



Yearbooks delivered after lengthy wait

The 1995-96 Agromech has been delivered, albeit nearly a semester late.

SMA Adviser Tim Ellington said the yearbook was late because "the leadership last year didn't take responsibility to make sure the deadlines were met."

Last year's editor-in-chief left during a crucial production time, said current General Manager Jennifer Cesare.

"When he returned, he didn't follow through on delivery and production of the book," she said.

Pre-ordered books have been mailed, and extra copies will be sold at NCSU Bookstores and 318 Witherspoon Student Annex for \$25.

Tuition payments due by Dec. 10

Full tuition payment or complete verifiable financial aid information is due to the University Cashier's Office by Tuesday, Dec. 10 for students registered through TRACS for the 1997 Spring Semester, otherwise registrations will be canceled.

Charity drive seeks volunteers

Coats for the Children, a yearly project sponsored by WRAL-TV in Raleigh, is seeking volunteers to help sort collected coats and ship them to the Salvation Army for distribution.

The project also needs volunteers to staff phones during a telephone from 5:30 a.m. on Friday to 12:30 a.m. on Saturday.

Interested individuals should contact Anita Jones at 821-8644.

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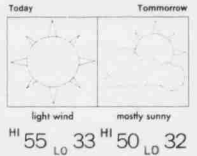
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Outside



Bookstore buyback upsets teachers, students

■ NCSU Bookstores defend their decision to hold a special book buyback sale before final exams start.

By PHILLIP REESE
Assistant News Editor

N.C. State's official bookstore is encouraging students to sell their used textbooks — before final exams.

NCSU Bookstores will pay students 20 percent more if they sell their books to the university during a special "Finals Madness Sale" Friday. Professors will not begin administering final exams until next

Monday. Many faculty members criticized the sale during Tuesday's Faculty Senate meeting.

"This is really stupid. I can't believe it," Senator John Monihan said. "My reaction is outrage."

Senator Richard Gilbert said the university bookstore's decision to offer students more money if they sell their books before final exams is disgraceful.

"This is scandalous," Gilbert said. "We should write a letter demanding that this sale be eliminated immediately."

Students who sell their books during the special sale will also receive a "Finals Madness Discount

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— John Monihan,
Faculty Senator

Card" worth an extra 5 percent discount on any new textbook purchase.

Don Bonnewell, Book Division manager at NCSU Bookstores, said many students already sell their textbooks before exams begin. He said Friday's special sale will give students an incentive to sell books they no longer need.

Jim Reinke, a senior in zoology, said many financially-strapped students will sell books they still need. He said the university bookstore should not offer students more money for their books until final exams are completed.

"I think that if the bookstore wants to do students a favor, they will put the sale at the end of finals," Reinke said.

Pat Hofmeister, associate director of NCSU Bookstores, said the special sale will help the university bookstore remain competitive with other local bookstores.

"Our records indicate that this is when students start selling books, and we want them to sell them

here," Hofmeister said. Students can make their own decisions concerning what books to sell and when to sell them, Hofmeister said.

"It's their choice," she said. "This is just a sale."

The sale's primary goal is to offer university merchandise at discount prices, Hofmeister said. She said the special incentives offered to students are a small part of the sale.

"I'm shocked that something we are trying to do in a positive manner is being perceived in a negative way," Hofmeister said. "Students have been complaining that we have not been having a sale prior to the semester's end."

Police nab suspected murderer

■ After two years of investigating the murder of a former NCSU student, police have made an arrest.

By JULIE P. MURPHY
Senior Staff Writer

A former N.C. State student was arrested Monday for allegedly killing another former NCSU student in January 1994.

Twenty-two-year-old Vincent Hall, a sophomore in the university transition program at NCSU at the time the murder took place, allegedly killed Keir Lohbeck after attempting to rob him in the Mission Valley Blockbuster Video parking lot around 1 a.m., Tuesday, January 25.

Lohbeck was not a student at the time of the murder. He was employed by Blockbuster.

According to police, a co-worker of Lohbeck's was in her car in the parking lot when the murder occurred. Police said the woman saw a man approach Lohbeck as he walked to his car and begin what she thought was a conversation between acquaintances.

Police said the woman said she thought nothing of the encounter until she heard some commotion and then a gunshot.

Lohbeck was shot once in the chest and died before paramedics arrived.

According to police, Lohbeck had no personal connection with his alleged killer.

Sgt. Kent Sholar of the Raleigh Police Department said there were several obstacles that kept police from finding Hall sooner.

"We had a lack of witnesses and just so little information to go on in this case," he said.

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Santa's helper



Kaye Whaley helps to decorate the Christmas tree at Page Hall. Whaley has helped with the tree for the last four years.

JAKE OBI/STAFF

Ban on smoking in residence halls not likely

■ Housing officials say they are pleased with the current smoking policy.

By DANIELLE STANFIELD
Staff Writer

The fire that claimed the lives of five students in a UNC-Chapel Hill fraternity house last May has prompted discussion of a smoking ban in all residence halls and campus apartments at UNC-CH. But housing officials at N.C. State say they are not considering such a ban.

Tim Luckadoo, director of University Housing, said NCSU has not faced the same problem.

"I don't recall any fire related to smoking in the four years I have been here," he said.

Halogen lamps that have overheated or candles serve as the biggest causes of fire at NCSU.

"There have been some close calls with halogen lamps, but none with cigarettes," Luckadoo said. "No plans have been made to go to all non-smoking buildings, unless there is more demand by the students," he said.

Smoke-free halls and floors are available for students who prefer not to smoke. An increased interest in smoke-free housing has come

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— Tim Luckadoo,
University Housing

from students allergic to smoke or who have respiratory concerns, said Jim Pappenhagen, assistant director of University Housing.

This year is the first that NCSU has offered smoke-free halls and floors.

"It has worked out well," Luckadoo said. Metcalf, Wood and Sullivan are totally smoke-free, while certain floors in Syme, Bowen and Bragaw offer the smoke-free option.

"There is a happy medium so far," Luckadoo said. "The need for smoke-free halls is self-regulated." Pappenhagen said self-reported data shows 281 out of 6,700 campus residents smoke.

"This is a relatively low number," he said.



Bragaw resident Eric Turbeville, a freshman in materials engineering, would not support a ban on smoking in dorms.

JAKE OBI/STAFF

Wayne Reece, a freshman in the First Year College, said he would not agree with a complete ban on smoking on campus.

"I can agree with the safety standpoint, but I think outlawing it completely is a bit much," he said. "It is a good policy, but unenforceable," said Russ Fryczynski, a freshman in meteorology.

The current policy states that

unless the area has a "smoking permitted" sign displayed, smoking is prohibited in hallways, stairways, elevators, restrooms, lobbies, entrances, lounges, mail rooms and other places in campus buildings.

"Not that it (the UNC-CH fire) could never happen, but as long as students are careful and considerate, there shouldn't be a problem," Pappenhagen said.

Cash points carry over to next semester

■ Cash points can now be carried over between the fall and spring semesters.

By MARK MCCRAW
Staff Writer

Thanks to University Dining, students on a meal plan will have a few more holiday leftovers this year — in the form of cash points.

University Dining business manager Randy Lait said students who do not spend all their allotted cash points before the end of the fall semester can carry their remaining balance over into the spring semester.

The cash points system started during the 1992-1993 school year as a means to allow students to purchase additional meals or snacks at other University Dining locations and C-stores, but until recently, any additional money in a student's account was forfeited by the student at the end of every semester.

Most students said they thought the plan is a good idea.

"I think it's a good idea," said junior William Pegram. "If we pay for them, we should be able to retain them until the spring."

The dining program's new feature is a result of feedback LUD received from three student focus groups.

The three groups — made up of 1) new freshmen living on campus who are required to have a meal plan, 2) upperclassmen who have a meal plan but are not required to and 3) students on a meal plan during the fall but not during the spring semester — were asked what they liked or disliked about the system and what they would like to see changed.

According to Lait, "There were only a small percentage who had not spent their money."

Last year, 3,500 students had a meal plan and a total of 1.8 million cash points. Out of this, only 3,000 cash points were left over at the end of the semester.

Despite the fact that less than 1 percent of cash points purchased were left over, students in the aforementioned groups indicated that they would prefer the change.

"We've been getting some questions about it," Lait said.

Apparently, one reason for such a low percentage being leftover is that students who realize their cash points money will be forfeited, recklessly spend the money at the end of the semester, rather than lose it.

"I would have tried to spend most of my account, but I probably would have lost a lot of it anyway," said junior Scott Lindeman.

According to Lait, "The ability to carry cash points from the fall to the spring is certainly one of the more significant changes we have been able to make in recent years."

"It's about time," said senior Toby Crawley.

Lait said students need to be aware that although their cash points account may now be carried over from fall to spring semesters, they need to be spent before the spring semester ends.

Answers

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Survey shows UK students oppose plus/minus grading

■ Sixty-nine percent of students polled at the University of Kentucky do not want a plus/minus grading system.

By GARY WULF
 THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

LEXINGTON, Ky. — More fuel has been added to the fiery plus/minus debate as a new survey shows that 69 percent of UK students oppose the proposals.

The survey asked students between Nov. 19 and Nov. 21 if

they favored or opposed the plus/minus proposals. Of the 401 students surveyed, 275 students opposed the proposal.



"This is a clear, clear statement from the student body that they've done their research and said that the plus/minus grading is not for UK," said graduate student senator Michael

Tomblyn.

The survey initiated by the Student Government Association was conducted by five students from Lexington Community College under the supervision of LCC history and political science professor Tim Cantrell.

He said that the survey was conducted by calling numbers that were in the student directory. He said that at least one person from each page was called.

Cantrell did not calculate the margin of error on the survey, but estimated that with the sample size, the margin of error was between 5

and 6 percent.

"It is a legitimate survey and represents opinions of students," Cantrell said.

The survey showed that 85 percent of students were familiar with the plus/minus grading controversy.

Of the 69 percent who oppose the plus/minus proposals, juniors disliked the idea the most with a 87 percent opposing.

Graduate students who were surveyed had a mixed reaction. Forty-three percent opposed and nearly 30 percent supported the plus/minus proposal.

Arrest

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Hall is charged with murder and attempted robbery. Scholar said that Hall is currently being held at the Wake County jail with no bond.

Hall had his first court appearance Tuesday, where he was appointed an attorney. Scholar said the case will go to court in three weeks to prove probable cause, and then it could be another several months before the case actually goes to trial.

"This case won't trial for about six to eight months," he said, "so it's going to be at least a year before this thing is over."

Examination Schedule

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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 PY 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 330 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.

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Sports

STATE STAT

•Winthrop became the first opponent to not reach 30 points in Reynolds Coliseum. State beat the Eagles, 57-28.

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Stingy State defense stalls the Eagles

■ **The Pack defense smothers the Winthrop Eagles, 57-28.**

By **JAMES CURLE**
STAFF WRITER

Defense. That seems to be the defining characteristic of the Wolfpack basketball team. After holding Penn State to a meager 41 points a week ago, the Pack sets a new standard for stinginess by shutting down the Winthrop Eagles, holding them to only 28 points.

Things started rough for the Pack in the first six minutes of the game. The Eagles outscored the Pack 13-4 during the stretch, capped by a strong drive to the basket by junior Andrew McFalls to put Winthrop

up by nine. That would be the final score of the half for the Eagles, however, as the Pack regrouped on defense.

"I was very pleased with our defensive effort after we regrouped and got ourselves refocused," State coach Herb Sendek said.

The re-focused defense of the Pack held the Eagles scoreless for the remainder of the first half and for two minutes to start the second, a stretch of over 15 minutes. Winthrop finished the night shooting an anemic 24 percent from the floor and a sub-par 50 percent from the free throw line.

"I think they dominated us by playing good, solid, half-court defense," Winthrop head coach Dan Kenney said. "They don't allow you to create your own shot—don't give them anything easy."

Playing strong for the Pack was senior forward Danny Strong. The

"They don't allow you to create your own shot."

—Dan Kenney, Winthrop coach on State

leading scorer for State, Strong finished with 12 points on the evening, shooting 2-of-3 from three-point range. His play on the offensive boards was crucial for the Pack.

"We need [Strong] to be active on the glass," Sendek said. "Anytime he can get those kind of baskets that makes us a better team."

Also playing impressive for the Pack was senior AJ Pinkins. He was nearly perfect at the charity stripe, hitting on six-of-seven attempts.

Pinkins finished with 10 points despite seeing only 21 minutes of game time.

Having another impressive showing for the Pack was freshman Damon Thornton. While only scoring once from the field, his put-back dunk late in the second half brought the crowd to it's feet and sealed the fate of the lowly Eagles. Thornton also played tight underneath defensively for the Pack, snagging five rebounds defensively and eight altogether.

The 28 points scored by the Eagles is the lowest amount posted by a Wolfpack opponent in Reynolds Coliseum history. While some may say that the Pack is winning its games ugly, Sendek sees it differently.

"Beauty is in the eye of the beholder," Sendek said. "For me,



Damon Thornton (shooting) has ignited the State faithful thus far in his freshman campaign with his monster dunks. Thornton had six points and eight rebounds against the Winthrop Eagles last night at Reynolds Coliseum.

T.D. YOUNG/STAFF

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Hey Coach, know anything about flea-flickers?

J. P. Giglio

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■ **Cliche or not, Coach Herb Sendek is proving that defense wins.**

Athletics Director Les Robinson should find out if Herb Sendek knows anything about football. After all, Sendek was born and bred on "Steel Curtain" defense and "Mean" Joe Green Coke commercials in Pittsburgh.

In the five games he has coached at State, Sendek has managed to do something the two defensive coordinators of the football team

can't—hold a team under 30 points.

Switching sports for a minute or so, the '70s Steelers may be the only team to match the Wolfpack's defensive intensity.

Winthrop's 28-point performance last night produced the least amount of points by a Wolfpack opponent in the 48-year history of Reynolds Coliseum. It was also the Eagles lowest total since they began competing at the Division I-A level during the 1985-'86 season.

A little closer to home, the State football team gave 28 or more points seven times this season. As

for highest game total, the 62 points scored by the Virginia football team is nine points higher than the maximum output by any opponent (Florida Atlantic, 53) on the court thus far.

Of course, there is the matter of Wake Forest coming into town on Saturday. Ranked No. 2 in the country and led by Tim Duncan, the Demon Deacons will certainly challenge the 28-point barrier.

Before you hand the game to the Deacs, let's not forget their 55-41 loss last season at Clemson. If there were ever a time that Sendek would like to be compared to his friend

"Let's be honest, one of Wake Forest's strengths is one of our shortcomings."

—Herb Sendek, State basketball coach
Rick Barnes, it's now.
In fact, Barnes has topped Wake

Forest two of the three seasons he has been at Clemson, all coming at home.

"Let's be honest, one of Wake Forest's strengths is one of our shortcomings," Sendek said. "No pun intended."

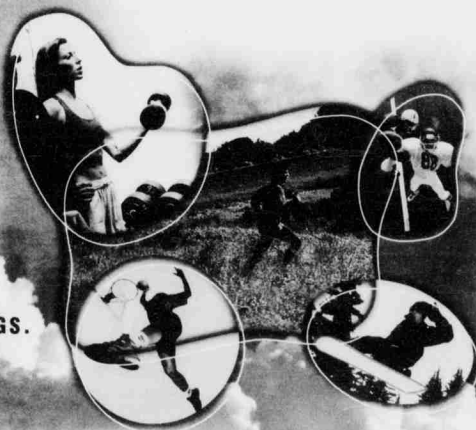
It doesn't take Euclid to figure out when the average height of the opponent's front line is 6'10", and your tallest guy is 6'8", there is a fundamental dilemma.

Coach Sendek is not blind to that fact, nor has he sugar-coated the matchup difficulties the team will

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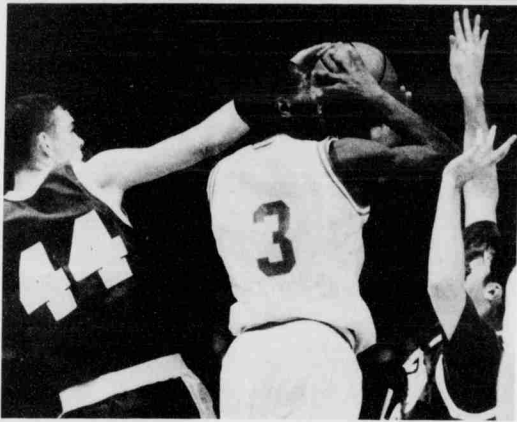
Stingy

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and for some others, playing good defense is beautiful. As long as we give good effort, as long as we play our best, that's the yardstick by which I'll measure this team."

The Pack faces one of its toughest challenges this Saturday when it plays host to No. 2 Wake Forest. The biggest question mark will be the matchup at center, where Thornton will have to battle against All-American Tim Duncan. "What coach [Dave] Odom has done has surrounded the inside greatness with fantastic shooting," Sendek said. "They tell you, 'Pick your poison'. You can play double underneath with two or three guys on the inside, but [Ricky] Peral and right on down the line can shoot the three. If you play single coverage in the low post to try to stop the three, that causes difficulty as well. That's the problem."

The game tips off at 12:30 Saturday afternoon and will telecast nationally by ESPN.



Despite this photo, it's been the Pack playing all the defense this season. Through the first five games, State opponents have had less field goals than turnovers. Wake Forest will threaten that streak Saturday when the Deacs visit Raleigh at 12:30.

ALBERT WHANGRO/STAFF

Technician Sports:

Congratulations, Senator Jesse Helms on a fine season of Pigskin Picking! The coveted Golden Bass is all yours.

Giglio

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have against Wake Forest.

"We have a suggestion box. I would be more than willing to take any suggestions," Sendek said. "If you have any strokes of brilliance, I'm humble enough and willing to take them now."

Well, Coach, I've never been one to hold back an idea, so in my humble opinion, here's a not-so-fool proof plan for Saturday.

1) Put buntings around the court and slap an NCAA Tournament sign at center court.

While national media has been falling over themselves to praise Duncan, they seem to have forgotten that the Deacs have been to the same number of Final Fours as State has in the '90s—zero.

Duncan is supposed to be the greatest since the Victoria's Secret catalog, yet he couldn't win when the CBS cameras were rolling in March.

2) Get Ricky Peral the ball. The last time I checked, if your "power" forward, and I use the term

loosely, takes as many free throws as your fourth-string guard, that's not good.

Peral is 6'10" and he plays like he'll break if he's touched.

3) Keep on, keepin' on. The Pack has to keep playing the suffocating defense that it has so far. They have forced more turnovers than their opponents have made field goals (81-112).

Also in last year's regular season finale, State lost at the buzzer to the Deacs without the services of Todd Fuller.

Sendek will need either Damon Thornton or Al Pinkins to step up the way Marco Harrison did against Duncan in that game.

Of course, it wouldn't hurt if Wake shot like Winthrop and played defense like Memphis. But that would be too easy.

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Air to outer-space, Jordan jams

■ "Space Jam" is slam dunk at the box office.

BY BETHANY NORRIS
STAFF WRITER

Although "Space Jam" is sometimes referred to as Nike's first full-length feature commercial (and rightly so), it brings out the kid in all of us.

Seeing the revamped images of Bugs Bunny and the Roadrunner causes us to recall those age-old memories of Saturday morning

cartoons (if you're like me, you still watch), and they remind us to loosen up during exam time.

"Space Jam" gives you about as much plot as a cartoon could, its one-liners and comical situations are good for more than a few chuckles.

Behind these laughs are the people that make it happen. The special effects (cartoon computer generation) and the combination of Michael Jordan and his Looney Toon friends shows not only beautiful choreography, but some

acting talent as well. Jordan also took this opportunity to poke a little fun at his baseball fiasco, incorporating his semi-retirement from basketball as a subplot and having "Space Jam" (The clash of the Monstars and the Toon Squad) put a basketball back in Jordan's hands, which leads to his return in the NBA.

Who but Air Jordan could save Bugs Bunny and the rest of his pals from being forced to perform at an

See JMA, Page 11 ▶



Michael Jordan can win NBA titles, but can he act? If he doesn't, Bugs will pick up the slack. COURTESY OF WARNER BROS. ENTERTAINMENT

Reva, Josh are at it again on "Guiding Light"

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ALL MY CHILDREN: Skye, Erica, and Janet went to St. Justin where they learned Kinder was alive. Julia noticed a mysterious figure at Hector's funeral. Dimitri assured Peggy he and Maria were no longer involved.

Maria later fainted in front of Dimitri and Edmund. She told Julia that she might be pregnant and took a pregnancy test. Laura overheard Noel urge Red confess what happened to his wife.

Wait To See: Noah and Julia must face a painful decision.

ANOTHER WORLD: Unable to help Steven physically, Ryan sent a mental message to Bobby to rescue the boy.

Believing Carl chose to pursue his vendetta over his love for her, Rachel ordered him to leave. Jake was determined not to let Bobby win Vicky.

Lorna became suspicious of Cindy's part in her breakup with Gabe. Bobby discovered Vicky in the attic in a compromising position.

Wait To See: Ryan may produce an unexpected clue for Carl.

DAYS OF OUR LIVES: Peter

went into cardiac arrest, but although he was brought back, he eventually died. John and Marlena worried that Kristen's grief over Peter might hurt the baby and arranged for the doctor to come over, sending Kristen into a panic.

Under pressure from a blackmailing Sami, Kate announced Carrie would spend the next six months traveling for her new job.

Wait To See: Kate decides to counterattack.

GENERAL HOSPITAL: Jax left for Alaska to help his parents settle after his dad's heart attack. Miranda caught Brenda reading

Jax's love letters to her.

Alan and Monica told the family about Monica's cancer checkup. Thanksgiving eve had many a Port Charles resident dreaming: Edward saw Ned take a vow of poverty; Lucy dreamed Kevin was going to cook Sigmund's goose; Jax fantasized about his feelings for both his wives.

Wait To See: Miranda has more surprises in store.

GUIDING LIGHT: Aunt Meta (Mary Stuart) arrived. Reva, Rusty, and Hawk Shayne gathered around the dying Sarah's bedside, but only Reva heard her deathbed con-

fession.

Phillip warned Rick it will be better for all if the truth is told about Blake's twins now rather than later.

While Vanessa planned to have Nola encourage Matt to go on with his life, Matt and Michelle were puzzling over Zachary's knowledge about Venessa. Annie flew to Italy to find Josh, and saw him alone with Reva in a cafe.

Wait To See: With Sarah's confession in mind, Reva begins to plan the "journey" she must take.

THE YOUNG AND THE RESTLESS: Hope told Nikki that

she is not romantically involved with Victor. Jack wondered why Ashley invited him and Diane to dinner. Acting on Victor's advice to romance Vicky to save his marriage, Cole arranged a tryst for them at a resort.

Nina found Cole's note to Victoria and assumed he was inviting her (Nina) to the Lakeland Resort. Victoria arrived to find her reading the note. Daniel underwent a spinal tap and was found to be suffering from bacterial meningitis.

Wait To See: Three lives are impacted by someone's unexpected arrival.

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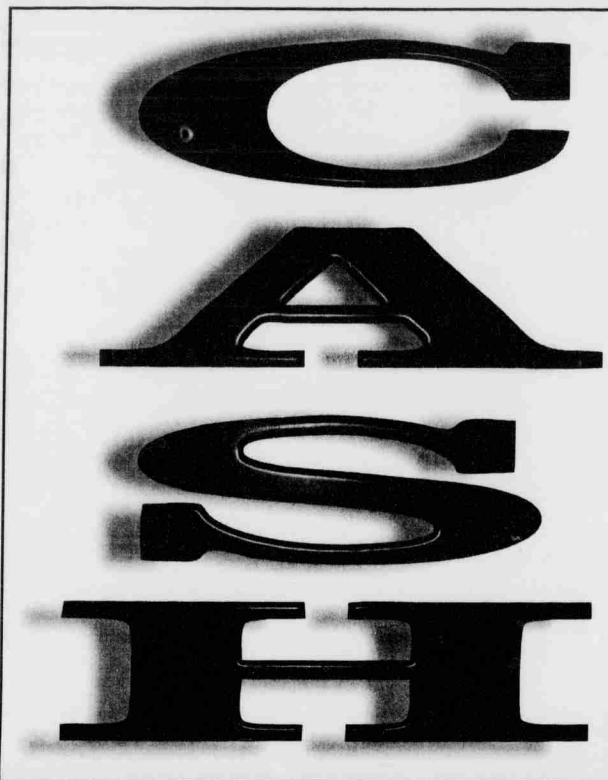
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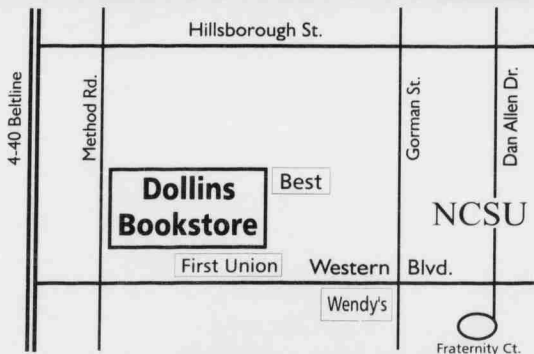
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When blood pressure rises

Racial discrimination may partially explain the high rate of hypertension among black Americans, according to a new study. Some findings:

Who's more likely to have high blood pressure

- Blacks who accept unfair treatment, rather than challenge it
- Blacks who keep their experiences to themselves, rather talk about them
- Working class blacks, rather than professionals
- Working class black women, rather working class black men

SOURCE: Study of 4,086 black Americans, 25 to 37 years old, reported in American Journal of Public Health

Drugs linked to Gulf War syndrome

■ Antidotes given as protection against possible chemical weapons may actually be the cause of ailments.

By LAURIE GARRETT
NEWSDAY

NEW YORK — Israeli scientists have discovered that a chemical used by allied troops during the Persian Gulf war may under conditions of human stress get into the brain and produce symptoms like some of those described as gulf war syndrome.

The chemical, pyridostigmine, was issued to all allied troops in the gulf beginning in January 1991. Pentagon spokeswoman Lt. Donna Boltz confirmed Monday that the drug was used at the discretion of commanding officers to protect soldiers from the life-threatening impact of organophosphate chemical weapons, widely believed to be used by Iraq.

In Tuesday's issue of Nature Medicine, a team of Israeli psychiatrists and pharmacologists report that some of their country's gulf war veterans have suffered central nervous system symptoms indica-

tive of pyridostigmine chemical toxicity in their brains, including dizziness, nausea, disorientation, headaches and impaired calculation capabilities.

Pyridostigmine was not thought to be able to cross the so-called blood/brain barrier, an elaborate membrane system that prevents unwanted chemicals from leaving the bloodstream and entering the brain.

But Dr. Alon Friedman of Hebrew University in Jerusalem and his colleagues from the Israeli Defense Forces and Tel Aviv University found that when people are under severe stress, the blood/brain barrier becomes permeable, and pyridostigmine readily crosses into the brain. Studies of 35 healthy Israeli soldiers given the drug during peacetime showed that most suffered only mild peripheral nervous system effects. But 24 percent of the 213 wartime soldiers in the Israeli army who were given the drug suffered central nervous system effects, many long-lasting.

In an editorial, Dr. Israel Hanin of Loyola University of Chicago praised the study, and warned that it might mean other drugs considered safe could have deleterious central nervous system effects when taken under stress.

TV industry discusses content ratings

■ The rating system is designed to inform parents of program content.

By PAUL FARHI
THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON — After months of discussion, television industry executives have tentatively agreed to a rating system that will

categorize TV programs based on their appropriateness for children of various ages. Viewers will begin seeing these ratings on almost all entertainment programs starting next month.

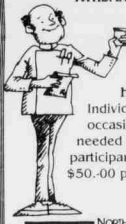
The new system will be loosely based on the broad categories used by the Motion Picture Association of America for new movies, executives said. The MPA system uses letters and numbers to indicate

a movie's general suitability for young people — G, PG, PG-13, R, NC-17 — but doesn't indicate whether a movie earned its rating for violence, sexual content or some other reason.

Critics, such as the National PTA and the American Medical Association, complain that a system based on the MPA formula won't provide sufficient information for parents.

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WORLD News

Serbian government takes rebels off the air

■ The Serbian government shut down independent radio stations for their reports on rebel protest marches.

By JOHN POMFRET
The Washington Post

BELGRADE — The Serbian government forced Belgrade's last two independent radio stations off the air Tuesday, defying U.S. calls on President Slobodan Milosevic to respect Serbia's news media and their reporting on anti-government street protests now in their 16th day. Tens of thousands of boisterous protesters, tooting kazooos and whistles, again braved winter weather to trudge through Belgrade, the Yugoslav capital, and other Serbian towns. A scheduled meeting of the Serbian parliament, where opposition officials had planned to expand their protest, was put off indefinitely because, the government announced, the building was infested with pests. Demonstrators flocked to the building, donning gas masks and sprinkling it with insect repellent, to mock the widely ridiculed claim. Veran Matic, its editor, said B-92 was last shut down on March 9, 1991, the day Milosevic used tanks and riot police to suppress another anti-government protest. For the past eight days, Milosevic's government had been jamming the station, he said. Another station, Radio Index, was effectively forced off the air when its transmissions were jammed, said Aleksander Vasic, the station's news editor. "We've become a rebel station now," Vasic said. "But no one can hear us."



Terrorist bombing in Paris subway leaves two dead

■ The blast, which is similar to the bombings in Paris last year, renews fears of terrorism.

By CHARLES TRUEHEART AND ANNE SWARDSON
The Washington Post

PARIS — A rush-hour bomb blast in an underground commuter rail station Tuesday night killed two people and seriously wounded dozens of others, immediately raising fears that a terrorist bombing campaign last year had been resumed. As ambulances and armored security vehicles converged on the Port-Royal station on the Boulevard Montparnasse, French authorities called the explosion a criminal attack, and Prime Minister Alain Juppe declared at the scene that he would reactivate a counter-terrorist operation aimed at Muslim militants linked to Algerian opposition factions. The Armed Islamic Group, which is waging a guerrilla war against Algeria's military-backed government, laid siege to Paris for four months last year with a series of bombings that killed eight persons. The timing of Tuesday night's incident, the reported bomb type and the deliberate effort to kill and maim

struck most observers as trademarks of the group. President Jacques Chirac, appearing on national television less than two hours after the blast, decried it as an act of "barbarism, of terrorism." The death toll from Tuesday night's explosion was expected to increase. Among the injured were 7 gravely wounded, 21 seriously hurt and another 48 described as "impacted" by the blast. Police and officials, according to French television reports, quickly concluded that the explosive device was a 28-pound gas canister, similar to the bombs used in last year's attacks, planted on the tunnel track or in a train car. Looking grim as he broke off an evening meeting with German Chancellor Helmut Kohl, Chirac pledged "to fight with every means at our disposal against terrorism in all of its forms." Firefighters' captain Jean-Luc Chivoit said the way the cars were bent and broken was similar to the damage inflicted in last year's bombings. Last year's program of tight security measures, including a heavy army and police presence in Paris and across France, was prompted by a series of bombings in the capital tied to Algerian terrorists.

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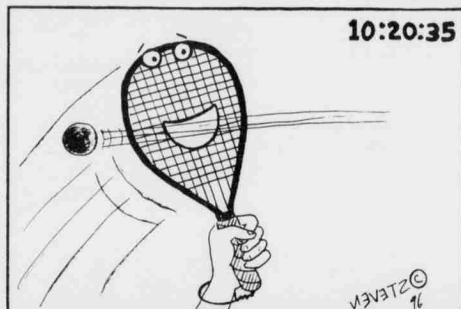
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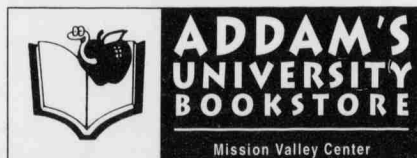
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Voice through Cash Points

University Dining gives student input meaning.

It used to be that leftover Cash Points from meal plans didn't carry over from one semester to the next. At the end of any given semester, students with unused Cash Points went on shopping sprees at the C-Stores to get their points' worth of food and drinks. But finally, University Dining has begun to listen to its customers.

This year, Cash Points from the fall semester will carry over to the spring semester. Many students may have wondered why this hasn't been implemented before. After all, students are paying to have a certain amount of cash points at their disposal in a given semester. The points left over should be available for use the next semester. It's the only fair way for the process to work.

However, students still need to spend all their Cash Points before the close of the spring semester. Points can't be carried over from one academic year to the next.

The change in the cash points system has come after University Dining invited

students to participate in a focus group program. They asked for suggestions and then tried to implement those suggestions whenever possible.

When improvements in university services are made that will benefit the students, real progress is made. This shows that the students do indeed have a voice somewhere at NCSU. But improvements still need to be made.

In all areas involving students, the students should have some say in what is going on. Whether it is something as major as installation of air-conditioners in residence halls or as minor as the placement of a street light, students need to be considered.

The students use this university and its resources more than any other group of people on campus. NCSU was created for students. University Dining and a few other campus organizations have recognized this and are trying their best to accommodate students' needs. But without input into everything that will affect students on campus, the university will only serve the needs of a select few.

Challenge your education

Is there life outside of exams?

Bright and early Monday morning, many of us will be sitting down to take our first final exam. Right now we are all consumed by studying, finishing last minute papers and projects and just trying to survive to the end of this flurry of paper and notes. It's easy to forget that there is anything else going on.

Not only is there life outside of exams, but scientists are beginning to discover that there may actually be or have been life outside of Earth. Discoveries of organic matter on the Mars meteor may be our first sign that life in some form existed on the red planet. Researchers say it may take years before any definite conclusions can be drawn from the tubular substances. Still, it is exciting to think of the possibilities.

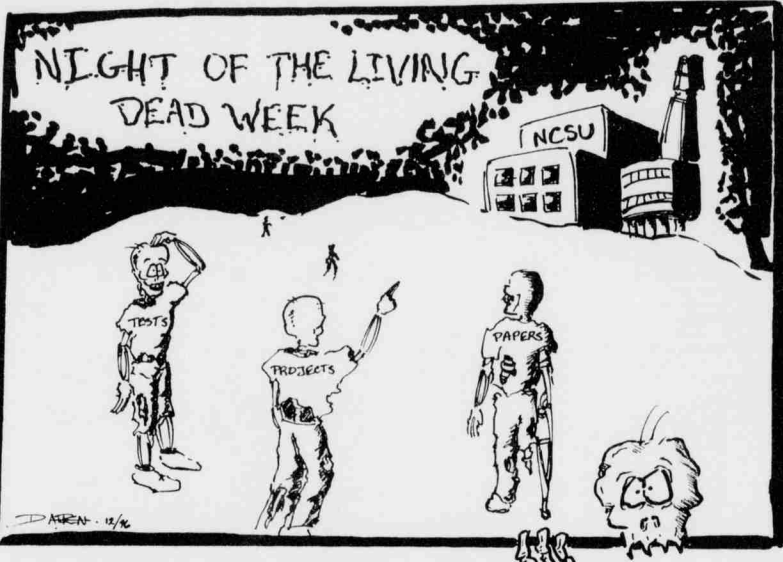
Closer to home, it is believed that there is a deposit of frozen water on the moon. Hidden deep within

the crater made by a meteor that crashed on the moon's surface, the large chunk of ice was only recently observed by telescope. The discovery raises many questions concerning the long-held beliefs that the moon was completely dry and barren.

Life on Mars and water on the moon — it's amazing to think that while we worry about passing a few classes, the entire basis of our reality may be changing with little or no notice from us.

Good grades are important. But if we sacrifice our knowledge of the greater whole of our lives for them, we have gained very little. We are, after all, here to learn.

It might be a good idea the next couple of weeks to take a few moments to lift our heads above the piles of books and notes and see what may have happened in the world that day. It would be a bit too ironic to wake up on Dec. 18 and find out that everything we studied so hard to remember became invalid the day before.



Converted by the Brickyard Preacher

Yea, and I have seen the light.

It happened as I was walking back from my last class of the day (excluding the ones I skipped, of course). My mind was filled with academic disillusionment concerning this thing called "Dead Week." Funny how you can have learned so much during a semester, yet all the work that really "counts" still isn't done.

But as I emerged from the Free Expression Tunnel, my heart rejoiced. My worries were lifted, my soul was cleansed, and I was entertained all at the same time. Gary Birdsong was delivering His Word, and suddenly, he had found an apostle.

The trivial details of my former life and the problems accompanying it were forgotten. I stared, transfixed by his ranting, raving and lamenting. My cries for help had been answered. Gary would show the way.

So I am writing this column to inform all of you that I am officially dropping out of school. That's right, I'm going to become a Gary Groupie. I will follow Gary wherever he goes, spreading His Word (not to be confused with God's word, which is quite different I assure you). In time, once I have proven capable of espousing even the most inflammatory fire and brimstone

Chris Baysden



rhetoric and of testing the patience of even the most devout. I will earn the title of Deacon Bubba. I will be the world's first redneck evangelist.

Gary has already taught me a few sermons. They're quickies for the most part, designed to offend all within earshot. Here's a couple of teasers: "Y'all frat boys are goin' ta Hell!"; "Women who wear short skirts are chewin' on the fruits of da devil!" and my personal favorite, "Masturbation, masturbation, masturbation equals fornication, fornication, fornication!"

This last one is sort of like a cheer, and Gary and I are working on a routine where we do a human pyramid as part of the sermon. But it just isn't the same since we can't wear skirts like

normal cheerleaders (that's the price of salvation, I suppose).

Personally, I'm not going to miss college. I mean, can you think of a better education than traveling around the Triangle with Gary, spreading His Word? I'll see the world (well, at least Durham), learn public speaking and learn the ways of the Lord from a former Hell's Angel. Best of all, it's economically competitive.

Consider this: I pay thousands of dollars to attend N.C. State. I don't know anything about the quality of my professors until I get in the class. I pay even more for books, many of which I find I don't even have to read. And the ultimate insult? I can't even find a parking spot.

Converting to a Gary Groupie solves all these problems. First, as a born-again Birdsong, I'll have to renounce all the worldly possessions enjoyed by the rest of you heathens. Therefore, I won't have a car, so I won't have to worry about a parking spot — or getting a ticket from those parking control guys (talk about your minions of the devil). Moreover, Gary provides all the literature I need for free (the standard Birdsong interpretation of the Bible, with an introduction by faith healer/fused car salesman

extraordinaire Jimmy Swaggert). Finally, while Gary has no formal credentials as an instructor, at least I know what I'm signing up for here. How many of you can say the same about next semester?

Best of all, while I'm on the road, I'll meet lots of new and interesting people (even if they are unrepentant infidels who are going straight to H-E-double hockey sticks). Have you seen the people who like to argue with Gary? Not even Lollapalooza can beat this sideshow.

Of course, there will be some things that I'll miss. I won't be around to see the Centennial Center bankrupt Raleigh, Wake County and the state of North Carolina simultaneously (some people actually still believe that thing is going to be built — poor, deluded fools). I'll also never get the chance to see the inside of D.H. Hill. I always meant to get over there ... But of course, the thing I'll miss most is that "You wanna sell your soul for a free two liter?" guy. I can't put my finger on it, but for some reason he reminds me of Gary. Alas, such will be the losses I incur along the journey to spiritual fulfillment.

Hallelujah, Brother.

Greek organizations offer prestige and honor

Let me begin by saying that I am not a member of any Greek organization. So, you're probably wondering how I can stick up for them with all the negative publicity about fraternities and sororities, which is what I am about to do. These organizations are generally perceived as organizations of beer drinking sex-maniacs.

Well, personally, I have nothing against them. In fact, I came to N.C. State completely ignorant of any bad Greek activities except for the ones I had heard about from Chapel Hill. Perhaps this is why I am so willing to defend them. Fraternities are a strong, on-going tradition and are generally a good part of the college experience.

First of all, many people join fraternities not for the supposed 24/7 party, but for the principles of that particular fraternity and for the sister or brotherhood experience that can make college easier. Another reason for joining a fraternity is the prestige and honor associated with being a member, especially of an honor fraternity.

These members have to be reasonably intelligent — or at

Christine Oldham



least marginally coherent. After all, they did manage to get into college. They also happen to be members of a fraternity. Does that make them any less intelligent? I don't think so. Especially since they know they are making life-long friendships and important business contacts.

Also, many students join Greek organizations for the charities and/or associations they support. Just to name a few groups supported by fraternities and sororities: the American Heart Association, Muscular Dystrophy, Sickle-Cell Anemia, United Way, Make-a-Wish Foundation, Big Brothers of America, Cystic Fibrosis and the Association of

Retarded Citizens.

Many people also feel that principles behind a particular group, such as Boy Scouts or Girl Scouts of the United States of America, are ones that they have and wish their friends to have. They also might be carrying on family tradition.

But besides doing all these things, Greek organizations are also breeding grounds for many of the values esteemed by society, such as volunteer work in the community. They do it not just for their particular charity but for anyone. The organizations raise money and spend hours planning events with little or no benefit to themselves, besides the satisfaction of a job well done.

So, you might have been thinking all Greeks are beer guzzlers and sex-crazed psychotics. Well, not all members are necessarily blithering idiots — that would be a belief of popular culture. In my experience, fraternity members are capable of being sensitive, caring, generous nice people whose beliefs and cares do extend beyond fashion, music and hair maintenance.

So, they like to party. Who

doesn't? This is college, people. You are supposed to party, at least a little bit.

Fraternities and sororities are a perfectly legitimate way to draw these people together, no more wrong than, say, the chess club. It's just that in between helping the community and schoolwork and jobs, they have the occasional party. For every person that has a bad time at a party, there are 20 people who had fun.

Also, Greeks are not the only people on campus throwing parties — independents do, too — but they don't have the university, alumni and the National chapter watching over them to make sure nothing too questionable is going on.

Judging all Greeks by one individual member or a few members who have made a bad impression on you is the same as judging any sex or race by meeting only one person. Everyone is an individual. If you don't like fraternities or sororities, at least give a person a chance as who they are, not which chapter they are in.

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December 2, 1859. Abolitionist, John Brown, was hanged for treason by the state of Virginia.
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December 5, 1933. the 21st Amendment, repealing the 18th (Prohibition) was ratified.
December 7, 1941. Japan attacked Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, 7:55 a.m. Hawaiian time; 19 ships were sunk or damaged, leaving 2,300 people dead.
December 8, 1941. the U.S. declared war on Japan.
December 2, 1942. the first nuclear chain reaction (fission of uranium isotope U-235) was produced at the University of Chicago under physicists Arthur

Compton, Enrico Fermi and others.
December 2, 1954. the Senate voted 67-22 to condemn Senator Joseph McCarthy (R-Wis.) for contempt of a Senate elections subcommittee, for abuse of its members, and for insults to the Senate during his Army investigation hearings.
December 5, 1955. America's two largest labor organizations merged under the name American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL-CIO); membership was estimated at 15 million.
December 8, 1980. former Beatle, John Lennon, was shot and killed outside of apartment building, the Dakota, in New York City by Mark David Chapman.

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alien amusement park? But everyone needs a little help, and Jordan's includes Bill Murray and that annoying neighbor (Newman) from "Sienfield," who bring in just enough humanity to wish we were toons. And that's what we all want at the end, to be toons, or be like Mike.

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