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Rough Ride



Derek Keller, a senior in business management, shows everyone how he gets to class Wednesday. Keller is a member of NCSU's Cycling Team.

D.H. Hill Library adds 900 journals

D.H. Hill Library welcomes many new additions in its journals section and computer resources.

PAUL WEBBER
Staff Writer

Students wondering how the extra cash from a tuition increase two years ago is being spent should take a trip to D.H. Hill Library.

Improvements made at the library as a result of the tuition increase include a digital library, a trip-saver service, 24-hour library service and the subscribing and re-instating of approximately 900 journal subscriptions.

"These new additions to the library have had a great response among the faculty and students," says Jenny Davis, a library administrator. "This is a huge step forward for us since the cutbacks we had endured during the late '80s." There have been mixed reactions among students to the new additions.

Many students feel the additions were justifiable, expressing support for the digital library and all the resources it provides on line, as well as the convenience of the 24-hour services and expanded journal selection the library now makes available.

But to many undergraduate students the new services do not make that much of a difference.

"I don't think the tuition increase for students is worth it — at least not for the journals — because the majority of the students who put their money into it don't need to use the journals they put in the library," said freshman Anna Garwood.

Junior Damon Albarn also said many of the new additions are needed, but he does not expect to use the new journals.

"I can actually use the digital library, and the availability of the library being open 24 hours, but as

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State falls victim to four burglaries

Despite morning burglaries, Public Safety sees no need to be started from a peaceful slumber.

LEA DELICIO
Assistant News Editor

Of the four burglaries reported in the last week of August at N.C. State, three were office burglaries and one was a car burglary. Furthermore, three of the four were reported early in the morning. Is this the beginning of a campus crime spree?

Not according to Sgt. Larry Ellis of Public Safety, who says office burglaries are not uncommon.

"It's not like working at Glaxo where you can control who's coming in and out [of campus buildings]," Ellis said.

In the three office burglaries reported last week, an evaluation form was taken from Winston. In the second case, nothing was taken or even disturbed in the office at Syne. In the third case, headphones and \$20 were taken from the Alumni building.

The fourth, a car burglary, took place

on Cates Avenue and resulted in the loss of a wallet, license and an unknown amount of money for the owner of the car.

Ellis said all cases are being followed up. At this time, there are no suspects in any of these cases.

Regarding the incidents in Winston and Syne, forced entry was not an issue. At Winston, lights that had been turned on and an open desk drawer that was rifled through were the only signs that someone had entered the office. At Syne, a glass pane had been pushed in on the office door, but the office door had not been secured from the start.

According to Ellis, the number of burglaries is no reason for concern.

"We've had less this year than we had last year at this time," Ellis said.

Just because these cases were reported in the morning does not mean that was the time at which they occurred. A faculty member could have been out of their office for a day or even a week, and returned to discover their office had been ransacked, Ellis said. They may not have any

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Statefest a big success

Event connected students to campus life.

DAMIAN HAZEL
Staff Writer

How do you get the N.C. State Outing Club, the Wolfpack hockey team, and the Society for Creative Anachronism all in one place at the same time? You pitch a bunch of tents behind the University Student Center and call it Statefest.

From 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, groups from around campus set up tables to promote their organizations. In its second year, Statefest turned out to be a huge success. An estimated 4,000 people showed up at its inception last year and Sue Cross, coordinator of the event, expects that number is even higher this year.

"Statefest is a great opportunity to connect students to campus life," Cross said.

Overall, some 100 groups around NCSU registered and participated in this year's event. Those featured include club sports, outdoor activities, fraternities and sororities, student services and the Pillsbury dough-boy, among others. Also, vendors like Coca-Cola and Nabisco were promoting their products as well.

This year, the NCSU Bookstores joined the fun with a fall sale. There were also demonstrations from the NCSU dance team and Thompson Theatre. The Visual Arts tent displayed body piercing and tattooing, while the music department provided numerous "mini-concerts" for student's listening.

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Merkith Bricket, right, of NCSU's Crafts Center helps a student.

Provost charges Faculty Senate, campus to consider diversity

University Provost Phillip Stiles asks the students, faculty and staff to take a look at diversity.

K. GAFFNEY
Staff Writer

The Faculty Senate did not have a lot to discuss at this week's meeting, but the gravity of what they discussed reaches from the campus to the nation to the world.

In his address to the senate, Provost Phillip Stiles directed the member's attention to the issue of diversity.

A topic that has been the focus of many speeches and appearances by university officials in the recent past, diversity is "an issue which must be dealt with on campus," Stiles said.

Stiles cited the broadness of the idea of diversity, while offering to the senate that the major consideration of diversity is race,

and said that race is where attempts to further diversity must begin.

"The biggest issue of race is black white," said Stiles. "If you don't treat black white, than you are not treating race, and if you don't treat race, you are not treating diversity."

Provost Stiles relayed to the senate that he has asked his staff to take diversity into consideration in every goal and objective that they set.

"I have asked them to ask themselves if achieving this goal, or objective, improves diversity," said Stiles. "And if not, I ask them to ask themselves if there is a way that they can achieve this objective, or goal, and improve diversity on this campus."

Stiles suggested to the senate and all of the onlookers in attendance that they implement the idea of diversity into their daily decision process. He also suggested that they question the benefits of diversity

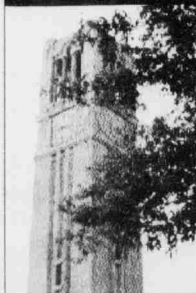
on campus and in the community in every action that they take for one year.

"If you do this for one year, you will surely bring diversity to the forefront of your thinking," said the provost.

Stiles also passed on information from the Department of Student Services, reporting to the senate that the enrollment for the 1997 fall semester was exceeding

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Friday IN BRIEF



Staff Senate sets 1997 meeting dates

The Staff Senate meets the first Wednesday of each month, from 10 a.m. to noon, in the Faculty Senate Chambers in D.H. Hill Library. The first meeting was held Sept. 3. To reach the meeting room, go in the main entrance of D.H. Hill, go to the top of the stairs, turn left into the Erdahl-Cloyd wing, descend the stairs, go up the flight of stairs ahead, go through the door and turn right. The Faculty Senate Chambers will be around the corner. To find out who your staff senator is, contact Vanessa Woodson at 515-4278 or via e-mail at: vanessa_woodson@ncsu.edu. The staff senate considers many issues of importance on the NCSU campus. Last year, the topics discussed at Staff Senate meetings included privatization and the extension of benefits to domestic partners of university employees.

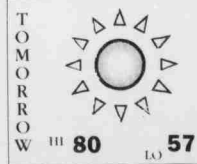
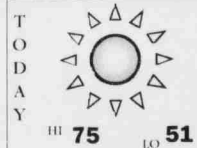
Faculty professional grants awarded

The University Outreach and Extension Committee has awarded 13 faculty outreach and professional development grants. This is the third year of the program, which again awarded \$50,000. The committee received 34 grant proposals that were submitted by faculty in 10 colleges and schools and two other units on campus. Altogether, the applicants requested \$113,030. Some of the grant recipients are: Rodney Waschka II, multi-disciplinary studies, "North Carolina composers information project," \$2,800; Leonhard Bernold, civil engineering, and Eric Klang, mechanical and aerospace engineering, "toward a national museum of construction technology in RTP, NC," \$5,000; Clay Gloster Jr., electrical and computer engineering, and Orlando Hankins, nuclear engineering, "engineering exposure for under-represented minority students," \$4,270.

Tailgate '97 planned for September 20

Friends and alumni of the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences are invited to the college's sixth annual reunion at 3 p.m. Sept. 20. The event will be held at Carter-Finley Stadium prior to the football game against Northern Illinois University. The event will include displays and demonstrations from all of the departments of the college, as well as music and a pig pickin'. The cost of the event is \$7 per adult and \$3.50 for children age 6 to 12. Children age 5 and under can attend the event at no cost. Block seating for the football game is available at \$12 per ticket. For more information, call 515-7222.

OUTSIDE



Festival

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ing pleasure.

For most groups, it was a time to recruit new members and provide interested students with information. NCSU's Ice Hockey Club captain, Joe Sabo, was even out recruiting talent for the upcoming season.

"Last year was a transitional year for us," Sabo said. "We are recruit-

ing to maintain a winning tradition here at N.C. State," he said. "Besides, who doesn't want to beat Duke and Carolina?"

The Outing Club booth seemed to be one of the most popular venues at Statefest. This club involves itself in numerous activities during the school year. Backpacking, canoeing, hang gliding, white-water kayaking and rock climbing are just some of the events that highlight the NCSU Outing Club's agenda.

The Outing Club has won club of the year for the past three years. However, it was The Society for

Creative Anachronism that caught many people's eyes. This is a non-profit organization that re-creates the Middle Ages and Renaissance.

According to SCA representative, Kelly Vaughan, "Members not only do research, but actually construct artifacts, practice medieval arts and crafts, and learn to fight with a sword and a shield." Members also attend medieval events, festivals, and tournaments and put on demonstrations they have produced.

Although SCA is one of the newer groups at NCSU, it has flourished nationwide.

Library

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far as the journals go, I have no use for them — definitely not 900 of them," he said. "I think it may benefit the graduate students more, but for now I'd have to say that was the only disagreeable move made with the tuition increase monies."

From many undergraduates' point of view, the additions to the

journals don't make much sense, but for a lot of graduate students they provide a needed teaching and learning tool.

"I'm excited about the new additions to the journals section. I'm going to check out what is there and see just how excited I am," said graduate student Andrew Miron.

The new journals section can be found in the Periodicals Reading Room on the first floor, Erdahl-Cloyd Wing. The digital library and the learning and research center are located on the second floor, where access to the

Internet and all its resources are available.

In addition to those new features, the library will also be open 24 hours and feature the trip-saver service, which provides staff that will go and get whatever is needed that the library cannot provide.

Also new to the library is Lexis/Nexis, an on-line information retrieval service that includes news, corporate, financial, industry, intellectual property, regulatory and governmental resources.

Senate

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projections.

In the past few years, State has not been able to meet the UNC System's enrollment projections, but this year, State is not only right on target, but is surpassing the mark.

More encouraging news came in the breakdown of those students enrolled.

It was also reported that a larger fraction of the undergraduate population is enrolled as full-time

students than in the recent past.

Several issues of concern were brought up by senators at the meeting.

Recent past chair of the Faculty Senate Gib Smith brought up the issue of campus beautification. He expressed concern over the amount of greenery that is being taken out or trimmed down around the main campus, citing the Gardner Arboretum as an example.

Also discussed by the Senate was the problem of the availability of student information, especially concerning conflicting information appearing on university web pages.

The Senate will next meet at 3 p.m. on Tuesday, September 16th in 2405 Williams Hall.

Burglary


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idea when their office was burglarized.

"This always presents a problem because you're not sure how to set up any motives," Ellis said. When people realize that they have been a victim of a crime or they have been a witness of a criminal act, the key is to report it right away, he said.

Ellis said there is no reason to believe that these break-ins were related in any way. He stressed the importance of securing offices and belongings on campus.

"If people leave their doors open they can be hit so fast," Ellis said.



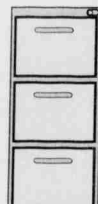
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NATIONAL NEWS

Immigration hurts U.S. and Mexico

■ A recent study shows that Mexico suffers from a "loss of human capital" by permitting illegal emigration.

WILLIAM BRANIGAN
The Washington Post

A binational study sponsored by the U.S. and Mexican governments has concluded that illegal immigration from Mexico has taken on a life of its own here, sustained by expanding networks that link Mexican workers to U.S. employers, with detrimental results for both countries.

In the first joint study of migration from Mexico to the United States, 20 researchers who worked on the project for three years also found that the "currently high levels of migration" may be at a "peak" and that the pressures behind the flow are likely to ease over the next decade.

"It is to the clear benefit of both countries to work toward eliminating unauthorized migration, which creates costs for both countries and makes migrants vulnerable to exploitation," said the Binational Study on Migration, a report issued Tuesday by a joint commission.

According to Susan Martin, executive director of the U.S. Commission on Immigration Reform and a coordinator of the study, tougher U.S. border controls have increasingly driven illegal migrants to use professional smuggling rings, which often abuse their charges and have raised the level of violence along the border.

"The study urges the two governments to work cooperatively to break up these smuggling rings," she said.

U.S. officials said one of the study's most significant results was a recognition by Mexican researchers that the steady exodus

of illegal migrants imposes costs not just on the United States, but on Mexico as well. For years, Mexico has done virtually nothing to stop illegal emigration, tending to view it with ambivalence as a major source of foreign exchange - remittances are estimated between \$2.5 billion and \$3.9 billion a year - and as an important "safety valve" for a job-scarce economy.

However, the study said, the phenomenon also costs Mexico heavily in a "loss of human capital," especially working-age people with some education and good health, which in turn discourages investment and the training of workers in Mexico and tends to keep their communities mired in poverty. In addition, it said, migration is commonly "accompanied by serious problems of family disintegration" and other ills.

The study, conducted by 10 researchers from each country under the auspices of the Mexico-United States Binational Commission, has been widely reported as showing that illegal immigration from Mexico is much lower than claimed by some U.S. politicians. However, U.S. officials said, the study's estimate that 2.3 million to 2.4 million Mexican illegal aliens are living permanently in the United States does not differ significantly from the 2.7 million estimated in February by the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

At the same time, the binational study said, the flow of labor back and forth across the border seems to be slowing, in part because people are staying in the United States longer. Beefed-up border patrols and tougher enforcement techniques have made it more difficult to get across, many Mexicans have brought their families to join them and thus reduced their need to return to their homeland, and migrants increasingly are seeking more long-term urban jobs rather than seasonal farm work.

Democrats protest 2 narrow elections

■ The two political parties are in a heated dispute over the handling of two very close California and Louisiana congressional elections.

JANEY HOOK
Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON - Monkey wrenches are flying on both sides of the Capitol, as Democrats in the House and Senate have deployed delaying tactics to protest GOP handling of two contested elections.

House Democrats Thursday threatened to block adjournment of Congress - this fall - unless Republicans ditch an investigation of alleged voter fraud in the 1996 election of Rep. Loretta Sanchez, D-Calif., over Rep. Bob Dornan. The threat came as Dornan returned to Capitol Hill to take his case directly to his former House colleagues.

"I will now be a regular visitor on the House floor," Dornan told reporters. "Today's the comeback trail."

On the other side of the Capitol, Democrats brought the Senate to a temporary standstill Thursday in an effort to end a lengthy investigation of alleged irregularities in the

election of Sen. Mary Landrieu, D-La.

If they continue, the stalling tactics may make it harder for Congress to wrap up the year's work quickly as some Republicans want. That would give their members more time to go home and trumpet their legislative achievements.

"It's in the best interest of the American people that we go ahead and finish the people's business with as little controversy and contention as possible," said House Appropriations Committee Chairman Bob Livingston, R-La.

Sanchez's 1996 election victory - by a mere 984 votes - has been under scrutiny since early this year by the House Oversight Committee, which is investigating allegations that non-citizen voting and other irregularities contributed to Dornan's defeat.

Democrats have accused the GOP of dragging out the probe to weaken Sanchez. House Minority Leader Richard A. Gephardt, D-Mo., Thursday told reporters that if the committee does not dismiss the allegations, Democrats would try to foil GOP plans to adjourn.

"We're not going to let them leave until this contest has been dismissed," Gephardt said. In the

meantime, Gephardt said, some Democrats may try to disrupt House proceedings by, for example, demanding time-consuming roll call votes on routine matters.

Gephardt had endorsed such tactics in July, but now says that threatening to block adjournment may be more effective.

Republicans say they are not unduly prolonging the probe, but that investigators need more time to pour through volumes of information provided by the Immigration and Naturalization Service to help identify illegal voters.

Dornan brought his case directly to Capitol Hill Thursday, when he met privately with House Republicans from California. And he used his privileges as a former member of Congress to go onto the House floor, where he buttonholed other GOP colleagues.

Dornan said he believed the House investigation had identified enough illegal voters to invalidate the election and force another round of balloting. But a spokesman for House Oversight Committee Chairman Bill Thomas, R-Calif., said the investigation was still under way, with "no endgame plan in sight."

In the Senate, the Rules

Committee is investigating allegations of voter fraud in Landrieu's 1996 election over Republican Woody Jenkins. Sen. John Warner, R-Va., chairman of the committee, said investigators are sifting through cartons of records subpoenaed in August.

"We are proceeding as expeditiously as we can," Warner said. "I think we can complete this in the third week of September."

But Democrats accuse the GOP of footdragging, and in protest Thursday invoked an obscure rule that prohibits committees from meeting while the full Senate is in session. In response, Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., shut down the Senate for most of the afternoon so committees to meet.

Lott accused the Democrats of playing political games that will hold up essential legislation - and the investigation itself.

"This is not the way to get the investigation by the Rules Committee concluded," Lott said. "It will probably delay it."

But Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D., said Democrats would continue the play for the foreseeable future. "We have no other recourse," he said.

Religious sites flourish on the Internet

■ Many churches are publishing web pages, including some churches that exist only online.

LINTON WEEKS
The Washington Post

While researching his new book "The Soul of Cyberspace," Jeff Zaleski spoke with a passel of people - saints, sinners, priests, rabbis, evangelists and others - seeking spirituality on the Internet.

"To my astonishment," Zaleski wrote, "not a single person mentioned experiencing a transforming moment while online."

But that hasn't stopped religious groups from tripping all over themselves to develop virtual churches and online congregations.

One particularly intriguing site mentioned in Zaleski's book is Partenia, a virtual Catholic diocese.

Partenia is the brainchild of Bishop Jacques Gaillot, an outspoken bishop in Normandy. In 1995, the controversial Gaillot was summoned to Rome and told that he was being moved from France to the diocese of Partenia.

"It is in fact nowhere," wrote Zaleski, "or as close to nowhere as possible. Fifteen hundred years ago it bustled with nomads and perhaps a settlement or two. But Partenia lies in Algeria, on the slopes of the Atlas Mountains, and over the centuries the Sahara has spread implacably over its domain. Now it hosts only the scorpions, lizards, and flies that crawl on its sands, plus some Muslims, who couldn't

care less about what Gaillot might say. There, the Vatican must have reasoned, Gaillot could preach as much as he liked to a congregation of one: himself."

In response, Gaillot developed a Web site where he can preach with passion - against violence, in favor of tolerance - to millions.

Other religious people use the Web to get their words out. The Jewish Communication Network is an explosion of news and links relevant to Jews around the world. For an overview of Christianity sites, you might start at the Web site of Christianity Today magazine, which links to nearly 6,000 others. There are also outlets for Buddhism, Hinduism, Islam, Free Daimon and every other form of worship you can imagine.

But in the long run, Zaleski said in a phone conversation, religious sites on the Web are mostly informational and for all of the talk about the power of the Internet, people don't really seem to be flocking to Jesus, or any other messiahs, through their computers.

"Spiritual transformation ironically takes place very much within the human body," said Zaleski, who describes himself as a lapsed Catholic who "leans toward Buddhism." "We're taught by all the major religions that there's a reason we have a body, why we're incarnate."

After all, life online is like a big collective dream. "When you go online," Zaleski said, "you really

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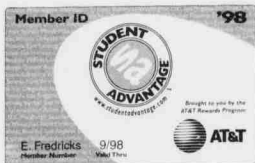
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experimentally get cut off from your body. It's an experience of mind and emotion. It has its value, but something's missing."

But what about the notion of discovering the Oversoul online, of the collective consciousness that may be God? "I've met hundreds of people online, mind-to-mind," Zaleski said. "It certainly has taught me that there are great universal commonalities among people, similarities that sometimes get obscured because of the body. When you're in cyberspace, you don't judge people by physical appearance. But that's not the same thing as a spiritual transformation."

Nor can the online experience, Zaleski said, take the place of true life. He pointed to a man in his book who supports having Alcoholics Anonymous meetings on the Internet. But, Zaleski said, "the meetings are a supplement to real-life counseling. You can't get a hug online."

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MAGGIE FARLEY
Los Angeles Times

BEIJING - Japanese Prime Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto arrived in China Thursday for a four-day tour to try to defuse angry memories of past wars, dispel fears of future conflicts and build the safe common ground of trade.

Hashimoto and Chinese Prime Minister Li Peng met for more than two hours at the Great Hall of the People, where the two leaders signed several accords including \$1.68 billion in loans from Japan to China.

Hashimoto's visit is timed to mark the 25th anniversary of Sino-Japanese ties. But the trip also comes at a time of Chinese complaints about Japan's expanding security alliance with the United States, and of renewed condemnations here of Japanese war atrocities.

At the top of Hashimoto's agenda: to reassure China that even though Japan has agreed to provide more support for U.S. forces keeping peace in the region, it is not taking sides in tensions between China and Taiwan, a Japanese foreign ministry spokesman said. Li has termed "utterly unacceptable" new guidelines for the U.S.-Japan alliance that are to be unveiled this month.

The Japanese prime minister "will explain to China that the Japan-U.S. Security alliance is a stabilizing factor in East Asia," a Japanese Foreign Ministry spokesman said Thursday. Hashimoto proposed more top-level meetings, especially military exchanges, to increase mutual trust, the spokesman said.

Friday, Hashimoto will meet with Chinese President Jiang Zemin and other top officials to discuss issues including regional stability and Japan's support for China's bid to join the World Trade Organization. On Saturday, he will head to Manchuria, in China's northeast, a

region once occupied by Japan that has become a thriving center of much-needed Japanese investment in China.

In the industrial city of Shenyang, after tours of Japanese joint ventures and toasts to future cooperation, Hashimoto likely will make a bow to the ghosts of China and Japan past. During a visit to a monument marking the 1931 "Mukden Incident" that launched the Japanese takeover of Manchuria, Hashimoto is expected to express remorse about Japan's wartime brutality. There is speculation that he may also, for the first time, apologize for Japan's infamous Unit 731, which conducted gruesome biological warfare experiments on living Chinese prisoners.

Chinese activists, who say Japan has done little to acknowledge or apologize for war atrocities, filed a lawsuit in Tokyo last month demanding compensation for victims of Unit 731. Beijing, which conducted gruesome biological warfare experiments on living Chinese prisoners.

Japan's relationship with China - its largest trading partner - also demands a delicate balance. Hashimoto's diplomatic mission this time is to establish Japan as a strategic counterweight to a fast-growing China while tempering China's long-standing anger about Japanese wartime aggression.

Hashimoto began to pave the way for his trip last month, when he skipped a visit to Japan's controversial Yasukuni Shrine, which honors war criminals along with Japan's war dead, for the first time in his 34-year political career. Instead, he expressed "remorse" and condolences to those who died in war with Japan. He is expected to repeat a version of that same apology at the war memorial in Shenyang, said Japanese sources.

Hashimoto was the first Japanese official to visit Beijing after the 1989 Tiananmen Square crackdown on pro-democracy demonstrators, giving China a much-needed glimmer of international recognition. He will also be the first Japanese prime minister to visit Manchuria since the end of World War II.



Church and state too close for some Russians

■ Some claim that Russia's top priests and political leaders are stifling free-market competition.

VANORA BENNETT
Los Angeles Times

KOSTROMA, Russia - Its factories are closed, its streets are pitted and most investors go elsewhere. Just about the only people making money - and lots of it - in this shabby Volga riverside town are from the Russian Orthodox Church.

That's because the entrepreneurial Bishop Alexander here has entered into a partnership with a California businessman to bottle the local spring's water and sell it under the holy-sounding name "Saint Springs." The labels on the cupola-shaped bottles say that some of the profit goes to rebuilding Orthodox churches destroyed under communism. The symbolism of patriotism, rebirth and charity has made this product hugely popular.

It's inspired marketing, as partner John King knew it would be. "Just the idea of a venture with the Orthodox Church and the concept of the purity made me very excited," recalled the onetime plastics manufacturer from Lake Arrowhead, Calif.

But many people in Kostroma don't believe a word of this pitch. "I'm not a big fan of Saint Springs," said Masha Bogdanova, 26, a

secretary. "It's not that it tastes bad. It's just that no one around here has ever heard of the money going to restore any local churches. So are they really using it to restore any churches anywhere?"

Like many Russians, she is growing as suspicious of Russia's top priests as she is of its political leaders, who call themselves free-market capitalists but who critics say are stifling real competition in a free market to carve up the nation's assets among a tiny oligarchy of millionaire monopolists.

While many had higher hopes for the Orthodox Church, led by Moscow Patriarch Alexy II, revelations that it has run a secretive import-export trade, worth millions of dollars, in decidedly temporal goods like cigarettes, alcohol and oil, is fostering new mistrust.

After the church was freed from Soviet restrictions by a 1990 law, it became the focus of a nostalgic national quest for the lost spirituality of the Russian soul. And though the church never shed its RGB-tainted Soviet-era leaders, surveys show 50 percent of Russians became believers.

The church's grass-roots popularity has made it the sweetheart not only of President Boris N. Yeltsin's government but even the communist opposition. The Kremlin has granted endless favors to the bearded leaders of orthodoxy in hopes that politicians' ratings will be boosted by association with the church. But critics accuse the modern

Moscow Patriarchate of recreating the church in the image of the nation's secular leadership: corrupt, greedy and eager to stamp out competition from other groups - religious ones, in this case - to create a profitable monopoly.

The latest planned favor, critics say, was a plan to replace Russia's liberal 1990 law on freedom of worship with one that restricted the rivals of the Orthodox Church. Pressured by the U.S. Senate and Pope John Paul II, Yeltsin did not sign the law in July, but sent it back to parliament to be re-examined in the fall.

Foes say the measure, if passed, would carry the back-scratching between the Orthodox Church and the state to new levels. They fear it would deal a painful blow to human rights by crippling all religions in Russia except the Moscow Patriarchate's Orthodoxy and small fixed minorities of long-established Muslims, Jews and Buddhists.

Russians who ask too many nosy questions about the church have found they can get into trouble. When Vyacheslav Shestopalov, an investigator at the prosecutor's office in Volgograd, started looking into church money-making practices, he was excommunicated by the local bishop.

A local priest said his business was conducted responsibly but he added, "I can't speak for the Church, but I've read about things which indicate they've got themselves into some things they wish they'd never got themselves into."

Albright traveling to Middle East

■ The secretary of state will help improve security cooperation between Israel and the Palestinians.

NORMAN KEMPSTER
Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON - Secretary of State Madeleine Albright vowed Thursday to go through with a visit to the Middle East next week - her first since taking office - despite a terrorist bombing in Jerusalem that undermined the importance of her trip and made her task far more difficult.

"We cannot give in to terror, and it is with this in mind that I plan to travel to the Middle East as scheduled," Albright said in Prague, interrupting a vacation in her native Czech Republic.

At his vacation spot on Martha's Vineyard, Mass., President Clinton said he hoped the latest bombs would give "new urgency" to U.S.

peacemaking efforts.

But the attack and its aftermath, which included a reimposition of the West Bank and Gaza Strip closure that Israel had begun to ease earlier this week, limit the maneuvering room for Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Palestinian Authority President Yasser Arafat and make it far less likely that Albright can achieve any sort of progress in the stalled peace process, Middle East experts said.

Unlike her predecessor, Warren Christopher, who traveled to the Middle East on average about every seven weeks, Albright said she would go to the region only when there is a realistic chance for success. A month ago, she lowered that standard a bit but said she still will insist on improvements in security cooperation between Israel and the Palestinians.

The latest bombing seemed to undercut all the conditions she had carefully established. But administration officials said it would have been awkward to pull

back on Thursday because that is what the terrorists wanted. And when Netanyahu and Arafat urged her to continue with her plans, it became impossible to cancel them.

But some Middle East experts said Albright undermined her own credibility by setting impossible conditions for her first official visit. "Even before this bombing, she had made a wrong impression - tougher by delaying the trip," said Richard Haass, the chief Middle East expert of the National Security Council during the Bush administration. "That only built up expectations. Also we saw a deterioration of the situation on the ground. The Middle East in September is in considerably worse shape than the Middle East was in February."

Albright leaves Washington on Tuesday and will hold her first meetings in Israel the next day. In addition to meetings with Israeli and Palestinian officials, she plans to visit Syria, Egypt, Saudi Arabia and Jordan.

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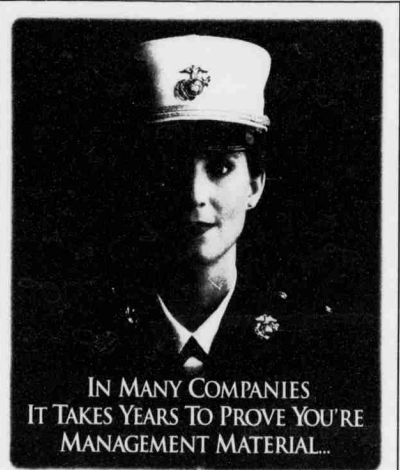
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Pack faces hungry Blue Devil football



Trwayne Stephens and the Wolfpack look to go over the top against Duke tomorrow night.

This Saturday, the Wolfpack goes against a team of Duke players looking for respect.

JAMES CURLE Assistant Sports Editor

Last week, N.C. State stunned the college football world by knocking off 13th-ranked Syracuse at the Carrier Dome.

On Saturday, the Wolfpack will head to Durham to take on the Duke Blue Devils in their first conference game of the season.

"They're a lot more mature now," fullback Carlos King said of Duke.

"More mature" is about the only direction that Duke could have headed after last season.

their roster that saw their first collegiate action last season.

To classify Duke as having a "young team" last season would be an understatement of staggering proportions.

Quarterbacking the Duke squad this Saturday will most likely be David Green.

Running backs for the Duke corps consists of tailback Levitavious Wilks and fullback Dawud Rasheed.

emerge as one of the more talented running backs in the league.

Rasheded only carried the ball 31 times last season, but gained 162 yards during those carries and amassed a 5.2 yards-per-carry average.

for 390 yards and three touchdowns last season. On defense for the Blue Devils, look for defensive end Chris Combs to stand out.

The Wolfpack was not ranked in the pre-season polls for the first time in years, largely due to the number of newcomers on the Pack squad this season.

NCSU is anchored by seniors Bridget Durkan and Megan Jeldy, and has Katherine Mertz in goal.

Mertz has owned the position since coming to NCSU four years ago.

Mertz has been so consistent for the Pack; in last season's ACC match up at Duke, Mertz played the entire game — despite recovering from a car accident.

With the list of well-worn veterans, the Pack adds freshmen who have already begun contributing.

Freshmen Kasey Christian and Shane Gallo each grabbed an assist this past weekend in the Pack's 2-0 wins over LSU and Tulane.

Newcomer Jessica Cell scored one goal and assisted on another, while Kristin Miliron, another of the NCSU freshman class, scored NCSU's fourth and final goal of the weekend.

The Pack kicks off the weekend against Furman tonight at 7:30, and then takes on Charleston Southern at 5 p.m. on Saturday.

Volleyball looks for first win The N.C. State volleyball team will continue to struggle through a tough pre-conference schedule this weekend.

The volleyball team heads to the University of South Carolina to play two games this weekend, looking to pick up their first wins after a disappointing 0-4 season start this past weekend in Reynolds.

The Pack will take on Western Michigan at 11 a.m. on Saturday and then will face off against host South Carolina at 3:30 p.m.

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Wolfpack Pride

K. GAFFNEY Sports Editor Commentary

Syracuse is 0-3 appearing on ESPN?

How sweet is that? Well, it's not that, in and of itself, but the fact that N.C. State made it so.

Don't count NCSU out. Our football guys could go 5-0 to start the season.

Granted, that would mean a HUGE upset over Clemson. But we could do it.

Hey — we knocked the "Cuse out of the house."

(See the 1996 Final Four for a reference).

Actually, our guys are looking to load up on the Duke Blue Devils this weekend in preparation for the Tigers, a game which looks to be Grand Marshall of the parade that is Wolfpack athletics this weekend.

While the guys are hitting the gridiron chopping away at Duke, all but two of the NCSU fall sports teams will be in action.

The volleyball team sets their sights on their first two wins of the season while at South Carolina.

When the Pack returns to Raleigh in two weekends, take a look; these are some remarkable athletes.

The 2-0 women's soccer team also heads south of the border, traveling to Greenville, South Carolina to take on Furman and Charleston Southern.

A loss could be surprising for the Pack, but not nearly as surprising as this past weekend's football win.

I know that I keep coming back to that, but hey, I grew up in an area where everyone watches - no, adores — the Syracuse athletic program.

My mother is from the area, my best friend actually goes there and yes, I admit, I did once own a shirt that said: "I root for Syracuse...and anyone who plays Georgetown."

But before the Lynch mob forms, or the chain of e-mails sent to my address get nasty, realize that I wiped up, and am not there. I'm here.

I didn't enroll in Newhouse; I spent my days in Winston, Tompkins and Caldwell.

I love that.

I also love this weekend. Clear your schedule for Saturday and Sunday.

Head out to Method Road and watch the men's soccer team play in the Wolfpack Adidas Classic.

Four teams, two days, great soccer.

The Pack will have senior midfielder Pablo Mastroeni back in action.

Mastroeni is one of seven seniors mixed into the Pack starting 11.

Mastroeni and outside midfielders Orndie Ash (look for his column later in the season), Ian Hooper, defencemen Jamon Tripoli (anyone need a car?), Nick Dutka, Kurt Sokolowski (he too is from the Syracuse area, but he, too, was wise, along with keeper Dan Alexander, make up one of the strongest senior classes the Pack has ever seen).

And I don't just mean tough. These guys have something to prove.

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Method to Madness

The Wolfpack soccer team prepares to host this weekend's tournament.

SCOTT SNYDER Staff Writer

If it ain't broke, don't fix it. You can expect the men's soccer team to use the same strategy coach Tarantini has employed for years in this weekend's matches.

And you can sum it up in one word.

Attack. State will host the annual Wolfpack/Adidas Classic this weekend at Method Road stadium.

Both N.C. State and Atlantic Coast Conference foe Duke will take on High Point University and the Cardinals of Louisville.

One slight change from last weekend will be the insertion of Pablo Mastroeni back into the lineup.

Mastroeni was forced to sit out the opener last weekend, due to a red card in last season's final contest, the lone game of the ACC tournament for the Pack in which the team played against Maryland.

Even though both High Point and Louisville are not top 25 teams, the Pack are treating them as such.

"In soccer, you must play every game one at a time. We will get ready for High Point and Virginia in the same way," Coach Tarantini said.

The Pack's first match will be on Saturday against High Point University at 1 p.m. The Panthers had a dismal 7-12 1996 season and a fourth place finish in the Carolinas-Virginia Athletic Conference.

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WOLFPACK CLASSIC table with dates, opponents, and times.

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Wolfpack Notes

Soccer, volleyball and basketball news.

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Pigskin Picks 1997

Table with columns for Week 1, K. GAFFNEY, JAMES CURLE, JESSE HELMS, JIM HUNT, DEBRA MORGAN, BOB LANGRISH, A. SHERRARD, GUEST SLOT, KEVIN BREWER, and rows for various N.C. State and ACC schools.

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Soccer

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of junior goalkeeper Dwayne Adams, defender John Long and All-CVAC sophomore sweeper Sean Fort.

The Panthers have a young but talented midfield that includes freshmen Chad Hartman and John Stuardis, who hails from Toronto where he was named to the Canadian Regional Pool, is one of three international players for High Point.

Sunday at three o'clock, State will face the University of Louisville. The Cardinals are a program on the rise. Second-year Coach Tony Calavecchia lead his team to a 6-11-2 record last season, doubling their win total from the 1995 season.

"We have to step it up. Louisville is a pretty good club," coach George Tarantini said.

Louisville will look to junior keeper Matt Haynie for leadership on a squad that includes 13 freshmen. Sweeper Tony Harris, a transfer from national power Indiana, will anchor the Cardinals defense.

Freshman Stuart Langrish, who has international experience with his native England, will start in the midfield and will be the catalyst for the offense. Langrish will be joined

by fellow freshmen internationals Goran Yabar and Shawn Faria. All three players are part of an outstanding recruiting class and are considered to be the future of the program.

One program that not only has a bright future, but an outstanding past as well, is Duke University. The Blue Devils will face the Panthers and Cardinals and enter the Wolfpack Classic as the highest ranked team.

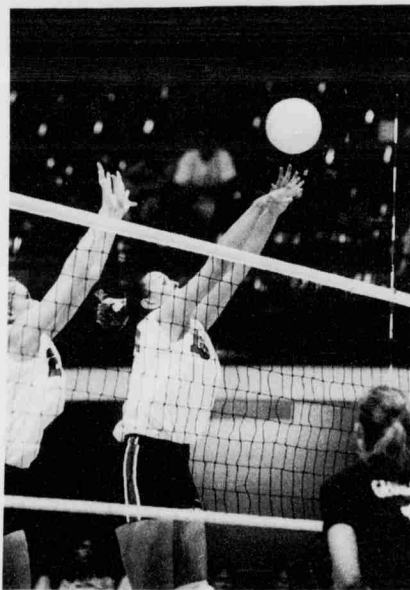
Duke is pre-season ranked 23rd by the NSCAA/Umbro Top 25, even though All-American forward Brian Kelly is missing from the roster.

Duke's strength lies in their experienced midfield. Juniors Josh Henderson and Jay Heaps, along with senior Andy Kwon, have combined for 51 goals and 43 assists. Heaps is a two-time All-ACC choice who led the team in scoring last year.

Up front, Duke will look to sophomore Troy Garner, along with freshmen Robert Russell and Ali Curtis to fill Kelly's shoes.

Garner started 18 games for the Blue Devils last season, and had six goals and assists. Russell and Curtis both were Parade All-American selections in high school.

The Devil's defense has some holes to fill. The lone proven defender who returns is two-time All-ACC selection Evan Whitfield. Whitfield has started 39 matches in two years and has lead Duke to 15 shutouts.



Freshman Stephanie Strambaugh and the volleyball team look to pick up their first win of the season in South Carolina.

NCSU CAREER VOLLEYBALL CHARTS

Blocks Solo

Tennakah Williams	189
Pam Vehling	164
Patty Lake	120
Lisa Kasper	108
Amy Lemmerman	91

Total Blocks

Pam Vehling	497
Patty Lake	454
Tennakah Williams	409
Diana Ross	394
Amy Lemmerman	348

Digs

Melinda Dudley	1516
Jennifer Peterson	1477
Volire Tisdale	1452
Shelly Partridge	1336
Lisa Kasper	1160

Assists

Melinda Dudley	4750
Nicole Peterson	3735
Alice Corners	2651
Terre Welch	2360
Melissa Mau	1839

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Raleigh Flyers Assists With HoPeline

The Raleigh Flyers Professional Soccer Team will be assisting with volunteer recruitment for HoPeline at their August 16th home game versus the Richmond Kickers. The Flyers play at 7:30 p.m. at the WRAL Soccer Center on Perry Creek Road off Capital Boulevard. HoPeline is a United Way agency that operates a family of telephone hotlines for crisis intervention and suicide prevention.

Devil

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games into the season last year, and led Duke in both sacks and tackles for a loss.

The Pack heads into Saturday's game looking to win two in a row for the first time in three seasons. State followed up its victory against Maryland that year with a thrilling 24-23 victory of Duke in the infamous 1994 homecoming game.

Will the Pack face that kind of challenge this year? Perhaps, but King doesn't seem to think so.

Well, it's college football season again, folks, and that can mean only one thing:

Pigskin Picks!

We've got quite an illustrious group of pickers coming back this year, and a couple new faces to boot.

Returning as Pigskin Picks' defending champion, Sen. Jesse Helms compiled a panel-topping record of 140-55 last season, good enough for a 0.848 winning-percentage. Heretofore only the realm of hall-of-fame records, the Senator nailed down that impressive percentage and the claim to "The Golden Bass," Technician's coveted trophy given

to the year's most proficient prognosticator.

Vying for "Da Bass" along with the senator this year are a slew of other North Carolina and Raleigh notables.

Climbing the N.C. governmental chain in search of a picker, we stumbled upon a Mr. James B. Hunt, who just happens to be the Governor. Who knew? Gov. Hunt compiled a record of 135-60 last season, good enough for third place. Watch for the Gov' to take a more aggressive stance on Picks this year, not that his third-place showing wasn't aggressive enough; he finished only five games out of first place over the span of 11 weeks worth of picking. Not too shabby.

Coming back for another year of Picks madness from WRAL, this season is the broadcasting duo of Debra Morgan and Bob Langford. Ms. Morgan finished last season

just one game shy of the Governor's record at 134-61 and came in a very respectable fourth place. Bob didn't fare quite as well as his lovely counterpart, but nevertheless compiled a solid 130-65 record, and sole possession of sixth place.

Every week, we have a slot dedicated to special guests here at Technician, where any Joe on the street can "Live the Dream," and become a picker for a day. Last year, the Guest Slot finished behind Mr. Langford in seventh place with a record of 125-70.

Heading the list of new faces gracing the Pigskin Stage this year is A. Sherrod Blakely. A sportswriter for the News & Observer here in Raleigh, Sherrod should give the government gurus a run for their money.

A new slot has opened up for Picks this year, named Sports Editors Emeritus. Quite simply, it's

comprised of former Technician Sports Editors, and promises to be yet another challenge to the other pickers.

Speaking of Technician Sports Editors, there's us: K. Gaffney and James Curle. Sports Editors here at this fine institution we call home. Laterally.

We didn't waste any time this season and jumped right into Picks last week. There were a few surprises, but with it only being the first week, only the god of Pigskin Picks himself can know who will walk away with this year's title, and more importantly, with the Golden Bass.

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Pearce your head on Wednesday

■ Joseph Chilton Pearce to speak at Stewart Theatre next Wednesday.

KELLY MARKS
Features Editor

You're strolling through the beautiful N.C. State campus when a few words scrawled across a wall in chalk catch your eye: "Get Pearce'd," you read. You take note and move on. Later, you pass a similar message commanding you to "Pearce your head." What could it all mean, you ponder? Is it some sort of secret code? Or just the work of some overly enthusiastic, multi-studied vandal who can't spell?

The answer is simple. These chalk messages are part of the NCSU chapter of the Self Knowledge Symposium's intense campus-wide effort to promote visiting speaker, Joseph Chilton Pearce.

A student group that aims to encourage thoughtful and enlightening discussion of all matters philosophical, psychological, and religious, the Self Knowledge Symposium (SKS) has always brought engaging speakers to the NCSU campus. Pearce is no exception. At age 75, he is an expert on human intelligence, as well as a renowned author and iconoclast.

Pearce is a popular speaker because of his energy and his extensive insight into human nature. He is also widely sought for his honesty and no-holds-barred approach to his topics, which are profound and at times, radical.

The author of such best sellers as "Evolution's End" and "Magical Child," Pearce discusses the problems with Western culture and their effects on our development. It is a problem he traces back to the beginning of our lives.

According to Pearce, Western medicine makes the birthing process as unnatural as possible. Procedures that are assumed to be beneficial instead drive a wedge between mother and child, severing the crucial bond between the parent and her young. Pearce cites modern practices as the reason that most people feel "passive" or "alienated from experience."

From such unnatural beginnings, it would be abnormal to turn out normal — this explains why many feel separated from society or somewhat distanced.

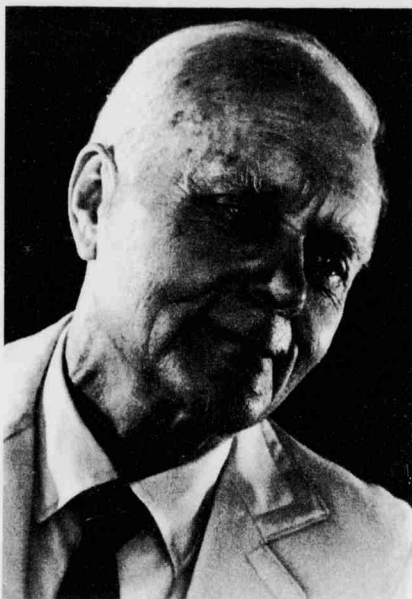


PHOTO COURTESY OF SELF KNOWLEDGE SYMPOSIUM
Best-selling author and expert on human intelligence, Joseph Chilton Pearce will talk about his life and what it has taught him next Wednesday at Stewart Theatre.

Pearce has himself lived a life that differs from "the norm."

After an enlightening experience at age 23 opened his eyes to, what he calls, "this world of folly," Pearce went through a series of intellectual and spiritually stimulating experiences. He worked with a teacher who was, as he says, "both furiously paranoid and anonymous." He also spent 12 years studying at the feet of renowned Indian Swami, Mukhtananda.

While his life has been adventurous and a bit atypical, until this point Pearce has remained silent on his past personal experiences believing that they would draw attention from his findings.

He now speaks out to students in an effort to assist those who desire and seek the truth about who they are or who they might be. As Spencer Bramly, the vice president and coordinator of the NCSU branch of SKS explains, "We convinced him that those students have a right to hear his story as well as his message."

Joseph Chilton Pearce will speak at Stewart Theatre on Wednesday, September 10, at 7:30 p.m. Admission is \$3 for students and \$6 for the general public.

The Self Knowledge Symposium sponsors several events throughout the year and holds regular open meetings on Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. in Room G113, Tompkins Hall.

SKS is a student group that pursues the goal of knowing who they are. A group that calls out to "unaffiliated gropers," those individuals who seek meaning in their lives through their own common sense and intuition, SKS is a nondenominational organization. They offer a forum where college students can come together in a friendly setting and talk about issues that figure prominently in their lives and in the world around them.

SKS President Roop Mundi, when asked about his interest in the club said, "I've been searching for a place to discuss what's real, what matters ever since I came to college. I have yet to find another place or forum on campus where one can do that."

Bramly added, "I'm searching for answers. If Freud said something I can use, than I will. The same holds true for science, philosophy, and any other school of thought. I pluck what I can from others who seek and form a kind of metaphysical collage that I can draw on. Philosophy is the high road of the mind. Einstein, Steven Hawkins, Euclid, and dozens of other scientists and mathematicians were all philosophers. When you question the nature of knowledge, you are seeking the truth."

For more information on the group, visit their web site at www2.ncsu.edu/ncsu/stud_orgs/sks.

SKS may ask you to get your head "Pearced," but it is hoping that Mr. Pearce's lecture on his life and life's work will affect more than just your head. The organization hopes that his insight and understanding will penetrate the mind as well.

Editor's Note: Next Wednesday's Tech Too section will feature the first in what will become a series of weekly columns dealing with issues that are often addressed at meetings of the Self Knowledge Symposium. Entitled "The Moment of Zen," these columns will strive to provide readers with an inspirational or thought-provoking message. Each column will feature a Zen "koan," or lesson, and will be followed by a short relative story. Students can submit ideas or stories via e-mail through the group's site or at group meetings.



...With Anjelica and Devlyn

Dear Conscience Corner,

I have a problem with my boyfriend. He is perfect in almost every way, except he has one fatal flaw. He hates where I work. Every time I try to discuss it with him, he makes fun of it and of the people I work with. His constant criticism is annoying me.

Signed, Agnes Angst

Dear Agnes,

It can be hard when people close to you don't seem to share your interests. However, when they constantly criticize or poke fun, it's time to take a long hard look at the situation. Ask yourself why your boyfriend is continually harping on your place of employment. Could he be doing it out of jealousy? Maybe he envies your job or it makes him feel inferior in some way. Perhaps, he is jealous of the amount of time you devote to your work. If this is the case, talk with him about how important your job is to you and ask him to stop. Reassure him that time on the job is not a substitute for time spent with him and try to calm any of his fears about your work surpassing his importance in your life. If he still continues to make petty comments, it could be that he is insecure and must belittle things that are important to you to elevate his own status. If that's the case, he is not "the one" and you should move on quickly.

-Anjelica

Dear Agnes,

As we have previously discussed in this column, men can be schmucks. But seriously, honey, I understand where you're coming from. I slave away, day after day at this computer screen. Do you think my boyfriend understands? Of course not! (Hmm...maybe that's why I don't have one...) Anyway, dump your boyfriend and go out with somebody at the office. Your problem is solved.

Devlyn

Dear Conscience Corner,

Last night when I was talking to my father on the phone, he casually happened to mention that he gave my phone number here at school to an old high school friend — with the purpose of her giving it to her 19-year-old son. The son goes to Carolina and my dad thought that we could arrange a "meeting" of some sort. I don't want my dad to go around fixing me up like I'm some sort of lost cause and I'm not sure I want to meet his guy either. What should I do if he calls?

Signed, Daddy's Desperate Daughter

Dear Daughter,

Sometimes, when our parents do things, it's really hard to remember that they have our best interests at heart. Your dad probably saw nothing wrong with his actions, but this doesn't excuse what he did. If you're unhappy with him giving out your phone number, you have to tell him — but be nice about it. He wasn't making a statement about the state of your love life and he wasn't trying to control which members of the opposite sex you're allowed to interact with. More than likely, he was just beaming with pride that he has such a wonderful daughter and was more than willing to gush about your many merits to an old

acquaintance. If however, incidents like this are a common occurrence, it might mean that he's hesitant to let go of his "little girl." Assure him that your growing up doesn't have to mean that you'll grow apart.

As for the mystery guy, if you don't want to go out with him, don't. It's your prerogative. Once again, though, be nice. He was put in just as awkward a situation as you and the last thing he needs is some angry yells of rejection.

-Anjelica

Dear Daughter,

Since your dad is most likely paying for your education, I say shut up and go with the flow. And as Nick at Nite says, "Father Knows Best."

Now that you're done falling down laughing, just ignore your Dad. The reason he probably thinks you are so "desperate" is because you can't tell him about the way you truly spend your wild nights, only the ones spent in the dorm studying. But, if you really feel like you must do this, think of this blind date as a free meal and run with it. Think of this pity date as your good deed for the day. (And you never know...he might be thinking the same thing.)

Devlyn

Dear Conscience Corner,

I'm a freshman guy here at State. I had always heard there were more guys here than girls and I was a little worried about the ratio, but after this past weekend I'm a little worried about the girls. I met this girl at a Baptist student meeting and we talked for about fifteen minutes and that was it. Somewhere in the discussion I gave her my phone number, but I didn't think anything of it. That is until she showed up at my suite door that evening. I was a little taken aback, especially after she started hitting on my roommate right in front of his girlfriend. He left, and then she was all over me. She's older than me and I wasn't comfortable with this. So, I kicked her out. What should I do the next time a woman tries this?

Signed, All Shook Up

Dear Shook Up,

If it didn't feel right then it wasn't right. It's as simple as that. No one should have to be forced into doing something that they don't want to, regardless of gender. However, if you didn't want the girl to come up, why did you give out your phone number? What may have been meant as a simple nicety might have been all the encouragement this girl needed. I'm not saying don't be nice, but take the time to get to know someone beforehand. Should the situation arise again, do only what doesn't make you uncomfortable. It's your life and no one has the right to make you feel awkward or ill at ease.

-Anjelica

Dear Shook Up,

Some girls can be a little aggressive. This is a delight to most men, but since you seem to have a problem with it, I vote for going after some milk sop miss. Or just be single and lonely your whole life. Whichever! I mean, it was right there and you didn't go for it? Just go away. I give up!

Devlyn

Local Charles Barkley look-alike rejected

■ Sir Charles rejects a local man's diabetes campaign.

MIGAN RILEY
Assistant Features Editor

Did you know an estimated 16 million Americans have diabetes? Or that 55 percent of people with diabetes don't even know they have the disease?

These are the facts that Charles Ray, a local Charles Barkley look-alike, is trying to convey to the public. Yet, nobody seems to want to listen — especially not Charles Barkley.

For the past five years Ray has been using his resemblance to Charles Barkley to create awareness about diabetes. Aside from their similar names, faces, ages, and bald heads, Barkley has a concern about diabetes like Ray because his mother has the disease.

To gain publicity for his mission, last summer Ray challenged Barkley to a three-point shooting contest. If Ray won, Barkley would have to donate one hour of his time to a public service announcement about diabetes. He waited all year for some kind of response from Barkley's agent while many of Ray's supporters sent post cards into the Houston Rockets encouraging the contest. Ray's public relations agent often called Barkley up to three times a week, trying to get a response.

In August, Ray received the long-awaited

phone call from Barkley's agent, Glenn Guthrie. "He's not going to do it. He doesn't want to do it," he told Ray. Guthrie added that he didn't want him bothering Barkley anymore.

This rejection isn't the first Ray's heard. The last five years of his life have been an emotional toll on him and his wife, who both have diabetes. He says that nobody seems to know about the full impact of the disease. People die of diabetes just as they do of cancer or AIDS.

"There are so many other diseases out there that have national awareness, but diabetes doesn't," says Ray.

Ray talks of the importance of exercise and a healthy diet for a diabetic. "I used to be one of those people who didn't take care of myself." He had a poor diet, favoring cheeseburgers, french fries and sweets. He finally realized that the reason why he felt so tired and cranky was because of his lifestyle. It was then he started eating right and working out daily, and he eventually got his weight down.

Luckily, Ray has had a good deal of positive exposure. He was featured nationally in "Inside Sports," which announced his challenge to Barkley. In 1994, he was in two public service announcements for diabetes foundations, portrayed as Charles Barkley. Articles have also been printed about him in several newspapers and diabetes newsletters in North Carolina and across the United States.

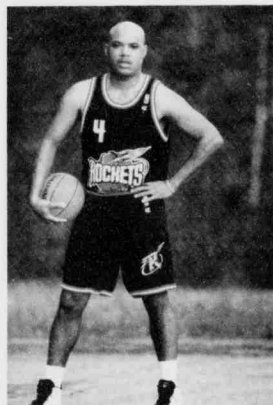


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Charles Ray has used his resemblance to the Rockets' power forward to promote diabetes awareness.

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This week

Cinema

Campus Cinema, \$1.50 with Student Identification, \$2.00 without
Friday, September 5 Liar, Liar at 7, 9, & 11 p.m.
Saturday, September 6 Liar, Liar at 7, 9, & 11 p.m.
Sunday, September 7 Apocalypse Now at 7 p.m.

Music

Walnut Creek
Tuesday, September 23 Aerosmith

The Brewery
Wednesday, September 3 Angry Salad, Underwood, The Shames
Thursday, September 4 Jump Little Children, Sister 7
Friday, September 5 Hipbone with Keller Williams
Saturday, September 6 Accelerators, Nine Minute Snooze, Lustre
Sunday, September 7 Ska Festival, featuring Mob Town Beat, Stingy

Brims, Viskacity, Ska City Squirrels
Tuesday, Greenset, Tape, Audio Explorations, DJ Grindel

The Mission
Wednesday, September 3 Testament, Stuck Mojo, Strapping Young Lads
Thursday, September 4 Buzzoven, Shine, Deadfall
Friday, September 5 Sevendust, Hed PE
Saturday, September 6 Scrub, Fe26, Nation of Fear
Monday, September 8 Dandy Warhols, Polara, Swoon 23

The Berkeley Café
Friday, September 5 Bob Margolin
Saturday, September 6 Whirled Peas, Dead Tuna, Damage Control

Cat's Cradle
Wednesday, September 3 Yall.com Tour featuring varied Southern Artists
Thursday, September 4 David S. Ware Quartet
Friday, September 5 Luna
Saturday, September 6 Purple Schoolbus

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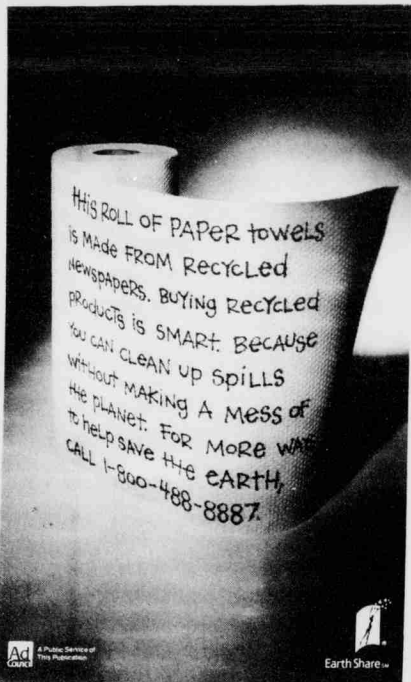
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Ray

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 Ray recently received word from James Worthy's agent that he might be interested in allowing him to be in a golf tournament with him on October 12th. While Ray has learned to take the "proverbial no" from any hopeful gigs, any celebrity endorsement is impelling.

"I'm not hung up on being a celebrity," Ray says. "Celebrity status is what it takes to get the word out."
 Ray is thankful to his wife for all of her support through the past years. He is also looking for any "serious, worthwhile suggestions" about getting his message across. He encourages any help to be directed to Robert Brown at Ruder Finn Public Relations by phone, 783-1037, or fax, 787-0530.
 More information on his mission is available by accessing his website at www.intercenter.net.

Events

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Sunday, September 7 Hal! Benefit featuring Trailer Bride, Faustina, and Grover
 Tuesday, September 9 Flicker (Film Festival)

Record Exchange- Hillsborough Street
 Thursday, September 4 King Friday @ 8 p.m.
 Friday, September 5 Rashomon @ 8 p.m.
 Saturday, September 6 Juliet (formerly Third Rail) @ 6 p.m.

Record Exchange- Mission Valley
 Saturday, September 6 Texas Vampires @ 6:30 p.m.

ArtsCenter
 Friday, September 5, Contemporary Concert: The Nudes with Leni Siern, 8 p.m.
 Saturday, September 6 Jazz Concert: Nicholas Payton Quintet, 8 p.m.

Sunday, September 7 Jazz Concert: Open Jazz Jam with Kevin Van Sant, 7:30 p.m.

Events

N. C. State Fairgrounds
 Friday, September 5- Sunday, September 7 Fall Foliage Show
 Saturday, September 6 Wake County Public Safety Day
 Saturday, September 6 Spotted Saddle Horse Show
 Saturday, September 6- Sunday, September 7 Flea Market
 Saturday, September 6- Sunday, September 7 Toy & Hobby Show

Performances

Raleigh Little Theatre
 September 5, 6, 10, 11, 12, 13, at 8 p.m. & September 7 and 14 at 3 p.m. "How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying"

Opportunities

DanceVisions
 Monday, September 8 at 7 p.m. Room 356A, Witherspoon Student Center. DanceVisions will be holding an interest meeting. Prior dance experience is preferred, but not necessary. All are invited to attend. For questions, call Heather Siler at 512-5684.

NC Museum of Art

Docent Positions Available, for more info: Ellen Burgin Strauch, 839-6262 x. 2145

Auditions: Thompson Theatre
 Monday, September 8 & Tuesday, September 9 at 7 p.m. Auditions for "Blues For an Alabama Sky," a drama. 3 males and 2 females needed.

D.H. Hill Library
 NCSU Friends of the Library are now calling for donations of books of all sorts for its eighth annual book sale to benefit the libraries at N.C. State. Books may be left from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday at the Friends office in Room 1137 D.H. Hill Library. Label all book or boxes of books "For Friends of the Library Book Sale" and include your name and address. Call 515-2841 for more information.

Exhibitions

NC Museum of Art
 "It's Only Rock and Roll" through Nov. 16th

ArtsCenter
 August 16-September 8, Gallery Exhibit: Elizabeth Aralia's Quilt Sculptures

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Crossword Answers

Dry Greeks are happy Greeks

■ Select 2000 is the way for Greeks to go.

In an effort to create a new fraternity culture based on long-term accomplishments that reflect fraternity values, the National Interfraternity Council has decided to change the views of fraternities for the next century. This innovative program deals with many areas, including substance abuse.

Already two fraternities, Phi Delta Theta and Sigma Nu have decided to go substance free. Other organizations on campus will soon follow because of Select 2000.

This program will save all fraternities involved money because insurance rates will decrease as chapter houses go substance free.

It is up to the individual Greek chapters to decide if they want to go substance free. The benefits are great. Members will have to pay out less money for bills.

Many fraternities already have long-term

accomplishments under their belts. Many fraternities have come together in an adopt-a-school program in which members go to various public schools in the Triangle. The annual Lawn Party and other philanthropic events held by Greek organizations shows that fraternity values are alive and well at N.C. State.

Still, through all the good deeds, Greek life is often seen and portrayed as a perpetual party. One too many accidents involving fraternities have made it to the top of news pages and the evening television news. This stereotype has to change, and it is up to the fraternities and sororities to make it happen.

Select 2000 is a great program for Greek organizations to involve themselves in. They can maintain the brother/sisterhood atmosphere that makes them so appealing, while keeping their costs down by taking measures to improve the safety of members and their guests.

On-line classes require discipline

■ On-line classes are a scheduling dream.

Soon, some N.C. State students won't have to set foot in a classroom.

Project 25 offers students who can make and keep a schedule the chance to take classes over the Internet. Twenty-five new classes can be accessed any time. All that is needed is a computer with Internet access.

With classes ranging from agriculture to zoology, there is something for everyone in this new experimental project. In addition, a concurrent instructed class runs in a classroom in case anyone has a problem with an assignment. This allows the student to access a teacher when they need to.

If Project 25 meets expectations, we can expect additional classes to be offered in the future. For working or non-traditional students, on-line classes are a scheduling dream. It will allow them to take classes that are not offered around the students' free time.

With on-line classes, NCSU students will never have to leave their room in a residence hall or home. There will be an end to trudging across campus in the rain or snow to get to class. Everything can be done without going anywhere. On-line classes do have their

problems though. If you have trouble with your on-line class, making it to the concurrent classroom instruction for help may be a bit difficult. Also, without friends to study and share class notes with the college experience is lost. Going to classrooms and making friends is something that can't be easily replaced by an on-line classroom.

In addition, it is yet another way for Americans to neglect physical activity. Before, it was the remote. Now, it's the computer. So, although this has great advantages, it is also another excuse for our culture to slowly but surely become obese.

Taking a class on-line requires mental self-discipline and commitment. An instructor won't be there to tell you when your homework is due. It is up to you to finish your assignments and stay on task.

The addition of Project 25 shows that NCSU is on the forefront of combining computer technology with the traditional classroom.

Already, many classes have incorporated the use of the Internet to give out class assignments. Project 25 is a jump into tomorrow with the complete use of the Internet. Seeing as students pay money for Internet access, and computer labs have been installed across campus, this utilization is well worth it.

name, and if the writer is a student, his/her major.

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Public safety needed

HOPE BRADWAY
Staff Columnist

This is in response to R. Stevens' opinion column published in the Friday, August 29 edition of Technician.

As a student who has been on this campus for four years, this article outrages me. In his column, Stevens claims that the Department of Public Safety is unnecessary and offers a false image. He calls the security guards who patrol campus "rent-a-cops." He suggests that Public Safety is corrupt and that the police officers are out of control. He is dead wrong.

He starts his piece off by asking, "Who watches the watchers?" The answer to that question is you, the student. Public Safety is a special organization not only because the people who work there have to answer to their supervisors, but because they are also accountable to

the students, faculty and staff that they serve and protect. Stevens vaguely suggests that N.C. State Public Safety is a corrupt department.

I challenge this claim. From my experience growing up in a law enforcement family, studying to be a law enforcement officer and working part-time for Public Safety for two years, I have found the department to be an example of a relatively corruption-free one. Because they answer to the community, they must watch their behavior and "toe the line" in all things they do, be it taking a break outside Caldwell Hall, pulling a student over for speeding or answering a call. Public Safety is a "clean" department because their officers have less discretion than officers in other departments, and they answer to the students as well as their superiors.

Stevens suggests that we lessen

the need for enforcement. I'd like to remind him of a few facts about NCSU. First of all, the school is literally a city within a city and, unfortunately, we cannot keep the outside world from entering. People who have no university affiliation whatsoever have easy access to the campus. Public Safety is a needed force to protect students from outside crime, which does exist. Another fact is that if Public Safety did not exist, Raleigh City Police would have the extra burden of patrolling campus and taking care of the 27,000 students, faculty and staff on campus daily.

I'd like to point out that when there is an emergency, Public Safety's average response time is less than a minute. That's pretty good; no, that's excellent. And I doubt we could expect the same from the City of Raleigh. Not only

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Smoke 'em or wear 'em

DANIEL HOUCK
Staff Columnist

Pot, chronic, Mary Jane, hemp, grass, weed, dope — there are probably 420 names for the famous/infamous drug, marijuana. Everybody knows the endless possibilities of smoking the cannabis sativa, but there is much more to marijuana.

Marijuana has been used for approximately 10,000 years as a natural fiber. The use of marijuana fiber in the United States was not feasible after the Marijuana Prohibition Tax of 1937. This tax assaulted the use of marijuana as a hallucinogenic drug. During World War II, the government eased these regulations so that the plant could be used in making ropes and

uniforms. Of course, the taxes returned after the war.

Although it is illegal to grow marijuana in the United States, it is legal to sell products containing marijuana as long as the end uses are not as drugs.

The international sports apparel company, Adidas, started marketing a shoe a year ago made from hemp. Does this mean kids will start smoking their shoes? No. With a cost of \$55 a pair, it is cheaper and easier to get buzzed at street prices.

Besides, the levels of delta-9-tetrahydrocannabinol (THC), the narcotic substance in marijuana, are below .03 percent.

In the textile industry, hemp has many possibilities. It has long been famous for its use in ropes because of its strength and durability. As a

fabric, it requires less chemical processing than cotton. There are now mills in Britain, Spain, India, Romania, China, Hungary, Poland and Turkey that make hemp products like jeans, shirts, hats and underwear.

Paper may also be made from hemp. An acre of hemp can produce 4.1 times the amount of paper an acre of trees can generate. A hemp plant can grow to its full height of about 10 feet in only three months; it takes a tree an average of 20 years to grow to full size.

Several national organizations favor industrial production of hemp. The American Farm Bureau Federation, the largest farming organization in the U.S., with 4.6

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S&M is just a business

PRESTON MOON
Staff Columnist

Sadism and masochism are a huge step closer to becoming nightly traditions in Raleigh. More power to them.

Two entrepreneurs are set to open a "bondage and domination studio" near golden-bricked Wake Forest Road soon. They obtained their proper permits recently, despite opposition from many nearby residents.

Raleigh Mayor Tom Fetzter and many of Raleigh's city councilmen are also opposed to the S&M store, but it seems that the owners slipped by the attention of city officials when they filed for their permits. The store is reported to be geared towards selling services of an adult nature. City officials desire to

restrict most forms of adult-oriented entertainment.

Why should they be seeking to destroy profit-making businesses? This S&M parlor has not hurt anyone. It has not messed with the minds and the development of any Triangle children. It has not bred any crime. It has not physically imposed on any citizen of Raleigh or the surrounding area. There is no indication, even to the gifted minds of those in city government, that any of these things will ever occur as a result of the S&M parlor opening.

And why should there be? Like any small business, this store will offer a good or a service to a tailored clientele. If a citizen does not fit that clientele, then he or she does not have to go to the store. As

long as the owners of the S&M parlor do not make a loud fuss in their neighborhood and disturb the peace of the area, then they should be free to run things as they see fit.

This is a capitalistic state. Entrepreneurs should be given every right to sell their products while on their private property. If they don't bother the public, then the public should not bother them.

This needs to hold true whether or not the public morally agrees with what the business does. It is not the right of the masses or the elected officials to govern what goes on in private. There is good reason to believe that this new store will keep its business private and out-of-the-brothersome-way of the people of Raleigh.

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that, but if NCSU were Raleigh's responsibility, all of their officers would have to undergo training to learn how to deal with everything that is solely campus-related. This includes: intrusion alarms at the labs, fire alarms in residence hall rooms, people getting stuck in elevators, students needing escorts back to their residence halls late at night, the library, money transfers between campus and area banks during the day, sports events and...the list goes on and on and on. Also, I will remind Mr. Stevens that not only does NCSU have to follow federal, state and local laws, but there is also a University Code of Conduct that must be heeded. Every police officer patrolling this campus has to be familiar with the rules and regulations outlined in the university's policies. The officers also have to appear before the Judicial Board at times. Does Raleigh City need all these extra

burdens and skills? No, not when we have a fine police department full of officers already trained for this. There is a specific reason for every campus rule or regulation, be it not riding your bike recklessly or not burning candles in your dorm room. Public Safety enforces these laws for a reason; we need them for protection.

Public Safety is here to protect and serve the campus. The image is not a "pseudo-image," it is the simple truth. Public Safety patrols are not "priming," they happen to be a needed response. The security guards that patrol the library are there for a number of reasons: to answer students' questions, provide extra eyes and ears for the police officers and to keep students and faculty safe. The officers patrolling at move-in were there to assist new students, returning students and parents by answering questions, giving directions, and keeping an eye out for medical emergencies such as heat exhaustion. Those are just two examples of the many ways Public Safety serves the campus. Stevens asks when Public Safety will do something besides

"smoking cigarettes outside Caldwell Hall?" How about providing student escorts, patrolling parking lots to protect all those cars, patrolling the library, being present at move-in, answering medical emergency calls, or responding to calls such as the recent suicide? Does Mr. Stevens honestly think Public Safety does nothing? How many times has he gone on a ride along with an officer? How many times has he had a conversation with Chief Harper, Assistant Director Wright, Major Allen, or any other officer for that matter? Perhaps he should. Mr. Stevens should check his facts before he points his fingers and judges.

You know, there is one thing he said that is true:

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million members, passed a unanimous resolution at its 77th annual convention in Reno, Nev., that encouraged a second look into hemp. The resolution encourages research into the "viability and economic potential production in the United States" and recommends planting test plots in the U.S. using modern agricultural techniques.

N.C. State has many great opportunities to experiment with hemp. We have the perfect environment to research the non-drug uses of the plant. We have an agriculture school, textile school, and a pulp and paper degree. As pronounced by the DEA, North Carolina is great for growing marijuana. Hemp has the potential of replacing the disappearing tobacco economy.

Moon

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Fetzer wants to tie a tight noose around the already legal S&M store's neck and wait for it to hang itself.

"The first time they step out of the bounds of what it is they've been permitted to do, I want to know about it, and I want to take every effort to shut it down," Fetzer said. The kicker is, the noose of those permits is still in the hands of the city council and Tom Fetzer.

This situation is reminiscent of the prohibition days. Back then, it was deemed by the government that alcohol consumption was morally wrong and that every effort to ban it should be taken by the government. Alcohol was considered a vice, and vices were to be eradicated by laws, laws, and more laws.

Today, sadism and masochism are

considered vices and the government is moving to eradicate their practice with laws, laws, and more laws.

The argument is not whether S&M, or even alcohol, is a vice. The argument is whether the government should be able to tell the public what they can and cannot do in the privacy of a privately owned private business located on private property.

By putting the blame for such wickedly evil and eternally contemptible actions on the businesses and not on the individuals who make the decision to buy from these businesses, the city government is doing wrong.

In his push to replace small-business-loving Jim Hunt in the next gubernatorial election by tugging on the citizen's moral heart strings, Fetzer has overlooked a key to North Carolina's economic success: small business.

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Citizens rally against important NASA mission

Citizens rally to stop Cassini mission.
By Mandi Phillips

(U-WIRE) TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — On Oct. 6, 72.3 pounds of what Bruce Gagnon calls "the most deadly substance ever known" will vault into space aboard NASA's Titan IV rocket.

The plutonium will power the rocket during its 11-year journey, known as the Cassini mission. NASA will launch the rocket from Cape Canaveral on a mission to Saturn.

The Florida Coalition for Peace and Justice hopes to convince NASA to cancel, or delay, the mission at a non-violent protest rally scheduled two days before the launch.

At a press conference Friday, Gagnon, the state coordinator for the Florida Coalition for Peace and Justice and a member of the Global Network Against Weapons in Space, discussed the risks involved in this space expedition.

An accident on the launch pad or within Earth's atmosphere could lead to radiation damage, causing severe environmental and economic disruptions, Gagnon said.

One pound of this lethal nuclear material is enough to contaminate every human on Earth. Less than one one-millionth of a gram is considered a carcinogenic dose.

According to Gagnon, the areas subjected to radiation of the kind potentially released by the Cassini mission would be uninhabitable for a period of several hundred years.

"Florida will become a wasteland,"

Gagnon said.

Gagnon said that not only would all buildings have to be leveled and destroyed, all agricultural crops would be useless and no new crops would grow, as the topsoil's contamination extends to two inches beneath the surface.

NASA tests "inadequate" "Cassini is the single most dangerous act ever committed by man," said Alan Kohn, a former NASA emergency preparedness officer, during an interview Monday.

NASA officials have said the plutonium generators are foolproof, but Kohn said he doubts this. Kohn worked for NASA from 1962 until his retirement in 1994. His experience with nuclear missions includes his work on accident contingencies for both the Galileo mission in 1989 and Llyses in 1990.

"Nothing that man builds is indestructible," said Kohn. "Eventually we'll have a catastrophic accident. ... There are too many variables. No one really knows."

During testing of the radioisotope thermal generators (RTGs) which contain the plutonium, NASA discovered that under certain simulated conditions the generators would blow up, Gagnon said.

But according to NASA reports, the conditions that could destroy the generators are not realistic.

The tests NASA performed were inadequate, according to Kohn.

The Titan design has a one in 20 failure rate, Gagnon said. And, he added, the most dangerous segment of this mission is not the launch, but the rocket's 42,000 mile-per-

hour flight within 300 miles of Earth's surface. The rocket will travel this close to the Earth after two orbits around Venus, in 1999.

This flight will create a slingshot effect, and Titan will use the Earth's gravity to increase velocity and travel to Saturn. If something goes wrong, the rocket will burn up in Earth's atmosphere, which extends as far as 75 miles above the surface, exploding in a radioactive cloud, Gagnon said.

The risk of cancer. This type of accident has occurred before. Since the first nuclear-powered missions to space, nine out of 63 U.S. and Russian missions have met with accidents, Gagnon said.

In 1961, a U.S. mission carrying a SNAP-9A nuclear device tumbled to Earth and disintegrated, releasing 2.1 pounds of plutonium into the air.

Dr. John Gofman, a physician who specializes in nuclear medicine and a former member of the Manhattan Project, conducted research on this accident. As a result of the SNAP-9A accident, Gofman hypothesizes that every human on Earth carries traces of plutonium in the body. This incident has led to the increased global rate of lung cancer, he said.

According to Gofman's research, 200,000 curies (a unit of measuring gas) of plutonium have been released into the atmosphere throughout the history of above-ground nuclear testing.

His calculations suggest that if the Cassini mission meets with misfortune, 400,000 curies of radioactive material will simultaneously be released. Five billion people worldwide would receive 99 percent

of the radiation exposure possible.

What would be the effects of this type of radioactivity? Lung cancer is first on the list. But exposure to plutonium can also cause liver cancer, as the cancerous cells spread through the bloodstream. Either can be fatal.

"NASA underestimated the cancer alone by 2,000 to 4,000 times. The actual death toll may be as high as 30 to 40 million," said Dr. Ernest Sternglass, professor emeritus of radiological physics at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine and a collaborator on the Cancel Cassini movement.

Genetic mutations in future generations are another possible effect of radiation exposure.

"I've got children and grandchildren. I'm fighting for them and everybody else," Kohn said.

It is not just the Cassini mission that has these individuals concerned, but the cumulative effect of all possible future nuclear launches. Like the Cassini mission, 12 nuclear missions are under consideration for the next decade.

"They (NASA) intend to continue to use plutonium at an average rate of one per year for the foreseeable future," Kohn said. "An accident is inevitable."

Solar power, an alternative On their web site, NASA discounts alternatives to nuclear power, saying they are not economically sound or insufficient for a mission which extends so far beyond the sun.

In general, solar power is used to conduct space voyages, the web site states. However, in the case of Cassini, that solar

energy cannot be effectively harnessed because of the mission's far away goal, Saturn.

Solar cells capable of such deep-space travel would be enormously expensive, large, and necessitate a rebuilding of the launch platform as well as a redesigning of the Titan rocket itself.

But European scientists have developed solar cells which could successfully propel a rocket such as the Titan into deep space without carrying the environmental risk of nuclear power, Gagnon said. This type of power source could be ready within three years and would merely delay the Cassini mission.

In their web site, NASA likens this mission to the Hubble telescope voyages, saying that the pictures that the Titan will bring back after four years of circling Saturn will provide valuable research material to the scientific community.

Citizens want to be heard Sheila O'Brien, a member and coordinator of the local Pax Christi organization and a speaker at the conference, said the Titan mission's potential for harm is appalling.

"(We're) not against space exploration. ... Just (do it) safely," O'Brien said.

Likewise, Kohn said he is not entirely opposed to nuclear power.

"I'm not anti-nuke," Kohn said. "I believe nuclear plants can be built safely. I'm against nukes being put on top of unreliable rockets."

North Carolina judge rules against gay woman

(U-WIRE) DURHAM, N.C. — North Carolina "is just plain not friendly" to homosexuals.

With these words, attorney Martha Milan tried to convince District Court Judge Elaine O'Neal that the public policy of North Carolina does not support a Washington state adoption made by a lesbian woman.

Last Friday, Milan lost her case as the court ruled that sexual preference was not an issue when considering the validity of an adoption.

Although the case is too specific to set a sweeping legal precedent for future cases

involving lesbian parents, it is a significant symbolic victory for the gay and lesbian community of North Carolina simply because the state recognizes child custody — rather than homosexuality — as the issue at hand. Given the state's traditional stance on homosexual couples and conduct, this was no small accomplishment.

The natural mother, Sheryl Erez, gave birth to the child in the state of Washington in 1993. Her partner, Aviva Starr, subsequently adopted the child under Washington law. The couple moved to North Carolina in 1995 and separated a year later. Since their split in October 1996, the

child has been in the custody of its adoptive mother, Starr, who initiated proceedings to gain full custody a month later.

O'Neal handed down the decision to allow a custody hearing, asserting that public policy would not be "sufficiently offended" to justify voiding the adoption.

The judge could easily have fallen back on nebulous questions of "public policy" or "community standards" to nullify the adoption, but she instead chose to stand by the letter of the law, specifically following the full faith and credit doctrine set out in the Constitution that states that a policy in practice in one state should be recognized in

all others.


That the state is abiding by the letter of the law in this case is somewhat remarkable. Concepts such as public policy have, in the past, been used successfully to allow such deplorable and clearly illegal practices as restrictions of citizens' voting rights and segregation. In these and other instances, states such as North Carolina have completely disregarded the full faith and credit doctrine. It is encouraging that North Carolina has chosen to uphold it in this situation.

The case will now move on to a custody hearing. It still remains to be seen which

woman will win custody, as well as whether the couple will continue to receive the treatment they deserve as the child's legal guardians not lesbians. But the first hurdle — the legal recognition of the out-of-state adoption — has been cleared.

Milan may have accurately characterized the traditional political and social mentality of the state of North Carolina, but it is reassuring to know that in a state as traditionally conservative as North Carolina, some progress in minority civil rights is finally taking place.

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