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Professor loses his life's work

■ NCSU professor loses life's work to malicious thieves.

LEA DELICIO
Assistant News Editor

It's one thing to have a computer stolen; it's quite another when that computer contains your life's work. According to Public Safety officer Larry Ellis, thieves broke into Pylon Research Facilities on the night of Sept. 22 and removed televisions and vandalized the facility. But the largest loss was suffered by associate professor of toxicology Robert Smart: his computer and backup hard drive, which contained a lifetime of cancer research.

"The computer that was taken had essentially 10 years of summary data on it," Smart said.

The computer also contained other data pertinent to Smart's research, including grant information.

Ellis said the specifics of the burglary are still under investigation. There were no signs of forced entry; it is believed that the thieves entered the research facility through a back door. Ellis went on to say the break-in could have happened any time during the night. He said the building was last known to be secure at 9:40 p.m. on Sept. 22, and the crime was reported at 7:45 on the morning of Sept. 23.

Smart said all of the research and information contained in the computer were also in hard copy form in notebooks which were not taken during the break-in. However, this means that Smart and his assistants will be required to re-enter thousands of pages of information into a new computer. This time-consuming task will set him back many months.

Smart found it especially frustrating that the thieves took his office computer but left the four computers located in a nearby lab.

This is not to say that any conspiracy is at work. The investigation so far has not led Public Safety to believe the thieves were specifically after Smart's computer.

With high hopes that someone may come forward if provided with a little incentive, Smart is offering a

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Brickyard blading



Doug Hall (left), an NCSU alumni, and his son, Christopher Hall, 10 years old, hone their rollerblading skills on the Brickyard Monday night. Christopher plans to follow in his father's footsteps by attending NCSU, as well.

MOORE, PRIMA/STAFF

AllCampus cards to expand

■ AllCampus cards could be used at businesses off campus next year.

ERIKA SMART
Staff Writer

A proposal has been issued by Randy Lait, business manager of dining services, to create a program which will allow students to use AllCampus cards off campus.

Following the example set by Duke, UNC-Chapel Hill and Appalachian State University, the program would allow students to use their AllCampus cards in most Hillsborough Street stores. Although the program is still in the early stages of development, Lait estimates its activation to be early summer.

To obtain this service, students will receive an extra stripe on the back of their AllCampus card. Lait said. This second stripe will be a teller or ATM stripe, which means that money represented on the card will be drawn directly from students' bank accounts.

By adding the extra stripe, the ATM and AllCampus cards are consolidated into one convenient card, Lait said. This card can then be swiped at all participating stores, much like a debit card.

It has not yet been determined which Hillsborough Street businesses will accept the new, consolidated cards, Lait said. The idea of such cards is still in the planning stages, and will not be discussed thoroughly with Hillsborough Street businesses until the card is approved by N.C. State's administration.

Lait said the university has to go through area banks because NCSU is not allowed to assume that degree of financial responsibility for students.

This policy stems from a statement issued by the state attorney general, which says, "universities are not permitted to assume the role of a bank."

"We will never be able to have AllCampus cards where money is put onto it through the university," Lait said.

Appalachian State, which works with BB&T to provide students with off-campus services, has become the working model for NCSU's off-campus system, Lait said. However, Lait wants to see a broader system than ASU's at State. "We hope to work with more than one bank to provide students with more options when spending their money along Hillsborough Street," he said.

Panel discusses global warming

■ A local panel discussed a recent White House global warming conference Monday.

PHILLIP REESE
News Editor

As the projection of a federal conference room glared in the background, a panel of local professors gathered before 50 audience members in N.C. State's McKimmon Center Monday to discuss the presidential conference on global warming.

The professors, speaking during a break in the White House panel discussions, shared their own views on global warming, often disagreeing with what they had just seen of the presidential conference.

Trying to stimulate discussion from the audience, panelist Robert Bruck, director of NCSU's Institute for Environmental Technology Education, questioned President Clinton's decision to try to decrease global warming without imposing steep energy price increases.

"Is the American public going to accept a voluntary role?" Bruck asked. "Are we going to accept a light bulb that costs \$16 knowing full well that the light bulb will last longer and pay itself off in a few years?"

In response to Bruck's comments, an audience member said Americans will not take advantage of new, environmentally-friendly technology unless they are convinced that such technology serves their best economic interests.

"It's a capitalist society," he said. "Until we can have the market telling us we need the technology, we really aren't going to see any change."

Panelist John Sigmon, a professor at Duke University, told the crowd that many answers to the problem of global warming rely on proper education. He said children and young adults will not learn the significance of global warming until an organized push to reform education is implemented.

"We hear government talk about how education is a key," he said. "But there is no coordinated curriculum that focuses on the environment out there."

Sigmon pointed out that past environmental education programs, like the U.S. Forest Service's Smokey Bear, have been immensely successful.

Panelist David McNeils, a specialist at the Research Triangle Institute, said better research into the creation of models that illustrate

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Club seeks volunteers to help community

■ Circle K is a circle of friends.

DANIELLE STANFIELD
Senior Staff Writer

At an N.C. State Circle K meeting Sept. 10, the focus was on helping others. But in order for the club to serve others, it must have members.

Annually, Circle K averages about 25 members. If its membership increased, it could reach out to more of those in need.

"We're a small club and we still need more people," Jeri Meeker, vice president and a junior in zoology, said. "We could do more activities, get more accomplished and help more people out if we had more people."

Functioning with the members that the club has, Circle K has been going strong. Travis Brady, the club's historian and a senior in animal science, greeted old members and newcomers to the club's gathering with a smile and a "Hello."

Friendliness is just one of Circle K's qualities. Known as the largest

international collegiate service organization, it is committed to developing citizenship and the spirit of service.

For new members wanting to get involved, Circle K is just what they were looking for.

"I wanted to see what was around, so I figured that I would go and see what opportunities they had to do good stuff," Kim Howell, a freshman in mass communication, said.

"I haven't done anything like this before. I wanted to get introduced to new things," she said.

Circle K is a way for organizations to make known that they need volunteers. At Wednesday's meeting, a handful of volunteer opportunities arose.

"I was looking for different opportunities to inform students of services and the variety of volunteer support that are there," said Linda Lang, coordinator of communication relations at Dorothea Dix Hospital. "We have a lot of NCSU students that volunteer for a long time."

Lang was invited to talk to the 25 present about ways that they could help the hospital community in everything from musical entertainment to psychology.

Dorothea Dix is a full-fledged medical hospital with a forensic department that serves 16 counties worth of patients. The hospital specializes in psychology and geriatrics. Circle K has decided to make cards for the geriatrics department and plans to continue to support the hospital's needs.

Also in attendance at the meeting from Student Health Services was Marianne Turnbull, who presented a number of unusual possibilities for support.

Health awareness campaigns, outreach projects, displays, public speaking and encouraging health issues were a few choices that Circle K could assist in with funding provided by the center. Turnbull stressed how clubs like Circle K make a big difference on campus in helping the student body to become aware of health issues.

According to Meeker, Circle K

has projected to follow up on some of Turnbull's ideas.

The Dorothea Dix Hospital and the Student Health Services are new outlets for this service club. Circle K has already established a core of organizations that it commits to on a regular basis.

For example, Circle K is highly active with another NCSU club, Habitat for Humanity. Together, they build homes for the community's less fortunate.

The Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals has reaped the benefits from Circle K volunteers like Meeker.

"Helping with the daily routines — cleaning cages, feeding animals, giving the animals exercise — and spreading the word about what we do when we take the pets to hospitals and other places has been most beneficial for them and us," Meeker said.

Other constant projects that the club has been involved with include Keep America Beautiful, Big

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Wednesday IN BRIEF



NCSU faculty eligible for competition

Faculty members in all design disciplines are invited to work with their students to prepare submissions for an international competition sponsored by The Center for Universal Design at N.C. State.

The competition is part of the "International Conference on Universal Design: Designing for the 21st Century," which will be held June 18-21 at Hofstra University in New York. Students must submit projects by Jan. 16. The student contest will offer cash awards for individual and team categories at undergraduate and undergraduate levels.

Ron Mace, "the father of universal design" and program director of the Center for Universal Design at NCSU, will chair the jury. Entrants need to apply using an entry kit that can be obtained by contacting (919) 515-3082 or by e-mail at estroff@adaptenv.org or from the web at <http://www.adaptenv.org/21century/>.

Reiman new associate vice chancellor

Evelyn Reiman of Cary, former director of Student Development at N.C. State, has been promoted to associate vice chancellor for Student Affairs. She is the first woman to hold that position at NCSU.

Reiman's duties will include the administration of the University Student Center, as well as oversight of the Department of Student Development and the Office of Student Conduct. Robert Bryan, associate director of Student Development, will serve as interim director of Student Development until Reiman's successor is named.

She joined the NCSU staff in 1979 as assistant director of Student Development and director of orientation. Since then, she has been instrumental in creating many new programs and services to improve student life, including the NCSU Womens' Center, the African-American Student Affairs program, Troubleshotter, an online problem and resolution service for NCSU students.

Leader of the Pack seeking students

The 1997 "Leaders of the Pack" committee is seeking to honor students for outstanding achievement in leadership, scholarship and university service.

All undergraduate students with a GPA of 2.0 or higher who will be returning to NCSU for the 1998 fall semester may apply.

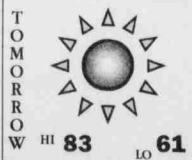
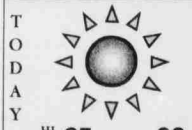
Applications will be available beginning Sept. 26 in the University Student Center, Student Development in Harris Hall, Wither-spoon Student Center and the Textiles Complex.

They must be returned by 5 p.m. on Oct. 17 to the Student Center Activities Office (room 3114) in the University Student Center.

Applications will be reviewed by a panel of judges to determine semi-finalists.

Those selected will interview with peers and faculty who will choose three male and three female finalists. Students will determine the 1997 "Leaders of the Pack" by voting on Nov. 3 and 4.

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\$500 reward for the return of the information on the hard-drive. He said it does not matter to him whether the computer itself is returned or if someone simply provides the information that was on the hard-drive.

Ellis said Public Safety has no suspects at this time.

"Of course Dr. Smart would like to have his research back," Ellis said. "I'd ask that if anyone has any information they call Public Safety." Public Safety's number is 515-2498.

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the possible causes and effects of global warming are needed.

"All the results we are looking at are the result of models," he said. "Each of them work better in certain areas. So I think there's a lot of room for work in those areas."

Audience member Bill Brooks, an extension specialist at NCSU's Solar Center, added a bit of optimism to the mostly-critical discussion by arguing that technology has the potential to stem the global warming process.

"It's not a gloom-and-doom

situation," he said. "We think this is a regulatory reform but the reality is a that there is a whole lot of technology pushing these things."

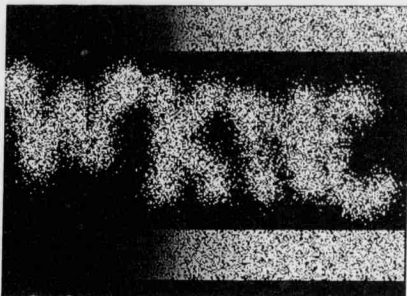
Brooks said the government should further technological solutions to global warming by giving tax incentives to companies who create or take advantage of environment-friendly technology.

Meanwhile, President Clinton told those gathered at the White House conference that the threats implied by global warming are concrete and dangerous.

"I'm confident that the science for climate change is real," he said. "Although we do not know everything, what we do know is more than enough to warrant action."

Circle K

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Sweep, Duke Children's Miracle Network, helping fight Iodine Deficiency Disorders in Third World Countries, Hot Hoops and the Annual Carnival for the Children. And to keep up with all the volunteer possibilities that await members, they provide calendars filled with the ideas.

To fund such ideas, Circle K is sponsored by two Kiwanis Clubs. They are the Raleigh Kiwanis and the Capital City Club, both of which consist of professional men and women.

When the meeting adjourned at the ringing of the illustrious Circle K bell by President Mickey Geiser, ready and willing able bodies left with missions to make a difference and to get involved. From what they have accomplished in the past, this year appears to be a chance for them to continue to do more for their community and for their campus.

Those interested in joining or finding out more about NCSU's Circle K can attend its meetings at 7 p.m. every Wednesday in the University Student Center.

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Under pressure

James Curle

COMMENTARY



Pressure is a wonderful thing...sometimes.

Take, for instance, last night's American League Division Series game between the Cleveland Indians and the New York Yankees.

The decisive game in a five-game series, a win by either team would guarantee them a spot in the AL Championship Series and send the other team packing for home.

Needless to say, quite a bit was riding on the game.

New York was hoping to repeat as World Champions, while the Indians were hoping to get back to their winning days of '95.

On the hill for Cleveland was Jarret Wright, a rookie who played single-A ball no more than a year ago.

Add to the fact that he's only 21 years old, and to say that Wright is just a bit "green" would be quite an understatement.

But it's not exactly like New York was fielding a seasoned veteran on the mound, either.

Andy Pettitte, 25 years old, has enjoyed a bit more success in the majors than has Wright, but is, nevertheless, still quite young and lacking of experience.

So here are two very young, relatively untested pitchers going face-to-face in a survival-of-the-fittest, Darwinian-esque grudge match with roughly 50,000 screaming fans in the ballpark and another 50-60 million watching on television looking on at home.

The amount of pressure borne by both of those pitchers last night is immeasurable in simple terms.

Yet both pitchers threw a good ballgame. Why is that?

Well, at the professional level, a player is trained to block out that kind of outside interference and stay focused on the task at hand—throwing strikes, in this case. It's what separates the big leaguers from the minor leaguers.

It is also what separates the recreation ball players (like myself) from the varsity athletes in high school.

For example: There was no other student at South View Senior High that wanted to play high-school baseball more than I did.

Everyday during baseball season, I envisioned myself taking the mound in the late innings of the Conference Championship game, in command of a no-hit shutout thanks to my vicious sweeping curveball, overpowering fastball, wicked splitter and baffling change-up.

Everyday, as my physics experiments were on into the early afternoon and my attention span waned, I pitted the helpless high-school hitters of my best stuff as I worked the plate relentlessly—curveball away, change-up away, high heat up-and-in—and they could do nothing about it.

But when I actually took the field in Recreation League play, unfortunately, the outcome was far different.

I threw meat, not heat, over the middle of the plate with surprising consistency, and rarely did I last more than a couple of innings before I was yanked and put out to pasture in left field for the remainder of the game.

So the difference between Wright and myself—other than pure talent, years of training and experience in the minors—is his ability to maintain composure under that kind of pressure.

Some thrive under it. Wright.

Some don't. Myself.

And Wright proved how well he can thrive under the gun last night. He was nearly flawless through the first half of the game, and though

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ANDREW DAVIS/TUCKER/STAFF

The Pack stands at No. 4 in the nation after this weekend's win.

Holding ground

■ N.C. State men's soccer team looks to defend their position as No. 4 team in the nation.

K. GAFFNEY
Sports Editor

No one gave N.C. State a chance in men's soccer this season.

The Wolfpack was picked to finish dead last this season in the Atlantic Coast Conference's pre-season coaches' poll for the third year in a row.

So far in the 1997 season, the N.C. State men's soccer team has sent a clear message to their doubters:

Don't talk about the things you don't know.

The Wolfpack team has proven to be a tougher match than anyone outside the team itself and some faithful fans imagined.

Despite a rather surprising and uneventful 1-0 win to start the season, and a 5-1 drubbing at the hands of No. 1 ranked Indiana in Durham three weekends ago, the Pack has shaken up the national polls with some major upsets.

The four-game win streak started just after the Indiana loss.

In the second day of the FootLocker/Adidas Classic, State

upset top-twenty Penn State in a 3-0 shutout win.

The Pack then proceeded to take shots at the top ten.

A 1-0 win over the then-No. 2 Maryland Terrapins in College Park the next weekend, along with 1-0 victory over the Clemson Tigers, gave State as many wins this season as the last two combined and set up this past weekend's grudge match with perennial powerhouse Virginia.

The 2-1 overtime win over the Cavaliers would have been exciting had it not been the Pack's first regular-season victory over Virginia since 1981.

Had it not been the first time in two seasons that the Wolfpack has actually found the back of the net

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ACC Men's Soccer Standings	
N.C. State	3-0-0
Univ. of Virginia	2-1-1
Duke	2-1-0
Maryland	1-1-1
Clemson	1-2-0
Wake Forest	0-1-0
UNC	0-3-0

Pack readies for Wake

■ The Wolfpack women's soccer team takes a fragile .500 record up against a top conference opponent.

K. GAFFNEY
Sports Editor

The ice is getting thin, and the Wolfpack has just started to lace up their skates.

Stumbling around .500 this season, the N.C. State women's soccer team will have to be careful not to fall through the ice this weekend in an important Atlantic Coast Conference match-up against Wake Forest.

Wake Forest, ranked No. 12 in the nation coming out of this weekend, is tied with the Wolfpack for the No. 7 spot in the conference standings.

But numbers can be deceiving. While the Demon Deacons are just

the conference leader board with 16 points and fifth with seven goals.

Sophomore midfielder Kari Schilling also earned Player of the Week honors in the ACC earlier this season.

Schilling opened the season with game winning goals in the Deacs' 2-1 home opening win over Florida State and 2-0 shutout of the 49ers from UNC-

Charlotte.

Wake goalkeeper Beth Klein is second in the conference with 46 saves in the Deacs' first nine games, giving her a save percentage of .836.

The Deacons were shutout by the Terrapins in mid-September, falling 4-0. Maryland stands at No. 2 in the ACC behind nationally ranked

Duke. UVa is at No. 5 in the conference. But the standings aren't exactly telling of the competition in the conference.

National No. 1 UNC-Chapel Hill is No. 3 in the conference, but has only played one game. The Tar Heels are 11-0 overall and have scored more than ten times as many goals as their opponents, allowing just four on the season. Carolina is 1-0 in the ACC, as most of their conference schedule comes later in the season.

Junior Stephanie Matthews has led the Deacons during the 1997 season.

Matthews, already named once as the conference's Player of the Week, leads the team in points and goals scored.

Out of Salpointe Catholic in Tucson, Ariz., Matthews is sixth on the conference leader board with 16 points and fifth with seven goals.

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A different perspective

■ Wolfpack senior Ordone Ash keeps in mind that there is more than just the playing field.

KIM GAFFNEY
Sports Editor

When the Wolfpack men's soccer team defeated nationally-ranked Penn State 3-0 in the FootLocker/Adidas Classic in Durham three weekends ago, there was a group of young boys lined up at the fence waiting to talk to Ordone Ash.

Not because he scored the game-winning goal. Not because he made a spectacular play in the midfield.

In fact, Ash's only contribution to the game came from the sidelines, where Ash sat on the bench, wishing for a miracle to heal his injured knee.

Ash didn't see a minute of playing time and didn't touch the game ball once, but still they waited. Because in today's world of NCAA violations, with athletes in trouble with the law and athlete/prima donnas refusing to accept their overwhelming influence on the country's youth, Ordone Ash is, admittedly and purposefully, a role model.

You see, these boys are former, and future, pupils of Ash's in N.C. State Coach George Tarantini's summer soccer camp, and they mean as much to him as he means to them.

"You always watched your heroes on TV," Ash said. "And now it's like you are someone else's hero."

Among the most memorable of his opportunities here at State, Ash recalls the summers he has spent at Tarantini's camps.

"I like having a part in their lives," Ash said. "I like having kids come back because you were their coach and you have some influence on their lives, athletically or not."

And it is his experience that breeds his influence.

Ash came to America when he was nine. A native of St. Vincent, Ash grew up in Scotch Plains New Jersey, a soccer town, unbeknownst to Ash.

"I came (to America) thinking that no one here would know about soccer," Ash said. "It turns out the Scotch Plains was the biggest soccer town around; the high school team had just won two state championships."

So while Ash's youth wasn't without soccer, his path was never charted for Raleigh.

When the five-foot-seven outside midfielder was a senior in high school in Brooklyn, the decision to come



RON HEATON/STAFF

Ordone Ash shows his leadership on and off the field.

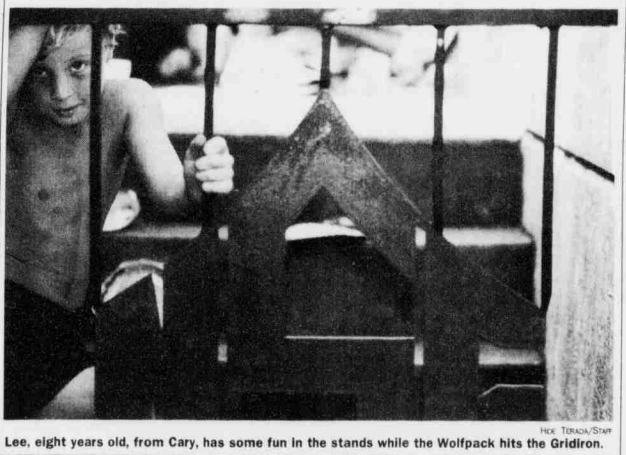
to NCSU wasn't set in stone.

"I had the choice between State and St. John's," said Ash. "I came here because I thought that it was time to test myself. The decision has made a big difference."

And how.

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Fun at Finley



HEC TOMASK/STAFF

Lee, eight years old, from Cary, has some fun in the stands while the Wolfpack hits the Gridiron.

ACC volleyball: Better than ever

■ The ACC volleyball standings are packed with tough competition from No. 1 to No. 9.

Sports Staff Report

As the season hits its midpoint, here's a look at the ACC volleyball standings.

No. 1 Maryland

Not a total surprise, the Terps were a perfect 16-0 in conference last year, dropping only two games in the 1996 conference season.

Led by setter Eden Kroeger, the Terps sit quietly on top with a perfect 3-0 conference record.

Kroeger leads the ACC in assists, averaging 12.83 per game. The All-Conference selection from a year ago also leads the nine-team conference in digs, collecting 3.89 per game.

No. 2 North Carolina

One of the few lists that you won't find the Tar Heels atop this fall, UNC-Chapel Hill is 4-1 in the conference.

Tori Seibert was a second-team All-Conference selection a season

ago, and along with teammate Lori Carlson, makes an appearance on four of the six league-leaders lists.

Seibert is second in the conference in blocks per game, averaging 1.53 per outing.

No. 3 Clemson

Undeafened in the ACC until this weekend, the Tigers stand deadlocked for third with the Florida State Seminoles at 3-1 in the conference.

Cindy Stern leads the Tigers and the conference in blocks per game, picking up 1.76 per game, and holds a hitting percentage of .351, fifth in the ACC.

No. 4 Florida State

A tall front line has led the Seminoles to a 3-1 record in the conference and a 15-2 mark overall. Sophomore Aisha Thornton is picking up right where she left off last season, when her play earned her a spot on the All-Freshman team.

Thornton leads the conference in hitting percentage (.429), and is ninth in blocks per game (1.20).

Holly Schneider leads the service-aces-per-game list, and Fiona

Bolten trails on Maryland's Kroeger in assists per game.

No. 5 Duke

The Blue Devils, picked as the top team in the conference in the pre-season coaches' poll, have played to a .500 record after this weekend's win over the Wolfpack.

Leading the Blue Devil attack is sophomore Sarah Peifer, a second-team All-ACC and All-Freshman team selection last season. Peifer is third behind two Terps in digs per game, picking up 3.41 on the average.

Setter Kristen Campbell is fourth in the ACC in Assists, averaging 12.08 per game.

No. 6 Virginia

The Cavaliers had a little trouble with the Pack last weekend and then returned home to a stomping by Maryland.

The Terps beat Virginia in three games, with the Cavaliers showing a little life, pushing the last of the three games to 16-14.

Virginia's defense has had some strong showings.

The Cavaliers are second in the

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Women's Studies Graduate Research Conference

Duke University announced its eighth annual Graduate Student Conference for Friday, Nov. 14, and Saturday, Nov. 15, 1997.

The keynote speaker is Linda Martin Alcoff, the author of *Visible Identities*.

Alcoff teaches philosophy and women's studies at Syracuse University.

Individual presentations should not exceed 20 minutes (10 pages maximum). To present a paper, submit a one-page abstract by October 17. To suggest a session topic which you will organize, please contact the conference coordinator. Participants using other formats should submit proposals of one page in length and specify audio/visual or other needs. Proposals must include name, department/program/institution, mailing address, phone number and e-mail address.

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Handling cheaters in your class

■ Paul Cousins offers timely advice to teaching assistants.

By KRISTEN SPRUILL
GradTech Editor

Graduate teaching assistants straddle a fine line here at N.C. State: They are students. They're teachers. They are uniquely qualified to recognize cheating on several levels.

"So, what happens if you see someone cheating in your class? Paul Cousins, Director of Judicial Programs, said the first thing teaching assistants should remember when they detect signs of academic misconduct is to keep cool.

"The thing to remember is to applaud people's accomplishments publicly, but confront them on their mistakes in private," he said.

Cousins' recommends being prepared for the interview with the student, so you do not feel uncomfortable. He also said it helps to practice the conversation with

someone else before you face the student.

"Role-playing helps," he said, "if people are worried about how to have that conversation with their students."

Being prepared for a conversation that is centered around a student's suspected academic misconduct is not as easy as it sounds. Cousins said you should have all pertinent information handy to show the student, ask open-ended questions, and lay all your evidence on the table right up front.

"You have to make the student talk," he said. "If you can get them talking, it is easier to get them to say, 'yeah, I did a stupid thing.'"

Cousins said in many cases, maybe because they are students themselves, graduate teaching assistants are more in tune with their students than are tenured, experienced professors.

"I think graduate students are more vigilant than many faculty," he said. "Some faculty simply don't believe that monitoring ethical

behavior in the classroom is their role."

In cases when the class is taught by a professor but attended by one or more teaching assistants, Cousins said it doesn't matter whether the teaching assistant or the professor sees the misconduct occur; they both have equal credibility within the judicial system.

Regardless of their ability to observe cheaters, however, Cousins said it is possible some cases of academic misconduct never make it into the judicial system, because a teaching assistant's advisor may advise against reporting the misconduct.

"If that is the situation, I would advise them to call me and I'll talk to them about it," Cousins said. "I have had conversations along that line in the past."

Cousins said graduate teaching assistants are, essentially, between a rock and a hard place if their advisors instruct them not to report academic misconduct.

"It's important to me that people

do the right thing ethically," he said. "But a graduate student is in a unique position. Their academic career may hinge on something like this."

Cousins said it is frustrating at times when cases go unreported, because NCSU has no codified requirement for faculty to report cases of misconduct.

"We don't have a unified expectation for our faculty," he said. "There is no mandate from the Chancellor [to require people to report misconduct]."

Some schools in the university are better than others at reporting cheating, Cousins said.

English, chemistry and psychology are three departments who regularly bring their graduates in to hear about academic integrity issues, according to Cousins.

"In the seven years I've been at NCSU," he said, "I think I've only had three calls from Textiles."

The largest number of reports of cheating, said Cousins, comes from the School of Engineering.

Library gears up for new technology

■ D.H. Hill has a new section dedicated to advancing knowledge and use of computer technology in the university

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Hidden away in a secret place in the library, vast herds of information await our perusal.

Okay, it's not quite hidden and it's no secret. The second floor of D.H. Hill Library has been in transition since the government documents moved out. What will replace the space that department left behind?

Jinnie Davis, the assistant director of planning and research of the NCSU Libraries, said that when the dust clears, the second floor will be dedicated to the latest in technology.

The Learning and Research Center for the Digital Age (LRCDA)

encompasses six programs to help students, graduates and faculty enhance their computer and Internet skills.

The Learning Technologies Center, which is currently operational, has librarians on staff, who are ready to help students and faculty with utilize current technology. These librarians are trained to help with web searches, use of databases, and other computerized facility uses.

The Information Technologies Teaching Center (ITTC), also operational, is a databank of Mac, PC, Unix, and multimedia computers which are used to train and give hands-on experience to faculty and students in the latest software, hardware and communications technologies.

The ITTC has been in operation since 1991 by the NCSU Libraries and Computing Services.

The Department for Digital

Library Initiatives integrates Internet and library resources "into a versatile, unified system for efficient search capability across formats," according to library literature.

The next two areas to come into use in the new department will be the Scholarly Communications Center and the Faculty Center for Teaching and Learning.

The Scholarly Communications Center will help faculty and students determine issues surrounding intellectual property and its use and regulation on the Internet.

Davis said the administration is in the final stages of searching for a scholarly communications librarian, someone with a JD (a lawyer) who will have legal knowledge of the issues surrounding intellectual property rights. Ideally, this new librarian will be able to "guide faculty, librarians and students in

matters such as copyright in both print and digital forms of scholarly publishing," according to literature.

"More and more students and faculty want to put things up online," said Davis. "This is the direction of the future."

The Faculty Center for Teaching and Learning will help professors, lecturers and teaching assistants enhance their teaching effectiveness. According to literature, one of its goals is to reward excellence in teaching and enhanced student development by "promoting the development in faculty of knowledge, techniques, and skills related to teaching and learning."

Davis said this section of the LRCDA will help teachers who want to co-opt new technologies into their classroom activities.

The recruitment search for a librarian for this part of the project is in its final stages, Davis said.

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Grad student parking situation good

■ Graduate students receive priority in the Transportation department for parking permits.

KRISTEN SPRULL
GradTech Editor

Tired of riding the buses? Tired of riding the bike? Tired of getting tickets? If you're a graduate student, there is hope.

Sherry Carver, a manager at N.C. State Transportation, said graduate students are usually able to get their preference for parking within a month or two.

"Graduate students are only competing with other graduate students for a space," she explained. "See, the hierarchy goes like this: faculty and staff get first priority, then graduate students, then all the undergraduates."

Graduate students who come into the Transportation office need to identify themselves in order to get a

parking space quickly. "We automatically assign graduate students a 'G' or an 'E' space to get them somewhere on campus," Carver said. "We're working within the system to get them whatever choices they want to get."

Graduate students also qualify for better-access spaces, Carver said.

"If they want to upgrade to a 'C' or a 'CC' or a 'CD,' they wait-list until something comes open."

Carver said when the semester opens, it does not take long for the Transportation office to assign spaces to graduate students.

"We normally take care of the entire graduate population within a month," she said. "Two months, maximum."

Carver explained that with a G parking sticker, students can move into certain lots ("C", "CC", and "CD") after 3 p.m. This includes the Dan Allen Parking Deck and the

Harris Lot.

"A lot of people think the Harris Lot is closed," she said. "Because of the construction of the infirmary. But there are still a lot of spaces available over there."

Carver said the rule about parking after 3 p.m. gives graduate students a break if they do not want to upgrade their parking because of the cost.

"It does give them some flexibility if they get a 'G' and don't want to go any higher," she said.

The university offers priority parking to graduate students because of the odd hours graduates hold, and the fact that many times, graduate students go to only night classes or need safe access to a lab or office that is off the bus lines.

"We realize grad students have a different set of circumstances than undergrads," said Carver. "No other students on campus are given this choice. And there's a whole lot less

of you," she added. "There are only about 600 this year."

A "G" parking sticker costs \$87, and an "E" is \$153. Students who start off with a "G" or an "E" and want to upgrade will pay a prorated difference between the permit they are using and the upgraded spot, when one becomes available.

Permits are not required for graduate students, however, according to Carver.

"If they have some other arrangement, or they want to ride their bike, or the buses, that's fine," she said. "It just opens up another space for an undergraduate student."

Carver said waiting lists for undergraduates can run anywhere from a semester to three years, so it is important to inform Transportation of your graduate status when you go in the office.

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Cheaters

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"But that makes sense, since one-third of our population here at State are engineering students," he added.

Cousins said students are more likely to take chances with academic misconduct in non-major courses, particularly if they do not think the course will have any benefit for them in their career.

Engineering students, for example, might be more likely to try to squeeze by with something in their humanities courses.

Cousins said high-tech cheating is on the rise at NCSU, as well.

"People routinely share passwords to check out homework," he said. "We have had several cases in the last few years where someone has copied everything onto their own disk space. When we asked them why they copied everything and not just the assignment they needed, they told us, 'Because I thought I might need it in one of my future classes.'"

The best way to ensure academic integrity in classes is to be upfront about expectations from day one, Cousins said.

"Tell students right upfront what our expectations are," he said. "And put in writing what you told them, ... if it's written down on the

syllabus they can't say they didn't know."

He prescribed a policy of openness throughout the semester, as well, saying that whenever an assignment or test is given, students should be reminded of the expectations of integrity before they begin work.

The most important element of enforcing academic integrity, Cousins added, is to confront cheating every time you see it.

In situations when a student pleads guilty to academic misconduct, Cousins said the faculty member has to report the student.

Paperwork, Cousins said, is the lifeblood of the process. If a student admits guilt, teachers must fill out a

form which they and the student sign, agreeing that the incident happened and agreeing on the sanction imposed on the student. The signed form will protect faculty from students coming back later to say they were sanctioned unfairly.

If a student denies guilt but the teacher feels strongly that there was a problem, the teacher should fill out the form anyway and send it to the Office of Student Conduct, so authorities there can begin an investigation.

Teaching assistants can pick up brochures about academic misconduct through the Office of Student Conduct, and Cousins said he is available to talk about cases on a daily basis.

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The two phases of work now underway should be finished by the end of this semester, according to Davis, and by next year the library hopes to have scanning and digitization labs in place for students and faculty who want to add graphic data to their web page designs.

Davis said the library administration is trying to keep up with information and technological trends in the current marketplace.

"We wanted to do as much as we could to help our students and faculty be right there on the cutting edge," she said. "It's a brave new world."

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Live closed Walnut Creek season

■ Live got the Creek crowd warmed up this past Saturday night.

KELLY MARKS
Features Editor

This past Saturday night, the Hardees' Walnut Creek Amphitheater closed its 1997 summer season with an out-and-out bang. The boys from York, Pa., who call themselves Live, along with Luscious Jackson and ManBREAK, graced the Creek with their presence for one final hurrah.

There was a slight chill in the air as the show got underway. The next to final stop in the Secret Samadhi World Tour, Walnut Creek looked a little empty as English group ManBREAK took the stage. Although the crowd had filled in a little by the time Luscious Jackson was on, it seemed that the vast majority of those in attendance were dormant — either buried by the slightly cooler weather, or just not very enthusiastic about the gritee-group's performance.

To their credit, Luscious Jackson did a fine job of playing their heavily supee-up, well-orchestrated, studio-primed repertoire, but something was lost in the transition from the studio to the stage. Perhaps the audience sensed this and refrained from dancing as a sort of protest. A spark of recognition for "Naked Eye" inspired some sporadic hip-shaking amongst the crowd, but all in all, the set went by uneventfully.

Whatever frost had subdued the crowd thus far vanished when Live appeared on stage. The crowd instantly thawed as songs from "Secret Samadhi" poured out in succession, with "Rattlesnake," and then "Lakini's Juice." "Selling the Drama" was the first song from the group's past effort, "Throwing Copper," and it's performance sent the crowd into a frantic, boozing frenzy.

After some zealous, driving music the band paused and lead singer, Ed Kowalczyk, addressed the crowd. He invited the teeming mass of fans to join him in getting a little more comfortable as he launched into

"Unsheathed" and took off his shirt (no big surprise there).

The group fed off of the crowd's enthusiasm and seemed to adapt the performance to bolster the energy levels even higher. A high-octane performance of "Waitress" melded into a hard and heavy version of "Shit Towne." Things slowed down a bit with "Turn My Head," and Ed's pseudo-delve into the spiritual world.

The show ended with the token song from the group's debut album, "Mental Jewelry," entitled "Get Together." Although it was an extended version, it would have been nice to hear more of the old stuff other than that one song. The group also played "Freaks" followed by "Iris," and they closed with the appropriately ballad-esque "Lightning Crashes."

The encore was a bit different as guitarist Chad Taylor introduced special guest, Mexican artist Sanchez McGuillcutte. Sanchez was really only Ed in a wig he claimed to have purchased that day at Crabtree, but he did an excellent job joining bassist Patrick Dahlheimer in his rendition of "Merica." The encore ended with "I Alone" and the group's eternal closing number, a song that Kowalczyk dubbed "a song about the end of the world," "White, Discussion."

The backdrop for the show was probably the most ornate and elaborate stage setup I have ever seen. Under several gothic chandeliers and copper arches, the group performed in front of copper columns with patterned leaves. The lighting was amazing, ranging



Live and the Secret Samadhi World Tour closed out the summer concert season at Walnut Creek last Saturday.

from orange twirling spots to hyper strobe effects that accented any loud guitar rift or sudden change in the tone. Any other band might have been dwarfed by such an overbearing stage, but Live used it in their favor, giving off a larger-than-life persona.

All in all, the show was a nice way to end a successful concert season and a good way to kick off the Fall.

Sound Advice

Lori Carson "Everything I Touch Runs Wild"

◆◆◆ If you need a good compact disc to do homework to — something that won't distract you or hold your attention too long, but will still keep you peaceful and happy — Lori Carson is the way to go. Carson has a soft, light voice that is the main focus of her songs, although the changes of her instrument accompaniments between her songs highlight her music.



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She begins her CD strongly with "Something's Got Me." The eerie sounds of the lute and trumpet follow her voice. Her music softens even further in "Make a Little Luck." Her voice rises to a high, moose-like pitch, and the piano and harp gently play behind her. The first real display of her talent playing the acoustic guitar is in "Black Thumb," as she strums along with a Hammond organ and snare drums.

Carson's slow, calm music continues throughout the CD. One particularly pretty song is "Fade," in which the piano, acoustic guitar, and violin fall along with her voice. Merely for the change of pace, "Souvenir" and "I Saw the Light" are good because they pick up the beat with a constant tapping of drums to drive the tempo. "Train" is accentuated by the sounds of a roar of the wind or the rill of wheels over tracks, and you can imagine Carson looking out the train window, contemplating her life to come.

The songs are ironically very pretty and the lyrics very poetic, but she is actually crying throughout the CD about pain, madness, loneliness and bad luck. Each song is a quiet outpour of her sadness.

Hardly any songs stand out in this sleepy CD, but if you like a whispery, gentle, feminine voice, then Lori Carson is for you. Even though there isn't much variety throughout the CD, it has its own personality as a whole. —M. Riley

Clarissa - "Blood and Commons" ◆◆◆◆ If aliens were to visit in the next 10 minutes, sent from a galaxy light years away on a mission to collect a recording representative of our region's rock and roll, I would consider handing them "Blood and Commons," the new release from a local act called Clarissa.

Why would I send them off with such an album? Not because it's the best rock album I've ever heard. And not because it is likely to become a landmark recording. I would give them this release because the phrase "representative of rock and roll music" is an accurate way to describe this collection of a dozen songs.

This is pure, unadulterated rock — nothing more and nothing less. It's not heavy, yet it's not soft; it's not fast, yet it's not slow. Though you seldom run into one, now and then an album rises from the seas of recorded music that is best described as rock and left at that. This is such an album.

Clarissa, whose "Blood and Commons" appears on Mammoth records, is a three-piece act — Michael Rank does guitar and vocals, Andy McMillan plays bass, and Sara Romweber handles the drums. It sometimes sounds like there is more happening on this disc than just three people can be responsible for, but such is the beauty and magic of good studio work.

"The Opening Sea," which is appropriately enough the opening track, is one of the album's highlights. Not including the one-minute guitar and orchestrated string teaser, this is your classic three-and-a-half-minute pop rock song. Rank sings in a breathy, melodramatic voice. "Down to the water! I can feel my way." On this track it is only effective; on a take called "Apology," the same voice makes him sound so sincere. "Down Again," "Apology," a track titled "Powder Blue" and a closing number called "Heavened" are worth checking out.

My only complaint in regards to this album would be its lyrical content. Some tracks are peppered with a good line of image here and there, but most of it still tastes bland. But with a little more effort into tipping the shaker, this could be changed rather easily. In due time, expect to hear more, and probably better, music from Clarissa. —M. Lequik

Long Stem Daises - "Semi-Gloss" ◆◆◆

Pretty much everyone has already heard what the Long Stem Daises have to offer musically at least once in their college years. They are that band that has just the right butter to get your legs wiggling and your ramp moving at "happy hour." I can feel my party. The question is, though, why did they have to actually record the music? Is anyone really going to listen sober?

It is certain that the Daises like to party and they like to get down — all they want to do is dance. The latest release from the Raleigh-based quintet, "Semi-Gloss" certainly proves that. The fact remains, however, unless you have a friend who knows this dude who can get you backstage when the Daises come to rock the Brewery, you're probably not going to care very much.

When the singer (you virtually can't distinguish between Brian Yancy's and the rest of the group's overdone croons) yelps "Everybody's gettin' old but me" on the record's opener, "Old Story," you have to wonder what he means. The cold truth is, by the time this booming statement in the first song resonates, he and the sound has already gotten old and stale. Then you have to travel through another 10 selections making the listen more like physical labor than entertainment.

It does have a point, though. The Daises mesh

Local film deals with dating '90s style

■ A local independent film depicts the ultimate horrors of dating.

MEGAN RILEY
Assistant Features Editor

The world premiere of "Insignificant Others," an independent film directed by David Moody, was shown Friday night at the N.C. Museum of Art. The film was shot in the Triangle area, and features local actors, crew, and musicians. Minister of Sinister, a blues/jazz band, set the mood for the evening, playing several songs before the film started.

The cool Friday night at the outdoor theater was a pleasant setting for a movie watcher to snuggle up on a blanket under the stars, with a bottle of beer and a tub of popcorn, listen to feel-good music and enjoy an interesting, thought-provoking film.

The film stars Diane Eidman who plays Eva Norris, a sophomore at the UNC. Eva is soon swept up by the good looks and sweet-talking of Michael Roche (Mark Arial).

What Eva doesn't know is that Michael is a womanizer, sleeping with several women, including her friend Cherie Richards (Deborah Macon). Michael would like to Cherie about his activities for the night, hang up the phone, replying "Thanks" to her declaration of love to him, pick his teeth and adjust his shoulder-length hair and leave for that night's date.

When the truth of Michael's multiple girlfriends gets

out, Eva is labeled the "sleaze" who slept her way into Michael's life, and Cherie denies his actions, thinking their love is pure. Caught up in the middle is the nice guy, Robert Taylor (Curt Lambert), who is developing feelings for Eva, and the humorous roommate Annette Smith (Deborah Stencel) who tries to defend Eva and her reputation.

Only the eerie flashbacks of young Eva finding her older sister having sex with a boy on her couch foreshadow the shocking events at the end of the film. The plot turns quickly from an amusing, light-hearted movie about college soap opera gossip, to a horrifying story of rape, suicide and murder.

The downside of the film is that it tries to show the dating scene in the '90s, but the frizzy hairstyles, tight clothes, and oversized come-back lines more closely portray life in the '80s (or maybe the filmmakers correctly depicted the scene at Carolina).

However, after the identities of the multiple characters become clear, this story alerts all women to be careful about whom they date and the choices they make. The untraditional ending leaves you thinking about the viciousness of people, and how far revenge should go.

The best parts of the film are the performances of the



The comedic musicians, John Ensolin and Tom Maxwell (of Squirrel Nut Zippers), socialize at a college party in "Insignificant Others."

two band members, played by real-life musicians, Tom Maxwell of Squirrel Nut Zippers, and John Ensolin, formerly of What Peggy Wants. They provide the comic relief for the film with their funny lines and close-up, on-camera expressions. Maxwell's music with his old band, What Peggy Wants, is heard throughout the movie, along with several songs from the bands Bahlooka Roux and Mindhorse.

This film will show in the indoor theater at the museum this Friday and Saturday at 7 p.m. and 9 p.m., and Sunday at 4:45 p.m. Moody will present the film to distributors in Los Angeles on October 17.

Knoxville band hits East Coast

■ The Brewery is scheduled to be the scene for Gran Torino's CD release party.

MEGAN RILEY
Assistant Features Editor

I first came across Gran Torino at a club in Wilmington. They were the opening band for Jump Little Children. Immediately, I was taken with them. They had the whole crowd dancing and jumping. Their brass section moved in line and danced in sequence. The lead vocalist swung his arms and sang like he was having a conversation with the crowd.

It was like a mystical experience for me. I thought, "This is what music should be — it should move your body, soul and mind, so you can have fun and let go. This is what music is for." Of course, I had just had a large cup of coffee only moments before I entered the club. However, at the end of the concert, I signed the guest list and declared myself a devoted fan.

Raleigh has been privileged to be named the location for Gran Torino's compact disc release party for Gran Torino One. The band will be performing Thursday at the Brewery.

Gran Torino's varied instruments command its original sound. Lead vocalist Chris Ford says a lot of their influence comes from new and old R&B, jazz and classic and college rock. What they end up with is a jumpy, jazz and funk sound highlighted by P.J. Alexander



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The eight men of Gran Torino will fill the stage at the Brewery tomorrow night.

and Scott Pederson on trumpets and Dexter Murphy on trombone. As Jonathan Gray of Jump Little Children says, they're the "best-looking brass section in the south."

The members take their instruments to their full potential, giving the band its own personality. Jason Thompson is on saxophone, Stephen Decker on lead guitar, Todd Overstreet on bass, Whit Pfahl on drums, and Chris Ford on rhythm guitar, singing with his husky voice. The activity of the eight men on stage flows into their audience, so we can feel every change of

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Morons
When you pass through, no one can pin you down; no one can call you back.

Imagine a happy group of morons that are engaged in work. They are carrying bricks in an open field. As soon as they have stacked all the bricks at one end of the field, they proceed to transport them to the opposite end. This continues without stop and everyday of every year they are busy doing the same thing. One day, one of the morons stops long enough to ask himself what he is doing. He wonders what purpose there is in carrying the bricks. And from that instant on he is not quite as content with his occupation as he had been before. I am the moron who wonders why he carries the bricks.

Got some Zen? Can we have it? If you've got it, send it to the Self Knowledge Symposium website at www2.ncsu.edu/ncsu_stu_org/sks or drop by Tompkins G113 at 7:30p.m. every Thursday at one of our weekly meetings where you never know what's gonna happen.

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National Coming Out Day Saturday, October 11



These days, more and more Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual people are deciding to be proud of who they are and "come out". It is the the ultimate expression of bringing attention to our cause. Coming out will show the world our numbers and help to make our equality a reality.

Come out. It truly makes a difference.

Here are some helpful resources so you can take your next step in coming out!

Bisexuals, Gays, Lesbians & Allies

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Triangle Gay/Lesbian Helpline

10pm nightly, 821-0055

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BGLA: http://www2.ncsu.edu/ncsu/stud_orgs/lgsu
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Bisexuals, Gays, Lesbians, and their allies are encouraged to attend a "Coming Out Lunch" on the Brickyard today (Oct 8) from 11-2:30.

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Editorials

More uses for AllCampus card

The soon-to-be-improved AllCampus card a boon to students.

Imagine walking into a store on Hillsborough Street, whipping out your AllCampus card and buying whatever you want. Sounds unlikely, right? Well, soon, this idea may be a reality.

This is a good proposal, as it will allow students' parents to put money directly in their bank accounts. Also, parents will have some idea of what their son's or daughter's money is going for — hopefully, food at one of the many locations on Hillsborough Street or for books or any of the other necessities a college student needs. It would be nice if the card could go anywhere off campus, but according to Randy Lait, business manager of dining services, this will never happen. We'll have to take this, and it's the best it's going to get.

There are other advantages to this, besides its use as an ATM/debit card incorporated into your student ID. For instance, many ATM/debit cards could be stolen and used by anyone; a personal identification code is not needed when using a debit card for purchases. Your

student ID will have your picture and, therefore, if it is stolen or lost, no one will be able to use it.

This new and improved card will also help to teach responsibility to students who have never had the power of an ATM card. The cards can only be used at a certain number of locations, and you will be less likely to let that fat bank account burn a hole in your pocket. It has not yet been decided how the banking system will work out, as the money will come from the student's own individual banking account. Hopefully, all banks near campus will be involved, making it even more convenient for a larger number of students.

So, the new idea for our AllCampus cards is great. We just have one more request: please make them work in the laundry rooms and soda machines. Getting and keeping change for these machines is one of the major irritations in our lives. What good are conveniently located soda and snack machines if we don't have conveniently located coin changers? It's also fun when the machines are full of bills and won't take another dollar. Using our AllCampus card in this way would really simplify our lives and we could all use more of that.

Control graffiti

Chalk and other forms of graffiti on campus are fine — to a point.

While walking around campus, you may notice graffiti. There's the Free Expression tunnel, of course, which actually encourages graffiti. There are also numerous chalk drawings that announce different clubs and their activities and, of course, the traditional "happy birthday to so and so" on any given day.

So, what's the problem, then? It's not school policy, it's generally inoffensive, even if it is pointless.

In fact, chalk graffiti is allowed anywhere on campus that it will wash off.

But that's where the problem begins. Graffiti is unattractive at best, even when it does promote a club.

In any other well-traveled place, you usually don't have to wait for the rain to wash it off. Students will walk off as they journey to and from class. But chalking graffiti on the sides of buildings is ugly, and the sides of buildings are not intended for this graffiti. First of all, it will take weeks for enough rain to

hit it and wash it off. So, the words are there for weeks after they need to be, an unsightly eyesore at any time but even more so when it is weeks old.

The mention of unsightly eyesores always urges a nod to the Free Expression tunnel. Sure, it's original and does a pretty successful job of keeping spray paint away from other areas of campus. But some students seem to forget that the expression should begin and end within the tunnel and not on the buildings around it.

Immortalizing one's self on the buildings causes a great expense to the university. Quite often, the spray paint used has to be blasted off the wall with sand or water. The cost of the blasting ultimately helps to drive tuition costs up. A portion of our tuition bills trickles its way down to help pay for maintaining the facilities.

In addition, the extra cost in the physical plant's budget means the money can't be used for much more important improvements and repairs like a certain closed-off staircase. In the end, it all comes down to respect. Students pay quite a bit to attend this university, and we should take care of it.

violate the rights of the unborn child, however, this is the real world that we live in and real problems require real solutions, not ideal answers.

Sometimes difficult decisions have to be made and when that happens, you do the best you can and then life goes on. The point I am trying to make is that banning abortion would add problems to an already complicated world. Abortions may not be fair to the unborn, but when did life become fair?

J.B. Clark IV
Junior Chemistry

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The right to eat meat

STEVEN LEBOEUF
Staff Columnist

I like eating meat. When I sink my teeth into a juicy steak, it feels natural to me. I feel at one with nature, kind of like those lions on the Discovery channel.

I can certainly understand why some people are vegetarians or even vegans. (A vegan is someone who uses no animal products and eats nothing from animals.) Most people don't enjoy the thought of life ending, especially as violently as it does in slaughterhouses. I don't like the fact that life must die in order for me to live, but the simple fact that organisms must die in order for me to live; life feeds on life. Eating meat is not only natural, but entirely "moral."

Everything we eat has come from an organism that once derived its energy from another organism. Virtually all of the useful energy on our planet comes from the sun, which gives plants the vital energy needed for photosynthesis. Some of the vital compounds needed for photosynthesis are nitrogen-based (commonly known as fertilizers).

Animals eat plants, and when animals die, their corpses settle into the earth releasing these fertilizers into the soil. The end result is quite ironic; plants effectively "eat" the animals that once fed off them.

It's a beautiful cyclic process of life feeding on life. Every time a life is born, it is competing with another life for survival and reproduction; every single life is a threat to all species of life in its

environment. The food we eat could have been used to feed some other plant or animal. The clothes we wear could have been used to clothe someone else. The air we breathe could have been inhaled by another organism.

The simple fact is that all life is in competition with every other life, and no life is "innocent" in this respect.

But is this immoral? INDEED NO! One of the greatest virtues of any organism is the desire to keep itself alive.

Animals that care about their existence can survive; animals that don't will die. No one would protest a lion claiming the life of a zebra. Lions want to live, and zebras need to die in order for lions to live.

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Taking time for passions

REBECCA JONES
Staff Columnist

Passion. If you're like most people, your definition of the word falls somewhere in the context of Harlequin romance novels — a quaint little interpretation, but not terribly accurate. Webster, an old hand at defining, agrees; he says passion is "a state of desire or emotion that represents the influence of what is external and opposes thought and reason." Or, in simpler terms, it can be anything (this definition courtesy of my roommate) that "fills you to the brim." Whatever your feelings on the subject, passion is something we all need in our lives. We flourish with it. Think back to the last time you felt truly alive — not just existing, but alive. What were you doing?

Survey says, probably one of your passions. So how do you capture

that feeling, how do you cultivate it, how do you make it part of your day-to-day life? The answer lies in the question: you have to MAKE it part of your day-to-day life. For instance, my mother (no, this isn't going to be the most exciting example in the world) loves to garden, so every week she finds time to plant some new flowers or weed a bit around the ones already there. No one said you had to be particularly good at your passion (my mother has slaughtered many an innocent flower with over-watering, it is true), just so long as you throw your whole soul into it. Who's to say that, in the end, it won't lead you to greatness?

Take Babe Ruth, for example. There was a Nike ad many years ago that said, "Passion is not arrogance. You ever hear that story about Babe Ruth pointing toward the fence right where he belted a home run exactly where he said he

would? No one even knows if it's true or not, it's like a myth. But man, you sure want to believe it happened. You want to believe that someone could have that much faith in themselves, in what they do, in what they're capable of, that they'd guarantee they're going to do something and then go ahead and do it." How true. But instead of just "wanting to believe," why don't you take a leap of faith and actually believe? Believe in yourself; believe in your passions. You might not be another Babe Ruth, but that's not the point; the point is realizing that you don't have to be. And if you are good at it? Cultivate your talent into a profession, make it TRULY a part of your day-to-day life. Sounds better than sitting in an office cubicle for the rest of your existence, don't you think? Unless of course, that IS your passion...

Another one on fraternities

JOSH WHITAKER
Staff Columnist

Let me start by sending my honest sympathies (although a little late) to the family and friends of the young UNC student who fell four stories early last week.

Unfortunately, this student had been drinking and, as a result, the always-popular college-drinking debate has been sparked once again. This ever-raging issue seems to run on a very prolific cycle, emerging when potentially embarrassing events surface in the media and disappearing when social shock has subsided.

It has become quite obvious during these annual bouts that there is a multitude of persons who

maliciously place a majority of the blame for underage drinking and drinking-related deaths on the shoulders of fraternities and sororities. It seems there is a legion of students who wait for an alcohol-related incident, prepared at any time to assault these misunderstood student groups with accusations.

I proclaim no affiliation with any Greek organization but would like to take this opportunity to say a little on behalf of this often misrepresented faction of the Wolfpack community. I am personally tired of the almost constant criticism and abuse that these students must endure. So for those of you who, like me, are not brothers or sisters, please read the following lines carefully.

Greeks are, undoubtedly, a tradition-rich and treasured part of the N.C. State experience. It would be hard to imagine the NCSU campus without the shady confines of fraternity court.

And how about that really big house on Tryon Road opposite the public golf course? What about the house on Avenet Ferry? Now, if nothing else, those are really extravagant buildings to look at.

Of course, fraternities and sororities do more than reside in attractive homes. They are responsible for a countless number of events designed with solely the community's best interest in mind. These organizations participate in

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is that the Dave Matthews Band and Jump Little Children do the same thing more artistically and with more vitality. Now if you have to look to those bands for art, you really are hurting.

The highlights, as scarce as they are, include the pretty grooves on "Superhero" and "6396," and the semi-interesting banjo playing on "It Could Happen."

It is hard to be so critical of a band like the Daises. It's sort of like saying that you don't like the toys your neighbor's toddler is playing with. So I'll take nothing away from them—they're having fun and that's all that matters. They just need give someone a reason to come join their party. -R. Greene

Abra Moore - "Strangest Places"

◆◆◆ Along with the current upsurge of female singer/songwriters surfing the radio waves comes Abra Moore.

"Strangest Places," Moore's major label debut on Arista Austin Records is nearly a perfect blend of light-hearted, pop oriented guitar tunes and piano oriented ballads.

Moore, one of the founding members of the former Poi Dog Pondering, was a second stage act on this summer's popular Lilith Fair tour. Her ambitious set is a striking find to surface between the pessimism of piano goddess Fiona Apple, the playful insight of Jewel and the wistful Sarah McLachlan. Three of Moore's cohorts on Lilith. Another feature which to some may be an added plus, Moore doesn't delve into the overly assertive feminism which may drive a Liz Phair or Ani DiFranco record, and she's not quite a Sheryl Crow either.

"Strangest Places" is just over 49 minutes long and features 12 songs. I am quite impressed by the ratio of radio friendly guitar tunes to the number of insightful piano ballads; there's a little bit of something for every mood. The album starts out with an overall pop feel on "Four Leaf Clover," "Don't Feel Like

Crying" and the title track, but it's "Guitar Song" and "Summer's Ending," which closes out the album, that are the most wistful. Moore sounds a bit like Edie Brickell on most of the songs found here, except on "Summer's Ending," a soothing piano ballad. Here she relates a feeling of losing direction at the summer's end: "Picture boxed movie stars in stereo/ paperbacks and radio have taken his place/ the pull of a Ferris wheel/ the sound of a train/ and it could take me anywhere."

Moore's lyrics may be a bit lacking as far as insight goes, but overall this is a good, light-hearted album, worthy of a listen before the final purchase is made. "Strangest Places" is pretty strong for a first release.

Moore has proven herself to have potential as a rising talent and if not now, I think we'll be hearing more from her in the future. -C. Mabeus

Get to Know Your Reviewers, Part Deux

"If you really appreciate music, then you enjoy all types of music." This motto of Megan Riley's grows more meaningful to her everyday. You might have seen her at a rave, in a moshpit, at a classical music concert or on her head at a Phish concert. Recently, her two prime picks of music are ska and, what she likes to call, electronic rock (Beck, 311). Her much abridged top 10 choices of albums for her dancing, driving, chilling, or soul-searching pleasures are as follows:

- 10) Gravy Kills "TVT 5901.2"
 - 9) The Juliana Hatfield Three "Become What You Are"
 - 8) The Best of Bob Marley and the Wailers "Legend"
 - 7) The Cranberries "To the Faithful Departed"
 - 6) Everclear "Sparkle and Fade"
 - 5) Better than Ezra "Deluxe"
 - 4) Barenaked Ladies "Rock Spectacle"
 - 3) Cake "Fashion Nugget"
 - 2) Pearl Jam "Vs."
 - 1) Stone Temple Pilots "12 Gracious Melodies"
- Her theme songs to life are "Strong Enough" by Sheryl Crow, "Self Control" by Laura Branigan and "Let's Face It" by the Mighty Mighty Bosstones. Megan's always

open to new music, so if you'd like to e-mail her your favorites, she's at meriley@unity.ncsu.edu.

Kelly Marks (who's humble opinion does not grace this page today) enjoys many quantities of Dr. Pepper, her daily dose of Jenny Jones, sitting a spell under a particular tree in the Brooks complex, and all forms of processed cheese. Oh, and mostly anything having to do with music. Although her tastes in music change with the season, her top ten stays pretty consistent and is as follows:

- 10) UltraLounge Sampler - Not really a specific group, per say, but a collection of several really cheesy swingin' bachelor-pad sounds that make the listener feel like mamboning.
 - 9) Matchbox 20, "Yourself or Someone Like You" - Slowly inching its way up the list.
 - 8) REM, "Eponymous" - Like a best of, from when they were still really good.
 - 7) Frente, "Marvin the Album" - It's just so sweet and fluffy, you must sing along.
 - 6) Tori Amos, "Little Earthquakes" - Out of everything, the old stuff is the best.
 - 5) Better than Ezra, "Friction Baby" - The perfect "just-being" CD.
 - 4) Hole, "Live Through This" - So what if Courtney Love is insane the CD is the best outlet for aggression around.
 - 3) Ben Folds Five, "Whatever and Ever Amen" - This spot was formerly held by their first CD, but she changed her mind.
 - 2) Matthew Sweet, "Girlfriend" - >>high<<
 - 1) They Might Be Giants, "Apollo 18" - "Narrow Your Eyes" was the first song she ever fell in love with. "Don't Let's Start" was the second.
- Some of her many theme songs for life include They Might Be Giants "Ana Ng," Heather Nova's "Walk This World With Me," and Elastica's "Stutter." Honorable Mentions: The "Swingers" Soundtrack, The "French Kiss" Soundtrack, Live's "Throwing Copper," Cake's "Fashion Nugget, Less Than Jake's "Losing Streak," and "That Dog" by that dog. Questions? Comments? Kelly is accessible by e-mail at

Band

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movement and note. Ford says, "The main focus for us is a real high-energy show. With eight guys, this is easy to do."

The men found each other while they were attending the University of Tennessee in Knoxville. The brass players were music majors at UTK and the guitarists played in local rock groups. Ford says part of their success is that they just get along really well. He says that when they are together on stage, they just "have a ball." The men are goal-oriented, family-oriented and committed to their music careers.

This devotion is seen through their lifestyles. They have been constantly touring for the past two years, performing 20 to 23 days out of each month. They focus heavily on six or seven states along the East Coast, from New York to Florida. Ford says their favorite state to play in is North Carolina, because the people are especially receptive toward music.

Their new CD, Gran Torino One, which went out in stores this week, shows a different side to the band. They concentrate on extended jams with the sax, guitar and brass, especially in the two instrumentals, "Dopamine" and "Sedan/ Lucky Part I." They even go a little slow with songs such as "Push." "I was happy to see that they still go crazy and groove in my favorite song,

"Stevland," while the CD is not nearly as energizing as their shows, it demonstrates how their jazz and jamming side is just as good as their funk. Ford says that they wanted to experiment a little, such as with a harp and some female backup, to create something a little different and keep audiences coming to their shows.

Capturing a little of their more lively tunes, their first CD, "Live with the Chameleon Club," was recorded from a past performance at a club in Atlanta. This CD is a collection of crowd favorites and is dominated by brass section solos.

"inhumane," then vegans can be moral only if they live underneath a tree and eat solely plants that have grown naturally in the environment.

Ironically, hunters would be more humane than livestock herders or agrarians in this respect, because hunters believe in the upkeep of natural habitat in order to continue hunting in the future.

In short, vegans cannot make any "moral argument" for their philosophy that, in some respect, they have not violated themselves.

Even if we could somehow manage to eat plants without threatening animal life (which I claim is impossible), we would still be forced to eat the helpless organisms known as plants. Whether we eat the plants directly (such as potatoes and carrots) or whether we eat the offspring of trees and vines (such as apples, pears, and grapes), are we not still consuming life? I ask you vegans, why should plants not have the same rights as animals?

There is nothing wrong with being a vegetarian. Likewise, there is nothing unnatural about killing animals for food. Vegetarians and vegans should be free to practice their beliefs as long as they don't try to force us meat eaters to assimilate their "morals."

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Most people would agree that it is moral for a predator to kill another organism (plant or animal) if the predator is in need of food.

Likewise, we would also agree that it is moral for the prey to defend itself against the predator with deadly force. Every animal has the right to defend its survival.

As with lions, eating meat is entirely natural for humans. Many herbivores can digest grass, but humans cannot.

In ancient human history, when agricultural technology was virtually nonexistent, our ancestors lived among fields of grass that could not be digested. Edible plants were often scarce. Still, deer and cattle could eat grass and turn it into a form edible for human consumption—red meat! When edible plants were scarce, humans that could eat meat lived and those who could not died. As you can see, eating meat is as natural for humans as it is for carnivores.

Of course meat is not absolutely necessary for human life. But do lions really need zebra to live? Of course not! Plants contain all the nutrients carnivores need to survive. But carnivores simply do

not have a taste for most vegetables. Eating vegetables is simply not natural for them.

Not only is it natural for humans to crave animals, but most dieticians claim that eating meat is healthier for humans than being strict vegetarians. There is a delicate balance between eating animals and eating plants.

Vegans like to believe they are preventing the death of animals by refraining from eating animals and purchasing animal products. Still, they forget that it takes lots of land to grow the crops that support human existence.

Whenever farms are constructed, the natural habitat of many animals must be destroyed. Since most animals cannot survive on cultivated land, they are forced to either leave or die. There is no way around this—either way, animals must die.

In fact, the best way to assure the abundance of animal life is to convince people that animals are worth eating (look at the huge number of cattle, chickens, ducks, etc. in existence). A vegan would say, "Sure! These animals are in abundance, but they are being treated inhumanely." But modern agriculture and housing projects also promote the destruction of natural habitats. So, if forcing animals out of their natural habitats is truly

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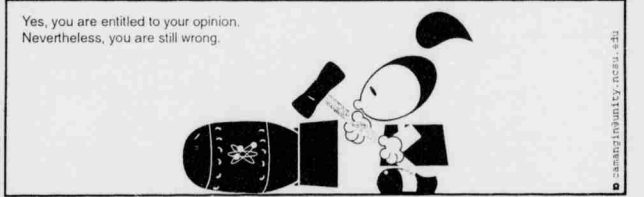
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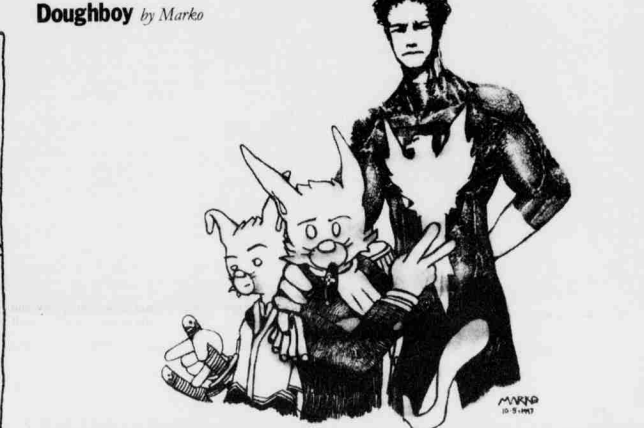
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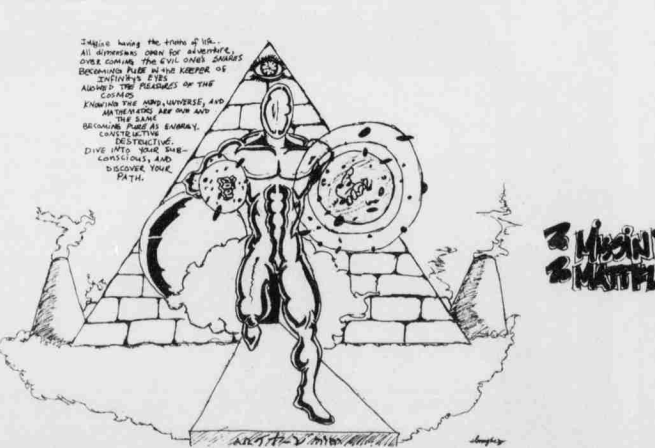


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GOP supports school vouchers

Although the vouchers would not directly benefit a majority of the program, the party is supporting the program.

ROBERT SHOGAN
Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON - Striving to shed their reputation as the party of the privileged, Republicans are promoting an idea aimed at improving the U.S. education system - the issue polls show uppermost in voters' minds.

The catch is that their favored concept has more support in the inner city, where children are often trapped in inferior schools, than in suburbia, where school systems generally get high marks and the GOP wins the vast majority of its vote.

The Republicans bill their approach as school choice, under which parents would get public funds - or vouchers - to send their children to private schools. Though this concept has been around awhile and, so far, has failed dismally in every significant ballot test, it is now being pressed more aggressively and broadly than ever on Capitol Hill.

Just last week, a GOP bid to showcase vouchers by implementing them for residents of the District of Columbia triggered a partisan brawl. Democrats, amid talk of a possible veto by President Clinton, charged that the measure would undermine support for public education. For their part, Republicans pointedly recalled that the president and first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton had passed over the district's public schools to send their daughter, Chelsea, to Washington's tony Sidwell Friends private school.

So why are the Republicans fighting so hard for the sake of the District of Columbia, where their votes can be measured by the thumb?

"It's the right thing to do," said Republican National Committee Chairman Jim Nicholson. "Kids in the cities and the minority community are not getting a good basic education. And without that they are not able to reach for the brass ring."

But more than that, the voucher

approach gives the GOP something it badly needs: a way to address the education issue that is consistent with its fundamental mistrust of government and its faith in the free market. "This provides a significant alternative to welfare programs and racial preference as a way to help inner-city people lift themselves out of poverty," said Clint Bolick, litigation director of the Institute for Justice, a conservative public-interest legal group that defends voucher plans against court challenges.

More broadly, the voucher plan helps the party present itself as truly interested in governing. "If you are going to be a majority party, you have to have solutions for areas that don't necessarily vote Republican," said Marshall Wittman, an official with the Heritage Foundation, a Washington-based conservative think tank.

Bolick said: "There's a growing realization (among Republican leaders) that you can't just become a national party on the basis of cutting government and cutting taxes."

Up to now, the voucher idea has been a tough sell, except among minorities. A nationwide survey of blacks, conducted earlier this year by the Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies, showed that by 58 percent to 37 percent, respondents favored a voucher plan that would help them pay tuition at the private or public school of their choice.

David Bostits, who conducted the poll, believes that this sentiment is more reflective of disgust with public schools than enthusiasm for vouchers, about which most of those surveyed had little detailed knowledge. Many blacks, he said, "feel that anything would be better than the schools they have right now. If they thought they could get a good education for children in segregated schools, they'd say OK to that."

Bostits also noted that when the center in a separate poll asked whites about vouchers, attitudes were precisely split: 47 percent favored the idea, 47 percent opposed it.

Even more telling, voucher foes claim, are the results of statewide initiatives in Colorado in 1992, California in 1993 and Washington state in 1996 in which voucher plans

were overwhelmingly defeated.

To most voters, "vouchers are a radical idea," said John Petrocik, a political scientist at UCLA. "It's very easy to make the case that it will run public education and create new levels of segregation." "I don't think we've won this debate among suburbanites," acknowledged Nina Shokrai, education policy analyst for the Heritage Foundation. "They think their public schools are just fine, and they don't see the need for a voucher."

"In terms of forums in which to advance issues, the ballot box is the worst for us," added Bolick of the Institute for Justice. He put part of the blame for this on heavy spending by voucher opponents, notably state branches of the National Education Association. "I don't think you will see any other school-choice ballot initiatives until we have financial resources to level the playing field," Bolick said.

While voucher programs are getting their main backing from Republicans, the idea has attracted at least some Democrats, among them Sen. Joseph I. Lieberman, D-Conn. He was one of the sponsors of the controversial plan for the nation's capital that would allot 2,000 District of Columbia students \$3,200 each to attend either public or private schools.

Though he is an exception (only three other Senate Democrats voted with him last week to cut off a Senate filibuster against the measure), Lieberman said opposition to the plan contravenes his party's traditions. "What I'm asking myself is why a majority of Democrats oppose a scholarship program aimed at helping poor kids get a better education. We are not supposed to be supporting the status quo."

Despite Democratic resistance to the D.C. plan in the Senate, Republicans said they expect the House to pass it and predicted that they will get the measure to Clinton's desk as part of a House-Senate conference report.

Even when voucher proposals survive political obstacles, they often face a legal stumbling block - the contention that by using public funds to pay tuition at parochial schools, they transgress the First Amendment's barriers between church and state.

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Global warming debate heats up

Researchers, preparing for an international conference in December, back up their explanations of man's effect on the Earth's climate.

ROBERT COOKE
Newsway

Although the political debate over global warming is getting steamier by the moment, climate experts say the scientific argument has - for the most part - begun cooling.

Even reaching a rough consensus that human activities are pushing temperatures up has been difficult, time-consuming and extraordinarily controversial. But finally, "the debate about whether the Earth has been warming is now well-resolved," said astronomer Jack Eddy of Frankentmuth, Mich., who has spent decades studying the link between climate and the sun's energy output.

"Yes," he said, "there is warming, and it has been warming since the turn of the century." And, he added, "in my opinion we are warming the Earth due to our activities," especially the burning of coal, oil and gas, and the decimating of forests.

Despite the rough agreement, though, there remains ample argument about the timing, amount and reality of human impact on climate, experts say.

For example, climate specialist

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Safety of plane fuel tanks at issue

A problem discovered three years ago is appearing in Boeing 767s again.

SYLVIA ADCOCK
Newsway

Three years ago, a troubling problem was found in the center fuel tank of a Boeing 767: Loose screws on a fuel pump were allowing metal-to-metal contact, which could ignite fuel vapors in the tank and cause an explosion.

The 767 pumps were quickly modified. Problem solved - or so everyone thought.

But now, Federal Aviation Administration officials say they have found the same problem on the redesigned pumps. The FAA issued an emergency order to airlines last month to keep the pumps covered with fuel when in use to prevent "the generation of sparks and a potential ignition source inside the fuel tank."

There is no direct link between the 767 fuel pump issue and the explosion of the center fuel tank of TWA Flight 800, which was a Boeing 747 with different pumps. But the case goes to the heart of the debate between the FAA and National Transportation Safety Board investigators since the July 17, 1996, crash: whether it's possible to eliminate ignition sources within an airplane's fuel tanks, which are often filled with explosive vapors.

"Those of us who have done explosion investigations have a saying: 'If you have an explosive mixture, God will find the ignition source,'" said William Kauffman, a professor of aerospace engineering at the University of Michigan. "I guess you can say we've been fairly lucky that we haven't had a TWA 800 every couple of years or so."

The discussion over how the FAA should prevent potential fuel tank explosions - which are extremely rare - is scheduled to be aired Tuesday as aviation experts gather in Washington, D.C., for a three-

day FAA conference on aircraft fuel flammability. It is the agency's first such gathering, a direct result of the Flight 800 crash off the coast of Long Island, N.Y., that killed all 230 people aboard.

A consortium of airlines and aircraft manufacturers also is expected to announce details of a plan to conduct inspections of fuel systems of commercial aircraft all over the world to look for potential defects that could cause problems.

The fuel tank issues have been hotly debated in the aviation industry in the months since the NTSB issued safety recommendations in December 1996 stemming from the crash that were designed to make fuel tanks explosion-proof. The FAA and the industry have said there is not enough research on whether the measures would be effective, or could even introduce more problems.

"We've found that it's a complex enough issue that we don't have all the answers, the NTSB doesn't have all the answers," said FAA spokeswoman Kathryn Freedy. "We hope that the conference will advance the science enough to give us kind of a road map." She said the agency hopes to announce the results of the conference and thousands of pages of public comments, possibly in the form of an "airworthiness directive" order to airlines, by November or December. That would be in time for the NTSB's planned weeklong public hearing on TWA Flight 800 scheduled to begin Dec. 8, when interest in a solution is likely to be high.

The FAA and the industry have adhered to the philosophy that potential ignition sources can be eliminated in the design of airplanes, so even when a combustible fuel-air mixture is present, it does not pose a threat. The NTSB, however, has said that Flight 800 proves that it is impossible to eliminate ignition sources completely, and the solution lies in preventing the buildup of the explosive vapors.

Beanie babies abundant in Beijing

Thousands of the toys are being bought at one tenth of the U.S. retail price and finding their way into the States.

FRANK LANGFETT
The Baltimore Sun

BEIJING - Looking for a great deal on those sometimes hard-to-find Beanie Babies that are all the rage?

Find a friend in Beijing. One outdoor market here has several thousand of the cuddly little critters, selling for nearly one-tenth of the \$4.99 U.S. retail price.

In a curious tale of international commerce, the soft, beanbag animals - which have been tough to find in the United States at times and occasionally fetch ridiculous sums - have hit the streets of this city by the boxload.

Americans, naturally, are scooping up the hand-sewn toys by the hundreds for their children, nieces and nephews. Many people carry them home as gifts and a few

even sell them for profit in the United States with the help of friends and the Internet.

It is a small Beanie Baby Underground Railroad whose tracks stretch from the toy factories of southern China to Beijing's Russian Market and the suburbs of the United States.

Beanie Babies are the latest in a line of U.S. toy fads which include Cabbage Patch Kids and Tickle Me Elmo dolls. The floppy, hand-sized animals with names like Bubbles the Fish, Flash the Dolphin and Patti the Platypus first appeared in 1993.

The manufacturer added characters and retired others, turning Beanie Babies into collectors' items. Shortages occurred and speculators offered hundreds of dollars for rare ones. Today, with more than 100 types of

Beanie Babies on the market, kids don't want just one creature, they want at least a dozen.

The Chinese connection emerged several months ago when some ragged-looking Beanie Babies surfaced at one of the stalls in Beijing's Russian Market. Two miles east of Tiananmen Square, the market is where hundreds of vendors sell everything from push-up bras to knockoffs of brand-name clothing. The market takes its name from the thousands of mink, fox and rabbit fur coats that Russian visitors buy there.

When the first Beanie Babies showed up, they were dirty or defective. They had come from a factory around the southern Chinese city of Guangzhou, which produces the plush toys for Ty Inc., a company based in Oakbrook, Ill. One enterprising expatriate woman asked the stall owner, Ye Lihong, if she could find more and better-quality Beanie Babies. Recognizing an opportunity, Ye told the woman her source and the pipeline opened.

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Ye, an affable 28-year-old mother, says she can sell as many as 500 to 600 Beanie Babies a day now. Her No. 11 stall at the market has even become something of a tourist destination for American families visiting Beijing.

Wicki McLaughlin, a mother of two who lives in Shanghai, heard about the toys last week while on a tour of the capital. She bought about 20.

"I'm afraid to unpack them," says McLaughlin, who is originally from Washington state. "I know all my kids' friends will want them."

While some simply buy the Beanie Babies they like, others have become connoisseurs. They pick through the animals, searching for rare characters or ones with defects - the yellow ducks, "Quackers," without wings, for example, are said to fetch hundreds of dollars.

The result is a surreal scene from the global market place: Americans rummaging through boxes in Beijing looking for toys whose value back home has soared because somebody made a mistake in a Chinese factory.

Ye first began selling Beanie Babies for \$1.20 to \$1.45 each, but that didn't last long in China's increasingly competitive economy. Other vendors found their own sources and the price plummeted. Ye says she doesn't mind, because she is making money on volume.

"If the price is lower, I can sell more and earn more," says Ye, who arrived in Beijing two years ago from the coastal province of Zhejiang.

Although she is aware that Beanie Babies sell for a lot more in the United States, when told that people will actually pay hundreds of dollars for rare ones, Ye stares

blankly.

"I didn't know," she says.

Returning to the United States with caches of Beanie Babies has made for some humorous homecomings. One woman tells of arriving in San Francisco with two dozen Beanie Babies on a day when her relatives had spent hours in line waiting to buy some themselves. The woman, who has lived overseas for most of the last two decades, didn't know how popular the toys were.

"We opened up the suitcase and said, 'Look, we have these things called Beanie Babies,'" the woman recalled.

Another American has made money by advertising on a Beanie Baby Web page and communicating with customers in the United States via e-mail. She has friends take the toys back home in their luggage and mail them.

She declines to say how much she has made, but the profit margins are stunning. For instance, she says she has sold Flash and Bubbles for \$13 a piece - 21 times what she paid.

Both women asked that their names not be used for fear they might attract the attention of U.S. authorities and the toy company, which might not find this as amusing as many in Beijing's expatriate community.

Americans have been buying U.S. products at bargain basement prices in China for years. Several blocks away from the Russian Market lies Silk Alley, a long pedestrian street lined with stalls where people can purchase Tommy Hilfinger shirts, J. Crew sweaters and Filia ski jackets for a small fraction of what they cost back home.

How long Beanie Babies will remain popular in the United States is hard to say, but some people are ready to unload their stock and move on when the time comes.

"I told my friends to tell me when the next fad hits," says the woman who sells Beanie Babies through the Internet. "I'm here."

Warming

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Roy Spencer, at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's Marshall Space Flight Center in Alabama, is among a minority of scientists who insist that the jury is out on the question of human impact. The amount of climate change seen to date is "small compared to natural variability of the climate system," he said, making it difficult to conclude there is a "human-induced" problem.

The global warming issue will be debated for the next two months, leading up to talks scheduled for the beginning of December in Kyoto, Japan, on an international treaty to strengthen worldwide efforts to curb releases of carbon dioxide and other industrial gases that trap heat in Earth's atmosphere.

Here's what's known, according to nearly a dozen scientific experts interviewed by Newsday, including leading climate modelers, solar physics experts, storm specialists and climatologists:

-Human activities, including the burning of fossil fuels in cars, factories and power plants, are increasing carbon dioxide concentration in the air. An increase of about one-third has been found in the past 200 years, according to scientists at the Scripps Institute of Oceanography, in San Diego.

Scripps scientists have been accumulating data since 1958 that are so precise it is possible to see the influence of summer - when carbon dioxide is being absorbed by deciduous trees - and winter, when the trees are bare.

The gradual accumulation of carbon dioxide in the air also is seen by measuring gases and pollution trapped in ice cores

drilled from glaciers in Greenland and elsewhere by international teams of scientists, some funded by the U.S. National Science Foundation. These measurements can be extended back through hundreds of thousands of years, researchers have said.

-Carbon dioxide and other gases, such as methane and nitrous oxide, tend to trap and hold heat in the air. This was first suggested by Swedish chemist and Nobel laureate Svante Arrhenius 100 years ago, and subsequently confirmed by numerous atmospheric and laboratory experiments.

-Carbon dioxide, methane and chlorofluorocarbons (Freons) are all called "greenhouse gases" because they absorb infrared energy - heat - and keep it from being reradiated back into space. It's the same thing that happens on humid days, when water vapor traps and holds more heat, making the air feel hot and muggy.

The absorption of infrared energy by various gases can be seen by scientists using a technique called spectroscopy, which splits light into various wavelengths and measures how various chemicals absorb the light.

-It's getting warmer. Increasingly accurate temperature records taken worldwide - first by the British naval fleet and subsequently by others at sea and on land - show that global mean temperature has gone up on average over the past 150 years by about 1 degree Fahrenheit.

Scientists say this is the most likely reason for a 6-inch rise in sea level that has occurred in the past 100 years. The higher temperature, they say, is causing glaciers to melt faster, and causing ocean water to expand slightly. Old pictures, in fact, show that mountain glaciers are receding, and old whaling records indicate that a large area of sea ice around Antarctica has disappeared.

Wolfpack Notes

■ Skiing, baseball and football news

Sports Staff Report

Wolfpack Skiing Club News

The Wolfpack Water Ski Team finished strong at the last tournament of fall season at Columbia, SC this past weekend. The men's team finished third in the slalom event, third in the jump event, third in the trick event and third place overall. They placed behind perennial powerhouses Alabama and Clemson.

Individually, Tommy James jumped 133 feet and placed third in the jump event. He also scored 720 points in the trick event and finished eighth in the slalom event.

The Water Ski Club President, Bill Hyatt, posted his best score ever, scoring 920 points in the trick event and taking seventh place.

Darin Goroski and Wes Rollins had excellent slalom runs, finishing 15th and 18th, respectively. Andy Gospodarek and Jason "Smokey" Konisberg had strong trick performances, while Jeff Westbrook and Adam Macy also competed.

The women's team also fared well as the team finished sixth. Rachael Russel landed a personal best 44-foot jump, and Heather Weatherly also landed a personal best 41-foot jump.

Casey Moore, Beth Sykes and Betsy Mitchell also competed.

The Club meets every Thursday at

7:00 in Carmichael room 2036. Everyone is welcome to attend. Bill Hyatt hopes to keep skiing until Thanksgiving this year.

The Club will continue its recreational skiing program on Lake Wheeler most days now that tournament season is over. It also plans to continue training with UNC at a private lake for next spring's competitions.

The Pack's Fall Classic Draws Near

N.C. State's baseball team plans to hold its annual fall classic, the Red & White World Series, a week from this Friday.

Starting on Oct. 17, the baseball team will play a seven-game series between two teams comprised of strictly NCSU baseball players. Starting Friday, the series' games are played every night (except Saturday the 18th) at 6:00 p.m.

Times Announced for Upcoming Football Games

The times have been announced for the two upcoming football games.

The Georgia Tech game, to be played in Atlanta on Oct. 11, will kickoff at 3:30 p.m. and will be televised locally on ABC.

The much-anticipated UNC game, to be played here at Carter-Finley Stadium a week later, will kickoff at 6:00 p.m. and will be televised on ESPN2. Expect traffic to be hellacious, as the N.C. State Fair will be in full swing at that time.

Whitaker

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charitable efforts such as, well, er...I'm sure there are a lot of pursuits of which I, a non-Greek, am not aware. I'm sure they exist. I mean, look at all those cleverly designed T-shirts.

And they throw those really big parties! If it weren't for fraternity bashes, where would young high school and freshmen girls get to experience college life? Where else would they get to see finer examples of college men? I think we can all be thankful for this public service.

Enough with the sarcasm, I don't really support any frat kids. But at the same time, I do think they catch a lot of negative attention that they don't directly earn.

There will always be somebody who doesn't know their limit or who so desperately wants to let go that they will, in essence, drink themselves to death. It happens to people both younger and older than us. It is definitely not just a college problem, but as long as it is convenient and interesting news, it will always be linked to the college scene. And thanks to movies like "Animal House," fraternities and sororities will always be linked to that lifestyle.

So next time you see someone decked out in khakis, a well-worn white hat and a T-shirt bearing beer bottles having sex, or something just as funny, don't immediately conjure up visions of alcohol misuse. Instead, feel sorry for that person. Try to understand that this person, in all reality, has paid for companionship.

For whatever reason, the poor souls you see wandering around campus, proudly bearing their

Greek letters, wanted some sort of bond with others so badly, they (or worse their parents) cut a check for it.

If you're not in a Greek organization, you have a lot to be thankful for. Be glad you know that true friendship can't be bought and that lasting bonds don't stem from a financial base. Rejoice in the fact that you have realized that hanging out with people of other races and economic classes is okay. But over all, find contentment in the fact that you are a true individual who did not need to buy a label to belong.

The next time you see a guy walk by and think he may be in a fraternity, I plead with you to take some initiative. Go up to him and say, "I don't have any cash on me right now but I would still like to be your friend." I'm not sure what kind of response this will solicit, but I'm sure you will be doing the right thing.

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