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## Bad students get good news

■ A new academic policy on suspensions benefits students in academic trouble.

VICKI HOGLEN  
Staff Writer

This Christmas will be a lot brighter for some N.C. State students.

Effective this year, no academic suspensions will be issued from the university in December, when fall grades are released.

Provost Phillip Stiles recently approved changes to NCSU's academic policy that allows students who begin a semester with a cumulative GPA below 2.0 to continue classes through the next semester.

"In the past, if a student was suspended in the fall, the student could appeal to the University Admissions Committee," said Frank Abrams, associate provost. "They could re-enroll and be placed under academic probation."

The problem with the former policy revolved around time.

Previously, grades were released over Christmas break, and classes resumed in the middle of January. The Admissions Committee would then meet to determine the suspension status of the student. If the student chose to appeal the decision, a lengthy hearing would ensue.

By the time the student was reinstated, the spring semester would be in full swing and no living arrangements could be made, said Abrams.

"It is very hard to make a fair case and to have a fair hearing after so much time has passed," said Abrams. Under the terms of the updated academic policy, all suspensions will be given out at the end of the spring semester so that all of the appeals can be made over the

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## Students study N.C. marshlands

■ An NCSU professor led a summer program in which high school students had the opportunity to study N.C. marshlands.

STEVEN BROWN  
Staff Writer

Imagine choosing to spend two-and-a-half weeks of your summer vacation in a hot, sticky N.C. marsh. Not in your wildest dreams you say?

Well, that is exactly what eight high school students decided to do this past summer — with a little help from Stephen Snyder, a professor in marine, earth, and atmospheric sciences here at N.C. State.

Snyder was able to receive backing from the Earthwatch Organization, one of the world's largest private sponsors of field research projects, to research the disappearing coastal marshes on the N.C. shore.

The Earthwatch Organization provides a branch called the Student Challenge Awards Program, which offers students gifted in the arts and humanities a chance to take part in scientific research that has been approved by the challenge awards program. The program funded 10 projects over the summer, including the project submitted by Snyder.

The eight students who spent time in North Carolina, under the supervision of Snyder and visiting professor Vickie Connors, had to be recommended by their high school counselors and fill out detailed applications in order to be considered for the program. The director of the challenge awards program, Dee Robbins, tried to choose students from areas that would not normally allow them to visit the East Coast.

According to Snyder, "Most of them came from fairly arid to semi-arid environments and they were stuck in coastal wetlands of North Carolina in July."

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## Friday IN BRIEF

### Three department heads named at NCSU

Two department heads have been appointed in the School of Design and one has been named in the College of Management.

Andrew Blauvelt, an associate professor, is now head of the department of graphic design. He joined the N.C. State faculty in 1991 and earned a bachelor's degree from the Herron School of Art at Indiana University and a master's degree from the Cranbrook Academy of Art in Bloomfield Hill, Mich.

Faith A. Rifki, an associate professor who joined the faculty in 1985, is the new head of the department of architecture. He earned a bachelor's degree from the American University of Beirut, Lebanon, and a master's degree from the University of Oregon in Eugene.

Stephen Margolis, a professor, has been appointed head of the department of economics. Margolis joined the NCSU faculty in 1982.

### Center candidates to give presentations

Faculty, staff and students are invited to hear the presentations of three candidates selected by the search committee for the director of the Faculty Center for Teaching and Learning. Each candidate will give a public presentation in the University Student Center Walnut Room on his or her vision for the center. The committee requests feedback from the campus. The schedule is as follows: 2 p.m. Sept. 15, Beth Bowser, executive director of the Carolina Colloquy for University Teaching and assistant director of the Institute for College and University Teaching at Western Carolina University; 2 p.m. Sept. 17, Douglas Wellman, associate dean for academic affairs and professor of parks, recreation and tourism management; and 2 p.m. Sept. 18, Kenneth Gattis, assistant director of the Undergraduate Studies Tutorial Center.

### Free Adult Education courses offered

All university employees who want to improve their basic math and reading skills or work toward a GED certificate are invited to free classes offered by Facilities Operations.

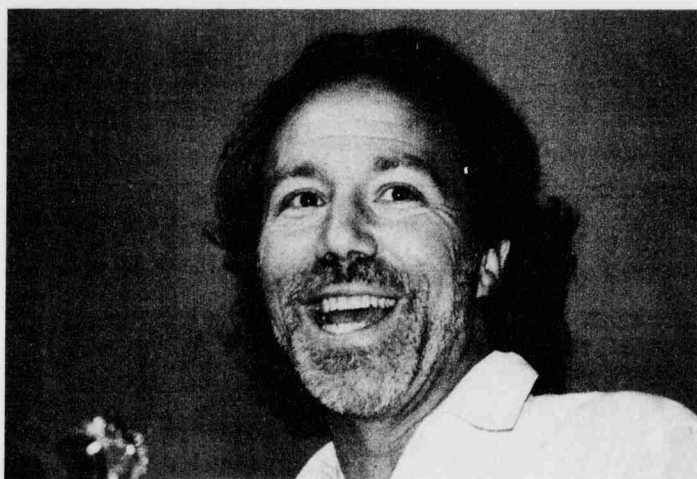
Wake Technical Community College will provide the instruction from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays in the Morris Building's large conference room. Applicants must complete an enrollment form before they attend.

In the past, many studies have shown that adults who go back to receive their GEDs after dropping out of high school often receive better jobs than if they had not gone back to school.

For more information, call Pat Grantham at 515-9822.

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Mark Plotkin seemed thrilled to be speaking to N.C. State students Monday and Tuesday.

## Medicinal herbs, Shamen and NCSU

Renowned ethnobotanist shares experiences with N.C. State students

■ A local ethnobotanist spoke to encourage people to consider natural healing.

FRANCESCA CARPENTER  
Staff Writer

On Sept. 8, at 2:30 p.m., N.C. State honor students attended a lecture by Mark Plotkin, an ethnobotanist who recently returned from a month-long assignment in the Amazon.

When Plotkin approached the podium in the auditorium of Witterspoon Student Center, students were eased by his casual appearance. Plotkin began his presentation by telling a comic story about an encounter he had with the medicine man of the Shaman tribe.

After he captured the students' attention, Plotkin described what he does as

an ethnobotanist. An ethnobotanist is a scientist who works with indigenous peoples who use plants for medicinal purposes.

Scientists like Plotkin learn from different cultures while helping them more effectively with their natural resources.

The remainder of the presentation consisted of a slide show that portrayed the Shamans and their manner of healing. Plotkin said there are new medicines that can replace traditional painkillers. Often, nature, rather than a laboratory, is the root of many medical discoveries, he said.

Plotkin gave many examples of how the native peoples of South America use certain plants and insects to treat a number of the viruses and diseases that plague the western world.

The Shaman, a native people of the Amazon, are able to relieve some of the symptoms that AIDS victims face through the use of natural medicines. They can also treat ailments like diabetes and the common cold.

A problem that is destroying the Shaman culture is the negative influence of western economic ideologies, Plotkin said.

"They shouldn't accept western culture whole hog and think that it is better," Plotkin said.

When scientists venture into indigenous lands they destroy the land and negatively impact the people, Plotkin said. He said the only way society can benefit from the medicine of native people is to accept that western scientists do

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## Study could soon trigger job relocations

■ A privatization study looks into saving the school millions of dollars.

JILL RUSHING  
Staff Writer

When many people hear the words "government employee" they conjure up ideas of incompetence and inefficiency. But those who attend N.C. State often do not immediately accept this denotation.

After all, professors, food service assistants, groundskeepers and librarians are all state employees and all contribute to a competent, student-friendly environment.

But recently the cost of hiring state employees was compared with the cost of privatization — the act of replacing state employees with workers from private

companies — and the university is thinking about bringing in more privately-employed workers.

In 1995, the state legislature suggested that the UNC System conduct a privatization study. In the spring of 1996, the findings of the privatization study, conducted by MGT of America, a Florida-based company, found that \$16 million could be saved by privatization in the university system.

After hearing the results of the MGT study, NCSU looked at campus privatization on their own, even though many of those working at NCSU already come from private companies and are not state employees.

One of the first places the study focused on was Centennial Campus. According to NCSU's vice chancellor

for business, Jeff Mann, employees worried about losing their jobs on Centennial Campus can breathe easy.

The Centennial Campus portion of the study, regarding building operations and housekeeping, is almost complete, Mann said. Those operations include HVAC (heating, ventilating and air conditioning) and general maintenance.

When asked about possible indications of the team's findings, Mann said to comment would be premature.

But he did say no jobs would be lost if there was a decision to privatize. Those working in Centennial Campus would be absorbed into the NCSU work force and would then work on the main campus.

Mann heads a five-person privatization study team that focuses on seven

key areas: jobs in data entry, housekeeping, hazardous waste disposal, solid waste disposal, HVAC, grounds maintenance and steam plant operations. Privatization has most recently occurred in check cashing, housekeeping (in student center buildings) and in W-2 income tax form preparation.

The decisions surrounding privatization touch many aspects of life around the campus and are very complicated, Mann said. He said the study team recognizes this and has held town meetings so those in the NCSU community have a chance to discuss study findings and privatization decisions.

Another town meeting will be held in the not-to-distant future to address privatization on Centennial Campus.



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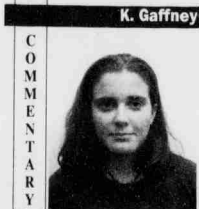
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K. Gaffney

## Fight for something

Sports Editor

They tell you to study history, because it will give you valuable lessons for the future.

So too often we get all wrapped up in the history that we forget about the present.

I think this is part of the whole Centennial Arena problem.

People are too wrapped up in the history surrounding N.C. State Basketball to realize that they are just making the issue worse.

They are so wrapped up to see the light glaring from the end of the tunnel and to wake up and realize that the student body lost any control, what so-ever that it may have, although quiet doubtable, had, a long, long time ago.

Like nine years. And the students continue to fight the arena like they are crazy.

The student body has more to say about this arena than about the tuition hikes that the State has placed on us.

Students have more to say about the arena than 24-hour-visitation and more to say about it than the sin of all sins in Greek life, the advent of a dry Fraternity Court.

You have to admire the tenacity of the student body. I am proud to be part of the cause; but I think it is time that we started using our powers for good and not for knocking our heads against a wall so thick that not even the rumblings of a brickyard orator could pass through.

I want this arena no more than the majority, and even less than the minority; but it is going to happen.

I am not knocking the history of NCSU basketball; in fact, it is important that we try to preserve it.

But at this point, we are not going to achieve that by fighting the arena.

It is about politics and revenue and ECU football, not about what the student body wants, and we have to accept that, or else we are fools.

I love Reynolds as much as anyone else.

No my Dad hasn't been taking me to games every year since I was three, and no, I wasn't a State fan in '83 or when Kay Yow first started in the 70s, but I still love Reynolds.

But fighting against the Arena doesn't mean that you are fighting to save Reynolds.

In fact, we are just making matters worse.

What we need to do is to fight to make sure that Reynolds remains an integral part of Wolfpack athletics. We need to make sure that Reynolds isn't forgotten — it won't get done by fighting to stop the building of this new arena, because it is here, and unless someone's house falls on the Wicked Witch of the East, it is not moving for quite some time.

If anything, we should embrace this arena for what it is worth, and concentrate on letting business as usual go on just off of Cates Avenue.

We should take a lesson, not in history, but in present-day realism. While I would hesitate to think that State could learn anything else from Chapel Hill, there is an important lesson lying among the wine and cheese down the road.

When the UNC-CH men's basketball program moved into the Dean Dome, it opened up a whole new game for the women's team. The Lady Tar Heels continued to play in Carmichael Gymnasium, and own the place.

When the State men's program moves into the new arena, Coach Yow and her teams intend to continue to play the majority of their games in Reynolds. It will

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## Wolfpack Women look to fresh new faces

N.C. State women's soccer team looks for contributions from eight rookies.

RYAN KELLOGG  
Staff Writer

If the first five games of the season are any measure of success, then the N.C. State women's soccer team looks to be back on the winning track.

Besides the obvious strength of having an experienced squad with seven returning seniors and seven returning juniors, these early Wolfpack victories have featured an impressive showing of the team's newcomers.

The eight rookies, seven freshmen and one transfer, have accounted for three of N.C. State's eight goals and added three assists. Clearly the football team isn't the only one with the motto, "Right here! Right now!"

Leading this pack of recruits is a

"She's young. She's quick and she's smart."

—Coach Alvin Corneal about freshman Shane Gallo

highly talented class of offensive players who look to immediately add firepower to the women's attack.

Two forwards, Shane Gallo and Shannon Tully, are expected to have that type of impact.

Gallo, a Florida native, brings an impressive set of skills to the team. As a high school senior, she scored 50 goals, a school-record, and captured first team all-state honors for the second year in a row. Her presence has already been felt on the field, contributing a pair of assists in the two tournaments.

"Gallo's played well. I think she'll get even better because she's young, she's quick and she's smart," commented head coach Alvin Corneal.

Tully, like Gallo, had an outstanding high school career. Her 34 goals last year were good enough for all-state honors as well as designation as the Class-A player of the year in her native South Carolina.

While Tully hasn't seen action this year because of her recent ACL operation that hasn't kept Corneal from predicting a promising future for her.

"Although she's not yet played, I've seen enough to know she's a quality player," said the coach.

Taking on midfield duties are Kasey Christian and Kristin Millon, who have combined for two goals early in the season.

Both Christian and Millon were supposed to be gradually eased into the rotation but their quick



Megan Jelly of the Pack moves the ball downfield against UNC-Greensboro women's soccer team.

adjustments to college play have earned them significant playing time.

Millon, a recruit from Scottsdale, Ariz., is an all-state player whose natural ease in the midfield has impressed the coach so far.

"She's a class player," said Corneal. "She's very comfortable with the ball in center field."

Christian, hailing from soccer-rich Greensboro, helped lead her alma mater, Northwest Guilford High, to an 18-5-1 record and a berth in the state's 4-A playoffs last year.

Joining Christian is high school

teammate, Betsy Stec, a highly sought after goalie and a valuable find for the Wolfpack. The media guide calls Stec "easily N.C. State's best goalkeeper recruit since Mertz."

Such lofty comparisons, to put the freshman in the same category as State's fourth year starting keeper, Katherine Mertz, doesn't necessarily mean playing time expressed Corneal. The coach feels Stec will see the field once she's adjusted to the college game and

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## It's a textile showdown

Clemson comes to Raleigh in the Pack's first home game of the season.

JAMES CURLE  
Assistant Sports Editor

It's Bowl time! Textile, that is.

The Wolfpack faces Clemson this Saturday in what has become known as the Textile Bowl.

Started in 1981, the Textile Bowl features a matchup of two of the nation's largest textile schools. Clemson holds an 11-5 advantage in the series, including wins in the last two.

But don't expect that to hamper any of the Pack's confidence or attitude.

"It's great to have a winning attitude," senior tight end Mark Thomas said. "When you're winning and things are going well, things feel a lot better than they do when you're not doing so hot."

The Pack will have to draw on that winning attitude for strength a great deal this Saturday. The Pack faces a Clemson team that traditionally plays close every time out, and with both teams possessing both potent running games and strong defenses, this year promises to be no different.

Heading Clemson's ground attack is senior tailback Raymond Priester. Clemson's all-time leader in rushing yardage and number of carries, Priester stands as a preseason candidate for the Dr. Pepper Doak Award. He lays claim to nine other Clemson rushing records, and if he rushes for 100 yards or more Saturday, he'll add

another to the list. Priester has rushed for at least 100 yards in the past five games, tying a record by Kenny Flowers. A sixth would set Priester at the top of the record sheet and further bolster the claim that he is Clemson's greatest running back of all time.

Standing in his way will be a tough defensive line headed by senior George Williams. The 6-4, 280-pound defensive tackle anchors a front line that has held opposing offenses to a respectable 116 yards on the ground, including a scant 92 yards against Duke last week. The play of N.C. State's defensive line will be a crucial factor in the outcome of Saturday's game.

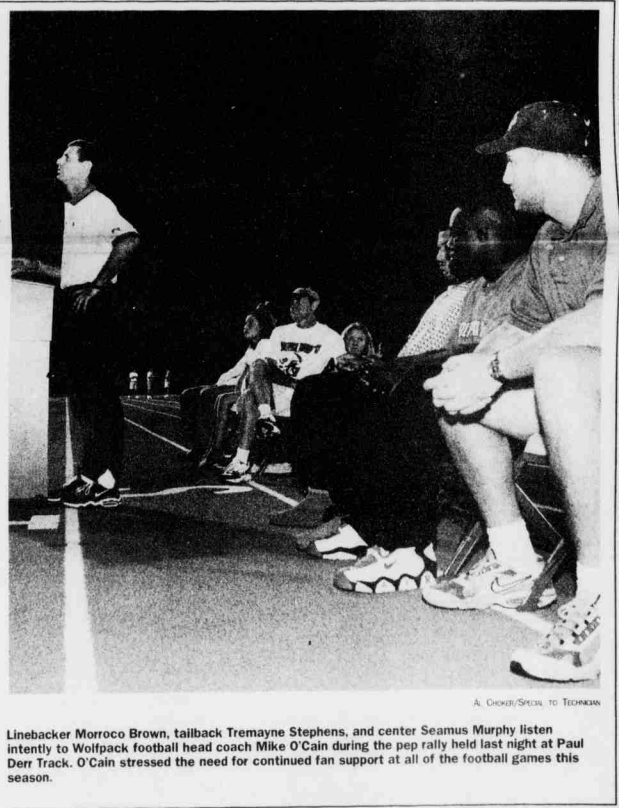
"I think if you take away their running game, you've got a good chance," Head Coach Mike O'Caïn said.

"They tend to shoot themselves in the foot," he added. "I still don't think they've done everything in their package."

The Wolfpack's "package" is led by sophomore quarterback Jaime Barnette. Currently ranked 10th in the country with a 180.1 passing efficiency rating, Barnette has completed 33 of his 48 passes. That comes to an impressive 68.8 percent completion percentage. Four of those completions were good for touchdowns, including the first score of the Duke game. His hope in the first two games this season shows how much Barnette has improved over the span of just one season.

"This year, he's right on top of everything," Thomas said.

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Linebacker Morocco Brown, tailback Tremayne Stephens, and center Seamus Murphy listen intently to Wolfpack football head coach Mike O'Caïn during the pep rally held last night at Paul Der Track. O'Caïn stressed the need for continued fan support at all of the football games this season.

A. CHOKER/SPECIAL TO TECHTEAM

## Wolfpack to face first test of season



State's Pablo Mastroeni battles for control of the ball while Jeremy Ballenger (No. 16) looks on.

N.C. State men's soccer team will face their first big test of the year.

K. GAFFNEY  
Sports Editor

May the road be kind.

At least that is what the N.C. State men's soccer team is thinking. This weekend, the Pack heads down tobacco road for the Duke Met-Life Classic in Durham, and ready to face, not Atlantic Coast Conference CC foe Duke, but national No.1 Indiana, and Penn State.

The tournament will be the Pack's first matches away from the friendly confines of Method Road Stadium, and will feature three of the toughest opponents on State's 1997 schedule.

The Pack will face off against the Hoosiers tonight at 5:00, opening the two-day tournament.

State comes off of a 3-2 overtime victory over Louisville in this past

weekend's Wolfpack adidas Classic.

While Coach George Tarantini and the 1997 squad came into the season looking to capitalize on the experience and leadership of seven returning seniors, only four will play in Friday's game.

Senior Dan Alexander, State's starting goalkeeper, broke his wrist in practice last week, and looks to return for the ACC season, which begins next week.

Outside Midfielder Oronde Ash hurt his knee in the first half of this past weekend's opener against High Point. Ash will sit for two to three weeks with an injury to his MCL.

Senior defenseman Kurt Sokolowski received two yellow cards in the OT victory against the Cardinals.

State takes on Indiana, one of the nation's top teams in the past two decades. The Hoosiers won three national championships in the 1980's.

Indiana is led by pre-season all-

america Lazo Alavanja, and will look for 1996 national high school player of the year Nick Garcia to prove himself on the college level early.

Duke, led by Ali Curtis, who scored two goals, defeated High Point and Louisville last weekend at the same Wolfpack adidas classic.

The Blue Devils will open the weekend against Penn State, who will take on the Pack at 5 p.m. on Saturday.

Penn State has been ranked in the top twenty in the nation all season, and currently rest at No. 18.

The Nittany Lions are coming off of a 2-2 tie with Loyola of Maryland. After grabbing a 2-0 lead early in the second half, the Lions allowed Loyola to tie the game with 21 seconds left on the clock.

Penn State is led by sophomore Jon McClay, senior Travis Berger and junior keeper Steve Saunders, who sat out on the Lions' loss to St. Francis, 3-1.

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# Textile

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"Especially when it comes to getting us in the right play. Facing Duke, they tried to mix it up a little bit and try to do some blitzes. When you face those blitzes a lot, it puts a lot of pressure on your quarterback. I think he did a great job."

From O'Canin's perspective, the Wolfpack football team is ready to play.

"Every team's different; every game's different," O'Canin said. "I think this team will handle (the game) differently. It's the way we beat Syracuse. I think we can be an excellent football team and that we ARE an excellent football team."

**Check out the Pigskin picks update on Page 6**

## Week 3

Clemson at N.C. State
Wake Forest at East Carolina
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Maryland at Florida State
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South Carolina at Georgia
Temple at Penn State
Alabama at Vanderbilt
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summer. Students appealing their suspensions will also be allowed to attend summer session classes and will have the time to locate housing, Abrams said.

Students whose appeals are successful will be placed on academic

probation and have one semester to raise their GPA. They will not be in good standing with the university during this time and will be required to attend advising sessions for four weeks of the semester. If their GPA does not rise, the students will be suspended again.

Abrams said the changes have been in effect for first-year students under the original academic policy. He hopes they will now benefit all NCSU students having academic

# Swamps

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In fact, except for one student from Ohio, all the others were from West of the Mississippi.

With the help of NCSU students working with Snyder on the project, the high school students spent their first few days at NCSU conducting experiments and completing projects to prepare them for the fieldwork on the horizon. The NCSU students were not only able to contribute from a scientific perspective but were also able to keep the high school students busy with activities.

In the end, the high school students found the marshes are currently able to keep up with the rising sea level, Snyder said. But it does not seem that this will continue

as the green house effect accelerates the rates at which the sea level rises, the students discovered.

Until now the marshes have been able to grow vertically to make up for the lost land caused by shore land erosion, Snyder said.

The marshes provide a type of filtration system for water as it enters the ocean, protecting it from many land toxins. Should they continue to deteriorate, many important fish and shellfish will lose their natural habitat and probably be wiped out.

Snyder has been researching this problem for eight years and will continue to record changes taking place in the marshes while attempting to come up with solutions for an ever-growing problem.

The program relies on businesses and people to help support the chosen projects. In this case, the project was entirely funded by The Durfee Foundation, a foundation that dedicates its services to raising money for philanthropic purposes.

## CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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# Shamen

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not know everything.

"If you see the man in the white coat you feel better," he said.

Society should not rely on the prescription medicine to heal aches and pains, Plotkin said. Instead, they should take a look at some of his revolutionary scientific methods by connecting to the internet at [www.ethnobotany.org](http://www.ethnobotany.org), or by reading his book, "Tales of a Shaman's Apprentice."

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# Pearce shares unique viewpoint

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he refers to as a "phase shift," Pearce said that, during this time, he felt that nothing could harm him. As he experienced this phenomenon again and again, he learned that he could intervene in ordinary cause-and-effect situations. There are many other documented cases of such incidents, which medical experts are trying to explain, he said.

Pearce related an incident that he referred to as "interfering with the ontological construct of the universe."

As a bank machine operator for a clearing-house, Pearce had to sort checks for various banks. Since he was going to school during the day, this job was done late at night. Pearce explained that if he operated on pure faith, he could operate the machine and still sleep.

"I caught the sound and had that same shift," he said. "I never closed my eyes but had amazing dreams."

After several similar incidences, Pearce said he became afraid of his power and began to back away. He felt that he was in over his head.

It was two years after his wife died that he had the experience of his life. "The event was almost a major disaster. The impact was so enormous that I had a hard time adjusting," Pearce said.

When questioned about the incident, Pearce was reluctant to put his experience into words. He said that, although he had experienced several classical mystical happenings, this was completely different.

"This wasn't intelligence," Pearce said. "This was a state."

He went on to say this power had shown him that humans really do have dominion over their world.

"We don't have intelligence," he said. "We have intellect."

Pearce went on to explain that there is a dramatic distinction between the two. Intellect is formed

in the brain, but the heart is the major source of intelligence in the body.

"We must teach the heart to think," Pearce said.

Pearce explained that neuro-cardiology is the study of the relationship between the heart and the brain. Medical experts have found that activity in the heart precedes all the activity in the brain and in the body. The heart starts functioning in the embryo several weeks before the brain forms.

Neuro-cardiologists have discovered that the heart sends out electromagnetic signals—2.5 watts of electrical energy with every pulse, Pearce said. This electromagnetic field surrounds the whole body in what is known as a torus, the same magnetic field that circles the earth. He said the heart is the center of this radiation.

"When you are picking up vibes from someone, even if they do have a smile on their face, you are

picking up on their electromagnetic fields," Pearce said.

What neuro-cardiologists attempt to do is study the interaction between signals from the heart and their relationship with the brain. The idea is to bring the two organs and their signals into sync with each other. It is this area that interests Pearce the most.

"His enthusiasm was contagious."

"He absolutely loves life and is afraid of nothing," said Dave Gold of the Self Knowledge Symposium, the group responsible for bringing Pearce to N.C. State. He went on to say that it was a tribute to NCSU and the intellectual and philosophical level of the university that Pearce had accepted the invitation to speak.

The speech, co-sponsored by the Union Activities Board, was part of the Self Knowledge Symposium, a group that meets every Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in Tompkins G113.

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## Local music scene goes big screen

■ A new film makes its debut right here in little old Raleigh, N.C.

KILLY MARKS  
Features Editor

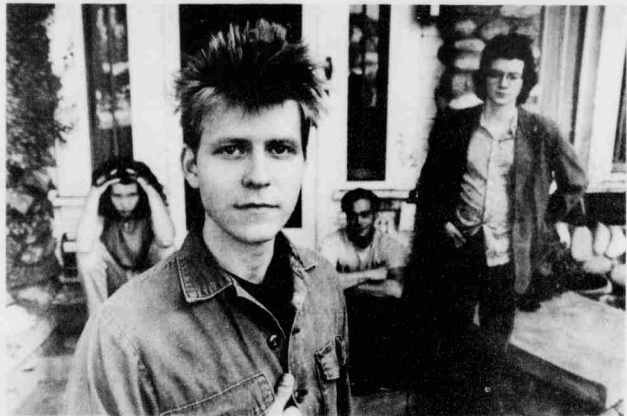
Any music fan that has spent a while in the area knows that North Carolina, especially the Raleigh-Durham-Chapel Hill region, has a pretty slamming underground scene. Sometimes it seems that everyone is in a band, knows a band, or knows someone who is in a band; but the truth of the matter is that only a select few ever make it out of the local rotation. While some record execs see the Raleigh local scene as uncharted territory and are looking this way with their eyebrows raised and their pocketbooks opened, one man has come to the local music scene with another motive in mind.

Native North Carolinian, John Schultz, recently used the Triangle and its musical talents as the inspiration for his new film, "Bandwagon." Filmed locally, the story focuses on the four members of "Circus Monkey," a band trying to break into the big time. In the process, the film takes a sharp look at the hi-jinks and pitfalls that come with the road to fame, and offers insight into the sometimes-anomalous characters that populate the music industry.

If anyone should be able to offer insight into the music scene, it would be Schultz. While attending the UNC-Chapel Hill, Schultz served a brief stint as drummer for local legends, The Connells. When the group started to perform seriously, Schultz decided to go instead to American University, where he studied film.

"I got Pete Best," he's been known to joke.

Schultz got his first job, ironically enough, editing a Connells' video.



Matthew Hennessey, Lee Holmes, Steve Parlavacchio and Kevin Corrigan appear in the new John Schultz film, "Bandwagon."

He later went on to direct several "Making of" documentaries for such films as "Hook," "Arachnophobia" and "Jurassic Park." "Bandwagon" marks Schultz's feature directorial debut.

The film was one of the selections at the 1996 Sundance Film Festival and has won numerous awards from other such festivals, including the USA Film Festival, the Tokyo International Film Festival and the Gijon Film Festival in Spain. Part of its success has been due to its true-to-life depictions and human focus. As Schultz said, "My overriding intention was not to make a movie about a band, but four guys who are in a band."

It is the reality of the characters that make the movie. There's Eric (Steve Parlavacchio), a hot-tempered bass player; Tony (Lee Holmes), a neurotic but charismatic singer-songwriter who has this strange quirk about practicing in a closet; Wynn (Kevin Corrigan), a claustrophobic, spacey guitar player; and Charlie (Matthew Hennessey), a naive and somewhat hyperactive drummer. In addition to the ensemble is the band's manager, Linus Tate (Doug MacMillan), a supposed "miracle worker" who is known the world over for his contributions to the music industry.

MacMillan, who moonlights as lead singer for The Connells in his

spare time, served as a consultant for the film. Although he admits the movie is not intended to be a real-life account of his band's experiences or any one group's, he does admit that he can relate to many events in the film.

As a movie about a band, it makes sense that "Bandwagon" should have a pretty decent soundtrack to boot. Greg Kendall, who has played with and produced bands in the Boston area since the late '70s, is the driving force behind the movie's sound. Kendall and a makeshift band, including his brother Bob as lead vocalist,

## Conscience Corner



...With Anjelica and Devlyn

Dear Conscience Corner,

I have a serious problem!! My mother told me that she will not pay for my college education if I continue to date my girlfriend, who is Portuguese. I love my girlfriend so much. We have our lives planned out — where we're going to live, our three children's names, even what color our shutters are going to be. Our plans are worthless if I don't get a degree!

She is so caring and sensitive, the complete opposite of my evil mother. My mom wants me to date a blonde hair princess, her idea of a perfect daughter-in-law. How can I get my mom to see that I am in love??

Signed, Mama's Boy

Dear Mama's Boy,

It's obvious that there's some hostility between you and your mother. This is a difficult situation all around and there are several different reasons why your mom could be acting the way she is. First, she might be jealous of the amount of time you are devoting to your girlfriend. No matter what, somewhere in the back of her mind you are always going to be her "little boy" and she probably sees your girlfriend as a threat. If this is the case, assure her that she'll always be important to you.

There could be another reason though. If in fact your mom is against your relationship with your girlfriend on the sole basis that she's Portuguese, then you might never get her to see your side. Should it come to that point, it's up to you to decide who is the most important person in your life. If you choose your girlfriend, do not part ways with your mother badly — leave her a loop hole to come back through if she should ever change her mind. Chances are, she'll come around pretty fast, if she sees that her grudge against your girlfriend might mean losing you.

Anjelica

Dear Mama's Boy,

You think in you're in love? Please ignore my hysterical and cynical laughter. Anyway, on to the real problem here...your nosy, interfering mother. Yeah, we all wish our parents would shut up and for the money, but when they put up a few roadblocks, you must overcome. I recommend getting one of your blonde, blue-eyed friends to come home with you and act the part of your "sweetie-poo" for the weekend. (I got this idea from a few movies I've seen.) So, your Mom will be happy and you can see your mom please.

Devlyn

Dear Conscience Corner,

My resident advisor is a real jerk. I live in the same suite as her, and she makes up different rules for us compared to the rest of the floor. How can my suitemates and I get her to chill out and stop harassing us all of the time?

Signed, Desperate in the Dorms

Dear Desperate,

Have you talked to your RA about how she makes you feel? She might not realize how unfairly she's treating you in comparison to the rest of her hall. She might also be acting out of convenience. It's probably easier for her to rag on you because she sees what you're doing 24-7. The other members of

the hall and their activities will go unnoticed if the only place she sees is your suite.

This is a problem that won't be solved by talking about her behind her back with your similarly suffering suitemates — you need to address her directly. If this makes matters worse rather than better, talk to your hall's residence director. And remember, you do get a chance to evaluate your RA's performance at the end of the year. Save up those hostile feelings 'til the right moment.

Anjelica

Dear Desperate,

RA's are the bane of most college students. But in this case, it is especially annoying. The next time she makes up some special rules for your suite, tell her to kiss it. Or, set off a fire alarm the next time she is in the shower. Or put a penny in her lock or maybe hot glue. Deny that you and your suitemates have anything to do with it. Of course, it is unlikely to be anyone else, but anything to teach this chick a lesson. If she can make your life miserable, you can make hers miserable, too.

Devlyn

Dear Conscience Corner,

This guy asked me out and he's really nice, but only as a friend. As far as taking things further than that, there's really no way it will happen. The problem is that he doesn't feel the same. How can I get the message across that I just want to be friends, nothing more, nothing less?

Signed, I Just Want to be Friends, Comprende?

Dear Comprende,

It's never an easy situation when someone likes a person who doesn't like them back. If you really want to keep his friendship, you'll have to handle this very carefully.

Don't play any games and don't do anything to mislead him. Be straightforward and honest. There's a good chance that he'll be hurt at first (it's never fun finding out that someone doesn't enjoy your company exclusively) — there's even a chance that he'll be unable to maintain a friendship with you. No matter what, be nice. And don't feel bad about any of this, even if he tries to guilt you into it. You have the right to like or not like whomever you want on whatever level you want. Just think about how you would want someone to let you down. That should be your guide.

One last note: don't say you want to be friends if you don't mean it.

Anjelica

Dear Comprende,

As we have discussed previously, you can always use this for a free dinner, but if that's too much for you to handle, wait for the guy to make a move on you and then tell him, "I'm sorry, this will never work." Or act like you thought he wanted to be platonic all along and fake this lame and humble, "You can't possibly like me! But you're so good for me! You deserve more!" Then, not only did you get a free dinner, you let him down gently, built his ego and you can also have a really good laugh that he actually believes a line like that.

Devlyn

## AIDS benefit concert this weekend

MEGAN RILEY  
Assistant Features Editor

This weekend, the AIDS Service Agency of Wake will be presenting the fourth annual "Rock Against AIDS" concerts throughout the Triangle area. Six different bands, ranging from punk to acoustic guitar to pop-rock music, will be playing in area clubs in Raleigh, Durham and Chapel Hill.

Tonight, Athenaeum and Underwater will be playing at the Cat's Cradle in Chapel Hill. Athenaeum, a mellow, soft rock band from Greensboro, is a local favorite. Underwater is a high-paced, progressive pop-rock band that has officially been together since April. Thad Culley, the keyboardist for Underwater, has been an ASA volunteer since June. He talks of the importance of raising awareness of AIDS in colleges because this is where the rate of

increase is the highest. Also tonight, the Lizard & Snake will host a punk band show featuring Smearcase.

You can also catch Underwater on Saturday playing unplugged acoustics at the Cosmic Cantina lounge in Durham with Kyles England, an N.C. State senior. Her Lillith Fair-like sound has been enjoyed at local cafes and bars for the past three years. England is currently working with a State sophomore, Jerome McGowan, a talented upright bass player.

If you have a harder, more "tortured" musical taste, your place is at the Mission on Saturday night. Swamp Gas Charlie, a band also led by State students, will headline, opened by Light and August and Sades Realm.

Brendan Davies, the lead singer for Sades Realm, is excited about this show because it is the band's first charity event. He thinks that AIDS is still thought of as a distant disease, but

in fact it is very likely that "somebody at the show might have it." The members of the band each have different influences — from heavy metal to Broadway Theatre — so they tend to put on a "pretty loud, really rock, very dramatic, very emotion-based show," as Davies says. Their music is all about emotion, and their lyrics are somber, inspired by their life hardships.

The Brewery will feature four bands on Sunday: Kid Sister, Kickball, and Insurgence of Dillon Fence and Johnny Quest. Also on Sunday, four bands, including Bosco and Safehouse, will be at Local 506 in Chapel Hill.

The proceeds from the concert will go to six different AIDS agencies in the Raleigh-Durham area. Some of the concerts will include short talks by speakers. Brochures and condoms will be distributed, and free, clean needles will be available.

The bands believe in this cause so much that they will contribute their time and performances for free. Furthermore, once they play at a club, they cannot perform there for another month, so they are donating their performance space as well.

Rob Genadio, one of the benefit coordinators, says that the community is still in need of AIDS Awareness. He explains that people are still putting themselves at risk when their judgment is impaired by alcohol, and they are in the heat of the moment. The ASA Benefit Concert is trying to reinforce the message that if you don't know the person well, you need to protect yourself during intercourse. If you are going to use any needles, you should use clean ones.

The following are ticket prices and info numbers for locations participating in the AIDS Service Agency Benefit this weekend:

- Cat's Cradle, 919-967-9053 \$5
  - Lizard and Snake, 919-323-2828 \$4
  - Cantina \$3
  - The Mission, 828-5232 \$5
  - The Brewery, 834-7018 \$5
  - Local 506 \$4
- All tickets are \$1 off with any canned food donation.



Sade's Realm will be one of many bands playing this weekend to promote AIDS awareness.

## This week

**Cinema**  
Campus Cinema, \$1.50 with Student Identification, \$2.00 without  
Friday, September 12 Broken English at 7 & 9 p.m.  
Friday, September 12 The Man Who Fell to Earth at 11 p.m.  
Saturday, September 13 Broken English at 7, 9, & 11 p.m.  
Sunday, September 14 Platoon at 7 p.m.

**Music**  
Walnut Creek  
Tuesday, September 23 Aerosmith  
Wednesday, September 24 Sheryl Crow, Wilco, and Michael Penn  
The Brewery  
Friday, September 12 INDYCent Exposure '97 with Viskacity, The Chickens, Gumption, and Friendside Monkey  
Saturday, September 13 Six String Drag compact disc Release Party with The Tonebenders, The Chickens, The Drovers, Tony

Tidwell  
Sunday, September 14 Aids Service Agency Benefit with Hobex, Kickball, Insurgence, Kid Sister  
Wednesday, September 17 Gourds, Sneaky Pete, Jim Smith  
The Mission  
Saturday, September 13 Aids Service Agency Benefit with Emerald Pool, Dash, Sades Realm  
Wednesday, September 17 Stella, Sunny Ledford, Saucy Jack  
The Berkeley Cafe

Friday, September 12 INDYCent Exposure '97 with Mercury Dime, Trailer Bride, Two Dollar Pistols  
Saturday, September 13 Cat's Cradle  
Friday, September 12 Triangle Aids Awareness Benefit with Athenaeum, Underwater, Eight Eyes, and Happy Annes  
Saturday, September 13 INDYCent Exposure '97 with Shark Quest, Bicentennial Quarters, Lud, Clarissa  
Tuesday, September 16 Zen Trucksters  
Wednesday, September 17 Jump

Little Children  
Record Exchange-Hillsborough Street  
Friday, September 12 Kimbute at 7 p.m.  
Tuesday, September 16 Side Door Johnnies at 6 p.m.  
Record Exchange-Mission Valley  
Friday, September 12 Mercury Dime at 6:30 p.m.  
**Events**  
N. C. State Fairgrounds  
Friday, September 12-Saturday,

September 13 NC State Championship Lions Club Horse Show  
Saturday, September 13 Cato Research  
Saturday, September 13-Sunday, September 14 Flea Market  
**Performances**  
Raleigh Little Theatre  
September 12, 13, at 8 p.m. & September 14 at 3 p.m. "How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying"  
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# Movie

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Michael Leahy on guitar, Jack Harding and Stacy Jones on drums, and Brian Dunton and Kevin Sweeney on bass, wrote and performed many of the soundtrack's 14 original tracks. Other groups on the compact disc include Incinerator, Poundcake, ManCHILD, and Kendall's own band, Tackle Box. The soundtrack, to be released by Milan Records this fall, also includes five score cues.

"Bandwagon" opens this Friday in selected markets. Locally, it will be at The Colony Theatres and The Carolina Theatre.

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ArtsCenter  
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Charlie Goodnight's Comedy Club  
Friday, September 12 at 8:30 and 10:30 (\$12.50) & Saturday, September 13 at 8:00 and 10:15 (\$17.50) Rodney Carrington

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**Crossword Answers**



The UNC-G women's soccer team handed the Pack its first loss of the season Wednesday night.

# Pigskin Picks Gaffney

### Logjams abound for the Pigskin Pickers.

Pigskin Picks enters its third week led by WRAL's Debra Margan. Don't dare assume this lovely lady of the airwaves doesn't know her football (as I found out); she proved her Pigskin might last week by posting a season high record of 13-2, which promptly placed her atop of the Picks standings with a combined 24-6 record.

In second place, The News & Observer's A. Sherrod Blakely capitalized on his 12-3 record during the first week with a solid 11-4 record last week to stand at 23-7, just one game off of the pace.

Then things get messy. In third place, four of our pickers landed on the 22-8 plateau. Included in that bunch is WRAL's Bob Langford, the Guest Slot, Sports Editors Emeritus, and yours truly, James Curle. The Guest Slot slipped a bit from its first place standing last week with a 10-5 showing. Last go-round, Bob Langford moved up a few notches

with his 12-3 score, and both Sports Editors Emeritus and Curly Fry repeated their 11-4 successes from a week before.

We come across another logjam in a three-way tie for seventh. With combined records of 21-9, Governor Jim Hunt, Senator Jesse Helms, and Technician Sports' own K. Gaffney find themselves playing catch up this week.

A couple of notes about two of the slots:

In the Sports Editors Emeritus slot is Joe Giglio, or as he was known last year, J.P. Giglio. After spending a long summer in Jersey, Joe decided to pack his bags and head on back down to Raleigh-Good to have you back, man.

And in the Guest Slot, there's no way to describe this special picker other than to just call her "Mom." That's right, Leah Curle takes over Picking duties this week, and adds that extra special touch to Pigskin Picks that only a mother can love.

So, without further ado, Pigskin Pickers... Let's get it on!

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give one of the most respected women's basketball programs in the country a chance to have its own place. The team will have its own raters to hang their banners.

While the arena might cause some inconvenience for students, more than half of the NCSU student population lives off campus and has to deal with the rigors of on-campus traffic every time they come to a game. Driving around Brick U is hard enough trying to get to your 11:20 class on Monday morning, forget a night game in the middle of the Atlantic Coast Conference schedule.

I would love to see Wolfpack athletics stay in Reynolds forever, as far as I am concerned, the House that Case built is a better recruiting tool than any big fancy place with sky boxes, but that just isn't going to happen.

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# Faces

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puts forth the required effort. But perhaps the biggest impact from the newcomers has not come from the freshman in the traditional sense, but from Ohio State transfer Jessica Celi instead.

Celi, a two-year starter for the Buckeyes, was brought in to add depth to the middle of the field.

Already with a goal and an assist, plus selection as all-tournament in last weekend's Kickoff Classic, Celi has immediate value.

Originally from High Point, Celi wished to return to the state after her sophomore year and Corneal was more than happy to comply.

"Celi's a North Carolina girl, which means her heart's going to be in it," explained Corneal.

Rounding out the field are two freshman walk-ons, Madrian Bryan and Leigh Adams, who will add valuable depth to the team.

Overall, Coach Corneal is pleased with what he sees so far, but stresses that the freshmen have yet to have a true trial by fire.

"I recognize the quality of the freshmen, there's no doubt about it. Whether they can adapt fast enough to cope with the more difficult games, we'll have to wait and see."

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## Students get early present this year

### New academic policy works in students' favor.

There is nothing worse than going home for Christmas and receiving a letter saying you can't come back to school. It's a situation that has happened frequently in the past — students who were suspended for academic difficulty at the end of fall semester would receive these loving notes for Christmas, but no more.

The academic suspension policy has changed. If your GPA is below 2.0, you won't be suspended until the end of spring semester. This will allow students the entire summer to solve the problem, the ability to arrange for housing for the fall and they can actually start the first day of classes.

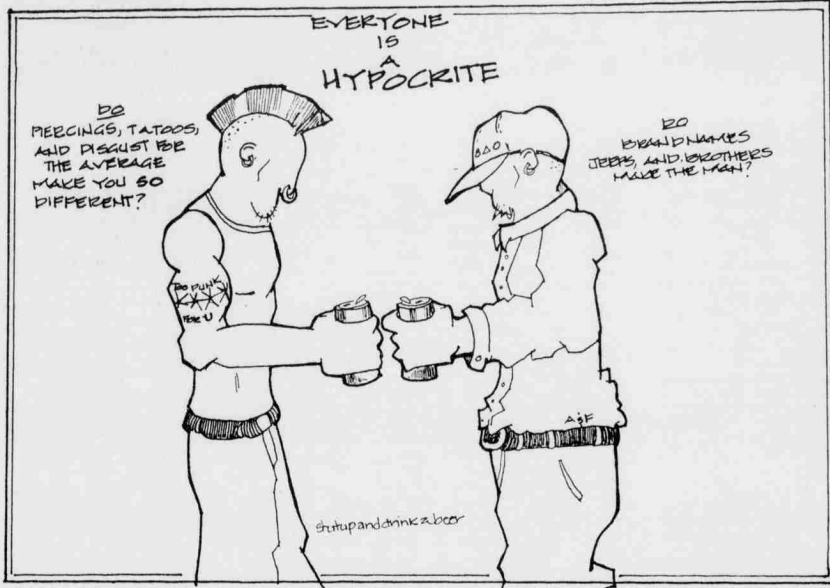
Before, students ended up missing spring semester because classes would be well under way by the time they had everything worked out. As if that wasn't bad enough, students couldn't register for housing until the problem was worked out. That meant no room in the residence hall. So even if they got back in there was nowhere to live. The best many could work out was to get back in for the summer. If you're a working student, it meant coming back in the fall.

With the new policy you, as the student, will know when you get your fall grade report whether or not you're headed for suspension. There won't be a warning. You'll then have the spring to pull up your grades. If they still are too low at the end of spring semester, you'll get your letter. But, you'll still be allowed to attend the two summer sessions. Most people should be able to get back to a 2.0 by then. If not, head straight for the Counseling Center and let them help you figure out what to do.

Actually, it isn't a bad idea to go to the Counseling Center as soon as you realize you're having trouble with your grades or classes. One of their major functions is to help students stay in school and they do a very good job of it. The center always seems to be able to come up with at least one option.

Between the Counseling Center and the new policy there should be a lot fewer of us sitting out a semester or two due to grades. This is good for students and the university.

The administration should be congratulated for coming up with a policy that is so beneficial to the students. It's times like this you start to think they actually may be on our side.



## Bridge building

### Study on privatization should cause little worry.

After the Florida-based MGT conducted a study on privatization in the UNC-System, N.C. State decided to conduct their own. One of the first areas of focus is Centennial Campus.

Already privatization, or outsourcing to private companies, has occurred in the areas of Student Center housekeeping, check processing and in W-2 preparation. Staff members across campus have feared for their jobs.

According to Jeff Mann, vice chancellor for business, employees can relax. No jobs would be lost to privatization; they would be absorbed into the NCSU work force and would then work on the main campus.

The five-person study team has recognized that privatization decisions touch many aspects of campus life, and hence has held town meetings so people can discuss study findings and outsourcing decisions.

By letting people discuss the problems of privatization, NCSU

administration is again showing its willingness to listen to the needs and concerns of its community.

Employees have the right to be concerned when change or even the thought of it comes up. Change has both benefits and downsides, and sometimes it takes something such as a town meeting to recognize it. While the town meetings concerning privatization are good, there is still much that can be done to improve community input on campus. Many groups on campus don't have an outlet to let their voices be heard.

It is fortunate that the university allows for the input of those impacted by the privatization study. NCSU has made improvements on inter-departmental communication.

Still, NCSU has a long to go. And it is up to the members of the community to change that. Students need to communicate better with other members when a problem arises. The administration needs to communicate better its hopes for the university with the campus community.

## When is it harassment?

JASON COTTER  
Staff Columnist

What would you do if you were listening to a campus talk radio program and a caller asked a hostess to take off her clothes?

Recently, a late night campus station ran into that exact situation. The host and hostess played along with the caller and it fast became a very amusing, yet distasteful, skit. Another problem came when a woman called in and said that by listening to the skit, she as a listener was being sexually harassed, along with any other women who might have been listening.

This scenario begs the question, what is the difference between something being offensive and something being sexual harassment? Although the skit was certainly in bad taste, it is not, nor should it ever be confused with, sexual harassment. To confuse indecency with sexual harassment is a grave mistake.

This eagerness to use strong language like sexual harassment opens dangerous doors in our society that will hurt the women's movement far more than it will ever liberate it.

What do you think sexual harassment is, anyway? I think that sexual harassment is obviously any non-accidental touch with sexual motivations behind it. A very strong sexual suggestion would also easily fall into the category. But it doesn't matter what we think. What do "they" think? In response to this

and similar radio incidents, the administration quickly distributed information to the broadcasters about what sexual harassment is. Their information implies that sexual harassment, like beauty, lies in the eye of the beholder. Essentially, even if sexual harassment isn't intended, it is the impact that counts most. Campus policy defines sexual harassment as everything from excessive phone calls, sexual jokes and repeated requests for dates, to sexual comments about the body, kissing and touching. Winking at someone may get you in trouble, too.

I think there is a huge difference between winking and kissing, but both could still be called sexual harassment. How did we become so oversensitive? Many women have sued over a lot less than being winked at. Women have sued men for simply holding the door for them. We will always have things in society that personally offend us. That is the price of having free speech. Individuals certainly have the right to be protected against sexual harassment, but they certainly should not be protected by the justice system from things they find offensive.

If censorship were ever valued above indecent media in the eyes of the government, then what institution would be left to slow the growth of a society that was afraid of itself?

There is no need to over-compensate in our society by calling

a chairman of an organization a chairperson instead. Nor is there a need to stoop to any other level to meet someone's expectation of what is politically correct. If women are truly leaders, and I know they are, then they don't need society to move out of the way to help them break out of the sex stereotypes. They, like the rest of us males, will rightfully take the place they earn.

I've never had too much respect for groups like the National Organization of Women because they don't seem to have any respect for the women they claim to represent. Women are told to expect sexual harassment, so many will seek out gender-offensive material, call it sexual harassment and perhaps sue. There is a lot of money and political power vested in making sure men and women aren't ever believed to be equal.

The greatest injustice that comes from everyone rushing to yell sexual harassment is the potential to belittle the crime when it truly does occur. Like the boy who cried wolf, sexual harassment may not get the respect that it needs if some individuals continually fail to see the difference between real sexual harassment and simply gender-offensive material on a radio program. The watering down of sexual harassment is an injustice that comes from the women's movement itself! This ironic twist will certainly push the efforts for women's equal rights back, not forward.

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## Campus Forum

### Fraternity members speak up in their defense

This letter is in response to the column, "Frats deserve stereotypes," which recently appeared on the opinion page.

Foremost, to laugh about the death of an 18 year old is probably an indicator of too much hate. Hate makes it difficult to think, but I'll do my best to "expand your mind" anyway.

The author of the column (Trent Hamilton) and others who attempt to reject conformity often forget an important fact: everyone conforms. "Nonconformity" is the style of the '90s (that's what Trent Reznor and Marilyn Manson are all about).

Would any of your friends ostracize you for wearing a polo shirt and khakis? If it is your desire to be a nonconformist, move into the woods so you may be free of all opinions and lifestyles other than your own.

As far as social interaction goes, if you don't want people to alienate you because of the way you dress,

don't go out of your way to look like a "typical" heroin addict. If you can't take the heat, stay out of the kitchen. I choose not to deal with it.

You want to stay in the kitchen, so you vent your anger by creating a category into which all "frat boys" fall, and labeling us as narrow-minded. Maybe you are not as smart as you think.

You may call me a conformist, or an elitist if you like, but my faith in fraternity, my brothers, the Greek system and myself will not be shaken.

John Goldfinch  
Junior, Computer Science

This letter is in response to a column that was published in the Opinion section of the Wednesday, Sept. 10 edition of the Technician, entitled, "Frats deserve stereotype." I am writing on behalf of my fraternity and speaking out against this so-called commentary by Trent Hamilton, the "god of the three stripes."

It seems to be misinformed, misled and worst of all mistaken. He first asks the question, "What is with the shirt-tail thing?" and further, "Why are your wardrobes so limited?"

First of all, we don't all wear the same things: plaid button down shirts and khakis. My brothers all

R. STEVENS  
Staff Columnist

How does it feel to fly through the air? How does it feel to die in despair?

The impact of the deaths occurring around us seems not to have hit us — even the death of one our own, Jody Clark. Although Jody Clark's name may not be as puffed-up as the Princess of Wales or as cherished as Mother Theresa's, one must not and should not forget the important impact of current events, whether they are international or local.

The tragic suicide that took place a few weeks ago on August 20 may not leap out to some after being overshadowed by the deaths of two famous people; his death may be forgotten by many. And the impact of his death probably did not shake many people on campus. After all, it was a small body that hit the grounds of a large campus. Do you wonder if, as he fell through the air, anything, any thought, besides the idea that pain and suffering exists in life, passed through his mind?

The pain and suffering of life may have dominated that leap to suicide. But was he thinking that there were

no other options in life besides suicide? Did he believe that life was nothing — a wasteland? When T.S. Eliot wrote, "I was neither living nor dead," was he falling from a building? What other line could fit? As Clark fell away from life and toward death, what control did he have? He truly was "neither living nor dead."

Suicide victims see the wasteland of life but overlook the real cure from pain and suffering.

Sure, pain and suffering hurt in life. One would think, though, that the understanding that living does not feel as bad as dying would keep one's feet on a solid surface — before leaping to the place where the pain and suffering of death coldly greet one's face.

Pain stings. In life one can experience painful situations; there's nothing wrong with pain. Pain is the greatest communicator. Why do you think war exists? Peaceful words stumbled so painful wounds started.

Suffering shakes. Suffering, however, should never rattle one to the point of losing the check on reality. We are in control of our own actions. Some believe stars control us; others believe gods control us.

## Victims have options

We nonetheless have a freewill. We choose our own circumstances.

If we pick the wrong fruit, we have to bear the consequences for the actions of our incorrect, if not misguided, thinking. Proper planning prevents poor performances.

If you are suffering from a hangover, why don't you think about overdiluting before you do it again? Do you really need to be a fan of fashion and be blown about by the winds of change? Why suffer as a slave to your appetites, when this suffering can be prevented?

Pain is a symptom of an underlying problem that needs attention.

Suicide does not eliminate pain nor eliminate suffering. It numbs the body to life. Many people, unfortunately, look to suicide as the remedy, the cure, to life. One book, "Or Not to Be," written by Marc Etikind, contains a collection of suicide notes of such suicidal people as the poet Sylvia Plath.

Plath, who some might consider to be a suicide artist, started attempting suicide when she was 19 years old. Although her poetry helped her to temporarily regain her grip on life, she finally ended her existence by breathing the gas from

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wear what they choose. Some baggy, wide-legged jeans, others sport dress pants and a tie. And even if we did all wear this wardrobe, what is it any business of his?

How would he like it if I made fun of his clothes, like "Why do they wear those big-ass jeans and tight little T-shirts that look like they're from the thrift shop?" Or, "What the hell are those guys thinking piercing themselves all over their bodies and tattooing satanic symbols on their arms?" It's because I have no right to criticize others on their styles or beliefs, and furthermore, I feel it is a waste of time.

He continues to try and make a point about the atrocities that go on inside fraternities by using the recent unfortunate death of a pledge in a fraternity at LSU. This incident has nothing to do with Greek life here at N.C. State. Hamilton doesn't even have the story straight. Maybe he should do some actual research before he tries to preach his views.

The next topic he touched on was alcohol. Our fraternity is based on brotherhood and respect for all. Yes, we do consume alcohol, but it's not like it's the driving force of our fraternity. We have several events including weekly meetings, nightly fellowship dinners, and we participate in all of the intramural sports offered by the university.

Hootee and the Blowjob? Whatever. We thrive on our individuality. Every one of my brothers has something different to bring to the group. Some are intellectuals, others extroverts, while some have creative skills such as singing and architecture. We have Caucasians, Filipinos, Indians and African Americans. Perhaps Hamilton didn't know this fraternity existed.

As far as his little anecdote about Rush [week] he probably wasn't approached because he didn't assert himself. We look for people who have leadership skills and are comfortable around others. The way one dresses is never taken into consideration when looking for new recruits.

The rest of his column was so off the wall I can't even try to argue against it. We don't look down on others as if we are better than everyone else. We learn to respect one another and

those outside of the Greek life as well. Perhaps what he is noticing is how proud we are of being part of a great group like this. We wear Greek letters and tattoo ourselves for a good reason. It is to show our love and pride for our brotherhood and what it stands for.

I would like to say one more thing in closing. I feel that even if this were true, all of these things he has said, would it still be his place to speak out against it? I don't ever read columns that single out other groups like gays or African Americans or Asians. Why is this tolerated? This is just as strong a prejudice as racism or sexism.

In our school's discrimination policy, it states: "North Carolina State University is dedicated to equality of opportunity within its community. Accordingly, NCSU does not practice or condone discrimination in any form against students, employees or applicants on the grounds of race, national origin, religion, sex, age, veteran's status or disability."

Maybe Hamilton needs to take a step back and reconsider what he's said.

**Charles T. Gage,**  
*Sophomore, Business Management*

*Editor's note: The length requirement was waived to allow for a more complete response.*

I have been a student at N.C. State, a reader of Technician and a member of a fraternity for the last four years. Every three or four months Technician publishes something derogatory about fraternities and sororities on the editorial page. To be honest, I have often agreed and laughed at the stereotypes the Greek community has been pinned with.

Trent Hamilton, the thoughts you wrote on Wednesday, Sept. 10 were nothing new, creative or different than any other article targeted negatively at the Greek community. However, you did cross a line that I have never seen crossed before. You used the recent death of a fellow student to make a comical point. Like it or not, Trent Hamilton, we do have something in common. We are both young and in college. I do not understand how you could not look past the fraternity stereotype of the young man who died at Louisiana State University and relate the death to your own life. His name was Benjamin Wynne, if you forgot to notice. He had a mother, father, brothers and sisters just like you and I. He made a mistake, a big mistake, and died tragically before

his time. You can criticize my peers and myself, and I will laugh with you, but leave a family in grieving alone.

For the first time I am embarrassed by what my school newspaper has published. It is not for the negative stereotypes, but for the reckless lack of courtesy for the death of a peer.

**Josh Hawn,**  
*Senior Class President*

Ralph Waldo Emerson once wrote, "Who so be a man must be a nonconformist." With this, I am in total agreement, as is my fraternity. I was happy at first to see that a good friend had published a column in Technician.

But when I read the title, I was extremely disappointed. For one, Trent [Hamilton], as is obvious from his writing, is a very gifted and intelligent writer. I even found the article to be clever and witty at times, a well-written piece on the "evils of Greek life."

I am disappointed because he chose a subject on which to write that is infinitely below his capability. There is no easier op-ed piece than one that falls in the ever-growing genre of fraternity bashing.

I was reluctant to write this letter to the editor in fear that it would sound petty, but the gross generalizations that Trent attempted to reinforce surpassed any notions of complacency I might have had.

I am a member of the Delta Epsilon chapter of Sigma Chi. I pledged last year and am a new initiate in the fraternity, so I want to preface these words by saying that there are many older brothers who could speak much more eloquently than I on the beneficial aspects of being involved in Greek life.

But I hope still to dispel with this letter at least as many generalizations as Trent's article helped to perpetuate.

**Myth #1** — The movie Animal House is not based on the memoirs of Flounder. It is not a true story and is a satire of what really goes on. It is meant to be a funny movie, not a documentary on Greek life. It is a spoof, just like all of National Lampoon's movies. Unfortunately, that is the only exposure that many have to fraternities, and it casts a dark light on the Greek system as a whole.

**Myth #2** — The number one objective of a fraternity is to increase the brotherhood's ability to consume large amounts of alcohol and to uphold the ideal of conformity whenever possible. Nothing could be farther from the truth. I joined Sigma

Chi because of what it offered to make me a better man. I could drink all I wanted to by myself, but it was the character building and personality development that made me choose to join a fraternity. There is also an important distinction that many frat bashers miss out on, and one that makes their call against conformity rather true. Just because I have on a pair of khakis and letters doesn't mean I have been brainwashed into some common alcohol consuming conscious. In the same way, because someone might wear addis head to toe, doesn't mean that he thinks just like Run DMC.

Another glaring contradiction is the whole idea of conformity. Which is worse, to wear clothes from Abercrombie and Fitch like millions of others, or to have tattoos and piercings like millions of others? Is there a difference? Is rebelling against your parents enough to be considered in the ranks of nonconforming? I admire nonconformity, but not for the sake of just being a nonconformist. Diversity of ideas, diversity of spirit, diversity of strengths and weaknesses: that is what is truly important, and incidentally, an essential part of the foundation of Sigma Chi.

**Myth #3** — We try to hide behind what we are really about by "Adopting a Highway" or doing other normal community services.

Community service is not a public relations ploy for the brotherhood. It is an integral part of our mission that emphasizes a balanced concept to self-improvement. We don't just do it to get our name on a sign or our picture in the paper. We do it because we believe in it. Our philanthropic work covers a wide range of issues, such as donating money to the Frankie Lemmon School and Development Center, raising money for breast cancer research, supporting such worthy causes as the Jimmy V. Foundation and volunteering for community and charitable events like the Rex Classic. Almost all of these causes are selected because a brother or a group of brothers has a personal interest in helping out, not because we think it just sounds like a nice thing to do. Service is not a front for our fraternity, it's an integral part of it.

I hope this has in some way helped those who do not know much about the Greek system, yet are still quick to judge. Is it a perfect society? No, but it is founded on perfect ideals, and though we often make mistakes that sully our image, we are striving to

become better men and leaders for our university, our fraternity and our community. It is unfortunate that we are judged as a whole for the mistakes of a few, but that is an image problem we are doing our best to remedy. We only ask that those who rush to criticize understand our purpose before doing so.

**Michael Juby,**  
*Sigma Chi Sophomore, Economics*

*Editor's note: The length requirement was waived to allow for a more complete response.*

I love the opinion section of Technician. It is truly a forum for the hypocrite to wield his mighty pen and champion a cause that merits attention. But, in attempting to make his point, our hero, Trent Hamilton, successfully strikes a blow on behalf of ignorance and snatches defeat from the jaws of victory.

Hamilton wrote a very insightful and well-argued column about fraternities (Wednesday, Sept. 10th). Hamilton, I applaud your commitment to your craft — it would make even Pulitzer proud.

But let's face it, Hamilton, you're no Pulitzer. No, you're just another hack with a chip on his shoulder and an audience to bounce it off of. A cone, whose job is to remain still as reality passes by, oblivious to its surroundings.

If you had done your research, Trent, you would possess some important facts that were lacking from your insightful article. But when did the facts ever get in the way of a journalist?

Never mind, Hamilton, that more fraternity men will graduate than their non-fraternity counterparts and that more than 80 percent of American presidents have been fraternity men. Never mind that fraternity men make an average income 10 percent higher than others. This information is irrelevant as it takes the front of our shirts in. Wow! Your intellect is truly dizzying.

You do make some valid points. Fraternity men do dress and act similarly — to a degree. We, as humans, do enjoy the company of other individuals who share our common beliefs and attitudes. We, as men, like the company of ladies. But understand this, Cone (may I call you Cone?) we make the decision to do this. We make the decision to be part of a group that can help make us better individuals. If that involves being around people who dress similarly, so what? Are all

the people in the Army narrow-minded simpletons because they have nothing better to do than march in a line and think they are better than everyone else? I think not.

Cone, I respect everyone's right to have an opinion. However, when you use a public forum to air your views, you have a responsibility to be educated on the subject matter, even if it is only your opinion. I believe if you actually took the time to learn about what the different fraternities have to offer, you might change your opinion. It seems you're forming your ideas off the image.

Based upon your self-description, I'm sure Louis, Gilbert, Wormser and the rest of the bunch at the Tri-Lam house would be more than willing to accept you as a brother. Like Spite says, image is nothing.

**Chris Roth,**  
*Tau Kappa Epsilon*

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her oven. Before performing the act, she thought of her children: she sealed the door to her room after she had opened the window in theirs. Her unselfish consideration and her unceasing devotion to her children would make our current society wake up at 5 a.m. to see her funeral. Plath's life of poetry seems to have caused Plath to die "well." In her final words before death she wrote: "Dying / Is an art, do it exceptionally well."

Well, just as the law of gravity does not fail around Sullivan Residence Hall, the law of the depravity of man does not fail: we are fallen. And we cannot argue against the laws of nature.

The tragedy of suicide should inspire in us what any tragedy should — pity, fear and awe. This classical definition of tragedy by Aristotle seems to be forgotten. We apply it to a fairy tale princess yet ignore its value when tragedy happens to fall within our fences. Should we?

"In the struggle for existence, it is only on those who hang on for ten minutes after all is hopeless, that hope begins to dawn" - G.K. Chesterton.

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NATIONAL NEWS

Medical records protection proposed

The rules would restrict access to personal records, with penalties for misuse.

AMY GOLSTEN The Washington Post

WASHINGTON - Federal health officials Thursday proposed the first comprehensive ground rules for protecting the confidentiality of medical records in an era of exploding computer information about people's medical histories.

The standards, released by Health and Human Services Secretary Donna E. Shalala, would require that doctors, hospitals and insurance companies release individual patient records only when needed for medical treatment and payments. The rules would establish new federal criminal penalties for misusing such information, and would guarantee patients the right to see their records and find out who else has looked at them.

But in a provision that drew swift denunciations from privacy advocates, Shalala proposed a broad exception for law enforcement authorities, who would continue to enjoy relatively ready access to doctor records - with the names of patients attached and without those individuals' knowledge. Those investigators would be allowed to keep the records indefinitely and use them as they saw fit, conceivably even to prosecute a patient.

In granting ready access to law enforcers, Shalala disregarded the work of an advisory group that three months ago urged her to adopt "the strongest substantive and procedural protections" against subsequent uses of medical records by investigators.

The Clinton administration's recommendations, required by

Congress a year ago, represent the federal government's most significant attempt to control the flow of medical information at a time when new computer networks have allowed patients' most personal medical details to be glimpsed - and used - ways that would until recently have been inconceivable. Thursday, Shalala cited the case of a Boston health maintenance organization in which every clinical employee could read notes from patients' psycho-therapy sessions. In another case, she said, a Colorado medical student copied patients' health records and sold them to medical malpractice attorneys.

The federal standards would augment a patchwork of privacy measures that most states have begun to enact in recent years. Although a few states have comprehensive laws, most provide protection on narrower matters of particular sensitivity, such as AIDS tests and mental health records. Slightly more than half the states ensure patients some kind of access to their own records.

Unlike most state laws, the standards put forth by the Clinton administration would apply to all settings in which medical records are kept, including doctors' offices, hospitals, insurance companies, workplaces, claims administrators and pharmaceutical companies. It would extend protections that now apply only to government-funded research to all types of medical study.

"The way we protect the privacy of our medical records right now is erratic at best and dangerous at worst," Shalala said. "The fundamental question before us is, will our health records be used to heal us or reveal us. As a nation, we must decide."

TV funeral coverage is partial

Mother Teresa's funeral will receive little news coverage, despite her incredible life.

GREG BRAXTON AND JANE HALL Los Angeles Times

Television pulled out all the stops last week in the coverage of the funeral for Princess Diana. But the funeral of Mother Teresa a week later is getting less than royal treatment from some TV news outlets.

And that has provoked debate about the media's priorities.

For the funeral of Princess Diana, all three major networks started live coverage in what were the wee hours of Saturday morning in the United States, then repeated much of it later in the day. Cable channels that do not normally cover live news events broke into their regular programming for the funeral.

Many major metropolitan TV stations dispatched news anchors and reporters to London for emotional tributes to the charity and humanitarian efforts of "the peoples' princess."

None of the stations in Los Angeles that sent reporters to London for Princess Diana's funeral is staffing the funeral in Calcutta.

Nor are cable's A&E, Lifetime and E! Entertainment Television, all of which provided live coverage of Princess Diana's funeral. "We're just leaving it up to the other news organizations to cover," said a Lifetime spokeswoman.

The procession for the funeral of Mother Teresa - the diminutive Nobel Prize-winning nun who died last Friday after a life of ministering to the poor, afflicted and dying throughout the world - is scheduled to start around 11:30 p.m. EDT, with the funeral set for 12:30 a.m. EDT.

Russia rebukes NATO on policy

Russian officials claim the United States and NATO are not following peacekeeping rules in Bosnia.

WILLIAM DROZDIK The Washington Post

BRUSSELS - Russia delivered a harsh warning to NATO Thursday to stop putting pressure on the Bosnian Serbs, and declared that any attack against a Serb radio and television station would be an intolerable use of force that could imperil the NATO-led peacekeeping mission in Bosnia.

The vehement criticism of Western policy on Bosnia was expressed at a three-hour meeting of Russian and NATO ambassadors, who gathered at alliance headquarters to launch a consultative council that is supposed to serve as the cornerstone of a new security partnership between Moscow and the West.

Vitaly Churkin, Russia's envoy to NATO, said the aggressive new Western approach to the Bosnia

peacekeeping mission was incompatible with its rules of engagement. He warned that using force beyond self-defense could destroy the fragile truce in Bosnia and further damage the Russia-NATO relationship, which has been strained by



alliance plans to embrace Poland, Hungary and the Czech Republic as new members.

NATO and Russian foreign ministers plan to meet later this month at the United Nations in New York to devise a common policy toward Bosnia and a possible "exit strategy" for its peacekeeping troops there. About 8,000 Americans and 1,400 Russians are participating in the NATO-led peacekeeping force, which comprises of 31,000 soldiers from 30 nations.

In recent weeks, the United States and its European allies have given

open support to Bosnian Serb President Biljana Plavsic in her power struggle with the hard-line faction led by former president Radovan Karadzic, who has been indicted for war crimes. The tactical shift has angered the Russians, who have been drawn closer to Belgrade and Pale, Karadzic's headquarters and the site of the strategic Serb radio and television station, according to NATO diplomats.

NATO officials said they hope Russia's position will soften if municipal elections to be held in Bosnia this weekend strengthen Plavsic's hand and inflict a setback on Karadzic and other figures opposed to the Bosnian peace accords framed in Dayton, Ohio, nearly two years ago. But they voiced dismay with the Russian views as enunciated by Churkin during Thursday's session.

"It turned out to be a very disagreeable meeting," a senior NATO diplomat said. "There were a lot of complaints around the table. This was not a good omen for the future work of the NATO-Russia council."

Haitians angry after ferry tragedy

The Haitian government has no way to enforce its transportation laws.

SEIGE F. KWLESKI The Washington Post

MONTROUIS, Haiti - Moments before the sea swallowed the Pride of La Gonave, Dadson Fontils recalls, banter among friends and the sight of romping children were transformed into a cacophony of shrieks, pleas for divine intervention and frenzy as the ferry capsized. Suddenly, water gushed through the upper and lower decks where hundreds of passengers became entwined in a human crush - many trapped behind locked doors.

"What I sadly remember is all these people being thrown on top of each other and begging God to save them, to give them some kind of miracle," Fontils said today. "There were children near me who

eventually drowned and were yelling, 'I don't want to die, I don't want to die.'"

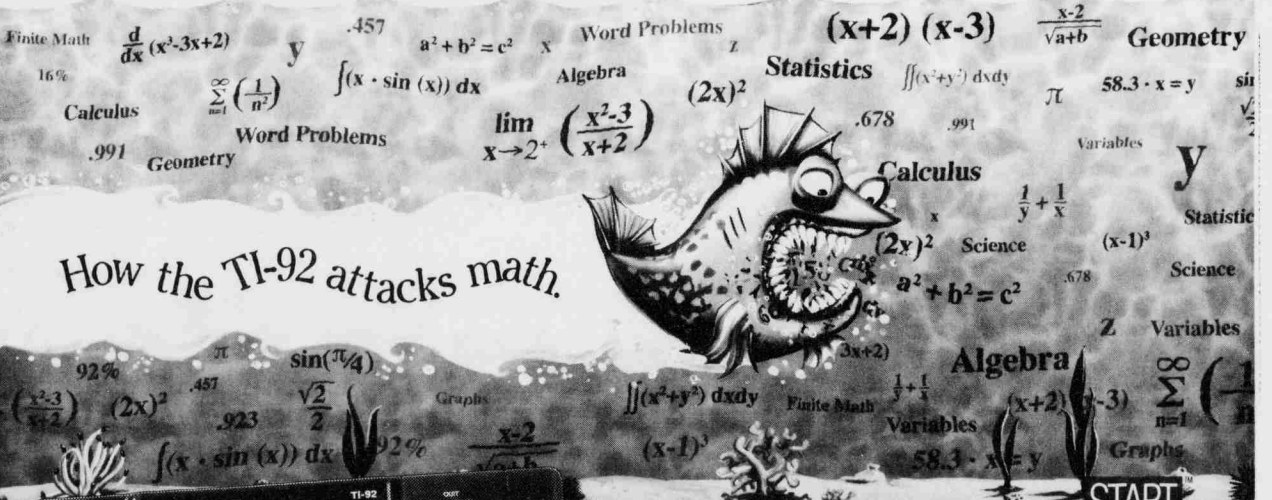
The sinking of the ferry at dawn Monday - the sixth such disaster in five years in Haiti - claimed an estimated 245 lives. It is believed to have been caused by the passengers, who kept shuffling from one side of the boat to the other in an effort to reach the beach here on its regular commuter journey from the nearby island of Gonave. Finally, the human weight caused the 61-foot ferry - which survivors say carried no life jackets - to topple to the left and capsize.

In what he attributes to an act of God, Fontils, who had been in Gonave to play in a soccer game, was thrown out of an open door on the boat's second level. Though he can't swim, the fit 25-year-old thrashed and kicked his way about 30 yards, close enough to shore that

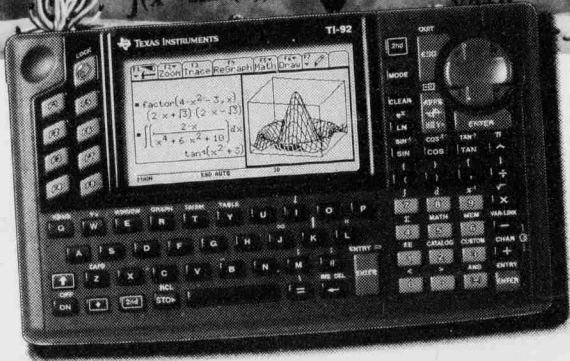
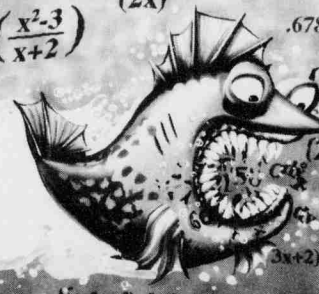
he could stand. "The whole thing was complete panic, but God blessed me in many ways," he reflected.

Fontils is one of an estimated 35 passengers who lived through the accident, which has focused increased attention on the country's lack of regulation covering transportation of all sorts, as well as on its political paralysis.

Grieving families contended that if the government of President Rene Preval had moved sooner on plans to construct a dock at the beach, where several commuter ferries operate from each day, perhaps the catastrophe could have been avoided. According to survivors, the boat keeled over while turning around in rough waters about 100 yards from shore so passengers could disembark from the rear and be carried to land on the shoulders of workers who charge the equivalent of about 50 cents per person.



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