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National search for chancellor begins

■ A committee of 14 people will search for Chancellor Monteith's replacement.

NICOLE BOWMAN
Managing Editor

A search committee has been chosen by the N.C. State Board of Trustees to find a replacement for Chancellor Larry Monteith. Last Tuesday, Chancellor Monteith announced his plans to retire by next August. The Board of Trustees unanimously approved the 14-member search committee during its Friday meeting.

"It just seems to me we really have the chance to pull the university together," Trustee Smedes York said during discussion of the selection committee.

The committee will conduct a national search for the new chancellor. Edward Hood, chair of the committee, said he expects 200 to 250 applications with only about two dozen meriting consideration.

"We've been advised to be open when possible, confidential when necessary," Harrod said. The Board of Trustees will give its recommendation for the chancellor position to UNC System President Molly Broad for her approval. The recommendation must also be approved by the N.C. Board of Governors.

Harrod said he chose the committee members from a list of 48 candidates. He emphasized the importance of a hard-working search committee.

"We're the envy of institutions across the country with this piece of property (Centennial Campus) we're sitting on," Harrod said. "We need to search for the very best. Someone we can find to take us to the next level ... We need a hard-working search committee to do this."

Harrod assured the trustees that all committee members will remain on the committee until Monteith's successor is found.

Some committee members, such as Student Body President Chad Myers, will lose their positions in the university in April. The search may not be over by then.

Two committee members, Ed Hood, member of Coalition 2000 and the NCSU Engineering Foundation, and Ray Rouse, president of the Student Aid Association, were added to the committee by an approved amendment proposed by Smedes York, member of the trustees.

Another issue discussed by the Board of Trustees was that of academic integrity. The board approved a statement confirming that academic integrity is held in high esteem at NCSU. The statement was written in response to the recent charges that the board does not hold academic integrity in high regard after overturning a case involving students cheating on a test.

The statement read by trustee Annabelle Fetterman, also states that it is "evident that [the overturning] was misinterpreted." Harrod said that the Board of Governors has set procedures on the matter of academic integrity and that the Board of Trustees is the final voice "until the rules in which we [the board] operate change."

"Our responsibility is that of determining if the proper procedures were followed," he said.

"We need a hard-working search committee to do this."

— Keith Harrod,
Committee Chairman

NCSU grad elected to Joint Chiefs of Staff

■ An NCSU grad has moved on to bigger and better things.

KRIS LARSON
Staff Writer

From the Brickyard to the Pentagon — that's the path an N.C. State alumnus has taken.

NCSU graduate Gen. Hugh Shelton was appointed Chairman of the U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff by congressional voice vote last Tuesday.

"General Hugh Shelton, NCSU class of 1963, is an ardent supporter of the Wolfpack and the university's total program," said Al Lanier, the former vice chancellor for University Relations. "His selection by the President and confirmation by the Senate for the position is a great honor for General Shelton, North Carolina and NCSU."

Brig. Gen. David Armstrong stressed the importance of Shelton's position.

"He is at the pinnacle of the U.S. Military," said Armstrong.

Joseph Sanders, the associate vice chancellor for Public Affairs, said Shelton is not the only NCSU graduate to make it to the top of the military ranks.

"After West Point, NCSU has graduated more four-star generals than any other university in the nation; this statistic is evidence of the great leadership that continues to come out of NCSU," Sanders said.

Shelton, 55, is a native of Edgecombe County. Not only is Shelton the first Green Beret to rise to the rank of the highest military advisor to the president, he also is the former commander of a N.C. army base, Fort Bragg.

In addition to heralded Vietnam War service, Shelton is also noted for his performance in leading forces in the Persian Gulf War as well as the U.S. occupation of Haiti.

During an earlier confirmation hearing, Shelton encouraged higher combat readiness for front-line troops, as well as promising his best efforts for bringing U.S. troops still stationed in Bosnia home by next June.



Friday IN BRIEF

Education dissertation fellowships available

Doctoral candidates are encouraged to apply for Spencer Dissertation Fellowships for research related to education.

Students from all fields can apply, and the applicants do not need to be U.S. citizens. Dissertation topics must concern education, and all pre-dissertation requirements must be completed by June 1.

The stipend for the fellowships are \$17,000. Candidates will be evaluated based on their graduate school transcript, letters of reference, a brief personal statement, a dissertation abstract and work plan for the dissertation.

The deadline to apply for the fellowships is Oct. 22.

For more information, contact David Shafer in the Graduate School at 515-4462 or via e-mail at David_Shafer@ncsu.edu.

State gets ready for book sale

Books, CDs, videocassettes, audiocassettes and computer software will be on sale at the Friends of the Library's eighth annual book sale.

The book sale will be open to the public from 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., Sept. 26-27. It will also be open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sept. 28.

The sale will take place on the East Wing ground floor of D.H. Hill Library.

A preview sale for Friends of the Library life members will be held at 7 p.m., Sept. 25.

The sale continues for Friends of the Library annual members from 8 to 9:30 p.m.

Proceeds will support the NCSU Libraries Preservation Endowment.

For more information, call the Friends of the Library at 515-2841.

Autumn arrives



Freshmen Ryann Barr and Caroline Fullerton enjoy Autumn-like weather on Sunday morning.

HEATHER JORDAN/STAFF

Academy aids teachers

■ A new program at NCSU aims to educate teachers.

MEGAN SMITH
Staff Writer

Thanks to a new program offered at N.C. State, teachers are moving education into the computer age.

The Education 2000 Computer Academy consists of workshops that teach high school teachers the ins and outs of computer technology.

Beginning with the class of 2001, every North Carolina student must pass a computer competency exam before they can graduate from high school, according to the N.C. Department of Public Instruction's 1995 N.C. Instructional Technology Plan.

The Education 2000 Computer Academy was designed by Ellen Vasu, associate professor of curriculum and instruction, with colleagues in the computer training unit of the division of continuing and professional education in 1995, to teach high school teachers how to use computer technology in their classroom.

"K-12 children need to know how to use computers," said Vasu. The purpose of the program is to "help train teachers to be competent with technology."

Teachers must first complete six two-day workshops that include "Introduction to PC," "Introduction to the Internet," "Introduction to Microsoft Works," "RC Hardware Troubleshooting" and "Curriculum Integration."

After successful completion of all six workshops, teachers can enroll in two

semester-long graduate-level courses. After finishing these two courses, an endorsement in computer education certificate is added to their degree. This allows teachers to hold computer education classes and incorporate computers into their curriculums.

"We need to educate our teachers how to be computer literate so they can educate the kids," said Betty Gardner, manager of the Computer Training Unit. "Teachers cannot help children if they know more than the teacher does."

Teachers are able to use what they have learned not only to teach students how to use computers, but also to make learning a more interesting experience that will hold students attention by using multi-media presentations that they learned to design in the workshops, Gardner said.

Expert discusses business, auditing

■ A former auditor speaks about fraud control for the College of Management's Wachovia Executive Lecture Series.

LOUISA JONES
Staff Writer

Students had a chance to find out all about fraud and the auditing business from an expert in the field as David Landsittel, former Arthur Anderson LLP partner, spoke to a crowd of nearly 200 people at Nelson Hall on Tuesday.

Landsittel began by talking about the challenges of the current audit environment, including keeping up with technology and market saturation that results in competition of prices and a lack of growth in audit revenues.

Another problem that auditors face is fraud.

Fraud is basically incorrect financial reporting that occurs mainly in two ways: manipulating the books or misappropriation of assets, Landsittel said.

According to Landsittel, some people in the auditing profession do not understand their responsibility for determining fraud, due to a lack of guidance.

"There are many blind spots in dealing with fraud," he said.

Landsittel explained that three conditions exist in any fraud:

"There must be pressure or incentive, perhaps making more money; a lack of sufficient internal controls that allows stealing to occur; and personal rationalization," he said. "People may convince themselves that they're just borrowing the money and will pay it back later. Or they



Landsittel addresses students and faculty members at Nelson Hall.

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Professor designs unique program

■ NCSU professor designs user-friendly program to analyze electric motors.

PAUL WEBBER
Staff Writer

The industry world of today has become "simpler" due to the research and software created by N.C. State professor Mo-Yuen Chow and his assistants in the field of electric motors.

As the modern world continues to rely heavily on electric motors, Chow and the FasPro Research Group have designed a software package called MotorSIM. This program is designed to simulate motors and allow engineers and designers to use a pre-programmed structure to study how a certain motor type works with the many different components featured in its database.

By being able to simulate four types of motors — three-phase

induction, single-phase induction, universal DC and many other submodules such as electrical and mechanical — the range of possibilities allowed by the program are nearly endless.

"The beauty of MotorSIM is that it provides a framework for in-depth simulation of motor dynamics," said Chow. "It meets the needs of today's industrial competitive environments, offering cost effectiveness, flexibility, safety, accuracy and time efficiency for fast prototyping platforms."

Simplicity is the key to MotorSIM. It is a user-friendly program that is very easy to operate, Chow said. The interface menu is self-explanatory and "wizard"-driven for easy data entry, Chow said. It allows the user to run simulations of different variations of motor components into a computer model and change parameters to easily find what works best for any given scenario.

The program's goal is to prevent common motor breakdown by using a "trial and error" method to choose the perfect motor for a given job, said Chow. This will prevent the loss of millions of dollars through repairs and lost profits in time for a motor failure.

The impact the program will have on industries and all things that rely on electric motors will be enormous, said Chow. He said the money, time and effort that will be saved by this program is staggering.

Chow's research is supported in part by the National Science Foundation and NCSU's Electric Power Research Center. Also aiding in the research is Square D Co., which loaned several pieces of equipment for the MotorSIM project.

The success of the MotorSIM program has made Chow's products a hot commodity. The MotorSIM software will probably be on the market sometime this year.

Audit

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may feel underpaid and entitled to the extra money."

Billions of dollars are lost each year to fraud, and auditors are often criticized for not meeting the public's expectations, said Landsittel. He hopes that things are beginning to change.

Landsittel described the SAS 82, a new document that will be the standard in dealing with fraud. The SAS 82 document discusses risk factors that companies face when dealing with fraud, such as aggressive financial reporting

targets that could give people an incentive to "cook the books." It also warns against the lack of appropriate management controls.

Does SAS 82 solve the problem of fraud?

"It's only one step," Landsittel said. He believes that companies need an ongoing, continuous model for improvement. They also need to focus on implementing SAS 82 and providing more education to the auditor, he said.

Landsittel has given 32 years of service to public accounting for Arthur Anderson. He has also been the chair of the U.S. committee for several different companies.

This event was the first in the College of Management's 1997 Wachovia Executive Lecture Series.

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Home Sweet Home

■ State volleyball pulls of first win in front of Reynolds crowd.

K. GAFFNEY
Sports Editor

Sometimes the road just isn't kind, making returning home that much sweeter.

After five road games in which the Wolfpack women's volleyball team picked up zero wins, the N.C. State team was hoping that home would be a little more forgiving.

And it was. The Pack kicked off an eight-game home stand with its first victory of the season, downing Syracuse, 3-1 on Friday night.

The match-up was part of the BellSouth Yellow Pages Wolfpack

Invitational, and was one of five matches that the State team played in this past weekend.

The Orangewomen struck first, getting out of the starting gate with a 6-2 lead in the first game.

Laura Kimbrell, the Pack's kills leader picked up the 1,000 kill of her career during the first set, leading the Pack back.

The Pack battled literally for every ball, even saving one that had cleared the back line of the newly designed center court at Reynolds Coliseum and was headed for the south end stands.

A kill from junior Kaitlin Robinson put the game away for the Pack, 16-14.

Lisa Liber, who has come in strong in her first month in

"I am really, really proud of them."

— Kim Hall
women's volleyball coach

Wolfpack red, served out the final points of the game as State prevailed, 15-12.

The Orangewomen retaliated to win the third game, 15-12.

"At the end of the third game, we were just trying to keep the ball in play, hoping that they would make an error," said coach Kim Hall.

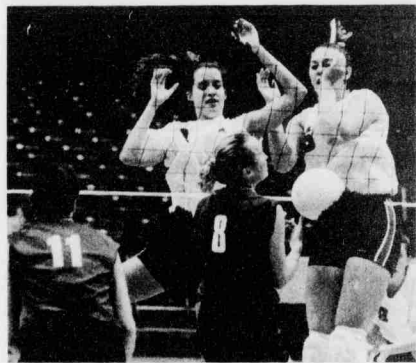
The Pack switched back to a more aggressive style for the fourth game, and stepped fresh onto the floor to finish off Syracuse.

State jumped out to an early lead, and then pushed the lead to 9-2 behind the serving of Kimbrell.

Under continuous pressure, the Orangewomen lost four of the last five points on mistakes, leading to the 15-5 win by the Pack.

"We have lost so many matches in five sets, I think that they were just determined that is was not going to happen again, and that they were going to make Syracuse work for everything," said Hall of the more intense style of play.

"I am really, really proud of them," added Hall. "I keep telling them, eventually they are going to break through. I think they knew that, but it just takes that first time for it to actually occur for it to set in."



N.C. State's volleyball team picked up five wins this weekend.

Blowing by the Field

■ N.C. State women's cross country team blows by the competition for their first win of the season.

JONATHAN NOEL
Staff Writer

To no one's surprise, the N.C. State women's cross country team came away with a rather easy victory in the annual Wolfpack Invitational, held on their home course in Centennial Campus.

State was led by returning All-American Laura Rhoads, who led virtually the entire race, racking up her first victory at the collegiate level.

The dominance of this women's team was clearly demonstrated by the seven top-10 finishes, paving the way for a remarkable 40-point margin over the second place team, South Florida.

With a heavy humidity and a beating sun, Saturday was no easy day to run for any of the runners. The women benefited from the 9-40 a.m. race time, since the heat would only grow more oppressive. These conditions affected the runners in varying ways.

"The same thing happened on the women's side that happened on the men's side, the heat got to a couple of our runners," said Laurie Gomez-Henes, assistant coach.

Freshman Amy Beykirch called the weather the hottest that she had ever run in, but she adapted well enough for an outstanding third place performance in her first college race.

"It was really hot, but everybody else had to run in it, so why should I complain about it?" said Sarah Gray, who captured an eighth place finish in her first college race.

A performance like Saturday's only helps to confirm the visions of this talented team, which is focused on the national meet, believing that they have an excellent chance to win.

"We have a very good chance of winning nationals, if we all are well and uninjured and run to our potential," said Rhoads of the team's ambitions.

The national meet will be held in Greenville, S.C. this year, and this adds to the team's confidence.

"It's so close to home, that's it's kind of like a home course for us anyway," said Erin Musson.

These are not idle threats, for the team appears to be both extremely deep and talented.

Rhoads, a member of last season's All-ACC team, could be on track for a huge senior year.

"She's well ahead of where she was last year, and she finished eighth in the country last year," says Gomez-Henes.

Incredibly, the Wolfpack has another All-American from last year. Sophomore Christy Nichols is looking to make a quick return from what appears to be a cyst in her knee, an injury which is understandably, very frustrating. Nichols stood on the sidelines of Saturday's meet, taking photos of her teammates.



State's Kevin Hubbard (34) brings down the Huskies' Aldarryl Jones following an interception.

Spikes coming into his own

■ State's "other" tailback is making a name for himself, as well.

JAMES CURLE
Assistant Sports Editor

Sophomore tailback Rashon Spikes took the handoff from quarterback Jaime Barnette and within the span of a few seconds dodged, jukeed and sped past the Northern Illinois defense on his way to a 47-yard touchdown early in the fourth quarter.

With the score, Spikes not only put the Pack up 41-14, but made a very simple — yet equally powerful — statement:

Rashon Spikes is a very good

tailback.

How good? Just ask starting tailback Tremayne Stephens, whose job Spikes is gunning for.

"As you can see tonight, he is a great tailback," Stephens said.

"There's not a drop off [in talent] when they put him in there."

"He can get the job done."

Spikes did get the job done. In addition to his 91 yards of rushing on seven carries and 22 yards of receiving, Spikes scored twice during the second half. His 113 yards of total offense was the highest amount posted by any of State's running backs.

While Spikes has exploded offensively on the field this year at times, it hasn't been an act of God

by any stretch of the imagination. Like most success stories, Spikes' is one of hard work and determination.

"He was a great back when he came in, but you could tell that he was young," Stephens said. "He would go the wrong way on plays and tended to fumble a little bit. But to watch him grow in the past few years has been a joy to me."

Part of his growth has been focused on becoming more relaxed in the backfield. Being a backup means watching a lot of action from the sidelines. When the time finally comes to see some action, nerves can take over. Spikes says

3-1 No surprise for Wolfpack

■ The Wolfpack football team moves to 3-1 with win over Northern Illinois.

K. GAFFNEY
Sports Editor

N.C. State's 41-14 victory over Northern Illinois this weekend on the gridiron was no surprise.

What it was, however, was a chance for the Wolfpack to show a crowd of over 51,000 faithful just what they could do.

State opened the game with a defensive stand in which they forced the Huskies' offense not only off of the field but also into using two of their three first-half timeouts.

Pack quarterback Jamie Barnette opened State's offensive game with a 22-yard completed pass to Eric Leak.

The play was important for more than just getting the Pack's offense started; it also pulled the five-foot-eight freshman back into the offense. A week ago in the Clemson game, Leak dropped a pass from Barnette that could have, according to speculation, have won the game for State.

"It wasn't intentional," said Barnette of the play to Leak. "We had set a run play, and Eric just blew his man and I hit him."

The pass to Leak set the Pack on the Huskies' 28-yard line. From there, senior Tremayne Stephens took over. Stephens gained 26 yards in five of the Pack's six offensive plays to put the ball and the State offense on the one-yard line.

Barnette handed off to Stephens who then dove over the Northern Illinois defense into the end zone.

The points-after by senior Chris Hensler put the Pack up, 7-0.

State stopped the Husky counter-attack in four downs and scored again after a 70-yard drive as Barnette hit Tory Holt with a nine-yard pass in the end zone.

State led 14-0 at the first break,

and pushed the score to 24-0 before Northern Illinois could get on the board.

Husky quarterback Frisman Jackson found Deon Mitchell open for a 35-yard touchdown pass.

Brian Clark converted the point-after attempt.

State Head Coach Mike O'Caïn said after the game that it was not a lack of defense that allowed the Northern Illinois offense to score, but rather a situation that he had caused.

"We went into a two-minute situation," said O'Caïn. "I have to take the blame for that, I wanted to see what we could do."

State drove back down the field in the last two minutes of the half to punch through a Hensler field goal with 28 seconds left on the clock, setting the score at 27-7 as the teams entered the locker room.

In the second half, the State offense was ignited by the running game of sophomore tailback Rashon Spikes.

Spikes rushed for 93 yards in the second half, after not picking up any yardage on two plays in the first half.

Spikes took two of his seven second-half runs into the end zone, one a 19-yard run in the third quarter and another 46-yard conversion in the fourth.

Spikes' final touchdown was the last scoring play of the night, leaving the score at 41-14 for the match.

The test for State now will be how to prepare for this week's match-up with the Demon Deacons of Wake Forest.

"The most important thing is that we have to make sure that we are mentally ready and to make sure that we are not carrying a tired football team to Winston-Salem," said O'Caïn at the post-game press conference.

The Pack will face off against Wake at 8 p.m. on Thursday.

Wolfpack Starts '97 season in '96 style

■ The Wolfpack men's cross country team picks up right where it left off.

K. GAFFNEY
Sports Editor

Fifteen points.

In a cross-country meet, you don't get any better than that.

This is not bias, nor preference, nor speculation. You literally don't get any better than that.

Which is why, in cross-country, you rarely get any better than N.C. State.

When the State team hosted the Wolfpack Invitational this weekend, the men's team took the top five spots, sending a clear message — they're back, and better than ever.

State started the eight-kilometer race by giving new meaning to the term "running with the pack."

The Wolfpack showcased their talents by running a majority of the first half of the race as a pack of nine runners.

"The strength of the wolf is the Pack," said junior Chris Pluchos,

paraphrasing the legendary Rudyard Kipling. "We planned it that way, and it worked for us."

And like a pack of wolves, the

State Pack stayed together until they were threatened.

In the race's second pass of the three-kilometer loop, Francis Reno

of Virginia Commonwealth took off, sprinting ahead of the lead group.

But Reno's spotlight was short



Marty Harely/SPECIAL TO TECHNICIAN

N.C. State's men's cross country team takes off at this weekend's Wolfpack Invitational.

Allergy season is upon us

■ **Achoo! Is it just a cold or is it ragweed?**

LINDSEY GREENE
Staff Writer

Ragweed season is here, but some might not realize it yet.

Both colds and allergies share common symptoms, so many people who are suffering mistake their allergic reactions for a cold. This case of mistaken identities is an easy one for students to make since ragweed spots are released in the fall when it's the driest time of the year. Fall is also the season that kicks off the school-year — stress levels are high, and students spend less time sleeping and accompanying all the changes that the new school year brings. Considering these changes, many think they have run themselves down to a cold.

A cold may not be the case, since ragweed is the biggest of all allergens. It affects 72 million Americans, says Dr. Gary Reinheimer, an allergist and immunologist. Reinheimer says spores can travel more than 10 miles and the intensity of ragweed's symptoms varies depending upon individual sensitivity.

What is an allergy? It is a reaction or increased sensitivity to certain substances, with symptoms similar to the common cold. Several outdoor substances, or allergens, that ignite allergies are trees, grasses, pollen from various plants and ragweed.

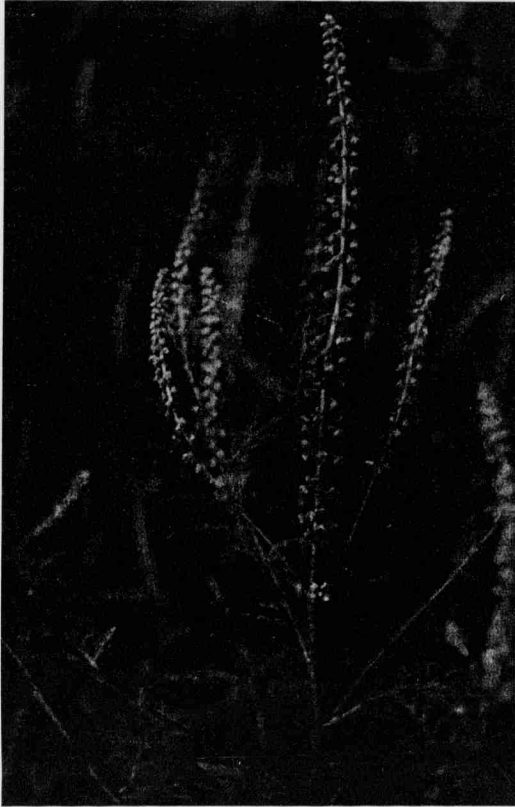
These allergens occur at different times throughout the year with September bringing ragweed. The ragweed season won't end until the middle of October. For many who don't realize that their reaction is to an allergen, this is one long cold!

Ragweed is easy to recognize as it grows one to five feet high with green, hairy stems and green-to-yellow flowers about four inches apart. Favorite hangout spots for ragweed are near roadsides, vacant lots and fields.

You know about various allergens and their resemblance to the common cold, but what do allergies do inside our bodies that trigger reactions in so many people?

When the immune system is exposed to allergens, it produces antibodies that attach to cells in the body. As part of the reaction, these cells release chemicals such as histamine. This produces the symptoms of hay fever which include a nose that won't stop running, sneezing, and watery eyes.

You're not alone. Allergies are common according to the American Academy of Allergies and Immunology. In fact, one out of every six Americans suffers from an allergic reaction. Allergists often tell patients to take antihistamines to counter the histamine effects. Avoiding the allergen is also effective and inexpensive, but may be inconvenient. An allergist can provide more options for counter-acting or avoiding ragweed.



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This innocent looking weed is the largest cause of allergic reactions in the U.S.

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Frontiers Staff Report

As a small child, did you have an unnatural love for hot dogs? Did your theme song of choice deal with your desire to emulate a certain processed pork product sold under the name of Oscar Mayer? Did people look at you and think, "Gosh, what a Wiener?" If so, you just might be in luck after all.

Each year, recent college graduates get paid to travel all over North America attending parades, fairs, charities, and even exciting events like the Super Bowl and Mardi Gras. Who are these lucky souls, you ask? They are the able-bodied and strong-minded drivers of the Wienermobiles, good-will ambassadors of Oscar Mayer Foods.

Affectionately known as Hotdoggers, it is a fortunate few who get the chance to pilot a 27-foot-long hot dog on wheels. Drivers spend a full year crossing the country making promotional

appearances and participating in television, newspaper, and radio interviews. They are also responsible for coordinating much of their fun and hectic schedules.

Don't think that just anyone can drive an oversized frankfurter, though. Hopefuls are required to train at Hot Dog High, where they can learn all about Oscar Mayer's history and products, planning special events and how to maneuver their buns in traffic. Only if they cut the mustard and graduate from Hot Dog High, can the Hotdoggers claim their Wiener keys and hit the open road.

What really sets this internship apart from the others is the amount of creative freedom the Hotdoggers are allowed. "We give the youngest people in the company the most responsibility and the least supervision," says Russ Whitacre, program manager.

Past Hotdoggers have managed to haul their buns onto the



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If you have an appetite for this kind of internship, contact Oscar Mayer, Wienermobile Department, P.O. Box 7188, Madison, WI 53707.

Your Horoscope

Aries (March 21 to April 19) You're itching to get things done, but it's best to relax. Try not to worry about things you can't control this week. Be sure you get enough rest come the weekend.

Taurus (April 20 to May 20) It's time fraught with minor snags and irritations. However, things clear up as the week progresses. An important phone call to a distant elderly person should be made by week's end.

Gemini (May 21 to June 20) If it sounds too good to be true, then it is. A seemingly lucrative career move beckons, but stay put for a while. Your career eventually will blossom.

Cancer (June 21 to July 23) This isn't the week to keep things

bottled up inside yourself. It's extremely important to express yourself to a partner. This clears the air and romance is renewed.

Leo (July 23 to August 22) Tempers could fly this week. It's a good time to look into educational pursuits. If a loan is needed, you'll get favorable news.

Virgo (August 23 to September 22) A raise you've been expecting doesn't come through. Keep plugging along, as higher-ups are watching and very impressed with your work. Close ties are supportive.

Libra (September 23 to October 22) Your judgement is excellent concerning personal and financial affairs. However, don't brag when socializing, as that could hurt someone's feelings. Be confident, but quiet.

Scorpio (October 23 to November 21) While some developments could irritate you, it's mostly a positive time. An old acquaintance comes through with the information you need. Examine this carefully.

Sagittarius (November 22 to December 21) If you plan on visiting relatives or friends, it's best to check into a hotel. Others aren't as hospitable as you'd like. Pay attention to what's being said at work this week.

Capricorn (December 22 to January 19) Keep any career plans confidential for a while. Your financial security improves. A loved one has a happy surprise for you this weekend.

Aquarius (January 20 to February 18) Single people meet that special someone. Partners rejoice with good financial news or the joy of a possible addiction to the family. The weekend accents family harmony.

Pisces (February 19 to March 20) Long-distance travel could lead to romantic endeavors. You express yourself best with the written word. Your judgement is sharp this weekend concerning others' motivation.

Technobabble

■ **Postcards from the cutting edge.**

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Staff Geek

Staying on the leading edge of technology can be a delicate balance between the monetary cost of upgrading and the technological cost of falling too far behind.

The only case in which upgrading has a clear advantage is with virus protection software, as I mentioned in my last column. If your antivirus software has not been updated in six months, or if you have no such software, then it is always in your best interest to go ahead and invest in good protection. A number of commercial products offer free or very cheap updates, in order to protect against the newest viral threats, so you need not fear for your wallet. Also, there are several free programs that are available to download from the Internet, especially for Macintosh, which will let you keep both your peace of mind and your cash.

Disinfectant can be downloaded for mac at <http://ftp.acns.nyu.edu/pub/disinfectant/>.

There are, naturally, certain benefits to being the first kid on the block with the shiny new software upgrade. With each new version of software, ideally, new features are implemented, and problems with older versions are normally fixed. If only it were always as simple as that. Inevitably, with new software, there are new problems and bugs to be worked out, and new incompatibilities to be resolved. Sometimes, I think programmers release buggy software intentionally, in order to ensure that they never lose their jobs fixing those bugs. It's a vicious cycle—version 2 fixes bugs in version 1, but introduces problems that can only be fixed by version 3. Of course, to receive the benefits from all the programmers' long hours of work, you have to pay for all three versions. Even with discounts for upgrading from the previous versions, this can easily get costly.

Another problem with having the newest programs is that they tend to be incompatible with the older programs still sitting on your hard drive. If the brand new can't live-without-it utility program breaks the older version of your favorite game, it simply means that you have to go out and get the new version of Kill 'Em All 3000 (Now in all its glory 3D detail!). Getting caught in this trap, too, can be costly. So, how do you balance the conflicting sides of your personality — the devil on one shoulder, greedy for the latest, fastest, coolest of everything, and the angel on the other reminding you that you haven't balanced your checkbook in a month?

Ask yourself a few questions. Do you really need the latest release of Kill 'Em All 3000? It is only a game, after all. If the software you use for schoolwork or your job conflicts with your video game habits, you may need to rethink the reasons for buying your computer in the first place. Does version 5 really hold all the keys to your future happiness, or are you content with version 4? If you haven't had any problems with your current software, is there enough

incentive to go out and get the latest upgrade? I will admit, new features that you have been waiting on can be necessary motivation. But how do you know whether the advantage will outweigh the pile of cash you will have to lay out? Advertising can be vague and misleading — remember that the advertisers' motivation is your money, too — so stop by a computer store and ask to see a demonstration. Better yet, if you know someone who has what you are thinking about getting, stop by and try it out on their computer first. Get a geek's opinion, then make your decision.

This is all well and good, but what if you're like me, and have 'Upgrade Fever'?

When it was announced that Apple was releasing an update to their Macintosh system software, I ordered it directly from Apple before it was even shipped to stores. In the frenzy, I, too, was caught in the vicious upgrade cycle.

In the end, I had to buy new drivers for my hard drive, as well as download a half dozen program updates from various companies' Internet sites (luckily these were free). All this was to be sure everything on my computer was compatible with the new system software. Anyone who upgraded to Windows 95 as soon as it was released knows exactly what I experienced. Fortunately, Microsoft adopted the Apple philosophy of free incremental upgrades, and provides updates to 95 with downloads of Internet Explorer and other programs. Since the next release from Microsoft looks like it will be Windows 2000, it would have been a long wait for bug fixes otherwise.

Speaking of Windows 95, there are two computers in my house. One, the Macintosh, is my own. The other is my brother's PC. I have the unenviable task of maintaining and repairing both. I keep my computer running happily with all the latest system software and utilities. The PC, on the other hand, is still running Windows 3.1, and probably will be until the machine itself, or its motherboard, is replaced. Frankly, for what it gets used for, the PC is quite adequate. A little extra memory, a speedy modem, and a zippy new CD-ROM (all of which I installed in the last year) have kept it from falling into total obsolescence. It's perfect for word processing, surfing the Web, and even playing most of the Kill 'Em All games.

To install Windows 95 on it would actually slow the machine down, as is the case in most older machines without a processor overhaul. It would also mean my brother would have to learn how to get around in his computer again — need I mention that it would be yours truly that would have to teach him?

Note: If you have technical questions, computer problems, or just need a geek's advice, send e-mail to Charles@sma.sca.ncsu.edu, and your questions will be answered via e-mail or printed in Technobabble.

Garden club sponsors tour

■ **Fall garden tour to benefit J.C. Raulston Arboretum.**

Frontiers Staff Report

Six of the Triangle's most outstanding private gardens will open their gates to the public from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, September 27, as part of a fall garden tour to benefit the J.C. Raulston Arboretum at North Carolina State. Tickets are \$10 before September 20, or \$15 after that.

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Proceeds will benefit the building fund of the J.C. Raulston Arboretum.

COURTESY OF KING FEATURES

Jewish settlers vacate Arab neighborhood in Jerusalem

Officials hope that the compromise will resolve some of the conflicts between the Palestinians and Israel.

JOHN LANCASTER
The Washington Post

JERUSALEM - Militant Jewish settlers agreed to vacate their home in an Arab neighborhood of East Jerusalem in a compromise reached this evening with the government of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

Palestinian officials, who were not part of the agreement, rejected the deal, saying it will permit Jewish

religious students to take the place of the departing families. In that regard, the compromise failed to defuse Palestinian anger over plans by the settlers and their wealthy American patron, Irving Moskowitz of Miami, to establish a permanent Jewish presence in the neighborhood, known as Ras Amoud.

Palestinians view any such presence as a threat to their vision of East Jerusalem as capital of a future Palestinian state, and Israeli security forces braced for the possibility of violent disturbances in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank following Muslim prayer services on Friday.

But for Netanyahu, the compromise offered at least a

partial solution to a ticklish political challenge. Under pressure from the Clinton administration to avoid new causes of tension with the Palestinians, Netanyahu has been trying to find a way to remove the settlers from the neighborhood. But he also has been reluctant to evict them forcibly for fear of offending members of his rightist coalition who say the settlers have a right to live in the traditionally Arab neighborhood.

"This is not the time to settle families in Ras Amoud, or build a new neighborhood in the area," Netanyahu said in a statement.

Since the settlers moved into the neighborhood Sunday night, Netanyahu and his aides have tried to persuade them to leave

voluntarily but hinted that they might resort to force if necessary. To prevent that, Moskowitz and the settlers appealed to the Supreme Court for an injunction that would bar police from evicting them.

Under the compromise plan, which obviates the need for a court ruling, the three Jewish families will vacate the rambling stone structures in the neighborhood overlooking Jerusalem's walled Old City. They will be replaced by 10 yeshiva students who will renovate and guard the property. Internal Security Minister Avigdor Kahalani said on Israeli television Thursday night.

"We must allow Moskowitz to maintain the property but the families won't stay," Kahalani said.

Further details of the plan were not immediately available. It was unclear, for example, when the settlers will leave the property and under what circumstances they will be allowed to return.

As details of the impending deal spread Thursday, Palestinian officials denounced it as a "trick" aimed at legitimizing a permanent Jewish presence at Ras Amoud.

"This compromise is much more dangerous than no solution because it establishes a legal precedent and it shows these settlers that every time they do such an action the prime minister will yield," Marwan Kanafani, a spokesman for Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat, said in an interview. "I don't want to talk about the reaction because

everyone knows the reaction. It will constitute a grave violation that will anger the Palestinians.

Israel captured East Jerusalem in 1967 and annexed it. The Palestinians, however, contend that Jewish settlement in East Jerusalem is a betrayal of the Oslo peace accords, which provide that the future of Jerusalem be decided by "final status" talks, which have yet to get underway.

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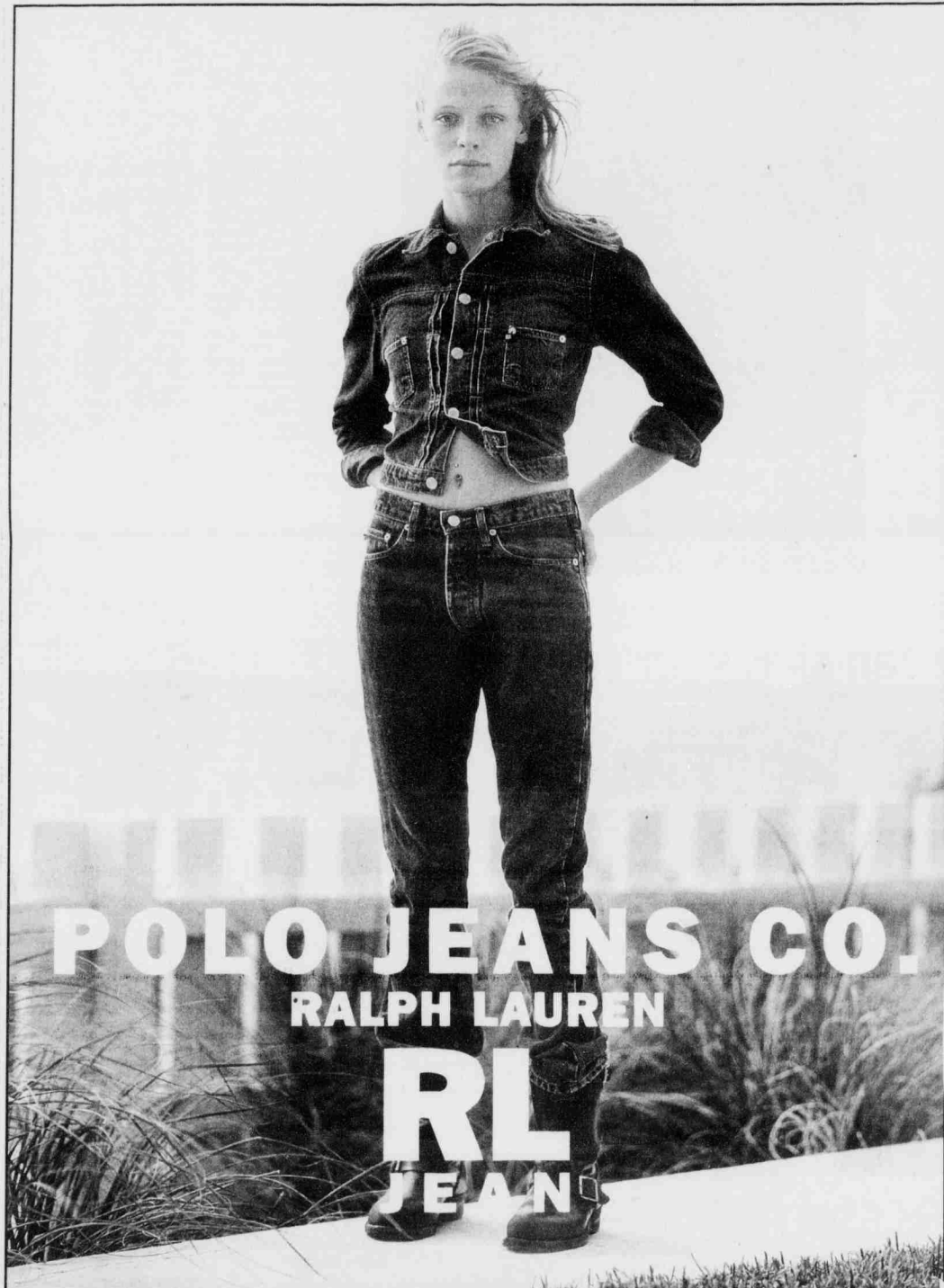
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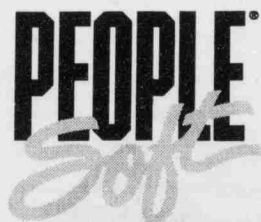
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NEWS

Weight loss goes drug free

More people are turning to traditional means of dieting after two popular diet drugs proved dangerous.

GREC JOHNSON
Los Angeles Times

Anyone who's ever tried to lose weight will take issue with two new advertising campaigns that suggest dieting is as simple as ABC or one, two, three.

But analysts say that campaigns unveiled last month by Weight Watchers International Inc. and Jenny Craig Inc. could lead to increased market share for the industry leaders now that two popular diet drugs have been linked to heart valve problems and pulled from the market.

Removal of the drugs fenfluramine, sold as Pondimin, and dexfenfluramine, sold as Redux, from the weight-loss arsenal in effect spells the end of the fen-phen drug phenomenon and is likely to strengthen traditional weight-loss programs.

Analysts said Woodbury, N.Y.-based Weight Watchers could be the big winner, since it never offered the diet drugs. Competitors Jenny Craig and Nutri-Systems made Redux available to clients but have discontinued the practice.

"This could be very positive for someone like Weight Watchers," said John LaRosa, president of Marketdata Enterprises Inc., a Tampa, Fla.-based company that tracks diet industry trends. "They can honestly say, 'We've taken the safe route all along. We were looking out for your health.'"

Weight Watchers, a unit of Pittsburgh-based H.J. Heinz, with an estimated \$1 billion in revenue, stuck with its traditional nonprescription approach even as consumers embraced fen-phen programs run by physicians.

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Immigrants forced to leave

A regulation allowing immigrants awaiting their final papers to reside in the United States expires on September 30.

PAMELA CONSTABLE
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Bolivian native Elizabeth Rivas came to the United States with her parents 12 years ago to see Disneyland. Her mother and father stayed on and became legal residents, and she was considered legal until she turned 21.

Rivas met her husband, Jose, a Salvadoran immigrant, and their two children were born in this country. The Reston, Va., couple are on a waiting list to become legal residents and had expected to get their final papers three years from now.

But at the end of this month, unless Congress renews a regulation that lets illegal immigrants live in the United States while applying for permanent residence, the Rivases and hundreds of thousands like them will have to return to their

native countries until their green cards are approved.

"There is nothing left for me in Bolivia, and things are even worse in El Salvador," said Rivas, 28, a housekeeper who dreams being separated from her parents and children for so long. "We started from scratch, (hoping to) make a future for our children in America. Now we face a terrible dilemma, and every day is full of anxiety."

The regulation approved by Congress in 1994 allows illegal immigrants — if they pay a fine of \$1,000 to stay in this country once they are on a short list for legal residence. That regulation expires Sept. 30, and the Clinton administration supports extending it. But the House and Senate are divided over the issue, which is bogged down in the federal budget process and may not be resolved by month's end.

Meanwhile, a new law that requires all illegal immigrants to leave the country is set to take effect Sept. 27. This fast-approaching double deadline has thrown residence applicants across the

country into a panic. Thousands have bombarded immigration lawyers, radio shows and the Internet with anxious queries. Should they buy a plane ticket, quit their jobs, leave their families — or lie low and hope for the best?

"People are agonizing about what to do, and lawyers don't know what to advise them because the situation is so uncertain," said Judy Golub, of the American Immigration Lawyers Association. If the 1994 regulation is allowed to expire, "people will have to choose between becoming exiles or outlaws."

For many proponents of immigration reform, however, foreigners who entered the United States illegally, or who stayed after their visas expired, don't deserve special consideration. The regulation, they argue, allows such people to "launder" their immigration status and cut ahead of those who have waited abroad for years to immigrate legally.

"This (regulation) says to someone in a foreign country, 'Go ahead and enter illegally, and we will bend over backward to give you legal

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Political dinners still effective

A recent dinner hosted by President Clinton shows that donors can still buy attention from the White House.

ELIZABETH SHOREN
Los Angeles Times

SAN FRANCISCO — Even a Republican screenwriter would have a hard time improving on this script.

Eighteen wealthy entrepreneurs pony up \$600,000 for a private dinner with the president. Their objective is not just to share a toast with the chief executive, but to influence government policy. They want the White House to overrule the FBI director on an issue that directly affects their industry's future profits.

It sounds like the kind of thing that GOP investigators have been trying for months to uncover as part of their ongoing probe of Democratic campaign finance irregularities.

But this is no work of fiction. It happened this very weekend. No one suggests anything illegal took place. In fact, the participants don't think they did anything wrong at

all.

"I didn't even think about that," said Kim Polese, founder of Marina Inc., a Palo Alto software company, and one of the participants in the Saturday night fund-raising event attended by President Clinton.

But wouldn't an average voter conclude there is something untoward about a group of Silicon Valley CEOs taking advantage of such intimate access to lobby for a change in administration policy on computer "encryption" technology? "I absolutely do not agree with that at all," Polese said in an interview Sunday.

In fact, when some of the hottest names in high-tech agreed to attend the party at the elegant San Francisco home of a young industry entrepreneur, everyone concerned — including the White House — knew that encryption would be the evening's key topic of conversation.

A leisurely meal appeared to be the perfect opportunity to try to persuade the president to block a new plan by FBI Director Louis J. Freeh to impose sweeping controls on domestic sales of software for encoding electronic commerce and communication.

Under Freeh's proposal, versions of which are moving through both

houses in Congress, software sold in the United States with encryption features to ensure a user's privacy would have to be written in a way that would allow the government to decode information if needed for a criminal case.

Organizers of Saturday night's event made no secret of the fact that while the CEOs were likely to raise many issues with Clinton, encryption was at the top of the list because they fear Freeh's proposal could do serious damage to their industry and their companies.

Wade Rantlett, political director of Technology Network, a new bipartisan political organization in Silicon Valley, and organizer of the fund-raising event, said encryption is a hot topic "because it's in play" in Washington.

Rantlett, who has been involved in Democratic politics for more than a decade, said it would be ridiculous to ask people to make five-figure and, in a few cases, six-figure donations unless they were given a chance to argue their positions with the guest of honor.

"I really do think it's been blown out of proportion," Polese, a member of the team that developed the JAVA software language that is

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Requirements are ridiculous

What's a new graduation requirement when you don't have the money to pay for it?

The Education 2000 Computer Academy is designed to provide teachers with the skills necessary to enable them to incorporate computers into their lesson plans. With computer competency soon to be a requirement in North Carolina for high school graduation, N.C. State has taken the lead in providing educational opportunities in this area to the state's teachers. After all, we are the center for computer education in this state.

The major drawback to the computer competency program is the fact that state schools don't have enough computers to make such a requirement realistic.

Sure, many high schools have computer classrooms or labs and even many elementary and middle schools have them.

Unfortunately, many poorer counties do not have the necessary funds to create state-of-the-art computer labs. Even wealthier counties can't keep up with the constant changes in computer hardware and software.

The computer field changes constantly. Who would know that better than the students and faculty members at NCSU? Even we are not able to keep up with all the latest changes in all our computer labs.

So we are faced with a high school graduation requirement,

which, in a very short period of time, is going to require students to know outdated and outmoded computer skills.

With our legislature's inability to make education a true priority, instead of just one on paper, how long will this program be viable?

North Carolina isn't exactly ranked in the top ten in education. While this new requirement can be seen to be a step to improving both our ranking and our students' educational levels, the bottom line is that if insufficient funds are channeled into educational coffers the requirement is worth less than the paper it is written on.

Wake is the capital county and this year the Wake County School Board took the county commissioners to court over an inadequate educational budget. Wake is one of the wealthiest counties in the state. If it can't provide sufficient money for schools to complete existing educational requirements, how are any schools ever going to pay for newer and more expensive requirements?

Everyone involved needs to realize that. You can't make something a requirement until you figure out where the money to pay for it is going to come from.

So far, only the governor and the board of education seems interested in educational difficulties. Unfortunately, neither one holds the purse strings in this state.



Cheaters shouldn't win

MATTHEW HAMBLY
Staff Columnist

For many of us, college can be a tough time. We are away from home, classes are harder, and no one is around to make sure we do our homework and study for our tests. Some are even tempted to cheat on a test or exam to get better grades instead of working for their grade. What if, however, you could cheat, get caught and ultimately get away with it? For one N.C. State student, this scenario fell into play.

According to the May 27 issue of The News & Observer, Jerome Perry, a professor in microbiology, filed academic misconduct charges against two students when they were caught cheating on a multiple choice exam. The case went to the Student Judicial Board. One of the students accepted the ruling; the

other appealed all the way to the top and won in February of this year. The Student and Campus Affairs Committee of the NCSU Board of Trustees is responsible for this miscarriage of justice.

In response, Perry wrote a letter to the trustees April 16, stating that they were betraying the campus' commitment to academic integrity.

Now, Perry, who should have been praised, has simply been told, via a vis the board, that academic misconduct does not matter. Many faculty members are already hesitant to report academic misconduct. This incident will only increase faculty reluctance.

Some NCSU administrators, like Tom Stafford, feel that Perry has painted the student judicial system unfairly. "I regret — because of the way the case has come out and the publicity this case has generated —

that it has given the impression this is a typical case in our student judicial system, and it is not," said Stafford.

Well, our U.S. Supreme Court decides some very atypical cases yet precedents set there become law. By the same token, what is to stop me, or anyone else, from cheating on the next exam? So what if I get caught? I'll just appeal all the way to the board of trustees and win (if I even get charged).

Here is the root problem: academic misconduct is simply a form of lying. When you cheat on an exam, you are telling the instructor that you know the subject material when you actually don't. Then your degree doesn't mean squat. Just think about that the next time you try to program answers

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A showcase for NCSU

Come one, come all — N.C. State is open for business.

N.C. State is holding its annual open house on Saturday, Sept. 27 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

We have so many opportunities for students, and the open house hardly presents enough time for prospective students to appreciate everything our school has to offer. But it will have to do since this is our chance to rope in new minds with fresh ideas, unique viewpoints and special talents to contribute to NCSU.

The open house will allow campus organizations and service providers the chance to show themselves off to prospective students.

The annual open house is a showcase for the university to strut its stuff and show what we're all about. Namely, we're all about providing a great education at a great school, both inside and outside the classroom.

We have our flaws, just like any other university. But our talents usually overshadow these, especially at an event like open house.

At the open house, NCSU's marching band, cheerleaders and mascots will come out to greet

everyone with the school spirit we hope they'll eventually feel for our red and white.

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At open house, the university community has the opportunity to show prospective students that they can not only receive a first-class education at NCSU — they can find a home here as well.

Mourning Tupac's death

SHUNTRECE JOHNSON
Staff Columnist

How many of us still remember where they were and whom they were with that fateful night in September when the news of Tupac Shakur's untimely death was released? I, for one was sitting in my freshman dorm in New Haven, Conn., watching music videos with several friends. I remember the sober expression on the news reporter's face as she explained the circumstances of his death.

For those of you out there that may not be aware of what happened, Tupac was shot four times Sept. 7, 1996 in Las Vegas, Nev. He was riding in the passenger

seat of a car driven by Death Row president Suge Knight. He died Sept. 13, 1996 — six days after being shot.

I remember shedding tears for the dead rap star that I had the pleasure of seeing once in concert. During that short period of time he made a lasting impression on me. He gave a glimpse of the other side to a girl who had been sheltered by her parents and family members the entire time she was growing up. I felt a sorrow for his life and the greatness he would never have the chance to achieve. This young man was taken from us at a time in his life when almost anything was possible for him to accomplish.

Who's to know what kind of person he would have developed into if he had lived past 25? How many great leaders and people who have made a significant difference in our history managed to achieve greatness at the tender age of 25? The examples are few and far between. From coast to coast, people mourned his death, even those on the East Coast that he seemed to despise and reject through his lyrics. I loved and listened to his music religiously even though I was a prime example of the image he raised.

I was born and raised in New

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Campus Forum

Defining sexual harassment

In a column in the Opinion section dated Friday, Sept. 12, Jason Cotter presented us with a scenario that had made him question "the difference between something being offensive and something being sexual harassment." While I do agree that this topic is a compelling one, I am afraid that the situation that he based his entire argument upon was incorrect. I know that it is incorrect because I was that listener who called in and complained about what I was hearing over the air.

What Cotter was referring to was an incident late one Saturday night a few weeks ago where a DJ at the campus radio station was telling listeners that his new person,

"Christina the Weather Babe," was overheated due to the fact that she was wearing a big coat. He then told us that Christina would take the coat off along with any other item of clothing that listeners would suggest — all they had to do was call up and tell her in what order she should proceed to disrobe. As a listener and a co-worker, I called the station, because I was concerned that as a new employee, the DJ was adopting on air practices that we at WKNC had been trying to discourage. By calling in, my action was not an oversensitive reaction as Cotter lead us to believe, but rather part of a much larger and much more serious problem that I noticed even before I first started working at WKNC two and a half years ago.

If Cotter would have been the thorough and conscientious journalist that I am sure he is aspiring to become, he would have researched other sides of the conflict and not have taken his information from only one source. Instead, I as the listener was

portrayed as hypersensitive and fairly ignorant regarding exactly what constitutes sexual harassment. But the fact is that I did not complain that I was being harassed by what I heard. I told the DJ that I was offended and found his behavior inappropriate. As for the woman who was basically offering herself up as a sexual object, I believe that it is up to her whether or not she was being harassed.

Furthermore, Cotter goes on to state that he has "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." I would like to know exactly what he means by that since he did not fully elaborate on his somewhat bold statement. I'm sure that the aforementioned organization would have a few comments of their own to offer Cotter as he continues his journalistic career. By making such statements he appears to be not only archaic, but ignorant, because he is

making sweeping generalizations and not backing up his theories with facts.

Cotter asks us as readers, "How did we become so oversensitive?" What I would like to know is why he personally so bitter regarding this topic? Additionally, exactly what kind of questions would have been posed to us had a female journalist written that article, or even if Cotter had gotten his facts straight before he stepped up on his soap box?

Caroline Okun

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

Stop racial instigation

Regarding the article "Black friends report alleged assault" we

would like to tell you how much this report infuriated us. We realize that factual reporting has seemed to have gone out of style in many news journals, however it is sad to see Technician, a university student based newspaper, has fallen victim to this tradition. We would like to know why Technician is trying to instigate racial tension in its readers? Continually using the phrase "three white males" to describe the men in the Jeep, and the opening line about how Public Safety is looking into "the alleged assault of the two African-Americans" can only lead to an emotional response by its readers. The solution to America's racial problem will not come about as long as newspapers, such as Technician, continually play upon the emotional nature of this topic.

Elizabeth Lowery
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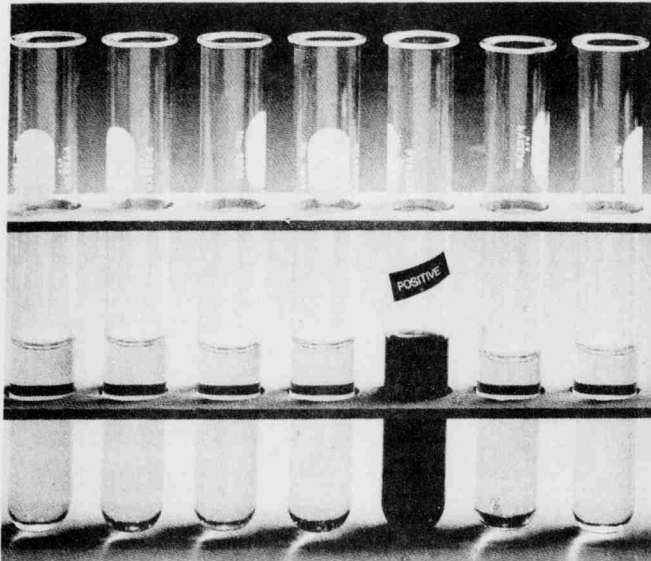
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Johnson

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Jersey. On the weekends, I spent the majority of my time in New York (AKA "The City" for all you New Yorkers out there) at the typical bad-boy-type clubs. Tupac was the one bridge I had to the West Coast. The remarkable thing about Tupac's music is he was able to bring different social groups, races, and classes of people together. Maybe that's why his albums went platinum. His fans have managed to keep his legacy alive by purchasing his compact discs and cassette tapes with a rare passion that no other entertainer has been able to duplicate.

I personally feel that there is no one in the entertainment business capable of being Tupac's successor, although Puffy Combs is probably next in line to the throne. He is an entertainer — that much is evident from his flashy guest appearances

and his talent of turning almost anyone's song into a hit single. However, he lacks originality and credibility. I often find it hard to believe that he is as hardcore as he claims to be, and if I knew him I would tell him to let his music speak for itself and let the music create its own legacy. His music, very much like the Notorious B.I.G.'s, lacks the depthness that was found in Tupac's music, even though Combs is an excellent producer and he should do well in Tupac's absence.

When you listen to Tupac's music, his style often seems to be conflicting from one song to the next but it is hard to doubt his sincerity or his belief in what he rapped about. From one moment to the next, the music lover in us all could appreciate his anger when he talked about his enemies, his love for his mother or even his knowledge of gang-related topics. His tragic death sobered the American people up for a while but when the Notorious B.I.G met his fate six months later, I realized that Tupac Shakur had died in vain.

There was no lesson learned if only a few months later another rapper could be gunned down. Two young men are now dead, and instead of them giving us new music to listen to in our cars, our favorite nightclubs or in our dorm rooms, we are left with sad tributes to them sung by other rappers in the industry.

This leads us to the question: Is Tupac really an immortal beloved or just another tragic statistic of money and fame ending tragically by a string of gun shots? The American people can only answer that question for themselves. We as a people may be able to make a difference if we can get together East and West with North and South and put the guns away and let the music unite us as a whole. Only then will Tupac's memory be immortal. There has got to be a change in the way we interact with one another or his memory will turn into a tragic statistic and he will become just another person who died over the rivalry between East and West.



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U.S. woos oil-rich countries

Maintaining friendly relations with Moscow while working to loosen Russia's control over Caspian resources has proved a sensitive undertaking.

DAN MORGAN AND DAVID OTTWAY
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON - The Clinton administration and American oil companies are intensifying a campaign to end Russia's century-old dominance over the vast oil and gas riches of the Caspian Sea region, an area potentially crucial to the strategic U.S. goal of securing major new energy sources outside the Middle East.

In recent months the administration has lavishly feted the leaders of Azerbaijan and Georgia and it is preparing a similarly grand reception in December for the president of gas-rich Turkmenistan. Deputy Secretary of State Strobe Talbott is personally involved in mediation of a dispute between Armenia and Azerbaijan that jeopardizes a planned pipeline to the West beyond Russian control. Vice President Al Gore will discuss Caspian energy issues in Moscow this weekend and first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton plans to visit Central Asia in November.

As for the oil companies, U.S. energy executives shuttle by the hundreds to Baku, capital of Azerbaijan. Mobil Corp. has opened an office in the tiny Turkmen oil town of Nebiduz, accessible over a road traveled by camels and goat herds.

Last month, four major U.S. companies signed an agreement at the White House to invest \$8 billion in Azeri oil, while Chevron Corp. plans a \$20 billion investment in Kazakhstan's Tengiz oil field, one of

the world's 10 biggest. Senior administration officials stress that they want to secure access for U.S. oil companies to this multitrillion-dollar treasure without rekindling the Cold War rivalry between Washington and Moscow in a region long regarded by Russia as its preserve.

Yet recent Senate hearings into the connection between political donations and access to the White House have



offered unexpected glimpses of the administration's real intentions in Central Asia, stripped of diplomatic niceties.

Called to testify last week about her contacts with international oil financier Roger Tamraz and his plans for a Caspian oil pipeline, former National Security Council aide Sheila Heslin on Wednesday gave Senate investigators an unusually candid summary of U.S. policy. The administration, she said, sought "to promote the independence of these oil-rich (former Soviet republics), to in essence break Russia's monopoly control over the transportation of oil from that region."

Heslin described how President Clinton had called the ruler of oil-rich Azerbaijan in October 1995, to "buck him up" when he was wavering under Russian pressure about approving a pipeline route that would not be under direct Russian control.

Senate investigators also released a document prepared in 1995 for Donald L. Fowler, who was then the chairman of the Democratic National Committee, relating to Tamraz, who

gave \$300,000 to Democratic causes in order to gain access to the White House to promote his pipeline project.

"The Caspian (pipeline) deal is drawing Washington in," the document stated, "Washington is feeling the mounting pressures from oil companies such as Amoco, Mobil, Exxon, McDermott, Brown & Root, Bechtel and Chevron. The Clinton administration is being pushed to alter its pro-Russia policy and start backing the republics in an attempt to push the deal forward."

Under that pressure, the administration's support for independent nations in Central Asia and Western access to the region's oil has steadily intensified. The State Department encapsulated U.S. ambitions in a report last April, which said the U.S. goal is "to be the region securely to the West" through multiple pipelines and transportation corridors outside Russia.

U.S. officials have sought to play down any tensions a more activist U.S. policy has caused with Russia. A senior U.S. diplomat insisted that Washington and Moscow are not engaged in a "bipolar Herculean conflict" but are moving more toward "invest and share (rather than simply squeeze and predominate)."

Yet the increasingly competitive scramble over oil and gas concessions and pipeline routes has, as one analyst put it, begun to resemble "a combination of chess and poker."

Russian President Boris Yeltsin publicly complained last month that the United States "is declaring that (the Caucasus) is in their zone of interest. Our interest is weakening, but the Americans are beginning to penetrate this zone."

The State Department quickly responded that the United States "does not believe in spheres of influence for the United States or any other country."

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residency." That is entirely the wrong message to send," said Alan Kay, a spokesman for Rep. Lamar S. Smith, R-Tex., who spearheaded enactment last year of the tough new immigration law.

Across the United States, immigrants who are becoming legal residents are seeking help or mounting protests. In Seattle, Rajesh Dua, a research chemist and legal resident from India, sent a fax to the lawyers association to describe the plight of his wife, a Japanese immigrant who has been waiting for her residence papers since 1995.

"We are law-abiding (taxpayers)," Dua said. "We own a home and are contributing to society. It will be a terrible injustice if, in the name of the law, the United States separates a young couple who have realized their American dream."

A college teacher in Chicago, whose husband came to this country from China and applied for a green card in 1994 after his student visa expired, has sent an anonymous letter to Congress on the Internet. Her family, she wrote, "is on the verge of destruction" unless the 1994 regulation is renewed. If her husband must return to China by Sept. 27, "I will be forced to become a single mother and be separated for at least three years. ... It can even mean goodbye."

In Laurel, Md., Taher Omran, a garage manager, has been trying to obtain legal residence through his wife, a U.S. citizen. He came to this country as a student from Libya in 1980 and stayed after his visa expired. He applied unsuccessfully for political asylum, and his attempts to get a green card since his marriage have been stymied because of diplomatic problems between the United States and Libya. He has no foreign passport and no place to go if he has to leave the country by Sept. 27.

"We have tried and tried to comply with the law, and there is nothing more we can do," said Omran's wife, Fatimah Steffanof, who has two children and is pregnant with a third. "If he has to leave now, he will take away all our financial and emotional support."

About 1.5 million to 2 million immigrants are in line to become legal residents through the sponsorship of American relatives or employers. Some have legal visas; others entered the country illegally or stayed on after their original visas expired.

The government lets about 386,000 foreigners legalize each year, and all must wait their turn according to a quota system that assigns them different lengths of time, depending on their country and their relationship to the sponsor. The wait is much longer for relatives of legal residents than for relatives of U.S. citizens, and the waiting period can range from a few months for the spouse of a U.S. citizen to 25 years for the adult sibling of a legal resident.

Diets

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hospitality and weight-loss clinics. "We're not a medical organization, and we never pretended to be," said Weight Watchers spokeswoman Linda Webb Carilli. "Medical decisions about prescription drugs should be left to people and their personal physicians."

Analysts say Jenny Craig, which had seen its revenue fall as Fenphen's popularity rose, could also benefit from the drugs' removal from the market. The San Diego-based company removed fenfluramine and dexfenfluramine from its program in August - just eight months after adding them as an "adjunct" to its core nonprescription program.

Jenny Craig spokesman Brian Luscomb said the two drugs were restricted to "medically qualified" clients whose weight was at least 30 percent above healthy levels. "These were not approved for cosmetic uses," Luscomb said.

With their new ad campaigns - "1,2,3 Success" from Weight Watchers and "ABC Program" from Jenny Craig - the companies are trying to lure consumers, that simple tactics work in the war against excess weight.

The competitors advise their "clients" to eat appropriately, exercise regularly and incorporate a healthy dollop of behavior modification to eliminate bad habits that add unwanted pounds.

But the ads also underscore a hard fact: Americans prefer easy solutions - "magic bullets" such as fen-phen that were designed to reduce hunger pangs and make weight loss a less frustrating process.

The pills were initially designed for obese people whose physical condition was endangering their health. But as the pills grew in popularity, consumers began prescribing weight-loss companies to make them available.

"The reason people wanted to take pills is because they thought it would be so easy," Weight Watchers' Carilli said. "They thought, 'I don't have to do anything.' Well, we recognize where people are coming from, so our new 1,2,3 program is the simplest thing we've ever offered in the marketplace."

When the dust from the Food and Drug Administration's action settles, many diet-conscious consumers will face tough choices on which weight-loss programs are truly effective and safe.

NutriSystems and its U.S. Medical Weight Loss Clinics, which operate more than 500 clinics nationwide, dropped the two drugs from its programs in August when word of the possible heart valve link surfaced.

NutriSystems will offer different prescription drugs and herbal alternatives designed to reduce hunger and help consumers shed weight, said company Vice President Joseph DiBartolomeo.

Dinners

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highly used on the Internet because it works with all computer operating systems, said of the campaign finance controversy. "Personally, I find all the hoopla around campaign finance a little boring."

Saturday's dinner shows that the ability of generous donors to buy face time with powerful politicians has not been extinguished by the campaign fund-raising controversy. In fact, it reinforces the perception that the investigations in Washington are focusing on what seem like legal technicalities rather than on the fundamental practices that many Americans find objectionable.

Like some of the activities that have drawn the attention of investigators, Saturday night's dinner was a clear case of wealthy donors paying for political access. The difference is that the affair took place in a private home, not in the White House or a Buddhist temple. And the participants are respected U.S. executives, not foreign citizens or suspicious characters.

Randlett predicted that unless the nation's campaign finance laws are reformed, fund-raising events like Saturday night's dinner will become even more commonplace because they are an efficient way to raise large sums of money.

The dinner was held at the home of Halsey Minor, the 32-year-old chief operating officer of CNET Inc., a San Francisco company that produces TV programs and Internet sites.

Participants included some of the most prominent figures in Silicon Valley: venture capitalist John Doerr, Apple founder Steve Jobs and Netscape inventor Marc Andreessen.

About 30 people attended the event, according to Randlett, including 18 check-writers and their guests.

Currency trade limits opposed

Currency speculator George Soros and other traders are face with confusion about what the currency exchange rules will be in Malaysia.

SANDRA SUGARMAN
The Washington Post

HONG KONG - Legendary currency speculator George Soros Sunday lashed out at Malaysian Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad, calling him a "menace to his own country" for his personal attacks on Soros and other currency traders and his plans to interfere with currency exchange in Malaysia.

Soros, speaking at an international banking conference here, also said he disagreed with the "prevailing opinion" that the best way for nations to protect themselves against the kind of currency attacks that have hit Southeast Asia is to open their domestic financial sector to international competitors. The United States and the International Monetary Fund have been pushing developing nations to liberalize their financial markets to attract more foreign capital.

"Foreign financial institutions can play a useful role because closed financial systems tend to be inefficient, corrupt and bound up in

politics. But foreign capital is notoriously fickle," said Soros, in a speech to officials gathered here for the annual meeting later this week of the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank.

At a news conference, Soros said that as an investor he prefers open capital markets. As a policy maker, however, he would recommend that developing nations consider limiting the inward flow of foreign funds and that they focus on mobilizing domestic savings. "To have stability, you need some depth in domestic capital markets," he said.

The market turmoil in Southeast Asia has dominated discussions at the international banking conference here. Earlier this summer Mahathir and other Asian officials relentlessly attacked Soros as the cause of the problem. In a speech Saturday to the IMF, Mahathir did not single out Soros by name. Instead, he called currency trading "immoral," and he later told the South China Morning Post, a Hong Kong daily newspaper, that Malaysia intended to sharply limit foreign exchanging dealings.

Soros told reporters he was not the cause of Mahathir's problems because he was buying the Malaysian currency, the ringgit, not selling it during the period when it was falling in value. During his speech, Soros said: "I have been subjected to all

kinds of false and vile accusations by Dr. Mahathir. He is using me as a scapegoat to cover up his own failures."

Soros added that Mahathir could not get away with such behavior if Malaysia had an independent media. Soros also said that Mahathir's threat this weekend to impose currency trading restrictions "if it were taken seriously, would have a devastating effect on Malaysian markets. But I seriously doubt it will be taken that seriously, because I think the markets will say this is grandstanding."

Nevertheless, some currency traders in this region said they were braced for a rough Monday. As of Sunday evening there was great confusion about what the currency exchange rules would be in Malaysia.

Although Soros criticized Mahathir's proposal, he also called the "laissez-faire idea that markets should be left to their own devices" a dangerous idea.

Soros said he embraced globalization because it has many benefits. But he said it also was creating problems that governments must begin to address, such as an undue concentration of power and the tendency of capital to avoid countries where employment is heavily taxed, creating unemployment and social problems.

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