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Ben Johnson, a senior in construction engineering and management, and Alan Welborn, a junior in biochemistry, listen to representatives from Proctor and Gamble during an information session Monday. Proctor and Gamble was on campus looking to recruit bright students.

Latch case remains open

◆ Although four months have passed, the case of the math professor beaten in Harrelson has still not been resolved.

LEA DELICIO
News Editor

Four months after Dana Latch, an associate professor of mathematics, was assaulted in Harrelson Hall, both N.C. State Public Safety and the State Bureau of Investigation remain silent as to where the investigation into the assault has led them.

"Too many times, it hampers the investigation," said Terry Wright of Public Safety, referring to why Public Safety did not wish to disclose any information.

Wright said the District Attorney has given orders that Public Safety take a stance of "no comment" in this case. Any information ranging from names of suspects to whether any fingerprints were found is to remain within Public Safety and the SBI.

Bill Weis of the SBI refused comment as well when asked if there were any leads in the case.

"We wouldn't be able to give that information out," Weis said, directing all questions to NCSU Public Safety. However, Weis did say the investigation was "still open and continuing."

In the past, Latch herself has remained silent about the assault. When asked if Public Safety had instructed Latch to keep close-lipped about the incident, Wright said, "Absolutely not."

Jeff Mann, associate vice chancellor for business and overseer of Public Safety, said he supported Public Safety's stance.

"It would be inappropriate to report facts... while the investigation is still in progress," Mann said.

"I understand the frustration that the community feels," he said.

However, Mann said Public Safety was acting appropriately if they wanted to one day prosecute someone in this case.

Mann stressed that the investigation into the assault was "still active and still very important to Public Safety."

Robert Kochersberger, an associate professor of English and former police beat reporter, spoke on Public Safety's silence.

"Police agencies, especially campus police, tend to hide behind claims that talking about the investigation would harm it," he said.

Kochersberger said, in his experience, certain facts "can and should be made public" so that the public knows investigators are doing their job. For example, he said it would not harm an investigation to simply say that they had lifted fingerprints.

In his opinion, Public Safety's silence might make it look as if they are "covering up for incompetence."

Latch was seriously beaten on May 19 in her Harrelson Hall office. She was taken to WakeMed in critical condition and remained at the hospital for several weeks before being released.

Chancellor Fox eases CHASS' concerns

◆ To calm the fears of many supporters of the humanities, Chancellor Fox recently wrote out a detailed vision for CHASS.

JACK DALY
News Editor

In a speech at a General Faculty Meeting on Aug. 18, Chancellor Marye Anne Fox chose to accentuate the traditionally noted strengths of N.C. State — science and technology.

However, not everyone in the audience was thrilled with the emphasis.

"Well, I think some of the faculty thought that she emphasized science and technology more than they would have liked," said Margaret Zahn, dean of the College of Humanities and Social Sciences.

"There was a pretty strong reaction of a number of faculty members who thought she was ignoring the humanities and

social sciences," said Edith Sylla, interim head of the history department. "To me it sounded like she said the humanities belong to Chapel Hill and technology to NCSU. CHASS doesn't only want to be a service college."

As a result, Sylla said that some members of the history department and CHASS wrote the chancellor to express their concerns.

"I wrote a brief note as a professor of history," said Gail O'Brien, associate dean for graduate programs, planning and faculty affairs. "I wrote a brief note in which I said we had a faculty in CHASS which was renowned and I asked her, 'Where do we fit in your vision?'"

In response to the letters and e-mails, Fox spent one weekend thinking about the issue and wrote a five-page paper, known as the "white paper," outlining her vision of humanities and social sciences at NCSU.

"I think that it is remarkable that she

took the time to write such a detailed report with her busy schedule," Zahn said.

Other members of CHASS also seemed pleased with the chancellor's response to their concerns.

"I was really extremely pleased with her response," O'Brien said. "The white paper was a big step. I was just as excited after the white paper as when I found out she was coming here."

In her paper, Fox wrote that "excellence in the CHASS is fully compatible with, and indeed is required for, continued outstanding achievement and recognition in NCSU's other colleges."

Fox stressed the importance of educating the whole person and also wrote that "in stating that NCSU is North Carolina's leader in science and technology, it is my clear intention to include the humanities and social sciences within the same umbrella, because excellence in these disciplines is vital to the entire enterprise."

... CHASS is, in fact, a vitally important component of the university's service in a knowledge-based economy and in its efforts to assure that the whole at NCSU is much greater than its parts."

Aside from writing the response, Fox also met with the department heads of CHASS to discuss any other possible anxieties. Tom Regan, head of the philosophy department, said that he feels that Fox is committed to the college.

"She obviously thinks that the college is important," said Regan. "I can certainly say that I've been impressed with the energy and vision of the new chancellor. I think she wants all areas of the university to flourish."

Zahn also feels that any tension between CHASS and the chancellor's office has been taken care of.

"I think she thinks it is very important to have a strong CHASS," Zahn said. "I think that concerns that took place after that speech have been taken care of."

NCSU analyzes odor control

◆ N.C. State professors' recommendations may help create farm-odor laws.

MICHAEL COOKSON
Staff Writer

A 12-member task force, consisting of N.C. State professors and state officials, just completed an eight-month study in odor control.

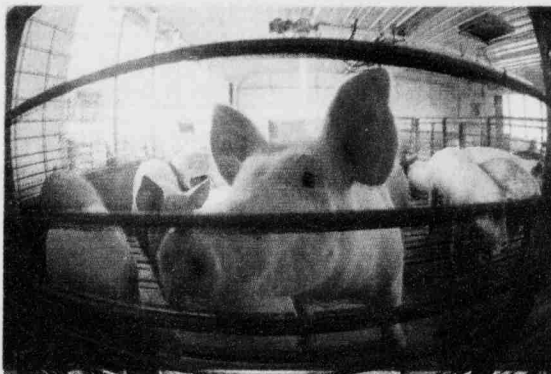
The study, mandated by House Bill 515 and ratified by the previous General Assembly, is a comprehensive report regarding animal emissions in southeastern North Carolina.

"Measurement of livestock odor is very difficult and complex," said Michael Williams, director of animal and poultry waste at NCSU. "It isn't like water pollution, which can be measured by sampling. It's more difficult to pin down the exact figures."

Farm animal odors were previously regulated through the Clean Air Act and other general provisions set by EPA officials. However, no specific standards of odor regulation are currently written into law.

"This is a worldwide issue but a relatively new area within the United States," Williams said. "The reactions to this study have been generally well-received from both farmers and environmental interest groups."

Susan Schiffman, director of the taste and smell



NCSU researchers are trying to control odor from pigs and other animals.

laboratory at Duke Medical School, and Patrick Knowlson of the N.C. Division of Air Quality were among the 12-member task force.

The task force commenced meeting in late January and completed its report by the Sept. 1 deadline, after meeting twice a week over an eight-month period.

Williams presented the group's findings to the Environmental Management Commission on Sept. 9 and is waiting for a date to present results

to the Environmental Review Commission later this year.

Upon receiving William's recommendations, the Environmental Review Commission must adopt odor regulation rules by March 1, 1999.

The task force hopes that the state legislature uses its recommendations when it enacts new odor regulations early next year. The Review

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NCSU's average SAT scores rise

◆ Admissions statistics for N.C. State show that NCSU is not as diverse as its peer institutions.

TIM CRONE
Assistant News Editor

It's been a pretty average year for Registration and Records.

N.C. State welcomed nearly 3,800 new freshmen this year, along with about 1,000 transfer students and some 1,200 graduate students, according to preliminary reports by University Planning and Analysis.

While the numbers may seem large, they signify a drop in transfer and graduate student admissions, with no real increase in undergraduate admissions. Even so, total enrollment counts have remained nearly constant since fall 1991.

Caucasians comprise about 79.2 percent of the NCSU population — about 0.7 percent less than last fall. With, numerically, only four new Native American students arriving on campus, their portion of the racial division pie remained nearly

constant, at 0.6 percent of total NCSU students.

Enrollment of African-American students went up over the same time period — approximately 9.8 percent of the student body, up from 9.5 percent just last year, is African American. Asians comprise 4.7 percent, international students 4.2 percent and Hispanic students just 1.5 percent of the student composition.

Nearly 30 percent of the entering freshman class is in the College of Engineering — the First Year College and CALS comprise another 37 percent, and the other schools make up the other portions of the enrollment. The NCSU population is composed of 88.1 percent in-state students — up from 87.8 percent last year.

This year's average SAT score for entering freshmen, 1159, is slightly higher than in previous years. Not since 1993 have the scores been even within a single point. The average SAT-Math score, 592, was only slightly higher than the mean SAT-Verbal score of 567. The average

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ACT composite score was 23.67, and average high school GPA was 3.80.

How did other universities fare? While data for most of the officially recognized peers of NCSU are not prepared for this year, comparisons can be drawn from last year's data.

The average freshman SAT scores for Virginia Tech were quite close to those of NCSU. Indeed, only a minor difference of about 15 points separates the two. The University of Minnesota at Twin Cities, another NCSU peer, had an average ACT composite of 24.2; Georgia Tech students entered with an average SAT score of 1305.

The University of Maryland at College Park, however, has a campus far more diverse than that of NCSU. Less than 60 percent of the university is Caucasian. At the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, about 75 percent of students are classified as "White/Other." At Georgia Tech, perhaps the geographically closest peer, about 71 percent of students fall into the "white" category.

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Commission is expected to adopt many of the task force's recommendations and handle this area in the most cost-effective means possible. Officials said research would continue as technology continues to develop in this area. While it develops, more efforts will be made to strengthen the relationship between agriculture and the communities that it serves.

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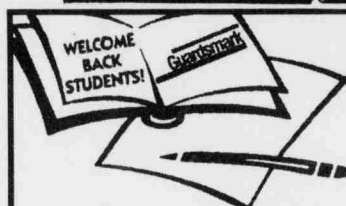


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Technobabble

CHARLES MANGIN
Staff Writer

◆ This is it in a nutshell: How the Internet works, explained by a geek for non-geeks. Part 2.

This week's column is intended to be a short lesson on how information travels from one computer to another over the Internet. It is not intended to replace all the immense books in the "computers" section at Barnes & Noble on such topics as IP networking, building your own routers or SMTP and Sendmail — the big, fat books with more than 1,000 pages, no illustrations and tiny type.

It is my theory that the geeks in charge of disseminating information to the masses, namely the people that write software manuals, intentionally write in obscure, hard-to-understand language, then print their manuals in an intimidating and unreadable manner just to scare normal people away from that section in the bookstore.

That's where they hold the meetings of their secret society bent on world domination. Or I could just be paranoid.

Anyway, let's focus on one of those books, the biggest, fattest one you can imagine. Imagine you've got a geeky friend that you wanted to send this manual to for his birthday. I've got friends that like to receive these kinds of gifts. Anyway, you could send the whole thing in a package, trusting the postal system to deliver it as addressed, in one piece with no dings or dents.

But then, my metaphor would be shot. So let's say you want to illustrate how sending files over the Internet works (your buddy's a geek, so he'll understand). Sending that huge book through the mail would be like downloading a multi-megabyte file from an Internet site.

If the Internet worked like airmail, then you would get your whole file all at once, in one long stream of bits. This would mean that the sending computer would have to put off sending to anybody else while it was sending your file and your receiving computer would have to delay any other incoming data to be sure that the file was in one piece. Also, any line noise or interruptions in the transfer would cause the whole file to be corrupted, meaning you'd have to start over from scratch if anything went wrong.

Try delivering your 1,000 page manual by stuffing it into a pneumatic mail tube if you want another slightly more apt analogy. So what do you do? You run out to the local copy shop, and get photocopies of every page in the manual and 1,000 envelopes. Stop by the post office on your way home to get some stamps, too.

After addressing each envelope to be sure no one else receives it by mistake, (your pages, or packets, are addressed with IP numbers like we covered last week) you stuff in a page of the book and seal it. With the taste of envelope flap glue still lingering on your tongue, you walk to the mailbox and drop in the first of your 1,000 envelopes. You are now an Internet site, probably an FTP site, serving up a huge file for an anonymous client somewhere else on the Internet. The envelopes you're sending out are like the packets, a few kilobytes in length, that an FTP server spews out to waiting clients. The packets, like envelopes, are addressed with enough information for the routers and other machines on the Internet to sort and send your packets, like a post office, to the right place. Also, like a return address, the packets are marked with where they came from and what route they went through to get to their destination (like a postmark on a canceled stamp). A few days later, if you're lucky, your friend gives you a call thanking you for the gift and asking could you send the next page? So you run out and drop page 2 in the box.

Luckily, the pages in your manual have the page numbers and the book's title printed on them, otherwise your friend would be hard pressed to arrange them in their proper order. Each time he receives one, he throws out the envelope and adds the page to his slowly growing stack, then gives you a call to say he got it, and please send the next page.

After each packet finds its way to its destination, the receiving machine adds the raw content of the packet to the file it's building. Then it sends a message back to the return address, saying, basically, "got it." Since these computers talking and not the postal system — it's not called snail mail for nothing — the whole process is measured in fractions of a second, rather than days.

This goes on for about a year, at which point you've just mailed page 200.

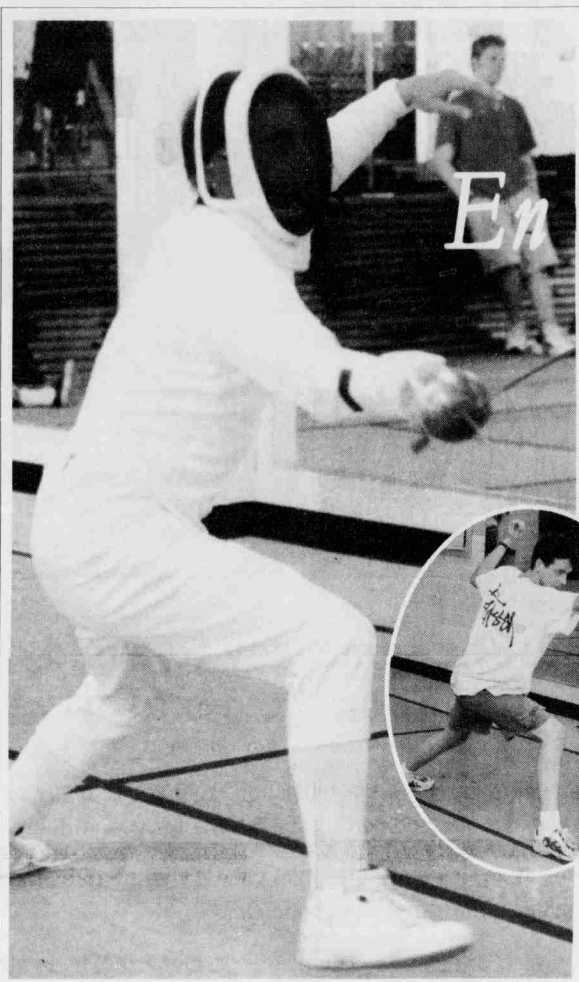
Several days pass, then a week, and there is no response from your friend. You give him a call, and he says he's still waiting on the next page. While our postal system has made great strides in automation and increased efficiency, the occasional letter gets mangled in the machinery or somehow ends up a dead letter. It happens.

So you send another copy of page 200 out, which does arrive a few days later, and the process continues as normal. Occasionally there are dropped pages, which you mail out copies of if there is no response after a week without bothering to call.

When computers talk, usually it's over phone lines — special, high speed phone lines with designations like T1 and T3, but phone lines just the same. Phone lines occasionally suffer from static or bits of noise or a sticky switch somewhere. Packets get dropped or lost in transit, and so rather than start over from the beginning in such a case, the missing packet is resent. Usually this happens after a set delay, so the process continues fairly smoothly in cases of intermittent noise or a faulty router.

Anyway, back to you and your geeky birthday present. One page every few days is hardly Internet speeds, but it proves a point. At this rate, it takes another five birthdays for your friend to receive the book, which is horribly out of date by the time he assembles it, but he's happy, because he helped you demonstrate how the Internet works. Next week, I'll explain what I mean when I say the way to speed up the Information Superhighway is to not to make the lanes wider, but to make the cars smaller. I'll take a crack at file compression, which could turn your 1,000 page manual into a comic book, or vice versa.

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Members of the fencing club get in position for the 'kill.'

◆ The fencing club.

Swords will be clanging and men and women alike will be thrusting and parrying as the annual regional fencing scrimmage gets under way in South Carolina this Sunday.

N.C. State's fencing club team will be making the journey south to compete with regional schools along with a few other schools from this area, including Duke and UNC-Chapel Hill.

The meet is one of few of its kind in the southeast.

"Fencing isn't that popular in the southeast, really," said club President Kevin Hale. Of course, Hale and his fellow members seek to change that, and from the looks of it, they are — somewhat. Hale said that attendance has tripled from last year's club, "and this is only the third meeting."

Jonathan Ames, a new member attending for only the second time, said that "[Fencing] is a lot more of a workout than I expected and it's a lot faster than you'd expect."

It is indeed fast, as several old hands exhibited. Scores are registered in foil competition by the contact of the point of the weapon and one's opponent's body, and, until that score occurs, it's each man for himself.

Most repeat attendees were long-time fencers, though the new group of recruits seems to be divided between novices and veterans.

"It's about half and half," remarked Filipe Llanes, a graduate student in physics here at NCSU, as well as an avid swordsman. "[Fencing is] more like martial arts than self-defense; it's graceful-a-skill," commented Hale. This is well illustrated by the amount of time spent on fundamentals.

A long warm-up preceded last Monday's session, including footwork drills and accuracy exercises. Of the three weapons used in fencing — foil, epee — and saber, the NCSU team only has people that can teach foil and saber. However, one attendee of the meeting, Roger Altendorf, says he'd be more than happy to sign on as an instructor if the situation presented itself. Altendorf is a former fencing instructor from the University of Wisconsin.

One of the major problems these swordsmen face is funding. According to Hale, there was a short-lived movement to establish an NCAA fencing team at NCSU about six years ago, but, due to a low level of student interest and resulting inadequate funds, it was pared away by the school.

Last year's retirement of the fencing coach is only a minor setback though, and the members seem to be encouraged by the recent showing of interest.

For now, the meetings are limited to attendees whom have already had prior fencing experience, no matter how little. Toward the middle of October, classes will re-open to beginners. Hale, as well as Vice President John Lemons and Secretary Kit Birch, are clearly interested in bringing in new blood.

Hale asks that anyone interested in attending the meetings e-mail him at kahale@unity.ncsu.edu. Or, meetings convene every Monday and Wednesday in the fencing room of Carmichael Gymnasium from now until the end of the semester. All you need is the insurance waiver form and an interest in fencing.

She's a 'witchy' woman

MARY ROURE
Los Angeles Times

A witch walks through the lobby of a hotel in Laguna Beach, Calif., and no one even notices. She looks too normal. Wiccan high priestess Phyllis Currott, a sleek blonde with a full set of teeth, has none of the storybook traits.

Nose, wartless; hair, snarl-free though long, complexion, more pink than green; outfit, above suspicion except for the chalice on a cord that hangs around her neck. Maybe it's just a vase.

Her life story, though, is a bit off-center. Currott is a New York native, graduate of Brown University and New York University law school, civil liberties lawyer and president emeritus of the Covenant of the Goddess, an international association of practicing wiccans. That was before she switched to real estate law and added "author" to her credits. "The Book of Shadows" (Broadway Books), about her 20 years as a witch, will be in stores in October.

Things feel surprisingly normal until Currott explains how she and her husband, Bruce Fields, met. "It was in a dream," she says, and the whole picture starts to tilt. There he was, a dark-haired man, dressed in a leather jacket, standing in her doorway, holding flowers. She woke up, a friend called and said he wanted to fix her up with a guy named Bruce.

A nice girl from New York gets into witchcraft, you have to wonder how it happens. "It's the last thing I ever expected," Currott says. Ordinary touches, like her diamond solitaire ring and her ivory-colored nail polish, make you want to believe. "I was raised in an intellectual household. My father was a union organizer. When I asked him about the goddess, he plied me with books on Greek mythology."

"I was 25 years old, in my last year of law school. I hadn't done drugs, I had never heard of Esalen. I hadn't even read Carlos Castaneda." (Translation: The human potential movement hadn't taken

off, there weren't many self-realization centers, and Castaneda's 1968 bestseller, "Teachings of Don Juan," about his journey into the peyote culture, went past her.)

It took a premonition about an Egyptian goddess named Isis, and a face-to-face meeting with her among the funerary objects at the Metropolitan Museum of Art, to catch Currott's attention.

Chance introductions to practicing witches who doubled as secretaries, socialites and physical therapists convinced her. "It was a calling," she says. "I suddenly realized that the universe is alive and it interacts with you. It was a mind-blowing experience."

A long afternoon's conversation spins around potions, spells, trances, visions, caldrons and wands, and leads naturally to Currott's disclosure that she trains others to be wiccan high priestesses too.

Witchcraft, the Ivy League way: Accepted about 12 students at a time in a four-year program, feed them cultural history, Arthurian legends, Homeric hymns, ecology, and, most of all, give them experience. Currott regularly immerses her charges in a wicca circle, the witch's way of communing with the divine, where drumbeats and intense breathing are just the warmup. Her book explains the basics of witchcraft's history, and gives mini-lessons in forming a sacred circle and brewing potions.

It sounds remote but not scary to J. Gordon Melton in Santa Barbara, Calif., director of the Institute for the Study of American Religion and who has studied wicca during the past 20 years. "Witches are a benign, nature-oriented group," he says. "Members tend to be urban dwellers with a lot of potted plants and a couple of pets."

Witchcraft studies are now part of college courses on new, indigenous or goddess religions, he says. Melton places those studies closest to Native American and Hindu traditions that allow for many gods and hold a deep reverence for the Earth.

The curses and spells are from folk tales

and legends mostly. "Some witches are into working low magic," he says. "They will throw a hex once in awhile. Whether it works or not depends on how much you believe in magic."

Not that he is offering advice, but Melton does say. "The problem is the title, 'witch.' It's been their ticket to prominence and an albatross around their neck." Currott uses the original name, Old Religion.

Some people are less intimidated than others. The Rev. Darrell Berger, pastor of the Fourth Universalist Society, a Unitarian Universalist church in New York City, has been high priest to Currott's high priestess for a winter solstice celebration in the church. Members of his congregation now hold a wiccan circle every month at the full moon.

"If you are looking for images of god

that are feminine, it takes you out of the Judeo-Christian bag into the pre-patriarchal bag," Berger says. Late in his congregation is more interested in the care of the environment. That has drawn some members into wicca.

Worldwide membership is not more than 80,000 witches, with perhaps 70,000 in the United States, according to Melton. The number has held steady for 15 years. About 40 percent of members are men.

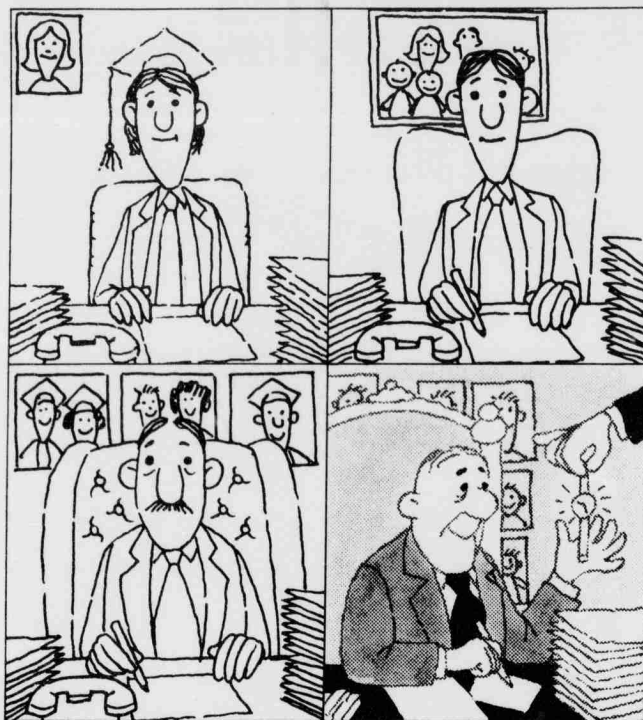
There is Charles, 34, for one, who will not give his full name for fear that he could lose his job as a public school teacher in the New York area. "The parents might get freaked," he says. "I'd have to deal with misconceptions."

Raised in Christianity, he says he didn't so much leave it as never go back after

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WITCHCRAFT: Phyllis Currott, a lawyer and author, says of her involvement in witchcraft, "It's the last thing I ever expected."



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Technician's view

Fox should respect CHASS

♦ Humanities and social sciences are more than just "complements" to science and technology.

The humanities and social sciences are more than just "complementary work" to the science, engineering and technological programs at N.C. State. Maybe somebody should tell that to Chancellor Marye Anne Fox.

Oh, wait — somebody already did. Or rather, somebody — as in members of the College of Humanities and Social Sciences. It seems that Chancellor Fox's Aug. 18 address to NCSU faculty and staff members ruffled more than a few feathers, particularly in CHASS. In this speech, Fox stated her belief that NCSU should focus mainly on "science, engineering and technology, while incorporating superb complementary work in design, management, the humanities and social sciences that focuses on the social implications of science and technology."

As if being deemed "complementary" and, thus, secondary to NCSU's technical colleges wasn't bad enough, the implication was that the only reason for the existence of CHASS programs was to study their effect on science and technology. And some people in CHASS were just a little bit upset by this.

And rightfully so. Perhaps it somehow escaped the chancellor's attention that with approximately 3,000 undergraduate students, 500 graduate students and over 400 faculty members, CHASS is one of the largest colleges in the university. Or maybe she just missed

the fact that the college has one of the highest percentages of graduates, or that several of its programs are ranked among the best in the nation.

Whatever the case, it was quickly brought to her attention. Fox was deluged by a maelstrom of e-mails, phone calls and letters. And one letter in particular — namely, from the college itself — rendered a hurried response from the chancellor.

So on Sept. 1, Fox re-addressed the faculty of the College of Humanities and Social Sciences, claiming that a lack of time had prevented her from glorifying any individual programs — except, of course, those having to do with science, engineering or technology.

Fox went on to state that "excellence in the College of Humanities and Social Sciences is fully compatible with, and is indeed required for, continued outstanding achievement and recognition in N.C. State's other colleges." She noted the "key role" that the arts, humanities and social sciences play "in an institution devoted to student learning, to discovery and to application." The chancellor also pledged to seek time and funding to further research and programs within the college.

Bravo, Chancellor Fox. It is indeed necessary for NCSU to project the image of a well-rounded, multi-faceted university — one in which the humanities is on equal par with science and technology. It is simply unfortunate that she didn't recognize this fact until it was shoved in her face.

Teenagers' sexual activity in decline

That researchers have found a decline in the number of adolescents engaging in sex is by itself very heartening news. That this decline occurred against the relentless bump and grind of our sex-drenched popular culture is even more impressive.

A report released by the federal Centers for Disease Control finds that from 1991 to 1997, the share of the nation's teenagers who engaged in sexual activity declined a striking 11 percent. Last year, 48.4 percent of students in grades nine through 12 were sexually active, the CDC said, compared with 54.1 percent in 1991.

This dip is the first departure from the ballooning rates of sexual intercourse among adolescents that started in the 1970s. "For the first time in a decade," said one agency official, "less than half of the nation's school students have engaged in sexual intercourse." Because kids typically want to "fit in," this finding is especially important; now those who abstain can say they represent the majority.

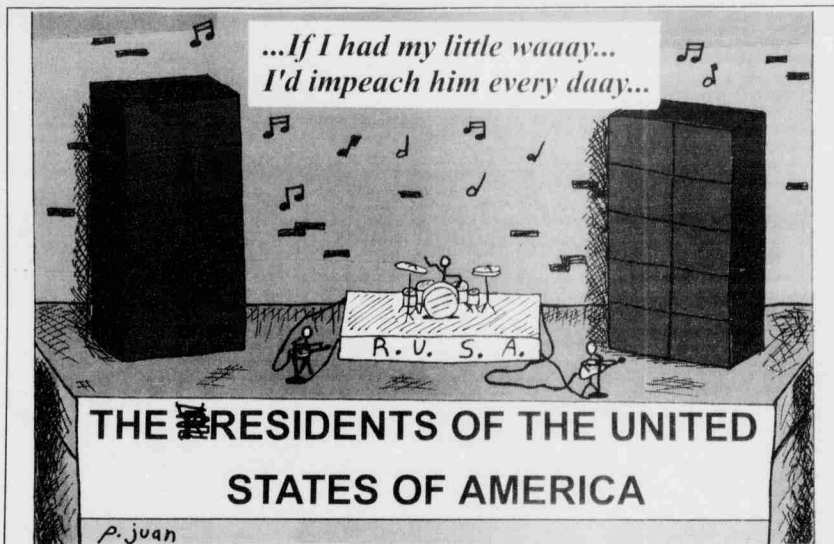
Decades of research, underscored by the hard-luck stories of teenagers who became sexually active, indicates that this fragile new majority can look forward to a brighter future. Girls who don't get pregnant have far better odds of graduating from high school and going on to college. And youngsters who refrain from sex also avoid sexually transmitted

diseases such as AIDS.

Even among those teenagers who are sexually active there were encouraging findings. Condom use is up among those students who reported they had sex during the past three months, from 46.2 percent of students in 1991 to 56.8 percent in 1997, and pregnancy and gonorrhea, a sexually transmitted disease, were declining. The study was based on the responses of more than 50,000 students who completed written, anonymous questionnaires during the 1990s asking about a range of sexual activity. The one caution light regarding the study is the possibility that not all teenagers, particularly boys, responded truthfully to the questions — but even so, the trend remains positive.

As to what's behind these welcome changes, researchers are understandably cautious about making connections. But it seems sensible to credit the effort in recent years by parents, schools and health officials to teach young people about the benefits of postponing sex and about birth control and safe sex practices if they choose not to. Those efforts must continue, particularly since the parade of provocative images on television, music videos, billboards and the like shows no signs of letting up.

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Just keep trying

NATALIE DUGGINS
Staff Columnist

I thought that today I'd take a page out of the infamous "Kelly Marks' Play Book" and write a column about myself.

As I rested on my bed this past weekend, I looked over in the corner to my recently polished acoustic guitar. I was really proud of that guitar — for what reason, I'm not exactly sure. It took a lot of saving for me to get that guitar and ... no, wait, that's not really true either.

I was a few paychecks into my summer job when I passed a guitar shop and thought to myself, "Wow, I've always wanted one of those," so I bought one. (I'm what they call an impulsive consumer.) To this day, I don't know how to play a single chord on that guitar, and it just sits in the corner of my room, all nice and shiny, until I feel the need to strum a little bit (attempting to get it to sound as much as like whatever song happens to be on the radio as possible). Much to the chagrin of

my family, I have yet to learn how to play, but I'm sure that one day I will, and well, maybe.

Then I continued my glance around my room and came upon some of my sports equipment. All battered and bruised, it lies in a pile in my closet. Ah, my treasured pair of Roces' in-line skates. I remember what they used to look like when I bought them, but now, due to my inability to maneuver on them, they're all scratched up. Even the pair of Roces' shoes I have in better condition than my skates.

One day I'll take the time to get better at rollerblading, so that I don't find myself on the ground every two minutes, and well, maybe.

Worse than my inability to in-line skate, however, is my ability — or lack thereof — to skateboard. I bought, which lies next to my skates, used to have this cool design on the bottom that a friend of mine created. Numerous thrills and spills have caused the paint to chip off, so much so that you can barely make out the picture. I made feeble attempts at

skating when I was in elementary school because all the cool kids did it, and even now, a decade later, I still can't do it.

One would think that after 10 years of falls, I'd learn, but I've reconciled that the reason I want to continue trying to skate is the same reason I started in the first place — all the cute ... uh, I mean cool kids do it. One day I'll take the time to get better at skating, so that I can finally quit buying new knee and elbow pads every few weeks, and well, maybe.

At this point, I sat up in my bed, a little disillusioned. Didn't I enjoy doing something that I was at least decent at? I love to play basketball, and granted, I'll never be the next Cynthia Cooper (the Michael Jordan of women's basketball), but I definitely was decent. "Yeah, basketball," I thought, "I'm pretty good at basketball and I like playing." I laid back down, proud of myself for having found something I was good at. I couldn't help but think about this

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Subjective fashion advice

AMANDA GUTHRIE
Staff Columnist

don't really understand it, but it was funny nonetheless.

The second struck me as a pitiful attempt to make illicit drugs seem cool — that I definitely don't understand. I also observed several people in physical education uniforms, yet another thing I don't understand. I realize that taking PE is a requirement, and I realize that there may not be much time to change clothes after PE class. I could even accept the idea that there were no clean clothes to be found this morning, but the message that is portrayed through this choice in fashion is as follows: I just got out of PE and didn't care enough to change clothes, which also means I probably didn't care enough to put on deodorant. Or,

I am so pitiful that I couldn't find anything else to wear.

The even worse scenario is that those I observe may actually find this apparel stylish. Anyhow, this choice of style is more tolerable than some that have been observed. My friend told me just today she saw two different guys with considerably long rat tails. I was dumbfounded when I heard this, and the first thought that came to my mind was Jordan of "The New Kids On The Block." I'll be the first to admit that I was, and forever shall be, a huge fan of the New Kids, but I do think their tastes in the departments of hair style and fashion should

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Harsh reality confronts her invincibility

KELLY MARKS
Staff Columnist

My freshman year, I was delusional.

Now some would question my use of the past tense here, but I maintain that I am not as delusional as I was before. And I can prove it. Honest.

When I was a freshman, I thought I was a superhero. I don't mean literally — although there was the one time I ran through my suite in a cape and one of those blue liquid ice masks, much to my suitmates' combined amusement and chagrin. There is still mention of the "Super Kelly" incident to this day, but in response, I can only say that the medication has worked wonders and I am now able to be a productive member of society.

It was more of a figurative thing. I had illusions of my own invincibility. I thought I could do everything — level mountains, scale tall buildings in a single bound, take 19 hours of classes on top of a job and club memberships, heal the world and make it a better place — you get the picture.

Boys and girls, reality is a harsh and evil witch. That year taught me a lot — about who I was, what I was capable of doing and exactly how far I could tip the "weirdness meter" before my suitmates were dialing up the men in the white coats. Alas, I am no super hero. There will be no action figures sporting my likeness this year or any other. Sigh.

It was an ugly lesson, too. One that found me cursing out people in elevators for no reason and dissolving into tears one night under the horrid

fluorescent lights of the dorm bathroom. I couldn't understand why everyone around me seemed so darn capable. And I couldn't understand why anyone would want to be around someone as inept at things as I seemed to be.

Yet, in this life there's much that I am thankful for. And I'm about to launch into one of the biggies.

I learned another lesson my freshman year. It was one that people had been trying to teach me my whole life, but my thick head didn't seem to register it until then. And in all honesty, I'm still grappling with some of its more subtle aspects to this day.

I'm a lucky girl. I'm surrounded by great people everyday of my life. And regardless of how much I get done in a day, how much I make them put up with in a day or how

much I mess things up in a day, they're always there for me. They like me (or so they keep saying...), and it's completely independent of what I've done or what I can do for them. They like me for who I am.

And this is what gets me through things. Knowing someone cares how I come through makes me actually want to.

I love all of my friends. But I love them all for different reasons. I love them for all of the things they say and do and for the little bits of oddness they indulge me and, at times, partake in.

I love the ones that will drive around with me at 2 a.m. singing songs from Grease II, the ones who will join me in impromptu sprinkler impersonations and the ones who

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Guthrie Marks

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remain in the 1980s, where they will be better served as cherished memories rather than frightening pictures of the present.

So in this column I refuse to address the ever-popular topics of fraternity wear, Manson freaks or the vampires that live at the bottom of Sullivan, but I will instead address and introduce a piece of clothing that was referred to me by a friend.

The white T-shirt. It is an essential part of anyone's complete wardrobe. This friend says the defining characteristics of the white T-shirt are its ability to be "basic, uncorrupted by commercialization and very tasteful, while at the same time very practical." The versatile nature of the white T-shirt allows its owner to wear any other piece of clothing of choice without risking not matching.

But for me to attempt to influence people to wear white T-shirts or to ostracize people with different tastes in style in this column is wrong. It is more appropriate for me to say that since this is a free country and we are all different, we should be allowed to wear whatever clothes we want and fix our hair however we choose without worrying about what others think. No one should be teased for his or her choice of expression through clothing or any other means. But I am only being honest when I say that my initial reaction to someone wearing a Mossimo T-shirt is to laugh and say "hey, they must shop at Gadzook's." I've even owned a Mossimo T-shirt before, so I am definitely no better than any others of you out there who own one also.

I guess my point is that since I have no better taste than any of you, I should try to control my reactions, because you all probably think the same thing when you see me walking around. There is no simple solution to the problem associated with people's differences in tastes. It is painful for me to encounter those of you who have different tastes than me, and it would be painful for you to be influenced by my preferences.

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will walk laps around an empty parking lot in an effort to help me figure out my life. Through the girl talks at Darryl's, the all-out whining in foreign countries and the much-needed ice cream breaks, my friends have carried me through. And silly me, I used to try and stubbornly go it alone.

I love them for who they are and what they do, but also, for who they make me.

I have this one friend who's off attending another prestigious school in the UNC system. We've been friends since high school, when we bonded at a Walmart — at least, until they threw us out for laughing too loud and scaring the other patrons. She is one of the most amazing and witty individuals I know. She is at once the kindest and most evil gal around — she is good

in deed and absolutely wicked with words. My friendship with her makes me want to be a nicer person and has done more for my vocabulary than "Hooked On Phonics."

I have another friend who speaks in exclamation points. She loves to see famous things and experience as much as possible of life. She plays racquetball until she bleeds. I wish I had that kind of passion toward things sometimes. I don't seem to get as excited by life as I would like to. But when I'm with her, I can speak in exclamation points, too.

And there are these guys that I call friends, too, who try and help me make sense of their gender. They offer orientation sessions on the male psyche, and I've employed one or two of them in warding off the weirdos, but I think that even with the best of intentions at heart, they're about as effective in instructing me in "guy-ese" as I am in explaining girls to them. Nonetheless, I wouldn't trade them for the world.

My friends make me happy, they make me laugh and, yeah, they

make me wonder sometimes, too. But they make me who I am. And they don't care about what I've done — to them I'm more than a GPA and a list of experiences and awards with references tacked on the back.

They've given me parts of myself I don't think I could have found on my own. It's funny, but there are times when I hear them speaking through my voice, like when I say "word" or "hon" or something else that's not a part of typical me-like discourse. There are moments when I look through their eyes, too, and outlooks that they've altered permanently for the better.

So I won't be donning a cape anytime soon and I'll never warrant my own after-school action adventure show. I think I'll take my friends over a nervous breakdown any day.

Kelly apologizes for a lapse into silliness. Do not turn over your Technician and look at the back. There will not be a Hallmark symbol there. She apologizes for that, too.

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Duggins

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some more — I mean, there had to be something else, right?

Well, there isn't, I concluded after minutes of pondering. Back in high school, I did the "worst" in my math and science classes — not too bad, mind you, but definitely not as good as in my English or history classes. Nonetheless, I came to N.C. State certain that biochemistry was the perfect path for me. I really have to struggle to do well in my science classes, just like I struggle with playing my guitar or skating (well maybe it's not as bad as the skating part, and I hope to have a biochem-

istry degree within 10 years).

Whether or not I'm good at writing is debatable. I turn in my columns and articles every week with two main thoughts circulating in my head. First, there's the thought that next week I'll actually start prior to the day of my deadline, which never happens, but that's not really important. The second thought is always that, "gosh, this is the worst thing I've ever written." It's not being humble — it's paranoia.

So I'm not really good at anything; it's a concession that I'm willing to make. I'm never going to dance like Missy Elliott, and I'm never going to sing like Whitney Houston, but I'm okay with that. I'm still going to dance around, no matter how little rhythm the audience thinks I have. And I'm always going to sing along

to whatever is on the stereo, regardless of whether I sound good or not. I've noticed that there's a lot less pressure on me to do something well if people think I suck at it anyway. If I screw up on trying to play the beginning to "Mayonnaise" on my guitar, it's understandable. I don't know how to play — but if I actually knew how to play and I made a mistake, it'd be terrible. It's really okay not to be good at things — if you do them merely because you enjoy doing them, that's okay, too.

Natalie is probably in the computer lab right now working diligently on her column for next week. OK, maybe not. Give her a reason to procrastinate some more and e-mail her at TekinikStaff@aol.com.

Witch

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high school. "I consider myself a witch, for want of a better word. I see an integrated male and female divinity in wicca that I didn't see in Christianity."

Back in Laguna Beach, the high life is slipping away and Carrot is on her second iced tea with coconut milk. Inexhaustible, she is about to look back at wiccan anthropology. "We know that the early goddess-worshipping cultures didn't have weapons, armor or moats, they seemed to be peaceful cultures," she says. The Minoans, a Bronze Age culture in Crete apparently led by women, are the prime example.

Goddess culture then thrived in Europe, while Native American spirituality was strongest in North America. Then came Judaism, Christianity and male domination — the death knell for the goddess.

It isn't too farfetched to expect that a high priestess might also be a feminist reformer. "The Bible is a historic document. It records battles, conquests and the wiping out of the goddess culture as a way to assert patriarchal domination," Carrot says. By the time of the witch hunts, women could not own property or have a voice in matters of law. "Eighty-five percent of the people who died during the witch craze were women."



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co-captain Kaitlin Robinson led the way with 23 digs. Vesey had a season-high 56 assists.

Going the distance: Head Coach Kim Hall couldn't have minded too much that two of the three matches over the weekend going all the way to five games, as long as the end justified the means. The Pack's ability to pick up the win down the stretch was a big feat. Last season, N.C. State lost three matches in the fifth game, six of the Pack's 22 regular-season matches last season went all the way to five games.

play for the University of Florida Gators, Louthian was a member of the 1992 National Championships team. That season, Louthian played No. 3 singles and No. 1 doubles, helping the Gators to a 30-0 record.

Her national experience, both in college and a year and a half in the pros, seems to be exactly what the Wolfpack program needs.

N.C. State earned its first berth into the NCAA Tournament last season. With seven letter-winners returning from the school record-

setting 16-win 1998 season, Louthian's experience on the national level could result in the guidance that the Pack requires to maintain that level of competitive strength.

Louthian got her first test this weekend, coaching the Wolfpack through one of the six events on State's fall schedule. But for now, Louthian and the Pack are taking it easy, 60 to speak.

"Right now, I just want to let them play to the max of their ability and see how things unfold," Louthian said.

But come February and March when the Wolfpack hits the hard-court for the spring season, don't be surprised if the hard-hitting Pack is climbing the national rankings.

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UNC-CH has gone unbeaten in its last 51 matches (50-0-1) since losses to Notre Dame 2-1 in overtime on Oct. 4, 1996 in Durham, N.C.

Virginia, Wake battle to a tie
WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. - Wake Forest freshman Chris Lontene scored two goals to lead the Demon Deacons to a 2-2 tie with No. 4-ranked Virginia at Spry Stadium.

With the tie, Wake Forest's record now stands at 4-1-1, 0-0-1 in the ACC, while Virginia remains undefeated with a 4-0-2 overall mark, 1-0-1 in league play.

The Cavs jumped on the scoreboard first at the 11:14 mark when Ryan Trout scored from 22 yards out off a pass from Matt Chulis.

Wake Forest tied the score when Lontene scored from five yards out off passes from Brock Hilpert and Chad Evans at the 20:36 mark.

WVU note taking are ruled legal
WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. - The notes taken on behalf of an athlete in religion and theater class last year were not a violation of NCAA or university policy, but it is still being investigated under Honor and Ethics violation policies.

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Changing face

◆ N.C. State's tennis team gets a new coach and a new look.

K. GRIFFIN
Sports Editor

Kay Louthian doesn't see tennis the way most of the country does. Unlike the upper-class country-club attitude that clouds most peoples minds, the kind of tennis that Louthian plays and coaches is very different. And with Louthian at the helm of N.C. State's women's tennis team, the Pack is ready for a hard-hitting season.

"A lot of people have an idea

about tennis, but it is really different," Louthian said in a recent interview. "But this team works hard, on and off the court, and plays a very physical brand of tennis; these girls are definitely athletes."

That hard-hitting style of tennis and the motivation of State's athletes in all of the Wolfpack's athletic programs were two of the things that drew Louthian to Raleigh.

"What the Wolfpack stands for, guttiness, and the never-say-die attitude, and teamwork, along with the way that the administration takes the student athletes seriously, immediately attracted

me to State," Louthian said.

Louthian takes over the Pack in the 1998-99 season after the resignation of three-year head coach and former Wolfpack player Jenny Garrity. For the Columbia, S.C., native, the job is her first as a head coach after serving two years as an assistant coach at Vanderbilt University.

"It is a huge responsibility," said Louthian of taking over the helm of a Division I program. "There is so much planning, especially coming in so quickly."

As if the pressure of taking over any program at a major school wasn't enough, Louthian seems to have the odds stacked against her.

Louthian was hired just under a month ago, after her future players already reported to campus for the fall semester. Louthian also comes in on the heels of the Wolfpack's best Atlantic Coast Conference finish ever, in a season where Garrity, who also holds school records from her playing days, was named the conference Coach of the Year.

But Louthian has her share of success and seems to be untouched by the pressures and undaunted by the history, while at the same time looking to make a little history of her own.

Last season, Louthian was named the Regional Assistant Tennis Coach of the Year. She has been instrumental in the successful recruitment of three nationally recognized players at Vanderbilt and helped to guide the Commodores to a top 15 national ranking in both 1997 and 1998.

A former player for the University of California-Berkeley before transferring to

WOMEN'S TENNIS FRESHMEN

Katrina Gildemeister 5-foot-8-inch, freshman, Durham, N.C. The sister of Wolfpack junior Marissa Gildemeister, she qualified for the National meet in 1997 but was unable to compete due to injury. Teamed up with sister Marissa, she won N.C. State 4A doubles titles in 1994 and '95. She also won Southern doubles championships in 1995 and 1996 while teamed up with current UNC-Chapel Hill player Caroline Hill.

Katie Mason 5-foot-7-inch, freshman, Midlothian, Va. Helped lead Clover High School to State AAA-team titles in

1994, 1996 and 1997. She won the state doubles title as a junior and senior.

Kristen Nicholls 5-foot-8-inch, freshman, Roswell, Ga. She compiled a 40-4 record in four years of singles play. Nicholls helped St. Pius X High School to State AAA finals in her junior and senior year. As a junior player, she was ranked No. 1 in Georgia and No. 16 in the Southern Section. What Wolfpack Head Coach Kay Louthian says of State's Class of 2002:

"We want to recruit people who work very hard, and these three are willing to work very hard."



First-year Head Coach Kay Louthian and three incoming freshmen look to build on last year's momentum.

Best of the best



Tim Hunter

As Big Mac and Slammin' Sammy wrap up their assault on the Major League single-season home-run record, one thing remains obvious: This record is the most prestigious, most popular and most significant record not only in baseball but in all of sports.

Think about it for a minute. What football or basketball record can you name off the top of your head? Maybe most points in a game for basketball (100 by Wilt Chamberlain), but that sure isn't about to be broken. But seriously, do you know the record for rushing yards in a season? Points in a season? Touchdowns in a season? I don't think so, and if you do know these records without looking them up, please get help somewhere.

What about hockey, soccer, golf or even NASCAR? There are no such records that can even approach the magnitude of what Sammy Sosa and Mark McGwire are doing.

Even if a significant football or hockey record were to be broken, it wouldn't have near the ramifications of the home-run race. There is no other record that would make headlines in newspapers across the nation and world, even in places like Italy and China, where there is usually no vested interest in the sport.

A few other records have taken the nation and world by hold. Roger Bannister's sub-four-minute mile was a thing of awe and history, but can you name who holds the record now? I doubt it.

Carl Lewis' gold medals are something to be admired, but none of them captivated the nation the way Mac and Sosa have. Secretariat holds some prestigious records in horseracing, but the sport just doesn't cross cultural, economic, social and language barriers like baseball.

However, your average Joe not only knows about Sammy and Mark, but also Roger Maris and Babe Ruth, the two previous record-holders, and how many they hit.

The reasons for this overwhelming fanfare may be simple. First of all, the home run is like no other event in sports. Even the touchdown and the slam-dunk don't make highlights like the long ball. Further, the game of baseball is more of an individual game, lending itself to more significance on such statistics. What other sport measures success only by numbers?

Besides, name another event or act in sports that is known by as many different names. From the tater to the dinger to going yard, one could call a home run a burrito and still get the point across.

The great home-run chase has taken over America and has crossed all boundaries. President Clinton should send a personal thank you to each of the sluggers for taking at least some of the nation's attention away from his breakaway zipper.

Back to the subject at hand. Whoever comes out on top of this historic race, both of the men deserve every bit of attention they are getting. Even with his towering shots and 17-inch forearms and Sammy with his gestures have successfully broken the greatest of all sports records and have done so with class.

Baseball is back with a vengeance, thanks mainly to this duo of home-run sluggers. The respect for the two is evident in the sold-out ballparks, TV ratings and the boos opposing pitchers get when they issue a walk. Even fans in parks with playoff spots on the line where Sosa and McGwire have visited have been known to boo their own pitchers and give standing ovations when either comes to the plate.

For Clinton, commissioner Bud Selig and ballparks across the nation: thank you, Mark, Thank you, Sammy. Now we all have something we can be proud to tell our children we witnessed.

Volleyball notebook

Sports Staff Report

Streaky play: N.C. State's three wins at the Liberty Tournament this past weekend improve the Pack's win streak to nine games. The Pack's last loss came back on Sept. 5 when the Wolfpack lost to Syracuse.

Honors abound: Two more N.C. State players earned honors over the weekend. Senior co-captain Laura Kimbrell and sophomore middle hitter Stephanie Stambaugh were named to the Liberty Tournament All-Tournament team. Kimbrell was named the Tournament MVP. The South Carolina native has been named to the All-Tournament team in all three tournaments that the Pack has played in this year, as well as earning honors as the ACC Co-Player of the Week two weeks ago.

State defeats Liberty: N.C. State downed the host team on the first night of the Tournament. The Wolfpack's 15-4, 15-11, 12-15, 7-15, 15-12 win was powered by

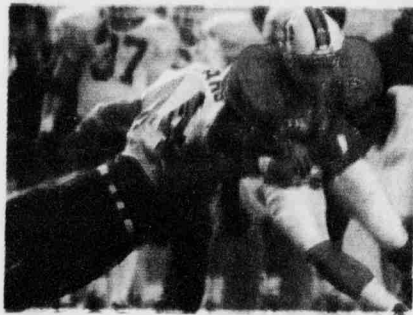
Kimbrell, who lead the Pack in kills and digs, posting 22 and 16, respectively. Freshmen Alison Kreager and Erin Vesey continued to impress fans and foes alike. Kreager had 13 kills, while Vesey added 52 assists and 15 kills.

Delaware falls victim to Pack: State backed up the Liberty win with a victory over Delaware, 15-7, 16-14, 7-15, 15-6. Kimbrell again led the Pack with 28 kills and 15 digs. Vesey added 58 assists.

Pack finishes off weekend with Campbell: N.C. State finished off its perfect weekend at the Liberty Invitational with a five-game win over the Campbell Camels. After dropping the first game, 13-15, State won the next two games, 15-5, 15-11. Campbell picked up a 15-10 win in the fourth game, forcing game five. State won the game and the match, finishing off Campbell, 15-9. State had a weekend-high 72 kills and 95 digs against the Camels. Kimbrell had 27 kills, while senior



The volleyball team has won nine straight games.



Torry Holt set school records in Saturday's loss.

Moving on after Baylor

◆ Coach Mike O'Caín speaks out after disappointing loss at Baylor.

RODOLFO A. BARRIO
Staff Writer

Two days after a disappointing loss to unranked Baylor, head football Coach Mike O'Caín spoke about the rest of the season and Saturday's loss.

"We have to take the Baylor game and learn from and get better from it," O'Caín said at Tuesday's press conference. "It is easier to say we weren't ready to play, but the truth is we didn't know how good Baylor was."

The Wolfpack went into the game as favorites following a stunning victory against No. 2 Florida State, which lifted the team into the top 25 for the first time in years. However, O'Caín was not ready to give up on this season just yet.

"If we stay healthy, particularly at offensive line, we have a chance," O'Caín said. "We have to get our offensive line more continuity. That's why I think we couldn't run the ball as much as we're capable of running."

"I think we're pretty good up front," O'Caín added.

Despite losing, the team showed determination Saturday, a fact in which O'Caín spoke highly of.

"This team has character. (Down by

a score of) 26-0 in the first half, at the same time, if we catch two passes, make a kick, make a better decision at quarterback, we're tied going into the second half."

Now the Pack must look forward to its next game, which will be at home against Syracuse. State beat the Orangemen in Syracuse last year. Syracuse is 2-1 with a Heisman candidate of its own in fourth-year quarterback Donovan McNabb.

"I don't believe there is anybody in the nation that is as good as they are on both sides of the ball," O'Caín went on to say.

However, the Pack has proved apt at stopping powerful offenses and showed off one of its own. Torry Holt had another All-American performance on Saturday with over 250 yards and two touchdowns to bring his season total to 5.

"I think he does as much for our team as any other player does in the country," said O'Caín of Holt's performance and his chances of winning the Heisman. "I think he's a legitimate candidate."

Still, before Heisman talks begin, the Pack must take care of business on the field.

"I'm discouraged; we haven't been healthy—that's part of the problem," O'Caín said. "We gotta stress getting better and better."

Weekly Conference Update

Sports Staff Report

Clemson's Krakowiak player of the week

GREENSBORO, N.C. - Clemson's Wojtek Krakowiak earned ACC Men's Soccer Player-of-the-Week recognition after collecting five goals and three assists to lead the No. 3-ranked Tigers to a pair of victories, including a 5-0 league win over North Carolina.

Krakowiak leads the conference in scoring with 18 points on a conference-high seven goals and four assists.

Duke upsets Clemson in soccer
DURHAM, N.C. - The Duke men's soccer team, ranked No. 4 in the country, broke a scoreless tie late in the second half and moved on for a 2-0 victory over No. 1 Clemson in ACC action on Sunday.

It was the fifth straight of the year for the Blue Devils as the squad improves to 7-0 on the season and 1-0 in the conference.

FSU's Werrick Player of the

Week

GREENSBORO, N.C. - Florida State's Jennifer Werrick claims the week's (Sept. 16th) Atlantic Coast Conference Player-of-the-Week honors as she led the Seminoles to a 4-0 record last week.

Werrick averaged 5.23 kills per game, 3.08 digs per game and posted 68 kills, 40 digs and nine blocks while leading the Seminoles to victory against Central Florida and as the South Florida Tournament Champions.

Georgia Tech volleyball wins

GREENVILLE, S.C. - Carla Gartner earned MVP honors to lead the Georgia Tech (11-5) volleyball team to victories over College of Charleston, Alabama-Birmingham and William and Mary to capture the Eugene Stone Memorial Championship.

The Jackets lost only one game in the six matches that they played during the tournament, and their current 10-match winning streak equals its longest since the 1996 season when

Tech opened the season 16-0.

Maryland's Meharg sets record
COLLEGE PARK, Md.

Sophomore midfielder Carla Tagliente and sophomore back Molly Kauffman each scored a goal and added an assist, leading No. 12 Maryland (6-1) to a 3-0 win over Massachusetts (4-4) in the championship game of the third annual Terrapin Invitational.

With the win, Maryland Head Coach Missy Meharg sets the record for the most coaching victories by a head coach during his/her career at Maryland. Meharg, who has been the Terps' head coach since 1988, now has a career record of 154-62-9.

UNC-Chapel Hill women's soccer

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. - The UNC-Chapel Hill's No. 1-ranked women's soccer team got two goals from junior midfielder Laurie Schwoy and had six different goal scorers in all as it defeated the Florida State Seminoles 7-0 Sunday afternoon.