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**Winds in and around Raleigh picked up as Tropical Storm Dennis approached the coast again, providing great weather for sailing and other "recreational activities." Dennis dropped over 6 inches of the wet stuff on the RDU area over the course of Saturday and Sunday. While many fans got drenched at the State Vs. USC game, they toughed it out, like good students does, to see the Pack record its first shutout since 1991. By the way, love rocks.**

## Taiwan

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ences. It was so successful that the president of the National Taiwan University is already making plans for next year's exchange program, according to Shih.

A new program is being organized to send NCSU students to the National Taiwan University to learn Chinese language and culture in the summer of 2000. Unlike the science and engineering-based program the students from the National Taiwan University experienced here at NCSU, the program sending NCSU students abroad will be language and humanities-based, according to Ingrid Schmidt, director of Study Abroad. The National Taiwan University is well known for their language program, as well as the quality of their research instruction.

Although the program is still being organized, it is expected that two to three courses will be offered for a maximum of six credit hours for the NCSU students involved in the program. The students will study at the National Taiwan University for approximately four to five weeks over the summer. For more information, contact the Study Abroad office at 515-2087.

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the Unity network.

Restarting the PC suppresses the Linux and restores the Windows environment to the computer.

Jasper claims that his creation may even save NCSU money in the future. As some of the Windows NT and Sun workstations age, Jasper hopes that the university will begin to replace these systems with his software, which is free of the licensing fees that make the university's computer labs so expensive to operate. He estimates that the cost of Microsoft's licensing fees on its Windows NT network operating system are almost one hundred times higher than the cost of installing Eos Linux.

Three undergraduate students—Matthew Wilson, Nalin Dabhyabhai, and Donaghy—helped Jasper's project become a

reality. Wilson began working on the project two years ago as a freshman in computer science, and assisted Jasper in securing an \$8,000 grant from the College of Engineering to develop Eos Linux. Wilson left NCSU last fall to accept a position at Red Hat Software, a Raleigh programming firm that has received national attention for its popular versions of the Linux operating system. Dabhyabhai and Donaghy tested Eos Linux, packaged the program in a form fit for commercial distribution, and coordinated the effort to release the program.

Jasper promises continued advancements in the Eos Linux software. He expects Eos Linux to eventually evolve into a graphical computing environment, similar to those featured in Macintosh and Windows computers, wherein users manipulate icons rather than type commands.

Both Duke University and UNC-Chapel Hill have expressed interest in adopting Eos Linux to their own computing environments, said Jasper.

## Success

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Sendek and Kay Yow have volunteered to share their messages with students in attendance at today's seminar. Coach O'Cam will give a presentation on the benefits of goal setting, while Men's Basketball Coach Herb Sendek will instruct audiences on preparing a game plan. Women's Basketball Coach Kay Yow will seek to help students find their own motivation.

"This is an opportunity for athletics to demonstrate an interest in the entire student body," Callahan said. "It's an opportunity for the entire university to hold hands."

Since he does not have to don a coach's attire this year, Conway will provide a view on student success from an administrative perspective. In addition, Student Body President Raj Mirchandani is slated to give a presentation on effective time management.

Wallace will still act as a referee

during Tuesday's activities, as he seeks to encourage student interaction during the forums. The SSI hopes that through continual interactions between presenters and the audience, students will be able to personalize the information.

Wednesday night's workshops will take a more in-depth look at the skills touched on in Tuesday's seminar through five separate hour-and-a-half workshops, taught by various members of the university faculty and staff. Students who attend the second night's workshops also will receive a book that further elaborates on successful college study and lifestyle habits.

The first portion of the two-day series, "N.C. State, Success and You" will be held Tuesday in Stewart Theatre. Admission to Tuesday's activities is free, but students must pick up advanced tickets at Ticket Central in Talley Student Center prior to the 7 p.m. start. The seminar concludes Wednesday with a series of in-depth workshops. Tickets for Wednesday's activities are available at Ticket Central for \$5.

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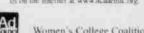
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# Lessons from life

◆ Mitch Albom's ultimate labor of love.

**K. GREENEY**  
 Features Editor

There is a reason that Mitch Albom's "tuesdays with Morrie" has been on or a top of the New York Times Best-seller list for close to 100 weeks now.

It is more than just the charm of an old man with lots of stories.

More than just anecdotes about quieting a college gym amidst a basketball game.

Albom draws audiences in with sentimental remembrances of his first encounters with Schwartz, his college professor and mentor.

But what keeps readers attentive is the back-to-basics-heads-up-this-is-what-your-life-should-be-about lessons.

The book is a true account of the time that Albom spent with good friends Morrie Schwartz, as Schwartz's body was being consumed by the terrifying effects of amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), commonly known as Lou Gehrig's disease and his mind was flourishing.

In an age in which doing things faster

and cheaper is priority one, Schwartz's realizations about how life should really be approached is a refreshing change.

Resist the temptation to think of yourself as useless.

"Morrie" is, on the surface, a simple out for young-urban-professionals who think that they are down to earth, but at the heart, is the book of lessons offered up by the elders of the tribe to those youths who truly understand the meaning of buzz words like morals and family values.

Marriage, emotions, and the knowledge that you are going to die, feeling, thoughts and passing fancies that we all encounter on a daily basis, but incorrectly assume are not important enough to take the time out of our lives to really come to any conclusions about.

But the point is, what is more important?

Albom wrote about what must have been the toughest assignment of his life, watching his mentor and friend die. Not swiftly, but gracefully in body and in spirit. Schwartz shared with Albom the thoughts and emotions that truly go through one's head as the realization that your final days are quickly encroaching.

At some point, be prepared to deal with

profound contradictory feelings for example, wanting to live and wanting to die, loving others and disliking them.

And Albom has nobly offered it to the rest of us.

Schwartz also has a book of his own, a manuscript which he finished prior to his death. The volume, entitled "Morrie: in his own words," offers us the wisdom that the professor passed along to so many of his students at Brandeis University during his tenure there.

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Mitch Albom

## Morrie:



In His Own Words

LIFE WISDOM FROM A REMARKABLE MAN

Morrie Schwartz

## The Real World

◆ MTV hosts a casting call at He's Not Here in Chapel Hill for Road Rules and Real World

**TONYA JOHNSON**  
 Assistant Features Editor

Are you destined to share your life and inner most darkest secrets with millions of people? If you do, then have no fear. You still have a chance to send in your videotape for the shows Real World and Road Rules even though they have already held their casting call in Chapel Hill this past Sunday.

MTV and Bunim-Murray Productions, the company that actually films the shows, were based at He's Not Here, a popular club in Chapel Hill, looking for people ages 18 to 24 to be in their next season's shows. Eight hundred applications were given out, but more than 800 people showed up. Those that didn't have an application weren't allowed to try out, but they were given the address to send in their videotapes.

"MTV came here because it was an area with a lot of young people. It's near Carolina, N.C. State and Duke," said Tom Hutchinson, a student at UNC-Chapel Hill who was an assistant for MTV at the casting call.

College students who are chosen for each show must take a semester off, but most college students don't mind. "Of course, I'll take a semester off if chosen," said Leslie Bunch, a 21-year-old student from N.C. Central University.

If you don't watch either show, the Real World is a show where seven strangers are thrown together to live for six months. Their lives are videotaped every minute of the day, and Bunim-Murray Productions edits the videotapes to find "good stuff," material they think their audience wants to see, to be featured on the air. "I'm a big fan of both shows. It challenges you everyday to make your personality well rounded, to accept new things and try new things. It's an opportuni-

ty you might not take if you were on your own," said Kristen Wock, a 22 year old from Holly Springs.

Road Rules consist of six strangers going on missions around the world. Some of their missions are daring; some are humiliating. This season, the cast is participating in a Semester at Sea program, so unlike in past seasons, cast members are getting to learn about a culture before they experience it.

This year, the cast has already visited Cuba, Brazil, India and Vietnam.

Meanwhile, the cast of the Real World is vacationing...in a glamorous home on the shores of Hawaii.

"People like the shows because they're about young people doing real life things. It's not fake. At home, you get to know the characters and you start to connect with them," said Hutchinson.

A lot of people want to be on either show because it can lead to fame. Individuals from past seasons on either show have went on to pursue modeling or acting careers, music careers or work for MTV.

"I want to be on the either show for selfish reasons. I want a record deal. I play the guitar, and I know that they'll hook you up after being on the show. I've always wanted to pursue a career in music, and I'm confident I'll be a rock star one day," said Amy Kirkwood, a 20-year-old UNC student.

Wock added that she wants to be on either show because she's "at a special time" in her life and feels like she is capable of doing it.

Plus, she added, "I'm a tolerant individual, and I can accept almost anything."

"It would be a growing experience that I want to be a part of, but my parents would probably disown me if I went on either show," said Tineke Akintola, an 18-year-old student at UNC-Chapel Hill.

To get the inside scoop about the shows, I decided to try out for both of the shows myself. I tried out because the next Real World will supposedly be in New Orleans, La.,

and I wanted to be near my sister who lives there. Out of 800 applicants, I was 788, which meant that I had to wait about four hours before I was interviewed. Most of the other people who came to the casting call were college students, but there were individuals who worked jobs in construction or sales.

When I my group was called into the bar in a dark corner, we were met by a friendly lady named Jill, who was our moderator. After we each introduced ourselves, Jill wanted us to talk about sex, relationships and what we wanted to do with our lives. The group interview only lasted about 10 or 15 minutes, and Jill told us that MTV would let us know by November whether we would advance to the next round of auditions. She estimated that about 30,000 people would apply for the shows so competition would be stiff. One girl, who was mad that she didn't get a callback, said to her friends, "They just want weirdos. We're too normal for them."

"They're not specifically looking for weirdos, but interesting, social people who are young and energetic that would work well for the shows. But, we have seen some weirdos today," said Hutchinson.

He continued, "Act natural, and be yourself."

You still have time to make a videotape to try out for either show. To apply, you need to send a 5 to 10 minute videotape introducing yourself, and explaining why you should be on the show. Be creative, and hurry up because the deadline for the tapes are Sept. 10. For more information about either show, you can visit their website at [www.bunim-murray.com](http://www.bunim-murray.com).

There will also be another casting call this weekend at Paramount's Carowinds in Charlotte, N.C.

Good luck and as Jason Gentry, a 24 year old construction worker said, "If you're supposed to be chosen for something, everything will work out."

## Warrior a stale pick

◆ Postponed release no help for Banderas/McTiernan adventure.

**RYAN HILL**  
 Staff Writer

When a film has been completed and sits around for over a year and a half waiting to be released, it is never a good sign. It usually says that the studio releasing the film has no faith in it whatsoever and wants to wait for a weekend in which they can slip the movie in and maybe make back part of what they spent on it. "The 13th Warrior" is one such film that has been collecting dust for some time.

Based on the novel "Eaters of the Dead" by Michael Crichton, the film follows the adventures of Ibn Fadlan (Antonio Banderas) an Arab who has been banished for having a little too much fun with another man's wife. His mentor Melchisedech (Omar Sharif) accompanies him as they travel through Northern Europe. Eventually they stop to rest at a small Norsemen camp. While there these people from even further up North (how much farther is anyone's guess) come into the camp and ask for help to destroy something so evil that they can't say their name (which is funny because they never say anyone's name throughout the entire movie). Fortunately there is some sort of prophet (an old ugly woman, go figure) who says that there must be 13 men who go to fight this evil. 12 stand up and volunteer, and then the prophet says that the 13th

must not be a North man, so our hero Ibn is forced to go with these men. As he travels with them, he learns their language in one night, which is just one of those things that would be seen in John Travolta's Phenomenon but not some big Conan wannabe film like this. The warriors eventually come upon this

town that has no defense, and is almost completely made up of women, children, and old men. As the warriors investigate they find out that the dead bodies have been eaten, hence the name "Eaters of the Dead." These "Eaters" only come under the cover of fog, and they dress like bears. What

cruciates after this is pretty much the Eaters of the Dead attacking the warriors, and the warriors attacking them.

With mysterious villains, ugly big men with even bigger swords, and blood everywhere you would think that this movie would make Arnold Schwarzenegger proud.

Unfortunately this is not the case. The film suffers from a lack of several things, the biggest of which is lack of character development. Since

nobody's name is ever really mentioned, the viewer is forced to rely upon the faces of the warriors to know who everyone is. This is an interesting approach, but all we get to know of the warriors is their face. There is no attempt at all to develop any characters, leaving a kind of bland feeling each time one of them dies. One thing that was really funny about the movie was Antonio's character. Complaining that he is not a warrior, he is given a sword by one of the Norsemen. He can't lift it or even hit a piece of wood with it. To compensate for this he has his sword cut into the form of a scimitar and all of a sudden Antonio is back in Zorro mode. There isn't even any explanation of the Eaters of the Dead, except that they eat dead people,

which is interesting in that you see maybe two bites in one body and that is all that is seen of them eating dead people. Instead they just steal people's heads, so from here on out I will call them the "Stealers of the Head."

"The 13th Warrior" actually does do a few things right. The action is entertaining, especially a scene in which the warriors infiltrate the lair of the head stealers. The cinematography, while shaky, gives the film a nice frightened look. The battle scenes reminded me a little of "Braveheart," but that is where the good stuff ends. The story hinges on those moments in film known as a "What a coincidence" moment.

Hopefully director John McTiernan ("The Hunt for Red October") has gotten over this weird phase he has been in this summer. With "The Thomas Crown Affair" he showed us just how good he could be with those spectacular scenes where the art is stolen and he also showed us Rene Russo in the nude. With "The 13th Warrior" he showed us that he can do worse than he did in "Medicine Man" (don't remember it? Neither do I). Hopefully he will go back to directing "Die Hard" movies, which even after a hundred viewings is more fun than "The 13th Warrior."

### 13th Warrior



Director:  
**John McTiernan**  
 Starring:  
**Antonio Banderas**



The Thirteenth Warrior, starring Antonio Banderas, is based on the Michael Crichton novel "Eaters of the Dead."

**Technician is looking for features writers. If you are interested in writing movie, book, or cd reviews, or writing feature stories about happenings on and around N.C. State's campus, contact Kim Gaffney at Technician. Call at 515-2411 or e-mail at [kim@sma.sca.ncsu.edu](mailto:kim@sma.sca.ncsu.edu). OR stop by the features meeting in the Technician office suite at 5 p.m. on Thursday.**



# Opinion

## Technician's View

### 'D'viations from the norm

◆ Transportation issued parking permits because of openings around residence halls and undermined the application process.

For the second consecutive year, University Transportation has circumvented its own waiting list system in allotting parking permits.

Last year, administrators in parking passed over people on the waiting list for commuters' E permits. This year, the wait list fudging has affected those waiting for D permits, which are, aside from diplomas, probably the most sought-after paper products on campus.

At the start of the fall semester, the D lots at four N.C. State residence halls—Wood, Sullivan, Bragaw and Lee—had surplus parking. Responding to the abundance of parking spaces, Transportation issued D permits to a number of students in these dorms, regardless of their positions on the waiting list.

Offering permits to these students was understandable; the first students offered D permits were all on the waiting list already. Had the mass offering not been made, Transportation would have raised the ire of those D waiting list students who walk past rows of empty spaces

when they leave their dorms every morning.

However, Transportation's next move was inexplicable. With spaces still empty, the department surprised Wood, Sullivan, Bragaw and Lee students on the B, DC and DD waiting lists by offering them D permits.

Foregoing the waiting list, parking services manager Michelle Green said, "is not the normal process." A permit in the D parking zone costs \$180 per year. According to parking services Manager Michelle Green, the wait for a D permit can be as long as three years. Offering D permits to students who had not even applied for them was a disservice to those who have been on the waiting list for a year or even longer.

If the purpose for offering parking permits is to allow for dorm-friendly parking, then perhaps Transportation should scrap the current zoning plan, giving every dorm its own parking zone and making permit allotment dependent on housing assignments. Otherwise, the waiting list should be the rule.

With enrolled students outnumbering on-campus parking spaces by a greater than two-to-one margin, parking at NCSU is too limited, too valuable and too expensive a commodity to be inconsistently allocated.

## CAMPUS FORUM

### Merit helps little in big business

I am writing in response to the forum entry entitled "Merit already a key" from 9/2/99. As I read the article it dawned on me that the author had an excellent example of a real world analogy for affirmative action.

The problem is, the author fails to recognize the obvious conclusion that must be drawn from his own example. The author uses Microsoft and their current anti-trust trial to explain why competition ultimately yields the best products. Obviously, he is implying that competition in the work force would also yield a better employee.

This is entirely true. The problem lies in the fact that Microsoft is a monopoly. If an institution controls all facets of a marketplace (or political system) it tends to bully things into their own favor. Microsoft has used illegal measures to gain and secure their stranglehold on the desktop market. Microsoft utilizes unfair business tactics to maintain their position as the industry leader.

In a loose sense, they have mimicked what whites have done for most of our history to minorities: stifled their opportunity for competition. The author continues to defeat his own purpose by claiming to know that non-Microsoft companies are somehow jealous, since they obviously have inferior products that cannot compete.

Essentially, there is a myth in this country that affirmative action somehow stifles competition. Somehow minorities are given jobs they do not deserve, while qualified white applicants are turned away. This is entirely untrue. The Supreme Court ruled that quotas are illegal. Affirmative action works by forcing businesses and institutions to advertise to and actively recruit minorities. It would seem that this system would increase competition for everyone. Is this not what the author claims people want? The more applicants you have for a certain position, the more competition.

Affirmative action is a merit-based system that seeks to level the playing field in American society.

Unfortunately it is still necessary; racism is alive and well and discrimination continues to be the American Way.

Jeremy Bandini  
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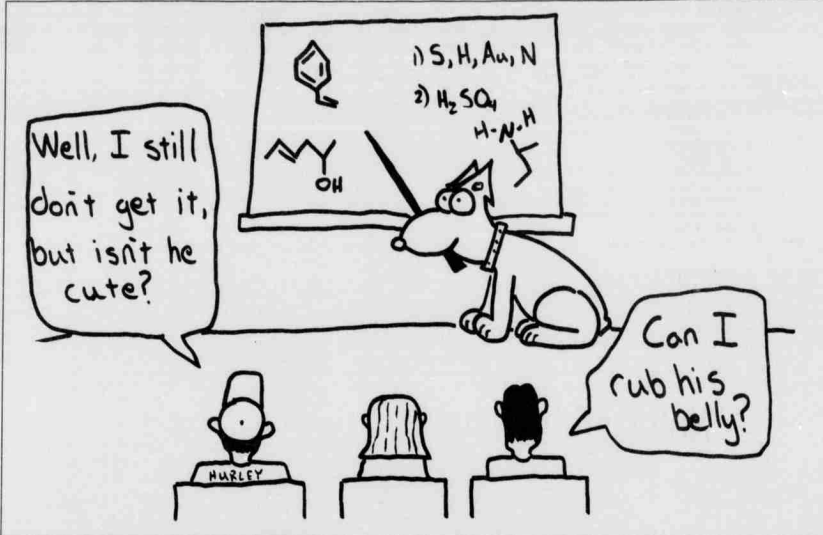
### If not faith, then what?

In his August 30 editorial, Ryan Avent urges us to join the struggle against religion, citing the "monkey wrench" it provides to the development of society. Before delving into a discussion on political misdeeds and violence on television, he introduces one supporting argument: that religion impairs society intellectually. On the contrary, it should compel society to examine all the possibilities before taking such an important stand.

On an intellectual level, Avent accuses religion of disguising the "truth" with its fervent "anti-intellectualism" in order that the religious can maintain their "faith beliefs." Avent fails to realize that, for many people, true religious conviction is found through rigorous intellectual examination of the universe at all. The big bang, for one, was given up long ago by members of the scientific community. Evolution, as some scientists studying it have found, is a fantastic and unsupported proposition requiring more faith than religious beliefs. These are not our "best explanations," but merely the opiates of the easily satisfied who ignore the holes in their fundamentals because high school biology teachers have programmed their students that way for years. It should be no coincidence that religious truths provide a meaning while other theories are devoid of any. Other theories are not "inconvenient" to religious people, as Avent suggests, but insulting due to their masquerading as "proven law."

Avent then suggests no alternative direction toward which our society should develop if religious ideas are oppressed. Could our country be a more just democracy if we cease to appreciate the freedom to incorporate our most fundamental beliefs into the way we live? Is a better society one where the importance of moral teachings, personal faith, and thoughtful examination of our origins are neglected? Avent may think so, but I must disagree.

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## Politically incorrect

Ryan Auent  
Staff Columnist

I was reading through an editorial column in *The Economist* early this past summer when I came across something that, at the time, got me pretty mad. One of their writers was discussing how he thought that recent political events demonstrated that our separation-of-powers political system really didn't work, and it was time for us to think about switching to a parliamentary system of the sort favored by most European nations. I was inclined to dismiss it as the ramblings of some lime Brit, but after living abroad this summer and reading the increasingly critical opining of foreign press, I've started questioning our system, myself.

Why is it so doggone tough for our government to make the right decisions?

That is the question that kept coming up as I tried to justify our democracy to myself. I know it sounds like the weary complaint of a mother about her delinquent son, but evidence continues to mount against the practicality of our government.

But wait a second, right? We've got the most powerful, productive economy in the world, and our military and our politicians continue to throw more police and "get tough" tactics at crime. Our government hasn't been able to put together a decent piece of legislation in months. They've failed miserably on gun control, fixing Social Security, and deciding how to use the budget surplus. And while we wait for

the current administration to do something productive, the battle for the White House (which will ultimately be decided by money anyway) is already beginning to take shape, a shape defined by the candidates' pasts, coffers, values and buzzwords rather than any issue of substance. What is the cause of this, and why doesn't the average person take it seriously? The second portion of that question is easier. People don't sweat bad policies in times of prosperity. As Clinton said in his 1992 campaign, "It's the economy, stupid." Additionally, losing freedoms to an ever more dominant central government is like the old adage about throwing a frog into boiling water. Throw him in, and he'll jump back out to safety, but slowly heat the water around him, and he'll stay in the pot until he perishes.

Most likely, however, the best explanation has to do with a simple lack of knowledge. For example, people toss around figures for the expected budget surplus at around \$3 trillion. If we have that kind of money to burn, then Congress should be able to "save" Social Security, boost domestic spending, and cut taxes at the same time. What people don't realize is that this surplus was calculated based on the promise of future adherence to "discretionary spending caps."

In other words, the Congress of '97 took the praise and left future Reeps to sort through the cuts. When one factors in the legislation that said legislators couldn't touch a certain portion of the annual, except to fix Social Security, it becomes quickly apparent that something will have to give. Indeed, in the face of Republican tax cuts, spending will have to be drastically reduced on areas such as science and arts funding, as well as some spending on education and transportation improvement. Some bounty, eh?

The sad thing is, every issue is like that. No one understands what's going on in Washington, and as long as one of the riders on the average huge allocations bill sounds good, nobody cares. So, how to fix the problem? Well, our friend at *The Economist* suggests that America should look at adopting a parliamentary system. Supposedly, this would force representatives to take a more national outlook, rather than just focusing on their home districts, and it would enable the President (or whatever you'd call it) to have more influence in pushing his agenda. Maybe a good idea, right? It would be a lot easier to establish some sort of consensus, and stuff would actually get done. Except for the fact that our citizens love to rally behind nonsense, such as not teaching evolution or cutting ourselves off from world trade and political involvement.

I suppose there is no easy answer. The best one I can offer is improve education however and whenever possible. The best way to fix bad government is with an educated populace.

I think encouraging or requiring service work for all students might be a good idea, too. Maybe that would shift our focus, if just for a little while, away from the bottom line and toward matters of great civic importance.

Neither is particularly likely, though. Just ask N.C. House Republicans. "Hey guys, don't worry about that \$3 billion we asked for; we'll just accommodate 45,000 more students with the resources we have."

Got a response? Let me know: [rauent@unity.ncsu.edu](mailto:rauent@unity.ncsu.edu).

## Wofline — TCT bus partnership fails to impress

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Staff Columnist

Continuing its trend of getting rid of things that work and replacing them with things that don't, the University this year changed the company to which the Wofline service is outsourced. Laidlaw, the previous company had just begun to perform efficiently and had managed to iron out the wrinkles from its operation when it was underbid by TCT for the Wofline contract. Being a textless student who doesn't own a car, I rely heavily on the Wofline to transport me between the Main Campus and Centennial Campus in order to get from dorm to class and back. Thus, I have to use the Wofline at least twice a day, if not more.

The first day of classes I woke up, got ready just in time to catch the 10:30 and headed to Polk Hall, where the Express bus leaves for Centennial. Since there are no

benches at the bus stop, I perched on the railing outside Polk, waiting patiently for the bus that is supposed to come every 20 minutes. Being five minutes early to compensate for the difference, my watch might have with the official Wofline time, I passed the time reading a magazine that I was fortunate enough to bring with me. As the clock ticked, I got tired of the uncomfortable position I was perched in on the railings and got up to exercise my legs. After a long wait of 25 minutes or so, I finally saw the bus approaching. Needless to say, I was late for my first class of the day.

OK! So the fast week dragged on with the Centennial buses (the regular one and the Express) being late at least seven out of 10 times. Considering that the company was new and it needed time to settle in, I shrugged the matter off. Come second week of classes, the situation was slightly improved, but still not so you could catch the bus 15 minutes before class and get there on

time. Then one fine morning when the winds from Dennis were cooling things down, I, along with two other Centennial riders, waited for the 8:20 bus, but it never came. All of us had class at 8:35 and the next bus that came was at 8:35. Grumbling, we got on the bus and the driver on the bus was kind enough to radio the other Centennial bus to check whether it had made the 8:20 stop it was supposed to make at the gym. A negative answer came back on the waves.

In an attempt to figure out what was causing all these problems, I talked to one of the drivers from last year who moved to TCT this year. According to him, the drivers don't care because they are not getting good pay. The pay for the new drivers is \$8.00 per hour and for the old ones, it is \$8.75! Now I get \$8.25 per hour working part time! Moreover, my job isn't as tiring as driving a huge bus around all day on the same route every day.

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Another problem, he said, was that traffic on Dan Allen was even worse this year and since most of the schedules are still the same from last year, there is a problem in keeping to the schedule. Ironically, the only major change this year on Dan Allen is the new \$45,000 speed bump. Thus, what was originally planned to help traffic and pedestrians on Dan Allen is actually slowing things down!

What TCT and the Department of Transportation should do is either add more buses to help the buses keep to schedule (meaning our tuition goes up) or do a major revision of the routes and schedules. How they solve the problem is something that I can't help them with, since being a textile chemist, I would not be as qualified in traffic management as the folks in Transportation. However, considering that those same folks built a speed bump to help solve the Dan Allen problem, maybe I am.

## Religion and science can co-exist

UNICE WHITAKER  
Guest Columnist

Many opinions and articles in numerous papers lately have attempted to deal with the issues of creation, evolution and religion that surround the recent decision of the Kansas school board to adopt new standards regarding the teaching of evolution. This has led many to turn on religion as a hindrance to the scientific, community and social progress. Why? Have Christians always tried to thwart science and hinder social progress? What is it about science that Christians oppose or fear?

Well, it turns out that many of the early scientists, such as Louis Pasteur, Gregor Mendel and Carolus Linnaeus were believers in Jesus Christ and creationism. Many scientists today, including numerous effective biologists, believe in creation as set out in the Bible and refute evolution. In fact, if it weren't

for the early Christian scientists, science would be lagging far behind its current progress. Early pagan cultures that worshipped nature were too much in awe of the creation to experiment with it; therefore, it was the early Christians, who saw the creator as being apart from His creation, who delved into research in the sciences.

Christians today do not want to stand in the way of science any more than they did then. In the case of the Kansas school board decision, their effort was instead to be factual and scientific. The board simply voted for new standards, to which the local Kansas boards may or may not choose to adhere. David Mites of the Associated Press wrote: "The new standards delete references to so-called 'macroevolution'—the process of change from one species to another—but include references to 'microevolution,' or changes within species. They also mention natural selection, the idea that advantageous traits increase in a

population over time."

Creationists don't believe that creatures today are exactly the same as they were thousands of years ago. Author Jonathan Sarfati has said, "Creationists believe in variation with a kind, which is totally different from the 'information-gaining' variation required for particles-to-people evolution." Macroevolution with one species changing into another has never been proven scientifically. It is not observable and repeatable. It is theory, not fact. If creationism is a faith or belief, then the evolutionist view of all life evolving from a single cell is a faith or belief, too."

Proponents of macroevolution can only believe in what they think happened; yet, many teachers present it as undeniable fact. It is good teaching to present the pros and cons of all the available theories on a subject. "Well, you may ask, 'is the scientific evidence contrary to evolution?' What, there is much more evidence than can be mentioned

here, but I will address a small portion. First, a good transitional fossil record does not exist to support macroevolution. In other words, the missing links are still missing. Second, radiometric dating relies on several untestable assumptions, so we cannot be sure that the earth is billions of years old. Finally, in order for single cells to evolve into humans, huge amounts of orderly information must be randomly created. What about the second law of thermodynamics, which states that disorder in the universe is always increasing?"

I remember seeing a cartoon lately that featured Big Bird holding a sign that said in bold letters, "Creationism!" with the caption below, "Programming for Children." Let's not be so quick to judge what we cannot, and never will, prove scientifically. Let us uphold science, but let us uphold the creator of science even more.

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## Notification policy uncorks dilemmas

EMILY HARDING  
Cavalier Daily (U. Virginia)

Daddy's little girl. That's me. I always will be, as long as a gazillion pictures of me—as a five-year-old, on my horse and on every single first day of school—are scattered around the house. But Daddy's little girl is 20 now and in that limbo-land between adulthood and the legal drinking age. To most college administrators, I have entered the danger zone.

I'm old enough to go to college but not to participate in the alcohol culture so closely associated with student life. I'm old enough to set my own schedule and curfew, but not old enough to want to be home at midnight. I'm old enough and smart enough to procure what the law says I can't have, but am I old enough to handle it? The federal government doesn't think so.

As adults, we can order off QVC without parent permission. We can vote, serve in the military, buy cigarettes, and be hounded by credit card salesmen who call at eight in the morning after your friend's 21st birthday.

If you've joined me in limbo-land and you're under 21, you better have been sober at your friend's party. Thanks to Congress and general nationwide paranoia about underage drinking, universities now can notify parents of underage alcohol abuse. The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, enacted last year, includes an amendment allowing schools to involve parents in that

same alcohol culture, but on the hangerover side.

The original bill, enacted in 1975, was meant to serve a purpose opposite that under contention today: It was meant to protect students from exposure, not open them to it. Kids will be kids, and kids occasionally screw up. But in the media age whose middle wife was Watergate, those screws up became public knowledge. Suddenly public leaders were under scrutiny for their college years, and youthful indiscretions returned to haunt them.

Perhaps in a spirit of paternal love and sympathy for their future counterparts, lawmakers defined college students as independent, thus making release of their educational records a violation of privacy. Even parents could not request release of files.

Last year's amendment reversed the definition. Now, any undergraduate student is considered dependent. Thus their files are open to those who still have financial control over them—in most cases, parents. Parental poking into undergraduate files is no longer considered a breach of privacy. As such, the gag is untied, and universities can use varying degrees of parental notification policies to deter students, appease lawmakers and comfort parents.

The toughest policy in Virginia is that of Longwood College—all violations of underage drinking are relayed to parents. If an Old Dominion University student is convicted of an alcohol violation by the school's judiciary system, the student must call a parent in the presence of an administrator.

The University of Delaware's program is even stricter: The administrator notifies parents of any breach of the code of conduct, and after the third strike, students are out...for one year.

The University of Delaware has reported a dramatic drop in binge drinking, and, amazingly enough, they still have a student body in attendance. But is this the sort of glorified high school atmosphere we want here at the University?

U.Va. Dean of Students Penny Rue assures us that the University's policy will not change. Administrators only notify parents when a student puts his or her health at serious risk, or when a pattern of abuse appears and parental involvement could be helpful. Students with a good excuse not to call home—abuse, for example, or fear of overly harsh repercussions—may be exempt from the policy.

Unlike ODU's administration, ours is thankfully and rightfully not raiding disciplinary files...yet. Most incidents are red-flagged when a dean gets a late-night phone call from the police department or the emergency room.

As students, we are given a golden opportunity. Here we can learn to be adults while we still have something resembling a safety net. As we grow, that safety net should drop farther and farther away and become more and more sparse, easing our transition into the real world.

With student self-governance, we get both sides of the deal. We get independence and its consequences, and learn how to accept the results of our actions. This

transition has oops and bleeps and regressions and progressions just like any transition, but the change is necessary and we learn from our mistakes.

The lesson is this: We're still young, and we make mistakes. But we must be allowed to make mistakes and deal with the consequences on our own, not with Mom and Dad frowning over our shoulders. In cases of addiction or another serious condition, a student may need more personal attention than the University can provide.

Here's the deal: You have to be responsible. If you act like an adult and treat yourself well, adults will do the same. And the administration has to give us a chance. FERPA doesn't require that parents be notified for every alcohol incident—it simply provides for notification when necessary. By striking the right balance, students can get the best kind of education: one in accountability and responsibility.

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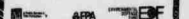
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## Quick start for N.C. State men's soccer team

◆ The men's soccer team was unbeaten over the weekend in the adidas/Wolfpack Classic.

**JACK DALY**  
Assistant Sports Editor

Heading into this season, the N.C. State's men soccer team spent a lot of time talking about its need for more offense. In 18 games last year, the Wolfpack only managed to score a total of 17 goals.

While talk is cheap, the Pack put its feet where its mouth is by scoring early and often to cruise by Charleston Southern 4-0 in its season opener Friday. The game kicked off the adidas/Wolfpack Classic.

State (1-0-1) also tied Colgate 1-1 Saturday in its second game of the tournament.

In its opener, the Pack wasted little time getting on the scoreboard. Senior co-captain Jeremy Ballenger headed in a cross from Shaker Asad on a corner kick 1:25 into the contest.

"The corner kick directly before that, I thought I should've scored, so I was kind of determined to get into that second one," Ballenger said. "It was great feeling to get that off our chest."



State soccer players celebrate a goal against Charleston Southern.

Nick Olivencia scored the first of his two goals on a breakaway at the 27:37 mark after

a pass from Shaker Asad, who finished the game with three assists.

"It was a good first game," Olivencia said. "We didn't know how we'd come out and do, but our offense worked well. It makes practice worthwhile now, knowing we're doing exactly what we should be. We destroyed them offensively, so it worked out well."

Olivencia got his second goal 33 seconds into the second half on a shot from the top of the 18-yard line. Senior Kevin Butler finished off the scoring with a header off a Tom Malcolm cross in the 69th minute.

Freshman goalie Mitchell Watson and junior Eric Handley split the shutout with Watson making one save in the first half and Handley stopping five in the second.

"I was very pleased [with the effort]," said Asad, who on Thursday was nominated for the Hermann Trophy, which is the national player of the year award for men's soccer.

"We played smart. The guys who came in, the freshmen, the goalkeeper and Marcus [Johnson] helped us out a lot. So, overall, we looked like we were an experienced team."

State finished with 16 shots, while the Buccaneers had nine.

Against Colgate, the Pack scored first when Tony Malcolm got a goal off a

Sebastian Rodriguez cross in the 56th minute. Colgate (0-0-1) scored five minutes later, with Brian Giordino netting the equalizer. Watson played the entire game in net, making five saves.

Duke, the fourth team in the tournament romped over Charleston Southern 7-0 Saturday and had its game against Colgate, scheduled for Sunday, cancelled due to rain.

State will be in action Friday against Connecticut and Saturday against Rutgers in the Duke Footlocker Tournament in Durham, N.C. The games will provide a tough test for the Pack, as both teams made the NCAA Tournament last year.

### Women's soccer

#### Cincinnati 4, NCSU 2

CINCINNATI, Oh. — N.C. State's women's soccer team fell to the Cincinnati Bearcats 4-2 in overtime Saturday.

Senior midfielder Amy Rodeheffer of the Bearcats netted the winner in the 91st minute off a pass from Jen Merner.

Jen Marsh tied the game for State (2-1) on a penalty shot in the second half. State's next game is Wednesday afternoon against UNC-Greensboro.



Shaker Asad makes a move against a Charleston Southern defender.

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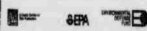
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# The long, unfriendly road

◆ N.C. State volleyball hits skid in Texas.

After starting off the season with two victories, the N.C. State volleyball team hit a bit of a bump in its four-match road trip to Texas over Labor Day weekend, dropping its final three games.

N.C. State opened up against Wright State on Friday afternoon.

The Wolfpack won in three games, 15-10, 16-14, 15-2.

Junior captain Meredith Price had a team-high 11 digs and six of the Wolfpack's 20 blocks.

Charles Williams led the way on the front line with 14 kills and a hitting percentage over .400.

Friday night, the Wolfpack fell to host Texas Tech, 15-7, 15-12, 15-10.

Sophomore Allison Kreager led the way with nine kills, and was one of just three Wolfpack players with hitting percentages above .250. The

Wolfpack recorded a season-low 48 digs on defense.

Against Utah on Saturday, a win in game No. 2 forced the match to four games, but the Wolfpack suffered its second straight loss, 15-13, 15-15, 15-4.

Williams and setter Erin Vesey combined for 20 digs for N.C. State and sixth-year head coach Kim Hall Williams added a team-high 10 kills while Vesey contributed 35 assists.

In their fourth and final game of the weekend, the Wolfpack dropped below .500 for the first time this season with a three-game loss to Southern Methodist University.

Kreager and junior Lisa Liberti teamed up for 25 kills, helping the Wolfpack to a season-high 47 kills in the loss.

The Wolfpack also posted a season high on the defensive end, coming up with 65 digs. Williams, Vesey and Price accounted for 37 digs for State.

The Wolfpack returns home Tuesday to face Montana State at 7:00 p.m. in Reynolds Coliseum.

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has nine interceptions in his career. The N.C. State career record is 16 interceptions, set by Eric Williams, who played for the Pack in the late '70s and early '80s.

**Special terms come through** again The Wolfpack can thank its

special teams unit for all 10 points in Saturday's contest. The Wolfpack punt-blocking squad picked up its fourth block in two games, returning a third block for a touchdown. The N.C. State field goal in the second quarter was the first ever of junior placekicker Kent Pasingham's career.

**Searching for the first down** The Wolfpack offense failed to gain a first down until there was less than two minutes left to play in the first half. N.C. State picked

up just six first downs in the game, the Wolfpack's lowest total in four seasons.

**Sugar Ray to the rescue** N.C. State sophomore Ray Robinson came through for the Pack when all else failed. Robinson, who has the Wolfpack's only offensive touchdown of the season, ran for 71 yards on 15 plays, averaging close five yards per carry, three more yards per play than the Wolfpack averaged as a team.

# Defense

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back down, that is not what we wanted. And we stressed that."

"This is definitely a relief for us," said placekicker Scott Earwood. "We went out there and proved that we can win a big game and then come out and win again."

"We had no doubt that we had the capabilities of coming out and winning," said Coleman. "We stayed focused all week, and we knew that, coming out of Texas, this South Carolina team wasn't going to lay down for us."

"I think that a lot of people expected us to come out and be too excited after the Texas win," said Earwood. "The coaches have emphasized since we were in the locker room at Texas that South Carolina was a big game."

According to Earwood, picking up the win against USC doesn't

end the battle. How the Wolfpack comes out next weekend will be just as important, and now, possibly more important than how the Wolfpack performed against the Gamecocks.

"We look at each week as a season, and the goal is to go 1-0 in everyone of those seasons," said Earwood.

So far the Wolfpack is two-for-two on deck for season number three—the Tribe of William & Mary.

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# defense pours in

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*Another ugly win in some ugly conditions, and the Wolfpack finds itself at 2-0.*

Deja Vu.

If you ask Wolfpack fans, the N.C. State football team is getting a little too used to playing home-openers in torrential down pours.

But if the Pack picks up the win, they'll take it.

N.C. State played its third home-opener in four years in driving rain on Saturday night, winning its second-straight with a 10-0 victory over the University of South Carolina Gamecocks.

"Another hurricane, it seems like we keep opening up the season like this," said wide receiver Chris Coleman after the win. "The conditions were tough, and the offense tends to struggle a bit, but I had no doubt in my mind that we could win, we've done this before."

And while the Pack had experience with the weather conditions, the South Carolina defense presented an added challenge.

By the numbers, the idea that the Pack not only won the game, but shutout the Gamecocks, is somewhat unbelievable.

USC, under first-year head coach Lou Holtz, picked-up five more first downs, 75 more rushing yards, 61 more passing yards and 128 more total yards than the Wolfpack, but the N.C. State defense managed to keep the Gamecocks out of the endzone.

And not without a little luck.

USC running back Boo Williams did cross the goal line, on a 14-yard run in the second quarter, but the play was brought back on a holding penalty called on the Gamecocks.

South Carolina's only other solid scoring chance was in the first quarter, when the snap on a field goal attempt was fumbled by the holder and recovered by N.C. State.

But it wasn't all luck that pushed the Pack to a 2-0 record, experience found its way into the mix.

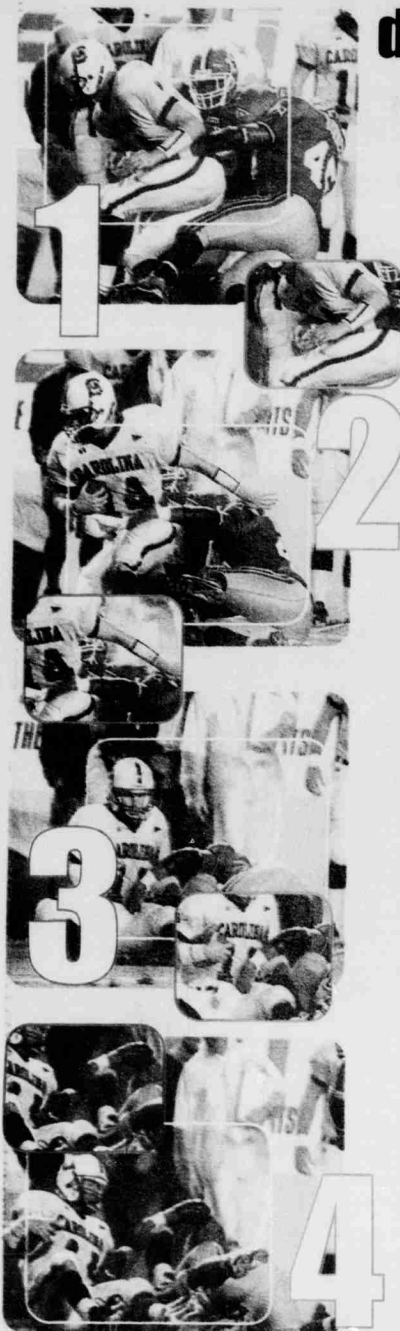
With former Wolfpack Head Coach Lou Holtz making his debut as the helmsman of the USC program, State was hoping few people would remember the Wolfpack's woes after big-time wins in the last two years. But surely Holtz had his crew briefed.

After opening with the Bobcats in 1998, the Wolfpack went on to beat Florida State, loss to Baylor, beat Syracuse, and lose to Georgia Tech, in that order, and subsequently drew criticism that N.C. State couldn't handle success.

But with 10 starters returning from last year's roller-coaster team, the Wolfpack was intent on not adding South Carolina to the list of should-be wins that drifted away.

"We've learned, in the last couple of years, about disappointment," said senior offensive lineman Todd Boyle. "To start your season on such a high note and then have it go

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**football notebook**

**Disappointing return** Lou Holtz, formerly the helmsman of the N.C. State Wolfpack and famous for his nine-straight bowl appearances with the Notre Dame Fighting Irish, returned to the sideline Saturday after a two-year absence. For the historic occasion, 10,000 University of South Carolina fans requested tickets for the contest.

**Ball-handling woes** The Wolfpack and the Gamecocks both had trouble keeping control of the ball. The two teams combined for 12 fumbles in the game. The total ties an N.C. State team record, originally set in 1986 after a contest with the Duke Blue Devils.

**Hurricane hysteria** The Wolfpack has opened its home season for three of the last four years in adverse weather conditions created by a threatening hurricane. 1999's Dennis was preceded by Earl in 1998, when the Wolfpack defeated Ohio, 34-31, and Fran in 1996, when the Wolfpack opened up with a 28-16 loss to Georgia Tech.

**Two in a row** N.C. State senior cornerback Lloyd Harrison picked up his second interception in as many games in the third quarter of Saturday's contest. Harrison finished the 1998 season tied for the national lead in pick-offs, and now

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The Wolfpack fans that weathered the storm on and above the field on Saturday got an extra special treat at halftime. 1998 Atlantic Coast Conference Player of the Year and first-round draft pick Terry Holt returned to be honored as the Wolfpack's fifth player ever to have his jersey retired. Holt was on the sideline as his former teammates, and brother Terrence, improved to 2-0 with a 10-0 win over the University of South Carolina and Head Coach Lou Holtz, who led N.C. State to three straight bowl games in the early 1970's.

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