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IN BRIEF

CHASS finds Goodnight-Glaxo Wellcome distinguished professorship

The College of Humanities and Social Sciences (CHASS) has funded the first endowed professorship in the university to receive support from the C.D. Spangler Foundation matching grant program - the Goodnight-Glaxo Wellcome Distinguished Professorship in Social Sciences.

Goodnight, a 1967 CHASS graduate, originally put forth \$125,000 dollars in a "challenge grant" to CHASS in May of 1998. Later that year, Glaxo-Wellcome, a science based company with a strong presence in Research Triangle Park, answered the challenge with another \$125,000. Faculty and staff provided another \$6,000.

"The college will benefit enormously from this distinguished professorship," said CHASS Dean Margaret Zahn in a recent press release. "An endowed professorship is a mark of distinction for a college."

The funding from Goodnight and Glaxo Wellcome was matched by the Board of Governors through a program started by retiring UNC President C.D. Spangler, intended to assist the establishment of distinguished professorships at all 16 institutions of the UNC system. The chair will be filled by the 2000-01 school year with a newly recruited professor.

Faculty and Staff senates aim to increase benefits

Following the results of a study commissioned by UNC President Molly Broad in November 1998 that found benefits to UNC employees are not up to snuff, the N.C. State Faculty and Staff senates approved resolutions endorsing the study, which calls on the state legislature to improve their benefits.

Three major areas were targeted by the study as in need of an overhaul - the Teachers' and State Employees' Retirement System, the UNC Optional Retirement Program and the State of North Carolina Comprehensive Major Medical Plan.

"It helps across the board to all staff," Bill Padgett, the chair of the NCSU Staff Senate, said in a recent press release. "To be competitive with the private industry, the state has to realize that we need a level playing field, especially in the retirement benefits. They are low compared with other states."

To bring the recommended changes into effect, the study suggested that Broad seek to form a coalition of university representatives and interested parties to develop a strategy for pushing their ideas through the legislature.

NCSU engineering professor receives international honor

The Minerals, Metals and Materials Society (TMS) recently named Jagdish "Jay" Narayan, a professor of materials science at N.C. State, a TMS Fellow and Life Member. The double award is the highest honor bestowed by the 131-year-old international organization.

Narayan came to NCSU in 1984 after spending 12 years as a scientist and group leader at Oak Ridge National Laboratory. He received his bachelor's degree from the Indian Institute of Technology in Kanpur, India, and continued his education at the University of California at Berkeley, receiving both his masters and doctorate there. Narayan has published more than 650 technical papers, edited eight books and holds 15 patents.

NCSU students rewarded with military commissions

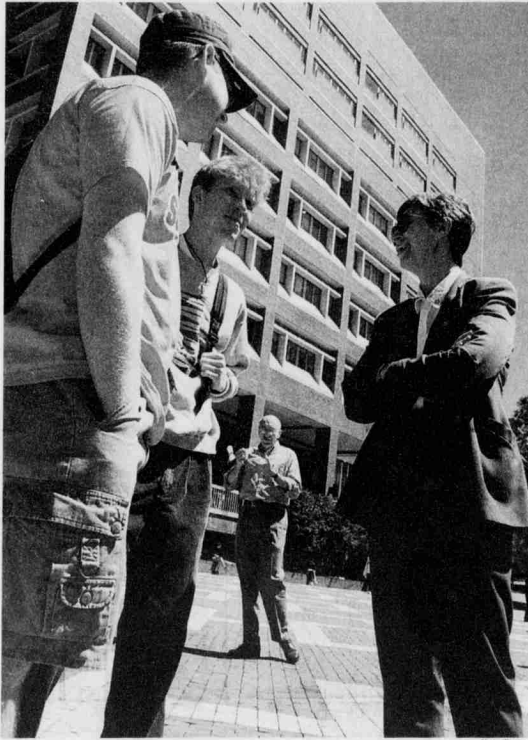
On Saturday, May 15, twenty-seven NC State students received US military commissions at a joint Air Force-Navy-Army-Marine Corps ceremony at Stewart Theatre. Nine students received commissions, in the rank of second lieutenant, from the US Army; seven received US Navy commissions, in the rank of ensign; four received US Marine Corps commissions, in the rank of second lieutenant; and seven received US Air Force commissions in the rank of second lieutenant.

All are participants in the Reserve Officers' Training Corps at NC State.

The keynote address was presented by the group by Lt. Gen. Phillip J. Ford, deputy commander in chief, US Strategic Command. Ford has received many of the armed forces' highest honors, including the Defense Superior Service Medal, the Air Force Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster and the Joint Service Commendation Medal.

The commissioned officers received bachelors' degrees earlier in the day at NCSU commencement ceremonies. ROTC cadets can only receive commissions upon completion of their degree requirements.

Faculty reflects on progress



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◆ During the last General Faculty meeting earlier this month, Chancellor Fox shares her vision of a new approach to planning for the university.

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On Tues., May 4, Chancellor Marye Ann Fox discussed new plans for the university when N.C. State General Faculty met for the last time during the 1998-1999 academic year. During the meeting, faculty heard reports from Chancellor Fox, and others, on the progress the university has made over the last year.

In her first address to the General Faculty in August of last year, Chancellor Fox pledged to work on building the campus community, promoting partnerships, adopting a business model and forging interdisciplinary programs in the hopes of making NCSU a better university.

Earlier this month, Fox explained "compact planning," which is intended to replace strategic planning, department heads and directors would meet with their staff to come up with plans and priorities they feel the university should address. The department heads and directors would then convene with their deans and vice chancellors to plan college and individual goals.

After planning, deans would then meet with the chancellor and provost to devise a final plan for the university as a whole. The process will have to be revised and updated, but Fox believes cooperation will only benefit the university.

"This is designed to encourage better communication and make

this shared governance work," said Fox. "It will be the basis of defining who we are as a university."

Chancellor Fox said that first drafts of planning should be completed in late June, with second drafts finished by late August. The final compact should be ready by December to aid in the 2000-01 budget process.

"This is an experiment, and like any experiment, it may not work. But what we were doing [before] was not working either," commented Fox.

Later in the meeting, Athletics Director Les Robinson reported that almost 300 athletes had maintained a grade point average of 3.0 or higher during the last year and that three student-athletes were inducted into Phi Kappa Phi. Robinson went on to say that for the third consecutive year, NCSU has had more student-athletes named Atlantic Coast Conference postgraduate scholarship winners than any other university in the conference.

George Worsley, vice chancellor for business and finance, reported that the university has signed the Collegiate Code of Conduct, which will help prevent exploitation of overseas workers who manufacture university trademark items. Worsley also reported on an initiative to make the campus safer with the formation of the Information Resource Team, the addition of five new Public Safety officers and 10 new blue light phones.

Toward the end of the general faculty meeting, Dr. George H. Wahl, Jr., faculty senate chairman, presented his final address to the faculty as chairman. Wahl will be succeeded by Dr. Fred Corbin, a professor in the crop science department, beginning July 1.

NCSU literary scholar gives voice to female authors

◆ Dr. Lucinda MacKethan, professor of English, has worked closely with the Public Media Foundation in developing a series of radio plays and an interactive web-site to honor "dismissed" women writers.

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Browsing the numerous shelves at Barnes & Noble or Borders, one would easily come across works by American male authors like Hemingway or Melville, but would have difficulty locating works by female authors such as Harriet Jacobs or Ann Petry. Their absence or rareness on the shelves has nothing to do with quality or contribution.

In an effort to bring greater recognition to American women writers for their contributions to literature and history, Dr. Lucinda MacKethan, professor of English at N.C. State and renowned literary scholar, has assisted in the development of "Scribbling Women."

The project attributes its name to Nathaniel Hawthorne, who, in the mid 1850's, wrote a letter to his publisher about a "damned mob of scribbling women" who were selling numerous books and driving

other writers, such as Hawthorne, out of the literary marketplace.

Initially, "Scribbling Women" was a series of ten half-hour radio plays produced by the Public Media Foundation (PMF) and aired on National Public Radio. The plays are now part of an interactive web-site intended to "introduce people to all of the great women who never get studied," according to MacKethan. Ultimately, the project, funded by the PMF and the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, serves to incorporate the works of unknown or dismissed American women writers from the 19th and early 20th centuries into classroom curriculum.

After MacKethan served as a consultant to the producers of the radio plays in transforming the work of Harriet Jacobs from short fiction to play format two years ago, producers sought her additional help in dramatizing other works. "Petry soon, we had ten," said MacKethan. Last year, she began work on developing the curriculum, teacher guide and support material for the project, along with Dr. James A. Miller of George Washington University who specializes in African-American studies.

Each teacher's guide contains a synopsis of each literary work, literary interpretation, historical and literary contexts and biographical information, along with a "Suggestions for Teachers" section.

The "Scribbling Women" works include the writings of Charlotte Perkins Gilman, Louisa May Alcott, Rebecca Harding Davis, Caroline Kirkland, Harriet Jacobs, Mary Wilkins Freeman, Willa Cather, Susan Glaspell, Maria Bonner and Ann Petry.

The radio plays "make it into drama," said MacKethan. During the radio play production process, the producers sometimes added extra tidbits for dialogue or sound effects, but they stayed as close to the short story text as they could.

The interactive web-site is "primarily an educational tool for teachers and students alike," said MacKethan. The web-site offers two plays that are accessible through Real Audio, and MacKethan and Miller have developed lesson plans and teaching tools to go along with the web-site to encourage teachers and students to interact with the materials. The web-site is linked to several other sites, including the National Endowment of the Arts' (NEA) site, and has had 80,000 hits from all over the globe during this month alone, said MacKethan.

Funded by a grant from the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, the project included the opportunity to host three workshops,

which were held in Connecticut, Boston and North Carolina. North Carolina's "Scribbling Women" workshop convened at NCSU on April 30 and May 5, hosted by MacKethan and Miller and a playwright and producer from the PMF. Approximately 20 middle and high school teachers were guided in developing their lessons using the works in drama, history and English classes, and were even taught how to write a radio play.

"We talked about how [the literary works] deal with 'women's issues,'" said MacKethan. Further, attendees learned how to use the resources and materials available on and through the web-site. "It would be great for schools to have them as library resources."

It is possible that the NEA will fund additional work on the project in the future, which would allow the production of 10 more radio plays based on the short stories of contemporary women writers.

"The project demonstrates the place of women writers in history and the importance of their voices in the classroom so that students might look at issues of their day through their eyes," concluded MacKethan.

The "Scribbling Women" interactive Web site can be found at <http://www.scribbling-women.org/>.

Chernobyl virus strikes computers around the world

◆ Hackers decided to commemorate the 13th Anniversary of the Chernobyl incident with a massive computer virus.

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Harvard Crimson (Harvard U.)

(U-WIRE) CAMBRIDGE, Mass. — When the computer screen of Andrew G. Eil '02 froze late last Sunday night, he figured the troublesome PC was just acting up the way it always does.

So he tried to reboot it. Then he tried again. And again. The next day, Eil visited the computer help desk in the Science Center basement and learned that his hard drive had been irreparably damaged.

And his was not the only one. Eil's computer, like many others on the Harvard campus, was struck by the Chernobyl virus.

"They [the Science Center User Assistants] told me my hard drive was erased and that they couldn't see me until next Sunday," Eil said. "That doesn't help much."

The virus, which was triggered on April 26, has disabled several hundreds of thousands of computers all over the world, as computer experts had warned it would.

Only about 2,000 computers in the U.S. were hit, probably because use of virus protection software is more prevalent here than in other parts of the world, according to Bill Pollak, a spokesperson for Carnegie Mellon's Computer

Emergency Response Team (CERT). He said computer users could have downloaded a file with the virus in it unknowingly at any point in the last few months. "It lies dormant in the computer system and then delivers its payload on the 26th of April," he said.

Pollak said that most reports of the virus came from home computer users or college students. He speculated that large corporations might have escaped major damage because they tend to use effective anti-virus programs.

This is the first outbreak of this devastating computer virus. Chernobyl is a variation of a CIH virus. Other variations can be triggered every month, but Chernobyl was set for a particular day, this April 26, the thirteenth anniversary of the Chernobyl explosion, the worst

nuclear accident in history.

Not all students were struck unaware this week's issue of the Yark Bulletin warned first-years of the virus and told them to consult the Science Center help desk if they encountered problems.

Kunj Majumdar '99 said he heard about the virus last Thursday and backed up several of his files, just in case. Unfortunately, he was not worried enough to backup all of them.

"I made the mistake of not backing up my thesis," he said.

He came home from class Monday to find that the Chernobyl virus had struck his thesis was gone.

Majumdar, whose thesis is due today, said he wasted an entire day dealing with the problem and scanning the single hard

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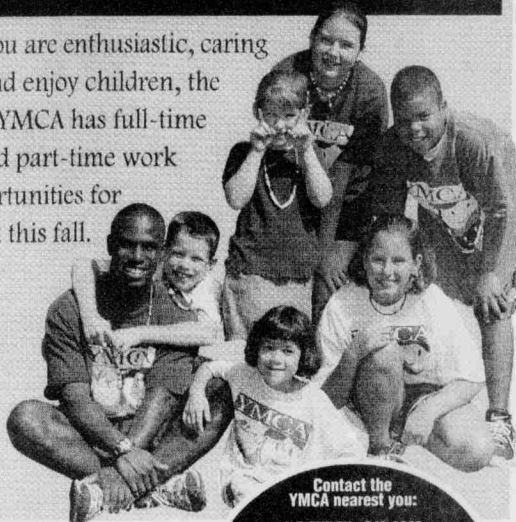
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copy of his thesis into a working computer.

According to the CERT web site, the virus, which only affects computers running Windows 95 or 98, overwrites part of a computer's hard drive with random data. This leads the computer to think that the hard drive is empty, preventing a user from accessing the drive's files.

It is still unclear whether the virus, which is much more destructive than the recent Melissa virus, merely prevents access to the hard drive or irretrievably destroys the information contained on it. Pollak said, Robert T. Dennis '02, whose computer froze early Monday morning while he was working on a paper for Expository Writing, said some of his Thayer entryway-mates told him there may be a way to save his files.

As his roommate, entryway-mates, and pre-frosh watched, he tried to restart his computer and got only a blank screen with the message, "Disk Boot Failure," he said.

Benjamin G. Delbanco '02, who lives in Dennis' entryway, worked with other students on the computer for several hours. Yesterday, he said, the group finally was able to retrieve the information from Dennis' hard drive.

"We kind of jury-rigged it," he said.

Delbanco, who said he thinks his method could be applicable to other Chernobyl-struck computers, put the hard drive into a working computer and downloaded the files.

Though Dennis' hard drive itself will need to be reformatted, Delbanco said he anticipates it will soon be functional.

Meanwhile, the virus' unlucky victims are left hoping for a quick fix and scrambling to reconstruct final papers as end-of-term deadlines near.

"If this were my fault in any way I'd be angry about it, but as it is, there's nothing I can do," Eli said. "I'm trying to stay positive even though it's pretty much a total disaster."

Richard B. Osterberg '96, coordinator of residential computing, could not be reached for comment. No one else could say for sure how many Harvard computers were struck.

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TECHNICIAN Spotlight

Smith makes the grade

Jason Smith's simple road has led to grand achievements.

K. GREENE
Staff Writer



Jason Smith

A look at the newspaper's sports section on any given day all too often makes people question the validity of the term student-athlete.

For those who doubt that there are collegiate athletes, successful collegiate athletes, that put their academics on an even playing field with their respective sports—meet Jason Smith.

This past week has been a busy one for Smith, the Wolfpack baseball team's starting third baseman, but has been indicative of the four years he's spent at N.C. State.

Two weekends ago, Smith was to receive his Bachelor of Science in Construction Engineering.

While Smith earned his degree the same way everyone of his fellow graduates had, the presentation of his diploma was more than unique.

Smith couldn't attend the graduation ceremonies at the 1:30 p.m. last Saturday because the Clemson Tigers had been suspended due to rain and was to be made up on Saturday at 1 p.m.

Smith, who was to be a student speaker at the ceremonies, called around after Friday night's rain delay to explain to administrators if the civil engineering department that he would not only not be able to speak, but not attending the ceremony at all.

At ceremony, department officials announce his name along with all of the other degree recipients and explained that he was out playing baseball and couldn't make it, and then made a very special trip.

After the game, a 19-9 win for the Wolfpack,

Smith was presented with his diploma by his department head and the head of the graduate department—in the middle of Dook Field. "It was a real treat. I wasn't expecting it at all," said Smith. "It was fitting, that I could celebrate both the wins and my graduation with my whole family and my teammates around. We had a lot to celebrate."

His unorthodox graduation ceremony is just one of the several stints in Jason Smith's life that separate him from the 31 other red and white-clad Wolfpack team members that watched him receive his diploma that day.

There is the four year stint he spent in his mother Claire's native England, while his father Herman was stationed there with the United State's Air Force, the United Kingdom National Championship that his little league team won while he was there, earning them a trip to Germany to play for the chance to advance to the Little League World Series in Williamsport, Penn., not to mention that fact that Smith graduated with honors, posting a 3.83 grade-point-average overall in four years of schooling in Raleigh, and the how he battled his way into a starting role on this year's Wolfpack squad.

But even all of that is forgetting that just under four years ago, Smith was ready to give his baseball career up for good.

Big Decisions

Coming out of high school, Smith made the decision to let go of his baseball career and concentrate on academics. Smith could have played baseball and a Division III school if he wanted, but there weren't any big-time recruiters knocking down his door.

"I came to school for school, I figured my baseball career was over, I didn't have any big schools offering me anything. I loved it so much here. I decided to come regardless of baseball, but it worked out for me," said Smith.

"I figured that my career was over, so I should just begin to get the rest of my life in order and concentrate on school."

In his freshman year at N.C. State, Smith tried out for the Wolfpack team, hoping to walk-on under then coach Ray Farmer.

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Smith got called back after the first set of try-outs, but didn't make the team.

As a sophomore, it was a new season, and the Wolfpack had a new coach, so Smith tried out again, and this time, earned a spot on the roster.

"I didn't think that it would go very well, me having not played baseball for a whole year, I'd done nothing but school that whole time," recalled Smith of his first tryout for current Wolfpack head coach Elliott Avent. "Curiosity brought me out there, to see if I had a shot with the new coach. I guess it turned out pretty well."

Pretty well, indeed.

Smith earned his first start with the Wolfpack in a late-March ACC contest against Florida State. On the night he was 1-2 and perfect in the field at second base. Smith's performance not only won him 13 more starts for the Pack, but his way into the hearts of Wolfpack fans.

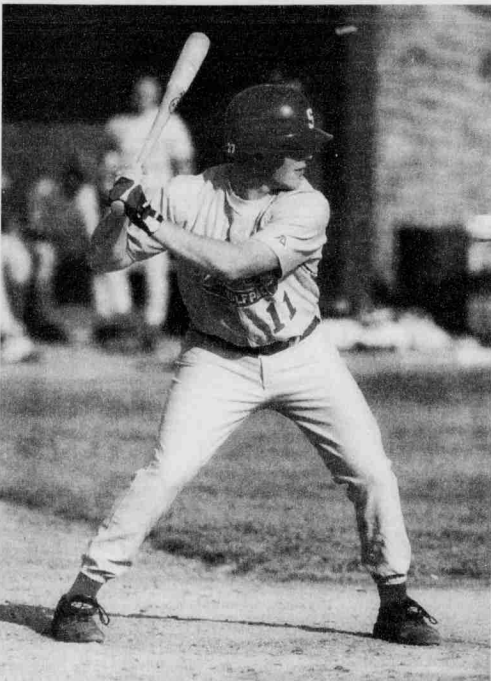
He was the N.C. State teams version of Cinderella, or at least as close as any guy on a baseball diamond is going to get.

By the end of the season, Smith went from being the team's unknown walk-on without his name on his jersey to being one of the heroes in the NCAA South II Regional. Smith batted .429 in the regional, collecting six hits, and drove in the game-winning run in the Pack's first game of the tournament.

Despite replacing Tom Sergio at second base when the Pack all-star moved to the outfield at the end of the 1997 season, Smith didn't have a starting job wrapped up for his sophomore season. Along with the freshmen that came in prior to the 1998 season, infielders Brian Ward and Keith Walsh joined the Pack squad from Brevard junior college in Florida.

Walsh earned the starting spot at second, and Ward took over at third, leaving Smith to fight

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Jason Smith in his third year with the Pack has earned a starting role at third base.

SERIOUS

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Doughboy 'do-boi'n (1865): an American infantryman esp. in World War I

In the summer of 1868 the Archangel Gabriel and a dove on the side of a road somewhere in rural America. The bird, the United States Army in 1817, and spent time in the trenches. To his fault, his entire platoon was wiped out. Having received an empty revolver as a consolation of letters to his family. So moved to the moon.

When his wife was, an insect, a solid race of human-like beings called the Archonith lived on a planet orbiting a star that would eventually engulf the entire solar system of the sun. The planet was a million herds throughout the globe to spread their "good" words. Maxine, one of the Archonith, landed on Earth. Rather than embracing a tribe of Australopithecus hominids, she shot her laser, the harm to evolution before being told to stop by "Oskar the cat and Oskar".

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Technician's View

Greedy faculty

◆ Some members of the Faculty Senate feel that they should be compensated for serving on university standing committees and senate. Unlike other faculty and staff members who have never asked for extra money, the Faculty Senate has gone too far.

The Faculty Senate passed a resolution on Tuesday called "Rewards for University Service." Basically, some faculty members feel that helping out the university isn't justified unless they're getting paid.

They must have overlooked the fact that our faculty members are some of the highest-paid professors in the nation, let alone the fact that the Chair of the Faculty, George Wahl, is paid not by the chemistry department but by the provost's office — money that could be put to good use on the student body.

All members of the university community take part in the university through standing committees. Faculty, staff, students and administrators sit through hours of meetings, even when they include such topics as arts acquisition.

The Faculty Senate is complaining that "service" is "not rewarded by deans" and "is often discouraged."

If this is the case, then the answer is to ask the chancellor and the provost to deal with the deans. If they are discouraging such activity, report them; don't ask for more money just to get professors involved. If the students had to be offered incentives, then there would not be a Student Government or other voluntary bodies.

What's next? Will Faculty Senate see the need to reimburse themselves for going to athletic events because it is a "service to the whole university"?

Student leaders get paid for their service to the students, but that money comes from student fees. Also, the amount is extremely small compared to the amount they pay in tuition and fees. Student leaders don't have the luxury of working another job to earn extra income.

But, with this new proposal, the faculty demands that the university pay them extra, which means more tuition money redirected from student needs to faculty salaries.

Students should applaud the members of the faculty who voted against the resolution. They have shown that one does not need monetary incentive to help out the university. Students have not demanded that there be a percentage of tuition reimbursed when they volunteer; neither should the faculty.

CAMPUS FORUM

More summer classes needed

This letter pertains to all English majors, particularly, although students in other colleges may find something of importance in what follows. A certain situation exists that should be rectified. I find it imperative to note, that rectifying this situation might prove to be a troublesome adventure.

The situation is this: very few courses are offered during the summer session in the English curriculum. This poses a problem for students seeking to better a grade (in cases where a student has failed to pass the course) or to graduate in a timely manner.

Let me share a personal remark. As a transfer student I found myself behind schedule. I have been trying to play catch-up for three years, taking 18 credit hours a semester. I thought that summer school would provide me with the opportunity to make up ground at a more reasonable pace. I was wrong. Two summer in a row I tried to find courses that would meet my requirements I found nothing. All that was offered were 200 level courses and a handful of obscure 300 and 400 level courses.

A number of factors are involved here. The most potent force for participation. To clarify, in order for it to be economically viable for the university to offer a course during either one of the summer sessions. A minimum number of students must register for that course. As it happens, few students apparently needed the same classes I did. In response to this, my proposal is that N.C. State University establish a standard summer curriculum that will give students the opportunity to take courses that will allow them to satisfy requirements, core requirements at the 300 and 400 level. Maybe more students will show interest then.

If you sympathize, please talk to someone in the English department so that all students have the chance to take what they need.

Michael T. Aubele, Sr.
LWE

Traffic problems

It's 7:55 a.m. on a Monday morning, and you have ten minutes to get to class. If you are late one more time, your professor is going to kill you. But, once again you are stuck

on Dan Allen Dr. Behind a line of cars that has to be at least a mile long... and isn't moving. Well, at least you aren't on Cates Ave., trying to get onto to Dan Allen. You would have a better chance at getting front row tickets at the State and Carolina game than actually being able to drive past this intersection without any problems.

It is time that action was taken to eliminate this problem. When these roads were built, the university accommodated less than 20,000 students. Now, there is in excess of 27,500 students on campus, which goes to show that that problem will only worsen in the years to come. Transportation on campus would be much easier and safer if the university would install a traffic signal at this intersection.

Heather Cox, Sr.
LWE

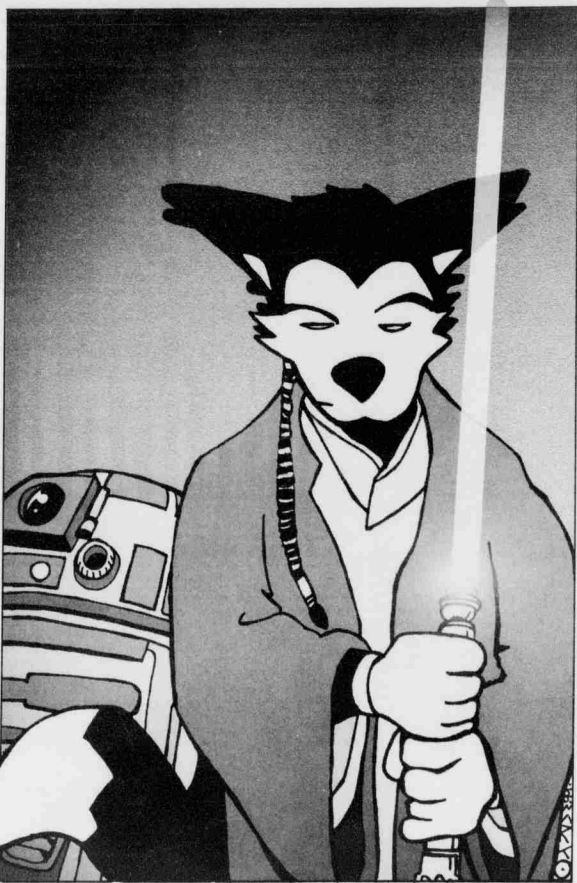
IFC punishment thought unjust

Recently I learned that if my fraternity's candidate class failed to meet the Intrafraternity Council GPA requirement this semester, our entire brotherhood would lose the privilege of Intramural athletic competition next year. Why would a council that is founded to secure and insure the pursuit of Greek excellence strip away one of the primary methods that a chapter has to actively pursue distinction and merit. I wondered: While some Engineering or Textile students, or even English majors like myself, so not always enjoy academic superiority, we do enjoy the privilege of seeking honor on the playing field. Why must a studious person taking difficulty classes who fails to break the 2.55 barrier be punished by being removed from IM athletics?

IM athletics allows students to experience a form of competition where supporting one's chapter and cheering each other on brings the chapter together as a while — as a brother or sisterhood. Removing this venue is not only detrimental to the chapters morale, but to its overall performance. Chapters with active athletic participation have consistently high GPAs than those who do not participate — whether it's because of GPA requirement of simply the chapter choosing not to. Athletic competition is a fundamental element of the Greek System.

Most problem that affect only a select few out of a larger group of

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Saying goodbye to NCSU

Cathy Wilfong

Opinion Editor

As I sat down to write this column, a feeling of finality settled over me. As a graduating senior, I look to the next couple of weeks with a mixture of excitement, sadness and an intangible sensation that I'm beginning to think is something akin to panic.

Yes, the time has come for me to say goodbye to N.C. State — and Technician.

I've learned a lot in the last four years. I've lived, loved, worked and played — and grown up. A lot. Of course, there's still the inner child in me who throws her tantrums and demands to be recognized every now and then, but, on the whole, I feel as though I've transformed into quite a different person than the one who first walked into Sullivan Hall my freshman year.

Oh sure, I've retained some of my former qualities: I'm still stubborn, a procrastinator and subject to bouts of impulsive behavior. But I've also

learned a great deal, both inside the classroom and out.

I've learned the importance of being exposed to different ideas and ways of thinking — and actually listening to them. I've learned that sometimes the things we think are incredibly important at the time don't really matter in the long run. I've learned the value of true friends, the kind that will stick by you no matter what. But perhaps the most important thing I've learned during my four years at NCSU is to follow your heart.

I'm not necessarily talking about in terms of relationships, although the lesson applies to that area as well. I'm talking about finding something you are passionate about and doing it. I'm talking about doing what you want to do. I'm talking about no regrets. Hedonistic? Perhaps. Hard to do? More than likely. Not regret? You will be a happier person in the long run.

It took me a long time to figure this one out, and following through with it still scares me sometimes.

Because, believe me, there have been plenty of times when I've doubted myself or second-guessed a decision I made. But I've also come to realize that this is a perfectly reasonable reaction — and that you can't live your life looking back. But like the skydiver who is on the verge of taking the plunge, if you don't do it, you'll probably always regret it.

I've come across many such situations in my time here. Take my career choice, for example. When I decided to become a journalist, I wasn't exactly treated to a chorus of rousing support. In fact, a lot of people tried to dissuade me, reminding me of how competitive the field was and what it was like to be poor. My mom still sends me job listings (for other fields). And I have a job when I graduate.

But somewhere along the line, I made the decision to listen to that little voice telling me to go for it. And I just knew that not only was this what I was supposed to do, but that I could make it. So be sure to

look for my byline in Rolling Stone in a couple of years.

But all joking aside, I think this is an important lesson. It's what brought me to N.C. State in the first place. I'm an out-of-state student, and, for the longest time, I wanted to go to (gasp!) that school in baby blue. But then I visited both UNC and State, and I knew that I belonged here. It's hard to explain why, exactly, but something just seemed right. Maybe it was the other interviewees I met and empathized with, or the loquacious, persuasive upperclassman who would later become my big brother and friend, or the faculty members who made me feel like a name and not just a number. Whatever the reason, I wound up wearing red instead of blue. And I couldn't have made a better decision.

Because I truly have gotten an education at NCSU that I don't think I could have gotten anywhere else: one in academics, practical experi-

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Honest is what we should be, not what we are

Richard Morgan

Staff Columnist

make this declaration, because it is already common knowledge: I am writing today to emphasize how much dishonesty affects friendship.

Friendship is built on confidence, and confidence is built on trust, and trust is built on honesty. If we are not honest, we cannot have true friendships. All of the benefits of friendship — hanging out together, laughing together, crying together, learning together — are wonderful things, but they are meaningless if they are only possible thanks to lies and deceptions. And, in being meaningless, they are damaging: for how can we hope to reveal the truths of life if we refuse to reveal the truths of ourselves?

Now, I can see people's eyes rolling; you're thinking that I've spent too much time studying for COM112 or PH205; you're thinking that this doesn't apply to you. You're wondering, "This single, attractive Richard Morgan is crazy. What damage can a little dishonesty cause?"

Let me put it this way: when you first

get a t-shirt, it has this line down the front of it, but, the moment it gets dirty and has to be washed, the line is gone — forever. That's how friendships work. You only get one shot at honesty, and it's all or nothing. As Alexander Pope wrote, "O grant an honest frame, or grant me none." People find their foundations either in truth or in nothing at all.

Of course, friends forgive — but they don't forget. The moment anyone is betrayed by anyone else, they stay forever aware that that someone could betray them again. Even the Bible warns about this kind of behavior by saying, "do not betray another man's confidence, or he who hears it may shame you and you will never lose your bad reputation (Proverbs 25:9-10)."

So, given the problem that people are dishonest, what do we do about maintaining open and honest friendships? We must listen to the wisdom of Mahatma Gandhi, who declared that "we must be the change we wish to see

in the world."

I urge anyone who is aware of dishonesty in his or her life to destroy it with honesty. I urge those people to overcome the fears and shames and consequences of truth. I urge those people to remove any masks they show to themselves or others and to melt away the shackles of deception with the fire of truth.

Why, you ask? Why go through all that trouble? Because, as Ralph Waldo Emerson wrote, "the glory of friendship is not in the outstretched hand, nor the kindly smile, nor the joy of companionship; it is the spiritual inspiration that comes to one when you discover that someone else believes in you and is willing to trust you with a friendship."

When it comes to honesty, all of us — including myself — are not what we should be and not what we want to be. But, if we all realize the need for honesty and pursue it with real dedication and conviction, at least we will not be what we were.

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Brian Ward and Matt Postell earn All-ACC honors in baseball and were named to the All-Tournament team.

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Roberto Bracone will compete as an individual at the NCAA Championships later this month. The Pack earned its first team bid since 1978 this year, falling in the first round.

Pack men end season at NCAA

◆ Bracone not finished yet.

Sports Staff Report

N.C. State men's tennis team finished the 1999 season with a 4-2 loss to No. 28 ranked South Florida in the NCAA Southeast Regionals last weekend.

The Wolfpack started strong, winning the doubles point.

State's duo of Roberto Bracone and Shaun Thomas won the No. 1 doubles match by a score of 8-5 over Matt Guyaux and Fabio Tintori. Deval Desai and junior captain Keith Salmon also won for the Pack in doubles, taking the No. 3 match. Desai and Salmon defeated Gilthorn and Popovic, 9-7.

In singles action, Jeff Smith and Eric Jackson lost in two sets at the No. 4 and No. 2 match-ups, respectively.

Salmon dropped his first set, 6-1 to Stephen Capriati but battled back to win the second set, 5-7. Capriati won the third set, taking the victory at No. 3 singles.

Shaun Thomas won the No. 5 singles match in two sets, defeating Aleks Popovic, 6-4, 6-4.

The match came down to the No. 1 and No. 6 singles matches, both of which were headed to tie breaks at the same time.

A win in either match for the Wolfpack would have tied the score at three points a piece, but a 1-0 loss would seal the win for South Florida.

After winning the first set, 6-3, Deval Desai dropped the second, 3-6 and battled back in the third. Desai lost the tie break at No. 6 singles, 9-7, ending the Pack's run.

For the Pack, the berth into the NCAA Tournament was the first since 1978.

The good news for the Pack is that, save one, every starter is eligible to return to the Pack line-up next season. The bad news for the Pack is that the lone senior on the squad is No. 1 singles and doubles player Roberto Bracone.

Bracone recently became the first Wolfpack men's tennis player to earn All-ACC honors in all four seasons on the N.C. State squad.

Bracone also earned his second straight individual berth into the NCAA Tournament last week. Seeding for the individual championship takes place May 24th in Athens, Ga.

Finishing at 14-13 overall on the season, the 1999 schedule was highlighted for the Pack by matches with 17 nationally ranked opponents. The Wolfpack finished the season ranked no. 46 in the nation.

State bows in semis

◆ Pack Nine falls to eventual champion Wake Forest, looks certain for NCAA Appearance.

K. GIFFNEY
Sports Editor

DURHAM, N.C. - They may not have gotten the whole job done, but it looks as if the Wolfpack baseball team's season will go on.

As the No. 6 seed in the Atlantic Coast Conference Baseball Championship Tournament last week at the Durham Bulls Athletic Park, the Wolfpack battled its way into the semi-finals, falling on the tournament's final day.

State lost to Wake Forest, 11-6 in a Saturday morning contest. The Demon Deacons went on to win the Championship that night with a 9-5 come-from-behind win over the Clemson Tigers.

The Championship is the Deacs second straight, after winning their second championship in 1998.

The ACC media named eight Wake Forest players to the All-Tournament team, bestowing MVP honors upon catcher Andrew Riepe.

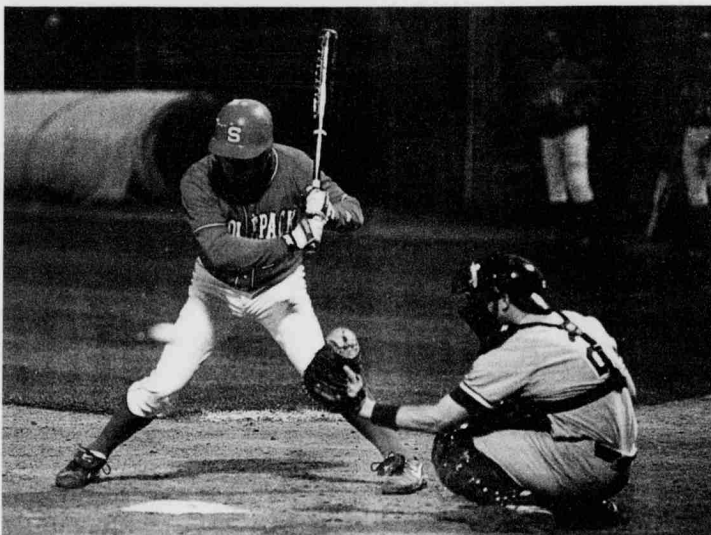
Against Wake Forest, State freshman Brian Wright led off the game with a home run to right field after Matt Briggs third pitch of the game. After three innings, the game remained close, with the Deacs holding a 6-4 lead, but a four run outburst from Wake Forest in the fifth but the Pack away.

N. C. State was only able to muster two more runs, both coming during an eighth-inning rally that fell short.

For the Wolfpack, Adrean Acevedo and Craig Lee each had two RBIs, while utility player Danny Borrell was 3-for-5 with two runs scored and three RBIs for Wake Forest.

Despite the loss, N.C. State's personnel feels confident that the Wolfpack will be one of the 64 teams invited from around the nation to compete in the NCAA Tournament.

"I think that we were in coming into the (ACC) tournament, but when you leave it to other people to decide, you never know," said Wolfpack Head



N.C. State, after losing in the ACC Tournament semi-finals, awaits a bid into the NCAA Championship Tournament.

Coach Elliot Avent. "You'd think with the ACC having such a high RPI and being such a tough league, that when you talk about the nation's top 64 teams, many of those ACC teams would be included. In the last 36 games I've asked these guys to play teams that have a shot at making the Regionals and we've done very well. We've played very well over the last four weeks. You think that you are there, but you just have to wait for the decision, we have no control over that."

Regional action gets underway May 28th across the nation. There are 16 Regional sites throughout the nation, awarded to 16 of the nation's top

teams. Wake Forest and ACC regular season champ Florida State will both host regional sites this post-season. The eight super regional sites will be determined after the results of all 16 Regionals are final.

The College World Series kicks off on June 11th, as always, in Rosenblatt Stadium, in Omaha, Neb.

N.C. State 9, Georgia Tech 6
N.C. State advanced to the semi-finals with a win of the Yellow Jackets on Friday.

State scored in each of the first three innings to mount a 6-0 lead early in the contest.

"I thought we played very, very well, as we have the last three of four

weeks. We're playing with a lot of confidence right now and we're doing a lot of great things defensively," said Avent after the contest. "Our guys did a great job of doing what they had to do to win the ball game."

The Jackets responded with six runs off of Pack starter Grant Dorn between the fourth and fifth innings. Freshman Mike Sollie came in to relieve Dorn in the seventh. Sollie, who had thrown the final pitch in Wednesday's tournament-opening loss for the Pack, threw three scoreless innings, allowing just two hits to the 12 batters he faced.

Brian Ward was 4-for-4 at the plate

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Pack squeaks through regular season

Summary bullet: Pack 4-3 heading into ACC Tournament.

K. Gaffney
Sports Editor

N.C. State 11, Duke 5

The Pack started off a three-game road series with the Blue Devils with a six-run win.

Brian Wright, Dan Mooney, and Craig Lee each belted home runs in a significantly affected by heavy winds.

The Wolfpack scored 10 runs, collectively in the fifth and six innings. Matt Postell, Andy Baxter and Brian Ward combined to drive in five runs, all on doubles.

Freshman Ryan Combs picked up the win.

Duke 3, N.C. State 2

Saturday's double-header wasn't so pleasant for the Pack.

In game one, both team scattered two runs a piece across eight innings, until the Blue Devils' Vaughn Schill placed a hit along the rightfield line that outfielder Brian Wright and second baseman Brian Ward couldn't reach in time.

Duke 8, N.C. State 4

Game two was just as unsettling for the Pack. Duke scored eight runs in the first two innings and State was unable to mount a worthy comeback.

Wright, Mooney, and Todd Demakes each had extra-base hits for the Pack. Rodney Ormond took the loss for the Pack, while the Blue Devils' Chris Capuano improved to 6-4 on the season.

N.C. State 3, ECU 2

The Pack averaged its first loss of the season with a

3-2 win over the Pirates of East Carolina on May 8th at Fleming Stadium in Wilson, N.C.

The Pack took a 2-1 lead after the first two innings, behind the plate appearances of seniors Jason Smith and Postell, who both drove in runs, and the work of freshman Dan D'Amato on the mound.

ECU scored again in the top of the sixth inning to tie the game, but Lee answered for the Pack, with a solo home run in the bottom of the inning to give the Pack its final margin of victory.

The rookie hurler improved to 7-1 on the season with the win, throwing eight and two-thirds innings giving up just two runs on six hits.

N.C. State 19, Clemson 9

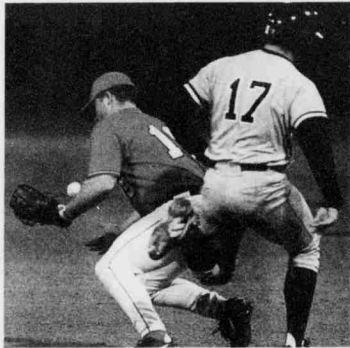
After an inning and a half on Friday night, the contest was 7-5 in favor of the Tigers, but heavy rains moved the remaining innings to Saturday afternoon.

Behind 15 runs in the first three innings and a stand-out performance from yet another freshman pitcher, the Pack weathered the storm for its 10th conference win of the season.

Clemson scored all but two of its nine runs in the second inning off D'Amato, who had made easy work of the Tigers in the first inning. With one out and seven runs across the plate in the inning, the Pack coaches brought in another rookie, Mike Sollie.

After retiring the final two batters of the second inning, which ended up being the final two batters for either team on Friday night, Sollie went the distance on Saturday. The freshman from Charlotte gave up just one earned run and allowed only three hits in the remaining seven innings. Sollie improved to 4-0 on the year.

At the plate, six Wolfpack players drove in two or



The Wolfpack finished the regular season with four wins in seven games. State picked up three conference wins, finishing the ACC regular season in sixth place.

more runs, led by junior outfielder Josh Schmitt who was three-for-three in the game with five RBIs and four runs scored. Schmitt hit his third home run of the season. Seniors Adrean Acevedo and Ward also sent pitches out of the park for State.

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DIAMOND NOTES

Smith named All-District

Jason Smith, a senior from Goldsboro, N.C. has been named to the CoSIDA Academic All-District III first team.

Smith, who has been a starting infielder for the Pack in 44 games this season, and has seen most of his time at third base, graduated Summa Cum Laude this past weekend from N.C. State with a 3.83 GPA in construction engineering. Smith was unable to attend graduation ceremonies on Saturday because of a rain delay which forced the Wolfpack and the Clemson Tigers to finish Friday night's game on Saturday afternoon, but he was presented with his diploma on the field after the Pack's 19-9 win over the Tigers.

Smith finished the regular season batting .318 with 50 hits and a 419 on-base percentage.

A former walk-on, Smith has a year of eligibility remaining, which he intends on using next year while

attending Graduate School at N.C. State.

Matt Diaz from Florida State University is the lone other ACC representative on the All-District III first team.

Baxter out for season

Andy Baxter, from Erwin, Tenn., who had seen action in 40 games this season for the Pack, will be sidelined during post-season play.

The sophomore had an operation on May 6th after breaking his left foot. Baxter had fractured his foot earlier in the season, but had been able to play through the injury.

The results of an X-ray on March 9th was the first time that the fracture had been detected, according to team athletic trainer Mike Smith.

"I really don't know how I hurt it to begin with," said Baxter. "Against Duke, I flew out and as I was rounding the base, I heard it snap underneath me."

Baxter finished his season with a .346 batting aver-

age, 36 hits and 21 RBIs, seeing action in the outfield as well as at first and third base.

Baxter had planned on reporting to a team in the Cape Cod League, one of the country's premier league for college players in the offseason, at the conclusion of the Pack's post-season, but still has four weeks in a cast before solving any plans.

Prior to Sunday's game with Clemson, 10 Wolfpack seniors, playing in their final game at Doak Field, were honored.

Reserves Andy Ferguson, Aaron Maher, Josh Ballard and Luis Figueroa, pitchers Rodney Ormond and Dustin Baker, and starters Matt Postell, Brian Ward, Todd DeMakes and Adrean Acevedo were each presented with jerseys by Wolfpack head coach Elliot Avent and assistant Billy Best.

Collectively, the ten seniors combined for an average of .322 in 1999 with 61 doubles and 34 home runs.

Baker and Ormond combined to throw 130 innings in 34 appearances.

1999 ACC regular season standings

Rank	Team	Record
1.	Florida State	22-2
2.	Wake Forest	16-7
3.	Clemson	13-10
4.	UNC	13-11
5.	Georgia Tech	12-12
6.	N.C. State	11-13
7.	Virginia	8-15
8.	Maryland	6-17
9.	Duke	3-18

Forum

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people are left out of the spotlight, causing them to fester and continue infecting otherwise uncorrupted institutions. However, this issue can not remain unchallenged any longer. The details are listed in the IFC Constitution. This document allows the IFC to remove IM athletics from anything from missing two IFC meetings to failing to meet academic minimums for consecutive semesters.

I agree that punishment is necessary, even beneficial, but make the punishment fit the crime. Suspend legislative privileges for missing legislative body meeting, not athletic privileges. Require academic progress reports for poor academic performances. But do not strip away a facet of the very thing you strive to protect—the pursuit of excellence.

David Hinson, SO
English

Situation calls for improved security

Like any other student or teacher at N.C. State University, Anne Luchetti assumed that walking to her car parked directly across from campus would put her in no danger. Like

Many others, she was wrong. As she was being attacked for possession of her purse, she made several attempts to scream for protections, but no one was around to help. What is happening with campus security? Is it so bold for us as students and faculty to expect a safe walk to our cars or homes when simply walking from class?

There is a growing problem in and around the State system that needs to be controlled immediately. Public Safety officers and their training are coming up short and no one seems to be giving it too much worry. There are not enough officers located in those dark and isolated places where an attack would seem probable. As students, it is our job to do something about it. By voicing our opinion and making this a very urgent situation, someone who has leverage in this issue may hear our pleas and decide to do something about it. We are the ones who can make a difference.

Dangerous situations are becoming more prevalent every day. Criminals have more than ample opportunity to attack innocent college students walking home from afternoon or evening classes, and in many cases, daytime classes. If students show more of their fears and concerns, we may be able to put this eerie situation to an end. The last thing that we need is someone else becoming another statistic.

Stacie Y. Kurtz, Jr.
English

Wilfong

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ence and life, all at the same time. I feel prepared — at least, technically — to go out into the "real world."

And I know that the friends I have now are ones I want around for the rest of my life. They have laughed with (and sometimes at) me, helped me through tough times and been my surrogate family.

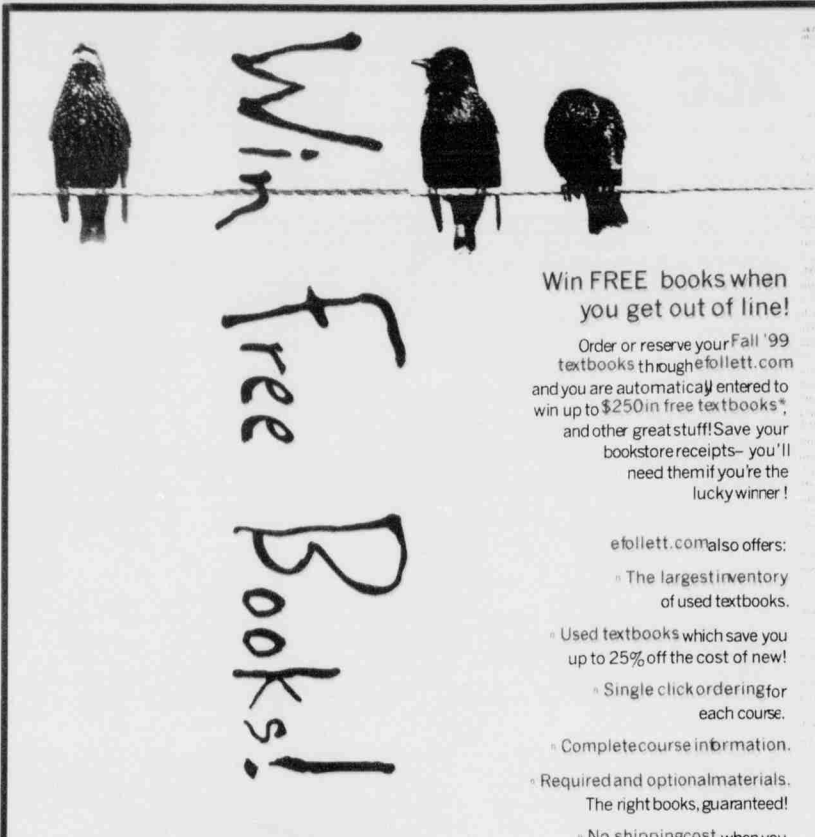
And yes, I will probably be one of those ancient alumni who totter back to campus every chance they get to tailgate at a football game or cheer (even halfheartedly) at a men's basketball game. (Only now they will be in the new arena.) And you know what? I'll be proud to be wearing an N.C. State sweatshirt. I'll even drag my other old friends along with me.

If I sound like a walking advertisement for the university, then sign me up. I love this school and almost everything about it: the people, the professors, the athletic events, even the bricks. And I'm certainly going to miss it. N.C. State has taught me more about myself, others and life than I ever thought I could learn.

And everyone else out there can have this same experience; you just have to be willing to take the chance. Make the most of every opportunity. Don't be afraid to try something new. And most importantly, follow your heart.

If I hadn't, I would never be sitting at this computer, writing this column.

Cathy would like to extend her heartfelt thanks, love and appreciation to everyone who has helped her make it through her four years at N.C. State. Good luck in all you do!
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N.C. State 7, Clemson 4

In Saturday's second game, the Pack jumped off to another early lead, scoring three runs in the first two innings.

Former junior-college teammates Ward and Mooney drove in the runs for the Pack. A two-out single in the first from Ward scored Wolfpack senior Smith, while in the bottom of the second, Mooney singled to center to drive in Schmitt and Lee.

The Tigers tied the game in the sixth inning. Clemson first baseman Jason Harris and designated hitter Henri Stanley singled to start off the inning. Both scored on third baseman Khalil Greene's seventh home run of the season.

With the score knotted at three runs a piece, the Pack battled back again, scoring four runs in the bottom of the inning.

Mooney drove in Lee and came home along with shortstop DeMakes, who had both singled earlier in the inning, on a double from freshman Wright, who later scored.

Senior Ormond went six innings for the Pack, giving up three runs on just six hits while striking out four batters.

In trouble in the top of the ninth inning, the Pack brought in senior Dustin Baker from the bull pen. With runners on and no outs, Baker retired three straight batters, striking out one to earn his first save of the year.

Clemson 7, N.C. State 4

The Wolfpack couldn't hold on for the sweep, as the Tigers' evenly spread offense got the best of the Wolfpack's pitching.

Clemson scored three runs in the second inning to take the early lead, and while the Pack tied the game at four runs apiece at the end of the fifth inning, it wasn't enough.

Three Tigers hit home runs, while six different players drove in base runners. Clemson picked up three runs in the final three innings to seal the deal.

The Wolfpack used five pitchers, but managed just three strikeouts while giving up nine hits and five walks.

Seniors DeMakes and Ward hit home runs for the Pack.

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for the Pack, with three doubles and five RBIs. Ward's doubles ties the ACC Tournament record.

Wolfpack left-fielder, who's defense was key for the Pack throughout the tournament, made a diving catch in shallow left-field to end the game.

N.C. State 9, Virginia 6

State picked up its first win of the tournament by holding off the Virginia Cavaliers on Thursday. A balanced offensive attack propelled the Pack, who held off a five run surge from the Cavaliers in the final three innings.

Matt Postell was 3-for-5 to lead the Pack, with a home-run and five RBIs.

"Everybody talks about Postell's performance today, but we've seen it for 58 games. Matt's had an unbelievable year," commented Avent. "He's hit from day one and hasn't stopped hitting. He's put together a senior year that I think is absolutely unbelievable."

Ward, Brian Wright and Jason Smith each scored twice for the Pack.

David Stone drove in two runs for the Cavaliers.

Clemson 7, N.C. State 6

The Pack's second loss to the Clemson Tigers in as many games moved N.C. State into the loser's bracket.

State built up an early lead, but was unable to hang on.

Justin Singleton evened the score from the Tigers with a two-run pinch-hit home run in the bottom of the ninth. Patrick Boyd doubled to follow Singleton, and Kurt Bultman hit a single to drive-in Boyd for the winning run.

Brian Wright's 21-game hitting streak came to an end with an 0-for-4 performance in the game.

Smith

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for a spot somewhere in the line up and playing time as a reserve.

Smith's numbers dropped, seeing time in 34 games, Smith hit .184 on the season, with just nine hits in 49 at-bats.

"I struggled last season, my numbers weren't where they needed to be," reflects Smith. "I knew coming into this season that I would have to work hard."

Battling Back

In the fall of 1998, it appeared that Smith had locked himself into a starting role in the infield.

During the Red and White World Series, Smith led the team offensively and was impressive on the field, but an injury during the semester break sidelined Smith for the first few weeks of the preseason.

Smith recovered in time for the season, and has been as close to a permanent fixture in the line-up as possible since.

Smith has started 48 of the 57 games that he has played in this season, hitting .307 with an on-base percentage over .400. Caught just once on the base paths, Smith finished the regular season 9th in the ACC with 16 stolen bases.

And the rest is, as they say, history.

Well, not quite, there is the business of another year of eligibility.

Once the 1999 season is over for the Pack, who, heading to an NCAA Regional, is hoping to finish in Omaha at the College World Series, Smith will have another full year to play for N.C. State.

Smith is already registered to attend graduate school classes starting in the fall while working out with the Wolfpack, gearing up for the 2000 season.

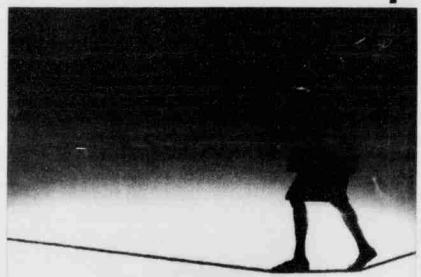
And while he's promised his mother that he will attend the actual graduation ceremonies after he earns his masters, it might have trouble measuring up to his recent graduation.

"It was really special," said Smith. "For all of us who put in so much time and work out there, to get my diploma on Douk Field, it was special."

In a time when the sports segment of the local news is dominated by stories of 19-year-olds leaving school, or completely forgoing school for the fame and glorious lifestyle of a professional athlete, the entire situation leads one to question how appropriate the situation was for Jason Smith's life.

An athlete, who once gave up his baseball career, giving up the pomp and circumstance of his academic career after four years of hard work for his team, and not thinking twice about it.

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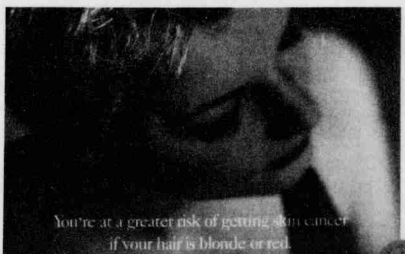
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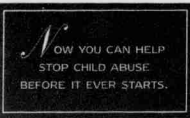
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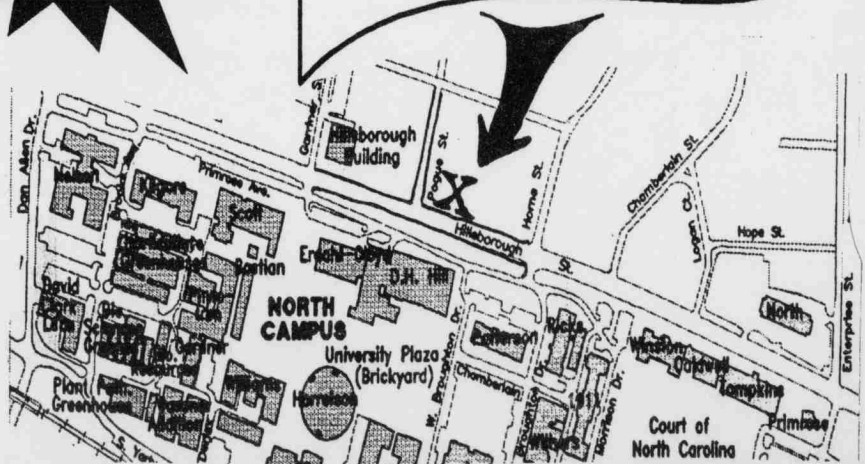
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









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