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## Book soaking



A student looks at books that were recently doused for a preservation workshop.

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## Ghosts, ghouls and goblins: a Halloween special

Scared something's under your bed? No need to worry.

LEA DELICIO  
Assistant News Editor

For all the believers this Halloween who think "the truth is out there," the truth is your beliefs may be misplaced.

So says John Hubisz, a visiting professor of physics at N.C. State, who uses science in his classes to disprove supernatural theories.

That old house in the neighborhood that everyone says is haunted isn't haunted at all, Hubisz says the so-called "footsteps in the attic" are actually the floorboards contracting at night after having expanded due to heat in the house during the day.

Ghosts are easily explained away by drafts and settling in old houses, Hubisz said. If the floor is not level in an old house due to years of settling and shifting, a ball might roll across the floor all by itself. On a windy night, a breeze might blow through a drafty

house, causing the curtains to move or noises to be heard. Hubisz said people simply do not recognize these factors if they do not know what they are looking for. So people come up with alternate explanations.

"The mind likes to create order out of chaos," Hubisz said.

Hubisz recalled one time when he was called to investigate a "haunted house." The people were hearing voices in one room of the house. Hubisz discovered that when he

opened the windows, the voices stopped. The answer turned out to be related to a band practicing their music almost three-quarters of a mile away.

"Whenever there is noise in a room, everything responds," Hubisz said. The room was acting like a sound box for the noise from the band. Objects in the room, especially the windows, vibrate at certain frequencies when noise is made. The "voices" were these vibrations resounding in the room every time the band



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Alas, Casper, the friendly ghost, does not exist.

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## Council looks at repeat policy

The first-year course-repeat policy comes under review.

PHILLIP REESE  
News Editor

As thousands of high school students decide whether or not to attend N.C. State, an NCSU committee is deciding whether or not to endorse a policy that could profoundly affect incoming freshmen.

The University Council on Academic Policy and Procedure (UCAPP), comprised of deans from NCSU's eight colleges and key administrative officials, is currently discussing a proposal to keep the first-year course-repeat without penalty policy in place for another three years. If no action is taken by the committee, the policy will die after the spring semester.

The policy first came up at a UCAPP meeting last month. At that time, it seemed likely that the council would simply endorse an extension of the policy. After all, both the Faculty Senate and the

Student Senate passed resolutions in favor of extending the policy prior to the UCAPP meeting.

But many of the deans on the committee reacted negatively to the extension proposal, becoming "quite upset" when the idea of extending the policy was suggested, said vice chancellor and council member Tom Stafford.

### Just the facts

What many people on the committee are upset about is a lack of data about the effects of the policy.

"We've got to look at this from an objective viewpoint. Right now we're only seeing it subjectively," said council member and Dean of the College of Textiles Robert Barnhardt. "I don't remember seeing any facts. So how do I vote?"

Committee member and Dean of the College of Humanities and Social Sciences, Margaret Zahn, also said more

data regarding the policy is needed.

"I think it doesn't make any sense to extend it unless we have some way of evaluating it," Zahn said. "I don't know if this is a successful policy or not."

But fresh data cannot be used to determine the policy's effects until many of the students who took advantage of the two-and-a-half-year-old policy graduate, associate registrar Sherwood Bryant said. "We really don't know what's been happening with that new group of students because we haven't had time to judge the policy's impact on their career," he said. "If the decision is going to be based on data analysis, it's premature to make the decision."

According to Bryant, statistics regarding the policy's effects on student graduation rates and overall GPAs cannot be gathered until around 2001, when many of those who took advantage of the policy will receive their degrees.

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## NCSU opens research center

A new Engineering Graduate Research Center marks the beginning of the move by the College of Engineering to Centennial Campus.

LYNN ALLEN  
Staff Writer

N.C. State has big plans for its College of Engineering.

The opening of the brand-new Engineering Graduate Research Center (EGRC) on Centennial Campus will provide the College of Engineering with better facilities to work in, as well as hands-on research opportunities for students.

This new addition on Centennial Campus is dedicated to graduate education and research. There are four departments within the complex: electrical, computer science, civil and materials

engineering. Students and faculty will now be able to do much-needed research there.

The center will expand opportunities for the industry of engineering, said John Gilligan, the associate dean of graduate education and research.

The goal of NCSU is to move the entire College of Engineering to Centennial Campus in the next 15 to 20 years, which will allow easier access to state-of-the-art technology for the advancement of engineering, Gilligan said.

"It's a new philosophy," he added. "We want to integrate new research areas with graduate education and industry."

However, Gilligan said the project is still far from complete.

"We need about three or four more buildings the size of this one to complete the movement



The Engineering Graduate Research Center.

SHEN TIBBOUTT/STAFF

of the department to Centennial Campus. With adequate funding and good transportation, this dream can become a reality. We believe that, out there, the engineering department can expand to as

far as is necessary to satisfy the demand of engineers in this country."

The complex houses a total of 20 research centers. Within

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## Club earns tons of cash at fair

Food Science Club makes ice cream, fun, \$40,000.

FRANCESCA CARPENTER  
Staff Writer

Once again at the N.C. State Fair, the N.C. State Food Science Club sold numerous flavors of ice cream at its dairy bar, raising nearly \$40,000.

The ice cream is made in the basement of the food science department's dairy building. This annual fundraiser serves as the club's main source of income. The profits from the fundraiser are used to fund scholarships for food science

majors for the costs of operating the club and to fund trips to professional conferences. The club's ice cream can only be found on campus or at the fair.

When fair time arrives, people line up at the booth. Susan Hamilton, a graduate student in the club, reported that the fastest selling flavors were mint chocolate chip, chocolate, butter almond and cookies and cream.

All of the ice cream is mass-produced to ensure its freshness and exceptional quality.

"The reputation of the ice cream sells itself," said Paige

Jordan, president of the club.

To increase its popularity, the club used clever advertising techniques: a walking billboard handing out coupons, a web site on city search and a member of the club dressed as a cow.

Erica Balmor, dairy bar co-chair, reported that despite low fair attendance due to bad weather, people did not stop lining up at the booth.

"The quality of the ice cream produces a strong market for the university," said Balmor.

Scoping ice cream is not a natural talent; a lot of practice is needed in order to get the perfect tone. In anticipation of

the fair, club members were given a scooping lesson. The average-sized cone is three large scoops.

"Most people are shocked when they see the size of the cone," Jordan said.

Part of the ice cream's charm is its low price. Fairgoers look forward to the high quality that goes along with the low cost. The ice cream has become an old favorite and a first stop for fairgoers.

The club has 80 active members who aid in the selling and marketing of ice cream.

## Friday IN BRIEF



### SPEAK OUT! for women's concerns

The Council on the Status of Women will sponsor SPEAK OUT! For Women's Concerns. The meeting will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 13 in Caldwell Lounge.

Chancellor Larry Monteith and Provost Phillip Stiles will attend from noon to 1 p.m.

If you have concerns but will not be able to attend, you are urged to contact Cathy Zimmer at 515-9028.

You may also write your concerns on forms that are available at the Women's Center in B-19 Nelson Hall.

Anyone having written concerns should know these will be read anonymously during the event.

The SPEAK OUT! has become somewhat of a tradition, as this meeting marks at least the second time in a year a meeting at which the chancellor has spoken to women about women.

### Doctoral fellowships now available

The EPA STAR Fellowship is open to master's and doctoral students in environmentally related fields of study. Applicants must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents; the deadline is Nov. 14.

The Department of Defense National Defense Science and Engineering Graduate Fellowship is open to U.S. citizens who are at or near the beginning of their graduate study and who are pursuing a doctorate in mathematical, physical, biological, oceanic or engineering disciplines; the deadline is Jan. 21.

The U.S. Department of Energy Computational Science Fellowship supports graduate students in applied sciences or engineering disciplines with applications in high-performance computing. The program is open to U.S. citizens and permanent residents in their first or second year of doctoral study; the deadline is Jan. 28.

For more information, contact David Shafer in the Graduate School at 515-4462.

### School of Design to host pumpkin contest

Some of North Carolina's most creative designers will unleash their talents on a seasonal tradition — carving Halloween jack-o'-lanterns — during the annual pumpkin decorating contest at 5 p.m. Friday, Oct. 31, at N.C. State's School of Design.

The contest will take place in the School of Design courtyard between Brooks and Kamphoefner Halls on Pullen Road.

The public is invited to view the carving contest.

The contest is open to School of Design students on a first-come, first-served basis. The jack-o'-lanterns will be displayed at the School of Design Friday and Saturday nights at the annual student "Halloween Bash Celebration." The bash itself begins Saturday at 9 p.m. in the School of Design courtyard.

The School of Design is located at the northern end of main campus.

## OUTSIDE

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## Freaks find company, solace every Friday night

■ The Rialto offers the Halloween spirit every Friday night.

J. MILES LAYTON  
Special to Technician

One of the last legitimate forms of rebellion is the "Rocky Horror Picture Show," which still promises a late night to remember. Shown every Friday at 11:30 p.m. in the Rialto Theatre, the movie features a blend of cinematic thrill with audience participation. Debuting in 1975, the film was based on a play that paid homage to horror films. Although it may have bombed at the theater, it has a cult-like following that hasn't been reproduced by any movie.

The crowd that frequents the show is not the mainstream element seen in Hallmark commercials, but a truly diverse set of moviegoers. Many are dressed in black or leather with piercings to accessorize their gothic wardrobe. Scattered throughout the "Goth" set are the young, the curious, the normal, the different, the sane, and the insane. Chris Jones, a cast member for over six years and master of ceremonies, said this is a place for everyone.

"We get all sorts of people here ranging from the 'Goth' and 'punk' set to even a few frat boys," Jones said. "Every now and then, we get a few mainstream members in our audience. There's a part of them that goes along with the flow, but there's that small part of them that rebels and this is the place for it."

Unlike other cult classics, the true strength of the picture rests solely on the audience for merit. Seen in the privacy of an air-conditioned living room, remote in hand, the movie loses its appeal. The true element of the movie is that it prompts performance by an audience that won't freeze frames.

Robin Borsos, a regular cast member for seven years, said that people have a lot of misconceptions about the show.

"The show spells rebellion and mostly people that haven't been there don't understand 'Rocky,'" Borsos said. "They make a lot of

assumptions about homosexuality, sex and drugs."

A quickening pace highlights the movie as first timers, aptly called "virgins," are singled out before the movie begins.

Virgin Gina Rose was apprehensive about the experience. She had heard about the show from high school and didn't know what to expect.

"I knew everything was going to be wild and unpredictable but I went anyway," Rose said. "I was curious. I had heard all these stories about 'The Rocky Horror Picture Show' and decided I wanted to see what was up."

Fear of the unknown greets these mortals as they brace for their first experience into the magic of rebellion. These young virgins are taught to pelvic thrust to a dance called the Time Warp and told to fear not by a cast and crew stealthily intermingled in the shadows.

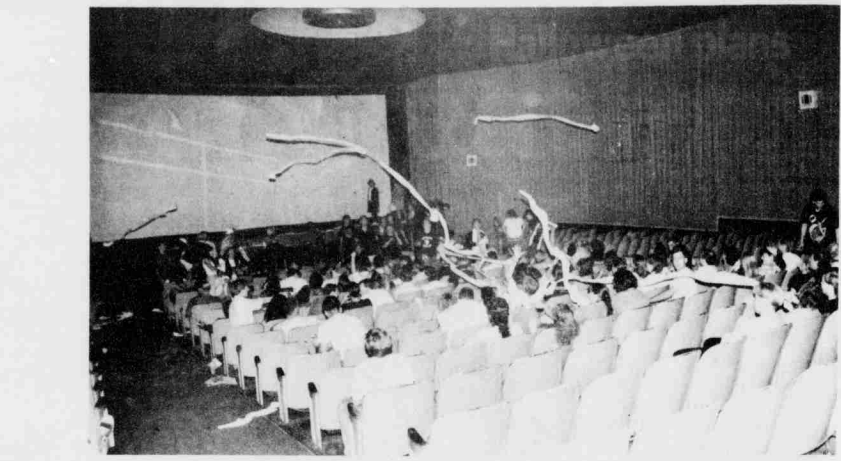
The credits roll and the movie starts. In time with the scenes, the crowd shouts obscenities and crude jokes while actors around and on stage mimic the roles of transsexual transvestites, the strange, the weird and the downright insane. Lingerie, fishnet stockings and bustiers bring back the faithful every week with new recruits.

N.C. State junior David Mumford has no problem with wearing homemade lingerie and fishnet stockings as Dr. Frank N. Furter, a transvestite from transsexual Transylvania (played by Tim Curry in the movie).

"It's a good way to relieve stress," Mumford said. "To get my attention fix, I throw off the cape and there I am in lingerie, with people yelling and screaming in the audience."

"Fishnet stockings are cool to wear just because it is not something that a guy wears everyday."

Ritual obscenities and other comments greet each character on the big screen and in front. Just when the mind begins to relax, showers of rain, rice, playing cards, and rolls of toilet paper stream



The audience at the Rialto exposes its inner self at a past showing of "The Rocky Horror Picture Show."

across the theatre. The initiated come prepared with props that rain down excited confusion in the dark.

The ease the audience feels is contagious.

Sherri Brown, a NCSU junior in chemistry, said this is a liberating atmosphere.

"I feel comfortable in lingerie on stage, which is something having to do with the atmosphere," she said. "The theatre is a place where people can go and be themselves. People of all kinds are at home."

adults can throw off their chains and scantily run around the Rialto. Sure it is not the Dollhouse, but where else can anyone take their clothes off with total strangers for a mere \$4?

The thrills, cheap and many, are a way of life for the cast and crew of this production. Many come to see friends and make new ones with each show. What keeps the regulars coming back is a sense of community.

"Most of us don't go to see the movie," said Borsos who is one of the founding cast members. "It's like a class reunion every week."

Jones, who also plays an integral part as technical director, said the cast is very close.

"When you spend every Friday night with the same group of

people, you get very close to them," Jones said.

Many of the cast members recall their first experience with the show. Mumford has been involved with the show for three years. His first exposure to the show was at Halloween.

"I was a freshman in college and a friend of mine drove me to the Rialto," he said. "It was the ability for everyone in the theatre to completely let go and be as crazy as they wanted which kept me coming back."

Borsos first got interested in the show in high school. Someone she was dating at the time brought her to a show and she has been hooked ever since.

"I was dating this guy who was into 'Rocky,'" said Borsos, a

graduate psychology student at UNC-Greensboro. "I didn't really fit in back in high school, and this was a change. I liked it and got involved."

Brown, who is an understudy for a key role, got hooked from the video tape.

"I met someone from California that got me interested in it," she said. "I rented the video completely ignorant of what was going to happen. I had no idea what was going to happen, but I loved it the first time I saw it."

"I didn't understand it at first, but I saw four times that first night."

Involvement in the show is what has kept it alive over the years. The cast puts in a lot of work to make

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## Scary fun

■ Trick or Treat at the Governor's Mansion this Halloween.

Halloween Staff Report

Ghosts, goblins and children of all ages are invited to trick-or-treat at the Governor's Mansion on Halloween night if they dare.

The iron gates to the Queen Anne Victorian Cottage style Mansion will open at 6 p.m. But make sure you're on time, because those gates clang shut at 8 p.m. Treats will be handed out on the front porch by Dracula, the Grim Reaper, Frankenstein, the Executioner, a Headless man and many other ghastly creatures. Trick-or-treaters should also beware... the ghost of Gov. Daniel Fowle is said to still wonder the halls of the 106-year-old mansion.

Fowle was the first governor to live in the Executive Mansion after its completion in 1891. Fowle was extremely eager to move into his new home — he even brought some of his own furniture to make up the deficit in the mansion (because the mansion has nearly 40,000 square feet, it took many years before it was fully furnished).

Unfortunately, Fowle's term in office was cut short by his sudden death on April 7, 1891, only three months after he had moved into the mansion. Some of his furniture remained at the mansion for future governors and their families to enjoy — including the master bedroom furniture.

While many governors who followed Fowle used his bedroom furniture, others brought their own and stored Fowle's in the attic. As legend has it, Gov. Fowle's ghost becomes very angry when his furniture is not used. It is even said you can hear him banging the attic walls and stomping heavily across the attic floors.

However, guests can relax during the visit to the Executive Mansion. Gov. James Hunt and his wife have always used Gov. Fowle's bedroom furniture.



## Have a safe Halloween

■ Halloween is here... make it safe as well as fun.

Halloween Staff Report

Each year, with the looming of the harvest moon through the damp autumn mist, an ancient yet merry tradition unfolds for children throughout the land. So strong and enduring is this custom, that it still beckons children from their warm, cheery homes — sacks in hand — and sends them out into the night, slipping from door to door, seeking treats from kindly neighbors.

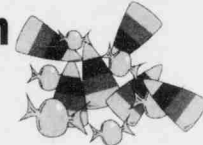
In centuries past, this custom, born before Christianity came to northern Europe, took costumed children along winding paths where shadows seeped and crawled, where goblins lurked behind the black trunks of trees and owls hooted their warnings from barren canopies overhead. Sometimes, if the wind

howled just right, a nasty troll would seem to stir beneath a bridge, knocking on the planks above and threatening to eat the owners of the pattering feet and the gangle of giggles that had awakened him from his sleep.

Halloween will keep its ancient appointment once again, and with it will come the costumes, candy, makeup and merriment that has delighted trick-or-treating children throughout the ages.

A child development specialist at N.C. State offers Halloween safety tips to help parents ensure that the ghosts, goblins and trolls that frolic through children's imaginations remain where they belong...in the imagination.

"Halloween has always held a special place in the hearts of children," said Karen DeBord, a child development specialist in the N.C. Cooperative Extension Service.



"It's a time of venturing forth, of eating special treats, of dressing up and pretending to be a cartoon character, an action figure or a blending of those. But Halloween can also present some increased risks, especially for children trick-or-treating. If parents take certain prudent precautions, this holiday can be fun, inexpensive and above all, safe."

DeBord offers several tips for a safe and enjoyable Halloween. Adults should be on hand to supervise, especially during trick-or-treating. Parents should make sure costumes allow for visibility, are flame-retardant and don't drag on the ground, which could cause a

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## Students make Halloween plans

Q: What are you going to do for Halloween?

"I brought candy for the kids to trick or treat in my dorm [Alexander]." —Frans Koec, a graduate student in physics.

"I'm dressing up and going to Franklin Street to meet a lot of my friends and have a good time." —Heather McGauvran, a freshman in First Year College.

"I'm going to Chapel Hill and going to party." —David Schoolfield, a freshman in First Year College.

"I'm going to Chapel Hill to see two good friends and crash there. I'm dressing up as a pirate." —

Christian Garrett, a freshman in statistics.

"It's my mother's birthday, so I'm going home to help her trick-or-treat with my little brother. I'm going out and getting candy for myself, too." —Alisha McCorkle, a freshman in biological life sciences.

"I gotta work tomorrow night, I've out-grew the tradition. But I would love to go to Chapel Hill or ECU." —Jeff Barnes, a junior in agriculture education.

"I'm going to be at the YMCA with the kids. They're having a fall festival, and all the kids come to the YMCA and hang out all night." —Titus Hopper, a senior in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences.

## Bash comes to NCSU

■ Gotta go bash in time...

KELLY MARKS  
Mistress of Features

Who says Halloween has to end Oct. 31? The N.C. State School of Design wants to keep the festivities going all weekend long with its annual S.O.D. Halloween Bash.

The Bash, a tradition more than 15 years, is poised to take over East Campus this Saturday, Nov. 1. From 9 p.m. until 2 a.m., the "Pit," located between the Brooks Courtyard and Kamphoefner Auditorium, will be a sea of activity, overrun with decorations, blaring with the music of four live bands, and teeming with some pretty creatively costumed individuals.

This year's theme, "Bash to the

Future," helps to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the school while also lending itself to all sorts of monstrously mechanical and fantastically futuristic ornamentation. Students within the School of Design, in conjunction with the Design Council, have been sketching, constructing, and spray painting for the past few weeks in preparation for the big night.

Many students have also been laboring over their costumes as well. In the past, costumes for the Bash have even been assigned studio projects. The Bash is known for its elaborate costumes and there are prizes awarded for the most creative of individuals. The prize for first place is \$50, second is \$20, and \$10 for third.

In addition to all of the eye candy,

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# Sports

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## Men's soccer edges out UNC-W

■ The Pack wins a close one in Wilmington.

Sports Staff Report

Senior defender Jaman Tripoli headed in a free kick from Pablo Mastroeni late in the second half to put away the Seahawks of UNC-Wilmington Wednesday night at the UNC-W Soccer Stadium.

State, currently ranked ninth by Umbro and the NSCAA, advanced its record to 11-4-0 overall. UNC-W dropped to 6-11-0.

The Pack scored the first goal early on in the match, a Chris Welling strike past Adrian Powell at the 15:42.

But the Seahawks would come back. Sophomore Ahmed El Rafef struck less than four minutes later to even the score at one apiece. He took a pass from Mike Elovaaara into the box and recorded his fifth goal of the season at the 18:50 mark.

The half would end that way, knotted at one-all. It wouldn't stay that way for long, however, as the Seahawks took their first lead of the game just over five minutes into the second period. After having a shot deflected by Pack goalkeeper Dan Alexander, UNC-W's Vaughn Reynolds followed the shot and placed it into the left side of the net.

The Hawks, smelling upset by that point, held up their 2-1 lead until late in the match. But State, not seeing things the same way, fought back to preserve their ninth-place ranking. Mastroeni followed up a

Welling strike that hit the right post to punch in the Pack's tying goal at the 52:56 mark. Tripoli secured the win 20 minutes later at the 73:49 mark.

The Pack's next challenge will be Sunday's match-up with UNC-Charlotte.

The 49ers have been ranked in the top 20 in the nation this season, although they have dropped out of the rankings in recent weeks.

The Niners have been led by senior Mathys Barker and junior Christian Lund, who played a big role in Charlotte's 6-2 win over Campbell last week.

The win was the team's fourth in five games; the scoring output pushed the 49ers totals to 21 goals in the last seven games.

A loss to Cincinnati, 2-1 in overtime, prior to the Campbell match-up, broke a three game win streak.

Keeper Brad Thomas is among the leaders in Conference USA, where Charlotte stands in fifth position with a 4-4-0 record, with a 1.23 goals against average in 16 game this year.

The 49ers are overall 9-5-2; they pushed last season's meeting with the Wolfpack into overtime.

The Pack won the 1996 meeting at Method Road Soccer Stadium, 3-2.

State leads the all-time series, 8-1, with a loss in 1991, 2-0 in Charlotte.

The No. 18 ranked Wolfpack will return to Method Road on Wednesday for a 2:30 p.m. game with the Gamecocks from the University of South Carolina.



Coach Kay Yow (center) lays it all out for the press at the Pack's annual media day.

## Their biggest challenge

■ The Pack faces a tough Florida State team this Saturday.

JAMES CURLE  
Assistant Sports Editor

Two months ago, N.C. State was sitting pretty. Now they're sitting ducks for one of the toughest teams in the country, Florida State. The Seminoles look to bring their big guns — namely quarterback Thad Busby and receiver Peter Warrick — to bear down on the Wolfpack as they head to Tallahassee this Saturday.

Perhaps on Sept. 1, State's chances of an upset against Bobby Bowden's troops would have been a bit more realistic. Their win over then-13th-ranked Syracuse in the Orangebome the day before had the sports world buzzing about the revitalized Pack, and their 45-14 victory against the Duke Blue Devils a week later added even more fuel to the fire in Raleigh.

But State's good fortunes wouldn't last much longer. In their home opener, NCSU lost a hard-fought battle to Clemson in the final seconds of the game on a Matt Burdick field goal. They defeated the worst team in Division I-A football, Northern Illinois, a week later, though not very convincingly. And less than a week later they dropped their second ACC game of the season, a 19-18 heartbreaker on national television against Wake Forest.

Those three games started a skid that's resulted in four losses, including the last three, and knocked the Pack back down near the bottom of the ACC standings.

Now State must regroup after their tough loss to UNC-Chapel Hill two weeks ago to face another top-five team, fresh off their manhandling of Virginia.

And if facing Florida State isn't a tough enough task, they must do so with a squad of banged-up players, still aching from the Carolina game.

"I think we've got some people somewhat healed up and ready to play," N.C. State coach Mike O'Cam said. "Duan Everett having the week off really helped him. Hassan Shamsi-Deen's hamstring isn't quite one hundred percent, but he's very close to playing. Rodney Redd's (sprained) elbow, you know, he's ready to play."



Fullback Carlos King runs for tough yardage.

We're kind of a banged and battered football team right now."

If you're the coach of the Wolfpack football team, that's the last thing you want heading into Tallahassee.

In order for the Pack to pull off the miracle, both the offense and defense must perform flawlessly. That has been a problem in recent weeks, especially on the offensive handling of the ball.

After a strong start this season, quarterback Jaime Barnette has had problems with his control under pressure. The number of interceptions thrown by the sophomore quarterback (7) nearly matches his total of passing touchdowns (8). But his favorite target and roommate, Torry Holt, is averaging over 17 yards a reception, has eight touchdowns and over 20 more catches than the next receiver on the squad. If the battery of Barnette and Holt can get hot, then State has the potential to put some points on the board.

One of the biggest weapons for the Pack this year has been the rushing of tailback Tremayne Stephens. The senior from Greer, S.C., notched his 14th 100-yard game against Georgia Tech three weeks ago and, with 3030 yards, is currently third for career yardage for a

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## Tip off is near

■ The men's basketball season officially gets underway this Saturday against Marathon.

JAMES CURLE  
Assistant Sports Editor

It's been a long year.

For the first time since March 17, Herb Sendek and his men's basketball team will take the court in Reynolds Coliseum as the Pack plays its first exhibition game of the season tomorrow night.

State will tip off against the team from Marathon at 8 p.m.

For Wolfpack fans on campus and across the country, this will probably be the most anticipated exhibition game in the history of State basketball.

The reason? One need look no further than the Pack's performance in last year's ACC tournament to find out why.

After several back-to-back mediocre seasons, Pack basketball came alive at the end of last season. Despite the fact that State knocked off Georgia Tech in its first game of the tourney, few if any basketball fans across the league gave the Pack much of a chance facing Duke in the second round.

But Sendek and his "Iron Five" outlasted the league champion Blue Devils with inspired play and a stingy defense. As a stunned Duke team walked off the court, losers of a 66-60 contest, State found its way onto the third round of the tourney.

For many fans, that would have been enough, but the Pack wasn't done, and knocked off Maryland en route to the ACC Championship game.

While they lost to Carolina, State players had opened the eyes of the basketball community.

The Pack ended up with a 17-15 record last year, the first winning record for the Boys in Red since 1991 and whetted the appetites of Pack fans everywhere.

Well, first up on the menu for the Pack is the team from Marathon. In culinary terms, Marathon can only be viewed as an appetizer, and a half-priced app. at that.

That should provide coach Sendek the opportunity to field some of his freshmen players that received so much hype over the offseason.

Heading that list is the first 10 inches Ron Kelley. He's a former player from Emory, Tex., was ranked as the 37th best recruit in

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The men's soccer team defeated UNC-W Wednesday night.

## Pack readies for Florida

■ Following a crucial win for the Pack volleyball team, State must keep the ball rolling in the Citrus State.

RYAN KELLEGG  
Staff Writer

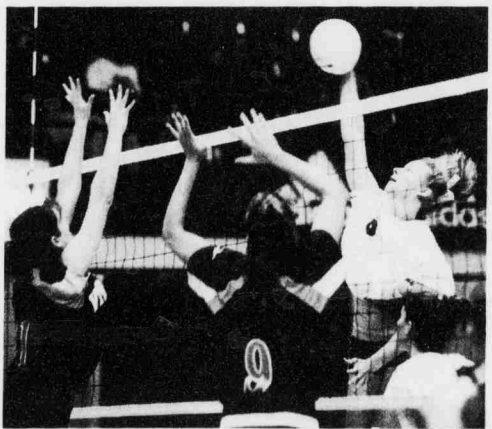
Beating the Tar Heels can do wonders for any athletic program at N.C. State.

Just ask the Wolfpack volleyball team after their 3-2 victory at Chapel Hill Tuesday night.

"A win against Carolina just does a lot to lift your spirits; makes you feel like you're doing the right thing," commented Head Coach Kim Hall, who received numerous congratulations from her colleagues in the athletic department Wednesday morning.

"We always knew we could do it. Now we have the proof," added senior Amy Lemerhan.

For Hall and the players on the team, doing something right has been a somewhat sporadic thing this year. With an 8-18 record, 2-9 in the ACC, the team needed a big boost to get rolling in the right direction. Luckily, the win against UNC-CH might just be the thing to get things moving as the Pack heads into a tough match against Florida State. The road matches of FSU and Florida A&M this weekend will be a test of how effectively the team continues its journey of self-improvement, a theme stressed by



Kaitlin Robinson of the Wolfpack volleyball team sticks it to UVa.

both coaches and players.

"Our goal from the beginning was to get better every game," said Lemerhan. "We can do everything as well as anybody else in the conference or in the nation. We just need to bring it all together."

Bringing it together has been a task in itself with injuries and disciplinary holdouts hurting the team at inappropriate times.

Still, Hall feels the promise shown by the team is proof of good things to come.

"We've lost a lot of close matches so our record is not indicative of the type of team we are," Hall said.

A key to their improvement is better

execution, both through their serving and strategy on offense. Coach Hall stressed that taking the lessons learned in victories and doubling those efforts will be crucial to continuing the team's newfound success.

Saturday's match against Florida State (19-5, 6-4 ACC) will be a tough test, though, for the renewed Pack.

Having won the last 3 matches, the Seminoles are looking to keep up their streak in this weekend's homecoming match in Tallahassee. State's last match with FSU resulted in a 3-0 waxing (15-5, 15-8, 15-3) back on September 27th.

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## Wolfpack notes

■ Earth, water and fire in the broadcast booth

Sports Staff Report

Women's soccer team downs Davidson

The Wolfpack women's soccer team finished its schedule in style as it easily knocked out the Davidson Wildcats 4-1 last night.

The Pack out-shot the Wildcats 21-8 throughout the game and held Davidson scoreless throughout the first period. Jane Walton, a senior from Nova Scotia, scored the Pack's first game of the season. It came at the 9:17 mark off the assist from Stacey Hampton.

Hampton got in on the scoring action late in the first period. With less than a minute left in the first half, Hampton scored just out of the right-side of the box at the 44:23 mark.

Shannon Tully added the third Pack goal less than a minute into the second period off of an assist from, who else, Hampton. The goal at the 45:59 mark put the Pack up 3-0 and put the game out of reach for the Wildcats.

Davidson got on the board late in the match on an unassisted goal from Leila Wormuth. Coming at the 73:11 mark, it would be the only score for the Wildcats.

Jennifer Marsh added insult to injury at the 86:12 mark, scoring off an assist from co-captain Megan Jedy.

The Pack improved their overall record to 9-10.

Wolfpack Swimmers, Divers sweep Blue Devils

State's swimming and diving teams downed Duke Wednesday at the Willis Casey Aquatic Center in their first dual-meet of the season.

Both the men's and women's teams were victorious against the Blue Devils.

The Pack women won 155-81 behind the strong swimming of Susan Vogt and Brandi Stiergon. Both freshmen, they both captured first place in their respective events. Vogt won the 1,000 meter freestyle event with a time of 10:33.78, while took two of the shorter events — the 50 meter freestyle with a time of 25:06 and the 100 meter freestyle with a time of 54:61.

The men handed Duke an even stronger defeat than the women, stomping the Blue Devils 162-74. And like the women, State relied on the strong swimming of their freshmen class. Coming up big for the Pack, winning two events, was freshman Ragan Williams from Shreveport, La. He took the 1,000 meter freestyle in a time of 9:39.67 and the 500 meter in 4:43.84.

For the Pack divers, Duke presented very a minor challenge, if any. The Pack took the top three spots in both the men's and women's one-meter and three-meter competitions.

In the men's events, the Pack finished Andy Johnson, Kevin Cuts and Brendon Firestone one-two-three, respectively, in the one-meter event. In the three-meter, State also swept the top three spots with the aforementioned divers finishing in that order.

The women's team was just as fortunate, winning the one-meter and three-meter competitions as well.

In the one-meter, the finishing order for the Pack was Kelley Melton in first, Marica McKeel in second and Shelly Cavaliere in third. The finishing order flip-flopped in the three-meter, with Cavaliere taking first, McKeel second and Melton third.

Fire on the radio waves

The Wolfpack's all-time steals and assists leader Chris Corchiani will be joining Gary

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# Policy

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But that does not mean no data are available. A large amount of data about the old course repeat policy, which allowed all students, rather than just first year students, to repeat courses, have already been collected.

The old data, which was gathered in 1993, showed that, on average, students who graduated between 1989 and 1993 with GPAs higher than a 3.0 failed one or more classes during their stay at NCSU more often than students who graduated before the policy was initiated. That discrepancy suggests that more students deliberately failed courses,

knowing they could take them again without penalty.

But the 1993 study also showed that graduation rates tended to rise when the course-repeat policy was in place.

"Most students weren't just delaying the inevitable," Bryant said.

Perhaps most important to the discussion of the policy's fate is that, according to Bryant, a study of the new system would probably show the same results as the old study.

"My prediction is that if we did a study three years from now we would probably find the same sorts of answers," he said.

### Praising the policy

Many UCAPP members have already decided to vote for an

extension of the policy, claiming that it offers students a deserved second chance.

"I don't want to have a student not have the opportunity to repeat," said council member and Dean of the College of Education and Psychology Joan Michael. "That would be taking the net out before we fix what needs fixing."

According to Michael, many first-year students at NCSU male trouble keeping their grades up while they learn to adjust to college life. These students should be allowed to correct mistakes made during a transitional period, she said.

Council member and Dean of the School of Design Marvin Malecha agrees, saying the policy helps more than it hurts.

"I don't see the policy as some sort of major disaster," he said. "I don't think we should be so rigid

that we can't be flexible about this."

Malecha said he recognizes that the policy is sometimes abused, but he says the amount of abuse the policy receives does not justify abandoning it.

"For every policy there is abuse," he said. "I don't think we can make a policy that can't be beaten."

Harriet Griffin, the chair of the faculty senate committee, which initially endorsed extending the policy, said killing the policy now would be premature.

"Until you have an entire group go through, you can't judge it effectively," Griffin's committee recommended keeping the policy in place another three years, which would let many students who took the policy graduate.

Student Body President Chad Myers also feels the policy should

be kept in place.

"They are going to be hard-pressed to come up with another way to ease the transition between high school and colleges," he said.

### What happens next?

According to vice provost for academic affairs Frank Abrams, a UCAPP subcommittee will be set up to examine the first year course-repeat policy and make a recommendation concerning whether or not the policy should be extended.

Abrams said he cannot predict what the subcommittee will recommend.

"They asked for information and I wouldn't want to speculate on that," he said.

Abrams said the council's decision to review the policy

carefully is in everyone's best interests.

"It's a healthy thing," he said. "The people in each college are basically saying 'wait a minute.'"

It has not yet been determined who will serve on the subcommittee, Abrams said.

If the policy's fate is not decided soon, many incoming freshmen will be in the dark about their academic options as they enter their classes. To avoid that outcome, Abrams said the council would reach a decision as soon as possible.

"It needs to be decided before the class enters this fall," Abrams said.

If the proposal to extend the policy gets past the council, it will go to the provost's desk for final approval, Abrams said.

# Pigskin Picks 1997

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the country last year by recruiting analyst Clark Francis, and should add some much-needed size underneath.

Another highly touted recruit for the Pack is 5 foot 9 inch Ryan "Archie" Miller. The younger brother of assistant coach Sean Miller, he adds an deadly shooting touch to the point guard position, and should also allow Justin Gainey to catch a breather every now and then.

While Pack stars C.C. Harrison and Ishua Benjamin won't see playing time for the entirety of the game, look for them to start the game and rack up some easy baskets.

The game tips off at 8 p.m. tomorrow night. Student admission is free with a valid student I.D. and fans will be admitted at the gates.

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Hahn and Garry Dornburg as part of the Pack's broadcast crew this season.

Alongside Rodney Monroe, he was known as "Fire" as part of the legendary backcourt duo "Fire and Ice" during the years of 1987-91.

He finished his career as the ACC's all-time steals leader with 328 and as the ACC's all-time assists leader with 1,038. He spent the past few years overseas, playing professionally, most recently in Spain, across Europe.

289 yards on just 51 carries. And what if the Pack can shut them down, as well?

They still have to get past the nation's toughest defense, which gives up fewer than 200 yards of total offense. Their front four on defense weighs just nine pounds less than their offensive line, and outweighs State's defensive line by 24 pounds.

So can the Pack beat the 'Noles? In the game of college football, people will tell you that anything can happen. But for State to pull off the upset, everything would have to fall in favor of the Pack, and very rarely does that ever happen. Just ask Syracuse.

Happy Halloween from the Technician Staff!!!!!!  
Have a good one!

# FSU

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"Anything you're on the road it's tough," said Coach Hall. "We've just got to take what we accomplished in Chapel Hill and improve on that."

FSU will be further strengthened this weekend with the return of their setter, Fiona Bolten.

Bolten in only her second game back from injury had a triple double, posting 10 kills, 65 assists and 20 digs against Clemson last Sunday.

Still the team feels that the lessons learned in the past are finally beginning to pay off.

"Since we've played everybody in the ACC a first time around we know what to expect. We have our second chance now," said outside hitter Laura Kimbrell, whose 32 kills and 19 digs were crucial in the UNC-CH victory.

Unlike FSU, Sunday's match against the newly formed Florida A&M program should be an easy win for the Pack, possibly the last such one for the season. Of NCSU's remaining eight games, six of them are against ACC opponents.

At this point, however, the team is more concerned with building momentum for the ACC

tournament and next season. If the Pack gets on a roll, then all bets are off according to Lernerman.

"We have been kind of inconsistent, but we've shown against every team that we can play as well as them," Lernerman said. "And I think the other teams know that so they might be kind of scared."

The Wolfpack volleyball team takes on FSU on Saturday at 6:30 p.m. and Florida A&M on Sunday at 2:00 p.m.

The Pack's next home match is Nov. 7 against Duke at 7:30 p.m. in Reynolds Coliseum. It is the first of a three-game home set for the Pack. Students will be admitted free of charge with a valid student ID.

Question: Why are the two best parties tonight being held on the campuses of our two biggest enemies?

Men's Basketball against Marathon: Game time is 8p.m. All seats will be general admission, and students will be admitted for free with student ID.

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Wolfpack rusher. With his performance against the Yellow Jackets, Stephens has successfully rushed for over a 100 yards against every team in the conference. He rushed for 114 yards on 18 carries against the Seminoles two years ago at Doak Stadium.

The major challenge that comes with playing the Seminoles is that they don't have a specific weakness that can be attacked. Their passing

game is one of the best in the country, currently ranked third. They average over 340 yards a game through the air behind the passing of Busby. His favorite targets, Warrick and senior E.G. Green, have 12 touchdowns with this season between the two of them, and as a team they average 14.7 yards per catch.

But even if State's secondary pulls off a major coup and can disrupt FSU's passing game, they still aren't out of the woods. Bobby's boys have a competent running game with their carries evenly spread out amongst three backs, headed by tailback Travis Minor. He has six touchdowns and

Technician Fun Fact #16: Tompkins Hall was the first textile building on campus. It was destroyed in a fire in 1914. David A. Tompkins was the architect of the building.

Herb's gonna be workin' his magic tomorrow night against those boys from Marathon.

Technician Fun Fact #8: Kamphoefner Hall is named after the first dean of the School of Design Henry L. Kamphoefner. It was formed from architectural engineering and landscape architecture.

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## Ladies sing out this Saturday

Ladies in Red to perform this weekend.

KELLY MARKS  
Features Editor

This Saturday, N.C. State's premiere female a cappella group, Ladies in Red, will be taking over Stewart Theatre for a special after-Halloween performance like no other. Sister group to NCSU's Grains of Time, these ladies are stepping into the spotlight for an evening at Center Stage.

The group has been a regular feature on campus since its founding in 1993. Until that point, The Grains of Time had been the only a cappella group at State. However, with the creation of the NCSU Women's Choir, an all-female a cappella group seemed a natural progression. Under the guiding hand of director Al Sturgis, the Ladies in Red were born.

Josanna Nelson, a sophomore in science with a pre-veterinary option, spoke about the group's upcoming performance and what to expect. "This year we have worked really hard on creating a new and diverse selection of music. It has been a challenge learning the new music, but we are confident that our performance will reflect our hard work."

The Ladies in Red arrange the majority of the music that they perform themselves. Each member suggests ideas for songs, and the group then listens to them, picks out individual parts, and works them into something that can be performed with only the voices of nine women. As Nelson said, "It is definitely not as easy as it sounds, and we work hard to make sure that our finished product sounds as good, if not better, than the original."

This Saturday's concert will be an hour-long mixed bag of musical treats. The group's repertoire spans a wide range of music, from top 40 to Broadway and country to classical. Past and present songs include "Manic Monday," "California



The Ladies in Red will perform at Stewart Theatre this Saturday at 8 p.m.

Dreamin'," "Closer to Fine," and appropriately enough, "Natural Woman." The song selection is a reflection on the differences between the individual members—differences that bring the group together while still providing a broad base to pull varied ideas from. "We have a range of voices, personalities and backgrounds, but we have become very close friends because we all share the love of music,"

said Nelson. The group is set to take the stage at 8 p.m. Tickets for the show are \$5 for the general public and \$2 for NCSU students. As Nelson said, the audience plays a significant role in the performance. "The more people in the audience, the more psyched up we get, so we invite anyone to attend."

## Conscience Corner



...With Anjelica and Deilyn

**Dear Conscience Corner,**  
I want to ask out a girl I work with, but I don't know how she feels about me. I hate to go through the office grapevine to get information. What should I do? Ask her out and look like an idiot when she turns me down? Or just suffer in silence?  
Signed, Jerk at Work

**Dear Jerk,**  
You'll never know unless you try. If the only thing holding you back is a fear of rejection, then by all means go for it. I realize that it can be an awkward situation in the office for both of you if she doesn't feel the same, but both of you should be mature individuals—mature enough, at least, to carry on civilly in the workplace.

No one likes the idea of being rejected, but it's a part of life that everyone must deal with at some point in time. Allowing this fear to govern your actions is both harmful to yourself and detrimental to your social life. There comes a point in time when everyone has to take a chance.

Also, don't feel as if you have to result to the "office grapevine" to get information. Be up front and honest with her. Why have someone else tell her what you can say yourself? Even if she does reject you, your valiant effort will earn much respect.

Should you be rejected, don't avoid her or be mean. Try to continue on as usual, if she will let you, and if she won't, move on. There are multitudes of aquatic animals swimmin' around out there, and some of them are looking for a bowl with a castle just like yours. Be patient and it will come.  
Anjelica

**Dear Jerk,**  
I say, don't go for it. Relationships at work will not work. I mean, think about all the terrible things that all your ex's have done to you. Now think of having to see that person everyday. No, not only seeing them, but having to work with them! Do you really want to deal with that? I think not. Besides, you probably

don't have anything to talk about outside of work, and you can't always just have sex in the boss's office. I say move on and out!  
Deilyn

**Dear Conscience Corner,**  
I have a friend who is always stealing my stuff. It's never anything important or of high value...like, she'll take fries from my plate at lunch or come over to my apartment and eat cookies when I leave the room. What I don't understand is that I would be more than glad to share...if she would just ask. But she tries to hide it, which just makes it worse. Should I say something to her?  
Signed, She's Stealing

**Dear Stealing,**  
Discuss this problem with her. It could be that she doesn't know how uncomfortable her constant "sharing" makes you. Differences in background, outlooks on life, or just simple philosophies could all be accountable for her actions. Chances are she comes from a home where everyone eats off of each other's plates and shares food. Or it could be one of those situations where family members are left to fend for themselves—he who hesitates, goes with an empty stomach.

I doubt your friend is acting out of spite or for some other such ulterior motive. As long as you tell her that her actions bother you, she should stop.

Should she take offense or continue to steal your food, then you can get defensive. I hate to suggest that you hide your food or safeguard it, but if that's what it takes, that's what it takes.  
Anjelica

**Dear Stealing,**  
Your friend is obviously a cheapskate who has been doing this for quite some time and is now embarrassed to keep asking if she can bum food, etc. off of you. So, she's resorted to stealing. Well, the next time she is over at your apartment, go hide in the bathroom. When she starts heading for the

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## Spades anyone?

Collegiate card championships to hit N.C. State.

Tech Too Staff Report

Do you play cards? Did you always secretly think you were the best card player in the family? If so, this would be a chance to prove it. This Saturday, Nov. 1, United States Playing Card Company, makers of the "Bicycle" brand decks, will be hosting their first annual "Wildcards Collegiate Card Championships" in conjunction with the V-Foundation here at N.C. State. The tournament will be held in the University Student Center Ballroom at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Registration is \$5 and is available through Ticket Center, 515-1100.

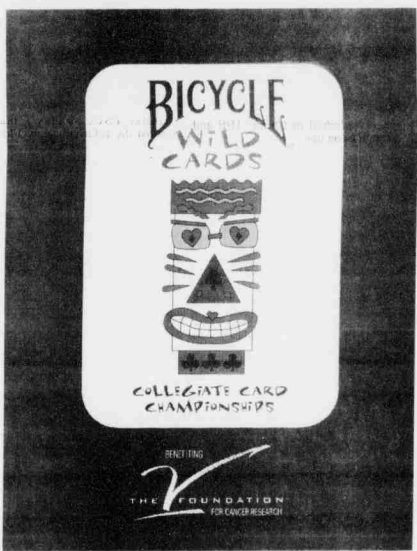
This is the first year of what will become an annual event nationwide. Participating in the Championships this year are NCSU, UNC-Chapel Hill, Wake Forest, Ohio State, Xavier and Cincinnati. In the coming years, it will involve all NCAA schools all over the country, and there will be a competition between schools just like the basketball tournament.

LaTisha Henry, chairperson of Leisure & Recreation Committee and the coordinator of this year's tournament, said, "This is going to be a big excitement. Next year we will get to see which school has what it takes to be declared the champs."

The registration entitles you to win a awesome spring break vacation, and everyone gets a "Big Box of Free Stuff" containing a T-shirt, a deck of original "Wildcard" playing cards, free samples and coupons from participating sponsors (crispy Crème, Manhattan Bagel, Hardees, Capital Creation, Kinko's and Blue Ridge Cinema are considering participation), etc. Half of the money generated goes to the V-Foundation, the nation's most profiled cancer research charity, and the other half goes back to the Union Activity Board to provide more activities for the students.

The games played at the tournament are Spades, Hearts, Euchre, Pinochle, Gin, and Rummy. There will be complimentary coffee and donuts throughout the tournament hours, provided by Krispy Kreme. You can play alone, or by pairs (the registration is per person). If you don't know the games, don't worry. There'll be numerous opportunities to learn at different locations throughout the week.

Jim Valvano, former N.C. State basketball coach and ESPN/ABC sports commentator, established the V-Foundation just a few short months before he lost his battle with cancer. Today, the Foundation nurtures the charisma and never-give-up spirit that made Valvano a well-known personality on college campuses across the country. The



Courtesy of United States Playing Card Company

goal is to have a presence on every college campus in America. More information on the foundation can be found at their website at [www.jimmyv.org](http://www.jimmyv.org).

So what are you waiting for? Get up and sharpen your skills now, and get ready to have some fun this Saturday! For more information, call 515-2451.

## Cottonville comes to Witherspoon

N.C. State professor exhibits his artwork in Witherspoon Student Center.

MEGAN RILEY  
Assistant Features Editor

The African-American Cultural Center is currently featuring the recent artworks of artist Charles Joyner until Nov. 21. "Cottonville: A Search for Cultural and Spiritual Realities," includes 16 multimedia works portraying images of the rural South.

Joyner teaches design and technology in the N.C. State School of Design. He has produced and exhibited his work throughout the United States during his 25-year university career. This is his first one-person show on campus.

His exhibit includes photographs and pictures set against various colors and patterns. Computer reprints shadow the photographs. He creates different moods with the shades of colors and varied placements of the pictures. The titles of the multimedia works use the dialogue of the South to capture the scene.

Together the works show the religious influence of the South. They tell a story of "Cottonville," a religious camp meeting that has been held since 1897. This is where 5,000 Southerners celebrate together with preaching, gospel music, and spiritual reunions. The works include snapshots of

people of all ages, with women gossiping, children eating candy apples, and sisters peering at something behind them. Joyner displays a reverent thinking, deacons conversing, and women cooking "soul food."

Close-ups of people catch a glimpse into their thoughts. The piece "Resting them Dogs" has a man sitting in the grass, contemplating the activities of the day. "You Go Girl" features a girl looking into the camera with attitude and confidence. "Miss Eva #3" grabs your attention, as the woman stares out of the picture into you.

Joyner's goal was to preserve the imagery of the festivals, a vital part of North Carolina's history. The collection reflects African-American behaviors in Southern farm life and religion.

The design school professor has also created the "Wall of Hope" mural at Mission Valley in Raleigh and a mural at N.C. Central University's Law School in Durham. He is currently working to expand the summer study abroad programs in Ghana, West Africa for design students.

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## How and where to celebrate your Halloween

### Cinema

**Campus Cinema,**  
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Friday, Oct. 31 "Face Off" at 6:30 p.m.  
Friday, Oct. 31 "Scream" at 9 & 11 p.m.  
Saturday, Nov. 1 "Scream" at 6:30 & 8:30 p.m.  
Saturday, Nov. 1 "Face Off" 10:50 p.m.  
Sunday, Nov. 2 "Ferris Bueller's Day Off" at 7 p.m. FREE  
Thursday, Oct. 30 "Brother of Sleep" at 6:30 & 9 p.m.

**Carolina Theatre**  
Friday, Oct. 31 screening of "Chesterfield" at 7:30 p.m. \$6 for students \$8 for adults.

### Music

**Local 506**  
Friday, Oct. 31 Band Masquerade

Nite with Snatches of Pink, Flaming Pumpkinheads, Desert Storm, and ZZ Top

**The Mission**  
Thursday, Oct. 30 Type O Negative with Coal Chamber

**The Berkeley Cafe**  
Friday, Oct. 31 Tinsley Ellis  
Saturday, Nov. 1 Skeeter Brandon & Hwy 61  
Thursday, Nov. 6 Raleigh City Limits Songwriters in the round hosted by Jeremy Farber

**Cat's Cradle**  
Friday, Oct. 31 Jumpstarts, Blue Rags  
Saturday, Nov. 1 Low, Ida, Shark Quest

Monday, Nov. 3 Mike Watt with Hellbender

Tuesday, Nov. 4 Jim Rose Circus - 9 p.m. show  
Wednesday, Nov. 5 Teenage Fan Club \*\*Cancelled\*\*

Thursday, Nov. 6 Robert Earl Keen with Robbie Fulk  
Friday, Nov. 7 Doxy's Kitchen with Treadmill Trackstar  
Saturday, Nov. 8 Gran Torino

**Lizard & Snake Cafe**  
Wednesday, Oct. 29 The Shipping News, Hurl, Smeacrose  
Saturday, Nov. 1 Semicolon, Glass

Sunday, Nov. 2 Beatnik Filmstars  
Thursday, Nov. 6 Shortwave Nite: Joe Morris Trio  
Friday, Nov. 7 Hot Water Music, Beta Minus

Saturday, Nov. 8 The Champs, Regraped, Lolita 18  
Sunday, Nov. 9 My Dad is Dead

**The Caboose**  
Thursday, Oct. 30 Thumper and Company

Friday, Oct. 31 Flatus, Frantics, Pen 15, Inflated Spoon  
Saturday, Nov. 1 Deistrequim, No Saner

Friday, Nov. 7 Lunatic Candy Creeps, Mantooh, Rise, Ratface  
Saturday, Nov. 8 The Sex Offenders, OJ Symptoms, Unabombers, Suicide Kings

**Record Exchange- Hillsborough Street**  
Friday, Oct. 30 Inflated Spoon at 7 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 31 Bystanders at 7 p.m.

Sunday, Nov. 1 Action Figures at 7 p.m.

Thursday, Nov. 6 Majestic at 7 p.m.

Friday, Nov. 7 DJs Scott & Brian at 7 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 8 Far Too Jones at 4 p.m. and Killing Zoe at 7 p.m.

Baldwin Auditorium, Duke East Campus  
Friday, Oct. 31 Music by the Duke Wind Symphony at 8 p.m.

# Corner

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kitchen and you see her actually get her hand in the cookie jar, jump out and scream. "Who's got the cookie in the cookie jar? Hopefully, she will be so frightened she will never take food from you again. Or, you can confront her right there and tell her that it's BYOF from her on out. Devlyn

Dear Conscience Corner, I feel like I need my friends' approval for everything. It's like I can't do anything without them telling me how they think it's okay. It's not that they try to enforce their opinions on me, it's just that I feel that without the approval of someone, I'm going to do something stupid. What do you think? (Darn, there I go again! See?)  
Signed,  
A Follower Forever

Dear Follower, Don't be such a wimp! Do your own thing and make a conscious effort to not ask for people's opinions. And, if you can't do that, don't bother to write again because I won't tell you anything else. Devlyn

what other people think of you to determine your actions or make your decisions for you, you run several risks.

People who do not put enough stock in their own opinions tend to be easily led. And this can lead to harmful, illegal, or even deadly involvements. Cuffs and jails are filled with people who couldn't make up their own minds, but rather let their friends or family decide their fate for them.

Of course, these are extreme scenarios. It is not necessarily a bad thing to be concerned with what people think. It is only when all you think about is what they'll think that there are problems.

Also, not everyone can be a leader-not everyone should be a leader. You've heard that thing about too many cooks, haven't you? Just make sure that you're comfortable in seeking out others opinions. If you don't like going to others for advice before you make a move, then don't. It's that simple. Antjeica

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N.C. Museum of Art  
Thursday, Nov. 6 The Alice M. Welsh Chamber Music in the Galleries Series at 7 p.m.

### Events

**Fall Festival**  
Friday, Oct. 31 Mount Moriah Baptist Church Ballfield, 6 p.m. Come in your favorite costume.

### First Tuesday Poetry Readings

Tuesday, Nov. 4 Thomas Lisk, chair of NCSU English department, and Martha Greenwald, a nationally published poet, will read and volunteers will interpret them into American Sign Language. 7 p.m., free and open to the public.

### Self Knowledge Symposium

Wednesday, Nov. 5 "The Breakfast Club," Caldwell Rm. G107, 7:30 p.m.

### Research Triangle Science Fiction Society

Nov. 7 Meet at Fuddrucker's in Durham, then to Wynnson Theater to see "Starship Troopers" at 7:30 p.m.

### Performances

**Thompson Theatre**  
Nov. 6-8, 12-15 at 8 p.m., Nov. 9 at 3 p.m. "Blues for an Alabama Sky" \$4 for N.C. State students, \$9 for N.C. State staff and faculty, senior citizens, and students, \$10 for the public

### Stewart Theatre

Saturday, Nov. 1 Ladies in Red Fall Concert at 8 p.m. Tickets \$5 general admission, \$4 faculty/staff, \$2 staff  
Tuesday, Nov. 4 — Wednesday, Nov. 5, N.C. State Dance Program Student Concert at 8 p.m. \$2.  
Nov. 12 NCSU Varsity Men's

Glee Club at 8 p.m.  
Nov. 13 NCSU Women's Choir. General Admission, \$5, NCSU Faculty/Staff \$4, NCSU Students \$2, 8 p.m.

### Student Center Ballroom

Sunday, Nov. 9 Raleigh Civic Chamber Orchestra, conducted by Randolph Foy at 8 p.m. Tickets \$5 general admission, \$4 faculty/staff, \$2 students.

### Raleigh Little Theatre

Friday, Oct. 31- Sunday, Nov. 2. Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m., Sunday at 3 p.m. "Inspecting Carol."

### Bryan Center, Duke West Campus

Oct. 31- Nov. 1 Jose Torres Tama: Dark Faces

### Page Auditorium, Duke West Campus

Friday, Oct. 31- Sunday, Nov. 2 Duke Players perform "Twelfth Night" at 8 p.m.  
Saturday, Nov. 1 Houston Ballet: Duke University Artists Series '97-'98

### The Carolina Theatre of Durham

Saturday, Nov. 1 N.C. Symphony: A Night at the Opera with Mozart  
Saturday, Nov. 8 "Halley's Comet" with John Amos

### Durham Arts Council Building

Sunday, Nov. 2 The Creative Process: Music and Dance. 3 p.m. Adults \$15, Students, \$5.

### ArtsCenter

Saturday, Nov. 1 All Soul's Night, A Carnival of the Macabre featuring Mel Melton & The Wicked Mojos

### Opportunities

**The Center for Health Directors**  
Nov. 3, 5, 10 & 12 Smoking Cessation Group. University Student Center, Room 3120, 5-6:30 p.m. It is free but you must register.

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### N.C. Arts Council

Monday, Nov. 3 Deadline for artist fellowship and two-month residency opportunity in France. Choreographers call Karen Wells (919-733-2111, ext. 23) and film/video and visual artists call Jeff Pettus (919-733-2111, ext. 25).

### Exhibitions

**N.C. Museum of Art**  
"It's Only Rock and Roll" through Nov. 16

### Hayti Heritage Center, 804 Old Fayetteville St.

Bull Durham Blues Festival: A 10-year Retrospective Exhibit through October 31. Monday — Friday, 9 a.m. — 4 p.m. Admission free. Call 683-1709.

### Lectures

**Architects' Summit**  
Friday, Oct. 31 Harvey Gantt will discuss "Navigating Cultural/Political Landscapes" from 10 to 11 a.m. in Stewart Theatre

### D.H. Hill Library

Monday, Nov. 3 John M. Barry, political news editor and author at 3 p.m.

### Psychology 1997-98 Colloquium Series

Monday, Nov. 3 at 3:30 p.m. "Integration of Computing Technologies into Engineering-driven Organizations." Eric N. Wieve, department of mathematics, science and technology education, 636 Poe Hall. Refreshments provided.  
Presbyterian Campus Ministry  
Thursday, Nov. 6 Peace Lunch Forum. Tom Beane, Director N.C. Wildlife Federation will discuss "The Clean Water Crisis in North Carolina" from 12:40 to 1:40 p.m.

### N.C. Museum of Art

"From Pyramids to Postmodern" Thursdays, through Nov. 13 at 11 a.m.

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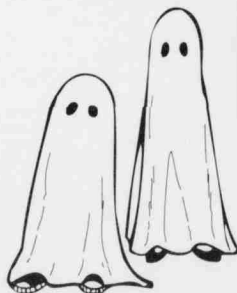
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## Editorials

# Keep the repeat policy

University needs to keep first-year course-repeat policy.

For many students, the first-year course-repeat policy is a godsend. This policy, which is currently under review, allows for first-year students to repeat courses at the 100 or 200 level. Then, the new grade replaces the old grade. The old grade, which must be below a C, is replaced with the new grade, which is then used to calculate the student's grade point average.

Sounds complicated, doesn't it? This academic lingo about replacing and repeating and calculating can be confusing. In reality, the course-repeat policy is quite simple. It can save your academic standing if you're one of the confused and misguided freshmen, which many are.

Many freshmen just don't know what they're getting into when they enter college. There is a big difference between college and high school, but many don't know that until after either they or their adviser have signed the students up for the most difficult courses they can. Then, when assignments and due dates start rolling in, they're in over their heads and completely lost as to what to do.

The administration fears that students are using this policy in the wrong way: they are taking classes and deliberately failing them, knowing they can take them again. The flaw in this thinking is that while it is true that the F will not be calculated into your GPA, it will still show up on your transcript. No

student wants this lullaby R to show up next to some class that they made an A in.

At this point in time, there are not enough statistics available concerning whether this policy is a good one or just another in a long line of many pointless and stupid policies. If the University Council on Academic Policy and Procedure doesn't keep the policy in place, no one will ever know if it is helpful or hurtful to students. The data that proves or disproves won't be available until 2001. It would be wrong to make this decision now, when it can only be based on hearsay and not actual facts.

Also, in the past, students who were allowed to repeat courses without penalty have been less likely to drop out and graduation rates have risen. And isn't graduating people part of what this school should be all about? It'd be worse to not let any students repeat courses and graduate with a low GPA or possibly drop out than it would be to allow a student to repeat a course they did poorly in.

If students repeat courses, they will actually know what they were there to learn all along. The course-repeat policy must be continued until enough data come in to warrant its continuation or dismissal. Students can't abuse this policy since failing grades still show up on their transcripts. It gives students who may not have the skills they need to manage being at college a second chance to succeed.

To put out quality students, the policy must continue in some form or another.



# Grand theft bookbag

RYAN KELLOGG  
Staff Columnist

Well, that's it, I give up. My infinite faith in humanity is all dried up. It's quite obvious that people are scam, whose only purpose in life is to prey on each other like vulturous rats clawing and biting for whatever they can get. There is now unequivocal proof that society is, without a doubt, going straight to hell.

Why, you ask? Because last week I was robbed. It all happened last Wednesday when I was in the library, dutifully studying for a calculus exam. I had gone up to the bookstacks because I enjoy the view of the downtown skyline and somehow, the smell of musty old books is more conducive to studying.

I soon settled down into a desk and began feverishly studying that wondrous torture of higher

mathematics. Of course I had brought my compact disc player so as to reach the Zen-like state necessary to compute limits and derivatives.

All of a sudden, I got that ominous feeling that told me nature was calling. Determined to ignore it, I continued to study until I was absolutely forced to listen.

At that point I packed up my stuff into my bookbag and placed it on my desk. As I headed to the bathroom I felt a twinge of instinct, something I rarely have, telling me to take my bookbag with me. I promptly ignored that silly thought, knowing full well that D.H. Hill Library was the safest of places since it had people only interested in studying and doing research.

Satisfied with my answer, I went to take care of more urgent business.

Upon emerging from the restroom, feeling much refreshed, I headed back to my cubicle only to

discover something was missing.

At first I thought I had misplaced it. I looked around frantically figuring it must be under the desk. No. Well then, it must be at another desk. No, they're all empty. Well, well, I had run out of answers.

Then it hit me: someone must have stolen it. The thought made me want to laugh, after all who would dare steal from me? I'm not some nameless statistic. I'm not the "other guy" you always hear about. I'm a real person and these things don't happen to real people, especially in a library.

I quickly glanced around hoping that someone had witnessed the egregious crime. Unfortunately the few around me spoke little English and only vaguely understood the meaning of "steal."

So left to my last resource, I called campus security. An officer arrived promptly and was helpful

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# Just don't let them breed

STEVEN F. LEBOUR  
Staff Columnist

I couldn't help but notice that the population of this planet keeps getting stupider. I ask myself, "Steve, why is it that most people you meet these days seem to be just plain stupid?"

Well, one obvious reason is the government. Back in the day, you had to be both strong and smart to survive. Now, you need be neither. If you don't want to work, the government will take care of you, and if you're down in the dumps, the government will give you a "loan" to cover your "temporary" slump. (I have absolutely nothing against charity, but of course, this loan is granted from money stolen

from hard-working tax-payers.)

I've finally figured out how the whole system works. In a democracy, the majority of people are just plain stupid. Yet it is this majority that controls the lives of the rest of us.

My best guess is that democracies don't start off stupid. In fact, my best guess is that democracies start off because most of the people during the beginning phases of the government are quite intelligent; these people think, "Gee, we're all intelligent adults here. Why not have a democracy?"

As long as you have smart voters in a democracy, I guess you can assume that you will always have decent politicians. But the simple

fact is that not all people in a democracy are intelligent. And politicians soon realize that it is easier to get votes from the stupid than from the smart. Eventually, some politician is voted in who caters to these ignoramus by forcing the able to succumb to the demands of the "needy."

Normally, natural selection would weed out stupid people. They starve to death (from not working), die in some preventable accident, or perform some obvious misuse of a common product that results in a tragic (but nonetheless humorous) death. But politicians find a way to keep these inept people alive by forcing the able to support them.

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# The origins of Halloween

NANCY HIGHT  
Staff Columnist

I must admit that Halloween is one of my favorite holidays. We may not think of it as a holiday, but that is exactly what it is — a religious holiday. That's the way it started, anyway.

But, as the years go by I hear more and more people say that they do not let their kids participate in trick-or-treating because of their "faith." Somewhere along the way the concept of Halloween has become confused with evilness and paying homage to the devil. The devil really had nothing to do with it, but some believe the devil still makes us do it. I will entertain you (or bore you) with some of the

details of the origins of our modern day Halloween customs.

Samhain, or the Celtic New Year, began on Nov. 1. It was their belief that on the eve of the new year, the gates, the veils, the barriers of the Abyss, the underworld or the other side — whatever you want to call it — were opened and the spirits were allowed to go free and return to their former earthly homes. The spirits roamed the earth for the night. To prevent being harmed by the spirits, people dressed in costumes to look like these spirits so the spirits would mistake them as being one of their own and pass them by.

Food or "treats" were left out for the spirits with hopes that by doing this, the spirits would not perform

any evil "tricks." Our carved pumpkins were originally turnips that were hollowed out with demon faces and lighted with candles to keep the evil spirits away. The big orange pumpkins are evidence of how this custom has been Americanized. Each year some farmer sees how large they can grow a pumpkin.

Trick-or-treating and Halloween parties at schools and churches are becoming more and more controversial with the religious right groups. The term "hallowed" and "All Hallows' Eve" are Christian terms derived from the Christian counter-attack to try and substitute the pagan holiday with that of All Saints Day, All Saints

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# LeBoeuf

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These stupid people, rather than die naturally, are thereby allowed to keep breeding, restocking the gene pool with their stupidity.

Of course, one way to stop the spread of stupidity would be to stop electing stupid politicians. But since stupid people outnumber us in a democracy, I think we can kiss that idea good-bye, at least temporarily.

I see the crime committed every day. Some smart guy or girl is walking along, holding hands with someone who is an obvious ignoramus. Now you may think, "Well, maybe my intelligent genes will make up for my mate's stupidity." But this violates Steve's law of inferior genetic dominance: stupidity is a dominant trait; in a heterozygous combination, stupidity will always mask

intelligence. (Why else do you think it took human beings millions of years to evolve on this planet?)

I have to admit... I've made this mistake myself. Once I dated this girl who seemed to be inherently flawless. That is, until we started conversing about politics at a local seafood restaurant. I started complaining about a news story I had just viewed on television, "I can't believe we're allowing those Republicans to give our tax dollars to businessmen richer than we are!"

She replied, "I know exactly what you mean, and I couldn't agree more!" I was impressed! That is, until she continued with, "They should tax big businesses and redistribute the wealth amongst the needy." After nearly spitting my Michelob Dark on her seafood protector, I calmed down and tried to reason with her, figuring that she must have been brainwashed. But after hours of debate, I realized that she was just plain stupid. I decided that I couldn't be so cruel to my potential offspring, so that was our last date.

I encourage all you intelligent women out there to use the same strategy in dating. I understand that there are a lot of dumb, yet good-looking, guys out there who, despite their mental deficiencies, are quite stimulating in other areas.

Well, life is short, so I say have your fun with them. But please... don't have children with

them! If the longest phrase they know is "I love you too, baby," then chances are you've found yourself a black hole in gene space. If you heed my advice, you'll spare your children from stupidity and our country from bad voters.

And guys, I know there are a lot of hot, dumb bimboes out there who are very talented. But before you consider marrying some beautiful imbecile, think of the future of your children. Imagine your beautiful teenage daughter looking you in the eyes, crying, "Daddy, when will I make it to fourth grade?"

Democracy is inherently evil, and it has become too corrupt to rectify. The idea that one group of people can forcefully control the life of another is fundamentally flawed (but this is the topic of another column).

We can help save our future by being a bit more selective with our mates. If we have descendants who are more in touch with reality, maybe we can hope for a better form of "government" (or lack thereof) for the future.

I realize that good genetics does not equal good voting... but it couldn't hurt.

*Steven LeBoeuf isn't really a wacky Cajun columnist. He's an Iraqi spy sent to cause social disruption in the U.S. E-mail your senators now, while there's still time!* [sleboeuf@eos.ncsu.edu](mailto:sleboeuf@eos.ncsu.edu)

# Rocky

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the experience look spontaneous. With donated props and a shoestring budget, this volunteer cast pours a lot of time and energy into each week's performance.

"The cast and crew put in an amazing amount of effort into making this work, and even more effort into making it fun," Borsos said.

"Back when I first started, there was not a video tape," she said. "We just tried to do the show on our own and people started coming, and so we asked anyone in the audience if they wanted to start performing with us. After a while, it got to the point where we saw people that we knew and would

drag them on stage."

People keep coming back year after year for more than a sense of involvement or an attention fix.

"I do it because I love it," Borsos said. "I have friends there, and I have a love for being on stage and backstage."

Brown said it is a good way to relieve stress.

"I love it," she said. "It is a great way to blow off steam."

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# Candy Bash

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child to trip. Choose makeup over masks.

When trick-or-treating, avoid houses, which have darkened porches or windows or are in unfamiliar neighborhoods. Insist that children forego the "trick" part of trick-or-treating. Also, treats should not be eaten until the return home. Children and parents, together, should check treats to ensure they are wrapped and have not been tampered with.

For children who have aged out of trick-or-treating, suggest alternate activities, such as a small costume party at home, a movie with friends, scavenger hunts, or activities offered by a neighborhood or community organization.

Now... as the magic huddle of ghosts and goblins awaits us on the last night of this month, your children can build their own memories of a safe, happy Halloween.

And the same to you!

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the evening will feature the sounds of several varied musical groups. Set to perform is Vroom, a group with a female lead that just begs to be compared with Bjork; Flip Side Phonix, a funk group who in its illustrious career has opened for Coolio; Negative State, straight up punk-rock; and Unclench, who's being billed as a Jersey Hardcore garage band.

Alcoholic beverages, with the exception of those in glass bottles, are allowed at the event with the proper identification. Public Safety will be on hand throughout the evening.

Tickets to the Bash are \$6 in advance, and \$8 at the door. They can be purchased through Friday in the Brickyard or at the "egg" in the Brooks Courtyard from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Official "Bash to the Future" T-shirts are also available in two designs for a reasonable monetary sum. The event is open to all students, and while costumes are encouraged, they are not required.

# Kellogg

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enough, but had little good news. He told me that this sort of thing happens all of the time in the library. Usually the responsible perpetrator takes what he wants and dumps the worthless bookbag somewhere else in the building.

Sure enough, later that night, after heading back to the dorm defeated and dejected, I received a phone call indicating they had found my bookbag. The officer was good enough to return it that night, albeit minus anything of monetary worth. My losses totaled into the hundreds of dollars. Not only did the scum take my CD player and calculator, he/she/it also took my political science book. Talk about kicking a man while he's down. I can understand taking the big money items to fund your crack habit, but a used textbook? That's going too far.

Well, it's a week later and I've had to buy a new textbook, probably the same one stolen from me. My parents say this is a good lesson for me and I guess it is. I've learned to two valuable things. One, it's better to listen to your intuition and two, that it's pretty easy to become the other guy.

Usually it happens when you least expect it. Whether it's walking back to class, eating in the dining hall, or even studying in the library, crime is a constant predator.

I suppose as crimes go there could be far worst things that could have happened to me. But there's still that sense of violation in me, knowing that some low-life is now getting high off my hard-earned money. Crime in a big university is real. I'm just sorry I had to learn the hard way.

*If you want to share your own experiences as a crime victim or just want to vent your outrage in a public forum you can e-mail me at [rpkellogg@eos.ncsu.edu](mailto:rpkellogg@eos.ncsu.edu) or write in via Technician.*

# EGRC

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these center's large concrete beams, sensors for the better diagnosis and treatment of disease, high-speed microscopic switches and other important and technologically challenging devices are built.

All equipment will be built by students and professors in the EGRC and will have an immense effect on the people of the state of North Carolina, as well as the rest of the world. The center will not only aid in the advancement of computer science, but it will also aid in benefiting the lives of all humanity.

However, Gilligan is quick to point out that this is not the most important purpose of the facility.

"The faculty and students out there are the main focus of this building. Without them the

# Ghosts

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played. Hubisz uses explanations like these and many more in all of his classes, although mainly in his Conceptual Physics [PY 131] class. In the 40 years he has been teaching, Hubisz has found students are becoming increasingly interested in what he terms "far-out things."

Hubisz has students ask questions about anything that might be dubbed as supernatural or mysterious. Students have questioned him about everything from Big Foot to crop circles to the Bermuda Triangle to the Loch Ness Monster.

"I have [the students] ask themselves questions about what it would take to do some of these things," Hubisz said.

He encourages students to use science to show how the circumstances are impossible.

Hubisz used the Loch Ness Monster as an example. He pointed out that creatures of the alleged size of the Loch Ness Monster would need an enormous food supply to survive. This food evidently would not be available in the Monster's current environment.

Hubisz asks students to go out and do research to support or disprove claims.

He said the Bermuda Triangle is actually one of the safest areas for boating. Books will provide statistical facts to back that up. It has also been proven that Charles Berlitz, the man who began the story on the Bermuda Triangle, has since been shown to have lied in his accounts.

Hubisz has found some students in his classes really want to believe in the tales they have heard. But he points out that they have never been given reason to go out and investigate the claims. Once students look at the supernatural through a scientific eye, Hubisz says they often discover events do have a scientific explanation.

# Hight

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Days is celebrated on Nov. 1. The idea was to only celebrate the spirits of all of the holy ones or the Hallowed ones. So, whether we are appeasing the spirits that are thought to be evil, or just remembering the saintly ones who have gone down in Christian history, it is all about death and the dead. It is not really about any one religion. You can't help but think about the dead in any terms but spiritual. Death is a part of life.

Feasts and festivals originated from the fears and superstitions of primitive man. Things in nature that puzzled or frightened him lead him

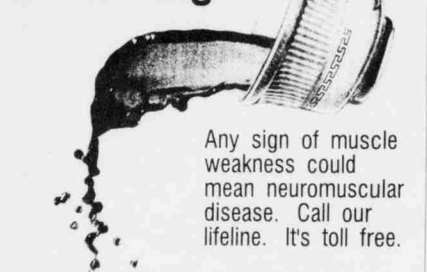
to worship with objects and events to help understand the unknown, or at least make him feel somewhat protected. Halloween is a combination of old pagan customs and Christian customs.

So why have we held on to such a dark and mysterious celebration? The logical thing to do if you want to keep evil spirits away, especially for Christians, is to decorate with angels, crosses and images of Christ. What was once a very religious celebration has survived to the 20th century as a time of games and folly for young children. Sounds like another holiday, doesn't it? The holiday of Samhain, or Halloween as we call it, went from an awareness of the dark side of man's spirituality to being seen as something evil or satanic. In the past, man confronted his fear of the unknown. Today we

do all we can to ignore it, avoid it and try to convince ourselves that merely by not thinking about it, it will disappear.

What were once serious religious customs to protect the good living on earth has remained with our culture for amusement purposes and a night to party. So what is the religious right so afraid of when it comes to Halloween? Do they really think that their children will grow up to be pagans, or that a return to worldwide paganism will occur? To many Christians, the history is considered "unsavory," but it is our history. If history is no longer "permissible" then we will be ignorant of who we are as humans. If anything, Halloween teaches our children not to be afraid of death and all that is dark and unknown about it.

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# USPS offers range of holiday stamps

The U.S. Postal Service has decided to sell stamps for all three religious holidays this Christmas season.

BILL McALLISTER  
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON - The U.S. Postal Service says it never issues religious stamps, but this coming holiday season there will be a greater variety of stamps with religious themes than ever before at your local post office.

Of course, there will be what the agency calls the "traditional" Madonna and Child stamps and the so-called "contemporary" holiday stamps. But there also will be a reissue of last year's Hanukkah stamp and a new commemorative to mark Kwanzaa, the African American festival of family, community and culture.

It's enough stamps to make some of the Postal Service's critics happy. Indeed, Ronald Sheiman, the Long Island, N.Y., postal clerk who for years waged a battle with the U.S. Postal Service for annual stamps to celebrate the Jewish festival of lights, is delighted by the agency's decision to sell stamps for all three holidays this year.

And all three holidays occur within days of each other. Hanukkah begins at sundown Dec. 24, Christmas will be Dec. 25 and Kwanzaa begins Dec. 26.

"For the first time in its history,

the USPS will have postage stamps recognizing all three holidays," Sheiman said in a recent letter. "... Wouldn't it be nice if this were to be the start of an annual tradition by USPS to recognize these holidays?"

Postal officials have yet to say if such a tradition is being started but as the agency learned several years ago when it tried to drop the Madonna and Child stamp, holiday stamps have a big following and are among the most popular stamps that the agency produces.

The newest addition to the holiday stamps, the Kwanzaa stamp, was released last week in Los Angeles at a ceremony attended by the man who created the seven-day holiday in 1966. He is Maulana Karenga, a California professor who took the Swahili phrase for "first fruit" and devised a festival around the African tradition of celebrating the harvest of crops.

Artist Syntha Saint James, author of a book entitled "The Gifts of Kwanzaa," created the stamp design showing a family in African attire around some of the seven basic symbols used to mark the holiday. There is a straw mat, a candle holder, seven candles (three green, three red and one black), ears of corn, a Unity Cup and cultural gifts.

Self-adhesive stamps are being sold in sheets of 50. Avery Dennison produced 133 million of the stamps on gravure presses at its Clinton, S.C., plant.

Initially the postal service had planned to issue two sets of



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contemporary holiday stamps, one featuring four holiday wreaths, and a second featuring a holly sprig. But it canceled plans in March, noting that it had "approximately two years' worth" of unsold holiday stamps from 1995 and 1996 in its vaults.

And those 32-cent holiday stamps probably will be out of date next year if the agency gets approval of

its plans to boost the price of a first-class letter to 33 cents. As a result the agency decided to delay the wreath stamps until 1998 and make the holly stamp its one "holiday contemporary" stamp for 1997. The self-adhesive stamp, based on a design by Ned Seidler of Hampton Bay, N.Y., went on sale at the Postage Stamp Mega-Event in New York Thursday.

# Iraq blocks U.S. from U.N. inspections

Officials in Washington, London and Paris are considering a possible military retaliation.

CRAIG TURNER AND STANLEY MEISLER  
Los Angeles Times

UNITED NATIONS - Making good on the previous day's threat, Iraq on Thursday barred two Americans from returning to their jobs in Baghdad with a U.N. commission investigating Iraq's chemical, biological and nuclear weapons programs.

The Americans were coming back from a brief holiday in the Persian Gulf state of Bahrain, U.N. officials said, when they were intercepted at Habbaniyah airport about 60 miles west of Baghdad. A third American, working for the International Atomic Energy Agency, was approved for entry by the Iraqis, but under instructions from his supervisors returned to Bahrain with the others.

Two other Americans left Baghdad on Thursday on previously scheduled departures as their U.N. tours of duty ended. They left eight Americans on the 100-member U.N. inspection team in Iraq.

The events in the Persian Gulf unfolded less than nine hours after the U.N. Security Council warned of "serious consequences" unless Iraq pulls back from a Wednesday declaration that it no longer will accept American participation on the U.N. commission. Iraq gave Americans working for the commission in Iraq one week to leave.

Throughout Thursday, Western and Iraqi officials publicly exchanged increasingly heated rhetoric while Russia, France and Egypt privately spearheaded a vigorous diplomatic effort to persuade Iraq to back down.

The three Security Council members recently have expressed some sympathy for Iraq's complaints about continuing U.N. economic sanctions, which date from its 1990 invasion of Kuwait. French and Russian companies also have negotiated multimillion-dollar contracts with the Iraqi oil industry that would go into effect once the sanctions are lifted.

But diplomats from those countries were described Thursday as chagrined and embarrassed that Iraq responded to their sympathy by targeting the Americans on the U.N. weapons team. Iraq's action is considered a breach of the agreement ending the 1991 Persian Gulf War, in which a U.S.-led

alliance drove the Iraqis out of Kuwait.

If Iraq refuses to withdraw its ultimatum, the Security Council could gradually increase the pressure on Baghdad, a U.N. official suggested Thursday. It could impose travel restrictions on top military officials, as it threatened to do last week. It also could extend the travel ban to other Iraqis, crack down on smuggling that breaks the U.N. imposed embargo and increase the size of the "no-fly" zones over northern and southern Iraq from which Iraqi aircraft are banned.

Officials in Washington, London and Paris also indicated that military retaliation remains under consideration. "This is a very serious matter, and we are not ruling out any option at this time," said State Department spokesman James P. Rubin.

But Iraq remained defiant. "We have not chosen confrontation... We are defending our rights," Saad Kasim Hamoodi, head of the Arab and International Committee in the Iraqi National Assembly, said in Baghdad. "We are on the defense, but if they (the Americans) pushed the issue toward a military confrontation, we would not be scared of this option and we will not back down from the stand we took."

For nearly seven years, U.N. inspectors have been tracking down, uncovering and destroying Iraq's biological, chemical and nuclear weapons programs. But they have been repeatedly thwarted by Iraqi officials, who have filed false reports, harassed inspectors, and hidden and destroyed evidence, particularly about Baghdad's germ warfare capability, according to U.N. accounts.

Bill Richardson, the U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, said Iraq's ban on Americans "continues a pattern of Iraqi obstructionism that we've tried to point out for some time."

The U.N. commission employs about 100 people in Baghdad, where they are headquartered in a former hotel. Butler suspended all their field activities beginning Wednesday, ordering them to carry out office work.

While the United Nations said it had received Iraqi assurances that there is no threat to the safety of the eight Americans remaining in the capital, it has declined to release any identification of them or any information about the nature of their work with the commission.

The Iraqis have said they will cooperate with all non-American inspectors.

The Security Council is expected to take up the matter again Friday.

# Summit coverage sanitized for Chinese

Only selected film clips from the Chinese president's trip to the U.S. will be seen by Chinese citizens.

ANTHONY KUHN  
Los Angeles Times

BEIJING - For days, U.S. media coverage of Chinese President Jiang Zemin's visit has focused on the intense debates about serious issues such as human rights. As a sideshow, the media have spotlighted a Communist leader who has danced, joked and generally tried to offset his image as a colorless technocrat.

But the world's largest television audience - the 800 million Chinese who regularly watch the evening news on China Central Television Station, or CCTV - have seen a very different picture.

CCTV's sanitized report on the post-summit news conference Wednesday with President Clinton and Jiang omitted the American president's pointed remarks on human rights, as well as both leaders' views on Tibet and the 1989 crackdown against protesters in Beijing's Tiananmen Square. Outside the White House, Chinese camera crews focused on the state honors - the red carpets, motorcades and honor guards - while shutting out images of hundreds of human rights protesters and celebrities rallying across the street from the White House in Lafayette Park.

"Chinese are used to reports that show only the bright side," commented a Beijing employee of a U.S. corporation that has access to

CNN's satellite broadcast of the summit. "But allowing people to see this positive dialogue would not have hurt China."

As with most important state visits, CCTV's evening news anchors accompanied Jiang's entourage, kicking off the nightly news from in front of the White House and on Capitol Hill. Meanwhile, Chinese reporters interviewed a not-so-random sampling of Americans, from Washington pedestrians to former Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger and Jiang's host at Harvard University, Asia expert Ezra Vogel. All of them presented a united front in their upbeat assessments of the summit and U.S.-Sino relations.

Issues aside, analysts say Chinese media have been careful to polish Jiang's domestic image as a high-powered statesman in a dark suit, as a reaper of international respect for China's growing geopolitical clout. This has meant denying Chinese audiences a glimpse of their 71-year-old leader dancing the hula or swimming at Waikiki beach in Hawaii.

"Why would they show us these things?" asked a young scholar. "Our media never report on what these leaders do aside from work."

But in a touch of exotic Americana, Chinese newspapers showed Jiang touring Williamsburg, Va., wearing a Colonial-era three-cornered hat. The image seemed especially bizarre in China, where a recent survey found people consider the United States the world's third most mysterious nation or state, behind only Egypt and the Vatican.

# Breast cancer detection technology improves

The new mammogram technique may be up to 25 times better at detecting smaller tumors than the existing X-ray method.

KATHLEEN KERR  
Newswatch

Mammograms of the future may detect small and elusive breast cancers that sometimes go unnoticed by today's technology if scientists can perfect a new X-ray imaging method developed.

The new mammography technique - diffraction-enhanced imaging, or DEI - uses ultrabright X-rays and provides a dramatic contrast between normal tissues and tumors.

Conventional mammograms show differences in tissue densities and composition as contrasting areas, which allows doctors to identify tumors. Sometimes, though, the difference between healthy and cancerous tissue is murky.

But DEI imaging tests showed up to 25 times better contrast than the conventional X-ray method. The light source that scientists at the U.S. Department of Energy's Brookhaven National Laboratory in New York are using to develop DEI is a beam of X-rays that can be absorbed in a fashion that shows precise contrast between tissues.

Scientists from the Brookhaven lab, the Illinois Institute of Technology, North Carolina State University and the University of North Carolina describe DEI in the November issue

of Physics in Medicine and Biology. "This development offers new hope for early detection of breast cancer," said Energy Secretary Federico Pena.

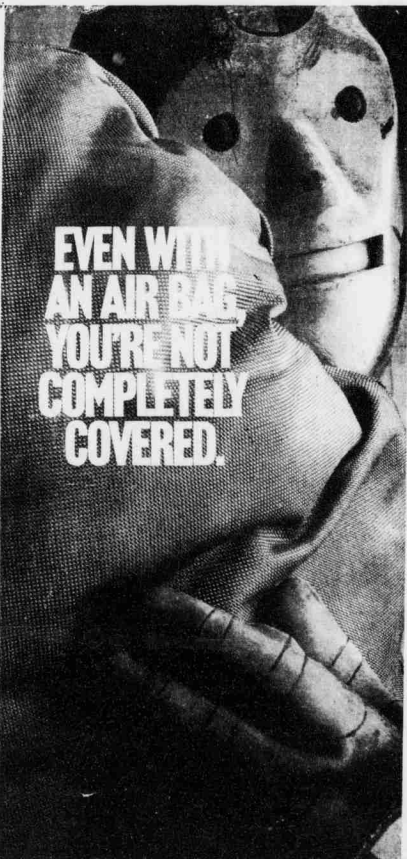
However, scientists caution that while the new X-ray method hold great promise, they are still about 10 years away from actually using it in mammograms. The new DEI method is still in the experimental stage and the development of mammography machines that would incorporate it is far off.

The DEI imaging method could also be used to detect problems in other tissues and organs such as kidneys. In addition to the Brookhaven lab, test using DEI were also conducted at the Advanced Photon Source at Argonne National Laboratory in Illinois.

William Thomlinson, a physicist at the Brookhaven lab, said Thursday the new mammography method would use a single-energy fan beam of X-rays that could provide better images than the standard broad-energy beam. The technique was developed at the lab's National Synchrotron Light Source facility.

"The motivation for doing this is the fact that about 10 percent of tumors are missed in a mammogram," Thomlinson said. So far, scientists have tested the X-ray method on models of human breasts and on excised human breast tissues, but the technology is not advanced enough to conduct tests on women. Thomlinson said the beginning of clinical trials is at least five years away. But the team that developed DEI believes it has developed an X-ray method that will hold up in trials.

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