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Early start concerns committee

Future calendar plans may include a later start for the spring semester, but reading days before finals do not seem to be in the works.

EMILY TOWNLEY Senior Staff Writer

Plans for N.C. State's academic calendar for 2001-03 began last semester, and students may see a change in the start date for the Spring Semester.

The Fifteen-person Registration, Records and Calendar Committee, chaired by Andy Nowell, met

Thursday and focused on a possible need for revision of the spring semester calendar.

"I think that students and faculty alike are concerned with the start day of the spring semester. We began especially early this year in order to work around the Special Olympics this summer," said Martha Welch, committee member and university registrar.

According to Nowell, the start date issue was the most difficult concern addressed at the meeting. Some committee members mentioned the importance of starting with a full week of classes in order to allow all laboratories to meet

Other members, however, addressed the need for students and faculty to have adequate time after the holidays to deal with administrative issues concerning late-course administration, and so advocated starting classes on a Wednesday rather than a Monday.

"The committee passed a motion to recommend that classes start no earlier than Jan. 6 on any given year," Welch said. "This will function as a possible addition to the three principles we established when devising the 1997-2000 academic calendar."

Another topic for discussion involved scheduling reading days,

one of three issues student representative Elam Hall addressed on behalf of the Student Senate. Hall also advocated starting each semester on Wednesday rather than Monday.

Student Senate also proposed scheduling classes on the Tuesday following Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday as well as on the Wednesday before Easter break, according to Hall.

"These days will make up for the late start days and also provide students with an additional day for the Thanksgiving holiday. No student wants to be in class the day before Thanksgiving," Hall said.

After lengthy discussion, Hall realized the importance of the requirement that students have one full week of classes before exams begin and decided that reading days would not benefit the student body.

"I am not for reading days any longer; the calendar simply won't allow for them in our schedule. My goal now is to educate students of their rights to a 'truly-dead' dead week and to ensure that this is built into the calendar," Hall said.

Welch agreed with Hall that reading days were not a feasible addition to the calendar and that a strict enforcement of dead week is indeed important.

"The committee is open to all student input. It is very important to me to always have a student at these meetings, as these decisions have an incredible impact on the student body," Welch said.

The 2001-03 schedule will consist of 75 days of academic instruction per semester with no Saturday classes—ensuring 45 meetings for Monday-Wednesday-Friday classes and 30 meetings for Tuesday-Thursday classes. Additionally, the committee established an eight-day exam schedule, allowing one full week of classes prior to finals and preserving two days after the last day of class before finals begin.

NCSU assists Special Olympics

Special Olympics scheduling effects table with columns for 1997/98, 1998/99, and 1999/00, listing dates for First Day, Last Day, and Final Exam for both First and Second Summer sessions.

The Special Olympics will cause changes in the Summer session's schedule, and some of the athletes will live on west campus.

SPRINE STEPHENS Senior Staff Writer

Change is not necessarily a bad thing when it comes to the Special Olympics.

The N.C. State summer school program is making some alterations to accommodate the 1999 Special Olympic Games this summer, which will be held on and around campus.

"As an institution, we are committed to the Games, and we want to put as much energy into them as possible. We want to represent N.C. State and the Triad in a positive way," said Tim Blair, housing coordinator for the Olympics.

This year, the first session of summer school will begin Monday, May 17, two days after spring commencement, instead of a week later. The second session will begin July 6, which puts the second session back-to-back with the 1999 fall semester.

"It's definitely going to be tight," said Elam Hall, student representative on the calendar committee. The change will provide the two-week period between

summer sessions in which the Special Olympics will take place.

In addition to schedule changes, housing officials have adjusted the boarding arrangements for summer school students and Olympic athletes to keep the two events on separate campuses. While summer school students will occupy North, Watauga, and the Triad residence halls, the Special Olympics athletes will stay on West campus. The goal is to localize the Olympic activities and to contain them to one area of campus.

"The idea is to be the very best host that we can be, but also not to disrupt the university schedule," said John Cudd, director of summer school administration.

No summer classes will be held during the games, but students should not worry about moving out of the residence halls, according to Joe Campbell, general operations committee chair. In no way will students be impacted by the Games.

Potential transportation conflicts were also addressed two years ago when discussion of the Special Olympics began. According to Greg Cain, associate director of transportation, parking on campus is not a big concern. Few students will actually be on campus at the time of the games, and there will be sufficient parking for faculty on North campus and in the parking decks.

"People from outside the United States are not going to bring cars, so we are not anticipating a huge parking crunch," Cain said.

Most cars on campus will be those of Olympic volunteers.

"A bus system will minimize cars on campus," Campbell said. "Athletes, family members, and volunteers will be able to use the Park and Ride System and be bussed onto campus."

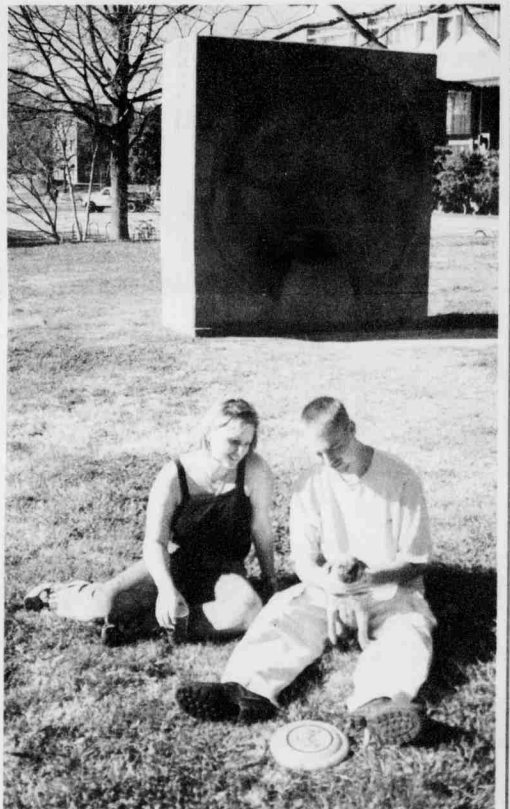
Though some of the changes may be considered inconvenient by some, the effort seems to be worth it to others.

"There are a lot of accommodations that have to be made this summer that won't have to be made again," said Tim Luckadoo, director of housing.

The campus community has worked with the Special Olympic cause to make it a worthwhile experience for everyone involved. N.C. State Design students created the award-winning Olympic village, which will be located in Miller Field, and students throughout campus have raised awareness of the Games and their educational opportunities.

"This is such a wonderful event that will bring attention to N.C. State nationally and internationally," Cudd said. "We should be awfully proud to be associated with it."

Dog days of winter



Nicki Mullis (left) and Jason Gilliland take time from their day to enjoy an unseasonably warm afternoon near the Brickyard.

Study says Greek life is beneficial



According to a recent study, it is beneficial to be in the Greek System.

Research shows that fraternity and sorority members are less likely to drop out, more likely to contribute to communities.

DAMIEN HAZEL Senior Staff Writer

In a recent study sponsored by the National Panhellenic Conference (NPC) and the National Interfraternity Conference (NIC), the Center for Advanced Social Research at the University of Missouri-Columbia found that Greek life is helpful for some students.

According to the study, students involved in Greek life are more likely to stay in college. Greek students also have a stronger commitment to their university, are more involved in their community and perform at a higher level in the classroom than students not associated with Greek life.

The study points out that "once Greeks join, they have made a connection."

To Tom Frantz, Interfraternity Council president, this is just part of the reason why students who join Greek life are less likely to drop out of school.

"When you join a fraternity or sorority,

you have a support group that believes in you and pushes you to succeed," Frantz said.

However, that type of acceptance can be gained through other organizations as well. According to Stewart Morrissey, a senior in chemical engineering, fraterni-

ties and sororities provide a sense of camaraderie, but students should look to get more out of a fraternity or sorority than just making friends.

The study also points out that Greek students seem to have a stronger com-

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Telemarketers target students

Over 100 million people nationwide buy products through telemarketing.

STEPHEN CRUSBY Staff Writer

It's inevitable. Telemarketers, to many students' displeasure, call as they're leaving to go to class or to the dining hall.

Despite the fact that the practice is annoying to many, the American Teleservices Association estimates that over 100 million people nationwide—over one-third of the population—continue to buy products through this network.

People use this service because it is fast, easy and convenient. Many people can't spend the time shopping at a mall or they simply don't feel like putting up with the traffic, parking and grumpy department store clerks.

"I can see where the businesses using

telemarketing think it's a good idea, but it's an invasion of our privacy... would they want us calling them up harassing them?" said Jeff Carter, a junior at Western Carolina University.

Americans purchased \$150 billion worth of goods through telemarketing companies in 1997, and worldwide figures total over \$750 billion, according to Omni Telemarketing. With this success, the practice of telemarketing is not going to stop anytime soon.

Increased benefits for telemarketing are that the company chooses which age, economic or race group to target. No time is spent on traveling or making presentations. And according to the American Teleservices Association, the industry employs 8.3 million people in the United States. However, this means of marketing still annoys millions of other people.

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Sociologist to discuss role of women in Judaism

Washington Post News Service

Nationally respected sociologist Dr. Shulamit Reinharz will discuss the current role of women in Judaism at 10 a.m. on Sunday, Feb. 14, at the Cinema, Witherspoon Student Center on the N.C. State campus. Reinharz is founding director of the International Research Institute on Jewish Women and teaches

sociology at Brandeis University. In her presentation, "Gender Trouble in Judaism: Escalating Dilemmas at a Crucial Time," Reinharz will address how the movement toward gender equality is creating turmoil, intra-religious divisions and personal challenges.

Her lecture is sponsored by N.C. State Women and Gender Studies, the N.C. State Department of Sociology and

Anthropology, N.C. State Hillel, and a number of community organizations. Witherspoon Student Center is located at the corner of Dan Allen Drive and Cates Avenue.

The lecture is free and open to the public. Continental breakfast will be available from 9:30 until 10 a.m. for \$5. Weekend campus parking is unrestricted. For information, contact Dr. Barbara Rismana at 515-9013.



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Gore announces \$18 billion strategy for drug control

ROBERTO SUAD

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON - Releasing the administration's annual drug control strategy Monday, Vice President Al Gore called drug abuse a "spiritual problem" and said that young people beset with feelings of emptiness and alienation are more likely to succumb to "messages that are part of a larger entity of evil."

In response, Gore called for greater efforts to improve schools and create greater economic opportunity for young people, especially in minority and low-income communities.

The administration seeks nearly \$18 billion for drug control programs in its new budget. As with its previous drug control strategies, the administration allocates about two-thirds of anti-drug spending for law enforcement, interdiction and other efforts to attack the supply of illicit drugs; the remaining one-third goes to prevention, treatment and other programs to reduce the demand.

"We are confident that this is a balanced strategy," said ret. Gen. Barry R. McCaffrey, director of the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy. He

emphasized that demand reduction programs have been growing faster than those aimed at supply. If the administration's requests are adopted by Congress, spending on demand programs will have increased by 36 percent since 1996 compared to a 30 percent spending increase for supply programs.

The drug strategy drew criticism from advocates of greater spending on programs meant to reduce the appetite for illegal drugs.

The Drug Policy Foundation found the strategy "hypocritical and disappointing," and said in a statement that "the White House and the Congress need to shift from a criminal justice-based drug policy to a public health-based policy."

Again this year the centerpiece of the administration's prevention strategy is a multi-media advertising campaign designed to alert adolescents to the dangers of illegal drug use. With additional funding of \$10 million requested in the next budget the drug control media campaign would grow to \$195 million.

In unveiling the drug strategy, Gore emphasized his view of attending to the broad underlying causes of drug abuse rather than

focusing only on more stringent attacks on criminal behavior." It is an interconnected problem, and so our solution must also be interconnected," Gore said, pointing to spiritual, psychological, social and economic factors that combine to promote drug abuse, particularly among young people.

"I've always believed that, along with all the other dimensions of this problem, this is a spiritual problem," he said. "And if young people have emptiness in their lives, if they have a lack of respect for the larger community of which they're a part, if they don't find ways to feel connected to the adults who are in the community, if they feel there's phyness and hypocrisy and corruption and immorality, then they are much more vulnerable to the drug dealers, to the peers who tempt them with messages that are part of a larger entity of evil."

To counter this, Gore said, "We have to do more to expand opportunity, to create jobs for our young people, especially in communities that have too often been passed by in good times." He called for greater efforts to improve schools to help students "empower themselves with the trained minds that make them stronger."

Phone Greek

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"It's very unnecessary, if we wanted their services we'd call them up," said Kelly Patkus, a freshman in biological sciences. "They don't need to be calling us at all hours of the day and night."

The inopportune time of the calls is what annoys most people.

"The times that [telemarketers] call is geared simply for their convenience, like times when they know the entire family is going to be at home, for example, dinnertime. It's really inconvenient for the consumer, though," said Jeff Crawford, a freshman at UNC-CH.

ment to their university. The study concluded that Greek graduates are more likely to give money back to their alma mater. According to the article, Greek graduates experience "a greater sense of belonging...and in a way are saying thank you."

According to Frantz, Greeks feel like part of a community and want to give something back. That is the main reason why Greeks play a bigger role in civic groups, religious organizations and volunteer activities, he said.

"It feels good to make a difference," Frantz said. "...That is why we give back to the community."

Fraternities and sororities donate many hours to food drives, blood drives and other community projects. Most recently, Greeks are signing up to volunteer their time to the Special Olympics, which will take place in Raleigh over the summer.

The study also found that Greeks do better work in the classroom.

"There's a well-natured competition between one another," Frantz said. "In fraternities and sororities there is a positive peer pressure that encourages everybody to do better. You don't want your brother or sister to show you up — so sometimes you try a little harder."

Also, many Greeks get classes together to help each other out. They also have tutors available to provide extra assistance.

Overall, the study shows that fraternity life can be good for students. However, it is not for everyone. As Morrissey points out, it depends upon the individual. Although Morrissey is not a member of a fraternity, he encourages people to try the Greek life if the student is interested.

For Frantz, that is all he can ask. "I know there are some misconceptions about fraternities and sororities out there," he said. "But, I would ask people to check it out for themselves before making a decision on whether or not to join. After all, Greek life does provide another set of contacts."

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◆ 'Late Nite Catechism' makes a habit out of getting laughs.

KELLY MARKS
Senior Staff Writer

Spit out your gum. Be prompt and presentable. And keep your mouth shut — that is, if you know what's good for you. This Tuesday, the highly acclaimed interactive comedy, "Late Nite Catechism" will start its week long run at Thompson Theatre, bringing a healthy dose of holiness and hilarity to NC State. A "one-nun" show created by Maripat

Donovan and Vicki Quade, the piece is a crash course in Catholicism that turns its audience into students in an adult catechism night class.

What follows is an evening of monologue, stand-up comedy and improvisation, at the center of which is the sometimes saintly, sometimes sardonic character of Sister. From her unique and personalized take on the history of notable saints to her rapid-fire retorts with unruly "pupils," Sister is one bad mother.

The last of the old-school nuns, a dying breed of matronly patriarchs who taught and sometimes terrorized Catholic school children until the Vatican II, Sister provokes laughter, nostalgia and occasionally mild fear.

Her strong rapport with the audience is at the center of the play's success and the source of much of its humor. Audience members are called upon to answer questions about the Catholic faith and a correct response can win them glow in the dark rosaries or laminated cards of saints who bear a strong resemblance to Jackie Onassis.

However, where there are rewards there are also repercussions. Late-comers can be fined a dollar for their tardiness, gum-chewers are taken to task and anyone who tries to get out of line can be sent to the corner. In past shows, audience members have been separated for talking and singled out

for the Sister's taunts and many have found that her ridicule stings much worse than any ruler could.

The brainchild of Donovan, "Catechism" stemmed from a dinner conversation with her companions in which she was relating the history of St. Maria Goretti, a saint whose claim to fame centers on the words "cat vomit." Encouraged by her friends to "do something with it," Donovan turned to her writing partner, Quade, and the play was opened soon after.

A success since its opening in Chicago in 1993, the production has played extended runs in New York City, Boston, Philadelphia, Seattle, Toronto, Sydney and Melbourne. Originally a 50-minute performance, the play's surprising success spawned a two-hour version that tours today.

Appealing to both Catholics, and non-Catholics, the show has even won the approval of much of the religious communities and has occasionally appeared at churches or in performances specifically for nuns. At the end of each show, Sister stands at the door and takes up a collection...the proceeds of which go to local retired nuns in every city where the show plays.

And the show seems to be playing in more and more locations. In addition to its many runs throughout the nation, it has also been translated into Spanish for some New York audiences. And currently, Donovan, who originated the role of Sister onstage, is set to head to Ireland to launch the production over there. Actress Kathleen Cogan will bring the role of

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GIBSON GETS PAYBACK

MATTHEW PENICARD
Senior Staff Writer

It is unusual to see a large-scale movie released in February, especially one with a huge star like Mel Gibson attached to it. But the action/comedy, "Payback" truly delivers an entertaining movie experience. While it is not Gibson's best role ever (will anything ever compare to William Wallace?), he plays the bad guy with a good purpose, Porter, extremely well. It is kind of weird to see him in a movie like this backed with '70s music and stylistically comparable to that of a Quentin Tarantino film or an Elmore Leonard script. But, Gibson makes it work.

In addition to another fine performance from Mr. Gibson, he is backed by some really good supporting roles. Porter would not have the intensity that his character does if it were not for the great performances from those he is fighting against. Kris Kristofferson fills in these shoes primarily while, his last largely notable part was in the Texas thriller, "Lone Star," this marks a triumphant return to the silver screen for Kristofferson. He portrays the main villain

Bronson, who is Porter's sworn enemy and the antagonist of the picture. Last, but not least, James Coburn, William Devane and Maria Bello deliver excellent performances and were extremely well cast.

"Payback" tells the story of how a roughed up man, Porter, is out for vengeance against the crime boss who wronged him over the amount of seventy thousand dollars. One of the funnest parts about this film is that most of the time, the crime lords think that they owe him \$130,000, even though they are constantly reminded by Porter that it is only \$70,000.

While watching this movie, I was reminded greatly of last year's "Out of Sight." Not only is Gibson's portrayal very similar to that of George Clooney's, but both men are motivated by purpose, not just monetary value. The soundtrack probably had something to do with it also.

What many don't know about this film is that it almost didn't get made. Halfway through production, there was a major casting change, placing Kristofferson in the part of Bronson. In addition, the original ending of the film was dropped, after both test screenings and Gibson's opinion showed

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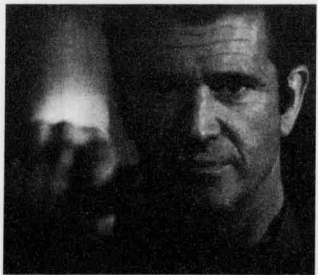


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BLAST IS A BOMB FROM THE PRESENT

VICTOR R. PRINCE
Senior Staff Writer

There are a lot of bad movies out there. For whatever reason, a huge actor like Harrison Ford, or more often, Arnold Schwarzenegger gets a script and decides that, though it's terrible, \$20 million is a ton of money. For the most part, though, the really bad films are never seen. Miramax, for example, has quite a collection of movies that were meant for release and, for whatever reason, never made it. Some of these films end up as straight to video releases, most of them starring Christopher Walken actually. And many of these films, though decent, deserve their position at the penultimate spot on the motion picture food chain.

"Blast" centers around the Webber family, who have lived in a fallout shelter since they mistakenly assumed that the Bay of Pigs incident with Cuba resulted in the bomb being dropped on San Francisco. Adam Webber, son of Calvin and Helen, was actually born in the shelter. The shelter opens after 35 years, and Adam (Get it? Adam. Atom? Neither did I) has to go up and find supplies. Of course, he gets lost along the way and runs across an amazingly attractive and understanding total loser of a whiny-girl cutout.

Enter Alicia Silverstone, she of the terri-

ble acting and more terrible mouth-thing. But of course, sweet Adam falls for Eve (ughhh...) despite her consummate bitchiness, as we stupid men so often do. Eve fails to see the greatness in Adam, until he displays his prowess at most everything, including speaking French, boxing, and swing dancing-yes, swing dancing-given to him by his wonderful parents. She then promptly "falls in love" with Fraser's terrible "George of the Jungle" send-up Adam, who despite his extensive education comes across less as a stranger in a strange land and more as a retarded man stumbling around Oxford.

The thing about "Blast from the Past" is this: people go to see movies like this. These are the films the general public likes. Why not try to do it well? I personally loved "George of the Jungle." To class this movie and "George of the Jungle" together is the mistake that people often make, though. "George," though amazingly silly and unrealistic, is well written and, other than Fraser's stock goobal character (see "Encino Man"), reasonably well acted.

"Blast" is every bit its opposite in each of those aspects. Had Silverstone been Christina Ricci, and she had been scripted by John Waters, I could have believed that a headstrong, intelligent girl could feel sorry for and ultimately love a guy who

Blast from the Past

RYAN HILL
Senior Staff Writer

Director: Hugh Wilson
Starring: Alicia Silverstone, Brendan Fraser, Christopher Walken



Photo courtesy of New Line Cinema

How many fish out of water movies can Brendan Fraser make? He started off with "Encino Man," next came "School Ties," then moved on to "George of the Jungle," and now he returns to this genre with "Blast From The Past," a weak romantic comedy that lacks both romance and comedy.

The movie centers on Adam Webber (Fraser, as dorky as humanly possible) a man, who, after 35 years of living in a fallout shelter with his paranoid parents (Christopher Walken and Sissy Spacek) has to go to the surface and get supplies and hopefully find a mate for himself.

Once he gets to the surface, he meets Eve Rustikov (Alicia Silverstone, continually proving that "Clueless" was just a freak type casting occurrence) a woman who goes through jobs as fast as she does men. Adam hires her to help him get supplies, as well as to help a girl that he can bring back down to live with them.

Now, at this point, you would think why wouldn't he notice that no nuclear bomb ever dropped? Well, a plane crash made his parents think that there was a bomb dropping and they thought that there would be some "mutated" humans. The presence of Joey Slotnick ("Twister" and



◆ Love, Expulsion, Revolution.

VICTOR R. PRINCE
Senior Staff Writer

Max Fischer is a student at Rushmore Academy. He loves his school, and he does just about everything he can to make it better and more enjoyable places for all that attend, including himself.

He founded a Backgammon team. He's an alternate on the wrestling squad. He's the founder of the Max Fischer Players school drama troupe. In fact, Max loves Rushmore so much; he's going on his seventh year.

In "Rushmore," we observe a glimpse of the life of a truly unique individual. Max Fischer, played by Jason Schwartzman, feels that he should get all he can out of the opportunity he was given to attend a prestigious private school. A speech given by a benefactor of the school, Herman Blume, inspires Max to over-achieve as a Rushmore student. He participates in nearly every activity offered by the school, and has since started up several more. Max spends so much time tending bees and fencing, however, that he doesn't do his schoolwork, resulting in failing grades and threatened expulsion from his beloved institution.

Max's situation is complicated when he becomes smitten with a new teacher at Rushmore. Ms. Cross, played sweet but headstrong by Olivia Williams, is too old for Max at 24. She's friendly, but not in the way Max desires. And she likes Max, who is shown to be smart beyond his fifteen years, to her dead husband, which really gets things rolling.

And the fun continues. Max employs the help of his inspiration, Herman (Bill Murray at his drop dead funniest in years), to woo his object of adoration. Blume obliges, and in a true "There's Something About Mary" turn, falls for her himself in the process of the film is unnecessary. The characters fit together so perfectly that they seem to really know each other. Schwartzman, who makes his film debut in "Rushmore," is brilliantly deadpan—serious, but seriously weird, as well.

Murray presents his audience with a man whose life is falling apart around him. Herman's wife cheats on him. His twin sons are spoiled disappointments. His pool needs to be cleaned. And despite it all, he remains on the brink of insanity throughout the film without ever falling over the edge, but being conscious of it the entire way.

Even the small characters seem just outrageous enough to be authentic, like Max's dad, Bert, the barber or the gawky but cute girl who admires Max when he goes to gasp-public school. They all meld into a society of people that don't know what's going on, and that's pretty much the way it is, so how better to do

it? To say that the point of "Rushmore" is to examine the bizarre life of an obsessed teenager is short-sighted, at best. "Rushmore" dissects, albeit with a blatantly effective relaxing comic overtone, every aspect of a teenager's coming of age. Max Fischer gets picked on, but that's not his problem. In fact, the bully figure in the film is reduced to a side note.

Max's real problems stem from what all teenagers run into about midway through high school but don't recognize as their true dilemmas. Max feels grown up, but he's not. He has mature feelings, as his love (or lust) for Miss Cross illustrates, but no mature means to express them.

He wants more responsibility, which he takes in the form of extracurricular activities, but can't handle the added strain. Max has talent, but fails to see the potential of it beyond his enrollment at Rushmore. He purports to



Photo courtesy of TriStar Pictures

want to be a student for the rest of his life. But we are made aware, in a discussion with Ms. Cross, that he has higher hopes.

The truth is, Max is searching for the next step; that level above his current position. He looks for it in Ms. Cross, in his friendship with the much older Mr. Blume, and in his leadership of his chapel partner, Dirk. Though he ultimately fails on all these levels, a sense of reassurance comes from knowing that an intelligent character like Max could never make those same mistakes again. He realizes his folly, and will respond by looking elsewhere for personal understanding.

Max is the every man, in a truly comic sense, embodying everyone who ever attended your

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"The Single Guy") looking like Jesus doesn't help either, although he provides some of the best humor in the movie. Well, the inevitable happens, as you might imagine, and Adam and Eve realize that they are in love with each other.

Why would Adam, a guy who speaks several languages, knows just about everything there is to know about everything, go out with a woman that whines, pouts and says she likes "legs, body, and an ass"? I couldn't tell you.

In fact, I don't know what anyone was thinking about when they made this movie besides dollar signs. Fraser acts and talks like he is "trapped in the fifties, spouting lines like "Oh my lucky stars!" and other annoying little phrases. The movie does have a few moments that are funny, but they are few and far between.

Alicia is horribly miscast in the role of Eve, doing nothing but whining and making it obvious to everyone (except for Adam) that she is not worth chasing after at all. The worst part is she shows her affection for Adam by pouting.

Even Dave Foley seems out of place as Eve's gay friend Troy. But the one who seems most out of place is Christopher Walken, as Adam's caring father. Walken is way too "bad ass" to play a paranoid scientist. Even in "Mouse Hunt" Walken showed that he is bad ass

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that it was not favorable. Gibson and director Brian Helgeland reworked the ending and I must say that I believe they made the right choice.

Overall, "Payback" is just a very good movie to enjoy. One can easily relate to the character of Porter, not to his actions, but to his motivation. That is what makes this movie so enjoyable. Porter breaks school on a job in half and does what many of us wish we could do on a daily basis, stand up to those who wrong us, in any manner to any extreme limit. In this season of the year, "Payback" splices things up a little and I recommend it highly to all.

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Sister to life for the Raleigh production dates.

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Blast

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came across a bit weird at first. But "Blast" rewards the ability of the actors to do anything but fill up space.

Details aren't even the cornerstone of this childish monstrosity. At the beginning of the film, we learn that a foundation has been laid on the surface of the Webber's fallout shelter. This is glaringly omitted as a matter of concern later in the film, when the elevator from the shelter somehow rips its way through inches of concrete foundation and wooden flooring to emerge inside a decrepit bar. Why not have Webber's genius father derive a means of escape? It would take minutes for him to figure out some other way to get his son to the sur-

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to the bone. It seems that this fish out of water movie exudes just that, by having everyone involved seem out of place. This is ultimately the biggest problem with the movie, along with the poorly written, generic script. Just once I'd like to see a movie where the guy and the girl don't get together, and not everything ends in a happy way (some of this was seen in "Chasing Amy," but the ending left it open for the two to hook up).

Adam never really finds his lot in life and that leaves the movie with

face. I suppose the point of this is that with little things like this so obviously ignored, why bother with the rest of the film being credible. Coming in, the aspect of the story with the most potential comedic value was for them to show that somehow, this could happen. In fact, with the little demonstrations of how things change over time, and buildings cover things up, they did the exact opposite, removing any credibility the story had to begin with and ultimately the remainder of the film thereafter.

The film, though terrible, did have its bright moments. The pure hilarity of the immense size of the fallout shelter, the stunned reactions to actual things that young Adam had only heard about (witness him see his first black woman and pronounce her a "Negro") and Dave Foley playing Eve's gay live-in best friend, Even Adam's parents, played by Christopher Walken and Sissy

Spaek, were a potential point of more comedy, if Walken hadn't been reduced to a babbling idiot about halfway through and Spaek a woman on the verge of insanity after spending 35 years in a fallout shelter. It's almost as if the writer knew what would be funny, but decided it just wasn't worth the trouble. Had "Blast from the Past" been straight-to-video, I can definitely say that I could understand a bit more the thought process of New Line, its distribution company. But it is not. Maybe they got some particularly dimwitted test audiences that thought the combination of just about every terrible actor (excluding the great Chris Walken) in Hollywood was a cinematic master stroke. I don't know what happened. I do know that New Line will regret it, and if there is any justice in the world, this piece of trash will be only available on videotape in two months or so.

an uncompleted feel to it. Even in movies like "Austin Powers," the character that is in a world that he is not fully aware of comes to terms with his environment. No emphasis (or screen time) is used to show that Adam is beginning to understand what the world is like and how it is not as innocent as it once was. With the talents of Walken, Spaek and Fraser (who proved a long time ago that he could act in "School Ties" which if you didn't already know, also featured Matt Damon and Ben Affleck) you would think that this would be a promising movie, but instead it just falls short of being a good date movie.

Rushmore

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school or anyone else's. The seeming vastness of his character is necessary to relate him to everyone.

Who hasn't had the alternate? Who hasn't had a weird hobby like being keeping that no one around underworld? There are those among us who haven't, but they ultimately get hit in the face by the real world, where everyone doesn't fit into nice cookie cutter images of what it is to be a personal success.

And on top of it all, "Rushmore" is hilarious. Not since Dustin Hoffman in "The Graduate" has a character in search of himself been as amusingly uncomfortable as Max Fischer. Bill Murray turns in a performance beyond all possible expectations, not playing, but turning into a man at his wit's end, but still able to make it through the day. Oh, and he's funny, too. It's safe to say that movies like "Rushmore" are uncommon. In fact, there are none. The film stands alone as a pinpoint examination of an oddball kid at the crossroads of his genius and his youth, all the while amusing his audience to the point of tears.



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Technician's View

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Greek study in question

◆ Greek life at N.C. State may not reflect the finding of one study.

A recent study by the National Panhellenic Conference (NPC), the National Interfraternity Conference (NIC) and the University of Missouri-Columbia found that students involved in Greek life are more likely to succeed. The study considers the benefits of camaraderie, community involvement and academic and personal enhancement. However, the study doesn't consider the fraternities and sororities that don't place these values as the top priorities of their organizations.

Greek organizations love to enumerate their many accomplishments in respect to community involvement and academic scholarship. In reality, these organizations are forced to participate in blood drives and food drives in order to be in good standing with their national association. Also, when it comes to academics, students who drop below par are sometimes placed on a different status (inactive) and are not figured into statistics of this kind. Therefore, some Greek involvement in community activities is motivated by national pressure rather than a "true" motivation to help the community. Granted, many fraternities and

sororities hold friendship and scholastic achievement in high esteem. Nonetheless, there are always the chapters that place more importance on partying and having a good time. Although these activities are part of the college experience, they also harbor negative consequences. This was not considered in the study. If so, then it would have commented on the drawbacks as well as the benefits of Greek life.

However, this is not shocking because Greek organizations are known for their exceptional public relations. Of course, the NPC and NIC are only going to have good things to say about their own organizations. And why wouldn't they? If these organizations were to give themselves bad press, it would put "20-20" and other "investigative" news sources out of business. Nonetheless, students should keep this in mind when evaluating the implications of this study.

Despite the questionable research methods of the study, there is something to be said for the benefits of Greek life. Many established and acclaimed persons were once involved in NCSU's Greek life: John Tesh and Chancellor emeritus Larry Monteith to name a few. There's no doubt that fraternities and sororities have positive advantages to offer students, but they might not be for everyone.



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Students know best

Ryan Buent
Staff Columnist

College is, of course, a period of intense academic growth, but few would argue that that's where the learning stops. A big part of the collegiate experience is learning to experience life as an adult. Students must get the basics (feeding and clothing themselves and learning to handle money), but there are also the tougher decisions to be made both in academic careers and in personal lives. Many times, these decisions can be tough for students out on their own, and many times poorly made decisions can have very negative consequences, but that's the way college goes. Everyone knows life at school is going to be like that, but we accept it and embrace it because now we have freedom, and now we are adults.

But what if college wasn't like that? What if the university strove to protect and shelter its students so that fewer people experienced negative consequences? Here at N.C. State, that continues to become a more realistic possibility. Currently, the university is considering a number of measures designed to "protect" the student, but I

assert that it is not considering the deeper consequences of its acts.

In the academic realm, the Chancellor has charged the University Academic Operations Council with developing and evaluating measures to improve graduation rates here at N.C. State. At first, this seems an innocuous task, but upon further review, I found some of the proposals to be questionable. Some of the recommendations include enforcing attendance policies, limiting students' ability to override their advisors decisions and increasing enforcement of prerequisites for upper-level classes. While the council also advocates measures like developing an advising center, which could be helpful without reducing student autonomy, I find its proposals to reduce student control over their own fate to be disturbing.

One of the things we were all warned about before coming to college is "If you don't go to class, your professor won't care." Learning how to manage time and make it to class in the morning is a major part of the college experience. By tightening attendance policies, we just make the student more dependent on an institution of security that won't be there when he graduates. We

should also give the student all the information he needs about what to take and in what order to take it, but we should let him be free to adjust his schedule on his own.

Another important lesson from college is that dropping that 8 o'clock might let you sleep later, but it will also set you back a semester, and I think we should let students figure that stuff out on their own.

In the behavioral realm, the Task Force for Alcohol Policy, headed by Dr. Tom Stafford, is currently considering what position the university should adopt with respect to parent notification. In other words, the university now has the right to inform parents of a student's alcohol or drug violation, and the Task Force is considering to what extent it should notify parents. In all fairness, no decision has been made yet, but it still concerns me that the question is on the table at all. The vast majority of students on campus are over 18. That means we can vote, smoke cigarettes, fight a war and are held responsible for our actions. It would appear, however, that simply allowing students to live and learn is no longer sufficient. Never mind that, in the real world,

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CAMPUS FORUM

Wolfpack on the move

I was very angry while leaving Reynolds Coliseum on Saturday, Jan. 30 after the N.C. State-Duke basketball game. N.C. State played one of their best games of the year, but the final score did not reflect that at all.

That had to be the worst officiated game that I have ever witnessed in my life. I'm not trying to blame the loss on the referees, but I do feel that the game's score would have been a whole lot closer if Frank Scalfiotta and his company would not have been so biased with their calls. For any basketball players or coaches that happen to read this, congratulations on a job well done.

The Wolfpack proved son, thing on Tuesday night that they have more arsenals to draw from, in defeating Georgia Tech. on the road, 51-50.

Right now is crunch time for the basketball team. The Wolfpack needs all of the support they can get. What I don't understand is

why all of the students in the end zones don't stand up when free throws are being attempted. Reynolds Coliseum has to be as loud as it has ever been, and it is up to us, the students, to cheer our Wolfpack on to victory!

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Technician should be The Daily Wolfpack

Your Feb. 4 editorial encouraged NCSU to balance "a well-rounded education...with both studies and disciplines in the sciences and humanities," and to recruit a provost who will advance both interests.

I agree that much more can be done to support non-science disciplines at NCSU and to enhance

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Internet relationships are substantial

Donnie Lassiter
Staff Columnist

My question is simple: if thousands upon thousands of people believe that Elvis is still living, that the CIA killed Kennedy and that the Loch Ness monster is alive and kicking, why are there so many skeptics who refuse to believe that a person can establish a sincere, enjoyable relationship with another person through the internet?

Being involved in one of these relationships myself, I find it exasperatingly difficult to get people to take me seriously when mentioning the fact that I am interested in a girl I met online. As soon as I begin to talk about how I "met" the girl

while chatting on America Online, whoever happens to be in the room just kind of smirks and rolls their eyes.

Sometimes they make jokes about how she's really some 73-year-old, 512-pound man named Zed. Sometimes, they tell me that I must be really desperate if I have to go looking for chicks on the Internet. And sometimes, they just sit there and stare at me like I'm a damn fool. Those people used to really annoy me. Lately though, I haven't been getting annoyed. I've started to pity them for their ignorance.

You see, to me the idea behind forming a relationship with someone involves meeting him or her, finding something interesting or intriguing about them and subsequently having the desire to get to know them better. You begin to share experiences, life stories, dreams and goals. You tell them things about yourself that enlighten them as to your personality and your ideals and values. You might even tell them things that other people who know you aren't aware of.

After a while, you might start to talk to the person more and more often. You might begin to really look forward to hearing from them. Depending upon how you feel towards each other, you may even get this giddy, unexplainable demeanor when you talk to them. To me, that's what a relationship starts off as. Learning a person from the inside out. Kind of like putting a jigsaw puzzle together without

knowing what the final picture is supposed to look like.

Nowhere in my description did I mention anything about the need to be face to face with that person. In my opinion, the best way to get to know someone is to get to know what he or she is really all about. Now sometimes, that can be achieved by observing the image they portray at a party or the impression they try to make with their Abercrombie clothes and make-up, but within that kind of situation also lies the possibility of being deceived as to who a person truly is.

You honestly know someone when you can name a hundred things

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Learning how to gripe like a trained professional

Michelle Parker
Staff Columnist

There seems to be some undocumented course that I took in high school that would further prepare me for what I would encounter in life. I don't recall even signing up for it. I'm not even positive who taught the course. All I know is that somewhere down the line I seemed to have acquired this skill of complaining.

And of course, now I must do as I have been taught. I must complain. It seems that the blessed powers that have decided that we students should foot the bill for the increased amount of students that shall be entering in the future. Let's not forget the fact that N.C.

State can barely house the students that we have attending today. Year after year, the UNC Board finds some seemingly justifiable reason to raise tuition. Justifiable, I think not.

Should we complain? Oh, hell yes.

Complaining for me, is an outlet of built up frustration. Complaining about the conditions I have to go through, I think one should do so daily as part of our RDA. However, to complain all of the time, just makes you a PITA to be around. However, I will complain for you today, since I have a blessed audience.

Complaining gives me extra juice, so I am proud to do it, especially since I feel funny when I don't. It's almost like forgetting to floss your teeth when you have been doing it

every day since you've been able. So, now, it's my turn to complain. Not only are my hands tired from gripping the little money that I am left with after we are "blessed" with a tuition hike, but please don't be surprised if you see me every day until my graduation day, wearing a long sleeve T-shirt and a pair of bedroom shoes. Feel free to join me with your old long Johns and tube socks. Misery loves company.

You might as well kiss that dream of eat healthy goodbye as well, because if you were barely scraping by before, then you definitely will not possess any extra cash now.

Our dollar is needed, this much we know. However, I don't see any big headlines on the News and Observer stating that the UNC Board has decided to take a

decrease in pay to help fund some of the money for these fees. No sir. I haven't even heard a rumor through the wind discussing such. (Tuition is expensive, this we know. Our tuition bill tells us so.)

So, as our "powers that be" decide to raise the tuition for next year, and then again for the next year, please tip your sugarless Kool-Aid plastic cups (paper if you can't afford that) in a toast tribute to the air and state, "This Buds for you."

(If you can't afford cups, then just clean your sink real well, and make the Kool-Aid in the sink. Then dip some Kool-Aid in your hands, and tap like you did when you were a kid.)

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offenders face only one set of consequences (single jeopardy). On campus, students face punishment from the law, the university and now possibly parents. College has long been viewed as a place where students get out for the first time. They experience an environment where their decisions have direct consequences on their lives. Often students crash and burn several times before learning to take responsibility and act with maturity,

but that is a process which is vital to today's students. On the other side of the university is real life. On the other side there are no attendance policies; you go or you lose your job. There are no prerequisites or advisors; you decide where and when you want to go. And on the other side, if you break the law, the law will punish you.

By artificially supporting students, the university is not doing them a favor. It is slowing a very important developmental phase, and decreasing the extent to which N.C. State students leave prepared for the real world. I hope the university considers fully the consequences of its actions before doing anything rash.

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about them with out a single reference to how they look, what kind of car they drive, or where they shop for clothes. Those are the things that we put so much value on, but they really means so little in the grand scheme of life.

For instance, the person sitting next to you right now could be the most caring, sensitive, wonderful person in a 200-mile radius. But unless you like the way he or she dresses and how they look, more than likely you're not going to strike up a conversation with them. They could be your soul mate — the one person on this planet who was created exactly for you — but you won't know, simply because of shallow and superficial reasons. Similarly, the person with that crazy screen name in the chat room you're in could be the person you end up marrying.

The point to this rant has not been to portray customary relationships in a negative light, but rather to give rise to the fact that non-traditional means of connecting with other people exist and are valid.

I will be the first to admit that having the person you care about and feel strongly for right there with you is an awesome thing, but let us not forget multi-factorial nature of human relationships. Sometimes, two people who are 1,000 miles apart, pecking away on their keyboards can feel more for each other than can two people who are sitting across the dinner table from one another.

And as another incentive to accepting the possibility of success in online and other non-traditional relationships, let me remind each of you that life is nothing more than a trip to the craps table. Some people put all their money on one throw; others divide up their chips. However you play the game, respect all strategies. That way, we can all come out as winners.

Donnie is happy to have Kelly as his "Online Valentine." Definitely not a 73 year-old guy named Zed; she's sweeter than a lollipop and prettier than a rainbow. Happy Valentine's Day, K!

our image to be more than an engineering school. A good start would be to change the name of the "Technician" to something more inclusive of such important components of NCSU as CHASS, the College of Management, the College of Veterinary Medicine and the many non-science studies at State.

Allen Berk
Visiting Lecturer, College of Management
Student, MALS Program

An opinion about nothing

Reading the Forum is a little bit like watching Seinfeld reruns. It's greatly entertaining to know about the earth shattering events afflicting our students — skinned knees and the inability to find hydrogen peroxide on a Sunday in a town the size of Raleigh (One could try Wal-Mart, although with those kind of injuries, one might either bleed out or be overtaken by flesh eating bacteria before obtaining the needed hydrogen peroxide).

Don't get me wrong — the world needs humorists, although if I find out the Forum writers are taking themselves seriously, I'll be really worried.

Long sandwich lines, parking tickets, skateboard restrictions, people with no school spirit wearing Carolina shirts — I guess everyone needs a cause. How about raising your concerns a notch and making the student body aware of your stand on something important to someone beside yourself.

The slaughter of Albanian civilians while our government talks about sending monitoring forces instead of taking care of one war criminal who is the problem, injustices in the court system, which allow sometimes innocent people to be railroaded by overly ambitious prosecutors while other lawyers run wild bringing (and winning) ridiculous lawsuits, the

flood of jobs from the US, criminals in government; these are the things that we should be concerning ourselves with.

Of course, I'm bugged by the little intrusions in our lives, (my main irritant is noisy leaf blowers) but it's nothing new. I'm sure your grandparents complained about rules against golf/fish swallowing, police busting up their parties, students without school spirit, parking tickets, "luff majors" and everything else you could think of.

Don't quit writing those humorous essays, everyone needs a good laugh — just write about something that matters once in a while.

Robert K. Jackson
Graduate student, Electrical Engineering

A modification to NCSU's library ranking

Thank you for your interest in the NCSU Libraries, as reflected in the Feb. 3 front-page article. I would like to point out an error in the text and the chart, which showed our "Overall ARL (Association of Research Libraries) Ranking" at #37 out of 110 in spring 1997. It seems the source of that information was a N.C. State web page that was actually ranking us among the 57 members of the AAU (Association of American Universities), based on ARL index information (hence, we were #37 of only 58). That web page carried the misleading header of "ARL Membership Index," which will now be corrected.

In the official Association of Research Libraries membership criterion index, the NCSU Libraries' 1996/97 ranking was #42 out of 110. The 1997/98 ARL ranking has not been calculated yet, but we're hopeful that we'll continue to improve in the index!

Jinnie Davis
NCSU Libraries

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-Billy, age 15

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ACC

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in 1999.

The UNC-Chapel Hill Tar Heels will have to make adjustments after losing long-time coach Mike Roberts and his son, shortstop Brian Roberts, the ACC Player of the Year in 1998.

UNC-Chapel Hill

Under the reigns of former Tar Heel player and first year Head Coach Mike Fox, junior Kyle Snyder will lead a five-man rotation on the mound. Snyder finished the 1998 season winning four consecutive decisions, and allowing just four earned runs in 34 innings.

At the plate, outfielder Jarret Shearin, a member of the All-ACC team one year ago, returns despite being drafted in the 11th round.

Virginia

Virginia returns just one of its top five hitters, by the numbers from last season, sophomore catcher Mark Rueflet. The six-foot right-hander batted .362 but played in just 32 of the Cavaliers' 55 games in his freshman campaign, picking up just 94 at bats. Only three returning Cavaliers stood at the plate more than 100 times last year. Head Coach Dennis Womack will have the help of an experienced pitching squad. All five of the Cavs' top hurlers return, but with a combined 1998 record of 19-13 and only three posting ERAs below 4.00 in 1998.

Wake Forest

1998 ACC Tournament Champion Wake Forest finished third in the coaches pre-season poll, but only 15 points behind the Yellow Jackets and did receive two first place votes.

The Demon Deacons return 21 letter-winners from the championship team of a year ago, including all but one of their pitchers.

Wake is ranked in the top 25 in two pre-season publications.



Elliot Avent and the Wolfpack baseball team take on ACC opponents Clemson, Florida State, UNC-Chapel Hill and Maryland at home in 1999.

N.C. State's 1999 baseball schedule

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02/13/1999 The Citadel (Winn-Dixie Shootout) Charleston, S.C./1:30	03/16/1999 Western Carolina Doak Field/3:00	04/10/1999 @Miami Miami, Fla./7:00
02/14/1999 East Carolina (Winn-Dixie Shootout) Charleston, S.C./1:30	03/17/1999 Western Carolina Doak Field/3:00	04/11/1999 @Miami Miami, Fla./1:00
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03/05/1999 Massachusetts Doak Field/6:00	03/31/1999 @UNC-Wilmington Wilmington, N.C./7:00	04/24/1999 @WAKE FOREST Winston-Salem, N.C./1:30
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03/07/1999 Massachusetts Doak Field/1:30	04/03/1999 NORTH CAROLINA Doak Field/7:00	04/29/1999 @DUKE Durham, N.C./3:00
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"If you take any reasonably smart person and tell them to spend a year researching an industry, they can become an expert if they work at it." Christy Haubegger

crazy," she recalls. "But I figured the worst thing that could happen would be that the business wouldn't fly and I'd end up being a lawyer after all."

As President of her class at law school, Christy already possessed the leadership skills that entrepreneurs need. Her publishing experience, however, was limited to editing the Stanford

women's magazine aimed at African-Americans. Christy convinced the magazine's president to meet with her, and his company agreed to help fund her start-up. Christy launched *Latina* magazine in 1996, and it was an immediate hit. Today, it has an impressive circulation of almost 200,000, but it wasn't easy getting there. One of the hardest things about being a young entrepreneur is simply the fact that you are young.

Potential business partners often assume you are inexperienced. "Nobody saw me walk into a meeting and thought they were looking at a magazine publisher. But I persevered. You have to be prepared to get over your pride and fake your confidence when you need to."

While there is a certain glamour associated with being the publisher of a major magazine, Christy still relishes the role of underdog. "Each milestone means so much more when you're a start-up," she says. "A major retailer just advertised with us for the first time. To a larger publication, it wouldn't be such a big deal. But when they agreed to be in our magazine, we jumped up and down and cried and hugged. Then, she laughs, "we ate ice cream."

As an owner of a growing company and Publisher of *Latina*, Christy has continued to nurture her dream magazine into a leading lifestyle publication, read by thousands of dynamic, educated young women just like herself. She says that she hopes to inspire other young women to pursue their dreams as well.



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Law Review. Still, she figured she could learn what she needed to know pretty quickly. "If you take any reasonably smart person and tell them to spend a year researching an industry, they can become an expert if they work at it," she says. "All the data I needed was in the public library. Census data, information about the magazine industry, books on how to write a business plan, it was all there." In the meantime, she lived on the cheap in San Francisco's Mission District and did legal research to pay the bills.

Once Christy's business plan was done, she started to show it to people who might be willing to invest the millions of dollars she would need to launch a glossy publication. "192 people told me no. I counted," she says. "But most of them didn't slam the door in my face, and I was able to learn a lot by asking them how I could improve my business pitch."

Eventually, some good old-fashioned networking led her to her first big investor. "If you don't believe that stuff about using all of your contacts, you should," she says. Turns out that Christy's classmate's aunt's neighbor (follow that?) knew the editor of *Essence*. a

Name: Christy Haubegger
Age: 30
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Foundation (also given to Oprah Winfrey and Madeleine Albright), and Tom Brokaw named her one of the "most influential people of the year" in 1996.

So how did she end up in company like that? Turns out it all started with one simple question. "I took a few business classes in school with some great professors, and they always talked about the search for that mythical big idea," she recalls. "As a Mexican-American, I'd always wondered why no one had ever produced a magazine for Latina women. Then I wondered if I could do it myself."

Christy graduated from the University of Texas in 1989 with a philosophy degree and immediately headed off to Stanford University Law School. But as law school graduation approached, she couldn't shake the magazine idea from her head, so she decided to devote a year to chasing her dream. "My friends thought I was

OPENING DAY 1999

THE STARTING LINEUP



Dan Mooney - Jr. - C - R/R - Forked River, N.J.
Mooney joins the Wolfpack from Brevard Community College in Florida, where he was heralded as one of the top defensive catchers in the junior college ranks. Unable to compete in fall ball after enrolling at N.C. State in January, Mooney has impressed the Wolfpack coaching staff early in the 1999 season.



Luis Figueroa - Sr. - 1B - L/L - Guatemala City, Guatemala
First base is another close to sure bet with three-year veteran Figueroa, who took over first base last season in a close to full-time spot. Highly touted for his defense, the senior batted just .271 last season, showing steady improvement over 1997.



Brian Ward - Sr. - 2B - R/R - Orlando, Fla.
Ward has just one season of playing for the Wolfpack and coach Elliott Avent under his belt after transferring from Brevard Community College in Florida prior to the 1998 season. Ward split time between second and third base last season, but appears to have locked up a starting spot at second base. Ward, who hit .393 with 11 home runs and 66 RBIs will also be looked upon to help fill some of the hole left in the Pack's batting order in the absence of Jake Weber and Brad Piercy.



Jason Smith - Jr. - SS - R/R - Goldsboro, N.C.
Smith has been hampered through most of the pre-season works out with injuries after giving an impressive performance in the Pack's fall practice. Coming out of the Red and White World Series in the fall, Smith looked to have an infield starting job locked up, but tendonitis in his wrist and calf injury have held the junior back. Smith has made great strides since joining the Wolfpack as a walk-on two seasons ago. Once healthy, Smith should battle Todd DeMakes for a regular spot at short stop.



Todd DeMakes - Sr. - INF - R/R - Port Charlotte, Fla.
DeMakes, like teammate Jason Smith, looked to be one of the Pack's regular starters in the infield, but injuries in the early season have kept him on the sidelines. DeMakes ended last season as the Pack's starter at the shortstop position, which he will likely battle Smith for when the two are healthy. He finished 1998 playing all 27 of the Pack's final games, hitting .393 for the season with 39 RBIs in 49 games.



Andy Baxter - So - 3B - L/R - Erwin, Tenn.
While Baxter was used exclusively at first base in his freshman campaign, 1999 looks to see the sophomore take on the third base position. Baxter made the change in the fall, and has impressed the coaches with his performance there. At the plate, Baxter hit .238 in 18 games in 1998.



Adrean Acevedo - Sr. - LHP/OF - L/L - Orlando, Fla.
In his second season with the Pack, Acevedo looks to make an impact in the field and out of the bullpen for State. As a junior the left-hander batted .356 with 35 RBIs, playing in just 35 games. Acevedo missed a stretch after fracturing his right cheekbone while at an against Virginia. On the mound, he compiled a 1.74 ERA in eight relief appearances, earning one win.



Craig Lee - Jr. - OF - L/R - Clayton, N.C.
Named by Elliott Avent as one of the Pack's top outfielders through pre-season practice, it looks as if Lee will be spending a good deal of time in left or right field. The junior has already collected 70 starts in two seasons. In 1998 he hit .321 with 14 doubles and 38 RBIs.



Brian Wright - Fr. - OF - L/R - Ramseur, N.C.
Considered one of the best high school players in the state of North Carolina last season, Wright is an All-State selection two years running. In 1998 he led Eastern Randolph High School to a 25-2 record and the North Carolina 2-A State Championship and was named the State 2-A Player of the Year. One of many promising young freshmen on the Pack roster in 1999, an impressive fall practice has earned Wright top consideration early in 1999.



Dustin Baker - Sr. - RHP - R/R - Vacaville, Calif.
Baker returns for his senior season as the Pack's top ace. Coming off of a 7-6 season, the senior righthander is N.C. State's only proven pitcher, having thrown over 36 innings in each of the last three seasons. Look for Baker to start on Friday nights once the ACC schedule gets under way.

PACK READY FOR 1999 SEASON

◆ Experience and youth lead Pack.

K. GREFFNEY
Sports Editor

Spring's come early in Raleigh, which is just fine with Wolfpack Baseball fans. With a team including 11 seniors and 14 newcomers set to take on what could be the toughest schedule compiled for the inhabitants of Doak Field, Feb. 9 has been circled in red for quite some time.

Preseason predictions

In the Atlantic Coast Conference's preseason coaches' poll, the Pack was picked to finish seventh, receiving 25 votes. While the ACC, considered one of the premier baseball conferences in the nation, may be as good in 1999 as it has ever been, Avent assures fans and foes alike to expect more than a seventh place finish from the Wolfpack.

"This year they are saying that the conference is as good as it has ever been. There are five teams that have a chance to be very, very good," said Avent. "We are going to have to play tough to stay up there, but we've always done that before."

The Pack is ranked 71st in the nation after coming off a third consecutive appearance in the NCAA Tournament, finishing the 1998 season just two games away from Omaha (the site of the College World Series). While consensus attributes the low ranking to the unknown quality of the State pitching staff and the absence of 1998 sluggers Jake Weber and Brad Piercy, it has not phased the Wolfpack.

"I think 71st in the country is a little unfair to the team, especially with what the Wolfpack teams have done over the past four or five years," said Avent. "I don't think it really matters. You don't work any harder because you are 71st than if you were 1st. You work just as hard everyday no matter what."

"We don't really pay much attention to the polls early on in the season," said senior captain Dustin Baker. "The only one that counts is the one in the end."

The questions

Heading into the 1998 fall season, two major questions plagued the Wolfpack coaches, how to fill a pitching rotation and how to replace players like Weber and Piercy in the line-up at the plate.

On the mound there are still questions, but pitching coach Mark Fuller feels that while State may not know the answers, they are there.

"It is still a big question. When you look at what has pitched in the ACC for us, it is basically Dustin Baker, Grant Dorn, and Rodney Ormond," said Fuller. "From an experience standpoint, it is still certainly a question. From a depth standpoint, I think it is a lot better than last year. We have some kids who can pitch, who seem to have some guts and are ready to go out there. But until you go out there with 4,000 people screaming at you, you don't know what to expect."

As far as the batting order, particularly the third and fourth slots in the line-up, occupied primarily by the two now departed All-conference players last season, Avent says that there is no single one replacement for either.

"It seems like every time you need a big hit, Brad Piercy or Jake Weber got it.

Those guys always came through," said Avent. "Someone certainly will have to take over that position. I think that a lot of people look at Brian Ward. But you can't put it all on him. Even if he has a great year, he is going to fail five or six times out of 10. We are going to need a couple of guys to step up."

"We may not have the impact players of a Brad Piercy, Jake Weber, or even a Kurt Blackmon, but I think that we are going to

field, particularly in the large ballparks.

The line-up

Senior captains Luis Figueroa and Brian Ward seem to be the only definites in the Pack infield at this point.

Figueroa earned a regular starting position at first base last season after sharing time at that position in the 1997 season, while Ward, a junior college transfer last season, spent time at second and third in 1998 before settling in at second in the

After winning the job in the fall, sophomore Andy Baxter will take over third base duties for the Pack.

"We have so many players that are capable of playing so many different positions," said Avent. "Injuries always play a part and you never want to be surprised and throw a player, that you don't know can play there, into a position."

Transfer Dan Mooney moves into a regular position behind the plate. Mooney will have the job of catching a rotation led by Baker and most likely containing at least one freshman hurler, if not two or more.

Baker is the only member of the Wolfpack pitching staff that has been tested and proven himself on a consistent basis. The right-handed senior captain has pitched more than 36 innings in each of the last three seasons.

"Our top three right now would be Dustin Baker, Grant Dorn and Ryan Steadham," said Fuller. "Rodney Ormond has performed as well as anybody in the last few weeks, certainly he is right there, and there are some other candidates, some of our younger pitchers, Kyle Stephenson, Dan D'Amato and Mike Solie are right there and are just waiting their turn."

Josh Schmitt and Adrean Acevedo are likely to see a considerable amount of time both in the outfield and on the mound in relief.

Sharing duties with the pair in the outfield could be Craig Lee, Brian Wright and Jamey Shearin. The make-up of the outfield could depend on the line-up at the plate. Acevedo, Wright and Lee would give Avent and hitting coach Billy Best three left-handers on the scorecard.

"There so many times in a coach's life when you pray for left-handed hitters, now it seems like that is all we have," said Avent.

Out of the bullpen, Pack fans can expect to see a number of pitchers, including Carey Mattison, Ryan Combs and Conrad Clark, according to Fuller, who also says that the Pack has yet to establish a closer.

The schedule

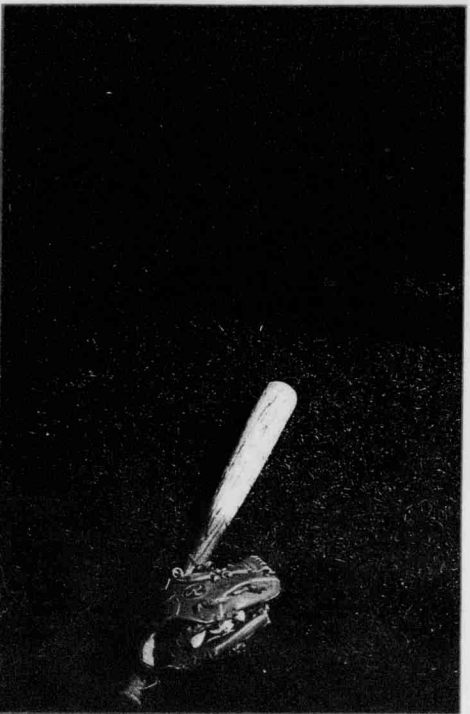
As always, the conference schedule will prove to be tough for N.C. State. The Pack hosts a weekend series with Florida State, UNC-Chapel Hill, Maryland and Clemson. Avent has also scheduled Oklahoma State, Old Dominion and UMass at Doak Field. State will meet defending ACC Champ Wake Forest as well as Georgia Tech, Duke, Virginia and non-conference foe Miami on the road.

After opening up the season in the friendly confines of Doak Stadium, the Pack will take its show on the road for a three-game weekend in Charleston.

The Pack opens the 1999 season this afternoon against North Carolina A&T at home.

"We wanted a game before we go down to Charleston, that is a tough tournament," said Avent. "We take A&T very seriously not just because they are a good team and because they are led by a good coach, but because in college baseball, it seems like anybody can beat anybody."

Game time is 3 p.m. at Doak Field on N.C. State's West Campus.



Brian Burgess/Staff

have a lot more people doing a lot more things, all of the way around."

According to Avent, the question marks that remain surround how the Pack's right-handed hitters will fair against a conference loaded with strong pitching staffs, and the defensive play in the out-

later part of the schedule.

Shortstop might be the position where Avent and the Pack have the most talent, but also the biggest question. Both senior Todd DeMakes and junior Jason Smith could fill the position, but both have been hampered with injuries in the pre-season.

N.C. State Baseball

Opens up the 1999 season today against North Carolina A&T. The game is scheduled for 3 p.m. at Doak Field on N.C. State's West Campus. Senior Rodney Ormond is slated to start for the Wolfpack. Admission is free with a valid NCSU student I.D. card.

TOP PITCHING MAKES ACC TOUGH AGAIN

K. GREFFNEY
Sports Editor

The Atlantic Coast Conference has long been recognized as one of the top conferences in college baseball. If the nine teams across the southeast region of the country can pull off on the field, anything like what they look like on paper, 1999 should be one of the conference's best.

With the NCAA bracket expansion to included 64 teams, a seven-team representation for the conference might be more than likely.

Pitching seems to be the dominant characteristic for the conference from Georgia Tech, voted No. 1 in the conference's pre-season coaches poll, to Maryland and Virginia, who were picked 8th and 9th. What is returning on the mound has dictated early season predictions.

"We are where we are, and I think that our kids took a little slap in the face being ranked 71st in the country because of what we have on the mound," said Wolfpack pitching coach Mark Fuller. "Carolina has two possible first round draft picks. Wake has a fourteen-team game winner, Florida State is Florida State. Throughout the conference there are strong pitching staffs."

More than eight of the conference's returning hurlers have earned All-American honors, either last season, in junior college, or for the 1999 pre-season.

Clemson

Clemson returns 10 of its top 12 hitters from a year ago who helped the Tigers hit an ACC-leading .326 while compiling a .434 on base percentage. Jack Leggett's Clemson team is led by 1998 ACC Rookie of the Year Patrick Boyd. The outfielder, who was a member of the USA National team this past summer, has been selected as a pre-season First-Team All-American by Baseball America.

On the mound, the Tigers return Third-Team All-

American Ryan Mottle, a right-hander who has 19 wins in two seasons and a career strikeout-to-walk ratio of 3.05.

DUKE

The Blue Devils return just 11 letter-winners from the 1998 squad, but the Devils look to make up for quantity with quality. Leading the return on the field is a trio of 1998 All-ACC First Team players. With the duo of Jeff Becker and Vaughn Schill on the left side of the infield, the Devils should have a strong defense behind returning ace Stephen Cowie.

Schill has been named a pre-season All-American pick by Collegiate Baseball and is one of the team's top returners at bat. The junior led Duke with a .367 average at the plate and a .935 fielding percentage as well.

Cowie logged an 11-2 record on the mound last season, going 3-2 against ACC competition while striking out 111 in 126.1 innings.

Florida State

Perennial powerhouse Florida State has no plans to disappoint fans this season. The Seminoles' storied history includes 21 consecutive NCAA Regional appearances, nine top 10 finishes in the last ten seasons, 17 50-win seasons and nine trips to the College World Series in the last 12 years.

A pair of aces top the 1999 roster for the Seminoles. Nick Stocks, a member of Team USA this past summer, posted a conference best 2.35 ERA in 1998, en route to a spot on Baseball America's Freshman All-American team.

Jon McDonald joined his teammate on the Freshman All-American squad and Team USA after posting a team-leading 10-4 record.

At the heart of FSU's line-up is NCAA Atlantic II Regional MVP Matt Diaz, who broke the Seminoles' freshman home run record last season.

Georgia Tech

Georgia Tech was pegged by conference coaches as "the team to beat", but the Jackets will have to watch

out below. Tech was 41-22 in 1998, finishing the season as the runners-up in the MCAA Midwest Regional and found themselves in the top ten nationally in three publications pre-season polls.

Tech's most notable returnee to the mound in All-American Chuck Crowder, who's 1998 statistics included a 12-4 record and a 3.03 ERA.

Maryland

Seniors Casey Trout and Mike Wooden have been named as co-captains on the University of Maryland Terrapins squad.

Trout, considered the Terp's top returning position player, started all 57 games for Maryland last season, hitting .332 while collecting 48 RBIs.

Wooden has been a starter on the mound for the Terp's all three seasons that he has been in College Park. The right-hander is considered Maryland' best

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1. Georgia Tech
2. Florida State
3. Wake Forest
4. North Carolina
5. Clemson
6. Duke
7. NCSU
8. Virginia
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