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## Playboy magazine scouts NCSU for models

■ A controversial group comes to recruit on State's campus.

JACK DALY  
News Editor

A notorious bunny is coming to N.C. State.

Playboy will be in Raleigh today and tomorrow to recruit NCSU females to pose for its upcoming "Girls of the ACC" issue.

However, not everyone on campus is thrilled with the idea. "We feel like Playboy indirectly contributes to the objectification of

women," said Leigh Sanders, president of the NCSU chapter of the National Organization for Women (N.O.W.). "It distorts our perception of who we are and who we are supposed to be for society by creating a plasticified, sanitized, ever-available woman."

"We feel that Playboy is trivializing our education with physical aspects that we were born with, rather than the mental aspects we are expanding. We major in academia not anatomy."

To air its views, the Wolfpack N.O.W. is planning to protest on the sidewalk in front of the

Brownstone Hotel, the site of Playboy's recruiting effort. The protest must get city approval, but will not be a problem.

"We plan to be there at 8:30, and we will be there all morning," said Jessica Simo, vice-president of the Wolfpack N.O.W.

Simo said the protest would hopefully catch the attention of the morning traffic along Hillsborough St. and make everyone aware of Playboy's plans to photograph NCSU females.

"Needless to say, I am very upset about it," Simo said. "These are just

people who are being exploited." David Chan, a spokesman for Playboy, said he encourages the protests.

"That's nothing new," Chan said. "I think it is good for them to protest. It doesn't matter to me, I have been doing this for 21 years, and it's been the same old thing for 21 years. They need to come up with something new."

"There are lots of people who want to shut people up, but not me."

Sanders did say that it was up to each individual woman to choose for herself whether or not to pose for Playboy, but added that she

should consider the implications.

"I just think they need to think of the consequences later in life," Sanders said. "Are you going to be treated less seriously because you exploited your body? It hurts, as an educated woman, to degrade yourself and the rest of us."

Simo echoed a similar sentiment. "I do have a 'laissez-faire' attitude to some extent," Simo said. "But it hurts all women who are trying to further themselves."

Chan thought these attitudes were a tad stale. "I think what she thinks is the old-fashioned way," Chan said. "I think

[women] want to show they are women — that they are beautiful, and they want to show off their sexuality."

Chan emphasized that the meetings over the next two days at the Brownstone are just preliminary interviews and not the actual photo shoot. Each person will be handed a questionnaire and be required to document her age and enrollment in NCSU.

Chan also said that he would not be against the idea if his daughter wanted to pose in Playboy.

"I do not have children, but, if I did, when they turned 18, it would be up to them."

## Woodard speaks to council

■ NCSU Council on the Status of Women discusses affirmative action.

LOUISA JONES  
Staff Writer

The Council on Status of Women met Friday in Nelson Hall to discuss, among other things, the issue of affirmative action at N.C. State. Among the highlights of the meeting was speaker Joanne Woodard, assistant provost of the Office for Equal Opportunity, who helped clear the air on the controversial issue of affirmative action.

Cheryl Branker, chair for the council, introduced Woodard and said the council wants to make a statement about affirmative action at NCSU. Woodard helped focus the issue: affirmative action as it relates to students and employment at NCSU.

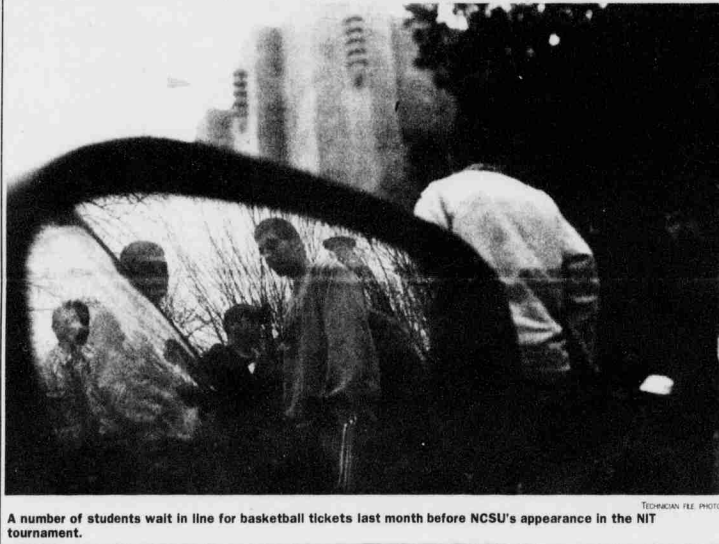
The current campus-wide discussion on affirmative action is partly the result of President Molly Broad's request to re-assess the policies and practices concerning affirmative action in all state-supported universities. Although many fear that Broad's intentions are to eliminate affirmative action policies at the universities, Woodard said Broad is merely calling for a review of current programs.

She is taking a "proactive" approach, which means addressing current concerns before they escalate into future problems, Woodard said.

Woodard helped to clear up some popular myths about affirmative action. One myth is that state-supported schools, such as NCSU, can simply drop affirmative action policies and regulations whenever they decide they are not needed. In reality, most state educational institutions are federal contractors, which means they receive money from the federal government, she said. And, as long as these

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## Looking back



A number of students wait in line for basketball tickets last month before NCSU's appearance in the NIT tournament.

## Pine pollen not to blame for allergies

■ It's allergy season, and sufferers have the blooming trees and plants on campus to thank.

ALLISON BALLARD  
Staff Writer

Springtime symptoms of a runny nose and watery, itchy eyes mean only one thing to students like Josh Collins — allergies.

Collins, a sophomore in botany, knows the pattern well. He experiences these symptoms "from the first bloom of anything until June or so."

"Anything that's starting to flower is starting to produce pollen," Robert Bardson, assistant professor of forestry and extension forestry specialist at N.C. State, said.

Many people blame spring allergies on

the pine pollen that coats cars and roads with a layer of yellow dust. However, pine pollen is not to blame for most people's allergies, according to Bardson.

"The smoothness of the pine pollen is one reason for this," Bardson said. "Under a microscope, pine pollen particles are smooth and have no spiny appendages."

"They look like Mickey Mouse," a sphere with two smooth attachments, Leigh Johnson, professor of botany and curator of NCSU's Herbarium, said.

The real culprits of spring allergies are broadleaf trees that flower in early spring, Bardson says.

Oak and birch pollen, when looked at under a microscope, is spiny, said Jennifer Floyd, assistant curator of the Herbarium.

The level of these pollens in the air correlates to the severity of the allergic reactions. A tree produces more pollen

when it is under stress. When a tree is competing with other trees for water and nutrients from the soil, it may produce more pollen as a reproductive strategy. Also, more pollen is in the air when the weather is windy or dry.

Ragweeds, which flower later in spring and early summer, also produce potent allergenic pollens.

Around 25 percent of the U.S. population experiences some allergic reaction to pollens or molds. The symptoms are caused by the immune system's response to these substances in the body.

Symptoms can range from mild to more severe, as with Collins. He has suffered from allergies since he was eight years old, often missing school as a result.

Now all Collins can do is take his medication and wait for the spring pollen season to end.

## Professor heads into space

■ NCSU professor travels into space to perform tests on men and animals.

MICHAEL COOKSON  
Staff Writer

So, the UNC-Chapel Hill men made the Final Four (yawn); last Thursday, N.C. State went into space.

Richard Linnehan, an astronaut from the NCSU College of Veterinary Medicine, blasted off on the SST-90 Columbia last week — NASA's 90th shuttle mission.

Linnehan has been a visiting professor since last year and was selected by NASA in March of 1992. He completed one year of training to be qualified for assignment as a mission specialist on future space shuttle crews.

Linnehan is the first veterinarian in the history of NASA to go into space.

NeuroLab is a mission dedicated entirely to life sciences. Its payload consists of 26 human and non-human scientific experiments and is the largest ever launched.

"We're tremendously excited to have him as part of our organization," Michael Stoskopf, a professor of aquatic and wildlife medicine at the College of Veterinary Medicine, said. Stoskopf serves as Linnehan's spokesman, communicating with him regularly via electronic mail.

"I haven't seen Rick in person since November," reported Stoskopf, who attended yesterday's launch.

Linnehan's training for the mission consisted of a deep-space training mode that gradually spanned two years. He has been in quarantine since before the April 16 launch.

The entire mission can be viewed on Channel 11 on the residence hall cable network.

On April 27 at 4:19 p.m., a panel of four NCSU students will be asking Linnehan science-related questions as he conducts experiments.

One of the experiments will test how lack of gravity affects the human balance system. Linnehan will hatch snails in outer space and compare his findings with snails simultaneously hatched on earth.

"The reason why snails are the ideal animal to conduct balance tests on is that they develop their up-and-down senses very rapidly after hatching. We can learn much about the human balance system by doing this," Stoskopf reported.

Remote telemetry will also be important to this mission, as Linnehan applies some of the same techniques transmitting data from space as he will use to collect from creatures in the sea. The remote telemetry used on the mission will become a model for that used in the ocean by the Center of Marine Sciences and Technology.

Linnehan flew previously on Columbia's record-setting 17-day "life and micro-gravity mission" in June and July of 1996.

## Monday IN BRIEF

### Science program invites families to fun

The Science House at N.C. State will present a free family-oriented science demonstration called "Isaac and Albert's Excellent Adventure" at 7:30 p.m. Fri., April 24, in 222 Dabney Hall.

The program, held annually and presented in cooperation with the university's department of physics, is designed to entertain and inform audience members of all ages about the workings of science and how science affects our everyday lives.

This year, Science House staff members will use exploding hydrogen balloons, man-made geysers, ping-pong balls hurtling through the air at hundreds of miles per hour and other unorthodox teaching tools to illustrate the scientific principles governing heat and fluids. Seating at the 90-minute show is limited to 350 and cannot be reserved. Audience members are advised to arrive early for the best seats.

For more information, call The Science House at 515-6118.

### NCSU panel to discuss land, race, environment

Nationally renowned rural experts will lead a discussion on land loss and land use in African American communities in the South from 2 to 5 p.m. Mon., April 20, at Witherspoon Student Center.

The event, "Land, Race, Environment, South," is free and open to the public. The division of multidisciplinary studies' Environmental Science and Africana Studies Programs at N.C. State sponsors it.

Sarah Warren, a professor of multidisciplinary studies and an event planner, said the discussion is an effort by the U.S. Department of Agriculture to shed light on the issues surrounding the loss of black family-owned farms, especially in the South.

Visitor parking will be available at the Dan Allen Parking Deck. For information, contact Sarah Warren at 515-7996.

### Caldwell scholars recognized by NCSU

N.C. State has named 22 top-ranked high school seniors John T. Caldwell Alumni Scholars.

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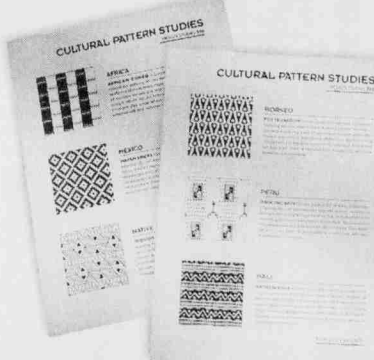
Since the scholarship program was established in 1975 by the NCSU Alumni Association, the cumulative grade point average of Caldwell Scholars has been more than 3.7.

The scholarship program honors the late Dr. John Tyler Caldwell, who served as chancellor of the university from 1959 to 1975 and guided the university to national recognition. He died October 1995.

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universities continue to receive money, they are required by the government to include affirmative action policies.

Another myth is the idea that affirmative action is a way to meet certain quotas about the number of minorities and women in the workplace and other institutions. With affirmative action, "You're setting goals....They're not the same as quotas," Woodard said.

"Quotas are rigid and usually court-ordered," whereas goals are flexible, she said. "All the government requires us to do...is make a 'good faith record.'" This means keeping track of records and information concerning, among other things, who has been hired since affirmative action policies have been put into effect, Woodard said.

Affirmative action is "trying to ensure there's equal opportunity...for everyone to know about a job," Woodard said. It is important that jobs not commonly occupied by women and minorities are well advertised, so everyone knows about the vacant position and can apply. Even the wording in job descriptions should be non-discriminatory, Woodard said. Phrases like "energetic self-starter" and "young go-getter needed" can be discouraging to older applicants and those who do not consider themselves energetic but can still carry out the job requirements.

One council member pointed out that many bosses have a negative attitude toward affirmative action because they don't see why they shouldn't be able to hire friends who they know are qualified for a position.

Woodard pointed out that the goal of affirmative action is to take positive steps to recruit, hire and maintain people who are underrepresented in the workforce—not to hire people who are under-qualified.

The fact that affirmative action brings diversity to companies and universities is an advantage, Woodard said. Businesses, for example, will have people on their staff who can identify with potential customers of different races and ethnic backgrounds; they see it as a way of making more money. And, of course, universities benefit from being able to interact with people from different backgrounds and cultures.

After Woodard's speech, the council members began to discuss other items on their agenda, including Molly Broad's inauguration on April 29 and a welcome for Marye Ann Fox, the new chancellor. The inauguration will be held at Reynolds Coliseum and will begin with a procession, including banners representing each of the different state universities.

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## Dogs win No.4

Georgia responds to a disappointing finish last year by claiming this year's NCAA Gymnastics Championship.

Sports Staff Report

While the Southeastern Conference may lay claim to one of the strongest conferences in the country in football and basketball, last weekend it proved that it knows a thing or two about gymnastics, as well.

The universities of Georgia, Florida and Alabama — all members of the SEC — swept the top three spots at this year's NCAA Gymnastics Championships held at UCLA. The schools of Utah, host team UCLA and Arizona State rounded out the remaining finishers from Friday's Super Six competition.

For the Georgia Gym Dogs, which went undefeated throughout the entire season, it was their first national championship since 1993 and their fourth in school history.

Senior Gym Dog Kim Arnold repeated as the nation's top all-arounder with a score of 39.725, and roommate Karin Lichey tied for first place on the floor exercise with a score of 9.950.

They looked strongest on beam, placing four gymnasts in the top six. Arnold and Jenni Beathard were part of a three-way tie for first with a 9.875, and the Lichey sisters, Karin and freshman Kristi, were also part of a three-way tie for the fourth position.

Georgia's team score of 197.725

was over a point and a half higher than that of second-place Florida, which posted a 196.350. For the Gators, it was their best team performance since the inception of the championships back in 1982. Coach Judi Markell also set a new personal best by finishing in the runner-up slot; her previous high came in 1982 when she led Penn State to third.

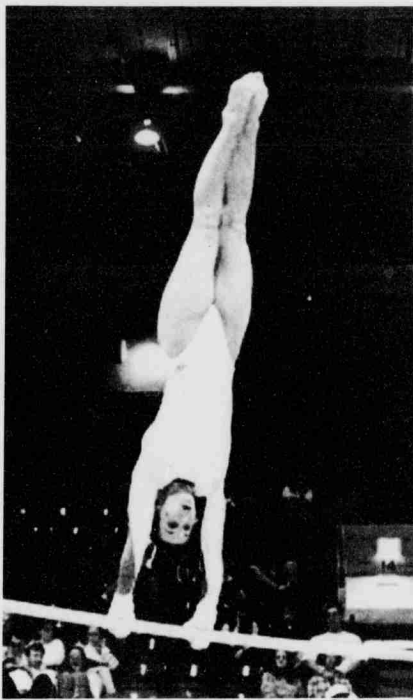
Susan Hines once again showed her dominance on vault, repeating as national champion on the event with a 9.8625. That followed up the perfect 10.0 she recorded while competing with the team two days earlier.

Alabama rounded out the top three with a score of 196.300 after not making it into the Super Six competition a year ago.

UCLA — the host team this year and the defending national champion — placed fifth in the competition with a score of 195.750. Their bid for a repeat was hampered severely when three gymnasts fell during the balance beam event. In counting two falls, it finished the rotation with a 47.65 team score and effectively fell out of the championship hunt.

The Wolfpack, which scored a 194.125 in Thursday's early preliminary, did not advance to Friday's championship round. It was the first appearance at Nationals in the team's 18-year history.

Individually, sophomore Jen Sommer — who was celebrating her 20th birthday — finished eighth in the all-around preliminaries with a score of 38.9.



The Wolfpack concluded its season over the weekend at the NCAA Gymnastics Championships at UCLA. It was the team's first appearance at Nationals in the team's history.

## Pack strong at Nationals

Dance team finishes fourth and looks to next year.

JAMES HOPE  
Staff Writer

You know it by sight. It's the N.C. State dance team, which is dancing for more than just Reynolds Rowdies these days.

It is the highlight of basketball timeouts, but it also showcases its talents along with the best dance teams in the nation. Hours of work go into a routine that is just under one minute.

Earlier this year, State's dance team went to Daytona Beach Florida to compete against the top dance and cheer squads in the nation. The Wolfpack walked away with a fourth-place finish in what was hailed as the closest competition in history.

Brigham Young University won the title, with Nebraska and Kentucky finishing second and third, respectively.

Senior Captain Andrea Tillman said this was the highlight of her year.

"We worked hard for this all year and went in ranked second after technicals," Tillman said. State Coach Quentin Alexander could not be prouder of how his team danced. He commented that the Wolfpack competed well enough to topple BYU but felt that the judges' lack of experience on the collegiate level hurt not only the Pack but other

teams as well.

"For lack of a better word, we were robbed," Alexander said.

However, Alexander feels, with hard work, his team will be a contender again next year.

"We got the skills to compete," he remarked.

Vicki Binger is ready for that hard work in order to go to the next level.

"We are going to raise the level of the competition," Binger said.

The team has already begun changing, intent on raising its level of performance.

"We are requiring more of each girl in tryouts," Biedenbach remarked.

Biedenbach also said that Coach Alexander was requiring more of his team for next year by adding more technical detail to the squad.

Technical detail is not the only change Alexander will be bringing to State next year. He will be expanding the number of athletes to the team in order to have a junior varsity squad.

Despite all the changes, one thing that should stay the same is the unity that the team feels. Only three seniors will be graduating this year, and most of the remaining squad has two or more years of national competition experience.

"We are used to each other and know how each other dances," Marie Creech stated.

Creech added that the team is very close emotionally and can compete well together.

## Three take wins at ACC's

N.C. State's men took third, while the women took fifth at the ACC Outdoor Track and Field Championships this weekend.

Sports Staff Report

The Wolfpack men took the lead after day one, but the Clemson Tigers came from behind to take their second straight ACC Outdoor Track and Field Championship, while, on the women's side, the Tar Heels from UNC-Chapel Hill took top honors for the seventh consecutive year.

The Clemson men dominated the sprint events on the second day of competition, as sophomore Shawn Crawford took top individual honors in both the 100-meter and 200-meter dashes, as well as running a leg in the winning 4x100 meter relay team.

Crawford and Georgia Tech's David Krummenacker shared honors as the MVPs of the meet.

Krummenacker won the 800-meter and 1,500-meter runs for the third consecutive year in both events.

Wolfpack senior Pat Joyce went out in style. Competing at the last ACC Championships of his five-year career at N.C. State, the All-American won the 10,000-meter run, with a time of 30:38.68, despite

battling a cold for the past week.

Joining Joyce in the top 10 in the 10,000 meters was senior Joe Wirgau, who was also competing in his last conference championship meet with the Pack. Wirgau finished seventh.

State's Eric Riddick won the long jump, posting a top mark of 7.56 meters, followed by teammate Cordell Smith, who jumped 7.46 meters. Cameron Morris took fourth, with a jump of 7.20 meters.

Smith also finished second in the men's decathlon, collecting 3,769 points — just four points less than winner Darius Jones of Florida State.

In the men's discus throw, Jeff Pflaumbaum finished fourth, and John Patterson took seventh, while Jake Woehr took sixth in the men's pole vault.

In the 3,000-meter steeplechase, Aaron Saft and Chris Dagan finished third and fourth, respectively.

While the Tar Heels took the women's title, it was Yellow Jacket hurdler Andria King who took home MVP honors.

King won the 100-meter hurdles with a time of 12.99, which would have posted a new ACC Championship meet record had it not been for excessive wind.

Janelle Kraus, this year's ACC Cross-Country Individual Champion, was a double winner. The Wake Forest distance specialist won the



The Wolfpack men took third at the ACC Outdoor Track and Field Championship in Orlando this weekend, while the Pack women took fifth.

3,000-meter and 5,000-meter runs.

The Wolfpack was led by individual champion Jackie Coscia, who took the women's 10,000-meter run with a time of 36:45.83 — almost 15 seconds better than No.2 finisher Tammie Carpenter of UNC-CH.

Chris Shea finished seventh in the same event, while the duo of Katie Sabino and Christy Goodison finished third and fourth in the 3,000 meter.

In the hammer throw, Anitra Henry finished eighth, while Kim Richardson took fifth in the heptathlon.

## Golf team finishes third

Tim Clark and the Wolfpack narrowly miss an ACC title.

Sports Staff Report

New London, N.C. — The N.C. State golf team entered Sunday's final round of the ACC Tournament with a legitimate shot at the school's first-ever ACC Championship. The Wolfpack led after both of the first two rounds and had a two-stroke advantage over Clemson going into the final round.

However, State was only able to manage an even-par 288, sliding down to third place behind Clemson and Georgia Tech.

Clemson's Charles Warren won the individual title, firing a 69 on Sunday to successfully defend his ACC crown. Warren is also the defending NCAA Champion and the ACC's first back-to-back champion since current pro Scott Hoch did it in 1977-78.

Don Hill of UNC-Chapel Hill finished a stroke off Warren with a 10 under 206.

Tech shot the lowest team round of the tournament on Sunday, with a 13-under-par 275, allowing the Yellow Jackets to leap the Pack into second place.

All five of Clemson's golfers finished under par in the final round, as the Tigers set an ACC Tournament 54-hole record with a 28-under-par 836.

State was led by All-American Tim Clark, who finished tied for

fifth place with a seven-under-par 209. The junior from South Africa fired a 69 in the final round to lead the Wolfpack.

The next Wolfpack golfer in the clubhouse was James Bunch, who shot a 71 to finish at three under par for the weekend. Bunch finished tied for 13th place.

Mark Gauley and Will Huntley also finished under par, tied for 17th place with one under par.

Gauley, who shot a 66 on Saturday, cooled off on Sunday with a 75. Huntley also recorded a 75 in the final round.

Korky Kemp was not far behind at 20th place, finishing at even par. State was a model of consistency, with no players finishing above par for the weekend — the only ACC team to do so.

The Yellow Jackets were led by Matt Kuchar, who finished in third place at nine strokes under par. Kuchar recently recorded one of the best scores in Master's history by an amateur golfer, finishing at even par in Augusta last weekend.

State was followed by UNC-Chapel Hill and Virginia, which finished at 13 and eight under par, respectively.

Wake Forest, Florida State, Duke and Maryland rounded out the rest of the field in that order.

The tournament was played at the par-72 course at Old North State at Uwharrie Point.

On the women's side, Duke won their third-straight ACC title in Greensboro, N.C.

The Blue Devils finished 14 strokes ahead of Wake Forest, which was followed by UNC-CH and Florida



N.C. State led after the first and second rounds.

State.

Wake Forest freshman sensation Marta Prieto led the ACC Championship from wire-to-wire, blocking Duke junior Jenny Chausisripon's attempt to become a three-time champion. Chausisripon, who was named ACC Player of the Year, finished merely two strokes off Prieto with a total of 223.

Three other Duke golfers finished in the top seven overall, and Duke Coach Dan Brooks took home Coach of the Year honors for the third consecutive season.

## Wolfpack NOTES



### NFL teams take State players in draft

The ACC will be well represented in the makeup of the teams of next year's NFL, according to the results from this year's NFL Draft held this weekend.

In the first three rounds held on Saturday, 12 players from the conference were selected. Florida State had the most picks from day one, with two each going in the first, second and third rounds. Andre Wadsworth was the top pick from Tallahassee, being the third pick overall.

UNC-Chapel Hill laid claim to the most picks going in the first round, with three. Defensive end Greg Ellis went as the eighth overall pick, with the Tar Heels' Brian Simmons and Ronnie Holliday as the 17th and 19th picks.

The Wolfpack had two players selected on Sunday, with Carlos King and Alvis Whitted being drafted. King went to Pittsburgh as the 31st pick in the fourth round, while Jacksonville selected Whitted in the seventh round.

### Robinson, Sullivan honored

Rising N.C. State senior student-athletes Kaitlin Robinson and Jeanne Sullivan were among the 12 inductees into the Golden Chain Society on April 16.

The society was founded in 1926 to recognize rising seniors who have demonstrated outstanding scholarship, leadership, character and service to NCSU.

Robinson served as captain on the State volleyball team this past year, playing middle blocker for the Wolfpack and Coach Kim Hall.

Sullivan is a defender on the women's soccer team, advancing to the NCAA's Final Eight as a freshman in 1995.

Sullivan will be one of four seniors on the women's soccer team next season, under first-year Coach Laura Kerrigan.

Induction into the Golden Chain is traditionally considered the highest honor that can be bestowed upon a rising senior. New members are selected by the current members.

### Virginia sweeps ACC lacrosse honors

The University of Virginia dominated the post-season awards at the 1998 Atlantic Coast Conference Women's Lacrosse Tournament banquet on Saturday.

The Cavalier's Peggy Boutlier was named the ACC Player of the Year, while teammate Mills Hook snagged Rookie of the Year. Boutlier is an all-around player, leading the Cavaliers in goals and ground-ball pickups, despite being a primarily defensive player.

The senior captain was named the National Defensive Player of the Year in 1997.

Hook scored 18 goals and piled up 10 assists, leading all freshmen in the ACC. Hook also led the conference in ground-ball pickups with 38.

Coach of the Year honors went to Duke's Kristen Kimel, who led Duke to its highest national ranking in school history.

The Blue Devils reached as high as No. 3 nationally this year, defeating two top-10 opponents for the first time in Duke history.

## Baseball

### ACC Standings

1. Florida State	13-2
2. Clemson	10-4
3. N.C. State	10-6
4. Georgia Tech	9-7
5. UNC-CH	8-8
6. Wake Forest	9-10
7. Duke	5-10
8. Virginia	5-12
9. Maryland	3-13

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# Deacs get men, women

■ N.C. State's men's and women's tennis teams fall to Wake Forest in final ACC match of the season.

Sports Staff Report

The N.C. State's women's team fell to No. 11-ranked Wake Forest 8-1 on Saturday, finishing up the ACC schedule with a record of 5-2. Sophomore Marissa Gildemeister picked up the Wolfpack's only win, taking the No. 3 singles match 6-0, 7-6 over Nicola Kaiwai.

Marcel Verban picked up the win in the No. 1 singles, defeating Blair Sutton 6-0, 6-1.

The Demon Deacons swept through the doubles matches, winning the three matches 8-2, 8-4, 8-5.

Friday afternoon, the Demon Deacons defeated the Wolfpack men's team 4-3, sweeping the three doubles matches to start singles play with a 1-0 advantage.

In singles, the teams split, with State's Roberto Bracone, Eric

Jackson and Shaun Thomas picking up wins.

Bracone defeated Myles Clouston 4-6, 6-3, 6-4, while Jackson made easy work of Billy Gluck, winning the No. 2 match 6-1, 6-2.

In the No. 5 singles slot, Thomas defeated Andres Guzman 7-5, 6-4.

State's women's team will face off against ECU on Tuesday afternoon at 2 p.m. at the Wolfpack Tennis Complex.

It will be the last home match for senior Blair Sutton.

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# Pack drops two

■ The Pack Mine dropped two on the road at Clemson this weekend.

Sport Staff Report

Clemson 11, N.C. State 10  
In the bottom of the 12th inning, Clemson's Kurt Bultmann singled home Brian Ellis with one out in the half inning, giving the Tigers the one-run victory.

Bultmann finished the game going 2-4, with two runs scored and two RBIs for the Tigers.

Third baseman Justin Singleton was 2-4 for the No. 7-ranked Tigers, knocking in five runs.

For State, Keith Walsh and Jimmy Slaughter each hit home runs, while Brad Piercy picked up a double and his fourth triple of the season.

Todd DeMikes was 2-6 for the Wolfpack, batting in three runs, while Adrean Acevedo was 2-5, with one run scored and one RBI in his first trip to the plate since leaving the line-up with an injury a couple of weeks ago.

The Pack used seven different pitchers in the game, which lasted over four hours. Whitney Hughes went down as the losing pitcher for the Pack, despite taking the mound for just two and one-third innings.

Scott Clackum picked up the win for the Tigers, improving to 6-0 on the year.

Clemson 17, N.C. State 6  
The Tigers scored nine runs in the bottom of the sixth inning to put the Wolfpack away for the second straight night.

Ellis and Singleton combined for nine RBIs in the game, which featured a combined 25 hits from both teams.

Noel Manley was 3-3 for the Wolfpack, scoring twice and driving in a run.

On the mound for the Tigers, Matt White picked up his third win of the year, walking four and striking out as many in just five and one-third innings of work.

Dustin Baker was charged with the loss, allowing eight runs in four and two-thirds innings of work. Baker walked eight batters and struck out just two.

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## All-day bash a hit

■ Southern rock bloomed beautifully at Saturday's Earth Day concert.

MELISSA HANSON  
Staff Writer

Fans showed up despite the rainy, cold weather Saturday to the Independent Weekly Rock the Earth Day '98 concert at Hardee's Walnut Creek Amphitheater. The Gibb Droll Band, Southern Culture on the Skids, Jump Little Children, Alana Davis, Cravin' Melon and Sister Hazel alternated playing between the main stage and a smaller stage near the refreshment stands.

Southern Culture on the Skids kicked off the show on the main stage. They put on a wild show with their silly songs about life in the South. The band sang one song about fried chicken called "Eight Piece Box," which I found incredibly amusing. They even had props! The band provided fried chicken pieces that some audience members on stage threw out into the crowd.

They also sang their more popular song, "Camel Walk." Southern Culture recruited four guys from the audience to dance the "camel walk" as they sang. The dancers did a lot of spins and pelvic thrusts to entertain the crowd. Everyone was laughing and cheering by the time these fun-loving country folks had to exit the stage.

After Southern Culture on the Skids finished up, we raced down to the side stage just in time to see one of my local favorites, Jump Little Children. They got the crowd bouncing around immediately with upbeat songs like "Quiet" and "Dancing Virginia." It was apparent that the audience loved this band not only for their catchy beats, but also for their nutty personality.

Each of the band members has his own fashion style. Jonathan Grey bounced with his upright bass while sporting a "wife-beater," red suspenders and a top hat. The drummer, Evan Bivins, was decked out in KISS attire. Ward Williams played the cello and guitar in a comfy flannel. Lead singer, Jay Clifford, was dressed in black and looked as though he'd just walked out

of a hip coffee shop. Last but not least was the crowd favorite, Matt Bivins. Matt was wearing a pale blue '70s-style suit and navy blue scarf. He played every small instrument known to man, including the harmonica, recorder and accordion. He also sang a few of the band's better songs, including "I Can Love." In the song, Matt raps about the temptations he feels when he is around a beautiful girl. He got the audience singing and swaying, and his crazy stage antics and adorable smile seemed to make most of the girls weak in the knees.

All together they form a talented band from Charleston, S.C. which I believe will soon be heading to the top of the charts. Keep your eyes and ears open for Jump Little Children. It is not a show you'll want to miss.

After that excitement, we explored some of the Earth Day exhibits that local organizations had set up. Establishments such as the Neuse River Foundation, Inc. and Unstead Park had booths with free pamphlets on how to help save our environment. It was so interesting that we got sidetracked and missed the first half of Alana Davis' show on the main stage.

Davis played her song, "Twenty-two Flavors," as well as several others. Her hard music did not fit in well with the other southern rock bands. The general temperament from the crowd was boredom, mostly because Davis herself did not seem to be excited about performing. All in all, I would have to say that her time on stage was disappointing.

The audience soon recovered, however, when Cravin' Melon hit the stage. Their smooth rock songs got the crowd up and jamming. The band seemed to have a lot of support from fans Saturday night because everywhere I looked, someone was wearing one of their T-shirts. This probably has something to do with their guitarist, who is actually from Raleigh. The band even admitted that Raleigh was their favorite place to perform, and that was apparent in their performance. They displayed a lot of spunk and enthusiasm.

Cravin' Melon played several of their new songs, including "She Loves the



Sister Hazel thanked Saturday's crowd with a wine toast.

Fire," which had a danceable slower beat that I enjoyed. However, the crowd could not sit still when they played their two more popular songs. They started off with "I Come Unlured," which got the audience warmed up and singing. By the time they ended their show with "Sweet Tea," with the vocal help of Sister Hazel's Ken Block, the crowd went crazy. The energy was strong even though the weather was cold.

Sister Hazel popped up on stage around 9 p.m., so the sun had finally set to uncover a great light show. The lights were simple but impressive as the

band highlighted every song they played. Sister Hazel put on an excellent performance, and they played their hearts out.

These guys are so thankful for their success this past year that they even did a little skit to help explain the experience. Lead singer, Ken Block, said that everything good has happened to them has been because of their never-ending positive thinking. He asked everyone in the audience to bow their heads and make one wish. Before I raised my head there was a bottle of

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## Technobabble

■ The big, nasty, hairy, millennium bug (and shoes to squish it). Part II: Living in the future.

CHARLES GEMAS/CANALSUEDE  
Staff Geek

For the last week, my computer has been running 20 years in the future. I set the clock ahead to 2018 to see what would happen to my software.

Apparently, based on these hardly reliable test results, your friendly neighborhood geek is fully year 2000 compliant! That's not all too surprising, considering the computer I did this experiment on was a Macintosh, and, as I said last week, Macs are fairly well immune to year 2000 (Y2K) related problems.

The same results should come from doing the same thing to a Windows 95 machine. However, I don't recommend trying this unless you enjoy hacking your system's resources. I'll get to that bit in a second.

The point of my particular experiment was to see what detrimental effects would result from setting a computer clock well into the future for the purposes of testing its 2000 readiness. The problems I ran into were almost as troublesome as if I had had Y2K incompatibilities.

The first thing I noticed was that my virus software warned me that it was out of date and needed to be updated. The few unregistered shareware programs I have on my system all expired, some permanently disabling themselves. That's okay, I can download what I haven't got backed up. My checkbook program complained that I hadn't balanced my accounts in 20 years, and a few other humorous problems popped up. What could have caused me the most trouble and why I don't recommend this method to the uninitiated, is that all the documents I created or changed in the last week may have gotten time stamped in 1998. What that means is that now, in 1998, all those files are untouchable, because any changes I make now occur, as far as the computer is concerned, before the latest version of those files.

Not a problem, I know how to change those files' modification dates. Actually, it's as easy as running some basic disk maintenance programs, which I did, just in case. If I didn't happen to have something like Symantec's Norton Disk Doctor handy, though, I would have had to modify all those files by hand — which is something I don't mind doing, but it's tedious and involves fiddling with some sensitive resources with hacking tools like ResEdit. I'm a geek, I enjoy this kind of stuff. However, any of the files I changed that got transferred to another computer would retain their future timestamp and cause problems on that system. In that case, I'd have had to go into their system and fiddle with any of the files I copied over to them. Again, I don't mind. My point is this: Don't bother.

The year 2000 is coming whether you like it or not, even if you're in Taiwan. Odd thing about Taiwan — they use a calendar based on the 1911 revolution in China. As far as they're concerned, it's only the year 89, so they won't have to worry about the so-called millennium bug for another 11 years. Well, not really. If they receive information from a system that thinks 2000 is 1900 or just truncates it to 00 and somehow the information is date-sensitive, their translation algorithm for non-Taiwan dates will spit out something from the year -11. Not good. The scary thing is that that same scenario can hold true anywhere, with any computer system today.

Let's say you're like me, and you've just received a renewed credit card, good for two years. It expires in 00. Let's say you buy something with this new card, and the credit card company hasn't updated its computer system. It doesn't even have to be its computers but any one of the many through which its transactions get routed.

The two digits 00 may mean 2000 to the outdated systems that have no problem with your new card. The one weak link that can't handle four digits or translates 00 to 1900 will spit out your purchase as invalid, since your card's been expired for 98 years.

Well, all the credit card systems have had a while to see this coming and have (mostly) fixed the possible weak links. At least in this country. The banks and credit companies, as well as most of the major data dealers in America, have already fixed their computer systems or are implementing plans to do so by the deadline. Problems can still occur, since the whole world is wired, and data gets sent across borders, time zones and oceans all the time. While we may be sitting pretty here in the industrialized west, the rest of the world doesn't have the resources to deal with the outdated equipment or to go through all its programs and replace all the old two-digit-date code with 2000 compatible code. It's a daunting task — even to the great geekdom we have assembled in this country. There isn't much you can do to protect yourself, except to know what's coming. Be wary of computerized transactions that may go awry.

So what should you look out for in the years to come? Anything that deals with date-sensitive materials: banks, credit card companies, package delivery services and even elevators. Yes, elevators. Some sophisticated control systems in elevators, for purposes of keeping track of which buttons were pushed and when, have a clock in them. Since some of these also keep up with the dates they were manufactured and most recently serviced, the date rolling over to 1900 can cause serious problems in these systems. The same is true of any number of tiny embedded computer systems. In traffic lights, thermostats, even cars, tiny computer clocks are ticking away all the time, and nobody is certain which ones will and which won't have problems as 99 becomes 00. As I said, there's not a whole lot you, personally, can do about the whole Y2K problem, unless you're a programmer. If you are a graduating senior with experience in programming, I suggest listing on your resume that you specialize in older systems — languages like COBOL and fixing date-related glitches. This should land you a job before the ink dries on your diploma.

For the rest of us, though, it's only a matter of time before we get bitten by the bug. You can do your part, though, by being diligent and being extra careful with your bank statements and credit card bills. If there is a problem with your payment being received — say, 99 years late — be sure to tell the company it has a problem it failed to fix in time. You may want to take your business elsewhere for the time being.

Well, the world still has 18 months before the deadline really comes, even though many of the inevitable Y2K problems will occur long before that. Unfortunately, the computer industry, and especially the software part of it, is notorious for missing deadlines.

Next week: my final column of this semester, with some advice for graduates and anybody else looking to buy a new computer and some parting words from der Ubergreek.

"It's only a matter of time before we get bitten by the bug."

## 'Around the World in Two Hours'

The International Activities Committee hosted International night to celebrate many different ethnicities at N.C. State and around the world Friday in the Student Center's ballroom. In the opening ceremony, it was announced that a flag representing each NCSU international student's country will now hang in the Student Center.

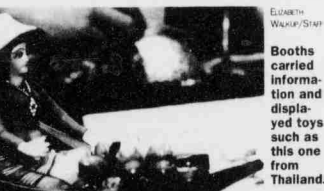
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Women from countries such as China danced in the night's cultural show in the ballroom.



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Booths carried information and displayed toys such as this one from Thailand.



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Spectators had a chance to view each country's traditional dress throughout the night.



Nick Nolte as Cray...what is he doing in a low-grade horror flick?

## Go to bed, 'Night'

■ Top-notch actors; low-grade flick.

PHILLIP REESE  
Editor-in-Chief

Picture "Friday the 13th" with Jack Nicholson. Or "Halloween" with Judi Dench. Or "Scream" with Robert Duvall. You'll get a vague idea of what "Nightwatch" is like. Lots of talent wasted on a slasher flick.

"Nightwatch" features a wonderful cast. There's Ewen McGregor of "Trainspotting" fame and Patricia Arquette, fresh from "Lost Highway" and Nick Nolte of "The Prince of Tides" and "48 Hours." All in all, as fine an ensemble cast as could be found.

So, why cast them in a horror flick? The action starts out with the naive Martin Bells (McGregor) landing a job as a night watchman at the local morgue. Things go okay at first, as young Martin manages to escape a few harrowing close calls with a necrophiliac who may or may not be lurking in the shadows.

Meanwhile, Inspector Cray (Nolte) is hot on the trail of said necrophiliac — a killer who has murdered and raped a number of young prostitutes. Standing in the background is James (Josh Brolin) and Katherine (Arquette), two friends of Martin who soon unwittingly become involved in the action.

As the plot unfolds, we get to see scary scene after scary scene as director Ole Bornedal does a

credible job of creating tension and suspense. Pretty soon, as is to be expected, Martin is the primary suspect in the prostitute murders, and he is forced to take matters into his own hands to find the real killer.

A decent premise and one that Bornedal, to his credit, pushes gently along. The problem is that Bornedal doesn't develop the principle characters well enough. He falls into an old horror film trap, focusing on the suspense and action, rather than the characters. By the middle of the film, the audience is appropriately scared, but it really doesn't care about the characters being threatened. It is just bringing in anticipation of the next blood-curdling scene.

It should be noted that Arquette, McGregor and Nolte do well with the little they are given. But how hard is it to pretend to be frightened as you walk slowly down this hall or that, waiting for something evil to jump out at you?

In short, "Nightwatch" is a good horror film that could have, with its excellent cast, been so much more. As it stands, its attempts at campy "Scream"-like humor ("If this was a movie and you were playing the exciting guy, you'd go show those guys up," Martin tells James) or its pusing, quick fade-ins and fade-outs (see Mike Figgis' "Leaving Las Vegas" fame) are simply not enough to make it a memorable experience.

It's just a good horror film that deserves a grade of B.

## Editorials

### Growth danger

Will NCSU 'dis' CHASS in the future?

In the next 10 years, N.C. State's enrollment will surge like the plague. Forecasters expect the university's student population to increase to around 34,000 by fall of 2008, and the Board of Trustees and other planners and think-tanks are asking questions on how to handle the increases and how to benefit from them. Yet there is some disturbing news about the future of the College of Humanities and Social Sciences (CHASS). At a recent Board of Trustees meeting, Chancellor-elect Marye Anne Fox said, "It's very important that we maintain focus on science and technology and the colleges that focus on science and technology."

What exactly does that mean? First of all, this kind of response can be expected from Fox, considering that her background is organic chemistry. Secondly, NCSU is a Research-I university and primarily a "tech" school. But does that mean that the areas of study in and around CHASS will receive less funding and room for expansion? Will CHASS and other non-tech colleges at NCSU get only crumbs and table scraps? Will these colleges lose programs and be forced to scale back? The questions linger heavy.

How fair would it be to "dis" CHASS and still call NCSU "The People's University?" If NCSU is looking for different types of people to attend, then how will leaving an entire college behind

justify that title. For instance, UNC-Chapel Hill is also a Research-I institution but has established its place in the upper echelon of public schools in areas such as journalism, business and law. At the same time, medicine and other fields of science and technology have helped UNC-CH in its goal to become a world-class institution.

NCSU will take one of two paths. Focus ultimately on the science and technology fields while losing students who look to study in CHASS, the College of Education or the College of Management or give the non-science colleges the same highly-touted financial and expansion consideration that the pro-science/technology colleges expect to obtain.

If NCSU is "The People's University," then all areas of study should be respected and given ample consideration for expansion and funds. UNC-CH has done it, Duke has done it, and now it is time for NCSU to head in the same direction. Yes, the science fields are the backbone of the NCSU body, but the non-science/technology fields give NCSU character and appeal to people all over the globe to consider attending a school with a wide variety of fields of study.

Do the powers that be want that, or do they want to see the non-science fields diminish to a point where they are nothing more than a few classes offered as general education requirements for engineers?

The answer will be known in 10 years.

### Cary gripes again

Cary to blame for the loss of FedEx.

There was a monumental chance for the Triangle to have a big-time shipping outfit implant a hub of operations at Raleigh/Durham International Airport. FedEx, one of the largest shipping companies in the world, considered RDU as a site to construct a major operations center. Had RDU been selected, there would be 1,500 jobs up for grabs on one, a feat that is not the most common occurrence these days, especially in the technology-laced Triangle, where competition to gain jobs in big-name companies is an arduous task.

However, the chance never came for RDU. Instead, FedEx has selected Piedmont Triad International Airport in the greater Greensboro area. There are certainly a lot of reasons on the table for FedEx's decision to set up shop in the Triad, but one possibility that ranks near the top was the bickering of the up-scale residents who live in Cary and the northwest parts of Raleigh. For weeks, homeowners complained to the RDU Airport Authority, overly concerned about the additional flights that FedEx would fly at night. These residents were a thorn in the side for FedEx to deal with and there is a good chance that they were the prime reason for FedEx slashing RDU from the list.

It is interesting to watch the reactions of these elitists who simply couldn't be bothered with a few extra flights. Do they have nothing better to do than moan and

gripe about something that could generate a godsend for the local economy? Do they realize that RDU is expanding rapidly? This is only the beginning.

Authorities at RDU have an expansion plan intact that includes a maintenance hangar for Midway Airlines, terminal expansion, and a third runway. These tactics are necessary for the exponential growth that the Triangle is undergoing. The residents of Cary and affected parts of Raleigh will have a lot to "deal with" in the next 15 years.

If people don't like hearing the roar of jets, then they should not live near an airport. For people to think that RDU will never be anything more than an airport destination airport is premature and cynical. Where there is a future, there is and always will be room for expansion and the likelihood of it happening is high.

RDU was once a hub for American Airlines and one day it will probably be a hub for another airline due to the hordes of people moving into this area. The disgruntled homeowners will have to deal with it or move somewhere else.

RDU lost a chance at the FedEx hub, but this will not be the last time a major shipping operation considers RDU for a hub. Flying Tigers, United Parcel Service (UPS) and other shipping entities might knock on RDU's door one day. Sadly enough though, a few people upset about a little extra noise might send the companies elsewhere, and with them, the loss of hundreds of job opportunities.

that were obviously being covered up. I quickly figured out what had happened the night before. I walk this tunnel almost daily and had seen the very nice painting which had been done by the BLAG. Like K. Gaffney, I am secure in my sexuality and feel that everyone should be free to express theirs. My problem is, why had someone decided to cover up only parts of what is painted there, and who is to decide what is acceptable? Of what was left of the opinions in question, and what I have since heard was there. I would only describe the opinions that were being covered up as pure hatefulness. I in no way support these peoples' opinions, but I would fight to the end for their right to express themselves. How



### Survival for taking tests

BRETT WETZEL Staff Columnist

It is a sad truth that many college students simply fear taking tests. After gliding through our state's "progressive-compared-to-South-Carolina" school system on the strength of completely overweight homework assignments and five-point overall bonuses just for being in a non-learning disability level course, many students struggle with the college learning environment. Freshmen are shocked to find that instructors don't require them to answer 10 questions proving they read an assigned chapter. No, aside from the grade percentage crutch of the dreaded "class participation," a grade in a college course is largely determined by one cruelly learning-based gauge: a set of questions the student must answer.

Now, there is a myth that one must do extraordinary things like "read all the material" or "take good notes" to do well on a test. Nothing could be further from the truth. With just a little test-taking wisdom, you can coast all the way to a medical or law degree from your favorite prestigious institution.

Multiple choice tests are the favorite of instructors because a machine does the grading instead of them. They should be a student's favorite, too. Fill-in-the-blank and essay tests leave little room for strategy (sorry humanities majors). Fortunately, the advent of the Scan-Tron sheet quickly ushered such knowledge-based exams into obscurity. And when one has a

selection of four answers with one guaranteed correct, there's hardly any need to worry about having more than a vague understanding of the material. True, some particularly hateful instructors might take advantage of the "e" bubble on the Scan-Tron sheet, but do not lose hope because one of them will still always be right.

Pre-test preparation, or "studying" if you must, should consist of nothing more than skimming through each chapter and reading everything in bold or italics and the summaries at the end of each chapter. It's best to do this less than an hour before test-time, as a fresh familiarity of facts and terms will prove far more valuable than any real understanding of ideas and concepts.

When you take the test, try to coax your mind to understand that you are not "guessing," but "deducing." Do not ever panic; it's natural to progress through and not be actually sure of any answer. There are simple rules for determining what is most likely to be the correct answer.

Assuming you have some general idea about what the hell the test is on, you can usually eliminate one or two answers right away by tapping all your worldly knowledge. For instance, if the test is on oceanography, answer "d," "Tornado," can be eliminated because you saw "The Wizard of Oz" and are fairly certain that the tornado happened in Kansas, which you don't ever remember traveling to when you went to the beach.

Now you have three choices and

better odds. If there are any terms that you've never seen before, eliminate them, too. Sure, it's possible that the reason you don't know the answer right off is because you missed the section about this mysterious answer, but don't bet on it. It's not like you're actually going to know any other answers right off. You want to only choose from answers that you at least recognize as part of the material.

So, now you've eliminated "a," "Arthoscopy," and are left with two final candidates. Don't do anything foolish like guess based on which one is closest to the first letter of your name. Here you must apply a technique called antinealing. If your bubbles are starting to form any kind of line on your answer sheet, choose the bubble most likely to break that line. Choose whichever bubble hasn't been selected in the greatest period of questions. Odds are that there won't be too long a streak of any sort on your Scan-Tron because instructors find such streaks to be very unrandom, and basically disconcerting.

Despite all your cunning, sometimes you just might encounter a scenario where you are unable to eliminate any answers. In these instances, look for the answer that is somehow different from all three. Say you encounter the choices "a: Arthoscopy," "b: Erosion," "c: Dredge," and "d: Tomado." All may look like they have nothing in common, but look again, "Dredge" sounds like it could be a verb, but

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### To take or not to take

TIM CRONE Staff Columnist

[The following column is sarcastic - Tim Crone]

In the midst of the moral upheaval of modern society, we as a nation need to remember our roots, our philosophies, the foundations of this great nation. No more hypocrisy.

Ransomed kidnapping is perhaps one of the most hotly debated issues in American law and politics today. On the one hand, it disrupts people's lives; on the other, there is rarely lasting harm done to the victim or his or her relations, and usually the loss amounts to only some small amount of money, time and hair. It is a deviation from the norm, a little spice in the unvarnished bread of life. Just the same, however, many feel that such a disruption will inevitably hurt the victim — or should I say, the piacula piarium (Latin, "victims of kidnappers").

However, kidnapping does certainly have its good points. Nothing brings a family together like an enforced separation, as any victim of summer camp knows; and surely all agree that having a price on a head makes people realize just how much that head is worth.

And what about the rights of the kidnapper? Clearly, he or she has the desire, and probably the need, for more money. Given the failure of the American welfare system and the sorry state of American generosity, not to mention the oppression of the laboring man or woman in modern times, what more can we expect?

After all, we are only human. Surely there is no reason for us to expend valuable resources trying to quash innate desires, and most assuredly not when no one is significantly hurt. We desire to live, to breathe, to eat, to sleep and to control, and all of these are natural.

Ought we not be able to do whatever we want? Does not the very being of nature demand it?

It is a choice — to be the master of your own destiny, the controller of your own mind and body — that must be made. Shall we continue to live under the societal constraints that were unwittingly imposed upon us by the Puritanical ancestry of our parents and grandparents? Or shall we transcend those bonds, becoming the masters of our own bodies, minds and souls? Why should we, in our advanced society, live in the archaic laws of the past? But I digress.

Kidnapping is perhaps one of the greatest art forms. It provides a little fun for all concerned, a little excitement in an otherwise humdrum existence. It hurts no one for more than a short time. There is another bonus as well, one that has not yet been mentioned: it redistributes money from the rich to the poor.

Ransom is a lot like social welfare; however, instead of just taking the money you actually have to work for it. You must think originally, evade the people who are trying to catch you and then get away with the money. Think of it like a modern Robin Hood, but one who only works when you grasp the reigns of your destiny, set aside mindless and outmoded moral convictions, and use all of your innate abilities.

It really is unreasonable to expect a person to resist this chance of control. They are perfectly natural desires, and so why ought we not to give in to the propaganda of money and power? Who can resist?

I hope I've made believers of a few of you. However, I'm sure are not convinced, and there is a small percentage that is likely unable to

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## Campus Forum

### Vandals should channel anger elsewhere

Like K. Gaffney, I too was in the free expression tunnel while some painting was going on that I thought was very upsetting. I walked through the tunnel as some very hardworking State employees (I assume) were being very selective about covering up someone's free expressions. With what little was left of the comments

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else are these people going to begin to understand that talking about hanging other human beings is wrong, unless their opinions are forced out into the light of day where they become accountable for these beliefs in public? If this whole controversy had never happened, these people might not have been challenged in any way to other ways of thinking. If these people were truly worried about the morality of the situation, I would think they would be more interested in praying for others instead of hanging them.

W.B. McMurray  
Junior, Computer Science

# Bash

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liquor decked with wings flying down to the stage from the ceiling. Apparently Ken had wished for a drink. We all laughed, and the band members made a toast to their fans. The crowd could not help but feel appreciated.

Sister Hazel never really stopped playing. It was one great continuous song. They played most of the songs on their newest album, "...Somewhere More Familiar," and a few from their first. The crowd danced and swayed to "Just Remember" and "Happy." We could not help but feel appreciated.

My personal favorite was their live version of "All for You." It's much

better than the original on the album. I would have to say the crowd agreed with me on this one because everyone was singing along and jumping to the beat. It left us excited and eagerly awaiting the encore.

A few minutes later Sister Hazel jumped on stage for the last time. They were goofing around as they played Steve Miller Band's "The Joker," with their own southern rock twist. The crowd ate this one up and cheered for

more. Unfortunately by this time they were running close to the 11 p.m. curfew and they had to quit.

All in all, the Rock the Earth Day concert was a blast and a huge success. (It would have been even better had the weather been friendlier.) It was a full day — nine hours to be exact — of fun and music. The fans endured the time well, and I believe just about everyone left the park content.



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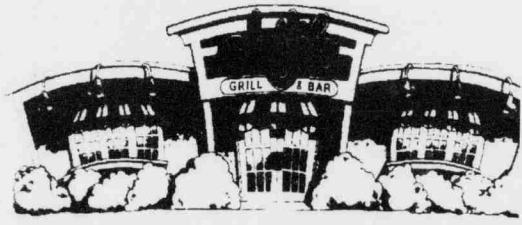
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you that spells one thing, CORRECT. Your instructor obviously didn't count on such a wily gunnisher as yourself, which is why he or she was careless enough to let such a blatant discrepancy occur.

Notice how I haven't even referred to the actual question yet. There is nothing that can get a test-taker into more trouble than wasting time trying to figure out just what the teacher is asking. If you must get an additional clue as to what answer to pick, cautiously sever the relevant

parts of the question out of its confusing shell of verbiage. For instance, on your oceanography exam you might be asked, "All other things being equal, when people take sand taken from the bottom of the sea floor and, in one scenario, take it to the beach, it's at the shore." Poor instructors get confused trying to make questions out of statements, resulting in the oft-seen "Alex Trebek syndrome." Don't panic. You were smart enough to glance through and underline relevant-looking words and put a "what is" at the beginning. Now the question becomes much more sensible: "What is take sand taken bottom sea floor take beach shore?" The overanalyzing student might not be sure if the bottom of the sea floor is actually some mysterious

place beneath the ground, or if the beach and the shore are two different things. Never give your instructor that much credit. It's a safer bet that these are manifestations of the most frequent phenomenon in test questions, redundancy. (Next being the inclusion of nonsensical phrases like "all other things being equal.")

The key to successful test taking is good test-taking strategy, not, as so many students blindly believe, good studying. With some luck, my imparted wisdom might escort you to as glorious an academic career as mine: a beautiful transcript tapestry decorated with half-assed B's and work-free C's. And always remember, you earned it.

# Crone

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surpass the mindless morality of their ancestors and comprehend the beauty of kidnapping. Nonetheless, I would still like to convince as many as possible, and so I present, perhaps, the most convincing arguments for the legalization of ransomed kidnapping.

Certainly it has been shown that the act of kidnapping is good for the kidnaper. Also, the piacula and his or her family will likely gain some excitement from the experience, much more intense than could be provided by the most elaborate of vacation plans; and at the conclusion of the experience, it would be a story to recount to the children.

However, most dissenters would still argue that the disruption of life, however small, is not countered evenly by the psychological benefits to all concerned.

### Why should we allow kidnapping?

Again, psychological reasons are not things at which to scoff. For those brief, shining moments, the kidnapper is in control of his or her own destiny, her own life, and no longer in the pain of daily drudgery.

But there are much more practical reasons as well. If kidnapping were legalized, ransom money could be taxed at a high rate, as well as the opportunity to regulate kidnapping and so encourage responsible actions against the piacula.

This high taxation would serve a dual purpose: First, it would discourage kidnapping. Currently, of course, ransom money is not taxed, and so society appears to be in support of said action—an appearance that, admittedly, many hope is accurate. The second reason is perhaps better: taxing ransom money would produce greater revenue for the governments involved. The president's budget would balance again, regardless of how much vacillates on the tobacco settlement, and everyone would

be happy. The welfare state could function again, and everyone is happy.

Also mentioned is the ability to regulate kidnapping. This is certainly a huge benefit; we've all heard stories of lives lost to shoddy police work on important cases, as well as the added bonus that the piacula could no longer be abused, as is often the case now. The FBI could be used in the capacity of this regulation, since it already functions, to a degree, as such a regulating body.

Also, of course, legalization of kidnapping would eliminate the need for privacy. Kidnapping insurance could cover the cost of ransom, and kidnapping addicts could ask for help without fear of retribution. People would be more cautious with themselves and their children; the insurance company takes a loss, admittedly, but only some small percentage of its budget. The parents rediscover the joy of their child, the kidnapper finds himself, and the police are freed to pursue truly violent criminals.

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