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Diversity among NCSU colleges

Editor's note: The following is the second in an eight-part series on diversity at NCSU.

PHILLIP REESE
News Editor

Marva Motley has a big problem, one that won't go away easily: her college, the School of Design, is the least diverse school at NCSU. She has to fix that.

"It's a job, I'll tell you that," she said of her position as the School of Design's assistant dean for student affairs.

On Motley's desk is a six-inch-tall stack of papers — a stack of potential solutions. The stack features such titles as "Why A Diverse Student Body Is So Important" and, in a similar stack in her boss' office, "Employing Noncognitive Variables in the Admission and Retention of Nontraditional Students."

Motley hopes that these papers will encourage design professors to join the fight to attract more minority students. It's just the latest in a number of steps to make the School of Design — with its four-percent African-American student population — more diverse.

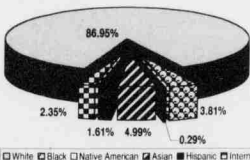
The School of Design is not alone in its efforts to attract more minorities. Many other colleges feature a dismally low percentage of minority students. Yet, other schools seem to have fewer troubles attracting minorities, specifically the College of Education and Psychology, which has a very high percentage of African Americans. Then there's the College of Humanities and Social Sciences and the College of Management, which fall somewhere in the middle.

But why? What is it about one college that makes it more diverse than another? The top brass at the colleges are not sure of the answer, but each is willing to give the question a try.

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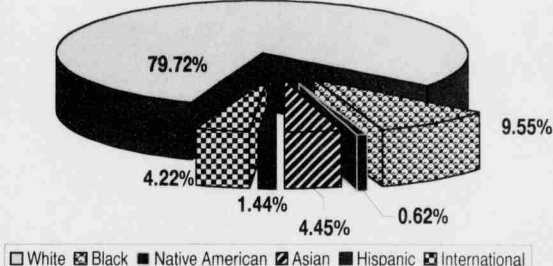
There are 174 graduate students in the School of Design. Only one of them is black. There are 508 undergraduates in design. Only two are Native American.

John Tector, School of Design associate dean for academic affairs, is all too familiar with the problem. But he is none too sure about its causes.



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Ethnic Groups of NCSU



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"I don't know whether it's the image NCSU has had with some minorities, I don't know if it's an understanding of design as a non-lucrative field, I don't know if it's failure on our part in recruitment; I don't know if it's from us in difficulties in dealing with minorities," Tector said.

Tector does, however, have a few educated guesses about the cause of his school's diversity problems. He thinks many design professors have a bad reputation within minority communities, turning many minority students away from design.

"Who are the high-valued minorities in minority culture? The first is the preacher, the second is the teacher," Tector said. "If you search any community and ask them, 'What are designers and what do they know?' they won't have an answer."

Another reason minorities shy away from design is its reputation as a low-paying career field, Tector said.

"People are smart. You just have to go out and find out what it is people are paying," he said. "The community is not that stupid."

Kimberly Pettaway, president of the African-American Student Advisory Council, said the School of Design does not make enough of an effort to recruit African Americans.

"I think a lot of African American students go toward fields that are more known," she said. "I have never heard about that particular school."

Pettaway also believes that the School of Design is caught in a negative cycle. Many times

African Americans are recruited by friends or faculty at a particular college. But, since there are not many African American students or faculty members in the design school, there are fewer potential recruiters.

Whatever the reason for its low percentage of minorities, the

School of Design has tried just about everything — summer camps, advertising, new recruitment standards — to remedy the problem.

One potential solution the school is considering is a reduced reliance on SAT tests, which, according to Tector, discriminate against minorities.

"We all know [SAT tests] are biased," he said. Instead, Tector wants to rely on "noncognitive variables" — tests that measure students' self-concept, ability to deal with racism, willingness to serve their community, and commitment to long-term goals — to determine who should be accepted into the School of Design. These "noncognitive variables" could bring more minority students into design, Tector said.

Also, the School of Design is stepping up its recruitment efforts in geographic areas that have historically produced very few design students. This "widening of the net," as Motley puts it, includes sending out literature about design to African American churches and organizations.

"I can't say definitely that our numbers have increased, but I can say that we are reaching more students," Motley said.

But, according to Motley, the key to increased diversity is teamwork, which is where handouts about diversity come in.

"In order for diversity to be successful, it has to be institutionalized," she said. "Whenever I come across really good articles on the contributions of minorities to the profession, I share copies of the articles with the faculty."

Currently the School of Design is about 87 percent white, 4 percent African American, 5 percent Asian, 2 percent international, one-and-a-half percent Hispanic and under one half percent Native American.

Education and Psychology

On the other side of the fence is the School of Education and Psychology, which has a 15 percent African American population. In fact, with its 254 African American students,

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NCSU plans new lab

Students may soon be working in unfamiliar labs.

MARK McCRAW
Staff Writer

A chemistry or biology class is part of the curriculum for almost every student at N.C. State, and most of these classes require a lab. Pending approval by the state legislature, future NCSU students will be able to enjoy the increased learning opportunities that come with new, improved lab facilities.

According to Tom Hunter, project manager for University Facilities Planning and Design, a new 90,000 square-foot building is being planned to house the biology and chemistry undergraduate lab facilities that are currently located in Withers Hall.

The University Space Committee will decide on reassignment for the space where the labs currently are located in Withers.

Original estimates place the total cost for the new building at between \$33 million and \$40 million.

"We have the planning money now," said Hunter. "The state legislature will have to approve the resources needed to actually build it."

Hunter said that no definite time scale for the construction could be given at this time.

The proposed location for the lab building is west of Gardner Hall, where the research and horticultural greenhouses are currently located. According to Hunter, new research greenhouses will be built on Method Road to replace the old ones if the new building is approved. New horticultural greenhouses will be built south of the new building to replace the old ones.

The area where the greenhouses are currently located will actually contain a large courtyard. According to Hunter, the area is already a major thoroughfare, and a courtyard would significantly improve access through the area.

The building itself, which is expected to be three or four stories high, will probably be located somewhere more directly behind Kilgore Hall, said Hunter.

"We've been spending a considerable amount of time looking at how to impact north campus and improve west campus," said Hunter. "We think this is one of the major building opportunities for that."

Policy ensures early evaluation

The add/drop date is just around the corner.

JACK DAILY
Staff Writer

With the add/drop date of Feb. 18 approaching, students may be comforted by the fact that professors are required to give "some sort of evaluative feedback to the student" by the add/drop date, according to Frank Abrams, senior associate provost for academic affairs.

"The idea is that the teacher gives something that gives the student a sense of how they are doing before the drop/add date," said Abrams. "We want to be sure that students have good information about dropping courses, as there is no drop without a penalty policy, except for first-year students."

While professors need to give students "feedback" on their standing in the class, Abrams stressed that teachers are not actually required to give a grade to students.

"It does not say there needs to be a grade but some indication of how they are doing," Abrams said. "Teachers are responsible to give students some sense of how their work is being evaluated and their place in

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Shade NCSU

Student leaders, police discuss panhandlers

Student Body President Chad Myers spoke to the Raleigh chief of police about vagrants on Hillsborough Street.

LOUISA JONES
Staff Writer

Chad Myers, student body president of N.C. State, paid the Raleigh chief of police a visit Dec. 19. No, he wasn't being interrogated; he was with a group of people concerned about harassment from vagrants and beggars on Hillsborough Street.

Keith Crawford, chair of the Student Media Authority, "got everything started," Myers said. Crawford sent a

letter to Raleigh Police Chief M.W. Brown, which eventually led to the meeting between Myers, Brown, Terry Wright, assistant director of Public Safety, Clare Kristofco, assistant to the chancellor's office and other concerned parties.

Myers said he has always been concerned about people begging on Hillsborough Street, and that students "really expressed a sincere interest" in finding out what they could do when confronted by vagrants, especially aggressive ones.

"I've been verbally accosted," Myers said. "I've seen women who have been accosted verbally."

There is sometimes a "physical

intimidation factor" when students are confronted by someone asking for money, Myers said. He doesn't think it is fair that students should have to be intimidated every time they walk down Hillsborough Street.

During the meeting, Myers learned that beggars must have a begging permit in order to ask for money from passers-by. Students can ask to see this permit to make sure that the person asking for money is legitimate, said Dawn S. Bryant, a police attorney present at the meeting.

As long as beggars don't block people's way or verbally badger them, they have the right to beg, Myers said.

"The main thing is that police are

limited in what they can do," Myers said.

But he stresses that students should not give beggars or vagrants money.

"That's business for them," he added.

Brown told the meeting that some vagrants are not homeless; they make good money, Myers said. Brown knows of one man who bragged that he could make \$300 in a day.

Bryant, the attorney present at the meeting, is currently putting together a package so students will know about the laws and regulations concerning begging. The package contains information that is basically a "review of city ordinances

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Wednesday IN BRIEF



Fountain Dining Hall to have contest Thursday

Six lucky N.C. State students will put for prizes, including \$750.00 toward their meal plan, in the "Tony Takes a Shot" event to be held at Fountain Dining Hall on Thursday, Jan. 15. Tony the Tiger himself will host the event, greet students and award the prizes.

Students interested in competing can fill out a ballot at Fountain Dining Hall through 8 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 14, at which time six contestants will be drawn at random. The contest will then take place at 6 p.m. on Thursday.

"The contestants will put in a single elimination 'shoot out' event to determine who will take the grand-prize 35-foot putt," said Scott Curtner, Fountain Dining Hall manager. "Everyone who participates will win a prize, but if the last remaining contestant can sink the 35-foot putt, they'll have \$750 to their University Dining meal program."

N.C. State opens new student design center

N.C. State's College of Engineering has opened a new laboratory that provides students with unprecedented access to high-tech design equipment in a hands-on learning environment. Located in Daniels hall, the new William F. Troxler Design Center will provide state-of-the-art laboratory space for electrical and computer engineering students and will offer nearly 24-hour availability of equipment to students working on design projects. The facility also will serve as a classroom for design courses, providing hands-on learning experiences for students.

The facility was supported by a \$157,000 gift from William F. Troxler, chairman and president of Troxler Electronic Laboratories Inc. of Research Triangle Park. It is the first time in the history of the College of Engineering that an individual has funded the entire renovation of a laboratory or a facility.

Lifelong education registration open

Registration is underway for N.C. State's Lifelong Education Program. Classes began Jan. 5.

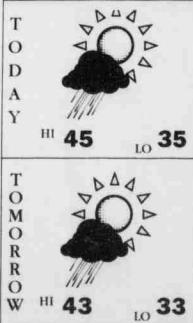
Through Lifelong Education, individuals with a high school diploma or GED can take college credit courses without being formally admitted to a degree program.

Credits can be applied toward a degree or transferred. Individuals with a baccalaureate degree can take undergraduate or graduate courses.

Courses are available both day and evening. Spring semester course schedules are available at the Office of Adult Credit Programs in the McKinnon Center.

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Diversity

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Education and Psychology has only about 100 fewer black students than the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, a school which is three times larger than Education and Psychology.

Education and Psychology Associate Dean John Kolb really doesn't know why that is. "I don't know," he said. "We're glad. I don't know why that's the case."

However, like Tector, Kolb has a few theories. He points out that,



historically, educators have been very well respected within the African American community.

"The pool is larger because, historically, if you were African American, you can either preach or teach," he said. "Of course, that's changing now."

But, in light of his lack of answers as to why his school draws the largest percentage of African American students, Kolb turned to an assistant dean in Education and Psychology, Anona Smith.

Smith also could not give too many specifics as to why her college is so diverse, other than to point to its "inviting" environment.

"We do a lot to bring minority students to campus," said Smith. "When students come here from high school, they see an inviting college."

In the past, Education and Psychology has given out many race-based scholarships, Smith said. But, in the new, anti-affirmative action world, such scholarships are frowned upon.

"We really have to be careful about scholarships that give preference to one group rather than another," she said.

However, Smith does not believe a lack of race-based scholarships will hurt Education and Psychology's reputation as a diverse college. She points out that NCSU's competitors will also be hit hard by anti-affirmative action reforms.

"I think it will all shake out and be the same," she said. "It's going to hit Chapel Hill, that's our biggest competitor."

Pettaway, president of the African American Student Advisory Council, said Education and Psychology goes out of its way to recruit African American students.

"When I first came to N.C. State, I came to Ms. Smith," she said. "They had a student walk with me and give me a tour."

Even with Education and Psychology's large proportion of African American students, there are still a few problems with diversity in the school. The largest of these is the school's inability to attract a large number of international students.

According to Kolb, there just isn't enough revenue to bring in a large pool of international students.

"If you're going to have

international students, you have to be fully supportive," Kolb said. "We don't have that. Most of our graduate students work part-time." The college of Education and Psychology is currently about 80 percent white, 15 percent black, 2 percent Asian, one-and-a-half percent Hispanic, under one percent international and three-fourths of a percent Native American.

College of Humanities and Social Sciences

CHASS suffers and benefits from the same strengths and weaknesses as Education and Psychology: lots of African Americans but a shortage of international students. Of the school's 3,073 students, 365 are black while only 23 are classified international students.

CHASS Associate Dean Mohan Sawhney attributes his school's success among African Americans to a variety of factors. First, he said, African American students come to CHASS after examining the school's diverse faculty.

"The role models are there for minority students," he said. "I think minority students are impressed by the diversity of the faculty. It's a circular effect."

Also, Sawhney believes that CHASS is slowly losing its reputation as a non-lucrative college to study in, a change which has brought more African Americans to the college.

"The English major and the history major tend to be second generation," he said. "The first generation tends to go more often for the career-oriented options. That's why we have more African Americans in social work. There is the desire to prove that takes you to careers associated with better jobs."

CHASS also draws from a good relationship with the First Year College, which has a large percentage of African Americans, Sawhney said.

According to Sawhney, politics is a factor in CHASS' dismal low number of international students. In the past, many international students who favor the humanities were not allowed to study in the United States, he said.

"The immigration laws were more supportive of those who wanted degrees in the sciences and engineering," he said.

Sawhney also points to the shortage of scholarships available in his college, claiming that international students cannot afford



to attend American schools without significant financial aid. Because of this, many foreign countries have developed their own humanities programs.

"American education has become so expensive that international students have more-developed facilities for the arts and sciences," he said. "The international students are more likely to spend a lot of money for the programs not available in their country."

However, besides CHASS' involvement in the Study Abroad program, Sawhney admits that no special efforts are made to recruit international students.

Management

Smack in the middle of NCSU schools in terms of diversity is the College of Management, which is more diverse than some and less than others.

Management Associate Dean Jon Bartley credits his school's limited diversity to strong recruitment efforts.

"We are a little more aggressive in corresponding with [African Americans]," he said. "We have one person who we ask to pay special attention to our minority



high school applicants."

But, in the wake of increasing anti-affirmative action sentiments, Management is rethinking its recruitment strategies, Bartley said. "I would like to be aggressive on recruiting [minorities]," he said. "But there is some uncertainty about how aggressive we can be."

Management has conducted classes specifically designed for African Americans, Bartley said. But those classes have now been eliminated in the midst of uncertainty about their appropriateness.

One of the major problems Management has been experiencing in its efforts to make the school more diverse is a large drop-off in the number of African American graduate students. Management has a 10-and-a-half percent African American undergraduate population, but only a six percent African American graduate student population.

According to Bartley, that problem may be a result of Management's lack of financial aid. "In the College of Management, we probably have less financial aid for graduate students," he said. "And I would speculate, on balance, that minority students have more need."

But Bartley is quick to point out that a lack of resources is only one reason for the African American graduate student drop-off, adding that he is not sure what is ultimately behind the problem.

"Part of it's financial, but that can't be all there is to it," he said. "I don't know if it's socioeconomic. I don't think it's financial — my sense is that Ph.D. programs pay more attention to those applicants."

Currently, the College of Management is about 81 percent white, 10 percent African American, four-and-a-half percent Asian, over one percent Hispanic, about two-and-a-half percent international and one-half of a percent Native American.

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the course." Abrams listed graded homework, tests, papers, reports or conferences as some of the different ways that teachers can provide feedback to the students.

On Jan. 21, TRACS closes registration for courses, according to the Academic Affairs Office.

After this date, students can drop or add a class only with a professor's permission. January 21 is also the last day an undergraduate student can drop below 12 hours.

After Feb. 18, no drops without a grade are allowed in 100-through 400-level courses except for "documented medical reasons or other verified, unforeseen grounds of personal or family hardship," according to the Academic Affairs Office.

Courses at the 500- and 600-level may be dropped up to one week after the mid-point of the semester, according to the Academic Affairs Office. After this, students may only drop a course without a penalty if they have the same exceptions as the 100-through 400-level courses.

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that directly affect begging and panhandling," Bryant said. "According to Bryant, there are several city ordinances concerning especially aggressive panhandlers. The information will help students understand what would be expected of them in a situation involving a panhandler, and what they can do when confronted with the situation, Bryant said."

She will also provide a list of resources in the community that are available to students so that they will be able to help homeless people with more than money.

"A handout doesn't accomplish much positive—in the long term," Bryant said. "The homeless community is better served through volunteer work and contributions to organizations that can help the homeless."

The information from Bryant's package will be printed in Technician so students will know how to deal with uncomfortable situations that may arise.

All in all, Bryant believes that the meeting was "very positive, very cordial...everyone had a lot of good ideas."

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Wolfpack readies for Maryland

■ The Wolfpack women don't intend to take anyone lightly, no matter what is said on paper.

K. GAFNEY
Sports Editor

Rankings, wins, awards; none of them matter, at least to the Wolfpack women's basketball team.

N.C. State may be one of the top 10 teams in the nation, and may have a strong hold on the reigns of the Atlantic Coast Conference, but Thursday night's game with Maryland is not going to be taken lightly.

"Maryland and N.C. State are traditional rivals," Wolfpack Coach Kay Yow said at the Tuesday afternoon press conference. "A strong rivalry has existed between N.C. State and Maryland for all of these years. In the early years of the conference, it was N.C. State and Maryland that were always battling for first place."

Yow and her counterpart, Chris Weller, have been a large part of that rivalry. Yow took over the Wolfpack the same year that Weller started with the Terrapins.

Yow has recorded over 540 wins in her career, while Weller's teams have given her over 440.

The Pack has answered a lot of questions about

respect in the past two weeks, as they have taken control of the ACC rankings with consecutive wins over Wake Forest, Georgia Tech, Clemson and Virginia.

While even the local media haven't given State the respect that rightfully comes with the top spot in one of America's toughest conferences, the Pack's numbers have been showing just why State is where they are.

The ACC is the nation's second rated team in the RPI report, with six teams ranked in the top 50. With the ACC trailing behind the Southeastern Conference, State leads the way for the ACC with a .6635 rating that places them at No. 8 overall.

State is also one of four ACC teams in the top 25 rankings. After not appearing in the preseason rankings, State now stands at No. 10 in the AP poll and No. 9 in the USA Today/CNN coaches poll.

The Pack's absence in the preseason polls was largely due to skepticism that Coach Kay Yow's team couldn't rebound from the loss of three starters from a team that seldom went to its bench.

Not only has the Pack rebounded from the loss, it has also developed into a deeper and stronger team than last year's 19-12 squad.

The State team is ranked 10th in the nation in field goal percentage. In 12 offensive and defensive categories within the conference, State is ranked first or second in eight, and is ranked no lower than fifth in the remaining categories except three-point field goals per game. State's average of 2.8 treys per game places them eighth, but it is not that State is shooting poorly from long range, but rather that the Pack just isn't shooting from long range. The Pack's 39-percent shooting from three-point land is second in the ACC, behind only Clemson.

While State is off to one of its best starts in a decade, it is hard to believe that Maryland contended for a national title just a few years ago. The Terrapins are tied with the Cavaliers for the No. 5 spot in the ACC, with two to three records in the conference.

Weller's Maryland team has played 15 games, but picked up just nine wins, dropping their record to the Clemson Tigers on the road, 73-51.

Maryland has lost its last two contests by an average of 24 points, to Clemson and Virginia, the last to teams to fall victim to the Wolfpack.

The Terps, led by Sonia Chase, Kalisa Davis and Stephanie Cross, have chased up conference



Kenyatta Williams and the 14-1 Pack look to defend their position at the top of the ACC and average a 54-51 loss last season by going head-to-head with Maryland on Thursday.

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UNC next test for Grapplers

■ N.C. State's wrestling team

JONATHAN NOEL
Staff Writer

For the past 24 years, the winner of the Atlantic Coast Conference Wrestling Championship has been one of the two teams that will go head to head tonight in Chapel Hill. N.C. State and the University of North Carolina will face off at 7:30 p.m. in what has become an early season preview of March's ACC tournament.

Both teams bring in talented but

inexperienced teams and are hoping their vigorous non-conference schedules have prepared them for the start of conference action.

"We're good, but we're young," freshman Tommy Davis said. "Hopefully the good comes out more so than the young."

Three veterans will anchor the young Wolfpack squad. Kevin Farnham will go at 158 pounds, and will be the Pack's lone senior competing at Chapel Hill.

Juniors Lee Carroll and Joel Dramis will also provide valuable experience against the Tar Heels. Carroll has the

daunting task of matching up against Carolina sophomore Chuckie Connot in the 118-weight class, a freshman All-American a year ago who beat Carroll 5-1 in last year's conference final.

Dramis began to emerge at the end of last season, finishing second in the ACC tournament in the 150-weight class.

What has excited Coach Bob Guzzo is the quick progression of his first-year starters, in particular a strong freshman class.

"We have a lot of new, young kids wrestling for us, and they're doing a pretty good job," Guzzo said. "It's going to be really interesting."

Davis has been an immediate contributor, quickly winning a job and then beating Shane Valdez, who finished fifth in the country a year ago.

"That's an incredible accomplishment for a freshman, particularly this early in the year," Guzzo said.

Also making an impact has been freshman Pierre Pryor, wrestling in the 142-weight class for the Pack. Pryor was able to pin his opponent in Saturday's match against East Stroudsburg.

While the Pack brings in a young team, the Tar Heels have also faced significant losses and have one of their youngest teams in years. For the first time since the 1990-91 season, the Tar Heels are without a returning All-American but are confident they have the talent to repeat as ACC champions and have an All-American for the 19th straight year.

"We're going to have to get good performance out of everybody, and



N.C. State's wrestlers prepare to take on the 1997 ACC champion TarHeels of UNC-Chapel Hill.

everybody's going to have to do their part," Guzzo said. "Every match out there's going to be key."

Despite its youth, the Pack enters its competition with Carolina confident that it has the talent to match up with returning champions.

"I'm going to go the match confident and just try to wrestle my match," Davis said. "I match pretty well. I've wrestled a lot of good guys this year so far, and I've gotten a lot of college experience."

Freshman Kevin Boross believes the team has the talent and has worked hard enough to beat the Heels in Chapel Hill.

"I think we're going to win," he said. "We've got a lot of good guys, a lot of

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Where I belong

JAMES CURLE
Commentary

This weekend saw the unfolding of a yearly tradition here at N.C. State: camp out for Carolina tickets.

Despite the necessity to hold it a week earlier this year due to the upcoming four-day MLK holiday, State fans came out in droves to ensure their opportunity to receive tickets to the biggest basketball game of the season.

Over 1,500 students were represented by the groups present on Dunn Avenue, with two lines of tents stretching from the student bookstore all the way to the third tunnel across from the Reynolds parking deck. At the time of the lottery, it was announced that about 150 groups were registered all told, and through the course of the weekend that number was added to by quite a bit.

If you were among the 1,500-plus people who camped out this weekend, then this column is my salute to you. You are the people who make up the support of the Wolfpack fan base, and to see so many of you out there must be quite a promising sight for Coach Senek.

I, too, had a tent out there Saturday night. I didn't have a massive gathering of 14, or show up with a generator, strobe lights, a sound system and (this blew my mind) a blender, but my party of nine, nevertheless, had our own plot of land set aside down in front of the bookstore.

Following the lottery, things really started getting interesting. The two guys next to my tent started drinking early and got smashed. Thoroughly. Hammered.

So hammered, in fact, that over the course of the

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State splits weekend matches

The Wolfpack wrestling squad competed in two matches last Saturday in the state of Pennsylvania. The Pack won the first, but dropped the second.

The Pack started the afternoon with a match-up with East Stroudsburg Sr. at 2:00 p.m. The Pack had very little difficulty handling ESU, winning all but one match in the competition. State had three pins in the competition, including two in the final three matches. Pierre Pryor (142-pound), Jeff Green (177-pound) and Bill Blunt (heavyweight) all racked up pins for the Pack. State also recorded two major decisions, with Lee Carroll in the 118-pound class and James Kocher in the 134-pound class winning by the scores of 16-6 and 10-2, respectively.

State's lone loss came in the 190-pound class, where Jeff Wolfe won a close 3-2 decision over the Pack's Josh

McClure. It was the Pack's first win of the season, and it improved their record to 1-3.

Later that afternoon, State headed across the Keystone State to take on the team from Drexel, and, unfortunately for the Pack, the Dragons proved to be a more formidable challenge. They handed the Pack a close 18-17 loss on the heels of two key victories in the 177- and 190-pound classes.

State started out strong, winning three of the first four matches to take a 10-3 lead. But the Dragons responded by taking the next two matches to tie up the score. Following a Pack 11-6 victory by Kevin Boross in the 167-pound class, Drexel recorded two straight major decisions to post an insurmountable 18-13 lead. The Pack fell to 1-4 for the year, while Drexel tied its record at 2-2.



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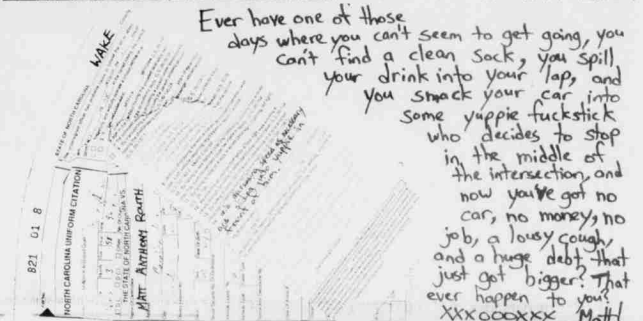
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'Jackie Brown' stands on its own

■ Tarantino had some pretty big shoes to fill with "Pulp Fiction," but his latest offering might just do the trick.

ROBERT GREENE
Staff Writer

Follow-ups for major successes are always difficult, but just imagine how Quentin Tarantino felt when it came time to succeed 1994's instant classic "Pulp Fiction." Sure, he had passed the time executive producing and acting, but no one thought of "Destiny Turns on the Radio," "From Dusk Till Dawn" or the middlingly pleasant "Four Rooms" (which he directed a segment of) as bona-fide follow-ups to one of the most memorable movies of the decade. The pressure was as in-your-face as Jules' gun.

So one might look at "Jackie Brown" as the movie that had to be made — the movie almost cursed to follow "Pulp Fiction" and the director's heralded debut, "Reservoir Dogs." But to dismiss it as such would be criminal. Although the plot line gets a little too convoluted and a 20-minute trimming would heighten its impact, "Jackie Brown" strides and bounces with a texture reminiscent of a smooth, if difficult, soul jam. Taking cues from blaxploitation films and crime capers, while winking at the theme of a fear of growing old into submission, "Jackie Brown" works on many different planes all at once.

The film, an adaptation of Elmore Leonard's 1995 bestseller "Rum Punch," has a few particularly strong elements that make it effective. First, as usual, Tarantino's much-discussed mastery of dialogue is evident again; each line the actors utter rings true and natural. Moving the setting from Miami (where the story takes place in the book) to Tarantino's back yard — the South Bay area of LA — enabled the director to create the urban jungle feel effortlessly. The result is character interactions that actually outshine his other works in many scenes.

Perhaps the best reason to see "Jackie Brown," however, is to watch the actors chosen to bring that dialogue to life work near perfectly. Pam Grier is truly inspirational as the out-smarter, out-foxing heroine. In an age where black female actresses are more haughty, vivacious and cocky than ever before, it's nice to see that the lady who started it all with a string of '70s smashes



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Pam Grier plays the street-wise siren that pulls off the perfect heist in the latest Tarantino vehicle, 'Jackie Brown.'

like "Coffy" and "Foxy Brown" can still hang. Grier is not alone, however. Samuel L. Jackson is as vicious and mighty as ever, playing what is either the biggest bad ass role of his career or a brilliant parody of his own typecast. Robert Forster brings a veteran calm to the role of the good-hearted bad bondsman who helps Jackie. And Robert DeNiro fills the role of the off-balanced yet likeable Louis Gara like a Brawny

on a wet spot. These are just the brightest highlights of a sparkling cast of characters that are equally engaging and frightening. All in all, "Jackie Brown" is a really good, if not great, movie. Now that Tarantino has perhaps tapped the "Jungle Boogie" vein to its bottom, I for one can't wait to see where he goes next.

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MELISSA McEVER
Daily Texan (U. Texas-Austin)

(U-WIRE) AUSTIN, Texas — From the beginning, Tammy Wittig had all the symptoms—racing heart, sweaty palms, flushed face—and the cause was clear: a blue-eyed drummer named J.J.

"I felt giddy around him. I would almost get dizzy when he was nearby," she said. "Right away, I knew this was different, special."

Wittig's initial feelings for J.J. had what some would call a storybook outcome: The Wittigs have now been married for over two years. It all began with that much-sought-after zing of "love at first sight." Forget the romanticism, say psychologists and scientists. Love at first sight is the result of a complex interplay of factors derived from human evolution, nonverbal behaviors, scent and a host of other influences.

"Trying to figure out why people are attracted to each other is like trying to build your own spaceship to the moon," said Mark Knapp, a UT professor of speech communication. "It's difficult and incredibly complex."

Certain influences are common to many of us, though we may not know as much about them as we think.

David Buss, a UT professor of evolutionary psychology and author of "The Evolution of Desire," said evolution has cemented our interest in particular physical characteristics of a mate. We are attracted to physical traits that demonstrate health and fertility.

Tammy Wittig's husband, J.J., found Tammy's waist-length, shiny hair attractive when he first saw her.

"It was pretty and long, and it caught my attention," J.J. said.

According to Buss' research, J.J.'s preference for healthy-looking hair might be evolution in action. What is considered attractive—youth, clear skin, lustrous hair, muscle tone—shows good health and reproductive capacity, Buss said.

"Because physical and behavioral cues provide the most powerful observable evidence of a woman's reproductive value, ancestral men evolved a preference for women who displayed these cues," Buss wrote in his book.

Another sign of "reproductive value" is the curves of a woman's figure, or more specifically her waist-to-hip ratio.

A study conducted by Devendra Singh, a UT associate professor of psychology, evaluated the figure variations of Miss Americas and "Playboy" centerfolds. Singh found that the waist-to-hip ratio of these women was remarkably consistent.

This preference promotes fertility, Singh said. A straighter figure and thicker waist can be indicators of diseases such as diabetes or increased levels of testosterone, which can reduce fertility.

Not that a man looks at a woman with this waist-to-hip ratio and thinks of her capacity to have children.

"These bodily wisdoms aren't conscious," Singh says. "Why do we prefer sugar, for example? Because it has calories and gives us energy? No, because it's sweet. We say, 'Something about this woman is so appealing.' But in that is a wisdom about health."

Women, however, don't emphasize physical attractiveness as much as men, and that's also influenced by evolutionary factors, said psychologist Buss.

"Men of high status were able to better provide resources for women and children," Buss said. So, according to evolutionary theory, women look for signs of success and ambition in a prospective mate, such as expensive clothes and a high energy level for working.

Although many women resent the idea of these preferences, Buss insists the propensity is still at work.

"It's a case of a Stone-Age brain functioning in a modern world," he said.

Another influence on attraction, which is potentially powerful but still only slightly understood, is the influence of scent. For some people this influence is undeniable, as it was for Tammy Wittig.

"I love [J.J.]'s personal scent," Wittig said. "Even without the cologne or shampoo—I like his scent."

In the scientific world, however, the topic is controversial, especially when discussing the concept of a human pheromone.

Pheromones are the attractants of the animal kingdom—a chemical compound that gives off alluring scent to attract mates. Though much research has been conducted on the pheromone influence in animals, the existence of a human pheromone is still undergoing research.

"Very few would deny the influence of natural odor on behavior," said James Kohl, clinical laboratory scientist and author of "The Scent of Eros," a book that explores the evidence for human pheromones. "I think it is the primary influence on sexual attraction."

Kohl's research has focused on the effect of certain body secretions—which he claims are likely to contain pheromones—on several hormones in the body, including testosterone, which can in turn influence sexual attraction. Kohl said it is difficult to prove though.

"If you can't show it every step of the way, they'll say you haven't proven it," Kohl said.

Among the unconvinced is Milton Diamond, a professor of reproductive biology at the University of Hawaii at Manoa. "I'm on the fence," Diamond said.

"I think the influence of human pheromones on sexuality is a possibility, but the evidence is not fully in yet."

Beyond the effects of physical appearance and scent, attraction is influenced by our nonverbal behaviors—the way men and women interact with each other through gestures, posture and expressions.

"Someone who laughs at your jokes, shows attention to you, listens to you—that person becomes attractive to you," communications expert Knapp said.

Certain cues are exchanged between people who are attracted to each other, and the more these cues are exchanged, the more the attraction is heightened, Knapp said.

According to Knapp, an entire sequence of behavior occurs, inciting a mating dance. Much of the beginning signals come from women: smiling and giggling, tossing the head, stroking the hair, primping, caressing objects and "accidentally touching" the other person.

The influence of such behavior on our emotions toward another person, as well as the influence of effective verbal communication, proves for Knapp the complexity of attraction.

"We're not robots blindly reacting only to physically attractive people. People can and do change the way others see them through behavior," he said.

Wittig remembers being influenced by J.J.'s interest in her.

"He was very upfront about saying he liked me. And he liked to joke around, to tickle me," she said.

But despite the possible effects of evolution, of scent, of nonverbal cues, Wittig still looks to the abstract, even mystical to describe her experiences.

"It felt right," she said. "And I just wanted to be around him all the time, as much as possible. Maybe it was fate."

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Finally, easier registration

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First, came the invention of the telegraph, and then came telephones. Now there are fax machines and computers, which allow us to control more of our daily life just by the click of a button. N.C. State is taking a step further in making this concept a reality and our lives a little less confusing.

All of us are familiar with the painstaking task that is known as TRACS. There's nothing worse than trying to get through for hour after hour, only to hear the nerve-racking, computerized voice telling you that the class you need is full. Then you have to hang up, re-do your entire schedule and go through the long process of calling back. Even when you have four other choices ready, as is recommended, it is difficult to register when trying to keep all the different call numbers straight.

Although TRACS is much more efficient and quicker than standing in line to register, like NCSU students had to do years ago (and still do at many universities), registering still takes almost endless amounts of time and effort. For students who call in long distance, TRACS is inconvenient, since it costs so much to register. Many of those students have wondered why TRACS did not consist of an 800 number or at least more telephone lines.

Although there is no 800 number or more telephone lines available, it doesn't matter. NCSU has now taken TRACS online. Students can register, add, drop and view their schedules online, all from their personal computer or one in a campus computer lab. You can choose which classes you want to view, and the course, professor,

time and place will appear on the screen. Clicking further reveals a course description.

What's even better is that the screen will display if a class is full or available, before you spend time pointing in a section number. This makes it easier to choose another section. The screen displays that classes are open, and then you can choose the one you want from those displayed. There are no action codes, and no pressing star or pound — you merely click enter, and you're registered.

Things are easier and more understandable when they are in front of you where you can see them. There's no cross-referencing between the course catalog, trying to find out what other courses fulfill the requirements and then going back to the phone to see if it's open. It's all right there.

That's part of what makes the TRACS online system so fantastic. Everything you need to know is right there. No more hitting "1, 2" to hear your schedule to gain time while figuring out another scheduling option. While there is still a time limit on TRACS online, it is not nearly as short as it is on the phone. And, for people with hearing problems, online registration is definitely a better option.

However, there's one tip you can't forget when using the new system: Make sure that you've completely logged out before leaving your computer. If you fail to do so, everyone who uses the system after you will have access to your files. No need to be afraid to use the system — just log out when you are finished. Registration and Records has made a big effort to make our lives less worrisome, and we take advantage of it, and be glad the computer age is improving your life at NCSU.



Glass banning is unfair

DAN HOUCK
Staff Columnist

As of Dec. 1, Snapple, Coke, IBC Root Beer and any other beverage that comes in a bottle were prohibited on Fraternity Court. This is N.C. State's answer to the broken bottle problem around some fraternity houses and a related lawsuit to this problem. This overall ban is a sad resolution to an obvious problem. No matter what a student's opinion of fraternities, this strong-arm policy should concern all NCSU students because the same people ultimately rule us all. The first obvious problem with this new policy is how difficult it will be to enforce.

Glass is too common a container for beverages for this rule to reasonably work. Think of all the beverages that do not come in non-glass alternative containers. NCSU is now making a direct decision in our choice of drink. I hate to think myself a criminal in the NCSU's eyes if I decide to have an IBC root beer in the privacy of my own room in a fraternity house. In no way am I suggesting I have some sort of God-given right to sip a drink with

glass on my lips, but what is this world coming to when I can't?

My second problem with this approach is its hidden agenda. Time and time again NCSU has told its Greek community and its student body that there is no plan for a blanket dry campus. With this new policy, I question this previous statement. Although NCSU officials will deny this, I see this new ban as an assault on legal drinking on campus. Only cheap domestic beer and a few imports are available in cans. Only the cheapest of cheap fortified liquors can be bought in plastic. The administrators know this and will use it to their advantage to further prohibit student drinking.

Thirdly, this policy induces tension in inter-fraternity relations and vast decrease in the general respect for the authority of NCSU. For those people, who did not break bottles to begin with, now resent the fact that others have taken on the privilege away. This converts into bitterness and strain between fraternities. Also, if people did not follow the first rules, there is no reason for them to respect the new ones.

Why does this ban have to stop with beverage glass? Any glass can be broken. Windows, televisions, computer monitors, medicine bottles, eyeglasses, car windshields, mirrors, lights bulbs and so on. All these objects can be dangerous if broken.

With this kind of thoughtless policy making, I am ready for almost anything. A ban on pencils because you can put an eye out or chop their common use as projectiles. Even tire irons—did you hear about the student beaten with one on Hillsborough Street? I am surprised that we are able to walk up dangerous flights of stairs without the watchful eye of Public Safety.

The problem is broken glass, not glass. If NCSU is really concerned about the safety of students on Fraternity Court (or its safety from lawsuits), other solutions can be developed. First, if a particular house has excessive broken glass on its premises, simply fine them for each violation. Second, if the glass is in common areas, make the fraternities pay for cleaning up (as

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Campus Forum

A thank you to the NCSU family

On behalf of the alumni of N.C. State, I want to commend Technician, Chancellor Larry Monteith, Athletic Director Les Robinson, Coach Herb Sendek, the Parks Scholars, our student body and the many friends and fans who participated in the yellow ribbon campaign for Kristen Modafeni.

I strongly believe in the concept of the NCSU family, and how this notion makes NCSU a great and unique university. The yellow ribbon campaign clearly demonstrates how this concept is alive and well at NCSU, and how strongly we all feel about it. There have rarely been more dramatic moments than what we saw Saturday when Allison Modafeni spoke at half time. People literally stopped in the aisles to listen to her.

I hope and pray with you, Allan, that this effort will bring forth information that will lead to Kristen's safe return. Your NCSU family will not be satisfied until this happens. This effort on Kristen's behalf by each of you makes me very proud to be an alumnus of NCSU.

Ron Spivey
President, N.C. State Alumni Association

Camp out system should be changed

First and foremost, allow me to express my appreciation for the opportunity to publicize my opinions in a publication here at N.C. State. I realize that this opportunity for presenting my opinion also carries with it a responsibility to know what I am talking about. I feel that after considerable experience coming out for tickets over the last couple of days and in years past, I have a good working knowledge.

The current system for the distribution of tickets to games that

have high demand for student seating is ridiculous. The current system sacrifices student's health, education, safety and, perhaps, sanity. It also strains the university's image and that of its student body. For students with classes on Monday and Tuesday, there is no way that one or two nights of "camping out" provides adequate rest and preparation time for classes.

Students arc in some cases exposed to extreme temperatures, and even logical attempts to keep warm are grounds for the fire department to threaten students with arrest or other legal action. Lack of security and exposure to broken bottles, continuous traffic and the sort are unsafe. The system doesn't even guarantee a certain number of tickets, to my knowledge, until Monday morning. This weekend, what started as a fun way to "earn" tickets to what Coach Sendek and the Wolfpack will definitely make a great game, ended in chaos and what appeared to be a tornado of litter, broken bottles and university furniture.

I'm sure some students like the current system, but as part of a group with poor seats that had to camp the same amount of time as another group that got sideline seats, I have to ask, is there a better way? And I'm not crying because I didn't get a good seat. I'm just disgusted at this wild process. With so many engineers and educators, why can't we create a system of ticket distribution that doesn't sacrifice students' health, education, safety, and the image and appearance of their beloved University? The appearance of the campsites on Monday morning was appalling, not to mention the fact that the local fire department had to come and threaten law-abiding students. These kinds of situations warrant some brainstorming by the athletic department in conjunction with the student body as to new options for distributing tickets. I'd be willing to help and know of many others that would too.

Ray Stirling
Junior, Agricultural Education/Ag Business Management

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Rants and raves of '97

TRENT HAMILTON
Staff Columnist

Ok, so 1997 is over. Done. Gone. Past. History. Does anyone remember it? I mean, I reflect back to the 12 months of 1997, and not one single detail comes to mind. Well, I do remember the first few minutes of 1997. I was at a party at a friend's house with about 30 other people doing that ridiculous countdown before the ball drops in New York City. Through a chemical-induced stupor, I was able to shout Happy New Year—and annoy everyone there by proclaiming my New Year's Resolution. (Which will be referred to as NYR from now on because "New Year's Resolution" is entirely too much to type when my deadline is two hours away.) Last year's NYR was that I would basically continue being the jerk I was in 1996. And, without any sort of effort, I do believe I achieved my NYR for 1997. Yet, I don't recall much about 1997, save for that evening.

I remember Chris Farley being announced dead (in my opinion, the most tragic loss of the last 30 days. Of course, 30 years ago to the day, Dilbert McSweeney, inventor of the electric blanket, died in a tragic accident. It seemed Dilbert had neglected to turn down his electric blanket before he went to sleep and died of polyester inhalation. Apparently his electric blanket overheated and burned all the polyester blanket-material, thus

emitting pungent, toxic vapors into his bedroom and killing him. A tragedy in the truest sense of the word.) and Princess Diana's last car ride. In fact, I swore I would not sit up watching C-SPAN's report of that incident, but sheer morbid curiosity forced me to watch it until four in the morning, at which time I smothered myself with a large pillow in an effort to save myself from further exposure to Wolf Blitzer. (Which is a darn good name for a linebaker but a not-so-impressive name for a TV newscaster.) I wasn't the same for a few days afterwards, as I was prone to shout at paparazzi for no apparent reason. My shrink said it was normal and I believe him because I pay him to tell me the truth.

Anyway, what else was there to 1997? I don't know who won the World Series, I forgot who won the Super Bowl, I know Tiger Woods won the Masters but I am totally clueless for the rest of the PGA Majors. I remember getting a ticket in June from some backward cop and I remember walking around Franklin Street in a skirt on Halloween. I just now realized I started this out saying I couldn't remember anything from 1997 and I've already listed several things. I think I'm finally losing it. I mean, the subject of this column has shifted from a Year in Review of 1997 to some sort of personal psychological evaluation.

OK, enough of that, let's talk about 1997. When you think about

it, 1997 was a really lame year. Look at music, for instance. No good bands came out in 1997. Soundgarden broke up and I missed Tool at Lollapalooza because I had to work. (What's up with that? Frankly, I think "I need to see Tool" is a good reason for having a day off of work, but my manager didn't seem to agree. Then again, he probably listens to Barry Manilow.) What did music offer in 1997? No new Pearl Jam album, but No Doubt sells 10 million. Why?

Someone explain that to me. What about this annoying Matchbox 20 thing? Do we really need some little brat showing off his bird chest on MTV while dressed up like a scarecrow? I'd love to hear what the producer was saying. "I have a really great idea. Don't button your shirt any and pretend like you're a scarecrow. It'll sell!" At least we didn't hear anything from Hootie in 1997. (You have no idea how hard it is to refrain from some sort of obscene euphemism for that band.)

I think Hanson took Hootie's place as crown of the annoying bands. Mark my words, those kids will be on heroin before they hit puberty. And what's with all this crap about Sublime? I mean, HELLO! The guy who wrote the music's dead! Give it a rest! Oh, but 311 had a new album. Woo-hoo! Nothing better than two idiots rambling on about how much pot they smoke to overly-distorted guitar riffs that sound surprisingly the same over and over again. You

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U.S. weighs options as Iraq blocks arms inspectors

Japanese terrorist arrested

Hussein disrespects the United States' "steady as she goes" diplomacy.

NORMAN KEMPSTER
Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON - As Iraq carried out its threat to block an American-led United Nations arms inspection team, the Clinton administration struggled Tuesday to balance diplomacy with the threat of force, hoping to be firm enough to cause Iraqi President Saddam Hussein to back down without frightening off key countries like Russia and France.

"This is 'steady as she goes' diplomacy, diplomacy designed to keep the Security Council together as we address this recent obstruction by Saddam Hussein," White House press secretary Mike McCurry told reporters.

Administration officials insisted that President Clinton retain the option of using military force - with allies, if possible, or without them, if necessary - but emphasized that armed action was a last resort.

In Baghdad, Iraqi authorities thwarted the inspection team headed by Scott Ritter, 36, a former U.S. Marine, by failing to assign escorts to guide inspectors past security guards, as is required by U.N. procedures. After waiting for half an hour, Ritter and his colleagues returned to their hotel; other U.N. teams proceeded as scheduled.

At U.N. headquarters in New

York, Richard Butler, head of the U.N. special commission charged with dismantling Iraq's weapons of mass destruction, said he chose not to let the inspectors work without Iraqi escorts because of concern for their "safety and security."

Butler urged the Security Council to demand that Iraq resume cooperation with all arms inspection teams, regardless of their composition.

Alain Dejammet, the French ambassador to the U.N. and this month's Security Council president, said he would like to see a strong statement of support for the arms inspectors "as soon as possible," probably Wednesday.

Butler plans to visit Baghdad next week to press an earlier demand for access to all suspected arms sites, including those that Iraq has declared off-limits because they are Hussein's private preserves. Butler also will demand - with the likely unanimous backing of the council - that Iraq end its latest obstructionist tactics.

Although some council members, such as France and Russia, have expressed impatience with the sanctions imposed by the United Nations against Iraq and have called for lifting them soon, Hussein's challenge to U.N. authority has unified the council against him.

The administration sought to preserve that unity by moving cautiously in its response to the latest Iraqi provocation. "The Security Council has hung together

as it has addressed (Hussein's) previous obstructions," McCurry said. "We are going to work hard in the Security Council to make sure that they continue to hang together."

Still, administration officials were stung by criticism that the emphasis on diplomacy has let Hussein get away with thumbing his nose at the United States and the U.N. Even if Hussein relents, these critics say, the dispute will have given the Baghdad regime more time to hide its weapons facilities.

To counter those arguments, the administration insisted it would use force if other methods prove inadequate, and the Pentagon announced that the aircraft carrier Independence will sail soon from the western Pacific to the Persian Gulf to relieve the Nimitz.

Although the reason doesn't increase the overall strength of U.S. forces in the region, it still fresh personnel on station. Since a similar crisis in November, the Pentagon has maintained a potent military force of two carrier groups and 37,000 personnel in the area.

In Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, Defense Secretary William Cohen said the United States will continue to pursue diplomatic efforts until they are exhausted. He said there were no plans to increase U.S. forces to the region because "we have a very robust presence there. It is more than sufficient to take any action should any action be necessary."

Other officials made clear that the administration was a long way away

from ordering unilateral military action.

"Putting the armed forces of the United States gravely at risk is the most awesome responsibility a commander in chief has," McCurry said, using the president's military title. "And this commander in chief will do so (only) after he has explored all other options."

Secretary of State Madeleine Albright said the U.N. must insist on "unconditional access" for all of its inspectors.

In a speech to the Center for National Policy, a think tank she once headed, Albright said Congress' failure to appropriate money to pay U.S. back dues to the United Nations has undercut Washington's leadership there. "Failure to pay our U.N. debts undermines our leverage, just as Saddam Hussein is challenging the authority of the United Nations," she said.

Asked if she was blaming Congress for the crisis, Albright said, "I hold Saddam Hussein responsible for defying the U.N. What I do hold Congress, or a few members of Congress, responsible for is a lack of understanding of the importance that the United Nations plays in our lives, and specifically the role that the United Nations is playing in terms of assuring that Saddam Hussein lives up to his obligations."

Failing to disrupt trade as planned, the well-known terrorist is arrested after five hours.

KEVIN SULLIVAN
The Washington Post

TOKYO - A right-wing extremist armed with a handgun held a Finance Ministry official hostage at the Tokyo Stock Exchange for more than five hours Tuesday before surrendering peacefully.

Teisuo Itagaki, 41, had demanded a meeting with Japanese Finance Minister Hiroshi Mitsuoka and that trading on the exchange be halted. Both demands were denied; activity on the trading floor, located in another part of the building, continued uninterrupted while 400 police officers in bulletproof vests filled the building and the streets outside.

Itagaki is reportedly a member of one of Japan's many right-wing organizations, who profess fiercely nationalistic and xenophobic views and are often violent. Police said Itagaki was arrested in 1985 after throwing a firebomb at a government office to protest the construction of a housing complex for U.S. military personnel stationed in Japan.

Police said Itagaki was upset at the Japanese government's response to the financial crisis sweeping Asia. He told police that Prime Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto's "Big Bang" proposals to open Japan's financial markets would result in the United States taking over Japan's financial

system. The crisis began at about 1 p.m. (12 a.m. Tuesday EST), when Itagaki, dressed in a suit, came to the exchange building and asked to meet with a Finance Ministry official who works there. He reportedly showed a business card that identified him as an executive with a film company. Although he had no appointment, he was shown into a waiting room and given a cup of tea.

When Masahiro Abe, the official, entered the room, Itagaki reportedly fired one shot into the ceiling and took Abe hostage. He hid a note outlining his demands under the door. Stock trading, which is conducted on a different floor, continued until its usual closing time of 3 p.m.; stocks closed down slightly.

Itagaki surrendered at about 6:30 p.m. after talking to an unidentified high-ranking official of a right-wing group. The man apparently persuaded Itagaki to surrender, and Abe was released unharmed.

Outside the building other right-wing extremists arrived in armored buses and vans painted with nationalistic slogans and fitted with powerful sound systems. One rightist spoke into his microphone: "I have great sympathy for the man in this building," offering support for the hostage-taker.

Mitsuoka, the finance minister, was in the national parliament building on Tuesday seeking passage of a package of bills to respond to the nation's financial problems.

"It is intolerable to challenge by violence the framework of a law-governed state," he said.



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Hamilton Curle

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know, about 10 years ago someone else was "rapping" to rock music and it was the Red Hot Chili Peppers. And this whole thing with Sugar Ray? I really don't hear any sort of message in that music except "Hey! Be big and dumb like me!" Maybe I'm just bitter, but the music of 1997 sucked. Prodigy? Who no crack? "Hey, look at me! I have a drum machine and I can press buttons! It all sounds the same because it is the same but, hey! Let's dance! Woo-hoo!" Ahhh!!!! I hate it! And that Prodigy guy was so happy he had his tongue pierced, he made it a point to show it off every chance he got. I have a message for him. YO, KEITH! GIVE IT A REST! EVERYONE HAS THEIR TONGUE PIERCED NOW!

OK, that's out of the way, let me state this in closing. I have a dream. Yes, a dream. A dream that one day talent will rise up and take over the music industry once again. I have a dream that Jimmy Page will be revered as he should be. I have a dream that Stevie Ray Vaughn's poltergeist will assassinate every single techno and rap artist alive. I have a dream that Michael Jackson will be a black guy instead of a white woman. I have a dream that everyone will know who John Bonham is. I have a dream that stupid, whiny music will die and great artists like Maynard James Keenan will rule the music empire. I have a dream that MTV will play more videos than re-runs of "The Real World." And finally, I have a dream that every member of Hootie and the Blowfish will meet their demise at the hands of Henry Rollins. Thank you and may 1998 be the year of George Clinton and the P-Funk All-Stars.

Trent is now in a Spice Girls induced stupor, but maybe he'll wake up long enough to read his mail: trent10287@hotmail.com

evening they nearly fell into my tent and then stepped on a girl's head through the tent that was set up behind me. If you think it's tough sleeping with generators running full-steam and 1,500 drunken people screaming, trying in your tent while two drunks stagger around outside. It's like watching someone juggle bowling balls over fine china. You know that eventually one's gonna fall—you just don't know when.

Luckily for my neighbors and myself, they managed to collapse in their own personal space and not through the roof of mine. As I walked outside to stretch, I was confronted by a sea of beer cans strewn everywhere. From accounts through a few friends, some happy campers had spent over \$100 on beer, and I'm positive that amount is a bit on the conservative side. I'm sorry folks, but while I enjoy a few

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wins over Georgia Tech and Wake Forest, two of the three teams at the bottom of the ACC rankings.

Chase, who leads the conference in steals, ranks No. 18 in the nation, while Davis is No. 8 in the nation in field goal percentage. Davis, Chase and Cross all average better than 14 points per game, which puts all three of them among the top seven in the ACC scoring leaders list.

While only Melvin appears among the ACC scoring leaders for the Pack, State's contributions have been spread throughout the season. The Pack has a solid rotation of eight players who will all see 20+

beers here and there, if you have to buy 10 CASES to satisfy your needs for two days, it's time to give Betty Ford a ring. If you don't get help there, please get help somewhere.

But for all of the carnage that would ensue in the next 24-30 hours, I have to say that it was a positive learning experience. I learned that, for me personally, NCSU is THE place to be.

I came across that fact, oddly enough, while praying that the drunks would deposit themselves elsewhere than the top of my tent. As I laid there at four in the morning, I could hear, from down the street, a group of students maddly singing the school fight song. And when I opened my ears a little further, I could hear the sweet sounds of Lynard Skynard and the Allman Brothers Band from a couple of tents in the opposite direction.

It occurred to me that these are the types of fans that I belong among. Not the "shine and cheese" crowd of Carolina, or the hoity-toity proper crowd from the Harvard of the South, Duke.

minutes on any given night, and who have proven to be able to contribute 20+ points on any given night.

At Virginia, LySchale Jones scored 22 points, following up her 18-point performance against Clemson. Jones earned honors as the ACC Player of the Week for her performances against the Tigers and the Cavs, where she shot an amazing 65 percent from the field for the two games.

Tynesha Lewis earned ACC Rookie of the Week honors for the third straight week, averaging 14.5 points per game over the Pack's last two wins.

Six weeks into the season, Pack players have earned Player of the Week and Rookie of the Week a combined seven times, with Chasty Melvin named Player of the Week for the first three weeks of the season.

No, give me the sounds of southern rock and the smell of spilled beer. Give me a crowd of students not afraid to share a beer, to help put up someone else's tent or let some stranger get in on a good game of catch in the middle of the street.

Give me the fans of the Wolfpack. So as you cheer for State on the 21st, remember not only how much fun the game is, but also how much fun camp out was. Then, lake pride in where you're standing. You'll be in the student section among 1,500 of the greatest fans in the ACC.

Editor's Note: James Curle is currently an English major, trying hard to maintain that kick-but GPA he somehow managed last semester. He likes to "chill" when the rare moments of free time come up by listening to Skynard, Steely Dan or Yanni. Ok, we're kidding about the Yanni thing. We swear. If you'd like to reach him, do so by calling 515-2411 or by e-mailing him with the browser of your choice at james@smascul.ncsu.edu

N.C. STATE V. MEMPHIS

Game Time: Wednesday night at 7:30 p.m. at Reynolds Coliseum.

Memphis at a glance:
Coach: Tic Price (Virginia Tech '79)
1996-97 record: 16-5
Conference Regular Season Record: 10-4
Starters lost: four
Top Returnees: Harry Allen, Keldrick Bradford, Michael Brittain.

Series Record: 2-1 (N.C. State)

Last Meeting: N.C. State's 67-46 win over the Tigers in Memphis last Nov. pushed the State win streak to 4-0 to open the 1996-97 season. In front of 11,000, C.C. Harrison led the Wolfpack with a game high 26 points in the Pack's first road game of the season. Harry Allen put in 11 points, as only one of two Tigers to score in double figures.

What to watch: The Pack will need to finish its way out of the slump that has plagued Coach Herb Sendek's team over the past two games. A home game without the pressure of a big time ACC opponent will be reassuring for State. Sendek and the 9-5 Pack will be without four of the eight players who saw time in last season's victory, but will look to utilize home court advantage. A win tonight will be a confidence builder for the Pack's Sunday match-up with ACC opponent Virginia and next week's long awaited home game against the Tar Heels of UNC-Chapel Hill.

Forum

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ATM thief has no conscience

I was just wondering how many people on this campus have a conscience. On Saturday, Jan. 10, I attended a daylong seminar. When we had our lunch break, I went to a campus ATM to withdraw some cash. When I opened my wallet, I realized my ATM card was missing. I remembered that I must have inadvertently left my ATM/Visa card in the machine outside of the bookstore on that previous Wednesday. After I got back to my dorm room that evening, I called to cancel my card. I found out that someone had used my card to purchase over \$60 worth of items at Harris Teeter on Thurs., Jan. 8. Now, I ask again, how many people on this campus have a clean conscience? I work hard to earn the money I have only to have it taken by some inconsiderate, low-life jerk who found my card. I am not saying that it is definitely a student,

but I feel that it is. How many people, besides students, use the ATM machines on campus?

Last year, my roommate and I found somebody's ATM card in the machine, and we returned it. I guess in my case, the person to use the machine after me tended to listen more to the little devil on his shoulder instead of the angel on the other. I know that theft is very hard to stop, and in my opinion, will never be stopped. I feel that whoever has my card did not consider being placed in the same situation. If you lost your card, would you want some heartless moron stealing your money? I think not.

I wish I could meet this person who stole my money, and yes, I do mean stole. I would just like to see what kind of person he or she is, but I know that he or she will never show their gutless face to me. And if the person who took my card is reading this, the card has been cancelled so you can keep it as a reminder that you have no moral conscience. I only wish that people who end up in these situations would listen to their conscience and do the right thing by returning property to its rightful owner.

Clay Thompson
Sophomore, Sociology

Houck

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they have done in the past). With this new policy, all the fines for fraternities will stop. Violations will be treated individually. There is no set policy on how violations will be treated. There is an extreme danger in open-ended policies. No law is ever made without set punishments. Fraternity Court is now at the biased will of the student housing. Students on Fraternity Court have no recourse on this policy, just "Thank you sir for being so concerned about my safety, can I please have another." All students should be concerned that the university is willing to rule like close-minded dictators.

This is Dan's last column for the year—he's off to study in Australia, so G'day mate!

Wrestle

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new recruits and a lot of guys working hard. They graduated a lot of their starters so we match up very well."

It's only mid-January, but the Pack will be facing its biggest challenge of the season in Chapel Hill with the role of conference favorite on the line.

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