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Going in circles



A young boy from Fayetteville enjoys a night on a fast-moving swing at the N.C. State Fair Friday.

HOE TROGGA/STAFF

Resolution questions trustees

■ Student Senate resolution calls for a check on the Board of Trustees' powers.

PHILLIP REESE
News Editor

"Haughty disrespect ... no rationale for its actions" — not exactly the type of language usually found in a government resolution.

But those are the exact words a pending Student Senate resolution uses to describe NCSU's Board of Trustees' recent handling of an academic misconduct case.

The original case involved two students who were accused of cheating last year by NCSU professor Jerome Perry. One of the students appealed the student judicial system's ruling. After Perry's charges were upheld by Chancellor Larry Monteith, that student appealed to the trustees, who overturned the charges.

The resolution, which will probably be voted on at Wednesday's senate meeting, said the trustees should explain their decision regarding the cheating case to students and faculty. It also asks the trustees to limit their power to review academic misconduct cases.

"The students regard the unwillingness of the Board of Trustees to justify its actions as a sign of haughty disrespect for the

students, the faculty, the student judiciary system, the provost and the chancellor," the resolution states.

Student Senate President Jim Clagett defended the resolution's wording, claiming that a harsh response is needed to counter a statement made by Keith Harrod, trustees chair.

"There was a comment from Keith Harrod saying 'We're not going to apologize. We don't have to.' The way he worded that, that's where the 'haughty disrespect' comes in," Clagett said.

During a board meeting earlier this year, Harrod said "we are not going to sit here and defend ourselves. It's not necessary ... We owe nobody an apology and it is not now offered."

Clagett said such language shows blatant disrespect for NCSU students and faculty members.

"I think the way they responded to the criticism has been very high-handed and hasn't shown respect to the students and faculty that we deserve," he said. "The way they handled it was very unprofessional."

Clagett said that, if passed, the resolution should send a strong message to the trustees: stay away from academic misconduct cases.

But, earlier this year, Harrod said

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Council questions procedure

■ NCSU's Council on the Status of Women is concerned that female faculty and staff members are not getting their fair share.

NICOLE MILLER
Staff Writer

The Council on the Status of Women met Friday, Oct. 17, to discuss the new interim dean of the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, the privatization of staff at Centennial and their concerns with the new appointment of James L. Oblinger as the interim dean of CALS.

The national search for a new

dean of CALS was cancelled due to the more pressing search resulting from the recent resignation of Chancellor Larry Monteith. CALS instead turned to an internal search to fill the interim position, which concerned many people on the council who fear that, on average, internal searches at N.C. State promote men.

"James Oblinger could be a wonderful man. My fear is that this is a result of a pattern that has happened many, many times here [at NCSU]," Cathy Zimmer, a council member, said.

Her concern was sparked by the process by which Oblinger was appointed. In most cases, the

position is filled after the faculty has an opportunity to interview the candidate. With Oblinger, no such interviews occurred.

"If CALS is one of the top five agriculture schools in the country, there should be a national search for a dean," said Zimmer.

Zimmer and many of the council members believe that an internal search does not promote diversity. Their concern is that women do not have an opportunity to hold such positions when there is an internal search in a male-dominated college.

A member of the council and CALS stated that Oblinger is a very capable man deserving of his position. Though faculty members

did not have a chance to interview him, she feels the correct decision was made. She said that because of Monteith's resignation, this was a unique situation.

After discussing Oblinger's appointment, the council decided to begin research into NCSU's employment history. Council members want to look at all processes involving the appointments of deans, to determine if all dean searches should involve a national search.

After discussing Oblinger, another member raised her concerns about the privatization of staff being conducted by NCSU. Recently,

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General assembly reviews co-op program

■ The N.C. General Assembly is taking a close look at NCSU's Cooperative Extension program.

PHILLIP REESE
News Editor

One of N.C. State's most extensive programs is being put under the microscope.

NCSU's Cooperative Extension program, which provides "research-based knowledge to N.C. communities and individuals," will soon be reviewed by the N.C.

General Assembly. The committee will decide whether or not the co-op program needs to "be redefined to meet the needs of the 21st century," said June Brotherton, assistant to the chancellor.

Charles Case, a member of NCSU's Board of Visitors, has been studying the co-op program to determine a course of action that will keep the N.C. General Assembly from wresting the program away from NCSU.

"Co-op extension is the backbone of our university," Case told the board at a Friday meeting. "If that

message is clearly and distinctly presented, there won't be a problem."

However, Case warned the board that a sentiment contrary to NCSU's best interests is being expressed by some in the N.C. General Assembly. To illustrate this statement, Case mentioned a N.C. General Assembly bill that would have undermined NCSU's co-op program.

"It was particularly disturbing to see a bill to take co-op away from land-grant universities," he said. "We understand why they would

want to do that, but we have got to keep co-op here."

Case is heading up a Board of Visitors committee that will continue to examine the co-op program until the N.C. General Assembly completes its review.

Stating that his office has already met with co-op officials across the state, Chancellor Larry Monteith said he would share any information and input regarding the program with the Board of Visitors. He said a series of eight meetings

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NCSU evaluates general courses

■ NCSU studies general education requirements, their value to students, and ways to improve.

TIM CRONE
Staff Writer

Two dollars and twenty-five cents per year per person.

That's how much the Hewlett family has saved each student.

NCSU recently received a \$151,574 grant from the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation. This grant is being used "to look at ways that we can improve the education of all students at the university," said Associate Provost Frank Abrams.

The money is currently funding a series of seminars in which nearly 50 faculty members come together to "talk about teaching," writes Maxine Atkinson. They hope to derive from these seminars a new knowledge of what students should

learn and how it should be taught.

The focus of the seminars is on undergraduate, general education courses.

By bringing in experts, the educators involved gain a new perspective on "the way courses are approached," says Abrams, adding that the idea is to make courses more knowledge-oriented, rather than simply courses that must be suffered through for graduation.

The group is looking for ways to make the courses applicable to students' lives, whether by the knowledge that is passed on or simply by installation of a general approach to problem solving. One idea that would achieve this, called "inquiry-based learning," is currently under discussion, according to Abrams.

This approach to education is based on "involved learning" — where the "course experience is one

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Monday IN BRIEF



Dial 5-3333 for fastest emergency response

A month ago, dialing 911 from any N.C. State campus phone would have resulted in a recorded message advising "the call cannot be completed as dialed." Now, special university equipment and an agreement with Raleigh and Wake County government agencies enables 911 emergency calls to be answered.

The calls first ring into the Raleigh/Wake County Communications Center, then are relayed back to Public Safety's dispatch center.

"The good news is that we have overcome 'dead-end' calls for help," said Jeff Mann, associate vice chancellor for business.

However, dialing 5-3333 still provides the quickest response to campus emergency calls because precious seconds are not lost in the call transfer process, Mann said, adding that "we will continue to promote the use of 5-3333 for campus emergencies."

TRACS system to open in late October

The TRACS registration system will open Oct. 26 for spring semester registration. Advising begins today, Oct. 20. Students must obtain PIN numbers before registering through the TRACS system.

Access to TRACS is allowed based upon the student's current class. TRACS will be opened to seniors and graduate students on Oct. 26, juniors on Nov. 2, sophomores on Nov. 8, freshmen on Nov. 15 and lifelong education students on Nov. 23.

The hours for TRACS are as follows: Telephone lines will be open Sundays from 2 p.m. to midnight; 7:30 a.m. to midnight Oct. 26, Nov. 2, 9, 16, 23 and Jan. 4, 11 a.m. to midnight Nov. 8, 15 and Jan. 4 only; and 7:30 a.m. to midnight Monday through Friday.

TRACS books may be purchased from either of the official NCSU bookstores or any campus C-Store.

Medical institute fellowships open

U.S. and foreign citizens in the biological sciences who have completed less than one year of graduate study toward M.S., Ph.D. or Sc.D. degrees are eligible for the fellowship positions. Positions are available in the following areas: biochemistry, biophysics, biostatistics, cell biology, developmental biology, epidemiology, genetics, immunology, mathematical and computational biology, microbiology, molecular biology, neuroscience, pharmacology, physiology, structural biology and virology.

Awards are for three years and provide an annual stipend of \$15,000. The application deadline is Nov. 12.

For more information, contact David Shafer, director of Graduate Fellowship Programs, at 515-4462 or via e-mail at David_Shafer@ncsu.edu.

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Council

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NCSU signed a contract with an outside contractor for work on Centennial Campus.

The council separated its concerns into quality of service and socioeconomic concerns.

It wanted to know what the university holds as their standard of quality. Since the contract, many members of the council feel that there has been a decline in the quality of work. Some offices where vacuuming once occurred daily are now vacuumed only once a week.

The council also spent time discussing what the new contracts mean for employees. The majority

of NCSU's present housekeeping staff is made up of women. The council is concerned with what may happen if all housekeeping is privatized.

"What will happen with the contract? Who will end up in the new positions? It will be part-time, low-paid women with no benefits. At least now, our staff has benefits," said Rebecca Hayes, another council member.

The council decided that it may be too late now to change the Centennial Campus contract, but it needs to know what it can do for the future. It wants community involvement. It also would like to know if the housekeeping staff wants its help.

In December, the council will bring up the issue again by inviting Jeff Mann, associate vice chancellor for business, to give council

members a clearer understanding of the processes involved in contract service replacing the current staff, and how the concerns of current housekeeping employees will be taken into account.

The council's Employment Committee also expressed some larger concerns. Members said the number of women faculty at NCSU is remaining constant, meaning that women are leaving as fast as they are being hired.

"We want to look to see if it is due to the climate here [at NCSU]. We've heard that women have heavier course loads than men, and may lack some needed resources. This may be why they are leaving," said council member Harriette Griffin.

The committee plans to investigate what can NCSU do to keep female faculty members, and

why women are leaving the university.

At the end of the meeting, Cheryl Branker, council chair, asked what qualities should the new director of the Women's Center have. Mary Ward, the interim Women's Center director, expressed what her new duties entailed. The council will express individually via e-mail to Branker the qualities they desire in the new Women's Center director, so that she will know what to advise those searching to look for in a candidate.

The Council on the Status of Women meets every month to discuss similar issues. Each member is appointed by the Provost's Office. The next meeting is November 14, 1997, at which Terree Yardley will speak on the informational profiles of EPA/SPA women.

Trustees

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the responsibility to hear academic misconduct cases is mandated by the N.C. Board of Governors, making it impossible for the trustees to amend its responsibilities.

"I'm not even saying we want to do that, but even if we wanted to, we don't have the power at this moment," Harrod said.

Clagett admits that there may be some problems with the wording of the resolution, but he said those problems will probably be cleaned up before the senate votes Wednesday.

Clagett predicts that the resolution will "pass with a pretty strong vote

of the senate."

The resolution is not completely critical of the role the trustees can play in academic misconduct cases. As it is currently worded, it still upholds the rights of the trustees to hear academic misconduct cases that involve questions of due process.

However, Trustee and Student Body President Chad Myers said the trustees only focus on matters of due process, making the resolution useless as it currently stands.

"We're very careful when we come to these things to only focus on procedure," Myers said.

If passed, the resolution will be sent to Myers for approval. Myers said he has not studied the resolution closely yet and has not decided whether or not to give it his approval.

Courses Co-op

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in which students are encouraged to explore, rather than simply to receive."

This, however, is just an idea. When the group ends its two-year discussion of general education in June 1999, there are likely to be revisions in courses or "changes in the way courses are approached," says Abrams.

He is quick to add, though, that it is just a "planning project" to help make the 55 hours spent in general education more helpful. No one knows what the outcome of the meetings will be, so the grant was given in order to study whether changes are needed, not to actually implement them.

The grant was provided by the generosity of the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation, an organization founded by William Hewlett, of Hewlett-Packard, and his wife in 1966.

This generous husband-and-wife team, hungry for improved education, environment, population studies and conflict resolution, returns hundreds of thousands of dollars of Hewlett's hard-earned money to the public each year.

NCSU applied for the grant late last January, and the commission itself began studying ways to improve courses in June 1997.

between himself, the deans of each college and co-op administrators will be completed in January.

"That can be made part of what the committee is studying," Monteith said. "It's going to be very important that we use that as our backdrop."

Board of visitors Chairman John Atkins said the importance of the co-op program can not be emphasized enough.

"This one has the greatest impact of any issue we have dealt with over our five years of meeting," he said.

Atkins added that the board is the only group looking at co-op education that does not have interests separate from the university.

According to Brotherton, the N.C. General Assembly's study is a chance for NCSU to show off what it has accomplished with the co-op program. She said it is very unlikely that the assembly will do anything that seriously damages NCSU's role in the program.

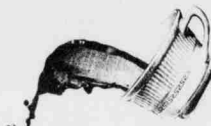
"The legislature has always had a great deal of wisdom in looking at co-op extension," she said. "Any changes they make we can't be afraid of."

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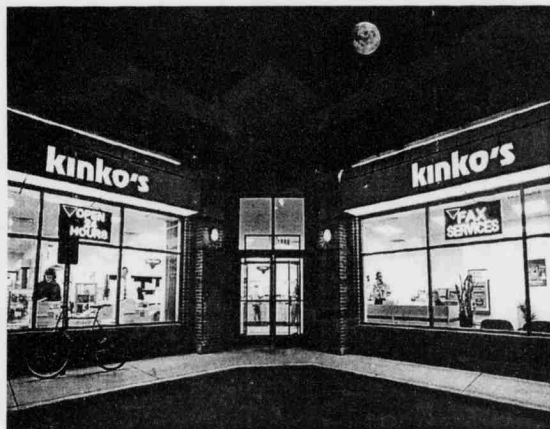
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Sports

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UNC downs Pack -- again

State loses another tough one at home.

TIM HUNTER
Staff Writer

For the fifth consecutive year, the N.C. State football team couldn't muster up enough points to knock off arch-rival UNC-Chapel Hill, losing 20-7. The fourth-ranked Tar Heels were down the Wolfpack as a capacity crowd filled Carter-Finley Stadium despite the cold rain that soaked the field.

Tailback Jonathan Linton shredded the Pack defense for 177 yards on 34 carries, the most by any ACC back this year. His total was only three yards less than State's entire offensive output.

Carolina extended its win streak to nine games, second in division-I football only to Penn State. The tough Tar Heel defense limited the Pack to 50 total yards of offense in the second half, as UNC pulled away for the win.

"It was a great win," Mack Brown, head coach of UNC, said. "It was one of our best, if not the best we've had all year. You have to give credit to N.C. State." On the other side was State head coach Mike O'Cain: "This win hurts, because it was a game we felt like we could win."

State struck early, scoring on its first drive of the game, and appeared to be on a roll. Senior Tremayne Stephens ran it into the end

zone with 8:19 left to go in the first quarter, culminating a seven-play drive. Chris Hensler kicked the point after attempt to give the Pack a 7-0 lead in the early going.

The Wolfpack looked confident and sharp early, but did not seriously threaten to score for the remainder of the game.

Tar Heel quarterback Oscar Davenport knotted the score at seven apiece with a quarterback sneak from the one-yard line on the first play of the second quarter.

Senior place-kicker Chris Hensler had a chance to give the Pack a 10-7 lead with a 48-yard field-goal attempt, but the ball fell just short of the uprights.

The second half was dominated by the UNC defense, ranked third in the nation, holding State's offense to just 50 yards.

"I credit their defensive line for their performance tonight," quarterback Jamie Barnette said.

The Wolfpack defense more than held its own however, holding UNC to merely 20 points, a far cry from Carolina's average of more than 33 points a game.

"I am very proud of the way our players fought tonight," O'Cain said. "I have never had a team that has fought harder. Their effort was outstanding."

UNC started the second half red hot, with cornerback Robert Williams intercepting



Jaime Barnette gets sacked in Saturday's game. The UNC-Chapel Hill defense racked up five sacks during the game.

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ANDREW DAVIS/STAFF

Ahead of the Pack

N.C. State's men's crosscountry team picks up another win, in a style all their own.

K. GAFFNEY
Sports Editor

Charlotte, N.C.—Total and complete dominance.

That is the only way to describe what the N.C. State men's cross-country team did this weekend in the North Carolina Collegiate Cross-Country Championships.

Everyone there expected NCSU to win, but no one, not even the Pack runners, expected State to take the top eight spots in the race, scoring a total of 15 points and defeating second-place UNC-Chapel Hill by 77 points.

"We had the same idea as at the Wolfpack (Invitational), to get together and run as a group and come across the line as a pack," Corby Pons said of the team's strategy. "I think that we executed that better today than in the first race, which is showing our improvement."

At the State-hosted Wolfpack Invitational, State again scored only 15 points but gave up the 6th, 7th and 8th place finishes to runners from other schools.

"Since I've been here, we have never dominated a race like this, not even the Wolfpack Invitational," said Pons.

Chan Pons won the race on a MacAlpine Park course that he had run many times before.

"This is my twelfth time running on this course," Pons said. "It feels good to win but what feels better is to see all eight of us come through. Whether I was first or eighth, to see us sweep the meet is the best feeling."

Pons' finish time was posted as 24:40, the same time as second place finisher Chris Pulchos, who ran just his third race with the Wolfpack.

Corby Pons finished third, with a time of 24:42.

Wolfpack Invitational champion Abdul Alzindani finished fourth, with a time of 24:47.

Princeton transfer Robbie Howell took fifth with a time of 24:55, and Brendan Rodgers—in his first race back with the Pack this season—took sixth.

Freshman standout Chris Dugan, suffering from the early stages of a virus, finished seventh and Aaron Saft took eighth; both had official times of 25:00.

The next runner to finish the race was UNC-Wilmington's Frank Gagliano, who took ninth, running 11 seconds slower than the final Wolfpack runner.

State senior Co-captain Joe Wirgau dropped out of the race, bothered by a bee sting that he had received on Monday.

The N.C. Collegiate Cross-Country Championships was the Pack's last race before the ACC championship, which will be held in two weeks.



Chan Pons and Chris Pulchos battle it out at the finish of the N.C. Collegiate Championships.

MICHAEL PITMAN/STAFF

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Women's cross country picks up third win

Senior Laura Rhoads and the Wolfpack women's cross country team pick up their third win of the season.

K. GAFFNEY
Sports Editor

Charlotte, N.C.—If you want to run for the Wolfpack women's cross country team, you'd better invest in a dictionary, because that is the only way that you will learn

the definition of competition.

The last time that the Pack women lost a race other than the national championships was over a year ago.

The N.C. State team has won 15 ACC championships and has won three meets this season by an average of more than 48 points.

The NCSU women's cross country team, led by senior All-American Laura Rhoads, blew away the field again this weekend at the N.C. Collegiate Cross-Country Championships.

Rhoads picked up her first collegiate win with the Pack at the Wolfpack Invitational in September and has been on a roll ever since, winning the Paul Short Invitational run two weekends ago in Pennsylvania.

Rhoads finished the course at MacAlpine Park in Charlotte, N.C., this weekend with a time of 16:57, seven seconds faster than the next finisher.

"This has sort of been my goal," Rhoads said of her third win. "I try to win every race. My sophomore year (while with UNC-Wilmington) here I was third, so I said to myself that I had to win."

Janelle Kraus of Wake Forest took second, and State freshman Amy Beykirch finished third with a time of 17:15.

UNC-Chapel Hill's Heather Tanner posted a time of 17:31 to take fourth place and was followed by two Wolfpack runners.

Junior Meredith Faircloth took fifth with a time of 17:34, just two seconds faster than freshman Erin Musson.

The Pack scored 25 points total, with all five of the team's scorers finishing in the top ten.

Sarah Gray rounded out the Pack's top five, taking tenth place, with a time of 17:48.

Wake Forest took second in the

team overall, scoring 59 points, which UNC-Chapel Hill followed with 74.

These three teams should be the top contenders for the ACC title, which will be contested in two weeks in Tallahassee, Fla.

The Pack looks to be in a strong position to take the championship, which would be their third in a row.

In Charlotte, State juniors Jackie Coscia and Sara Rhoads, who finished 14th and 19th, respectively, both finished before Wake Forest's number-five runner.

And the Pack performance stacks up against Chapel Hill's even more impressively.

Coscia, Rhoads, Cassie Messerschmidt (at 24th) and Christy Goodson (at 31st) all came in with better times than the final scorer for the Tar Heels.

As if things didn't look good enough, the Pack also has two runners, All-American Christy Nichols and freshman Kate Sabino, who have yet to run with the State team this season. Both could have a big impact on the conference meet, should head coach Rolfie Geiger decide to run either of the two.

"This gets us ready, and motivate emotionally; I think that we are ready to kick some butt at ACC's

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UNC "D" too much

Carolina's third-ranked defense smothered the Pack's one-dimensional attack.

JAMES CURLE
Assistant Sports Editor

It didn't take a military strategist to figure what Mike O'Cain had in mind offensively Saturday night against Carolina.

Run the ball.

A lot. Of the 52 total plays, the Wolfpack ran the ball 29 times, which included four sacks and a busted reverse for a loss of three yards. The Pack wasn't even able to post positive yardage over the entirety of the second half.

All told, State ran for 93 yards while losing 46 finishing the game with a pathetic 47 net yards of rushing for the game.

Tremayne Stephens saw nearly all of the action during running plays, carrying the ball 18 times for 86 yards. The other two backs that played rarely touched the ball, with both Rashson Spikes and Carlos King each carrying the ball twice.

The passing game was even more predictable. Save for one pass to the fullback King, the remainder of Barnette's eight completions (the finished the night 8-for-23) went strictly to Torry Holt.

Holt finished the night with 122 yards.

Noticeably devoid of action Saturday was tight end Mark Thomas.

The senior, usually a sure-bet on third-down opportunities, didn't have one pass thrown his direction the entire evening.

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State drops another

Men's soccer falls out of top spot in ACC with 1-0 loss to Duke.

K. GAFFNEY
Sports Editor

Durham, N.C.—It was just the second time all season that the N.C. State men's soccer team was on the bad end of a shutout.

It just happens that both times were against ACC opponents.

The Pack, in dropping its second ACC match-up of the season and only its third overall, walked away with a 1-0 loss in a game against Duke yesterday in Durham.

The game, pitting national No. 4 Duke against the No. 8 Wolfpack was all that it was billed to be.

The teams played ninety minutes of hard-nosed, physical soccer, with neither able to gain an advantage.

The lone goal of the game came

with the clock frozen with 20:59 left to play in the second half.

Shaker Asad tripped a Duke player in the box, and Blue Devil junior Josh Henderson put the penalty kick past the State keeper Dan Alexander, under the upper right of the goal.

Alexander made key saves throughout the game, coming away with seven total, after the Duke offense peppered State's goal with 17 shots.

The match-up was one of the most physical that the pack has played so far this season, with a total of 52 fouls and five yellow cards given out. Senior defender Jaman Topoli collected the Pack's lone card of the game and his third of the season, early in the first half. Duke picked up four, including one on Coach John Rennie.

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Bracone wins two

Bracone wins two at All-American, volleyball downs ECU, golf and Women's soccer notes.

Sports Staff Report

Bracone holds his own at National Tournament.

Roberto Bracone, a junior with the N.C. State men's tennis team, became the first-ever Wolfpack tennis player to participate in the All-American Tournament last week in Texas.

Not only did Bracone qualify for the tournament; he also picked up two wins, defeating Vanderbilt's Eddie Coates, ranked No. 36 in the nation, in the first round, 7-5, 6-3.

Bracone ranked No. 45 in the national polls, defeated Johann Jooste of Baylor in the second round. Bracone won the second-round match with a score of 6-4, 7-6.

Volleyball picks up win N.C. State's volleyball team picked up a 3-1 win over East Carolina on Friday, improving the Pack's record to 6-16 overall.

Laura Kimbrell, who ranks among league leaders in service aces and digs per game, leads the Pack. She also leads the ACC in kills per game.

The Pack will be on the road for two weeks.

The Pack's road trip includes games with Clemson, Georgia Tech, UNC-Chapel Hill and Florida State.

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The N.C. State women picked up another win in Charlotte.

MICHAEL PITMAN/STAFF

Petroski to speak at Convocation

From thought to thing: Henry Petroski will discuss the trip from idea to artifact at this year's Honors Convocation.

KELLY MARKS
Features Editor

This Tuesday, N.C. State will host the 12th annual Honors Convocation, honoring students and faculty for scholastic excellence. The prestigious Alexander Quarles Holladay Medal for Excellence will be presented to a member of the NCSU faculty, and recipients of the Goldwater and Udall academic scholarships will be honored. Also recognized will be 18 seniors with perfect 4.0 grade point averages.

With such an outstanding assembly of honorees, it is only suiting that this year's keynote speaker is a man who is extraordinary in his own field. This year, Henry Petroski, a professor of civil engineering and of history at Duke University, will speak about technology's far-reaching effects on everyday life.

Petroski is best known for his many books on the history of engineering, most of which deal with simple everyday objects. Author of such works as "Invention by Design: How Engineers Get from Thought to Thing," "The Pencil: A History of Design and Circumstance," and "The Evolution of Useful Things," Petroski brings the technical aspects of ordinary artifacts to life — without the dull or wearisome descriptions that such discussions usually entail. In many ways, he is a storyteller. From paper clips and beer-can tabs to suspension bridges and airplanes, Petroski provides a historical background as well as a fascinating

Petroski also focuses heavily on failure analysis in his works. Often,

he will use case histories to understand the role of human error in engineering design. In works such as, "To Engineer is Human: The Role of Failure in Successful Design" and "Design Paradigms: Case Histories of Error and Judgement in Engineering," he covers many of the best known examples of designs that were well-intentioned but poorly planned — from catastrophic collapses to simple slip-ups.

It's when Petroski's two pet topics combine that he is especially intriguing. One of the major themes throughout his works is how a long trail of engineering failures can lead to the ideal final product, a product that is often as basic as a zipper or a fork. His Darwinian approach to technology is both fascinating and enlightening.

Petroski received his bachelor's degree from Manhattan College in 1963 and his Ph.D. from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in 1968. Before accepting a position at Duke in 1980, he taught at the University of Illinois and the University of Texas at Austin. He has also served as a group leader at Argonne National Laboratory, during which time he was responsible for research and development efforts in fracture mechanics. He is a professional engineer registered in Texas, and he writes the engineering column for American Scientist. Among his many honors are a Guggenheim Fellowship, an honorary doctor of science degree from Clarkson University, the Ralph Coats Roe Medal from the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, and the Civil Engineering History and Heritage Award from the American Society of Civil Engineers.

The Honors Convocation will be held in Stewart Theatre at 7 p.m. Tuesday, October 21. Everyone is invited to attend and support those

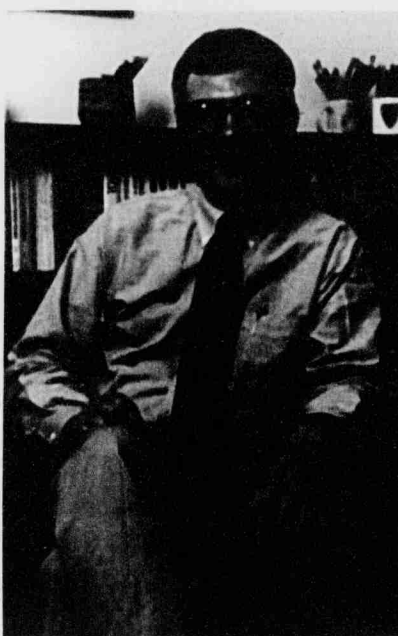


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Henry Petroski, professor of civil engineering and history at Duke University, will be the keynote speaker at Tuesday's convocation.

students and faculty members who have exhibited excellence on campus, as well as hear a fascinating keynote address from Henry Petroski.

Deadline for Fellows announced

Applications are now available for the NCSU Fellows Program.

KELLY MARKS
Features Editor

What makes a leader a leader? Is it some inherent trait they were born with or an acquired skill?

The N. C. State Fellows Program believes a leader is made, not born, and this belief is at the very heart of the organization's mission statement. The Fellows Program is dedicated to identifying students who exhibit a capacity for leadership within the university and promoting its development through many unique opportunities for self-exploration.

Through education, interpersonal support, career exploration, and personal growth strategies, the Fellows Program works to enhance and refine leadership skills that begin within, and eventually extend beyond, the university community. Founded in 1968 by Smith Richardson of the Richardson Vicks Corporation, the program is geared toward undergraduates with leadership potential with the aim of amplifying their motivation and dedication.

Students are accepted into the program during their freshman year, with approximately 30 students designated as Fellows each year

from those who apply. The Selection Committee considers all applications on the basis of scholastic ability, motivation, leadership potential, and whether the applicant has a strong commitment to personal and leadership development. Candidates undergo an initial screening based on their application and campus interviews before moving to the semifinalist round. Current Fellows, alumni and NCSU faculty members give semifinalist interviews, from which approximately 80 students are invited to participate in the final selection day. The final interviews are conducted by Fellows alumni and community leaders.

Once accepted into the program, students get to partake in several activities that are meant to serve as a catalyst for their leadership development. Freshman inductees go on a retreat that allows them to meet the members of their Fellows class, as well as confront and examine their own personalities. Freshmen are also provided with a stipend to use in whatever activity they choose to develop their independence and broaden their horizons. Past personal enhancement activities include foreign travel and Outward Bound trips.

During the sophomore year, a credit course is offered to Fellows



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These fellows gear up for hiking on an outward bound experience. The Fellows Program provides participants with a stipend for self-development activities.

which focuses on differing leadership styles and encourages individual Fellows to develop their own leadership philosophy. During the semester, a wide range of community leaders from business, government, and other professional fields meets with the group in informal seminars.

The program also has many elements geared toward the student's leadership potential after college. Fellows are encouraged to serve in internships that will offer

insight into the decision-making processes of organizations. The program also provides a continuing opportunity to develop mentor relationships with the director and alumni allowing Fellows to enjoy close relationships with advisors that aren't usually possible in a large university. An active alumni roster also strengthens the program by providing it with a large pool of intelligent, supportive and willing

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Technobabble

Just how secure is your data? Part I: Passwords.

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There's no way to avoid it — there are unruly characters lurking in cyberspace just waiting to do nasty, evil things to you and your data. Hackers, phreaks, spammers, spoofers and pervers are all waiting around the next corner, so you had better be careful. Jealous boyfriends, angry roommates, and slighted geeks (ahem) can turn your computer into a \$3000 paperweight, given the proper motivation and the right connections. Even if your computer isn't connected to the Internet or a local network, there are still ways a properly motivated individual can get your passwords and personal data such as credit card numbers, checking accounts and social security numbers. No matter what you do, if you have made an enemy of a talented hacker, or have become the target of a directed assault, your data is trash. There's no way to avoid it forever, since no security is 100 percent effective.

The only way to be sure you don't lose any important information is to have recent and redundant backups, hard copies, incinerators and shredders, and big, fat padlocks on all your doors. There may be nothing you or anyone can do against a diligent, professional attack, but some simple precautions will prevent a random or amateur attempt from ruining your life. You may not think you have anything to worry about, since none of the files on your computer are sensitive or of much value to anyone. You may be surprised what people find valuable. Some hackers do their damage at random, or to revenge some slight, or just for the challenge of it. Imagine, then, that the term paper you have spent a month writing, but haven't gotten around to backing up to a disk or printing out yet, turns up missing. Erased. Deleted. Purged. Piff. Or worse yet, overwritten with garbage.

Now, don't get me wrong. My intent here is not to make people paranoid, but better informed. You can go your entire life sending out e-mail and posting your data to the Internet without ever getting hurt, and most people never will. However, if you're daring and a little crazy (like any good geek) your data can easily find its way into the wrong hands. And the best way to keep those grubby little hands off of your stuff is to protect it. If you had a suitcase full of memorabilia and irreplaceable antiques, you would put a lock on it, wouldn't you? Your computer might just contain the same sort of irreplaceable value in the form of your data, so lock it up with good password protection.

If you have a computer that's hooked into a Windows NT network, like we do here at Technician, you have to log in when you turn it on. Names and passwords may be required to start up Windows, and logging in will give you access only to those parts of the network that you have permission to see. This all has been

set up in advance, usually by a friendly and competent system administrator. But what about your computer? You are the system administrator and the only user, so it's your duty to set up and secure your system and its resources.

On both Macintosh and Windows platforms, there are a number of shareware and commercial programs that set up various levels of password protection for your computer. These sorts of measures will prevent someone from starting up your computer and fiddling with your stuff while you are away.

A good example is PrivateEXE, which protects any applications you don't want other people using, like your e-mail reader, with a password. It is shareware, and can be downloaded from <http://www.midstate.com/pexe.htm>. For the Macintosh, one of the best security programs is SuperLock, which patches (supposedly) all of the workarounds to Apple's At Ease and other password-protection schemes. It can be found at <http://mirror.apple.com/mirrors/InfoMac/Archive/gai/super-lock-302.hqx>. Don't forget the times your computer is on, but you are away from the desk. To keep your sneaky coworkers or roommates from delving into your data while you go fix some lunch, the easiest (and cheapest) security you can muster is your screen saver.

In Windows 95 go to Settings under the Start menu, and choose Display. From there, click the tab for Screen Saver, and check the box marked "Password Protected." This should bring up a dialog box asking you to type in and confirm your password.

The same thing can be done on a Macintosh, running After Dark or Darkside of the Mac. Pull up the application or control panel for the screen saver, check the Password box, then enter and confirm your password. Now, if your screen saver isn't set to kick in for an hour, you're not helping yourself much by setting a password on it. So, set the time before it turns on to a nice, low number, and activate it before you leave your desk for any long amount of time.

Since we're on the topic of passwords, when was the last time you changed the password on your e-mail account?

Unlike other university's servers I've seen, NCSU isn't set up to have passwords expire after a set time limit. This is nice in some ways — you never have to change passwords every month. However, it's easy to become complacent, and never change your password. Despite the warnings and messages online to change passwords every semester, I have never changed mine since the first time I logged in. At least it isn't still my social security number, which is the default. I know a number of people who still have not changed from that. I suppose I should really change mine, but after four years, it's become so ingrained in my

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Your Horoscope

Aries (March 21 to April 19) - A friend may keep you waiting for a scheduled appointment early in the week. Some people you'll be dealing with are evasive and hard to pin down. A home appliance may need replacing when it breaks down this weekend.

Taurus (April 20 to May 20) - Travelers may meet with unexpected delays. Rumors and hearsay make it hard to know what to believe. Red tape and inconsequential matters could keep you occupied later in the week.

Gemini (May 21 to June 20) - You are inconsistent this week in your dealings with others and could incur unfavorable reactions from those around you. A friend who drops by this weekend could overstay his or her welcome.

Cancer (June 21 to July 22) - It's not a good week for gambling or risk-taking. You could meet unexpected expenses in your pursuit of pleasure this weekend. Instead, accent home life.

Leo (July 23 to August 22) - A person who keeps changing his or her mind is hard to deal with in business this week. A work concern from the past may still be unresolved. Be patient.

Virgo (August 23 to September 22) - You and a relative may not agree about a domestic matter this week. Be leery of overpriced items while out shopping. Ask for help if you need it regarding a work project.

Libra (September 23 to October 22) - It's not a good week for

financial risk-taking. Also, be careful not to misplace a credit card. A partner could be reluctant to follow your lead on a concern.

Scorpio (October 23 to November 21) - You're likely to get conflicting advice this week. Rely on your own gut instinct. It could be hard to plan social events this weekend when others delay making decisions.

Sagittarius (November 22 to December 21) - You could find a close partner unpredictable and hard to fathom this week. Surprise events cause a change in your work schedule. An advisor is unhelpful

negative.

Capricorn (December 22 to January 19) - You may have to say no to someone's request for financial assistance. A pressing work matter could take precedence over socializing over the weekend and plans are subject to change.

Aquarius (January 20 to February 18) - Your concentration tends to wander this week. Changes involve travel plans made a while ago. You're likely to opt for time by yourself over socializing this weekend.

Pisces (February 19 to March 20) - Conservative tactics are best in business this week. Avoid unconventional moves. One person you'll be dealing with is very close-mouthed.

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Internships available

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For brochures and applications, students should contact The Fund for American Studies at 1-800-741-6964 or visit the group's web site at www.dointernships.org.

Weekly Soap opera Update

All My Children - Jake and Allie flirted. Miles told Belinda he wants to know more about her. Hayley later told Belinda Miles is the president of Corvies. Laura ended her relationship with Scott and ran away. As Brooke searched for Laura, Laura thought she saw someone from her past. Judith asked Kevin for forgiveness. Gloria was upset about Dimitri and Edmund's situation. **Wait to See:** Skye gets a disturbing phone call.

Another World: Carl accused Matt of orchestrating the plot to make Rachel believe he's having a new understanding in their relationship. Amanda decided to keep a date with Shane as Hadley. To Rachel's horror, Carl's confrontation with Alex led to Felicia being seriously injured. **Wait to See:** Josie considers filing charges against Carl.

As The World Turns: Sam urged Lucinda not to interfere with David and Emily. Margo tried to warn Jack about Carly. John was hurt when Barbara asked him to sign a prenuptial agreement. David announced he was changing his last name to Walsh. After he and Lily professed their love for each other, Holden decided to prove that Molly had been lying. **Wait to See:** Jack gets some insight into Carly's plans.

The Bold And The Beautiful: Taylor was about to tell Ridge that he fathered her baby, when he said he was glad they never had children together. Lauren sang a sexy song for Eric, but was chastened when it

ignited his desire for Stephanie. Taylor suffered from a torn placenta. Dr. Santana told Thorne to keep Ridge away from her because he seemed to be the cause of her stress. Meanwhile, Taylor called Ridge to come over to see her. **Wait to See:** James agrees to "prove" himself to Sheila.

Days Of Our Lives: Jennifer avoided being found in Jack's cell. Sami arrived in Rome and checked into her room next to Austin and Carrie's. Meanwhile, Mike asked Debra to stay on with him in Rome. In the jungle, John found the orchid for Roman's cure, but was attacked and fell from a cliff. Back in the compound, Stefano (who feared Hope might learn something about "Maison Blanche") told her and Kristien the natives were about to attack and they would have to leave without John. Franco threatened Sami. **Wait to See:** Sami has a suggestion Franco may not be able to refuse.

General Hospital: Luke urged Katherine to admit it was Stefan who shot her. Later, Stefan warned her about Luke. Carly lied to Tony about the sonogram. Luke was upset to see Jason trying to fill Sonny's shoes. Sonny sent Julia to visit Brenda. Alan's dependence on painkillers grew worse. Maxie left Felicia and the doll to Lonnie. **Wait to See:** Jax helps Brenda face some painful truths.

Guiding Light: Matt and Vanessa made plans for their baby although Rick still felt there could be problems. Michelle sensed

Maureen's comforting presence. Buzz continued to suffer from amnesia, while Jenna struggled with what she had to tell him about the baby's she's carrying. Alan assured a suddenly doubting Annie that they'll take care of both Reva and Cassie soon. **Wait to See:** Harley gets upsetting news.

Sunset Beach: Ben and Meg found Annie and Tim in each other's arms. As Gabi wrestled with her conscience, Paula encouraged her to testify that Ricardo raped her. Gregory told Olivia he's arranged for Caitlin to be sedated when she gives birth and to be told that her baby is dead. Meanwhile, he and Olivia will take the baby to raise. Meg was stunned when Ben blurted out that she is Maria. **Wait to See:** Gregory begins his defense of Ricardo.

The Young and the Restless: Nina used a gun to force Tricia to leave her apartment and then pointed it at herself. As Ryan tried to take the gun from her, it went off, leaving Nina seriously wounded. Later, Ryan learned Nina might not survive. Tricia learned Ryan was a suspect in the shooting. Victoria ducked Nikki's questions about her marriage. Ashley, meanwhile, told Jack Cole is the special man in her life. Phyllis told Brian if he tells Chris and Paul about their relationship, she'll send a tape of them making love to his wife. **Wait to See:** Grace makes a move that could change many lives.

Babble

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memory that I can type it blind. Besides, it's a good one. Nobody would ever guess it.

A good password is long — eight characters at least — and contains some combination of numbers and upper- and lowercase letters (since UNIX is case-sensitive, though it makes no difference on other platforms). The point of this is to be sure no one could just guess your password at random, or use a password-guessing program that runs through the dictionary for matches. I would recommend to people who have no trouble typing consistently that they use a long phrase for a password. Unity accounts can accept passwords up to 256 characters long. Family members' names or birthdays are typical, and as such, not very good passwords. Nor are the names of your spouse or significant other. Your social security number is also not a good password. The University made it easy for everyone to get started with their new e-mail accounts, but they also made it relatively easy to hack into those new accounts. Since we throw our social security numbers (student ID numbers) around all the time here at NCSU, it's very easy

to find out someone's number and use it for any number of unsavory and illegal activities — the least of which would be messing with the files they have stored on the University servers.

So now you have a new password for your computer, maybe several, including the new one to deactivate the screen saver, new passwords for your e-mail account and possibly another online services, so how do you remember all these? You could be clever and make them all the same, and thus simple to remember. This also makes it very easy for someone to get into everything you have protected — all a diligent hacker need do is break one lock, and the rest fall open.

You could write all your passwords down somewhere, but then you're not only as secure as that piece of paper, but you'd be out of luck if you left it in your pocket on laundry day. It's a little hard to read a wet, pulpy mush.

The same problem comes up if you store all your passwords in a file on your computer, since they're all only as secure as that one file. The solution? You'll have to read next week's column, because it has to do with my next topic: encryption.

Next week - Part 2: Encryption. Bus stations are where buses stop. Train stations are where trains stop.

I have a workstation on my desk.

Fellows

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mentors and seminar speakers.

Applications are now available for the NCSU Fellows Program at Room 2120 Pullen Hall or on the Fellows web site at www2.ncsu.edu/ncsu/fellows. The program will be holding several information sessions during this week for interested freshmen. A booth will be set up in the Dining Hall on Monday, Oct. 20, from 5-7 p.m. and in the Brickyard on Tuesday, Oct. 21, from 10-2:30 p.m. There will also be an information session in the Sullivan Classroom on Thursday, Oct. 23, from 5-6 p.m. Applications are due October 31, 1997.

Technician Fun Fact #2:

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Editorials

Hire the best

National searches are in everyone's best interest.

One of the missions of N.C. State, and indeed any university, is to provide the best education possible for its students. But how can it expect to do this when a dean is chosen from an internal search?

While it is true the selection of a new chancellor is of the utmost concern to everyone in the UNC System, the choice of the dean of CALS will have more day to day impact on the students in that college. Is stopping a national search in favor of an internal one not belittling the importance of the position?

NCSU has some of the best professors in the country on its faculty. However, we do not have all of them. In order to provide students with the best most up to date education possible the administration should never limit the parameters of faculty searches.

NCSU is ranked among the top five agricultural schools in the country. In order to maintain this standing, we need to inject new ideas and faces among the current faculty if these new faces are indeed the best for the job.

The university owes its students the effort required to make a thorough national search when called upon to fill faculty and administrative positions. If such a search results in an internal promotion, that's great. Internal advancement is important in establishing employee satisfaction.

But more importantly, everyone will be satisfied that the best possible person was found to fill

the vacancy.

Appointments made in this way would also ease many people's minds concerning the availability of upper level positions to women and minorities. If, after a thorough search, a white male was appointed we would know that his qualifications exceeded those of the other candidates.

This is, after all, what we all should be concerned with primarily. Finding the best possible candidate for the position is the ultimate goal of everyone concerned. To do less than that is a waste of everyone's time and effort.

Both from a political and a functional point of view, national searches are the most equitable method of obtaining highly qualified people to fill the administrative posts. What we have may be great but how will we know if we haven't looked at what else is available?

The administration should make every effort to hold national searches whenever the position of dean becomes available in one of the colleges.

Existing personnel who are aware that this will happen will know that in order to remain competitive for positions they will have to maintain their awareness of current trends in their fields. This should also help in providing students with better educational opportunities.

National searches may be more expensive. But when you consider the relative cost of hiring less than the best candidate for a position of such importance, the cost dwindles proportionally.

The best never comes cheap. And shouldn't we get what we pay for?

Students deserve better

The NCSU Board of Trustees needs to listen to the student body.

A new Student Senate resolution, possibly to be voted on Wednesday, demands that the N.C. State Board of Trustees explain its recent decisions regarding the cheating incident here at NCSU.

For students unfamiliar with this case, the story goes thusly: Two students were caught cheating in Jerome Perry's microbiology class. One student appealed the decisions all the way up to the chancellor, who upheld the decision. So, the student took his case to the board, which overturned the decision and let the student off.

What has angered many students is that, according to the Student Code of Conduct, the chancellor is the final authority on student conduct. The trustees overturned the decision and effectively took away the chancellor's power. Then, when an explanation was demanded, Trustees Chair Keith Harrod made the comment, "... we are not going to sit here and defend ourselves. It's not necessary ... we owe nobody an apology, and it is not now offered."

These comments are just the icing on the cake the board is making students swallow. The cheating issue has not sat well on our stomachs, and neither have several other decisions they have made in the past few years.

For example, there is the 24-hour visitation policy that every university in the UNC System

except NCSU has granted. We, the students, cannot have whom they want in their rooms when they want them. Instead, they must follow ridiculous guidelines founded with outdated ideas in mind. Students do, in effect, pay the rest on these dorms. And most students are 18 years old. This means that, in the eyes of the law, they are adults. Many rights and privileges come with reaching this age but not things such as whom can spend the night in our room.

The board needs to more in touch with the student body's wants and needs. First of all, treat us like the adults we are. Don't make decisions and then tell us we don't deserve to know why. We aren't children who can hear an answer like, "Because I said so," that's why," and be satisfied.

It is doubtful that any one of the members of the board of trustees would accept being told they had no right to know why a decision was made that affected them. Why then do they feel they have the right to treat other adults in this manner? It would seem the board is in need of a reality check. The rest of us are headed into the 21st century while they are firmly ensconced in the 19th. This does not bode well for the future.

It's time the board woke up and realized that its existence lasts only as long as there are students here. There is always a possibility that its outmoded decisions will ultimately interfere with students choosing to attend NCSU. When that happens, who will have outlived their usefulness? It won't be the students.

voice my disagreement with this increase and discover how other students felt.

Residing in Pennsylvania, out-of-state tuition is paid so I can attend NCSU. It upsets me to know one reason for this increase is that Northeastern students come to Southeastern colleges because they cost less. I know people do this. I realize the state needed to increase tuition, but this is not the only motive of out-of-state students. Some are here because their family members went here and because it is a renowned university. Their

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Which tax is the best?

MATTHEW HAMBY
Staff Columnist

Recently, there have been U.S. Senate hearings on the abusive tactics the IRS uses on taxpayers. Many times, this agency has coerced innocent people into paying sums of money they did not owe. In the wake of some of these revelations, I believe it is time we take a serious look in implementing a reform of this overzealous agency and the tax code they are charged with enforcing.

The central reason that the IRS can serve as judge, jury and executioner is because of the complexity of the tax code. It has been common knowledge that if one were to call two different IRS question lines in different parts of the country that one would likely get two different answers. One also has to consider that the IRS never guarantees their answers to be accurate.

Now, why has the tax code become so complicated? Well, the primary purpose of the tax code should be to raise money. However, liberals have sought to use the tax code to attempt to affect the behavior of taxpayers and to redistribute wealth. This sort of social engineering, which is actually counterproductive, has thrown all sorts of inefficiencies into the current tax code. Most people agree that the current tax code is flawed, but many disagree on what should be the replacement. Tax law for the next century should include the following flaws in our current tax code:

1. Progressive tax rates.
2. Tax deductions
3. Tax credits
4. Tax exemptions
5. Tax breaks
6. Tax loopholes
7. Tax avoidance
8. Tax evasion
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(These are not the actual numbers of our current tax code.) The reason this has been a feature of our current tax code is because liberals believe that the rich should pay a higher percentage of tax than lower income people.

This refers to the feature of allowing a person to subtract from his income subject to taxation if the person engages in behavior that is desired by the federal government. For example, many homeowners get to subtract the amount of their income they used to make interest payments on a home they have financed. Apparently, the federal government has deemed it appropriate that they wish people to own homes. Deductions from taxable income are often allowed if the taxpayer has dependent children.

In order to effectively reform the

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Mourning James Michener

R. STEVENS
Staff Columnist

We have lost a person of great talent. James Michener died last Thursday after a long struggle with kidney disease.

James Michener, if you do not know of him, wrote many outstanding books. As an author, he saw the world as his home and conveyed that idea through the medium of his books. One can pick up any book of his and see that he really did view the world as his home. Whether he was writing about the far, frozen reaches of Alaska or the hot, barren beaches of Africa, Michener had the ability and talent to write in such a way that one might think that Michener

had lived in both places.

If you do know him, you will be saddened by having to say goodbye. My first encounter with Michener was "Journey." This may have been the shortest book he wrote. I don't know. Yet inside that small book I discovered a huge world. The environment in which Michener set his characters fascinated me. It captured my attention because Michener made the place so real. I thought I was traveling in the old world with his characters. I thought I could see my breath vaporize; I thought I could feel my nose freeze. Michener pleased. He satisfied my desire to be somewhere else without going anywhere at all. His writings truly are a journey.

Later in high school, I discovered "Alaska." In this book I encountered the same amazing talent of Michener's. This time, however, I really encountered Michener. That is, when he writes, he writes. At first I thought it was a foolhardy attempt to read a book with so many pages while having such a difficult course load. Yet once I started reading, the pages whipped by faster than the miles that were traveled in Alaska. So, while I was traveling miles to high school soccer games, I was able to read the book in no time.

The most recent book that I picked up of Michener's — "The Drifters" — struck me with that same fear of "How can I read

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Turn off that television

TRENT HAMILTON
Staff Columnist

I have a confession to make. It may come as a surprise to many, and some might actually, like, agree with it or something. I hate my television. Some of you are probably asking why. To be honest, sit down on your couch or bed or whatever, turn off the TV for a second and realize what you're doing. You're staring at a piece of furniture. That's right, a piece of furniture. It's not some beautifully handcrafted antique; rather, it's an ugly brown or black box. (Or even white; my mom had a white TV in our kitchen. It really fit well with the general motif considering the fact that everything else in the kitchen was white, which often

made me feel like I was trapped in a hospital. I couldn't help but have horrible nightmares of being in my kitchen and some lady in a white outfit would sneak in and attempt to take my temperature — guess where? — a truly dreadful fate, especially since I was usually in my kitchen eating Pop Tarts.) All a TV really does is gather dust, empty glasses, beer bottles and the occasional greasy popcorn bag. And we stare at them for hours on end! There's a huge world full of trees, fields and crack-cocaine, but we insist on staying attached to our couch staring at this big box and becoming increasingly blob-like. I guess the whole scenario would make much more sense if there was actually something entertaining on,

but there's not. TV is littered with stupid sitcoms, those god-awful talk shows, TV evangelists (I swear I saw a monk on TV today), Bob Saget, and commercials concerning the various states of constipation. Occasionally, something cool comes along like "The Simpsons" or "South Park" but typically, it's pointless fluff.

At my apartment, we have something that has become somewhat of a legend in its own time. It's the elusive "chip." (Before this goes any further, in the event that an associate of Time Warner Cable is reading this, allow me to state that I had nothing to do with the stupid chip, and I rarely watch the TV anyway. Except, of

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Campus Forum

North Carolina needs a lottery

I read in Technician that N.C. State will have a tuition increase in the fall of 1998. I wanted to inform other readers about some details you disregarded. The tuition increase is set. Therefore, people can only be warned. I wanted to

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tax code, one first has to figure out what type of tax code would least affect people's behavior, and best protect people's privacy. A tax system that would raise money without hardship would have to have a single rate that is not excessively high. Having a tax system based on income would be too much of an invasion of privacy. A tax based on retail sales would probably be better. Such a system would be extremely difficult for liberals to tinker with without people noticing. The rate of taxation should be kept so low that liberals would not be able to implement their hair-brained social schemes.

If a sales tax is implemented, the 16th Amendment would have to be repealed so no income tax could be implemented. It would be an absolute nightmare if we had both an income and sales tax. Another constitutional amendment should be added that would require a three-fourths majority to pass a tax increase and ban Clintonesque retroactive taxes. In order to keep from hampering investment transactions such as stock purchases, such transactions should be exempt from any sales tax.

Flat tax or sales tax? That is the question. They both have their advantages and disadvantages. However, I hope it is agreed that our current tax code is extremely flawed.

Matt Hamby is Technician's resident hard-nosed conservative. He can be reached at mhamby@unity.ncsu.edu

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reasons cause the increases to be unfair.

A friend of mine proposed a good way to eliminate these tuition increases: North Carolina needs a lottery. He based this idea on the fact of another state being able to pay the in-state tuition of its universities with money from the lottery. I agree with this idea.

Jonathan Shearlin

Technician needs to cover more events

When you think of college, what comes to your mind? Do the parties and Saturday night football games strike you? Do you think of frat houses and diversity? Or are you one of those naive ones who think college is just this huge academic environment in which everyone just stands around and discusses

philosophy? You would say most people find out about the activities on campus by reading the student paper, right? Wrong.

Even though Technician does do a good job of covering top school issues and N.C. State athletics, most student activities on campus are being left out. For example, the fraternity Delta Sigma Phi hosted Lawn Party '97 a couple of weeks ago. The party featured Sister Hazel, a popular band. The Lawn Party attracted thousands around the state to Raleigh for a weekend of fun. However, Technician seemed to neglect the Lawn Party by giving it only minor coverage. According to most students, this was a major function. Technician should have expanded on its coverage of the event.

By reporting more on student organizations, Technician would be showing that it knows about students and their activities. It would also show that the school newspaper is written for the entire student body.

I am not upset with Technician, nor do I plan on starting a campus-wide boycott of the paper. I just want to let people know that a little more coverage would help students better understand student

organizations that NCSU has to offer.

John Sullivan
Freshman, Accounting

Repeal affirmative action laws

I commend Steven LeBoeuf on his column titled "Affirmative Action Unnecessary to Society." I agree with his point that all affirmative action laws should be repealed. Affirmative action is nothing more than reverse discrimination supported by the government. Businesses today have quotas set by the government dictating how many minorities they must employ at all times. At one time these quotas may have been necessary, but now they give unfair advantages to people on the sole basis of race. Highly qualified workers are sometimes rejected for a job, and instead a less qualified person is hired due to their classification as a minority.

I feel that LeBoeuf's statements on employers' hiring decisions are true and show that there is no need for these laws. All employers are in business to make money, regardless of race or gender. Those that would

choose to hire on racial basis would suffer economically. The government should not and does not have to control the hiring of employees in private businesses. Business owners should have total control over their own businesses and shouldn't have to worry about government intervention.

Stephen Wilkes
Freshman, First Year College

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Hamilton

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course, when "South Park" is on or channel 72 is in its nighttime mode.) What the chip does is de-scramble practically every channel, so we get unlimited Pay-Per-View. (I used to watch a lot of professional wrestling when I was little and, as anyone who did or still does would know, there's always an upcoming pay-per-view event. Anyway, when I was seven, I always thought they were saying "paper view." I realize this has no bearing to the story at all, but I thought it was somewhat amusing.) We also get all the naughty channels.

First off, pay-per-view sodomizes whatever movie it decides to show because it continually repeats the same movie over and over again for about a week. I liked "Scream" the first time I saw it but after seeing it around 700 times, I would have rather slammed any appendage of my body in a sliding glass door than see that dork that does the "Guess" jeans commercials try to be a cop again. (On another amusing personal note, I just have to state that "Stu" in "Scream" looks just like my resident advisor last year, the esteemed Jason "Fitz" Fitzgerald.) I guess it makes sense that law-abiding citizens wouldn't order a 12-hour block of the same channel, but for the deviants of society, it just sucks. The naughty channels are a different story, however, for reasons that need not be mentioned. (Every male reading

this knows exactly what happens on Cinemax at 12 a.m.)

All I'm trying to say is that we would look really stupid if aliens came here to study us (nice ones like "Zactu" and "Mondo" From Way-Way-Beyond-0) and saw us all gathered on a couch, pointing a small, plastic apparatus at a piece of furniture. Read a book! Take a walk! Listen to your favorite compact disc! Just stay away from that addictive box for a day and see how much more fulfilling your day is. Besides, by the time you finish doing all that, the naughty channels will be back on.

Trent Hamilton is a compulsive liar. He watches TV from the time he wakes up till he goes to bed because he has absolutely no life. How about spicing up his dull existence with some e-mail at thamil@eos.ncsu.edu?

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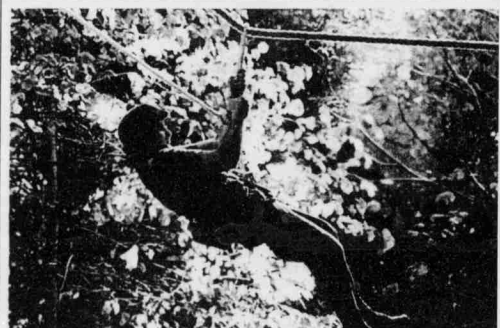
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NATIONAL NEWS

Greenhouse gas emissions up

■ Although many efforts have been made to reduce the emissions thought to be responsible for global warming, the United States still has a long way to go.

JOBY WARRICK
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON - Emissions of greenhouse gases from cars, factories and power plants in the United States rose sharply last year, according to a new Energy Department analysis that aides said further complicates administration efforts to devise a strategy for dealing with pollutants blamed for global warming.

The 3.4 percent increase found in heat-trapping gases could put pressure on the Clinton administration to propose even more stringent steps to limit emissions. But many Clinton advisers are concerned that tough action to limit pollutants could have serious adverse economic consequences, and they might use the Energy Department study to bolster their arguments for setting less ambitious goals for reducing emissions of greenhouse gases.

The Energy Department report, a copy of which was obtained by The Washington Post, is to be released Monday as the White House is completing its strategy for combating global warming. White House sources said they expect details of that strategy to be announced this week in Bonn, Germany, where delegates are meeting to negotiate an international treaty on greenhouse gas reductions that is to be signed in December in Kyoto, Japan.

While the White House proposal will reportedly include specific, legally binding targets for reducing emissions of gases such as carbon dioxide, the new Energy Department figures suggest that achieving those goals could be even harder than anticipated. Despite substantial improvements in energy efficiency in recent years, U.S. economic growth and new consumption patterns have triggered a sharp rise in pollution, according to the annual assessment by the department's Energy Information Administration.

"Although U.S. emissions have been growing since 1991, their growth accelerated in 1996," the report said. It described last year's 3.4 percent rise from 1995 levels as "the highest rate of increase in years." Pollution levels grew even faster than the nation's energy consumption, which rose 3.2 percent, and much faster than U.S. economic output, which grew 2.4 percent.

The report attributed the rise in part to a robust economy and higher prices for natural gas. The price increase has slowed the switch from dirtier energy forms such as coal, which is still the fuel of choice for many of the nation's electric utilities. Another temporary factor was unusually severe weather in some parts of the country, reflected in a 6.3 percent increase in residential heating bills, the report said.

The recent increases in greenhouse gas pollution overshadow many of the gains achieved through energy efficiency in the past two decades, the report suggests. During the 1980s and early 1990s, the energy intensity of the U.S. economy as measured in tons of emissions per unit of the gross domestic product declined steadily. But total carbon dioxide emissions from industry, which plummeted in the 1980s as businesses switched to cleaner fuels, now exceed pre-1980s levels.

The growth in pollution runs counter to commitments by both the Bush and Clinton administrations to reduce emissions through voluntary measures. A 1993 pledge by President Clinton - repeated by Vice President Gore two years later - committed the nation to reducing its output of greenhouse gases to 1990 levels by the year 2000.

Environmental groups and some Western governments are pushing for even more ambitious reductions in pollution as part of the proposed Kyoto treaty. The European Union, in a proposal rejected by the Clinton administration, wants to set emissions at 15 percent below 1990 levels by the year 2010.

One senior official said the president has given "some direction" to his staff on key points, but the official dismissed speculation about the ultimate direction of the administration's policy as premature. "At the moment there is no policy," the official said.

White House tapes may have been altered

■ Dan Burton has charged the White House administration with altering and withholding information during a campaign fund-raising investigation.

MICHAEL A. FLETCHER
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON - The chairman of the House panel investigating Clinton courtier potential donors at White House may have "altered" some of the recently released videotapes showing President Clinton courting potential donors at White House coffees.

"We think some of those tapes may have been cut off intentionally, you know, altered in some way" because some "cut off very abruptly," Rep. Dan Burton, R-Ind., said Sunday on CBS' "Face the Nation." "We're going to talk to the technicians, the people that took all of the videotapes, and try to get to the bottom of it," he said.

White House officials angrily dismissed Burton's accusation, saying they know of nothing that

was done to alter the tapes.

"Neither the White House counsel's office nor the communications agency responsible for videotaping has any knowledge about editing of those videotapes," said White House special counsel Lanny J. Davis. "If Congress man Burton has such evidence, let him tell us what it is rather than engaging in unfortunate innuendo."

Burton Sunday also accused White House officials of "trying to mislead Congress" by not turning over the videotapes until seven months after they were subpoenaed by his committee.

"They indicated that they didn't have them. They indicated that they didn't know anything about any tapes of that type," Burton said. "And yet the president is walking through all these tapes, bumping into the camera and everything else, but the president and his counsel said they didn't know anything about them. Obviously they were trying to mislead the Congress, in my opinion."

White House officials have said they produced the tapes as soon as they were discovered. Moreover, they have said the tapes offer no

evidence that Clinton improperly solicited funds during the hundreds of White House coffee klatches.

Former president Jimmy Carter, speaking Sunday on CNN's "Late Edition," said the incessant fund-raising both by the president and members of Congress "gives the American people the impression, which is not always erroneous, that to get legislation passed or decisions made, you've got to contribute money in a so-called legal bribe."

Democratic officials, however, have defended their fund-raising practices as not only within the law but a political necessity, given the current campaign finance structure.

"What these tapes demonstrate is our fund-raising activities were conducted in accordance with the law," said former Democratic National Committee chairman Donald L. Fowler, also on "Late Edition."

Democrats repeatedly have pointed out the practice of entertaining potential and former donors at the White House was not initiated by Clinton. Former presidents George Bush and Ronald Reagan both feted top contributors at the White House.

Despite that, Republicans say they will aggressively pursue their investigation of Clinton's White House meetings. Burton said his committee "may have some lip readers look at some of the tapes to try to make sure we get the whole story" because many have poor sound quality, making them nearly impossible to hear.

Burton also criticized Clinton for having "selective memory loss" following a report in this week's Newsweek magazine, which quotes retired investment banker Richard Jenrette as saying that the president personally solicited a DNC contribution during an Oct. 18, 1994, phone call. Previously, Clinton has said he could not recall whether he made such solicitations.

Th fund-raising call reportedly came from the White House residence, where such solicitations are legal. But news of the call reportedly angered Senate investigators, who told the magazine the White House never turned over a memo Jenrette wrote saying he had made a \$50,000 contribution to the DNC.

Ethnic divisions split Bosnian classrooms

■ Education officials insist that the plan provides for "separate but equal" schooling.

TRACY WILKINSON
Los Angeles Times

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina - When classes opened in the Muslim-Croat half of Bosnia this fall, many teachers began enacting a new set of rules: segregating students based on their ethnicity.

Children and their parents have been told to fill out questionnaires asking their religion. In some schools, students were told to raise their hands to signal whether they are Muslims or Croats.

Parallel curricula are being taught - Muslim children take one set of courses, Roman Catholic Croatian children another. Minority children in some cases have been removed to separate classrooms. Education Ministry officials who ordered the ethnic polling defend the program as "separate but equal." Human rights officials, and many parents and teachers, are outraged, calling it a dangerous attempt to create ethnically pure classrooms and cement Bosnia's partition.

The division of children and the use of parallel curricula are reported to be the products of a deal struck between the two hard-line ruling parties in the Muslim-Croat Federation, as this half of Bosnia-Herzegovina is known.

"Instead of building joint educational foundations for all Bosnia and Herzegovina ... we are witnessing (an attempt) by nationalistic leaders to take one step further toward splitting Bosnia and Herzegovina along its ethnic boundaries," Srđjan Dizdarevic, president of the Bosnian branch of the Helsinki Committee for Human Rights, said in a protest letter.

International officials say the plan violates the spirit, and perhaps the letter, of December 1995 U.S.-brokered peace accords that ended Bosnia's 3-year war - a conflict in which religion was used as a pretext for fighting and the "ethnic cleansing" that purged regions of hundreds of thousands of people. One of the goals of the accords is to reunite Bosnia's fractured and once-multiethnic society, but nationalists on all sides continue to fight against reconciliation.

Education Ministry officials insist that the plan provides for "separate but equal" schooling that allows the region's two principal ethnic groups to preserve their cultural identities. No provisions are made for Serbs or other minorities.

"It is their constitutional right to find out everything there is to know about their culture, tradition and history," Abdul Jabucar, assistant education minister, said in an interview.

Jabucar allowed, however, that polling students' religions and forcing their separation was a clumsy way to go about it.

Parallel education systems, Jabucar said, are actually a holdover from the war, when the Muslim-led Sarajevo government used one curriculum, while Croats were using a system set up by their self-proclaimed ministate of Herceg-Bosna.

Students who take the Bosnian Croat courses are learning the same things taught in neighboring Croatia. They learn, for example, that their capital is Croatia's capital, Zagreb, not Sarajevo, and literature is heavy on Croatian writers. They learn about the flora, fauna, rivers and historical development of Croatia.

Bosnia's Croats, Muslims and Serbs speak roughly the same language, with some regional differences. Muslim children are also taught, among other subjects, Islam, which was added to the Bosnian curriculum a couple of years ago as an elective. Jabucar said religion is still an elective, but parents were told that failure to take it would hurt the child's overall grade-point average.

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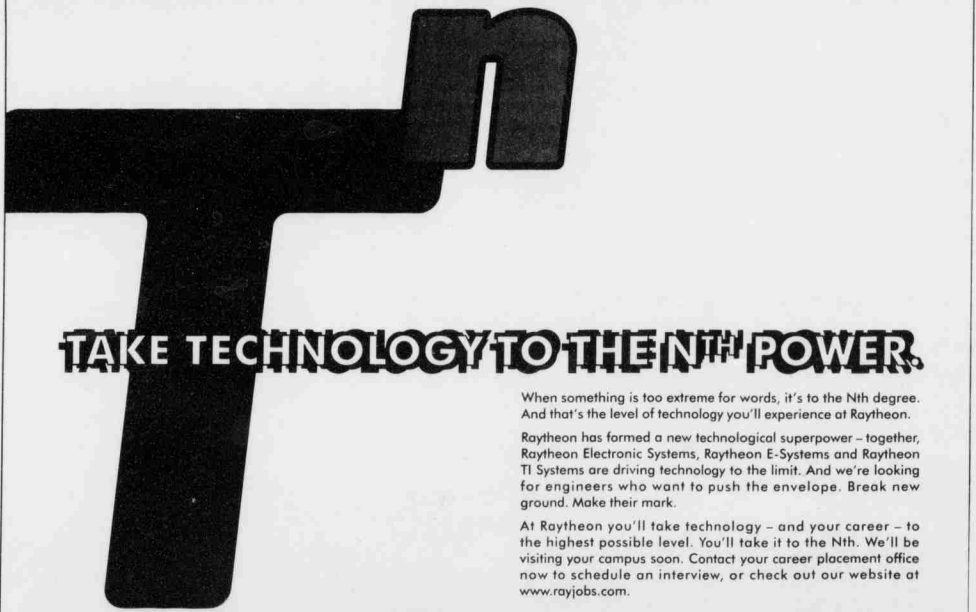
Bakir and Amela Arnanovic are Muslims whose 7-year-old daughter, Stela, is taking the curriculum tailored to Muslim children. They complain that she is too young to have to memorize sayings from the Koran. Each evening she repeats the phrases over and over, scrawling them into a notebook in the large block letters typical of a first-grader.

The Arnanovic couple would be considered loyal Muslims. They remained in Sarajevo throughout the war, and Bakir, whose grandfather was an Islamic cleric, continues to serve in the Muslim army. But they believe that politics and religion do not belong in the classroom and that ethnic-based segregation is wrong.

"Democracy is supposed to be about the possibility to choose, so if they want democracy here, they have to allow choice," Bakir said. "Instead they are categorizing people - children - and putting them into one track. I want Stela to learn about all religions, not just one."



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Abortion foes seek fund ban

■ The Republican party may turn against its own members who do not support the ban on late-term abortions.

The Washington Post

Anti-abortion activists plan to push for Republican National Committee approval of a resolution that would withhold GOP funds to Republicans who oppose a ban on late-term abortions.

The conservative publication Human Events will report next week that the proposed resolution, to be offered at the RNC's winter meeting in Palm Springs, Calif., declares that "the RNC considers the partial-birth abortion technique as a crime and pledges to deny Republican Party support or funding to any Republican incumbent or challenger who does not support banning the procedure."

Charles "Chuck" Yob, chairman of the RNC's Resolutions Committee, said he has yet to receive such a proposal, and voiced doubts about its acceptability. A strong opponent of late-term abortions, Yob said, "This is sort of touchy, I would have questions about it."

He pointed out that under the proposed resolution, the GOP would be barred from supporting the re-election campaign of New Jersey Gov. Christine Todd Whitman, who vetoed a late-term abortion ban passed by the state legislature. "I'm against partial-birth abortions, period," he said, adding, "I'd rather vote for Christie Todd Whitman than I would for some other liberal person who was a Democrat."

Republican leaders generally have opposed setting party litmus tests for candidates, often citing Ronald Reagan's view that anyone who supports the party 80 percent of the time is "a friend, not a foe."

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Author's note: There is a web site (<http://www.jamesmichener.com>) that can provide you with information about his life, books and other in-depth information.

Practice What You Preach: Skin Cancer Survivor Offers Good Advice

Rod Friedman, owner of Rebus Inc., publisher of the *UC Berkeley Wellness Letter* and *Johns Hopkins Medical Letter*, has devoted himself to empowering people to change the way they deal with their own health, to give them enough information to change their lifestyles.

One year ago, while shaving, the high-energy, sports enthusiast noticed what looked like a felt-tip pen gone astray—on the end of his nose. "I tried like crazy to scrub it off," he remembers. It didn't go away, and the professional whose personal mission is to give people the information to make good decisions, felt an internal struggle.

He knew the facts: over 40,000 Americans develop a malignant melanoma, the deadliest form of skin cancer, every year. But, he was in denial. There was no family history of melanoma—he has dark hair and olive skin, and experienced "normal" sun exposure as a child. "It's not like I was a lifeguard or sat around with a reflector." Then he began thinking about the advice he gives to millions of others, "Be aware of your own body and conscious of what's going on. Don't be afraid!" He decided to "practice what I preach" and made an appointment with a dermatologist "just to be safe."

Thank goodness! The black mark on the tip of his nose was a one-month old malignant melanoma. After a thorough examination five other suspicious marks were biopsied—some of which were malignant as well.

The good news is that malignant melanoma, when discovered early has a high cure rate. The bad news is that over 7,300 people die each year.

The 49-year old Friedman is optimistic. One year later, he feels great and is as active as ever. His malignant melanoma has not recurred, he does frequent self-examinations, and sees his dermatologist every three months for a thorough exam. The good news about skin cancer is that it presents itself in the most obvious place, unlike other "silent killers" like diabetes or high blood pressure. "Once you become aware of a predisposition to the disease, you can keep it in check. My actions got results and I feel more empowered and optimistic. I can control my own destiny, and by working with my dermatologist, I intend to stay on top of it," he said.

He has made some small re-adjustments in his life. For example, instead of playing tennis at noon, he will play at three or four in the afternoon. Sunscreen is part of his routine, and whenever he's outside, whether he's rollerblading to and from work in New York, fly-fishing or playing roller-basketball, he's wearing his trademark white hat. In addition, he keeps himself covered at all times.

"This has been a great lesson for me. In general, people know the right things to do, but changing behaviors is difficult. I feel good that I have been able to help others to take responsibility for themselves. By practicing what I preach, I saved my life. Perhaps Rod Friedman's story can help save yours."

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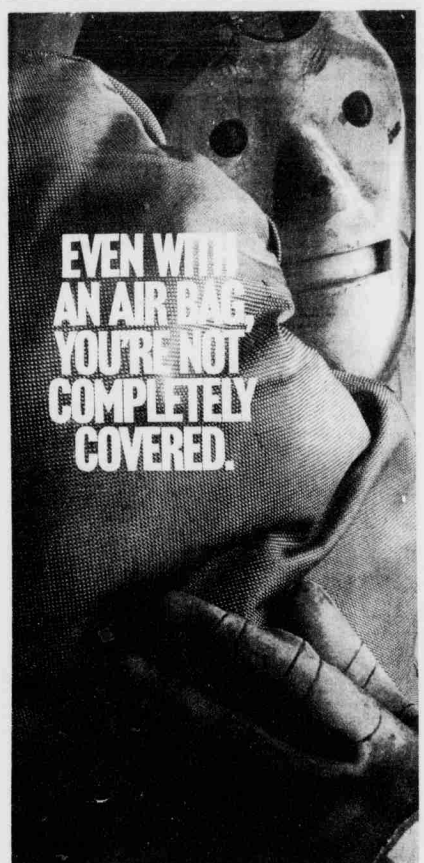
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