



U.S. News ranks N.C. State Veterinary College among top five

N.C. State's College of Veterinary Medicine ranks fifth among U.S. veterinary schools according to U.S. News and World Report's 1997 America's Best Graduate Schools. The rankings will appear in the March 10 issue of the magazine, available at newsstands Monday, March 3.

The college has an internationally acclaimed program in immunology and virology, and is a leading center for research on viruses that suppress the immune system, similar to the viruses that cause AIDS.

Oscar Fletcher, dean of NCSU's College of Veterinary Medicine, said, "In the short time since we opened our doors, we have worked to become a leader in educating future veterinarians and to advance the health and well-being of companion animals. We also have sought to provide leadership in addressing critical issues in biomedical, agricultural and biological sciences, and in the application of new technology to the state's livestock industry. We are pleased to be recognized for these efforts."

TRACS registration to open soon

The TRACS registration system will open on March 23 for registration for the 1997 summer I and summer II sessions and the 1997 fall semester. Entrance to TRACS is done by specific access dates.

Summer registration dates are as follows: March 23 for seniors and graduate students; March 26 for juniors; April 2 for sophomores; April 9 for freshmen; April 15 for lifelong education students.

Fall registration dates are as follows: March 23 for seniors and graduate students; March 30 for juniors; April 5 for sophomores; April 12 for freshmen; June 29 for lifelong education students.

TRACS booklets may be purchased beginning Friday, March 14 at the NCSU Bookstore and campus c-stores.

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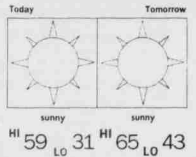
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Outside



Women air grievances at open forum

A variety of women's issues were addressed Wednesday.

By JENNIFER THOMPSON
STAFF WRITER

Women were given a chance to voice their concerns at Wednesday's third annual "Speakout on Women's Concerns" forum.

Safety topped the list of concerns, followed closely by issues of rape, sexual assault and sexual harassment.

During the hours of 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., about 50 people floated in and out of the forum, among them Provost Phillip Stiles and Chancellor Larry Monteith.

Women were also given the option of speaking out prior to the forum by anonymously completing comment forms that were scattered across campus.

In regards to safety, women spoke out about poor lighting in certain areas of campus and easy accessibility into some buildings after dark. This especially affects faculty, staff and graduate students who are sometimes in labs and offices after hours, the women said.

Chancellor Monteith addressed these issues of safety. "Since we're destined to be an urban community, we need to take a look at safety," he said.

At the same time, "we don't want to put a wall around campus and limit our movement," he said.

Monteith shared his vision to "create a Hillsborough street that's a front door to our campus — not let it be our back door with more opportunity to engage in activities that will threaten us."

Jeff Mann, associate vice chancellor and supervisor of Public Safety, also spoke about the advances that have been recently implemented. The door locks have been changed in the Winston/Caldwell/Tompkins complex, Mann said. Panic buttons have been ordered and will be installed by May.

One peephole has been installed in an office in Winston, and 20 others will be installed in the building.

The investigation into the faculty member assault continues and leads are promising, Mann said. Also, alleged perpetrators in the armed robberies that have occurred in the last month have been arrested and properly arraigned, he said.

Julie Kemper, a processing assistant, suggested using civil penalties to punish

offenders. "Throw them in jail, that's nice, but I'd like to see a bite taken out of their wallet," she said. "That may help serve as a deterrent."

Issues of rape, sexual assault and sexual harassment are also important to women at NCSU.

Many women expressed the need for self defense classes. Currently, Human Resources and Public Safety offer such courses. The Women's Center offers a three-hour self defense course twice a semester.

One suggestion offered was to implement a self defense course through the Physical Education Department.

"It's very much worth more than a credit," one audience member commented. One complaint many of the women had revolved around the accessibility of information about safety.

Many women said more information about support programs for female victims of assault is also needed.

The Advocates Program is one way that victims of rape can seek help. Advocates



HOPE TERESA/STAFF
Women's Center Coordinator Rhonda Mann speaks.

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Professors share views on cloning

Regan, Bull discuss ethical implications

By SHANNON UMBERGER
STAFF WRITER

It may become even more controversial than the abortion issue within the next decade. The resulting technology could allow man to "play God" with life itself, many say.

Genetic engineering has been evolving for the past 50 years. But not until a Scottish scientist revealed on Feb. 22 that he had successfully cloned a sheep did the general public become aware of and vocal about the potential controversy.

Upon hearing about the sheep cloning, most people automatically think of the movie "Invasion of the Body Snatchers" and wonder if cloning humans is soon to follow. The opinions of two N.C. State professors suggest that the possibilities are feasible.

According to Leonard Bull, professor of animal science and incoming president of the American Society of Animal Science, cloning people may happen, but not for a while. He said the genetic makeup of every animal is so different that even though scientists now know how to clone a sheep that does not make it easier for them to clone other animals, including humans.

Plus, Bull said, "research on [cloning humans] would have to be funded by someone. I don't know anyone who would do it."

But Tom Regan, head of the philosophy department, said, "There are no laws in the U.S. prohibiting the cloning of humans." He said such laws do exist in other countries.

Flowers talks about cloning technology

By LEA DELICIO
STAFF WRITER

The recent success in cloning a sheep in Scotland may have some people dreaming of another copy of themselves. But the potential of this occurring is not as great as the public might believe, an NCSU expert says.

According to William Flowers, associate professor in animal science, the process used in Scotland is probably not the process that works in the cloning of humans.

Flowers said the process behind the cloning of sheep in Scotland was originally not thought possible.

The original belief of scientists was that, though each cell in an organism was identical to every other one in theory, each cell functions differently. For example, a skin cell functions differently from a muscle cell. During development of cells, a part of the cell gets "shut off" so it can only perform its given function. So theoretically, once a cell develops, it could not perform any other function.

Flowers said the breakthrough in Scotland proved this theory to be untrue. He said the

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HOPE TERESA/STAFF
Credit Card Salesman Dave Fralish works NCSU's Brickyard.

Peddler cajoles busy students

Credit card pusher says his motivation is raising money for equestrian and rugby clubs.

By PHILLIP REESE
NEWS EDITOR

You can see it in their eyes before they start looking at the ground; they really don't want to talk to this guy.

But there he is and here they come. It's already happened thousands of times this week.

"You on your way to class or you heading home?," he asks.

Those who answer "class" are saluted with a quick "stop by later if you can."

Those who answer "home" are faced with a much different reply.

"Well, why don't you step on over here and pick up a free t-shirt," he says. "All

you got to do is fill out this credit card application form. Plus, you'll be helping out the equestrian team."

Some blush and apologetically refuse; some just keep on walking. But a surprising number go a little pale and stutter out an "OK" or an "I guess." It's this last group who puts the food on Credit Card Salesman Dave Fralish's table.

"This is what I do. And I'm probably one of the best in the business," Fralish said. Fralish travels all over the country hawkking credit cards. He's even got his own company, called PCF Incorporated.

Twice a year, Fralish's business brings him to N.C. State; and twice a year many students wish he was elsewhere.

"He's annoying and offensive," Ashley

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Student Media Authority elects media heads

This year's elections went smoother than in years past.

By K. GAFFNEY
STAFF WRITER

Last night N.C. State's Student Media Authority picked the media's next generation of leaders.

In its annual elections, the SMA selected the new editors and general managers for the university's six media bodies. The winners were Terry Bennett for Technician, Jennifer

Cesare for Agromock, Carolyn Holloway for Nubian Message, Glenn Shiring for Windhover, Alan Watkins for WKNC and Daniel McDermitt for Graduate Student News.

Unlike past years, the election process ran smoothly. The SMA board came to its decisions in four hours, instead of the six which it took last year.

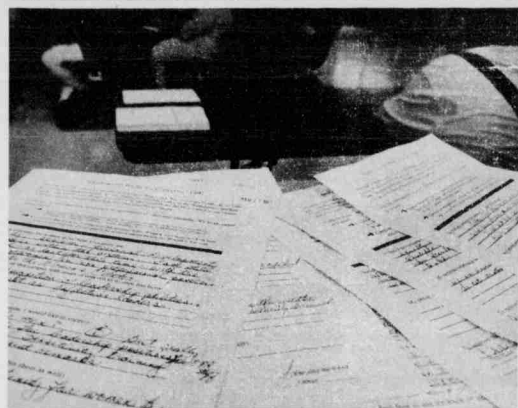
"We tried to be more timely and efficient, as well as being fair to every candidate," SMA Chair Keith Crawford said. "The SMA is almost a \$1 million a year venture, and we

were very careful about the representatives that we picked."

The position of Technician EIC was the night's most contested, with four of the paper's current staff members running for the position.

"I am stunned," Bennett said after the election. "Everybody that applied has such good qualities and such great strengths that each could have made a great contribution. I am stunned that I am the one that was

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Sheets full of women's concerns lie on a table at Wednesday's speakout.

Speakout

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are volunteers who have gone through training regarding sexual assault issues. They act as guides through the system, helping victims find the appropriate resources.

One woman spoke out about improper faculty conduct. She said 12 professors in her college have dated or had affairs with students. She asked the administration to get serious about enforcing the policy against this.

Another concern is the need for a women's studies program. Student Senate Pro Tempore Jim Reinke supported this idea.

"It will help gender diversity and understanding," he said. A representative from the provost's office announced that the provost is committed to developing the core for a women's studies curriculum over the summer.

Other issues raised during the speakout included maternity leave and day care needs for faculty, staff and students.

Peddler

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...a junior in biology, said. "I'm on my way to a text or class and I don't have time to stop."

And that's one of the nicer comments about Fralish. Some students think what Fralish does is just a little more ethical than fraud.

"Most students already have a credit card, so he could get a lot of students in trouble credit-wise," Kristi Ghiloni, a freshman in sports management, said.

Fralish has heard it all before, and he doesn't let it fizzle him.

"I'm sure you can find people who think I'm the biggest derriere in the world," Fralish said. "But we try to be as nice as we can."

Fralish claims to have helped equestrian clubs and rugby teams across the nation. Both Fralish and the teams receive a stipend from a credit card company for collecting applications.

"Getting funding for the equestrian and men's rugby clubs is hard," Fralish said. "So we help raise

money for them." Fralish said he never harasses students who are on their way to class. But he admits that he is persistent. In fact, he says persistence is the reason he peddles more credit cards than most of his peers.

Many students agree. There is pride in Sophomore Paul Pettengill's voice as he brags about how he has never given in to Fralish's numerous solicitations. He says there is a secret behind his success.

"I just kind of circle around. I hug the wall until I get to the free expression tunnel, and then I dive down."

But, according to Fralish, not everyone is in such a hurry to get away from him.

"People have walked up to me at the end of the week and said 'you are so much nicer than the other guys.'"

Fralish said students can expect to see him occasionally throughout their years at NCSU.

"I've been at this so long I have a network," he said. "I have a set circuit that I go on."

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scientists took a mammary cell from a mature animal and inserted it into a fertilized egg, then took the embryonic information, the genetic information already in the fertilized egg, out.

"The analogy I'd use is it would be like swapping engines in a car," Flowers said.

The process was performed by using one needle to inject the mammary cell DNA into the fertilized egg, while a second needle was used to suck the embryonic information out.

"The reason it's remarkable is because it was once thought you could never take mature DNA from a mature cell and then have it revert back to the point where it could basically divide and develop into a whole other organism," Flowers said.

Flowers said the new information from the mammary cell had to be injected into the fertilized egg at a very specific time. The scientists had to put the cell into a system where the cell cycle was slowed down so they could inject the DNA at the right moment. Last, the scientists transferred the egg to an ewe who carried it until it was developed and ready for birth.

The scientists believed if they had tried to inject the information at any other time

than when they did, it may not have resulted in live offspring.

Though the process was successful, Flowers does not believe people need to worry about humans being cloned any time in the near future.

"The first thing most everybody did was decide that because they could do it in sheep, it was possible to do it in humans," Flowers said. "There's a lot of technologies we can do with one species but we can't do with another."

Flowers cited a process, used since the late 1950s in which beef cattle sperm cells have been frozen and then later thawed and used for artificial insemination. Flowers said that even after 40 years of being able

to perform such a process with beef cattle, scientists still have not found a way to perform the same process with boars.

"Not to downplay their accomplishment, it's a very remarkable accomplishment," Flowers said. "But to make the jump and say that because you can do it in sheep you're going to be able to do it in all species is probably a bit premature."

Flowers also believes the use of cloning livestock may not become widespread. He said in terms of producing livestock for food and fiber production, the only area where cloning is really looked at seriously is in dairy cattle. This is because producers get paid for how well cows produce milk.

"If you have a cow that's super superior in milk production, you'd love to have copies of that cow," Flowers said.

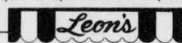
According to Flowers, in all other species there is no single trait that could be used where the benefits of cloning would outweigh the costs.

Flowers cited the sheep cloned in Scotland as a special case because it had a hemoclotting factor in her milk. This factor can be purified and used to treat humans suffering from hemophilia.

"Overall, I don't think you're going to see agricultural producers now start cloning things," Flowers said. "It's not practically feasible and it wouldn't be cost effective."

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According to Regan, the question is not when cloning humans will happen, but who will do it. He predicts the people who will receive the most benefits — "the most money and vanity" — may be experimenting with the idea already.

Both experts agree that cloning Dolly the sheep is just another step in our technological scheme. Bull and Regan both said artificial insemination was actually a step leading to cloning or at least a step toward strengthening man's ability to manipulate reproduction.

"Scientists are trained to push back the frontiers of existing knowledge," Bull said. "Cloning just advances that technology," said Regan.

Both said the real controversy surrounding cloning revolves around its ethical implications.

Bull said cloning is ethically justified because of the benefits that could result from it. Cloning has helped us "understand the genetic makeup" of animals, Bull said. "It is an opportunity for the scientific community to better educate itself."

Bull said cloning's potential benefits are many. He said scientists can take insulin needed for diabetics out of cloned animal cells, which would be cheaper than removing it from cadavers.

Another benefit is the potential to manipulate some cows to produce throxine in their milk for people who cannot produce the protein with their own thyroid gland. Cloning these cows would make throxine cheaper to obtain.

But Regan said, "increasing the benefits of doing something wrong does not justify doing something wrong."

Regan, author of "The Case for Animal Rights," said the advent of cloning "is a new arena to exploit animals." He said we need to realize that "they have a life of their own, apart from their value to us."

Bull and Regan, who debated the subject Tuesday evening on a WPTF radio talk show, admit there are potential risks in cloning which make it less ethically appealing.

One risk is the possibility that the now diverse gene pool will grow smaller. As cloning is used to copy preferred genes, other genes are weeded out and eventually eliminated.

"Our future food supply will be vulnerable, like to changes in climate and diseases," Regan said. Bull was quick to point out that "there are orga-

nizations dedicated to maintaining the gene pool in order to retain genetic diversity."

Another risk is in the precision of the technology itself. Both Bull and Regan said there were almost 300 failed attempts before the successful cloning of the sheep. The others are malformed or died, Regan said.

The element of the unknown was also addressed by both experts. We do not know exactly what can happen by mixing and matching cloned cells, tissues, and organs.

The underlying risk may lie in the possibility of this technology getting out of hand.

Regan said the answers probably lie in regulation. But a further problem is that the regulations cannot be guaranteed adequately.

"We can't guarantee misuse," Bull said. "The risks only add to the ethical dimensions of cloning. Ethics makes the scientific community answerable to the public," Bull said.

"As scientists, we have to ask ethical questions. We have to be responsible," Bull said.

But the public is still fearful and quick to question. Regan said it is "healthy skepticism," though, because above all, cloning challenges the "sanctity of life."

"I'm confident the right decisions will be made," Bull said.

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Men's Basketball:
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State Women Tourney-bound

■ The Wolfpack Women get set for the NCAA tournament starting this weekend.

By K. GAFFNEY
STAFF WRITER

Whooping and hollering. That was the pre-season prediction of N.C. State freshman Katie Smrcka-Duffy for her team's plans for March 30th. Smrcka-Duffy was of course talking about the NCAA Championship, which State will

win to win five games to even get to, but if the prediction is to come true, it will all start this weekend. N.C. State is going to the NCAA Tournament, that hasn't been a question since the Wolfpack ended the regular season with an 82-69 win over Georgia Tech. The only question that remains is where will they be going? Like the men's tournament, the women's March Madness bracket sports a field of 64 teams. However, unlike the men, the top 16 teams in

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SALVADOR FARRAN III/STAFF
ACC Rookie of the Year Katie Smrcka-Duffy looks to lead her team to the big dance.

Pack plays-on

■ With last night's win over Tech, the Pack's hope for postseason glory continues.

By JAMES M. LAHL
SPORTS EDITOR

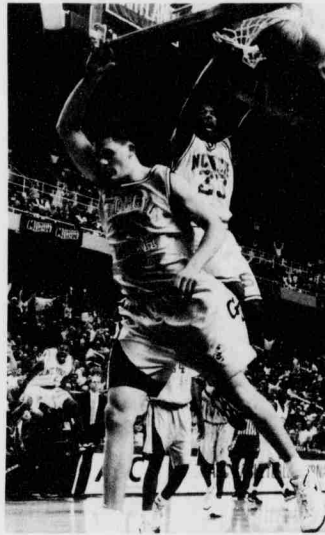
With just over eight minutes left last night in the ACC Tournament play-in game, with the score and the momentum in favor of Georgia Tech, N.C. State fans were beginning to wonder whether the dream of postseason play for the first time in years would not be a possibility.

But doing what he had seemingly done the entire game — coming up with a simple, yet big play — freshman guard Justin Gainey coolly hit an eight-foot jumper to send the biased crowd at the Greensboro Coliseum into euphoria. The Wolfpack would never trail en route to the 60-46 win, and State's dream of an NIT bid was alive and kicking.

C.C. Harrison's powerful dunk with 2:24 left was the nail in Bobby Cremins' team's coffin, ending a woeful season for the Yellow Jackets.

For State, the season continues — for at least one more game, possibly more. "Well, I guess it's time for the season to end," Cremins said. "I think I'm ready for it to end."

The first half was what you'd expect from a game pitting the No. 8 and 9 seeds in the ACC. Both teams shot exactly 36.4



SALVADOR FARRAN III/STAFF
Ishua Benjamin (leaping) is so excited about C.C. Harrison's dunk he just can't hide it. Harrison's jam was in the midst of a 15-2 Wolfpack second-half run to put the play-in game out of reach for Georgia Tech.

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Pack Nine split at CSU

■ Pack takes first one, then falls, 9-8 in Charleston.

SPORTS STAFF REPORT

Pack splits with Charleston
The Wolfpack baseball team split their two-game series with the College of Charleston this week. On Tuesday, the Pack took a 8-7 lead into the ninth inning against the Cougars, but Brian Batson knocked a game-tying double, followed by Monte Lee's game-winning single, to hand the Pack their fifth loss of the season. The Pack was up by as many as three, when in the sixth inning Matt Postell and Scott Lawler picked up a pair of RBIs to extend State's lead to 4-1. But in the bottom of the ninth, the Cougars stormed back to even the score at four apiece. Paxton Warren (2-0) picked up the

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win for Charleston working 2/3 of an inning in relief. Bubba Scarce (2-1) was tagged with the loss, having worked 1 1/3 innings. On Wednesday the Pack fared a bit better against the Cougars. Tom Sergio had five hits, including two home runs, as a part of a 25-run spanking that led to a 17-8 victory for the Pack. The Wolfpack (9-5) battled back from a 7-4 deficit in the third inning with six runs of their own in the fourth inning. Rodney Ormond picked up his first win of the year in relief for the Pack, despite allowing two runs on

three hits in two innings of work. Josh Arrington (2-3) was the loser for the Cougars.

State Swimming and Diving Third at ACC

Behind four top finishes from the N.C. State divers, the Wolfpack Swimming and Diving team finished third in last weekend's Men's ACC Championships.

In the one-meter diving competition, senior Todd Smith took first with a total of 495.05 points, followed by teammate Kevin Cutts, who had a score of 460.45.

In the three-meter dive, the two swapped places, with the sophomore Cutts scoring 493.85, and Smith took second with 486.40. State's relays also came on strong.

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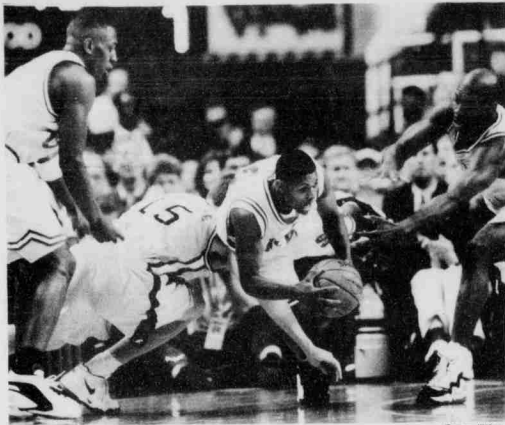
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Ishua Benjamin battles Georgia Tech's Matt Harpring (15) and Michael Maddox for a loose ball late in last night's ACC Tournament play-in game.

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percent from the field, exactly 66.7 percent from the free throw line and exactly 33.3 percent from three-point line. Only one player from both teams — State's Harrison — scored in double figures. Even Harrison's 10 points came off a mediocre first half performance, shooting four-of-11 from the field. But Harrison had help in the second half, while Tech struggled to find anyone to support All-ACC Matt Harpring, who led the Ramblin' Wreck with 18 points.

Harrison's aid came from Danny Strong and Jeremy Hyatt, who combined for 31 points, after they had combined for seven in the first half. Hyatt scorched the nets on 7-of-11 shooting, while Strong shot four of eight, while nailing all six charity shots.

Once again, the Pack's defense was a catalyst for its success.

"The defense allowed us to hang tight," State coach Herb Sendek said. "Our offense wasn't that effective. Georgia Tech did a great

job of defending us. "Offensively, the big key was Jeremy [Hyatt]. He hit some big shots."

One of the more crucial shots in the game was Hyatt's three-pointer with just over five minutes left after a timeout which put the Pack up, 43-39.

"I knew Hyatt was due," Cremins said. "And then he hit the big three."

Free throws were the difference in "crunch time," with State hitting 14-of-18 attempts in the second half. Tech only managed to hit 9-of-14.

"Obviously, when you're in a position that we are, the only way to finish a game off is by making free throws," Sendek said. "And we were able to do that tonight."

With the win, the Pack's chance at an NIT bid is favorable. But first on State's mind is today's 2:30 game versus No. 1 seed Duke.

"Can they beat Duke?" asked Cremins. "Duke's a strong favorite, but if they shoot the ball well, who knows?"

"I think they definitely deserve to be in the NIT," Cremins continued. "If they get to the NIT, I'm happy that they won tonight."

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The 200 free relay team of J.J. Marus, Brandon Walts, Carlos Santander and Phil Hardin took second overall with a time of 1:20.41. State's 400 and 800 freestyle relays both finished second, and the Pack took fourth in the 200 medley relay.

Carlos Santander swam on three of the State relays that placed, while adding third place finishes in the 100 and 200 freestyle relays.

Senior tri-captain Will Coenen placed third in both the 200 breast stroke and the 200 individual medley and took fourth in the 400.

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All club and intramural sports news is welcome.

HAVE A GOOD BREAK !!!!!

Black back in control for Pack NCAA

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Brett Black looks to lead the Pack from mound

BY A. S. MARTIN
STAFF WRITER

For baseball players, there's no such thing as spring break, and Brett Black wouldn't have it any other way.

"We play or work out year 'round," Black said. "There's no 'off' for us—I've never had a spring break off from baseball. But I don't want a break."

Black is arguably one of the top pitchers in the ACC. But you might not guess it from his 4.80 ERA and his 2-2 record.

Black is known for his control. He gets the ball into the strike zone

consistently, and opposing batters tend to strike out looking.

"If I'm facing a power hitter, I can go in on him to get him off the plate, then an outside pitch off the corner and he won't swing," Black said. In his most impressive outing so far this season, against Charleston Southern on Feb. 15, Black pitched 6 1/3 perfect innings before giving up a hit. He struck out eight and went the distance in the 7-inning shutout, a performance which got him named National Player of the Week by Collegiate Baseball magazine.

Having faced his last 102 batters without a walk, Black has been compared to a Greg Maddux for the frequency of his three-up, three-down innings. He's among national

leaders for his strikeout-to-walk ratio—two walks to 25 strikeouts in 30 innings.

Black is second in the conference in strikeouts, leads the ACC in complete games (2), and has the fewest walks per nine innings (.64). Black's consistency is something the Pack can depend on despite his two early-season losses. Black is from Apopka, Fla., and his folks got to see him play against Florida Atlantic in Boca Raton. He jokes that his parents are the reason for his first loss of the season.

"My parents think it's just superstition, but every time they see me play, I lose. The first game they saw me pitch [for State] was at the ACC tournament last year against Virginia. The lead-off hitter got a

home run."

Black's other loss was the 3-2 decision against defending champion Louisiana State. The game could have gone to 3-3 if it hadn't been for a controversial call at the plate.

Black will be starting this afternoon at 2 p.m. to kick-off the series against Navy, and if it's anything like we're used to seeing from Black, it should be a short game.

Bubba Scarce pitches Saturday, and shortstop Dustin Baker is expected to hit the mound Sunday. The games start at 1:30. The Pack will face George Mason University at 2 p.m. on March 11 and 12. They then head to Duke for their first ACC series March 14, 15 and 16.

the women's brackets play host to what are called sub-regionals, placing four teams on the highest seed's home court for a two-day mini-tournament.

Like two years ago, it looks as if the University of Connecticut Huskies will lead the field. UConn, sitting pretty at 30-0, has been ranked number one in the AP's national poll since the third week in December. Looking to pick up the number one seed in the East, the Huskies recently defeated No. 13 Notre Dame, 86-77 in the finals of the Big East Conference Tournament to gain the automatic berth into the national postseason tournament. The Huskies did it without the direction of head coach Geno Auriumma, who left the team this week to attend his father's funeral. The team was left under the charge of long time assistant Chris Dancy, who also filled in for Auriumma during the 1989 Big East Tournament.

Stanford and Old Dominion look to wrap up top seeds as well. Stanford started the season at No.

1 in the AP poll, but fell to No. 3 when UCONN took over.

Old Dominion, at 29-1 to start the week, played its way up to No. 2 in the nation after starting at No. 7 before starting their upward climb.

What dropped ODU to No. 9 in the November 18th poll was a loss in the second round of the National Invitational Tournament. N.C. State handed the Monarchs the loss, their only of the season, picking up the 65-62 win to advance to the semifinals of the NIT.

The last top seed should go to the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. The Tar Heels moved up from No. 23 to finish out the last seven weeks of the season in the top ten. UNC-CH took the ACC tournament championship with wins over Wake Forest, No. 25 Duke and 1996 champion Clemson. The Heels also took the regular season championship, compiling a 15-1 conference record.

Like ODU, Carolina's only in conference loss came at the hands of the Wolfpack. State downed the Tar Heels, 84-77, at Reynolds during its four-game winning streak that carried the Pack through the end of the season.

Rugby team falls:
The N.C. State Club Rugby team fell last weekend to North Carolina. The loss means the Wolfpack may not get to host a game in the national playoffs. The Pack (5-1) will probably have to travel in the first round. State was once again led by Clay Goins, who scored nine points in a losing cause.

Never before has a man done so much with so little.

HOWARD STERN PRIVATE PARTS

PARAMOUNT PICTURES AND DYKSTER ENTERTAINMENT PRESENT AN IVAN REITMAN PRODUCTION A BETTY THOMAS FILM HOWARD STERN "PRIVATE PARTS" STARRING ROBIN QUIVERS, MARY MCCORMACK, AND CELIA COSTAS. EXECUTIVE PRODUCERS DANIEL GOLDBERG, JOE MEDJUCK, KEITH SAMPLES. PRODUCED BY HOWARD STERN. WRITTEN BY LEO BLUM AND MICHAEL KALESNIKOV. DIRECTED BY IVAN REITMAN. COSTUME DESIGNER BETTY THOMAS.

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NATIONAL NEWS

Obesity trend continues

■ The latest study points out that the best way to reduce fat is still physical exercise and a careful diet.

BY CURT SUPPLE
THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON — Americans have gotten relentlessly fatter over the past two decades, despite a nationwide obsession with dieting and urgent repeated warnings from medical experts, the latest large-scale federal survey has found.

The segment of U.S. children and adolescents classified as overweight increased by 6 percent from 1980 to 1994, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announced in a report published Friday; incidence among adults grew by 9 percent in the same period.

The latest figures indicate that, thanks to overeating and pandemic sloth, 35 percent of the country's adults now weigh dangerously more than they should, along with 14 percent of children aged 6 to 11 and 12 percent of adolescents aged 12 to 17. This is the heaviest the nation has been since ... government began compiling comprehensive statistics in the 1960s.

"Americans need to do better in choosing a healthy diet and a sensible plan of physical activity," Health and Human Services Secretary Donna E. Shalala said in a statement.

Many experts believe that it would take relatively modest modifications in most people's behaviors to slow the pudge boom. "It's really important for people not to think that they have to go on strict diets or join gyms," said epidemiologist Cynthia Ogden of CDC's National Center for Health Statistics, which produced the study. Last July the Surgeon General issued a report recommending 30 minutes of moderate physical activity — such as walking or gardening — per day. "Basically, it's just moving around," Ogden said. Any improvement, researchers

have emphasized for years, would have a substantial impact on public health because being overweight is associated with increased risk of heart disease, diabetes, high blood pressure, respiratory disorders and some cancers, among other hazards. Obesity and related conditions contribute to an estimated 300,000 deaths per year, and are regarded as the second leading preventable cause of death after smoking.

They are also expensive. The economic costs of obesity in the United States from excess medical expenses and loss of income are reported to exceed \$68 billion every year, according to the National Task Force on the Prevention and Treatment of Obesity. And that figure, they wrote a few weeks ago in the *Journal of the American Medical Association*, "does not include the more than \$30 billion spent yearly on diet foods, products and programs."

The latest analysis, published in the CDC's *Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report*, shows that several groups are at disproportionate risk. For example, among all U.S. women surveyed, 36 percent were overweight. The rate was 50 percent, however, among Mexican-American women and 52 percent among non-Hispanic black women. The rate among males — 33 percent on average — did not vary appreciably by race or ethnicity, the researchers found.

Across the board, the report suggests, Americans simply have been getting too much chow and too little exercise. Coincidentally, modern life does not oblige them to walk as much or use their muscles as hard as they did even a couple of decades ago. "Changes that result in decreased energy expenditures," the authors write, "may have occurred in ... transportation patterns, household work and time spent in inactivity (e.g., watching television and playing electronic games)."

The definitions used for "overweight" in the study varied by age. Children and adolescents were

deemed overweight if their "body-mass index" (BMI, a ratio of weight to height squared) was higher than in the fattest 5 percent of U.S. children in the 1960s, as determined by federal surveys in that decade. Adults were defined as overweight if their BMI would have put them in the heaviest 15 percent of adults aged 20 to 29 in another prior study, NHANES II, conducted from 1976 to 1980.

The researchers used a stringent definition for children and adolescents "to account for growth spurts and other physiologic changes" that can prompt conspicuous alterations in body shape at various times. Because of such considerations and the nutritional demands of a growing child, "You don't want to put any children on a diet unless you've consulted with a pediatrician," Ogden cautioned.

Even the broader criterion used to define overweight adults in the study, however, indicates a body that is more than a bit chubby. An adult 5 feet 6 inches tall had to weigh at least 170 pounds to qualify. Yet one-third of adults sampled met that definition, compared with about 25 percent in the 1960s, Ogden said.

The new analysis came from the third National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey (NHANES III), a \$100 million project in which 40,000 randomly selected subjects were surveyed and examined at 88 locations nationwide from 1988 to 1994. Earlier analyses of NHANES III data, released over the past two years, showed that, between 1980 and 1994, American adults increased their average daily calorie intake "from 2,457 to 2,684 in men, and from 1,531 to 1,805 in women," according to NCHS nutrition specialist Ronette Briefel. But they retained their fat intake from 37 percent of total calories in 1980 to 33 percent in 1994.

Vast numbers of Americans — 59 percent of women and 49 percent of men — engaged in little or no physical exercise.

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Touring Europe by the book

■ New book tries to make your European experience anything but "rough."

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With spring break here to announce the upcoming end of the semester, and the 70 degree weather taunting us on a daily basis, many of you are probably already daydreaming about those summer plans. For the lucky few, May will mark the beginning of a journey abroad. Should you be one of those lucky few, Rough Guides Ltd. has some advice to help you get through that European Vacation without imitating a National Lampoon movie.

Rough Guides, renowned for publishing helpful and humorous guidebooks, announces its second European tourbook entitled "First-Time Europe: Everything You Need to Know Before You Go." At a first glance, it might seem like another hum-drum, boring book about local cuisine and museum highlights, but this is not your average guidebook. With a hefty dose of sarcasm and biting humor, "First-Time Europe," offers a realistic look at visiting overseas.

Unlike other books, this guide walks the reader through the entire trip, from start to finish. It features information to get you going, from fixing a budget and procuring a passport to packing, telling you everything from what kind of backpack to get to how many socks to put in it.

"First-Time Europe" also provides information that other guide books tend to shy away from. It looks at Europe realistically, offering a Best and Worst list that goes through the most overrated and underrated attractions. There's a chapter on crime that not only discusses the seamy side of the continent (devoting an entire section to Italian men and their flirtations with female tourists) but also gives a helpful outline on what to do should your plane be hijacked by terrorists.

There are the guide book standards — the book features five maps, tons of illustrations, and a directory of airlines, online travel resources, and travel book and map stores. However, the key attraction of the book is its straight forward style and honest descriptions of the travel experience. And of course, the laugh-out-loud sense of humor. What other book warns against the evil appeal of transplanted McDonald's franchises or cites Arnold Schwarzenegger movies as examples of good travel sense?

Even if you are not heading out of the states this summer, "First-Time Europe" is a great starting point for when you do decide to get away. Available from The Penguin Group, "First-Time Europe" is by Louis Casabianca and retails for \$9.95.



WEEKEND STRESS RELIEVERS

Music

Steven Curtis Chapman
Steven Curtis Chapman brings the Signs of Life tour to Chapel Hill on April 25 at 7:30 p.m. Also scheduled to appear are Audio Adrenaline and Carolyn Arends. Tickets are available at the Smith Center Box Office and all TicketMaster locations or by calling (919) 834-4000.

The ArtsCenter
Friday, March 7 at 8 p.m., Latin Concert: Fuego De Alma & Cafe.
Saturday, March 8 at 8 p.m., Delta Blues Concert: Rory Block.
Saturday, March 15 at 8 p.m., Gospel Concert: Gospel Concert Jubilee.
Sunday, March 16 at 7:30 p.m., Jazz Concert: Open Jazz Jam.
For information call (919) 929-2787.

Cinema

Campus Cinema
Wednesday, March 19 "Black Girl (La Noire De)" at 7 p.m. FREE.
Thursday, March 20 "Mouth to Mouth" at 7 and 9 p.m.
Shows are \$1.50 for students and \$2 for guests.

Opportunities

Auditions

Thirteen outdoor historical dramas from across the country will hold auditions for summer jobs for actors, singers, dancers, and technicians at the Institute of Outdoor Drama, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill on March 22. To request an application, send a self-addressed, stamped business envelope to: Auditions Coordinator, Institute of Outdoor Drama, CB# 3240, NationsBank Plaza, UNC-CH, Chapel Hill, NC 27599-3240. Completed Applications must be received no later than March 17.

Theatre in the Park

Announcing auditions for the next mainstage production, "Our Town." All roles are open. A prepared 1-2 minute monologue is expected as well as readings from the script. Auditions are scheduled for Monday and Tuesday, March 10-11. Call backs are scheduled for Wednesday, March 12. Personal scripts are available from Theatre in the Park. For more information, please contact Theatre in the Park at 831-6058.

Volunteers

UNC-TV seeks volunteers to answer phone calls, sign up new donors, and help send out promotional material during the "Festival '97" telethon. For more information call Debra Beller at (919) 549-7173.

Workshops

Native American Literary Conference
A 3-day Native American Literary Heritage Conference will be held at Guilford College on April 4-6. There will be workshops, speakers, panel discussions and an evening with the Southern Sun Singers. The conference is open to the public. For information, contact the N.C. Writers' Network at (919) 967-9540.

Hall of Famers inducted

■ N.C. Literary Hall of Fame names its 1997 inductees.

BY LISA IRBY
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

There are all kinds of Hall of Fames out there and North Carolina has a special one of its own. The N.C. Literary Hall of Fame will hold its induction ceremony May 17 at 2:30 p.m. at the Weymouth Center for Arts and Humanities in Southern Pines.

The Hall of Fame was authorized by a joint resolution of the General Assembly in 1993, then established in May 1996 by a grant from the N.C. Department of Cultural Resources to the N.C. Writers' Network. The Hall of Fame supports and encourages literature in North Carolina by honoring writers who have accomplished enduring achievement in their art.

This year the Literary Hall of Fame honors the literary lives of three deceased writers who have made significant literary contributions to North Carolina: Sam Ragan, Harriet Jacobs, Joseph Mitchell, and three living authors: John Ehle, Gray Patton, and Louis Rubin.

Not only are you able to participate in the induction ceremony, but you can learn more about the celebrated writers through biographical material and a video presentation. You can also learn about last year's inductees, 15 distinguished writers: James Boyd, Charles Waddell Chesnut, Jonathan Daniels, Inglis Fletcher, Paul Green, Bernice Kelly Harris, O. Henry, George Moss Horton, Randall Jarrell, Gerald Johnson, Guy Owen, Thad Stern, Richard Walsler, Manly Wade Wellman and Thomas Wolfe.

If you would like more information about the induction or the honored writers, call the N.C. Writers' Network at (919) 967-9540.

Different scholarship available

■ A National Essay Contest provides scholarships and helps people suffering from Multiple Sclerosis.

BY LISA IRBY
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

In recent years, we have become more aware of the severe effects of multiple sclerosis and the strong impact it can have on people's lives. For years no one knew exactly what the illness was, and now most of us know people that are suffering from it. Multiple Sclerosis has moved up the ladder of serious illnesses and is now at the top of the list with AIDS and cancer. The Multiple Sclerosis Association of America (MSAA) is trying to involve more young people in their fight against this deadly disease.

MSAA sponsors a national essay competition, PROJECT: Learn MS '97, for high school and college students. This is an awareness/scholarship program open to high school students and college freshmen, sophomores, and juniors for college scholarships and it also helps raise funds to help those suffering from multiple sclerosis. The official registration forms are available by calling 1-800-LEARN-MS.

Multiple Sclerosis is the most common neurological disorder of young adults, in fact, it affects as many as 500,000 Americans. Characteristic symptoms of this disease include blindness, fatigue, tremors and paralysis. At the present time, there is no known cause, cure or prevention of MS.

The MSAA is a non-profit health care agency that wants to improve the lives of the numerous people affected by this illness by providing complete health care programs and services. Some of the services MSAA offers include peer counseling, support groups, free loan of therapeutic equipment, barrier-free housing, symptom management research and therapies, educational literature, no-cost MRI's and other vital patient programs.

This competition encourages young people to write a 500-1000 word essay on multiple sclerosis, its effects on family, and how society can improve life for the physically challenged. All essays must include the official registration form, a minimum of \$7.50 in prepaid sponsorship, and must be postmarked by April 11. Students who are participating in the contest are encouraged to raise additional sponsor money to win various prizes. This is a great way to earn money for school, but it is also a wonderful opportunity to raise money for such a worthwhile cause.



Dogs can join their own club

■ Finally, a place to take Fido when the two of you want a night out.

TECH TOO STAFF REPORT

The Greater Raleigh Dog Training Club is a non-profit, AKC licensed organization that provides seminars and canine training sessions to the public. The club has a training facility located at Highway 50 and 70 in Garner. Members meet at the facility on the fourth Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. to share canine information and activities with other dog lovers.

In addition to these meetings, the club

offers conformation classes to teach owners how to show their purebred dog. It also provides testing for the AKC Canine Good Citizen title. The test includes accepting a friendly stranger, sitting politely for petting, walking on a loose leash through a crowd, sitting down on command and also a supervised tie-out.

They offer dog training classes on several levels including puppy classes. Perhaps the most important class of all is the one titled "Choosing the Perfect Dog." Sponsored in conjunction with the Wake County SPCA, the free seminar discusses the time and financial requirement and choosing the right dog to suit your lifestyle.

For more information concerning seminars and workshops or to find out about membership call the Greater Raleigh Dog Training Club at (919) 779-1935 and leave a message.

Film scripts sold on Net



TECH TOO STAFF REPORT

Although the novel still reigns as the preferred form of entertainment for serious readers, a growing number of film enthusiasts and movie fans are turning to screenplays for their reading pleasure. With more colleges offering film courses and more up and coming writers choosing screenplays as their medium of expression, interest in original scripts has never been higher.

Original Screenplays is a

company that sells full-length, original film scripts through the Internet for reading and educational purposes. Film students, aspiring writers, established authors and serious movie viewers can review the opening sequences (10 to 20 pages in length) of new original screenplays before ordering complete scripts.

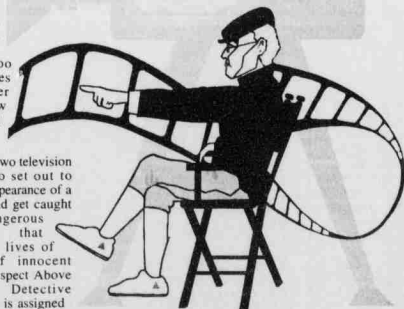
Currently, Original Screenplays is offering three new and exciting stories that capture ordinary people in extraordinary situations. In "Forget Who You Were," a young mother must forsake her career and identity in order to save her daughter from sexual abuse, and in the process, becomes a victim of a judicial system that too often gives people in her position few choices — all of them bad.

"Hot Spots" is the story of two television reporters who set out to solve the disappearance of a good friend and get caught up in a dangerous conspiracy that threatens the lives of thousands of innocent people. In "Suspect Above Suspicion," Detective Carmen Vegas is assigned

to work on a series of brutal murders with the police department's top homicide cop. But soon Vegas becomes suspicious of her new partner, whom she suspects killed his cheating wife and made it look like the other killings. Thus, Vegas is placed in the

unenviable position of tracking down one murderer while possibly working with another killer.

For more information, e-mail Louis at louis@originalscreenplays.com or visit the Original Screenplays web site at www.sni.net/~louis/c/.



A paper that is entirely the product of the student body becomes at once the official organ through which the thoughts, the activity and in fact the very life of the campus are registered... College life without its journal is a blank.
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Ban invites blindness

University Housing needs to allow halogen lights until they install more lighting in rooms.

Due to a number of recent fires in residence halls, University Housing is banning torchiere lights, a popular brand of halogen lamps. These lights rest on top of a pole and project light toward the ceiling. Since these lights burn hotter than other lamps, they are more likely to cause fires.

Students buy lamps for their rooms because the lighting provided by the university isn't adequate to allow students to study without squinting.

Housing decided that a swift ban, which must be complied with before spring break, is necessary because the lights cause more fires.

What they didn't consider is that students will be left in the dark after these lights are removed.

University Housing Director Tim Luckadoo said that more lighting will be added soon. All students can do is wait or buy new lights, and hope they won't get banned as well.

If you really think about it, every light gets hot and has the potential to fall over. Maybe Housing should only allow lights that they provide. True, it's a little extreme, but these are the same reasons the torchiere lights have been banned.

The ban will better ensure the safety of students, but their eyes will suffer due to bad lighting. Housing needs to provide adequate lighting for students as soon as possible. Without it, students grades could fall due to lack of available light to study by.

Speakout concerns all

Speakout lets administration know about women's concerns.

Safety was the top priority of many participants at the third annual "Speakout on Women's Concerns." Members of the N.C. State community talked about the problems of rape, sexual assault and sexual harassment. Around 50 people, including Provost Phillip Stiles and Chancellor Larry Monteith, attended the forum.

The forum is designed to bring the campus together to talk about issues that concern not only women, but NCSU at large. The assault in February and the recent robberies should cause all students to be anxious for their safety. If anyone knows a woman at NCSU, that person should be concerned with rape, sexual assault and sexual harassment.

For only 50 people out of a student population of over 27,000 to show up at an event like this is discouraging. The plight of women on campus should not only be the concern of women and a few

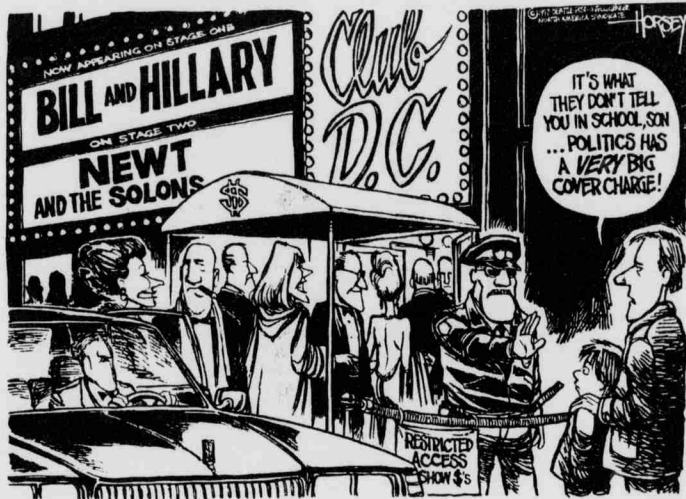
administrators. It should be everyone's responsibility.

Are parents and future applicants expected to take seriously the university's commitment to providing a safe atmosphere for students given this turnout? And the recent assault and robberies accentuate the problem NCSU is facing. No parent is going to send a child to school where that child could potentially be in danger. Would you?

A campus that is unsafe will not be economically nor academically profitable for long. So what's the solution? First, we all need to take women's concerns seriously. These are our sisters, girlfriends and fellow classmates. The problems they face are real and the university as a whole must decide that these problems need to be dealt with.

Secondly, we must work on solutions, instead of holding the usual "warm, fuzzy" public relations events. While these look good on paper, they aren't very effective at dealing with the underlying causes of the problems.

The challenge of dealing with these issues has been laid down. It's up to all of us to respond.



The re-release of the Star Wars Trilogy

Trilogy shouldn't be missed on the big screen

I was so psyched when I found out the Star Wars Trilogy was going to be re-released in the theater that I called up all of my friends to tell them. I'm not quite what you would call a Star Wars freak, but I do have a set of Star Wars sheets at home. I grew up playing with my brother's X-Wing fighter and I played the theme song to "Star Wars" for one of my high school piano recitals.

How could I not? The Star Wars trilogy has transcended mere movie status. It's not just three movies, it's part of the American culture. It's even bigger than America — it's a worldwide phenomenon. George Lucas created movies that would be prototypes for many films to come; however, the Star Wars Trilogy could never be replicated.

I was born the same year "Star Wars" came out, so I never saw it or "The Empire Strikes Back" on the big screen. I was fortunate enough to see "Return of the Jedi" in the theater, and it was amazing. I prayed those first two movies would live up to the tradition once I saw them on the big screen. They lived up to my expectations then exceeded them.

Probably the best part about going to see "Star Wars" and "The Empire Strikes Back" in the theater was the feeling that it was part of a huge worldwide family that grew up loving these movies. Watching them on the big screen was almost like coming home to old friends and family. I saw "Star Wars" the night after it opened and, of course, the theater was packed.

I know almost everyone in there had seen it before but it didn't matter. I had a friend ask me why everyone was so excited about seeing the same old "Star Wars" that we had all seen at home on our videocassette recorders. He just didn't understand. Watching the trilogy on the big screen is almost a religious experience, a pilgrimage to Mecca. It's something that I waited 19 years for, and now I finally see it.

Sure, almost everyone has seen it, and sure everyone knew the dialogue and the plot, but that's what was so great about it. It was a common bond that not only linked all of the strangers in the theater together as fans of these great films, but it also linked us back to the late '70s and '80s.

Monique Thomas PRO

Trilogy. This is our chance to reminisce and to remember way back when. I'm sure everyone has good memories connected to the first time he or she saw "Star Wars," "The Empire Strikes Back" or "Return of the Jedi." These movies are inextricably woven into our childhood.

We didn't wear Birkenstocks, we wore Jellies. We rode BMX bikes complete with mags and pegs. Before those young whippersnappers of my sister's generation got insulated lunch bags, we all carried metal lunch boxes with He-Man or Star Wars on the front. Our movie stars were Molly Ringwald and Matt Dillon. It's our history.

I knew when I heard everyone in the theater applaud after the Death Star was destroyed that I wasn't alone in my sentiments. And for those who hadn't seen it yet, and surprisingly my very own roommate was among this select few, well, they were almost forced to go with us to the theater to see it. It has to be as important to them as it is to us — they must come to love it as we've all come to love it.

The Star Wars Trilogy has to be seen on the big screen in surround sound. You have to hear the light sabers clash, Darth Vader's deep, muffled breathing, and most importantly, the "Star Wars" theme music.

For those of us that have seen it before, new scenes were added. This was great because everyone who's seen the trilogy as many times as I have (104 times) went to the movies convinced that they had seen it enough to pick up on the new sequences. The new scenes were cleverly inserted and didn't disturb the flow of the movie at all. They only enhanced what was already great.

The first two films certainly lived up to my expectations and more. Star Wars never seems to get old no matter how many times I see it. Yoda's still hilarious when he fights with R2-D2. C-3PO is still anal, and Han is still a hottie.



Luke, Leia and Han return to the big screen in the re-release of the Star Wars Trilogy.

Re-release isn't anything we haven't seen before

The Star Wars Trilogy, in my opinion, happens to be one of the finest sets of movies to come out of Hollywood. The story is a timeless classic that people of all age groups can relate to and appreciate. The heroes such as Luke and Han are walking definitions of what modern day heroes ought to be. When I was a little boy, I wanted to grow up to be a Storm Trooper. Those white suits and sophisticated weapon systems just really did something for me.

There is a set of the Star Wars Trilogy at my house. Every now and then, a copy of my favorite episode, "The Empire Strikes Back," finds its way into my videocassette recorder. I can sit back and enjoy the sights and sounds of this wonderful epic and really appreciate this movie for all that it is. So what's the problem?

The problem is, the whole point behind the re-release of these timeless classics is to make all the major actors zillionaires all over again. I think that it is a travesty that these classics are back in movies.

Not that the originals wouldn't be great to see on the big screen, but let's look at this topic subjectively. So what if Han can step on Jabba the Hut's tail? What does it lend to the story line? Nothing. I really don't care if some fat frog can get up on stage and belt out some tune or not. How does that affect the force? Can Luke fly the X-wing any better because of it? No, not really. Can the digital dubbing that takes place make C-3PO and R2-D2 any less of a charming couple? I doubt it.

The effects and sounds that went into making the original three movies came about through hard work and countless hours of sweat and frustration. Sure, we can make all those sounds with computers now, but it's just not the same. The effects that you see and hear are real; some designer didn't just dream them up. Hours and hours were spent looking for and recording various types of both everyday and odd-ball sounds. These sounds were mixed, dubbed and recorded until

Darwin Nichols

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the producers were able to come up with just the right ingredients that allowed the movies to flow and come together.

All of the visual effects were done with imagination and ingenuity. Some computer geek wasn't sitting around Santa Spielberg's workshop going, "Well, if I just press F5, then you'll get a shower of sparks that can double the stars when they jump to light speed."

Jabba wasn't a computer generated monster, he was a huge puppet that took half a battalion to operate.

This was a part of the mysticism and magic that made the Star Wars movies so great. Today when you see special effects you know that they are generated by a computer. You don't sit there and go, "Gee, I wonder how they did that?" You know how they did those effects — they push a little button and all these things start jumping out of the screen. The magic is gone. When you watch any of the Star Wars movies, you sit there and just wonder how they did that shot.

The technology that was used back then was peanuts compared to the computer capabilities that today's producers have. Exploding Death Star, no problem. Push a button. How did they do it back then? That's what I want to know.

If someone really wants to make an impact on the minds of Star Wars fans everywhere, do us a favor. Release the first star. It certainly wasn't needed for "re-doing" these classics. Like them just the way they were. If on a new movie about the Jedi knights was being released, I might be excited. I just can't get excited about these movies now because where I'm from, seeing a fat frog dance around the room is nothing new.

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I have become an enthused advocate for re-releasing other movies in the theater. Why stop with the Star Wars Trilogy? The '70s and '80s had so many classic films to offer. I still have friends (I'm ashamed to admit), who haven't seen any of the Jaws movies yet. How they function in their everyday lives not having seen these movies is a mystery to me. I'd love to see them re-released. Jaws 3 was in 3-D; it would be great if everyone could wear 3-D glasses in the theater. What about "The Goonies" or "ET"? These are timeless classics, too.

It's hard to believe, but my little sister was born in the '80s and didn't see many of these movies in the theater. For those who haven't seen them, re-releasing them will introduce them into a worldwide family, and for those of us who have seen them time and time again, it will be just like taking a trip home.

Databases may violate patients' privacy

■ A recent study says patient privacy is at risk in medical databases because of their potential for misuse.

BY JOHN RILEY
NEWSDAY

The growth of huge databases of personal medical records and federal plans to assign patient identifiers to all citizens have created serious risks to privacy, according to a study released Wednesday.

Without better controls and comprehensive policies protecting privacy, the report warned, using universal identifiers such as Social Security numbers to link all of a patient's records could facilitate discrimination in insurance, employment and credit based on a person's health.

In health care legislation last year, Congress ordered the Department of Health and Human Services to prepare plans by 1998 for a "universal health identifier" — a unique patient code that would allow a patient's records from different providers to be linked across time and geography. It could improve care, assist in research and help in detecting patterns of insurance fraud.

But privacy advocates have argued that the nation's privacy laws are already inadequate to protect increasingly sensitive medical data — such as genetic screening tests, showing an individual's propensity for disease — from being misused by employers, managed care companies, lenders and insurers to cut their costs and reduce their risks.

Wednesday's report from the research council, an arm of the National Academy of Sciences, called for technical standards to safeguard computerized records, a national debate on how to regulate "systemic" flows of data from providers to insurers, employers, drug marketers and others.

Flooding isolates Yosemite

■ The flooding provides Yosemite a respite from visitors, allowing officials to consider alternate plans for the park's future.

BY WILLIAM BOOTH
THE WASHINGTON POST

YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK, Calif. — They are calling it the cruelest winter on record, but in this great glacial valley, the bears, bobcats and coyotes are wandering fat and happy through the abandoned campgrounds and empty parking lots.

"They think they won," said Ranger Geoff Green, of the animals. Because the humans are all gone.

Yosemite National Park, one of the nation's most glorious but overwhelmed natural places, has been closed to the public since New Year's Day, when a record-breaking flood roared through the valley, sweeping away buildings and bridges and peeling away slabs of asphalt, which floated like dirty gray icebergs down the Merced River. Picnic tables have turned up in Lake McClure, 50 miles downstream.

But while the New Year's flood caused an estimated \$178 million in damage, many who love this place now view it as a godsend, a once-in-a-lifetime chance to undo much of what is "wrong" with this immensely popular national park — the cars and congestion created by 4.1 million visitors last year, double the number that came here in 1980.

"The flood was the biggest blessing this century," said Kate McCurdy, a wildlife biologist for the National Park Service. "It was exactly what this place needed. A good flushing."

The thinking among some administration officials and environmentalists is that if profound changes can be accomplished in the rebirth of Yosemite National Park, other overwhelmed parks could begin the transition from an experience advocates now describe as "more amusement park" than communion with nature.

More than 1,000 employees of the park's concession company have been laid off, and some 250 workers lost the splash cabins and canvas tents they called home. The gateway communities that ring the park and sell motel beds and hot meals are suffering from the pangs of extreme

commercial withdrawal, denied the flow of visitors who come even in the winter months. The park will remain mostly shuttered at least until the middle of this month, as maintenance crews clear trees and rebuild roads and bridges.

If Congress grants the millions and the Clinton administration has the political will, federal officials say

But reducing the human imprint, and removing automobiles, will be expensive and controversial.

The Park Service is charged with both protecting nature and facilitating visitation. How to get visitors in? A rail system is too expensive. Electric buses can't make the steep grades. Where to put the cars? Visitors have to park someplace. And then there is the cost.

"We simply don't have the money to run our own shuttle system," said Chip Jenkins of Yosemite's Office of Strategic Planning.

Nature, however, seems intent on reminding visitors that this is a wild place.

Last July, even before the floods, Yosemite experienced the largest rock slide in its 107-year history as a park when more than 80,000 tons of granite above Happy Isles plummeted — in free fall — almost half a mile to the valley floor. The impact created a shock wave of 100 mph winds that blew down trees, bent steel beams and sent a pine trunk through the wall of a nature center. The ensuing dust cloud reduced visibility to three feet. Park officials were amazed that only one person was killed.

"A lot of people were saying we were running an unsafe park, that this is not supposed to happen," said Green. "But this is exactly what's supposed to happen. Yosemite is not a thing you go see. It is an event."

If Congress appropriates the money, the Park Service plans to shrink the size of "the human footprint" in the valley, moving buildings and campgrounds away from the flood plain, as well as repairing roads, utilities and trails.

Nothing happens quickly, however, in America's national parks. The General Management Plan for Yosemite was approved 17 years ago, and its recommendations about moving buildings in the flood plain and creating shuttle systems to reduce traffic were never carried out. But park officials are hopeful now is the moment.

"Anything that gets us out of the status quo, that takes the steps to make visiting the valley a peaceful, contemplative experience anything — would be a step in the right direction," said superintendent Griffin.

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they want to turn parking lots back into meadows, push campgrounds away from the river, move housing stock and offices out of the crowded valley and attempt to change the core experience of visiting the park by getting people out of their automobiles and onto shuttle buses — or even walking.

"On a peak summer day in the valley, the experience is sitting in traffic, driving around for an hour looking for a place to park, standing in line for food service. In the time that visitors spend doing all that, I'd much prefer them to be able to take a trail, sit on a rock or enjoy the meadows," said Yosemite superintendent B.J. Griffin. "I think that is a dignity the park deserves."

Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt, in recent remarks at the Grand Canyon, spoke of a new mandate: "Some people say there are too many people coming to our national parks, I reject that. I believe there can never be too many people, too many Americans, coming to enjoy their parks. I do believe, though, there are too many cars."

Babbitt said the National Park Service is at a crossroads, forced either to limit visitation or get rid of cars. "Surely we have the imagination," he said, "to scale down, move the automobiles and find mass transit alternatives."

Said Jay Watson of the Wilderness Society: "The parks stand at a precipice... It is time to do the right thing."

Anti-missile missile fails again

■ The 4th failure of this controversial project raises doubts about it as expected deployment in 2004.

BY JOHN MINTZ
THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON — An anti-missile test he led in developed by Lockheed Martin Corp. failed its fourth test flight in a row Thursday, clouding the future of the \$17 billion program and illustrating anew the technical difficulties in the missile defenses envisioned by President Reagan in the 1980s.

The Ballistic Missile Defense Organization, the military command conducting the test, said it hasn't determined why the Theater High Altitude Area Defense (THAAD) missile failed to hit its missile target at the White Sands Missile Range in New Mexico.

"The interceptor took off fine and the radar worked," said Lt. Col. Rick Lehner, a BMDO spokesman. "It just didn't hit the target." Test

operators then blew up both missiles by remote control, he said. "Preliminary indications" are that an on-board computer that prevents the missile from shimmying malfunctioned, Lehner said.

The three previous failures had prompted mounting concern about the program inside the company and the Pentagon. Last month, Pentagon acquisition chief Paul Kaminski said another test failure in the near future would prompt a major restructuring of the project. "I don't think we're going to see funding for ballistic missile systems that aren't working," Kaminski told Aviation Week & Space Technology.

Capt. Michael Doubleday, a Pentagon spokesman, said Thursday that "it's too early to tell whether the latest setback endangers the program. But he added: "It certainly is not a result we had hoped for."

Lockheed Martin declined comment. Its shares fell \$1.75 to \$87 on the N.Y. Stock Exchange. The THAAD missile is designed to strike incoming missiles higher and earlier in flight than the Patriot

missile, which was used by U.S. soldiers in the Persian Gulf War. THAAD is supposed to protect U.S. and allied forces from missile attack in a wide area — the size of a country, say — while the Patriot missile defends a zone the size of a large city. THAAD is scheduled to be deployed starting in 2004.

Critics of Pentagon weapons programs said the failure raises questions about the recommendation by Congress' Republican majority that no missile development and deployment be sped up. Democrats favor continued testing of various missiles before committing huge sums of money to production.

John Pike, space-policy director for the liberal Federation of American Scientists, pointed out that since 1980 the Pentagon has conducted 14 tests of THAAD and similar systems that are supposed to hit enemy missiles at high altitude and only two destroyed their targets.

"That's a pathetic showing," Pike said. "You've got to see whether there's any water in the pool before you jump in the deep end," he added, referring to the GOP proposals for expedited deployment of the unproven missile defenses.

WORLD NEWS

Columbia halts anti-drug efforts

■ Colombian officials say the U.S. refusal to grant anti-drug certification was not the reason they have stopped their eradication program.

BY DOUGLAS FARAH
THE WASHINGTON POST

BOGOTA, Colombia — President Ernesto Samper on Wednesday suspended programs aimed at eradicating crops used to produce cocaine and heroin, less than a week after Washington's refusal to certify Colombia as an ally in the global war on drugs.

Joaquin Polo, coordinator of Colombia's anti-drug efforts, announced the suspension on a local radio station, after he advised U.S. Ambassador Myles Frechette of the unexpected decision.

Polo said a decision on whether to resume eradication efforts would come after the Colombian government had reviewed counter-narcotics cooperation with the United States.

A small group of protesters blocked off streets around the U.S. Embassy here, chanting anti-American slogans and blocking traffic.

Colombia's move was widely viewed as a swipe at the United States, which was in the midst of providing five airplanes, worth \$84 million, to the Colombian police for eradication efforts. Two of the airplanes were delivered last month; three more were to arrive by the end of March.

U.S. officials consider aerial spraying of coca plants, from which cocaine is derived, and fields of poppies used in making heroin to be vital to counter-narcotics efforts.

Modified crop-dusting airplanes, some flown by American pilots on

contract with the State Department, fly low over the crops, releasing herbicides to kill the plants.

In addition to being the world's largest producer of cocaine, Colombia is the second-largest grower of coca, surpassing Bolivia this year for the first time and trailing only Peru. Colombia also has seen a rapid increase in poppy cultivation.

Efforts to destroy coca plants, which are grown largely in areas where Marxist guerrillas maintain a strong presence, is dangerous and politically costly. Last year, coca farmers, saying coca was the only crop from which they could make enough money to survive, fought pitched battles with police trying to disrupt their efforts.

Suspension of the flights comes on the heels of Friday's announcement by the Clinton administration that, for the second year in a row, it would not certify that Colombia is making serious efforts to fight drug trafficking. Washington has denied certification to only six nations: Colombia, Nigeria, Afghanistan, Burma, Iran and Syria.

Samper's decision is the latest blow to the once strong ties between the United States and Colombia. Relations have deteriorated since Samper was accused of accepting \$6 million from the Cali cocaine cartel for his 1994 presidential campaign. Samper has denied the charges, but U.S. officials call the allegations "credible."

A senior Colombian official said that while the suspension "coincided" with the decision to decertify Colombia, it was largely aimed at correcting "the very evident difference in methodology between the North Americans and our government." The official said that, if the differences are ironed out, the spraying can resume.

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picked." Bennett said his first order of business will be to concentrate on the transition which the paper will undergo in the fall. Many of the paper's current department heads will be leaving Technician due to graduation, a fact which concerns Bennett.

"There is definitely going to be a period of adjustment," he said. "The first thing that I am going to change is nothing. I need some time to make the adjustment to the position, and the staff needs some time to adjust to me."

The positions for Argomeck, the Graduate Student News, the Nubian Message, and WKNC were all

uncontested. Watkins, WKNC's new GM and Cesare, Argomeck's editor are both veterans to the field, as is the Nubian Message's Holloway. Cesare is the current yearbook editor, and Watkins served as the station's interim GM for three months last school year. Holloway was the editor of the Nubian two years ago.

Cesare said she was glad to get a chance to continue her tenure at Argomeck. She said she looks forward to continue the revamping of the media which she started this year.

"We've changed it a bit," Cesare said. "We've tried to increase the awareness around campus, and we've spent a lot of time recruiting a strong staff. We are trying to make it more of a journalistic venture."

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movies are free. On March 21 and 22, "The Preacher's Wife" will be showing at 6:45 p.m., 9p.m., and 11:15 p.m.

For more information on workshops and seminars offered for Women's History month, contact the Women's Center at 515-2012.

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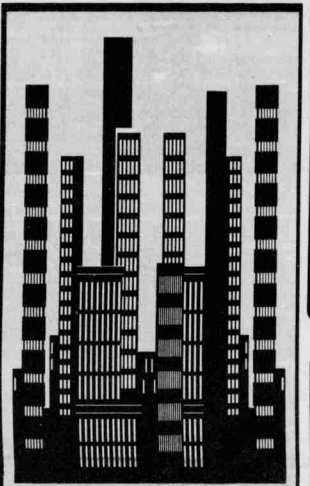
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