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University housing overflow continues

Lounge dwellers in residence halls are still looking for a dorm room to call home.

DAMIAN HAZEL
Staff Writer

It has happened already. Professors have assigned projects, the Wolfline arrived late at its scheduled stop and the clothes on your floor failed the "sniff test."

Entering the third week of the fall semester, while most students have already fallen into a routine, some students are still scrambling for a place to live.

"At this point in time, there are 27 students in transitional housing," said Tim Luckadoo, director of University Housing.

The remaining 14 males and 13 females are spending time in residence hall lounges until University Housing can find a permanent place to house these students. Presently, the lounges of Lee, Wood and Sullivan are home to these transitional students.

On Aug. 21, 147 students were without a permanent residence. At that time, students lived in residence hall lounges or at the Brownstone Hotel. However, this past weekend the last of the students that were living in the Brownstone Hotel moved out.

Every year, N.C. State estimates a certain amount of no shows.

"Our goal is to have the number of transitional students at or less than the number of no shows," Luckadoo said. "The average number of no shows is 200."

However, due to the mixture of tougher housing penalties and an earlier cancellation deadline, only 108 students failed to show up this year.

"This presents a real dilemma for predicting next year," Luckadoo said.

Nonetheless, University Housing's hope is that the remaining vacancies will arise within the next three weeks. Vacancies occur from all types of situations: from students leaving school, to joining a fraternity or sorority, to the unfortunate accident of a family member. "We are bending over backwards to try and find something for these students," Luckadoo said.

However, if nothing arises within the next couple of weeks for the remaining students without a permanent residence, Luckadoo will work with students on an individual basis.



Artist's renditions show the plans for the final outcome of the new arena.



NCSU ups ante

NCSU increases its contribution to the deficit of the sports arena by \$1 million, leaving the arena authority to ask city council for the final \$5 million.

JACK DRIV
News Editor

Both N.C. State and the Carolina Hurricanes increased their contributions on Monday to the over-budget sports arena being constructed near Carter-Finley Stadium.

NCSU enhanced its pledge from \$5 million to \$6 million, while the Hurricanes raised its donation from \$5 million to \$8 million towards the \$26 million deficit. The extra contribution from the primary tenants of the new arena increases the likelihood that the arena will be finished by its Sept. 1, 1999 deadline.

With the extra \$14 million from NCSU and the Hurricanes, the arena authority is hoping to receive the additional \$12 million from loans and City Council, according to Curt Williams, the arena authority's executive director.

The authority is planning on a \$7 million loan from banks and hopes to be able to use \$5 million from an arena reserve fund.

"Local government approved our ability to borrow up to \$7 million contingent upon the city and county giving \$5.2 million," Williams said.

Both tenants, along with members of the arena authority, went in front of the mayor and City Council on Tuesday to receive approval for the \$5 million.

"Well, we made our presentation to City Council this afternoon," said Williams. "They held off making a decision until Sept. 15."

Les Robinson, athletic director of NCSU, felt that the City Council was open-minded to the proposition.

"I felt they were very receptive," Robinson said. "If City Council gives the arena authority the green light in two weeks, Williams feels that the arena will still be able to open on time."

"We don't expect this to impact the opening date," said Williams.

Robinson said that NCSU does not plan on shelling out any more money for the arena.

"You never want to say this is it," Robinson said. "However, I would think that this would do it."

With the extra \$1 million, NCSU's contribution to the arena project is \$28 million, equal to the contribution of the Carolina Hurricanes.

NCSU professor notes subtle racism

An NCSU communication expert proposes a way to control the way minorities are portrayed in the media.

LER DELICIO
News Editor

The '60s brought us out-and-out racism and segregation. The '90s bring us something much subtler.

Robert Entman, a professor in communications at N.C. State, recently reached this conclusion, and others, during a study he conducted regarding the way the media portray minorities in this country.

Entman's report, published last spring, went to President Clinton's Advisory Board for the President's Initiative on Race. It includes several chapters focusing on how both television news and Hollywood movies portray minorities. The report also makes some suggestions for improvements on current situations.

Entman looked first at television news. He compared the portrayals of African Americans, Latinos and East Asians to those of whites in news broadcasts. He also looked at coverage of minorities in

elections. "We found that there's been an increase in the media of minority groups," Entman said.

He said this was especially true for blacks; African Americans are much better portrayed than they were 30 years ago, Entman said. However, he did have some concerns.

"The nature of the portrayal of blacks is often quite negative," Entman said.

He said this becomes most apparent when portrayal of blacks is compared to that of whites. One example he gave is that minorities are very rarely used as "experts."

"Experts represent social respect," Entman said.

He found over 90 percent of "experts" are white males.

He said minorities are represented half as often in news sound bites as they should be. This means that, for example, 12 percent of the population is African American, but African Americans are represented in only six percent of news sound bites.

Latinos and East Asians still have "very little visibility," according to Entman. "Most stories where minorities appear

are not really about the minority group," Entman said. This means, he claimed, that the stories are about white groups with minorities in them.

When he studied Hollywood films, Entman found that, again, blacks are better represented, but other minority groups were less visible.

"There's some subtle differences [in how minorities are represented]," Entman said.

He studied the 70 top earning films of 1996 and found that black women were more often shown in unconventional behavior. Both black men and women were shown more often using ungrammatical language.

Entman cited three films, "Independence Day," "Jerry Maguire" and "A Time to Kill," that contained blatant stereotypes about African-Americans.

For example, in "Jerry Maguire," the character played by Cuba Gooding, Jr. (an African-American character) needed the help of the character played by Tom Cruise (a white character) to help control his emotions and his finances.

Entman also said Gooding's wife in the movie used raw language despite the fact that she is wealthy and well-educated,

something Entman said he almost never sees with characters portrayed as white women.

"More subtle stereotyping has taken place," he said. "It is not clear-cut racism, Entman said, but it is more what he calls "misunderstandings."

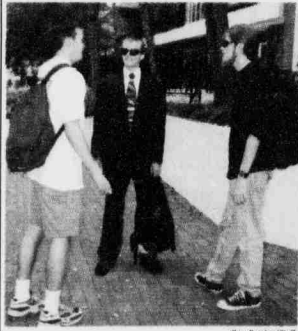
Entman said solutions to current problems "are not easy." People's conceptions are rooted in their subconscious, which is hard to change. But, he said, there are ways.

One way is for people to become more conscious of what is happening, he said. Entman also suggested a "monitoring campaign," which he hopes the president will consider. Under this program, the way minorities are portrayed in the media would be monitored, much like violence in the media is already monitored.

"This doesn't have to lead to censorship," Entman said. People would become more aware of "how things are changing." It might also lead to the media becoming more self-conscious of their actions.

"We need to try to get the media to think more about overall patterns," he said.

Cool like that



John Daughtry, left, and Chris Allen, right, discuss sophomore Matt Sharpe's rush and pledge activities and responsibilities.

Recent North Korean missile test raise anxiety in East Asia

North Korea recently staged its first missile test in five years, in a move that may threaten even United States ground.

MARK MATTHEWS and TOM BOWMAN
The Baltimore Sun

WASHINGTON — Raising tensions in East Asia, North Korea staged its first missile test in five years Monday, firing a two-stage rocket whose second stage flew over

Japan, one of America's closest allies.

The test of the Taepo Dong 1 missile, which has an estimated range of 1,200 miles, confirms North Korea's pursuit of high-technology weaponry despite its desperate economic straits and a malnutrition so severe an estimated 2 million to 3 million of its people may have perished in the last few years.

The Clinton administration criticized the move but avoided any move that might further escalate tension. It did not break off diplomatic

talks in New York that are intended to improve relations.

Nor did Washington focus specifically on the provocative missile flight path over Japan.

"This development is a matter of deep concern to the United States because of its potentially destabilizing impact in Northeast Asia and beyond," said Lee McClellan, a State Department spokesman. South Korea issued a similar statement.

"We see this as a very dangerous act," said Japan's chief government spokesman, Hiromu Nonaka. A

South Korean news agency reported that Japan reacted by refusing to help pay for a new nuclear reactor that the West promised in exchange for a halt in North Korea's nuclear weapons program.

A U.S. intelligence official said the test marks an effort by the North Koreans to master the firing of missiles in stages, a crucial milestone in the development of an intercontinental ballistic missile.

"Everyone's been waiting to see when they'd test it," said Steven Zaloga, a missile analyst. "It does

sound like they're actively pursuing long-range missiles."

"So far the test appears to have been successful," the official said, although North Korea must still overcome several significant hurdles before it possesses a long-range missile.

The Taepo Dong 2 missile, under development, has a potential range of 2,400 to 3,600 miles, which would put it within reach of major cities and military bases in Alaska and close to the westernmost islands in Hawaii, according to U.S. intelli-

gence agencies.

Because of North Korea's impoverished economy, some analysts viewed the test as a blatant pitch for money, confronting the United States and its allies with a tough choice: They can pay North Korea to halt the program, or watch as Pyongyang markets its medium-range missiles abroad.

The North Koreans are the main source of tactical ballistic missiles for most Third World armed forces. Pyongyang has sold its earlier No

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Dong technology to Iran, an enemy of American interests in the Middle East, and to Pakistan, which is locked in a nuclear race with India. The test comes just a week before Kim Jong Il is expected to formally succeed his father, Kim Il Sung, who died in 1994, as president and head of state. Some observers viewed the test as a muscle-flexing move by the military to enlist support for Kim.

The test was one of several recent actions by North Korea that have alarmed the West. North Korea, which froze its nuclear-weapons program as part of a 1994 agreement with the United States, has threatened to restart it because of frustration over delays in fulfilling the U.S. side of the deal.

Congress has balked at providing the money to supply North Korea with the heavy fuel oil it is supposed to receive before a new light-water nuclear reactor is built. The light-water reactor itself is behind schedule, and the United States has taken only minor steps toward easing its economic embargo of the North.

Even as the missile test was being conducted, North Korean and American diplomats were preparing to resume their longest-running talks to date, on implementing the 1994 agreement.

The administration had said the talks were going well. North Korea's vice foreign minister, Kim Kye Kwan, was described as upbeat last Friday in meetings with congressional staffers and Korea experts in Washington, followed by a dinner.

But Robert Manning, who heads Asia Studies at the Council on Foreign Relations, said that both the test and the North Koreans' refusal to deal with the moderate South Korean government of President Kim Dae-Jung raise the question, "Are we ever going to be able to deal with them?"

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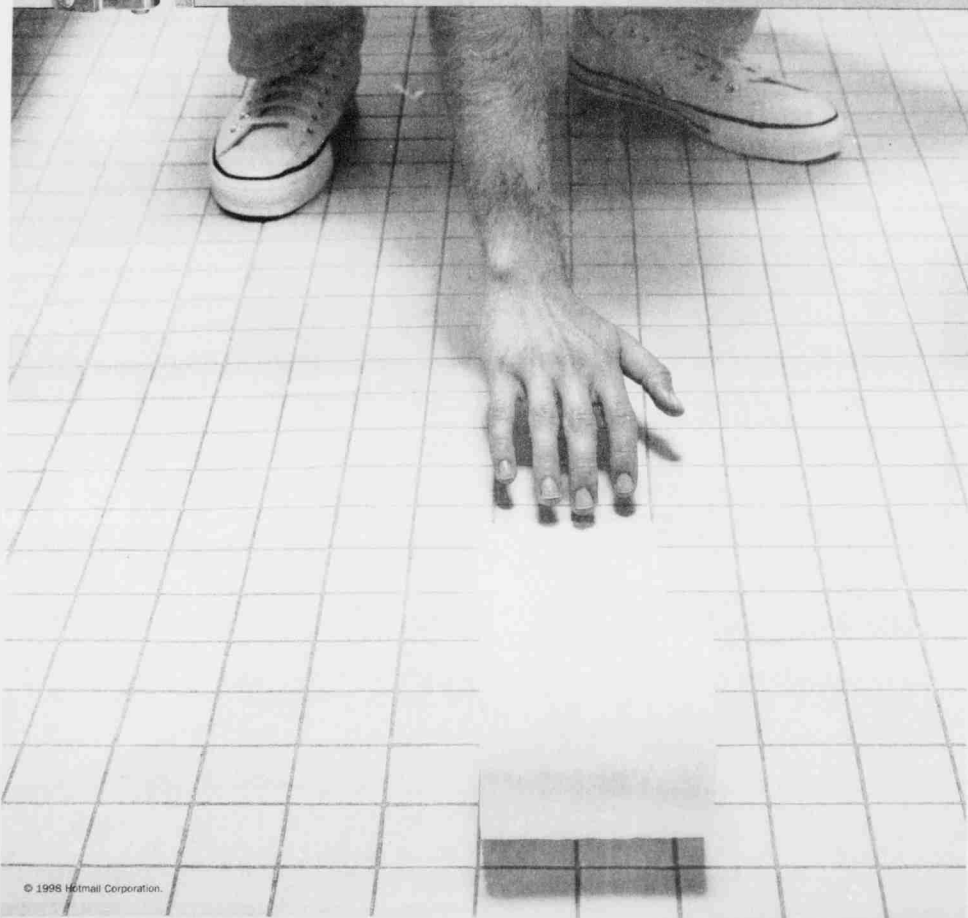
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Technician Fun Fact #1:

Holladay Hall was the first building at N.C. State. The basement housed laboratories, kitchen, dining hall and gym. Offices, a library, and classroom were on the first floor. Students lived in the second and third floor.

What is fraternity and sorority rush?

Editor's note: This is the first in a three-part series on fraternities and sororities.

MARV BETH LEFRANKE
Staff Writer

To rush or not to rush a fraternity or sorority is a question most students contemplate at one time or another during their college career. The question to join anything in general is a consideration itself.

With virtually hundreds of social, service, scholar, religious or sport-affiliated organizations across campus, the decision to join can be a difficult one. One must weigh the time, money, and pure interest in an organization—your basic costs and benefits—before becoming a member. Rush is just one boat in a sea of opportunities a person can sail.

So what exactly is rush? It is not a reflection of the speed of our society. It is the method of mutual member recruitment for the six social sororities and 22 fraternities that comprise N.C. State's Greek community.

The other eight, categorized as social fraternities, do not have a rush process, and membership is smaller with more emphasis on service. They are under the National Pan-Hellenic Council, also a part of Greek life.

For those participating, rush provides students with an opportunity to objectively meet current members of a sorority or fraternity. It enables

them to learn more about the chapter and Greek life in general before making a lifelong commitment to become a member.

Rush selection occurs in the first few weeks of the fall semester. Social fraternities and sororities follow about the same process. However, fraternity rushes are less structured and longer than sorority rushes.

Sororities follow rush procedures as guided by their governing body, the Panhellenic Association. This organization is the largest women's group on campus, composed of all sorority members. The group's executive committee promotes scholarship, image and women's issues. The Panhellenic Association has historically required sorority rush to be formal, with rush lasting a limited time. Though the formal rush has ended for sororities, spaces can become available all year, and many chapters have an informal rush in the spring semester.

Fraternities follow rush procedures under the Interfraternity Council (IFC). The IFC is representative of the 22 campus fraternities, and it

strives to promote unity, scholarship, service and image. The IFC maintains an informal and flexible rush, giving more flexibility to the individual chapters for recruiting practices. Both organizations provide sororities and fraternities with a voice in the university administration and the community at large.

The first logical step for a student

the application, you will be asked to list activities, hobbies, interests, awards, work experience and any legacies you have received or been involved with. One may wonder what qualities will guarantee membership, and most fraternities and sororities have agreed upon a few.

Scholarship is at the top of the list, as setting academic goals is important to all chapters. Character, sisterhood/brotherhood, service and interests follow. All sororities and

Some might add beer preference to the list, but the IFC and Panhellenic Association require rush to be dry, as in "no member will use alcohol in any manner to encourage a man (woman) to affiliate with his chapter." Drew Smith, the Associate Director of

while the rusher decides which one he or she wants to join.

The planned events provide rushers a chance to talk to members and to ask questions they might have—a sort of meet and greet. According to Mindy Sopher, director of Greek Life, "Rush gives every woman interested the best opportunities with the most options to decide which sorority is for her." Some examples of rush events include open houses, service activities, dinner and roller skating and pick-up games of basketball, just to name a few.

After a week or two of socializing with the sororities and fraternities, the rusher must determine which one he or she likes the best. Since the fraternities offer year-round recruiting, the decision depends on the particular fraternity.

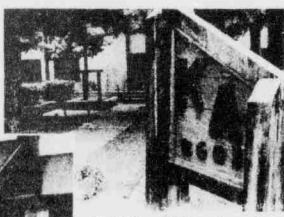
If the chapter preferred accepts your bid to join, then the sorority Bid Day, the rusher will be asked to join officially.

The decision to rush and join a social sorority or fraternity is a defining one. The membership is not permanent—one can withdraw at any time. Many, however, keep an active membership even after college and agree it was the right decision.

For more information about rush and sororities and fraternities, contact the office of Greek Life at 515-2441.



The first logical step for a student



Greek Life, adds, "Any time a fraternity or sorority is rushing a new member, alcohol is not allowed."

Over a span of about a week for sororities and over a month or more for fraternities, each sorority and fraternity will have information sessions, giving prospects an idea of what rush is all about. They will also have planned events that rushers attend in order to narrow the spectrum of Greek letters. How so? Decide which one you like, which chapter matches your expectations, your beliefs and your priorities. During the rush process, each chapter decides who they want to become a member



interested in a fraternity or sorority is to fill out an application. Panhellenic rush registration fee is \$35, and there is no fee for the IFC registration. On

fraternities are diverse, as stated by the Panhellenic Council and the IFC, seeking members with a variety of interests and backgrounds.

Hiking adventures in the N.C. mountains

CHIP SMALL
Staff Writer

This weekend I joined the N.C. State Outdoor Adventures Department for a two night backpacking trip on the Appalachian Trail.

Fourteen of us attempted a 12-mile stretch of trail in the Roan Mountain highlands, rugged mountains along the North Carolina-Tennessee border.

The three leaders held a pre-trip meeting Thursday night to discuss our itinerary and what we needed to bring. Anyone who needed tents, sleeping bags or stoves was outfitted by the well-stocked Outdoor Adventures storehouse. Any student can check out gear.

Friday afternoon at about four o'clock we climbed into the van and left the heat and smog of Raleigh behind us to head for the mountains. It was dark when we finally arrived at the trailhead, so we ditched the plan of hiking two miles. Instead, we camped at the edge of the forest near the road and decided to sleep under the stars since the night was so clear. We laid awake counting shooting stars, contemplating the meaning of life and the kind of spiders crawling across us. The only noise was the cool breeze blowing through the trees.

Saturday morning we were greeted with a spectacular sunrise. After a quick breakfast and some stretching, we began a strenuous day of hiking. Starting at Carver's Gap, we headed north on the Appalachian Trail over steep slopes to mountaintops with dramatic views. It was incredible to see the surrounding mountains, layers of clouds and the high peaks protruding into the sky.

After a break for lunch, Outdoor Adventures Director Shawn Rogers gave a memorable lecture on using the bathroom in the woods with the "U-Dig-It" trowel.

After that, we put our packs back on and started trudging up the steep path to Little Hump Mountain. The sun was beating down on us, flies and probably vultures were circling around us, and it seemed like we would never reach the top. Eventually the trail led out of the forest into an open meadow with yellow, purple, red, and white wildflowers stretching before us.

Through the haze, we could see the high ridges of Grandfather Mountain miles away. High above us we could also see where our trail led—the top of Big Hump Mountain. An hour later we were lying on bulldozers on the path to the same mountain, hoping unrealistically that we were at least half way up. One member of our group summed up the general sentiment, saying, "I feel humped."

We expended the remainder of our energy crawling to the top, where we ran into an intimidating ranger fully equipped with gun and Mag-Light, riding on an ATV. She informed us that Doll

Flats, our intended destination for the night, was two miles away like the map showed; it was actually six miles away. After already having hiked eight miles, we discussed this disheartening report while Shawn, with the help of duct tape, repaired some of the scariest looking blisters I've ever seen.

Regardless of how far away Doll Flats was, there was not any suitable place to camp before that. Fortunately, gravity was on our side for the rest of the journey. We plodded down the trail through beautiful forest that we were too tired to appreciate, until night at six o'clock Doll Flats. I was eternally grateful that the map was correct and not the ranger.



At our campsite we set up tents and got dinner started. The highlight of the trip was Shawn's Jello no-bake pies, which we devoured in seconds. We spent the evening relaxing and telling stories around a campfire, but exhaustion from hiking over ten miles set in, and we were soon asleep.

Sunday morning we awoke faced with only two downhill miles to our van. Although we all had sore legs and shoulders, lunch in Boone was enough motivation to keep us moving down the trail. Once again we passed some fascinating cliffs and giant, old trees. Before we realized it, we reached the highway and our adventure was over.

I enjoyed this trip for many reasons. The weather could not have been better; the views were spectacular and the trail was not at all crowded. But above all, we had a great group of people who never complained and were always fun to be around. From the experienced backpackers to the first-timers, everyone had a rewarding weekend.

Sign-up for Outdoor Adventures trips and workshops begins on the first day of classes each semester and is located in the intramural sports office in Carmichael Gym. All trips and workshops are free and open to any student.



Ask
ChefAm

Here's our first letter of the day from a curious student:
Perhaps you could write a column about where the name "ChefAm" came from?

The first initials in the three words of the name are C-I-A. I am a graduate of The Culinary Institute of America, so C, I, A(m). Many people refer to me as "Chef." So, I decided to incorporate these ideas to my license plate, my e-mail address and, now, my column. Glad to let 'y all know.

Hey chef, now that our hurricane party is over, what should I do with all the leftover burgers in the fridge? Good question. For this answer, I refer to fellow student Ebie, who gave me a wonderful suggestion for us all. Ebie told me that using her Crock-Pot has saved her a significant amount of time and effort. Ten minutes in the morning can mean a hot dinner waiting for you at night. Beans, steaks and sauces are easy to make with leftovers. Plus, you can leave them cooking unattended during classes! Great idea! However, ChefAm never remembers leaving anything cooking unattended, even on low heat, for more than a couple of hours.

So, ChefAm suggests Chili. Here's a quick and easy recipe.

- X-amount leftover meat
- 1 large jar spaghetti sauce
- 1 bag frozen, mixed vegetables
- 1-10-ounce can crushed tomatoes
- To taste: salt, pepper/hot, Tabasco sauce

Combine everything in your Crock-Pot. Mix well to break up the leftover meat. Cook, mostly covered, on low for two to three hours until hot and thick. Serve with your favorite bread and beverage.

Hey chef, I'm a bit older than the average college student. Where's a good place to eat lunch and dinner that isn't a part of the college scene?

Glad you asked, ChefAm has found a pearl in Cameron Village. The restaurant is called Isaac Hunter's Tavern. It sits in the middle of the strip across from Szyzyg, off of Clark Avenue. For lunch, one can choose from gourmet salads, pastas, sandwiches and desserts. Generous portions at a very reasonable price. The food gets even better at dinner-time.

Currently, there aren't any specials. Dinner at Isaac's is special enough to stand on its own. Appetizers include fried green tomatoes and baked brick served with fresh fruit and a raspberry sauce (my favorite). Salads include Caesar salad and a wild spinach salad served with fresh roasted bell peppers. There's a wide and delicious variety of entrees, ranging from crab-cakes, stuffed filet mignon served with potatoes au gratin and a lobster hollandaise (another of my favorites), homemade potato pasta, baked and stuffed chicken and tuna. Every dish is prepared individually. So, expect to have time to enjoy every last bite until your next course is ready. Bon Appetite!

Want to test the culinary genius of ChefAm? Maybe tell him some of your favorite recipes or just applaud his taste in fine cuisine? E-mail him at ChefAm@msn.com with questions, suggestions or comments.

Achoo! Gesundheit! Bless you, bless you!

GERALD RENNER
The Hartford Courant

It happens every where, on the street, shopping, at the movies.
You sneeze and people around you, perfect strangers, feel a compulsion to say, "God bless you!" or simply "Bless you!"
If you have been schooled in polite behavior you will respond, "Thank you."

You can't escape it. Salutation on stermutation—what happens when the inside of your nose tickles—is universal.
"Gesundheit!" say Germans.
"Yarhamak Allah," say Arabs.
"Tibi maunt ora," say Polyestians of the South Pacific.

Where did this street theater of social etiquette come from?
It came from a long way back, from the time of the ancient Romans and Greeks—and even earlier.

"It comes from the idea that you are sneezing out your soul," said Moira Smith, librarian at the Folklore Institute at Indiana University in Bloomington. In primitive belief, the soul, which animated every living

thing, was flighty, she said. You could be alive one minute and dead the next if you weren't careful about the soul flying off.
"There are a lot of ancient beliefs in general about a separable soul. It could separate for a brief period of time. When you dream, your soul is out of your body so it can't get back in if you're sneezing," she said. "Even yawning posed a danger."

Smith pointed out that the idea of invoking divine protection in a sneeze was documented as early as the first century by the Roman naturalist, Pliny the Elder.

Pliny wrote in his Natural History in 77 A.D.: "Why is it that we salute a person when he sneezes, an observation which Tiberius Caesar, as we all know, used to exact, when riding in his chariot even?"

The beginning of the practice is lost in the mist of prehistory. Coupled with the idea of a soul getting away was a fear that an evil spirit could enter the body through the mouth or nostrils and steal away an unguarded soul. That made a blessing doubly necessary.
"The Golden Bough: A Study in Magic

and Religion," the monumental 13-volume compendium of superstitions by Sir James George Frazer, devises a whole section to "the perils of the soul."

A more up-to-date variation on the theme of the dangers of sneezing has been the notion that the heart stops when you sneeze—and every body knows what happens when the heart stops.

In case you were wondering, the heart does not stop when you sneeze. "It does not stop whatsoever," said Dr. Jose Misen, chief of cardiology and chairman of the department of medicine at St. Francis Hospital and Medical Center in Hartford, Conn. He said he, too, has been curious why people say "Bless you" when someone sneezes.

Professor Robert V. Blystone, who teaches biology at Trinity University in San Antonio sees a common thread running through concern about sneezing.

"In a world without antibiotics, a sneeze could mean the start of an illness which could kill," he said. "No magic bullets to take care of the aftereffects of the early warning system called a sneeze."
Blystone's comments were made partly in

an interview and partly in a discussion among biologists on the Internet responding to a plea from a colleague for help.

"Can anyone help me with this question?" asked Professor Deborah M. Langsam of the University of North Carolina in Charlotte. "I usually don't have any trouble with the 'bacteriology' questions I get via e-mail but this one has me stumped!"

The question, from a biology student, was: "I was just wondering why people say 'Bless you' when someone sneezes. Is it because your heart stops when you sneeze, or is it because it was once believed that your soul left your body when you sneeze?"

Langsam commented, "A lot of cultures seem to have this sneezing thing. I think the student is right that in some cultures it had to do with danger to the soul—but the concern from what I understand is that sneezing caused the body to be unprotected so that evil spirits/demons could enter."

Her plea prompted a flurry of responses. The consensus was there are no really wrong answers.
"It all depends on what your grandmother told you."

Prominent Vietnamese dissident freed

◆ Doan Viet Hoat is headed for the United States.

TINI TRAN
Los Angeles Times

HANOI, Vietnam Vietnam's most prominent political dissident was headed to the United States Tuesday after being released under a government amnesty program announced last week, while a human rights group reported the release of a prominent Buddhist monk and scholar.

Writer and journalist Doan Viet Hoat boarded a plane for Bangkok, Thailand, and hoped to reunite with family members in Minnesota this week. Thich Tri Sieu, of the outlawed Unified Buddhist Church of

Vietnam, reportedly was also freed Tuesday.

Vietnamese officials had announced Friday that Hoat, along with fellow political dissident Nguyen Dan Que, would be released as part of a general amnesty for 5,219 prisoners to coincide with the country's anniversary of independence Wednesday.

Hoat told reporters in Bangkok Tuesday that he had been forced to leave his homeland. "I regret that they don't let me stay in Vietnam," he said. "I don't want to leave my country. I love my country. I want to contribute to freedom and democracy."

Hoat and Que have been accepted for resettlement in the United States, according to U.S. Embassy officials in Hanoi. Que was released to family members in Vietnam. It was

unclear whether he would leave for the United States.

Though international observers lauded the releases, they cautioned that it is premature to consider the move a sign that the Communist government has eased restrictions on political and religious freedom.

"This amnesty should be seen as a very significant step by the Vietnamese authorities, but it's still too early to say whether this was a one-time gesture or whether it marks a real change in human rights policy," said Demelza Stubbings of Amnesty International.

In its latest report, the group estimates that at least 49 prisoners of conscience are being held by Vietnam, including top Buddhist religious leaders.

Sieu was arrested in 1984 along with Buddhist scholar Thich Tue Sy

and 10 other monks and nuns from the United Buddhist Church. Sieu and Sy received death sentences in 1988 on charges of trying to overthrow the government, but after international protests both sentences were commuted to 20 years in prison.

Officials at the Foreign Ministry this week reiterated their claim that Vietnam has no prisoners being held for their political or religious beliefs. Amnesty was granted to inmates who had shown good behavior and had served at least a third of their sentences, the officials said.

"There are only prisoners who were punished for criminal violations," government spokeswoman Phan Thuy Thanh said.

Human rights groups had been lobbying for several years on behalf of

Hoat and Que, who have won international citations for their human rights work.

Both cases were cited by the European Parliament in a July 16 resolution condemning the two dissidents' sentences. The cases also were brought up during U.S. congressional hearings early this summer by Vietnamese-American groups opposed to establishing closer trade ties with Vietnam.

Hoat, a writer and academic, was arrested in 1990 for his role in producing the Freedom Forum newsletter, which was critical of the government. In 1993, he received a 20-year sentence later reduced to 15 years on charges of trying to overthrow the government. Previously, he had been detained without trial from 1976 to 1988, accused of being an "anti-Communist reactionary."

Que, an endocrinologist, also was arrested in 1990 and sentenced to 20 years for founding the Non-Violent Movement for Human Rights in Vietnam, which advocates democratic change. Before that, he had been detained from 1978 to 1988 for criticizing the country's health care policy.

International observers say the amnesty program appears to have been calculated with an eye toward gaining Western approval and investments. Nearly three-quarters of foreign investment in Vietnam comes from other Asian nations, but with the economic crisis in the region draining funds, Vietnam is probably on the lookout for new investors from outside the region.

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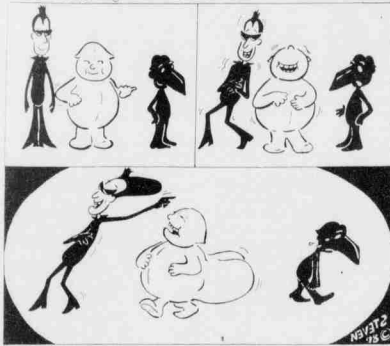


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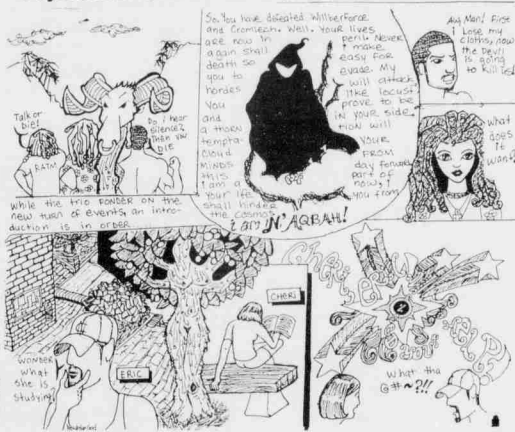
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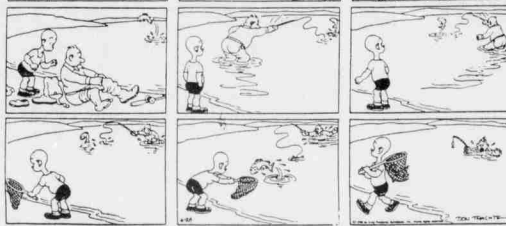


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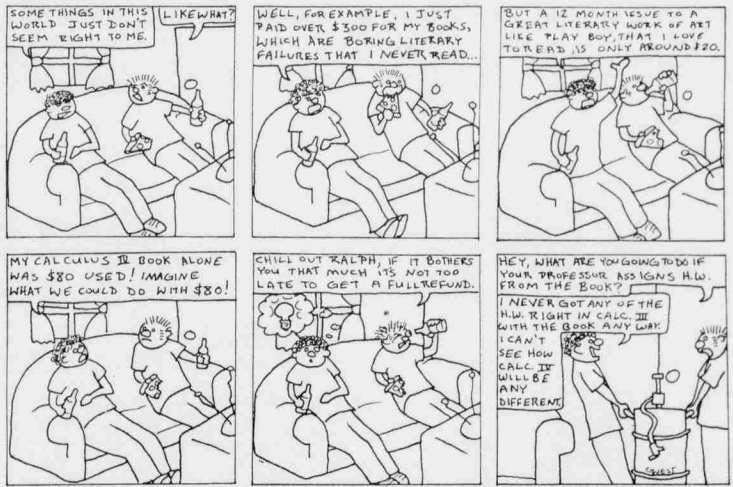
More cash to arena

◆ NCSU shows us the money!

For the Centennial Arena and Entertainment Complex to move forward, more money is needed. Just weeks ago, at the beginning of the semester, N.C. State pledged more money, amounting to \$5 million. This week, that pledge has increased to \$6 million, with the Carolina Hurricanes adding another \$8 million. The Hurricanes have been granted 10 conditions, ranging from reduced rent to landscaping on arena grounds to control of two luxury suites from the Centennial Authority. Some might consider this another tactic from the Hurricanes for more control of the day-to-day operations of the facility, but, in the long run, it makes sense for NCSU. The bottom line is for the arena to be completed in time for the proposed opening date of Sept. 1, 1999. Once again, the extra million bucks from NCSU shows how much this school is committed to getting the arena completed. NCSU might not have total control of the arena's upkeep and operations, but, in many ways, shapes and forms, the university will have some sort of stance when arena issues arise in the years to come.

Revenue is the key here. When NCSU has some basketball games played there and begins to open up the flow of revenue, bills will be paid. When the facility hosts NCAA basketball events, bills will be paid. And of course, don't forget about WCW or WWF wrestling events, musical concerts, monster truck and tractor-pull events and other "arena-friendly activities." It all means more revenue to get this thing paid for. Right now, most people are probably skeptical about giving more money to the facility. But 15 years down the road, when NCSU alumni see how the facility has become a nationally-renowned jewel among the continent's arenas, they'll be proud — proud to see the red and white of NCSU play their hearts out and, maybe, a Stanley Cup contender in the NHL. The road ahead for the new arena is going to be an exciting one, but to travel down that road and chart the proper course, the necessary funding must be in hand. With the proposed deals at the table from NCSU and the Carolina Hurricanes, and with additional help from the city of Raleigh and Wake County, this road will be one laced with eager anticipation, pride and, above all, completion of the facility.

Ralph and Oscar



I talk too much!

KELLY MARKS
Staff Columnist

I have a rather big mouth sometimes. And like our little pink friend the Energizer bunny, it seems to keep going and going and going. I'm well aware of this. I can hear myself when I begin to babble incessantly. Little good this knowledge does me though — I know when I'm about to embark down some long-winded tale that no one really cares to hear, but I can't seem to stop from starting anyway. As one random comment or anecdote after another pours from my mouth, I sit there and think (generally along the same lines of my audience), "Where is this coming from? What in the world am I talking about?" Blah, blah, blah, yakkity-yak — heck, sometimes even I lose interest. Verbose — it's a word that more than one English teacher has scribbled across the top of my paper at some time or another. I love words

impossible to venture beyond the "so, how has your day been, how are your classes going?" monotony of my social interactions. This isn't to say that I'm Miss Verbally Inept All-Around. I can and do talk to people frequently about matters of a serious nature — there's a small circle of people who, for whatever reason, constitute my personal safety zone, a place where all the cooped-up, crazy ideas are free to flow out of your mind at any moment. And the nice part is that they sit and listen to me ramble and actually continue to acknowledge my existence in public. My problem is that I can't confront people, and I can't say how I really feel. I can talk about trivialities all the living day, but when it comes to the most important things in this life, I turn quiet. My voice cannot possibly express what I want to say. I've been this way my entire life. And so, ever since childhood, I've

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Sad times in Russia

After seven years of on-again, off-again reform, Russia seems poised to abandon the reform path altogether. President Boris Yeltsin has fired the free-market-reformers he appointed to his cabinet five months ago, replacing his young pro-reform prime minister with the apparition Viktor Chornomyrdin, who already has been tested and found wanting. Chornomyrdin in turn is attempting to form a new government with the backing of Communist-populists and oligarch-robbor barons. These are two distinct constituencies, but they are in common a distaste for real free markets ruled by law and the forces of open competition. They prefer what in Russia has become known as "Latin American capitalism" — an insult to Latin America — by which is meant a system in which businessmen and bureaucrats are indistinguishable, insider dealing and corruption are rampant and foreign investment is discouraged. They share, too, a demand that the state start printing rubles, and fast — in the oligarchs' case to save their failing banks, and in the Communists' case to rescue the Red Directors who have stripped Soviet-era enterprises of usable assets and now want to be bailed out again. The result of an economic policy based on their shared desires would be a return to hyperinflation and the impoverishment of most Russians.

the opposition, for being more interested in enriching itself and stirring up trouble than in helping the downtrodden it claimed to represent. But it is also fair to say that the burdens of Russia's history weighed heavier than the faults of any individual actor. Nations like Poland, Estonia and the Czech Republic, united in their visions of a democratic, European future, managed to follow the reform prescription. For them, democracy was a source of strength through the most difficult moments of transition from Communism. For Russia, far more divided and unsure, democracy has brought instability as well as legitimacy. The second question, if Chornomyrdin abandons reform, would be what next? Eventually, Russia is likely to return to the reform path, since there is in fact no "third way" to prosperity. But whether it takes weeks or months or years to come to a consensus on that can't be predicted. Nor can the dangers, to democracy and national unity, that Russia will face along the way. Outsiders must applaud Russia for remaining within its constitutional framework at this time of crisis and respect the choices its democratic system leads it to. But there would be neither obligation nor reason to provide further financial support for policies that cannot succeed.

This very sad outcome would naturally raise two questions — the first being, what went wrong? Some will say the West gave too little aid, too late, others will say the West provided too much. You will hear that the West fostered upon Russia a reform scheme for which the nation was not suited. Our view is that the recipe was not at fault as much as the inconsistency with which it was followed. For that, many can share the blame. Yeltsin, for his erratic record and his disastrous war against Chechnya; the reformers, for their arrogance and their own petty but debilitating corruption; the robbor barons, for equating their own welfare with the state's.

Russia's crisis means the Yeltsin-Clinton summit slated for Tuesday also will belong to a new era. In Soviet days, summity revolved around great issues of nuclear peace and war. Since then, U.S. and Russian leaders, pretending to be equals, in fact have met as benefactor and supplicant. Now President Clinton travels to Moscow with nothing more tangible to offer than words of advice and encouragement. How relevant or welcome they will be is one more open question as Russia charts a new course. Distributed by the Los Angeles Times-Washington Post News Service.

Clinton's no FDR

RIVAN KELLOGG
Staff Columnist

Last week I was leaving through the new and improved Technician, when I came across a rather interesting column by one of my fellow opinion columnists, Chad Messer. In it he wrote about our beloved president and his little confession to the American people. Having had the summer off from the writing business, I was a bit cautious of jumping into the deep end on this one, but here goes anyway. While Messer brought up some good points about the disgusting nature of the whole Lewinsky affair and the less-than-reputable nature of

the characters involved, I have to disagree with his conclusion that Clinton's "brave" show of humanity is none of our business. The fact remains it is our business, but not for the most obvious reasons. Let's start with the idea that Bill's extramarital affair is a matter between only him, his wife and his daughter. This seems like a reasonable argument at first, after all, in most cases such things are almost always settled between husband and his spouse. Even in public life numerous presidents like FDR and JFK have had one or more mistresses. So what's the big deal? Unfortunately Clinton's situation isn't so cut and dry. The president's little fling wasn't done in some

Washington hotel room with a random bimbo off the street. No, instead it was conducted in the White House with a subordinate under his control. This personally blows me away (no pun intended), but maybe the severity of the situation becomes more apparent if placed in another context. Now imagine if this incident had taken place in a major corporation between a CEO and a secretary or in the military between a general and a lower-ranking officer. It wouldn't matter who instigated the little rendezvous, because in the end the men in power would have been thrown to the street curb with-

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Memoirs of a great summer in Vienna

MICHAEL MCLAIN
Staff Columnist

I just got back into Raleigh the night before classes started on Aug. 17. I was really exhausted but I had good reason to be. I had just flown in from Switzerland the day before, after spending six weeks in Europe this summer. I attended the N.C. State study abroad program in Vienna, Austria. While I was there I took two classes taught by NCSU professors. One was a Science, Technology and Values class that focused on the values of Viennese and what role these values play in their public transportation system. The second was a humanities class that basically was about the history and future of the European Union

and the Euro (the European single currency). Both of these classes were better suited to be taught in Europe for many reasons. For example, the EU class met with many high-ranking government officials from Austria, Hungary and the Czech Republic who never would have been able to make it to Raleigh for a one-hour meeting. The Austrian officials also gave us views from a Western European perspective, and the other two countries gave us their feelings on a further EU expansion from an Eastern prospective. Being in the different cities, Prague in the Czech Republic and Budapest in Hungary, let us see first-hand how these countries have adapted to life after communism. I could go on about the classes, but I believe they are not the only true ben-

efits one can get from traveling abroad in this time of our lives. I was lucky enough for this to be my second year attending summer school in Europe. Last year I enrolled in the NCSU study abroad program in London. Before I made the decision to go to London, I had no real burning desire to visit Europe. When I did make that decision, it was one based on my need to get away. What I learned about myself and life last year is something I will always remember. You always hear about college kids going to find themselves in Europe, and I really did not buy into that, but it is something, if you allow it, that can happen. Of course we partied and drank and got a little crazy at times, and it was a lot of fun to do these things in a whole new environment. What you take back from Europe, or

any other culture, though, involves a lot more than the fond memories of getting drunk and staying out all night to watch the sunrise on the Charles Bridge in Prague with a bunch of really exciting people. These memories are ones that may develop over experiences that may not seem too exciting at the time. Like an amoeba, my mind has soaked up every image, every syllable and every thought I have received and organized my mind into a new construction. Last year, in London, I came home more amazed at how a country seemingly so similar to our own can function in such a way that is almost 180 degrees different than the United States. What I'm talking about here is more along the lines of England's way

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written letters to those I can't seem to reach any other way. The words just seem to come easier that way.

I don't know what it is about a letter. No wait, I do. With a letter, there's the possibility to word it just right - to revise, to edit and scratch through and to perfect the sentence before it's actually expressed. With a letter, there's an opportunity to organize your thoughts before you say something you regret or you muddle up your emotions even more. With a letter there's always the option to retract whatever boneheaded statement or embarrassing notion you might have thought you felt. And of course, with a letter you never have to look them in the face. I have to admit I never send these letters. I have notebooks filled with angry rants to parents and friends and anguished pleas to the crush of the month. Yet, the same fears that make me turn to my pen and paper prevent me from delivering the end product. So while they are amazingly therapeutic and one of my last little holds on sanity, they aren't particularly helpful in getting my point across.

The simple truth of the matter boils down to this: I am a chicken. A big one. To extend the metaphor even further, the sheer magnitude of my chicken-ness would make the Colonel beam with pride. Call it a fear of rejection, a childish inability to deal with serious issues or, simply what it is, pathetic. It's nothing I don't tell myself every time I'm sitting across from someone I can't reach, choking all the while on the awkward silence. I know it's sad and silly. But I can't seem to change. No matter how desperately I want to.

And I desperately want to. I know exactly what I miss out on every time I fail to speak my mind. Sure, speaking up might cost me a friend, some respect or more than a little embarrassment, but it makes the wondering go away. And the wondering is the most awful thing. Forget whatever benefits expressing one's true feelings might entail, they can't even begin to stack up to a life lived without regrets, one where wondering never keeps you awake at night or torments your daily life.

And why am I writing all this? I really don't know. Perhaps it's yet another instance of me using the school newspaper with an ulterior motive in mind - for the sheer purpose of reaching the people I feel I can't reach any other way. Like all of those old letters, it's a sad little attempt at a lifeline.

But perhaps I write with the good of humanity in mind. I'm placing myself as a warning for others - for goodness sake, please tell the people around you how you feel and what you think of them. I'm not asking you to totally crush your roommate's already-frail ego or to announce your undying affection to the girl who sits across the aisle in Calculus and who doesn't even know your name. There is a fine line between being open and being obnoxious and scary.

Just don't be afraid. And don't let me do something you won't regret because you think you might. In other words, don't be like me. I'll try not to be like me either.

Kelly doesn't say anything important, because she doesn't think anything important. What with the complete catalog of new-age music and the history of the pez dispenser occupying valuable brain space, there's no real room for coherent thought up there. Contribute to the insanity.

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Kellogg

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out a second thought.

So why is the president of the United States, the CEO of our nation and the Commander-in-Chief of the armed forces, being held to such low standards? For that matter, we entrusted this man (twice) with our most sacred public office, gave him keys to the best house in that rat nest called D.C., provided him with first class transportation and topped it off with a none-too-shabby salary of 200K, and he repays us with these pathetic lies and abuse of power.

But hey, who cares. Bill is only human, and he's only doing what comes naturally. After all, he has two things going against him: he's a man and he's a politician. Put those two things together and of course you're going to get a lying adulterer. We should be thankful that he showed such great courage and valor to bestow on us, the poor igno-

rant masses, just a shred of truth seven months after the question was asked.

Oh wouldn't Machiavelli, that master of cynicism of 15th-century Italy, be proud of our society today. Not only do we not care about our "prince's" morals or his credibility, we like him more for it. In fact, the only thing we really care about is his job, and, when we say that, we mean the economy. Now I'm no economist's major, but the last time I checked, we lived in a free market-based economy. That means the state, in general, has little control over the planning and performance of the market.

But for whatever reason the majority of voters out there think Clinton is the sole source of prosperity for the nation. A savior whose cleverly worded sermons and well-placed lip biting is all that is needed to make the world a better place. But this goes right along with Machiavelli's theory, too, which also stated that it's human nature to serve one's self-interests. So in a way, as long as our self-interests, namely our jobs, low inflation and

cheap gas, remain intact, we as a nation could care less about trivial things like the president's character and integrity. But I'm guessing that the first signs of a recession would turn us into a nation of Puritans awfully quick.

Finally maybe I'm just a nut ball idealist, but I once thought the president stood for something. Maybe I'm still stuck with the elementary school propaganda that guys like Washington, Jefferson and Lincoln actually were better than the common person, and the president was someone we could be proud of. And just possibly I once believed that when a man or woman takes the office of the presidency, he or she would become a figurehead of something much bigger than him - or herself. As leader of the free world they embodied higher ideals like democracy, personal liberty and moral integrity.

Do you honestly think the world's leaders see Clinton as any of these things anymore? Right after the retaliatory bombings in Sudan and Afghanistan, protestors rallied out the "Wag the Dog" theory. While I

personally don't think Clinton would be that politically inept, just the fact it's there as ammo is a sad reality. When a president constantly puts himself in a position of weakness through deception and lies, he becomes a joke. And when the president is a joke, it weakens the whole image of the United States and what it stands for.

Being only human is no excuse for what Clinton did. Every man on earth isn't an adulterer, and every politician isn't a corrupt liar. The fact that some people think this is a depressing fact of how apathetic and cynical we've become. The president won't be impeached for his crimes, the economy is still far too healthy, but I can only hope that come the year 2000, we Americans finally realize that integrity and character demand more than the lip service it gets now.

Ryan is back, spouting naive idealism about how the world doesn't necessarily have to go to hell in a hand basket. If you want to e-mail him and tell him he's a fool for having such a thought he can be reached at rpkellogg@eos.ncsu.edu.

McLain

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of life I had never once wanted to live in a big city, but in July of 1997, I had my first taste of city life. What I found was something so new and refreshing I did not want to leave. Forgetting the tourists and the less-than-desirable air, I found a city unlike any in the United States. There were no skyscrapers, no need for cars and endless parks. I could drink on the street if I wanted to (unlike Brent Road and my pink slip), and, most importantly, I could walk around the city at three in the morning feeling safe and not scared of getting shot. Not to mention all the culture I embraced, which is exponentially larger than anything in North Carolina.

You are probably thinking that all of this is pretty superficial and freehans no bearing on my ego (in Freudian terms) or does not have any relevant intellectual merit. This is, to an extent,

the way I, too, felt until I came back to Raleigh and was able to see how this totally new device transformed how I perceive my reality. It made me realize that I had to be open-minded in a global sense, and not just in some ethnocentric, American, politically correct way.

I saw that I had to take a serious look at the values I had been taught from a Stars and Stripes perspective in comparison with the things I picked up abroad. I went through a teen angst phase in high school, like many teenagers, but I was taking a stance of rebellion that had also been ingrained by American media, American literature and the American educational system.

One of the first things I discovered through one of my classes in London was that the American Revolution only takes up about a day's lecture in the British educational system.

What a huge turnaround from years worth of studying this war in America. This is just one of many examples of differences I felt while across the pond.

A good analogy would be that skydiving could be seen as a life-threat-

ening, stupid, even ridiculous sport to try, but if you did it, it might be the most thrilling and most eye-opening event of your life.

After the summer of 1997, I had that eye-opening experience.

Now, I have just returned from Vienna, Austria, a country that had an unusual language, customs and way of life. What I found in Vienna was a very clean city devoid of the heavy industry that affects most American cities. One that moved in a leisurely pace as seen through the eyes of any of the red street cars. A city so backward to anything you would expect from a city its size in the United States, I almost felt like I was dreaming while sitting in any one of its green parks.

Living in this capital allowed me to experience cultural deviations on a first-hand basis. Take a simple task like eating at a restaurant. You are expected to enjoy your time at any establishment, not just the service. We never got used to the idea of having to demand to pay for eating.

One of the main things I picked up on from class and then the actual immersion in Vienna's streets was the

sense of community unlike what we find in the United States. The public transportation system was impeccable, catering to all the ages. Honor and respect were a given, not an ideal. For example, the public transportation, like most European cities outside Paris and London, is based on the honor system. Quality, in most respects, is second to none. We have all heard about their chocolate, music and fine minds.

What makes all of these uniquely communal? Well it has to do with their society, and it's an unusually small Neo-caste system. Every Austrian, to an extent has an opportunity to devour life in a way that most people would consider favorable.

Europe is not a utopia, nor is our country hell on earth. I have just gotten a wake up call to realize that I'm not the only one out there. If anything, I might hold a door open for you.

I want to give a shout out to everyone who went on the Vienna program, thanks for the memories! If you have comments write to cmclain@unity.ncsu.edu

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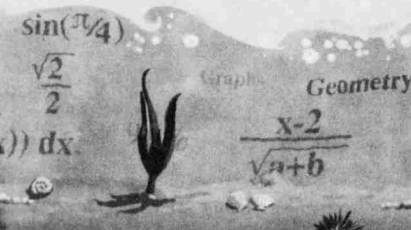
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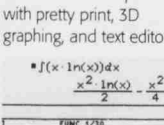
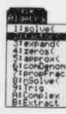
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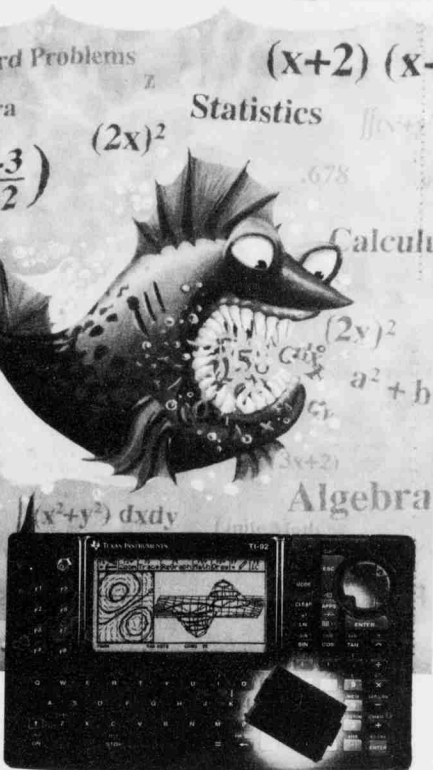


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Wolfpack women's soccer Head Coach Laura Kerrigan is 1-0 at State.

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State takes two at home

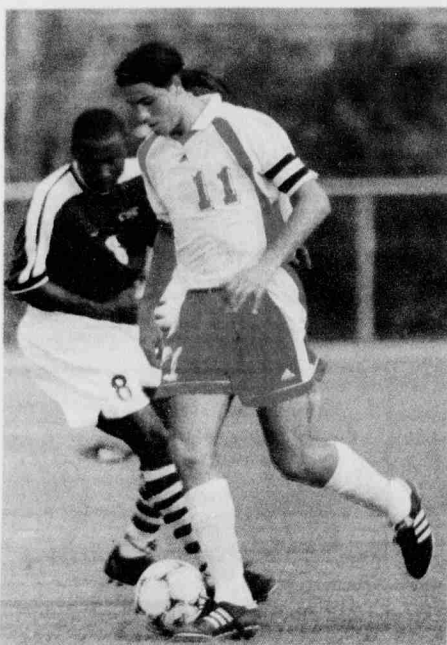
Rodriguez, defense answer challenge

◆ N.C. State men's soccer picks up 3-2 win in season opener.

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Sports Editor

When the Wolfpack men's soccer team arrived 15 minutes before its season-opening match with Charleston Southern, there were question marks hovering over the players' heads. After losing seven seniors, all of which were starters, and one of the top offensive players from the 1997 roster, plus having Eric Kaufman, one of the two returning sophomores who saw any sort of playing time last season sidelined with an injury, Coach George Tarantini's biggest concern wasn't what the Charleston Southern offense was going to throw at the Pack. Tarantini's biggest concern was which 11 players would combat that offense, but after 11 years at the helm of the Wolfpack program, Tarantini handles concerns with stride. Case-in-point: the Wolfpack's 3-2 victory on Tuesday night.

"Charleston Southern is a very good team. Very well-coached Daniel Allen does a great job," Tarantini said after the win. Cougar midfielder Sami Ojala started off the scoring 25 minutes into the contest with a shot centered at the top of the goal. The Pack responded in the first half with a goal from junior transfer Sebastian Rodriguez with just under 10 minutes left on the clock. The Cougars had three chances to tie or take the lead throughout the game, with shots careening off of the goal posts and cross bar. But State took the 2-1 lead at the match's 65 minute mark, as Nick Olivencia, who provided a spark for the Pack in some big contests last season, booted in a rebound shot from Rodriguez. Rodriguez's shot had come off of a direct kick. "It was either Shaker (Asad) or me," Rodriguez said, explaining the set play from Tarantini's playbook. "I saw the goalkeeper was leaning to his left, so I told Shaker that I was going to take it," Rodriguez, one of the team's captains,



Sebastian Rodriguez scored two goals in the Pack's 3-2 victory over Charleston Southern on Tuesday.

closed out State's scoring for the game, with 10 minutes left to play, putting in a shot from the right side. Ojala scored the games final goal, heading a cross pass into the far right-hand corner. State keeper Eric Handley collected three saves.

Leading the Pack

◆ Robbie Howell has come home.

JOHNNY NOEL
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Of all the roads traveled to the N.C. State cross country team, Robbie Howell's may have been the longest. It was definitely the most roundabout route to get where he began in the first place. Howell spent his high school career running for nearby Apex High School, leaving his mark after a strong senior season that earned the attention of a number of the prestigious Ivy League schools. He ended up going to Princeton, but it took little time to figure out it wasn't where he belonged. "I ended up being pretty good, and it got me a little upset. It's just not geared towards athletics, and you don't have the same opportunities and advantages that you do going to a state school. You don't feel like you're very important, and the team doesn't feel like it's a serious thing." Howell returned home after his freshman year and found work at a temp agency while living in nearby Harnett County. He gave Princeton another shot after his year off, but found it no better. "The worst thing was that people on the team, if they had a lot of homework, they just wouldn't come to practice," Howell said. N.C. State was the beneficiary of Robbie Howell, a several-time all-Ivy and all-East runner. "I decided that running was going to be important the next two years, and I wanted to do it as well as I could," Howell said. "As well as he could" has been no small blessing for N.C. State. In his first season running for the Wolfpack, Howell solidified the top-five runners of the cross country team, helping lead the team to its sixth-place finish a year ago. But his heart has always been on the track, and it was where Howell shined a year ago. "I'm definitely better at track and so I get more excited during track season," Howell said. "It's more fun for me to come down on to the track and do some fast workouts." He turned in remarkable performances all year long, both in indoor and outdoor track in a variety of events, from a 14:07 5000 meters at Raleigh Relays to running at Nationals in the 1500 meters. "I feel like I've got a lot of options open to me after I get done here," Howell said. "I think it was the best decision I could have made to finish out my eligibility here." Howell plans on running at least through the year 2000, including plans on qualifying for the Olympic Trials. Running professionally is appealing but supporting himself makes such a career unlikely. "If I was good enough, I would do it, certainly," Howell said. "But there's things to consider, like that I wouldn't make any money." Among his options is a move to Washington, D.C., where he would work while running for Reebok Enclave, a running group providing coaching, equipment, travel expenses and fellow runners, as well as insurance and some money based on performance. Making Washington more appealing is the presence of Robbie's little brother, Tommie. Tommie Howell graduated from Apex in 1998 and is currently running for Georgetown. Robbie began running as a kid for the simple reason that he liked it. "When you were a kid, and you'd go out to recess, the teacher would say, 'run a lap around the track before you start,'" Howell said. "It was nothing more complex than just when we'd go out there, I could run that lap easy and beat everybody." He began running road races and ran through middle school and high school, where he continued to excel. But until his senior year of high school, it was still just fun. "I was really unfocused. When I was a junior in high school, I didn't have any plans of running in college." A summer of hard training with a former N.C. State runner showed him just how fast he could be. His senior year of school saw his PRs (personal records) all take dramatic drops as his approach to running became much more intense. "I was like, wait a second, I'm all right, I could go to college and run," Howell said. Without a strong junior season, however, Howell found attention only from the Ivy League and Duke, mostly because of his grades. He headed to college, not realizing his potential. "I didn't plan on being good," Howell said. "I never planned on being as good as I am now."

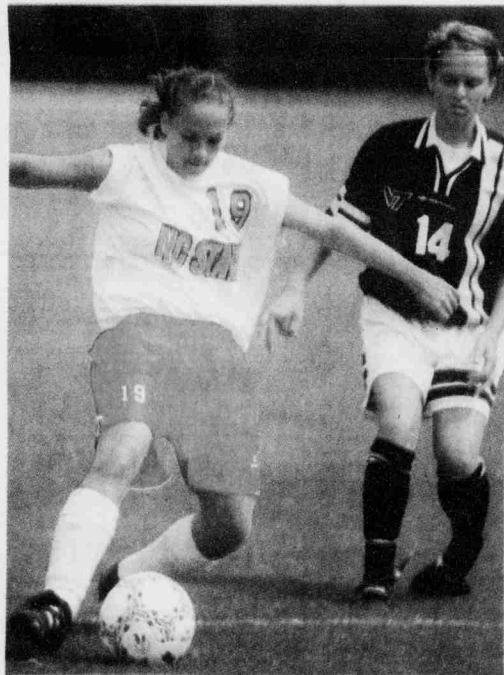
All systems go

◆ Despite some shaky moments, the Pack looks solid at the start and finish to put away Virginia Tech.

JAMES CURLE
Assistant Sports Editor

A goal two minutes into the match on the first shot taken all season is a good omen. Or in the very least it's encouraging. The Wolfpack's Jennifer Marsh wasted no time nacking up some offense against Virginia Tech, scoring N.C. State's first goal of the season with less than two minutes off the clock in State's 4-1 victory over the Hokies yesterday at Method Road. "You gotta like that," Head Coach Laura Kerrigan said of the first goal. "It doesn't always work out that way, so it's nice getting a goal at the beginning." After the Pack's Stacey Nevin dove the ball within striking distance, she let loose a shot that caromed off of Va. Tech's goalkeeper. Marsh wasted no time in picking up the deflection and putting it in the back of the nets at the 1:59 mark. "I just happened to be in the right place at the right time," Marsh said of her scoring heroics. "I just followed the shot, and when she shot that it bounced off the goalie and I just happened to be there." After the Hokies rallied to put the score at one-all just after the beginning of the second half, Marsh and the Pack came out gunning late in the second half. She struck paydirt once again off an assist from Nevin, connecting at the 82:56 minute mark to put the score at 2-1. And fortunately for the Pack that would be all the offense they would need. Virginia Tech would threaten several times over the course of the game, but

save for a few shots on goal coming from scattered lapses defensively, the Hokies were ineffective offensively. Head Coach Laura Kerrigan needed a boost from the bench, and she got just that in freshman Jennifer Moskewicz. The freshman came off the bench with just under 10 minutes to play. Within two minutes of her arrival, Moskewicz had made her mark, beating her worn-out defender easily for her first goal of the season and the third of the game for the Pack. "She was a great spark for us," Kerrigan said of Moskewicz. "She came in and just picked up the level of play for us." That spark turned into the equivalent of a brush fire, enveloping the Hokies in an offensive push that netted two goals in the span of just two minutes. Directly following Moskewicz's score in the 88th minute, freshman Kris Phillips punched in a goal of her own in the 89th to put the score at 4-1. "We need to get our injured people healthy, number one," Kerrigan said. "We're missing a lot. We've got a lot of good players along the sidelines here. They're keeping us company, but I'd rather have them on the field." The overall result was a positive—anytime a team can walk away with a victory is a positive—but it also showed that at times there were lapses here and there in the execution of the game plan. "We had a lot of opportunities to score that we let slide by," Kerrigan said. But, as Kerrigan notes, a 'W' is a 'W', and there aren't too many better ways to start off a season. "I'm happy with the result," she said. "I gotta be happy with any win. We saw some good things out of our team today, and we take some good things away from this game."



The Wolfpack picked up its first win under Laura Kerrigan on Tuesday, defeating Virginia Tech.

Sports news and notes from around the nation

◆ Another sexual harassment lawsuit, a drug arrest and an injury highlight the national sports scene.

Sports Staff Report

Former tennis players file \$745M lawsuit against Syracuse coach. Syracuse, NY - Two former Syracuse University women's tennis players have filed a massive multi-million-dollar lawsuit against the school and its athletic department. SU women's varsity tennis Coach Jesse Dwire is accused of sexual

harassment of both Senior Dacia Kornechuk and 1998 graduate Kirsten Ericson. The two maintain that they were harassed physically as well as verbally throughout their careers at Syracuse by the coach. The suit claims that Dwire allegedly "Game team members inappropriate, full body massages; instigated sexual discussions with team members; made sexist comments to team members on a regular basis and used stretching exercises to make intimidating sexual contact with Kornechuk." The suit goes further, saying the coach has sexually harassed team

members for 19 years. Dwire has been the varsity team's coach since 1978. In 1996, Kornechuk and Ericson filed a sexual harassment complaint through the university judicial system, and Dwire was found guilty of two counts of verbal sexual harassment for having inappropriate sexual conversations with Ericson and for making sexist speeches to team members but was not found guilty of physical harassment. Dwire was suspended for three months that summer. The coach and the athletic department have refused to comment on the matter.

Arizona basketball player arrested on drug charges. Tucson, AZ - Senior Donnell Harris, a center on the University of Arizona's men's basketball team was arrested by university police on the morning of Aug. 30 for two warrants, one stemming from a drug violation - after being stopped for a traffic offense. Harris, who was pulled for "weaving," was reported to be cooperative during the stop. However, a check on the 6-foot-11-inch post player's record revealed warrants for speeding and possession of marijuana. The reserve center met with coach-

es and athletic department officials Monday to discuss the incident. Harris scored eight points in the Wildcat's victory over Kentucky in the 1997 NCAA Championship game. Nebraska quarterback injured. Lincoln, Neb. - Bobby Newcome, the starting quarterback for the Nebraska Cornhuskers, suffered a knee injury in the Huskers' opening game on Saturday that may force him to miss action. Newcome sustained the injury after hitting the turf with 59 seconds remaining in the third quarter of Nebraska's 56-27 victory over

Louisiana Tech. The sophomore, in his first start ever, played two more series after the injury took place. Freshman Eric Crouch came in for Newcome with just under seven minutes to play in the game. NU Quarterbacks Coach Turner Gill said that Crouch would likely have come in regardless of Newcome's condition. Crouch is listed as the likely starter when the Huskers host Alabama-Birmingham. An MRI test revealed a slight tear in the posterior cruciate ligament in Newcome's left knee.