border town of Goma.

With thousands of the refugees streaming home and the number remaining in Rwanda still uncertain, the scope of the rescue mission has been in flux. Aid groups have continued to argue that military assistance is needed to safeguard the delivery of aid to the remaining refugees. But the nations willing to send troops — including the United States — have scaled back their contributions and concluded that Baril's operation should for now limit itself to reconnaissance and, if necessary, air-drops of food.

In Sake, the negotiations among foreign nations are unknown to the refugees. To some, the effects seem clear. "Foreigners have not helped us a bit. Not a bit!" an elderly man charged. "You people come here and pick up news and let us die."



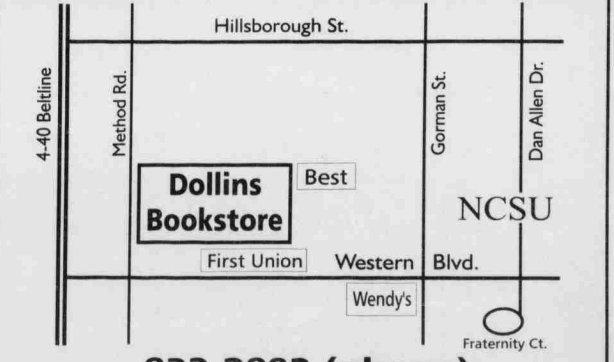
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