

Russell

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So why does a world-renowned dinosaur paleontologist come to NCSU and not one of the larger, internationally-acclaimed research institutions? For Russell, the answer is simple. "We have a dinosaur-type environment here," he says of the heat, mentioning also the added benefits of the Research Triangle and the fact that North Carolina has one of the largest dinosaur fossil deposits in the world. Also, it seems

the family enjoys the warm temperatures. "We've all seen Barney's modern song-and-dance spectacle, but what if, in real life, there were dinosaurs today? According to Russell, a dinosaur in today's world would "look around and see" that life is too stressful, too hurried, and filled by too much running around. Dinosaurs, he believes, always took things slowly.

However, dinosaurs do more than remind us of the frantic pace of life, he says.

"They help you find yourself in space and time," concludes Russell. "People should know more about dinosaurs because dinosaurs are a

means of studying the past, the deep past, and we should know the deep past of the planet we are living on."

For those interested, Russell is teaching a class next semester that promises to be a winner: MEA 120, the Dinosaurian World. Also, the North Carolina Museum of Natural Sciences recently started a new dinosaur excavation project on the coastal plain and could use volunteers. If you are interested in hands-on work with dinosaur fossils, contact Russell (dale_russell@ncsu.edu) or the museum. The Microsoft Encarta Electronic Schoolhouse dinosaur-question-and-answer web page is located at: <http://www.encyarta.msn.com/encyarta/s>

Parking

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summer have not gone unnoticed. The speed table on Dan Allen Drive between Dan Allen Parking Deck and Clark Laboratory has spurred both praise and concern by students and faculty. Its goal is to reduce speed on Dan Allen Drive and make it safer for the pedestrians crossing in that area.

Johnson said, "We are trying to take a proactive stance toward the pedestrians and not the vehicles."

Two more speed tables are to be con-

structed in two to three years. They will be on Cates Avenue and Dan Allen Drive between Bragaw Hall and Harris Hall.

Many parking lots were re-paved this summer. These include the G section of the West Lot, Hillsborough Square pay lot, Central Stores parking lot, and the Aventura complex parking lot.

Johnson discussed the difficulties of parking on campus due to the fact that there is nowhere else to go.

"You have to build up or build what you've got," he says. "We are locked into the land that there is now, and the only way to gain more space is to find a way to expand on what is already there."

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ally in the pilot plan, but as the years go by, more are expected to adopt it.

"As fraternities go to their national conventions, they'll consider Select 2000," said Drew Smith, director of Greek life at NCSU. "I expect over the next five to 10 years there will be movement among more fraternities to go substance-free."

Undergraduates in the fraternities will influence the most votes at national conventions. They account for at least 80 percent of the popular vote at conventions.

Rumors had been circulating that the NCSU Greek system would be "dry" by January 1st, 2000. Yet Smith dismissed any ideas of this being NCSU's fate.

"NCSU has not been volunteered," Smith said. "There is no master plan for NCSU in the making. This would only happen after a really tragic accident."

Louisiana State University, however, will probably take such immediate measures.

A few weeks ago, a member of the LSU Sigma Alpha Epsilon chapter was a victim of alcohol poisoning. His blood alcohol level exceeded .50, which is three times the legal limit in Louisiana. The SAE chapter at LSU lost its charter as a result of the incident.

After fraternities have been under Select 2000 for a number of years, changes and statistics will be assessed. "In five to 10 years, the NIC will look at the issue and analyze the improvements made by Select 2000," Smith said.

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Fringes are in style at NCSU

New benefits package for grad students helps NCSU recruit top picks for assistantships and fellowships.

KRISTEN SPRULL
GradTech Editor

This semester marks a watershed for proponents of benefits for graduate teaching assistants and research assistants.

First-year graduate students entering N.C. State this fall who receive primary stipends of more than \$3000 per semester or more than \$8000 per year will receive health insurance benefits, paid in-state tuition, and tuition remission for out-of-state students.

Eligibility for the benefits package is determined by the amount of the stipend received by the graduate student, the date of enrollment, and the deadlines for individual assistantships and fellowships.

Students who receive the benefits must also maintain at least nine credit hours in graduate courses until they meet the requirements for the degree programs.

Master's students may receive paid in-state tuition for four semesters, while doctorate students

who have a master's degree are eligible for six semesters of paid in-state tuition. Students who went straight to a doctorate program after receiving their undergraduate degrees are eligible for paid in-state tuition for a total of eight semesters.

Tuition remission, which simply means full payment of out-of-state tuition, will be covered for students who enter NCSU from other areas.

Robert Sowell, associate dean of the graduate school, said tuition remission monies were previously paid to some students in the graduate school, but that the benefit has never been guaranteed.

"Before, we covered about 85 percent of the students who needed tuition remission," said Sowell. "Now, we can cover everyone."

Funding for the new benefits package comes from state funds allocated to the graduate school, based upon the projected number of teaching assistant, research assistant, and fellowship slots open at the time the application was sent to the N.C. General Assembly.

Most tuition benefits for graduate teaching assistantships are paid through the university. For research assistantships, grant monies which support the research must provide

in-state tuition and remission benefits. Tuition coverage does not include university fees, which were \$410 this semester, and usually, depending upon the graduate school's choice of web site, cost less than \$450 per semester.

The other benefit included in the package for new graduate students is health insurance.

Students who are classified as "continuing graduate students" will not receive the tuition assistance of the new plan but are eligible to receive paid health insurance benefits from the university, as long as they maintain a schedule of five credit hours in graduate classes.

The added benefits should help NCSU in its recruiting efforts, according to Graduate School Dean Debra Stewart, who addressed the issue in an earlier interview.

"These benefits are something we have wanted to offer for a long time," said Dean Stewart. "It is something that will help us to stay competitive with other leading universities."

More information about the new benefits package can be found at the web site for the graduate school at: <http://www2.acs.ncsu.edu/grad/>

Plentiful opportunities

NCSU's career counselors work with graduate students to help find job and internship opportunities.

KRISTEN SPRULL
GradTech Editor

N.C. State's Career Planning and Placement Center is not just for undergraduates.

"There are three [services] we offer here," said Carol Schroeder, the associate director for the career center. "The first is, our counselors are probably the best thing graduate students can benefit from, because grad students have specialized needs."

Schroeder said the second and third most important services provided by the career center are the library and the databases available both at the center itself and on-line.

"We have a wonderful library, very rich in job-seeking books," she said. "We also subscribe to job-seeking services such as Forestry News and the Wall Street Journal."

The library can guide a student in every aspect of the job-seeking process from how to create a resume and how to interview for a

job, to which employers may be interested in hiring in a corporate atmosphere which reeks of downsizing and hiring freezes.

The career center also has access to several databases of employers and job listings.

Career Search, a CD-ROM program that is updated monthly and accessible only through the career center, helps students find employers who may be interested in their specific area of expertise.

"I had a graduate student come in here whose specialty was plasma physics," said Schroeder. "He indicated his area of expertise on Career Search and came up with about 50 different employers. He was ecstatic."

Schroeder said the Career Search database is a rich source of information for graduate students, who are often more concerned with networking than with finding an immediate job situation.

"Career Search is updated monthly," said Schroeder. "It is good for the networking process."

Career Search is only one of the databases available to NCSU grad students searching for job opportunities, internships, and

summer job opportunities.

Jobtrak, a national clearinghouse of job listings, is accessible through the career center's homepage, and is updated daily. A student can make a job search using key words, location, and even company size, and find jobs that fit his or her unique skills and training.

"The way they work is so neat," said Schroeder. "An employer can call Jobtrak and give information about an opportunity, specify what colleges they want to recruit from, and Jobtrak will put it on the next morning."

As with Career Search, students can search the Jobtrak site using keywords related to locality, type of work, and type of job wanted. Jobtrak is available through the career center's homepage, which is listed at: <http://www.fis.ncsu.edu/career/>.

The career center can also offer assistance to graduate students looking for summer jobs or internships.

"My guess is that internships for graduate students tend to be paid, and tend to be really prestigious," said Schroeder. "But a lot of them

GRAD BRIEFS



Health insurance a conundrum for many with families

For the first time, N.C. State is providing paid health insurance for teaching assistants, research assistants and students receiving graduate fellowships.

Unfortunately for many graduate students who have families, the cost of adding a member to the paid

policy may outweigh the benefits of having those family members covered.

Family members can, of course, be added for a fee.

Children may be added to the plan for a premium of \$605 per child annually for the first two children or \$305 per child twice a year. Any additional children beyond the first two can be added to the plan for free. A spouse may be added to the plan for \$932 per year or \$469 semiannually.

For a family of four, with two parents and two children, then, the

annual premium for health insurance would add up to \$2142, for someone whose stipend is at least \$8000 per year. The health insurance premium for family coverage would eat up 27 percent of the graduate student's annual stipend.

Far from being an added benefit, in some cases the paid health insurance benefit may cause more problems than it solves.

Social services agencies now require their Medicaid clients to obtain health insurance for themselves and their families

through their place of employment before they can apply for Medicaid benefits.

For some, therefore, this added insurance coverage could prove too costly in the long run, causing families to be left out in the cold, with the sniffles.

For more information on the graduate student paid health insurance benefit, visit the 1997/98 TA/RA/Fellow Benefits Booklet

on-line at: <http://www.hillchesson.com/ncsutaractafram.htm>.

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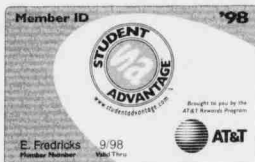
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NATIONAL NEWS

Gene finding stirs anxieties for Jews

First Lady will attend funeral

Bill Clinton was not invited to Princess Diana's funeral because it will not be a state funeral.

ELIZABETH SHOENEN Los Angeles Times

EDGARTOWN, Mass. - First lady Hillary Rodham Clinton will attend the funeral of Princess Diana in recognition of the Clintons' personal relationship with her and their admiration for her humanitarian work, the White House said Tuesday.

"She will not be representing the government officially, but she will certainly take the condolences of her husband, the president, and we fully expect the American people will believe that she will be passing along the American public's condolences," White House spokesman Joe Lockhart told reporters on Martha's Vineyard, where the first family is vacationing.

The first lady received a personal invitation Tuesday from Diana's family, the Spencers, as well as from the British royal family, Lockhart said.

President Clinton was not invited to the Saturday funeral because of the unofficial nature of the service, Lockhart said. Neither the U.S. government nor other foreign governments will send official delegations, because it will not be a state funeral, he said.

The only other U.S. government official known to be attending the service is William J. Crowe, the ambassador to Britain and former chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

The decision for Hillary Clinton to attend the funeral was made after consultations involving the White House, the U.S. Embassy, the royal family and the Spencer family.

The first lady plans to arrive in London on Saturday morning and leave soon after the funeral, which will be held at Westminster Abbey.

The president is expected to remain on Martha's Vineyard to complete his three-week vacation.

Lockhart said the two women's relationship was close because of the "confluence of interests between the first lady and the late Princess Diana," particularly their mutual interest in helping children and people suffering from breast cancer and AIDS.

In a condolence letter to British Prime Minister Tony Blair, President Clinton said: "We fondly recall her last visit to the White House in June when she met with Hillary, The British people, indeed all of us, have lost a friend and a strong voice for those less fortunate."

Other condolence letters - which were sent by diplomatic cable to Queen Elizabeth II, Prince Charles and Diana's family - were not made public.

Although she was no longer an official member of the royal family, Diana had received royal treatment during visits to the White House both earlier this summer and in September 1996.

A year ago, Hillary Clinton hosted an elegant breakfast in the White House East Room to launch a fund-raising drive to fight breast cancer. Diana was honorary chairwoman of the effort.

During the event, Hillary Clinton praised the princess for her humanitarian efforts. "She is a woman who has had a tireless commitment to the homeless, AIDS, cancer, leprosy and other health issues, and we are so pleased that she is lending her support to this continuing fight against breast cancer," the first lady said.

On her latest trip to Washington, on June 18, Diana met privately with Hillary Clinton during a visit to the White House. She was in Washington to endorse an effort to bring about a worldwide ban on land mines and heighten public awareness of the devastation they cause.

Researchers have isolated a gene found only in Jews, which doubles the odds of getting colon cancer.

RICK WEISS The Washington Post

Bert Vogelstein wasn't looking for a "Jewish" cancer gene when he scanned through a database at the Johns Hopkins Medical Center last year and noticed something coincidental about two blood samples stored there.

In the end, however, that's what he found: A tiny genetic alteration, present in one of every six Jews of Eastern European ancestry and virtually absent in non-Jews, which doubles the odds of getting colon cancer.

The discovery, announced last week, promises a newfound ability to identify those at risk of the nation's third deadliest cancer and to offer them better preventive care. But the finding also stirred deep anxieties within the Jewish community, which has watched in growing discomfort during the past few years as research has focused on genetic alterations especially common in Jews, including those that cause breast and ovarian cancer, cystic fibrosis, Tay Sachs, Gaucher's and Canavan disease.

The news led many Jews to ask whether they really have more

genetic diseases than other groups and if so, why. Some said they were worried that reports of such findings may have a negative impact on the image of Jews among non-Jews.

"We've been receiving phone calls indicating a certain amount of fear and confusion," said Amy Rutkin, director of American Affairs for Hadassah, the nation's largest Jewish membership organization. "People are asking, 'Is too much research focusing on the Jewish community and are we at risk of stigmatization?'"

It has been only a few decades, several Jewish leaders noted, since millions perished for their purported genetic inferiority. Could new research lead to a reawakening of those racist views?

"We are still living with some history, a history of discrimination," said Karen Rothenberg, a University of Maryland law professor who has studied the sociology of Jews and their genes. "It's all hope that by finding these mutations we can find cures for cancer that will cure everyone, but so far all we have is a lot of disturbing stuff about Jewish people and their mutations."

Some experts said they consider it risky to even talk about the subject of Jews and genes, for fear of reinvigorating antisemitic ideas.

But others in the Jewish community said it's best to discuss the topic openly, and have faith that an honest discussion will foster understanding.

The essence of that understanding is complicated, both genetically and spiritually, scientists and Jewish leaders said. But most geneticists have concluded that any seeming abundance of inherited mutations among Jews is an artifact born of several unrelated factors, including the nature of genetic research and the ease with which some people can be identified as Jewish on the basis of something as simple as their last name.

"Many Jews might say, 'Us again?'" when reading the latest news about the gene for colon cancer, said Patricia Harte, a National Cancer Institute epidemiologist. "But the truth is, it could have been the Icelanders, the Finns or anyone else you might be studying."

The problem for Jews, and the great benefit they offer geneticists, Harte and others said, is that they constitute a well-defined, easily identifiable and closely related community - exactly the kind of population that allows geneticists to start identifying disease-causing genes.

Similar links have been found between specific diseases and

similarly isolated and genetically intact populations. The Amish have a high prevalence of musculoskeletal disease, some Native American groups are very prone to diabetes, African Americans have sickle cell anemia, northern Europeans have cystic fibrosis.

Francis Collins, chief of the National Human Genome Research Institute, has repeatedly reminded the public that "everyone is a mutant," carrying dozens of scrambled genes. If a group were especially freighted with such errors, he said, members might be expected to have shorter life-spans as a whole, which Jews do not.

But for a variety of reasons - including the Jewish community's early entry into the genetic testing field for prenatal screening of Tay Sachs disease (a fatal childhood disorder) and a cultural consensus among many Jews that it is good to contribute to medical research - the number of findings has been notable in that population.

No one is more sensitized to the potential for such misunderstandings than Vogelstein himself, an Ashkenazi geneticist whose father and father's fathers were all rabbis for 13 generations back. "I am aware of the potential for discrimination and stigmatization," he said. "But I also see a chance for this information to save lives."

Who should be tested for HIV?

Today, home and needle-less tests make getting tested for HIV very easy.

The Washington Post

For a number of reasons, health officials are urging more Americans to find out their HIV status by being tested.

Testing has gotten easier. One new test uses a swab placed in the mouth, making a needle stick unnecessary. Some clinics can provide results in as little as two days. There is even a test you can give yourself at home, with the results provided over the telephone.

People who discover they're infected can take new drug combinations that slow the multiplication of the AIDS virus and reduce or postpone damage to the

immune system. Equally important, they can also take special care to avoid transmitting the virus to others.

"We would say that all sexually active people, particularly persons who are sexually active with multiple partners - whether gay or straight - should definitely know" whether they're infected with the virus, said Ronald O. Valdiserri, deputy director of the National Center for HIV, STD and TB Prevention at the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. "They should definitely have antibody testing."

HIV testing is most strongly recommended for people whose behavior places them in high-risk categories, Valdiserri added. That includes anyone who has recently had a sexually transmitted disease, including such infections as

gonorrhea, chlamydia, herpes or syphilis, and anyone who has injected drugs using equipment that's been shared with another person.

Women who are pregnant or contemplating pregnancy should definitely consider having an HIV test, Valdiserri said. Giving an infected woman drugs during pregnancy to treat HIV reduces the chance that the virus will be passed to her infant.

The risk of acquiring the virus through sex depends on what practices a couple engages in and whether they take precautions. The highest-risk behavior is anal intercourse without the protection of a condom. Unprotected vaginal intercourse also poses a risk of infection for both partners, as does oral sex, said Troy Knighton, director

of HIV counseling and testing at the Whitman-Walker Clinic in Washington, D.C.

Your chances of infection also depend on your sexual partner's past history - and his or her resultant likelihood of carrying the virus. People who frequently have new partners - a common pattern among some teen-agers and young adults - are at significant risk of HIV infection, even if they sleep with just one boyfriend or girlfriend at a time.

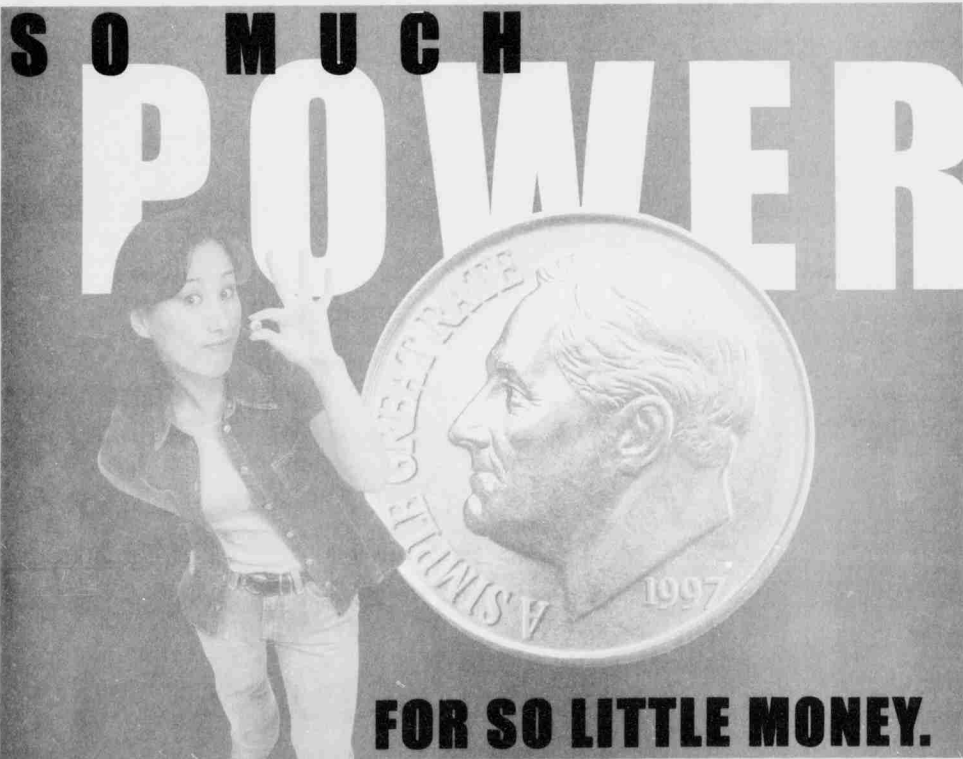
Couples who've been monogamous for a long time have less reason to worry, Valdiserri said, "as a general rule of thumb, sexually active people definitely need to know their serostatus (whether they test positive for HIV infection) and need to know their partner's."

Standard HIV tests look for antibodies against the virus. These are chemicals that the immune system of an infected person manufactures and releases into the bloodstream and other body fluids. The antibodies can sometimes be detected as soon as two weeks after a person becomes infected, but they may take up to six months to appear. The widely used blood tests and the new oral test (which uses fluid from cheek and gum cells, not saliva) work by measuring the same kind of antibodies.

Most AIDS experts emphasize that everyone should be counseled before undergoing the test and again after obtaining the result. For this reason, many discourage using the home test, since negative results are often communicated only via a telephone recording.

When choosing where to be tested, you may want to ask about cost, whether the oral test as well as the blood test is available, whether pre-test counseling is done individually or in a group, and how long it will take to get the results. You can also inquire whether the results are confidential (in which a record is kept of your name and the result) or anonymous (in which results are coded by number only).

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Gutsy calls stuns Orangemen

Coach O' Cain broke a few play-calling rules to throw Syracuse off balance.

JAMES CURLE
Assistant Sports Editor

It's scary how right people can be sometimes.

Take the Wolfpack's Interim Sports Information Director Joan Von Thron, for example.

Prior to Saturday's game against Syracuse, she had the following to say about the Pack football team: "We're going to surprise you."

Approximately three-and-a-half hours later, any Pack fan who'd heard those fateful words would have been juggling on the grain of salt with which they'd taken them.

The Wolfpack not only surprised some people, they downright stunned a crowd of over 42,000 — along with a far-greater national television audience — as they stole a victory from a highly-ranked and heavily-fought Syracuse football team.

"I never could have expected this," said Doug Jennings, a 1994 NC State graduate who drove up from Pittsburgh, Pa., to see the game. "I wanted to witness a game in the Carrier Dome, because I've heard it's something really special. But to come away with a win, it's an awesome way to start the season."

Awe-inspiring, indeed. The Pack entered the game as 25-point underdogs to the Syracuse team, and rightfully so.

After two consecutive seasons of 3-and-8 ball, the Pack had a lot to prove to the media, bookies and fans alike. The win against the Orangemen was a big step in that direction.

"Words really can't express what this game means to our program," NCSU Athletics Director Les Robinson said. "It was an effort of a group of young men that believed in themselves, believed in their coaches, and have worked extremely hard since last Thanksgiving. They

fought against all odds and beat a great football team on their home turf."

And what a home turf it was.

The Carrier Dome, never filled to capacity, nevertheless housed nearly 40,000 STU fans. Being a dome with reinforced concrete seating, the noise level inside was deafening. But as amazingly loud as the Carrier Dome can be, it's not quite as astounding as the speed with which it can get eerily quiet.

Case in point: The two-point conversion. All those in attendance were screaming, yelling, and producing whatever noise they could produce as the ball was snapped, but the second that Tony Holt wrapped his arms around the game-winning catch, all that could be heard were the Wolfpack faithful.

It was as if someone were watching the game on television full-blast, then decided to hit the mute button as Holt crossed the goal line.

If anyone at the game deserves credit for hitting that mute button, it's Coach Mike O' Cain.

His decision to go for two against Syracuse would be a gutsy one to make at home, let alone on the road in the Carrier Dome.

If the Pack failed to make the two, they'd lose the game, and without a doubt O' Cain would have had to answer for the call. For him to put not only the game, but his already-questioned reputation, on the line, took a great deal of guts and courage on his part.

"I felt like, at that point in time, the crowd was out of it," Coach O' Cain said. "Syracuse was back on their heels, and they were saying, 'This can't be happening to us. Here's a team that's probably ranked 75th in the country — we're ranked 13th — coming in here playing like this, this can't be happening.' They're a great football team," he continued. "We were going to have a difficult time stopping them again. It was time to win it or lose it."

Rebel

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separate language, which heretofore I will dub "New Yorkese." For example, in New Yorkese, you might here the following sentence: "Know that I am all about that."

Translated, it means, "I hope you understand that I really enjoy what it is that we are talking about."

Sometimes, however, New Yorkese breaks down into just basic sentence fragments. Such as, "Hello? Random." That basically means, "Boy, that's a bit weird." Statements like these kept me off balance for a bit, but after a while I was able to adjust accordingly.

Lesson #3: The Friendliness. This was the big one I had prepared for. My stereotypes of New Yorkers consisted of pushy, obnoxious, cab-calling people, whose whole existence happened at the speed of light, never stopping and never resting. But in the end I almost felt silly for thinking that way, because everybody I met up

there was just as nice as they could be to me. Granted, their "speed of life" is at a bit quicker pace than mine, but Kim's family and everybody that I met in the state of New York comprised a virtual family that made me feel quite at home in my new surroundings. I think a big "thank you" goes out to Kim, The Galifreys, and generally everybody at Le Moyne College for their hospitality. Thanks for proving me wrong, guys. My bad.

So what did I learn this weekend? Well, first, RDU is huge! Second, New Yorkese is a bit different than what I speak, but bearable all the same. And third, stereotypes are about the most futile, useless and utterly stupid things to put credence in. I learned that from this trip, and perhaps any Northerner that should stumble across this column will try to do the same the next time an image from Hee-Haw pops into their mind when thinking of us Southerners. We're all good people, clear from Florida right on up to upstate New York. And if you don't believe me, just hop on a plane headed straight for Syracuse, N.Y.

Soccer

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a good opportunity to learn about that. So we have to take anybody, from pre-school kids to Virginia and just crush them as soon as possible." Ash said.

This weekend NC State will host the annual Wolfpack Adidas Classic at Method Road stadium. The Pack will take on High Point on Saturday at 1 p.m., and Louisville on Sunday at 3 p.m.

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Pack sweeps through weekend

State women's soccer starts season 2-0.

Sports Staff Report

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The N.C. State women's soccer team emerged from this weekend with a 2-0 record and no goals recorded against it.

The Pack picked up two shut-out wins over Louisiana State and Tulane in the LSU Tiger Classic.

In its season opener against the Tigers of LSU, the Pack played to a scoreless first half, but grabbed two in the second.

With less than ten minutes off the second half clock, State's Jessica Celi scored on a pass from Shane Gallo.

Later in the 45-minute period, the Pack picked up an unassisted goal from Kristin Million.

Against Tulane on Sunday, freshman Kasey Christian headed in a corner kick from Celi in the first three minutes of the game.

State came away with the 2-0 victory after Jane Walton scored on a pass from sophomore Shannon Blair.

The Pack travels this weekend to Greenville, South Carolina, where it will take on Furman and Charleston Southern in the Umbro Kickoff Classic.

Tech Sports would like to thank the following people for making our trip to Syracuse so much fun:

N.C. State's football team; Rob and Ivy Parker (in Polk Hall); Aunt Joyce and Uncle Jim- the atlases rocked!!!; the pilots-for not crashing; Andy- from Conn.; Kirk and the guys from the Daily Orange- yeah thanks for the pictures...; Nana- cool lamp; all the guys at JFK; the guy who plays lacrosse at Duke; Sbarro; Deb, at the movies; the 4-year-old working at The Brooklyn Pickle, and his child-labor law-violating boss; Gate B; Mom, Dad, and X-tin; and the guys at LeMoyné:Becky- WORD!, Brian (I guess so....), Gruby- thanks for the ice cream, Dobber- next time sit duty in the town house, Jon- the lacrosse guy, John McCoy- it's not a trip to LeMoyné if you don't see John McCoy!!!, Maggie- didn't see you, but?, and of course Jennifer- you rock the house, love Kim and Curle



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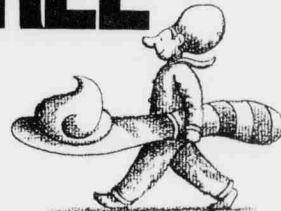
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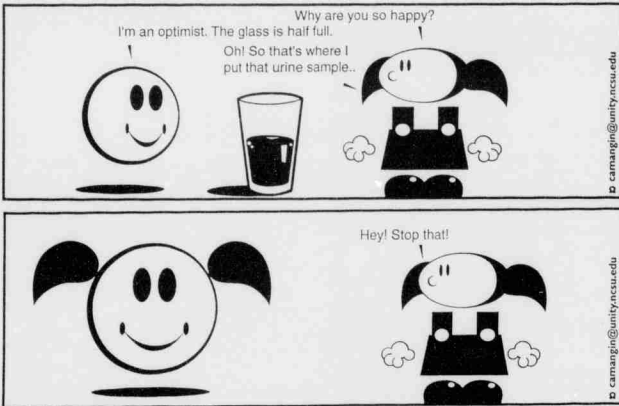
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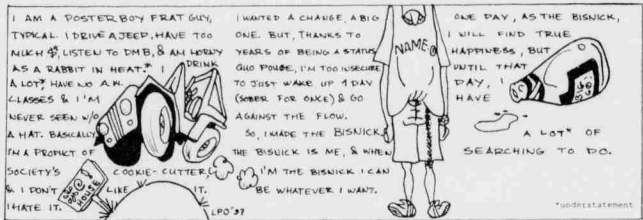
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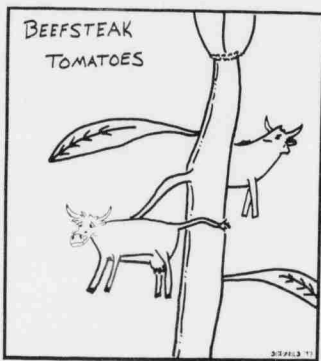
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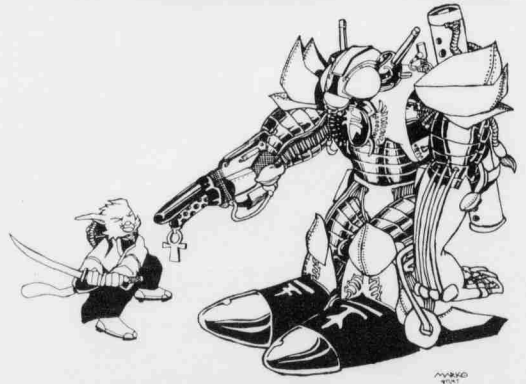
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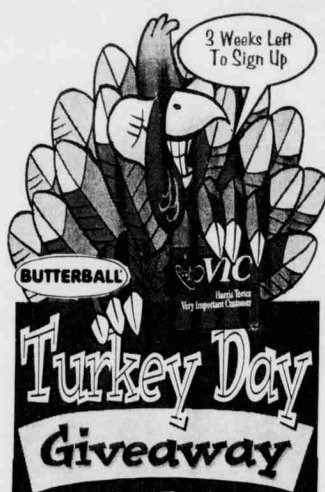


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Russian space officials blame cosmonauts for Mir accident

■ The two cosmonauts blamed will most likely never return to space again.

CAROL J. WILLIAMS
Los Angeles Times

MOSCOW - Russian Space Agency officials Tuesday cast blame on two weary cosmonauts for a disastrous June 25 accident on the Mir space station and hinted they will be fined for mistakes that cost the Russian space program millions of dollars.

A report by the special inquiry commission set up only two weeks ago said investigation had determined "beyond any doubt" that former Mir commander Vasily Tsibilyev and flight engineer Alexander Lazutkin were culpable in the space crash that disabled the station's Spektr research module and ruined months of experiments.

Tsibilyev and Lazutkin remain cloistered at the Star City cosmonaut base east of Moscow for rehabilitation after six problem-plagued months in space. But a senior space official confirmed that the two cosmonauts say they are being made culprits for a deteriorating manned-space program that reflects this country's general decline.

"From the purely humane point of view, we feel sorry for the crew, but there is no getting away from the facts," Valery Ryumin, deputy director of the Energia Corp. and coordinator of Mir-NASA programs,



told the quasi-official Tass news agency.

Mission Control Center spokesman Vsevolod Latyshev noted there is precedent for fining cosmonauts deemed responsible for costly errors, as occurred with Gennady Strekalov after his troubled 1995 flight aboard Mir. Russian space crews work under contract with the government and are paid on a per diem basis, with bonuses of as much as \$1,000 for particularly difficult maneuvers like dockings and spacewalks.

While officials declined to specify what punishment might be meted out to the cosmonauts, one official at Mission Control observed that "Tsibilyev and Lazutkin may well have made their last trip into space." Shortly after the accident, which occurred while Tsibilyev was

practicing a manual docking maneuver with an unmanned cargo craft, Mission Control sources disclosed suspicions that he had failed to take into account more than a ton of garbage that had been loaded onto the cargo drone.

Apparently as a result of the weight miscalculation, the supply capsule approached the docking port with excessive speed and careened into the hull of the Spektr module. The collision punctured and depressurized Spektr and knocked out nearly half the space station's power-generating capacity.

Tsibilyev and Lazutkin returned to Earth Aug. 14 and were immediately confronted with media accusations they had bungled their mission.

"It's always easy to find a scapegoat," Tsibilyev told journalists at a news conference two days later. "But tomorrow a similar problem may occur with another cargo capsule."

Meanwhile, the current crewmen aboard Mir have been practicing for a spacewalk set for Saturday to find and possibly repair damage to Spektr. Commander Anatoly Solovlev and U.S. astronaut Michael Foale are expected to don spacesuits and work outside the station for about five hours.

U.S. troops relinquish TV transmitter to Serbs

■ Bosnian Serbs have agreed to stop broadcasting anti-West programs.

TRACY WALKINSON
Los Angeles Times

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina - Surrounded by stick-wielding Bosnian Serbs, U.S. troops agreed Tuesday to relinquish a television transmitter they had controlled to forces answering to war crimes suspect Radovan Karadzic.

In exchange, the Serbs, under the direction of Karadzic ally Momcilo Krajisnik, promised to end inflammatory anti-West rhetoric and permit opposition voices on the air. Krajisnik, the Bosnian Serb member of the country's three-man presidency, praised the deal as a "wise" step by NATO peacekeepers to avoid conflict with the Serbs. Others wondered if the Americans had blinked, having been embarrassed by last week's bungling of a military operation to take over pro-Karadzic police stations.

Adding insult to injury, the newly restored television transmission was used Tuesday night to cancel Serbian participation in crucial municipal elections scheduled for Sept. 13-14.

The transmitter, on a hilltop in northeastern Bosnia, was seized by American troops last week as part of a campaign to shore up Karadzic foe Bijana Plavsic, president of the Bosnian Serb Republic. But the troops soon became targets of about 200 angry, stone-throwing Serbs. Media and police are the two

central tools in the battle to gain and hold onto power in this part of the world. Last week, U.S.-led NATO troops attempted to install Plavsic forces in police stations in three cities and two towns, and to take the transmitter at Udrigovo, near the city of Bijeljina.

In all three cities, the operation failed and police loyal to Karadzic and his hard-line coterie remained in charge; in one city, Breko, angry crowds blocked and attacked American forces, and to take the broadcast the world over. And with Tuesday's agreement, the transmitter also reverted to Karadzic's allies.

From his village stronghold in Pale near Sarajevo, Karadzic, indicted by an international war crimes court on genocide charges, is locked in a power struggle with his one-time partner, Plavsic. She accuses him and his inner circle of corruption and of enriching themselves while most Bosnian Serbs languish in poverty.

For the last several months, the Clinton administration has pursued a more aggressive course of action in Bosnia, signaling a determination to isolate Karadzic by promoting Plavsic. But in the last week, faced with their first military challenge, U.S. efforts have crashed - with negative consequences on military, diplomatic and political fronts.

Plavsic, after making important gains in the northwestern portion of the Bosnian Serb Republic, has lost momentum and stalled. The American military has appeared weak to the Serbs, making future confrontations more likely.

And an always precarious unity within the international peacemaking mission here has been shattered. European and other international allies said the United States is forcing its agenda through with little laying of political groundwork and with disregard for legal backing.

The Udrigovo transmitter was crucial because it controlled television signals to key, disputed cities. With the U.S. takeover of the tower last Thursday, hateful rhetoric that Bosnian Serb hard-liners were using to incite violence against Western peacekeepers could not reach those cities.

On Monday, crowds of Bosnian Serbs, based in and directed by men with walkie-talkies, began surrounding the heavily armed U.S. troops who encircled the transmitter and built barricades. The mobs, which swelled to around 250 people, hurled stones and insults until the troops fired tear gas to subdue the onslaught.

Still armed with sticks and wooden clubs, and consuming plenty of plum brandy, the Serbs staged a kind of sit-in around the Americans overnight and well into Tuesday morning. They finally dispersed later Tuesday, NATO spokesmen said, after troops permitted four Bosnian Serb policemen and three technicians from Pale television to enter the transmitting station.

On Tuesday night, the signal from Pale television was again on the air in cities like Breko and Bijeljina, which Plavsic and Karadzic forces continue to dispute.

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