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Hurricane Floyd animal disaster relief efforts under way

The SPCA of Wake County is working with animal welfare groups in eastern North Carolina to rescue and shelter animals displaced by the flood waters of Hurricane Floyd. SPCA staff and volunteers, together with the Pitt County Humane Society, Emergency Animal Rescue Services and the Humane Society of the U.S. have rescued more than 100 animals in distress from flooded areas.

Those wishing to assist in the animal relief efforts should bring items to the SPCA administrative office (219-B Garner Business Court in Garner), Oberlin Animal Hospital (1216 Oberlin Road in Raleigh) or Mayfair Animal Hospital (1130 S.W. Maynard Road in Cary). Needed items include water, collapsible wire cages, heating pads, 6-volt flashlights and batteries, collars and leashes, cat litter, small litter boxes, life jackets, towels, muzzles, insect repellent, rain gear (size large) and Polaroid cameras and film.

Cash donations designated "Hurricane Floyd Disaster Relief" may be sent to SPCA of Wake County, 219-B Garner Business Court, Garner, N.C. 27529.

NATIONAL

Reagan biographer uses novel approach in 'memoir'

An eagerly awaited new biography of one of the late century's most compelling figures, "Dutch: A Memoir of Ronald Reagan" by Pulitzer Prize-winning author Edmund Morris, turns out to be filled with surreal moments that are made even more surreal - and at times confusing - by Morris' experimental style of sometimes inserting himself into Reagan's life as a fictional character.

Morris' creative and disconcerting literary device will be much debated among scholars and historians for years to come. But the immediate question is whether this memoir of an author's struggle to understand the 40th president will be seen as adding to or subtracting from our understanding of a leader Morris sees as among the most enigmatic in American history.

Asked by American Enterprise magazine - for an interview that will appear in its November-December issue - what was the biggest revelation in "Dutch," Morris replied, "That Ronald Reagan was a massively substantial person of considerably more deliberation and philosophical seriousness than he's ever been given credit for."

At points in the book, however, Morris is more dismissive of Reagan's personality. He writes that he could not believe how shallow Reagan's "hidden depths" appeared to be. He refers to Reagan's frequent use of cue cards, to his deference to aides on matters of substance, and to the often rambling answers the president gave to interviewers.

INTERNATIONAL

Turkey takes stock of quake

Turkey's losses from the earthquake amounted to \$17 billion to \$18 billion, Turkey's ambassador to the United States, Baki Ikin, said this week at the Global Reconstruction and Development Conference.

Ikin put the death toll at 15,613 with 24,941 injured, according to the latest count on Sept. 17. The quake affected 23,160 square miles, and left 600,000 people homeless. Ikin said 87 countries and dozens of non-governmental organizations came to Turkey's aid in one way or another, with 43 countries providing a total of 2,463 search and rescue personnel.

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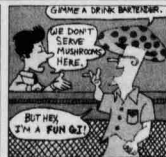
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Marksist sympathizers

Mark's first column in two weeks. See the Opinion page.



Shrooms, shrooms,

Shrooms! Serious gets trippy with bars, baby-making, beatdowns and Beatles.



Pack beats Elon

N.C. State's men's soccer downs Elon for one at home.

"Jane" magazine brings tour to NCSU

◆ "Jane" Magazine and other companies visit N.C. State today offering students beauty tips, free products, live music and political empowerment.

ZACK MAZER
News Editor

Music, make-up, makeover contests, magazines, clothes, politics and free food - what better way to spend a Thursday

"Jane" Magazine, a new publication for

college-age women, is bringing its "Jane" Supersonic College Tour to the courtyard at N.C. State between Burlington and Alexander residence halls, beginning at noon Thursday. The festival features a performance by MCA/Outpost singer/songwriter Leona Nease, the stepdaughter of Diana Ross.

Planned Parenthood, Calvin Klein Jeans, Venezia Jeans, Hotjobs.com, Lancôme Cosmetics, Clairol Herbal Essences, Altoids, Fossil Watches and "Jane" Magazine all will have info booths, some featuring contests like Lancôme's "makeover your friends" con-

test - the winner of which will receive a trip for two to Paris, France.

"Jane" is certainly geared for women in their college years, but this event is for everybody, male and female," said Molly Bourne of "The College Kit," the company managing the tour. "This is a way for these companies to get their names out and support a good cause."

Most of the booths, Bourne said, will be giving out T-shirts or other product samples. The "Jane" Magazine stand will hand out "goodie" bags with health infor-

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"Almost a whole city is homeless."

Dr. Mehmet Ozturk

PROFESSOR OF ELECTRICAL AND COMPUTER ENGINEERING



Chris McKeever Staff

Dr. Mehmet Ozturk, professor of electrical and computer engineering at NCSU.

Professor aims to aid

◆ A N.C. State electrical and computer engineering professor is selling his photos of Turkish life to raise funds to help those who survived the 7.4-magnitude quake that killed at least 14,700 people.

DANIELLE STANFIELD
News Editor

One N.C. State engineering professor is using his lifelong passion for photography to help raise money for victims of the Aug. 17 earthquake in western Turkey.

Mehmet C. Ozturk, a professor of electrical and computer engineering, has assembled an exhibition of photos he's taken of people in his native land. The exhibition, titled "Human Landscapes from Turkey" is on display at the Jill Flink Fine Art studio in Cameron Village, 2018 Clark Ave., Raleigh.

"I was planning on an exhibition this fall when the quake in Turkey

Proceeds from
Ozturk's photo
exhibition go to the
American Red Cross.

happened and I thought I could use the exhibition to raise funds for the survivors," Ozturk said.

All proceeds from the sale of the photos will go to American Red Cross Earthquake Relief Fund, he added. The American Turkish Association of N.C. is also sponsoring the event.

The exhibit consists of 16 pictures of men, women and children in everyday Turkish life. "They're not portraits...they're people in their natural environment," Ozturk said.

So far, Ozturk said he has sold five photos at \$75 a piece. According to David Blumenthal, store manager of Jill Flink Fine Art, the exhibit will run till Sept. 30. The store is housing



Photo courtesy of Mehmet Ozturk

One of Ozturk's many photos depicting life in his native Turkey.

the event free of charge.

"They were very gracious to offer their showroom for this event," Ozturk said.

Ozturk added that although he does

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Chris McKeever Staff

Concrete goals for quake safety

◆ Neven Krstulovic-Opara, an NCSU scientist, explores a new technology called SIMCON that, combined with better building practices, will create stronger concrete structures, helping to protect infrastructure damage from earthquakes.

JIM BARTOLOUS

Staff Writer

Everyone is aware of the widespread destruction that earthquakes can cause, especially after seeing pictures of the aftermath of Turkey's earthquake, which took the lives of over 15,000 people this

past summer, or the latest earthquake in Taiwan, which was responsible for the deaths of over 1,800 people and over 3,000 injuries.

Serious destruction of infrastructure, such as bridges, roads and large buildings, can all occur when the big one hits, resulting in very costly cleanup and rehabilitation measures. Infrastructure destruction poses serious threats to humans as well, as these large concrete masses fall apart due to the intense pressure that earthquakes can bring.

An N.C. State University scientist and his team of associate researchers are developing new materials and construc-

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UAB rebuilds

◆ In an effort to be "bigger and better," the Union Activities Board has scheduled an array of activities this coming week, from a Reggae Fest to an in-depth discussion of affirmative action programs.

NATLIE DUGGINS

Staff Writer

In baseball, they call it a "rebuilding year," but for the N.C. State Union Activities Board (UAB), it's called progress. After surviving an election controversy and budget mishaps, Student Center President Sabrina Yep hopes to move past previous problems and start anew. At the cornerstone of Yep's new plans for the UAB is an effort to be "bigger and better" than ever before.

Upcoming UAB Events

9.24.99 Entertainment Social
Tally Student Center

9.25.99 Reggae Fest
Harris Field

9.28.99 Dr. Rupert Nacoste
Lecture

"My vision is to network with other student organizations and make UAB more accessible and available to student organizations," Yep said. "We want to make sure that everyone knows that there's a place for them in UAB."

Thus far, Yep's philosophy has worked. According to the UAB president, the board has already been approached by a number of organizations to co-sponsor events. Half of the UAB's programming committees have already co-sponsored campus events.

"At the end of the year, I want to be able to say that we've branched out this year more than ever," Yep said.

The Union Activities Board is made up of six programming committees - the Black Students Board (BSB), Diversity, Entertainment, Films and Issues and Ideas.

The Entertainment committee will be sponsoring a free social in the Ballroom of Tally Student Center this Friday, Sept. 24, just prior to the Saturday kick off of programming for the BSB Reggae Fest, co-sponsored by the BSB, will be held Saturday from 1 to 6 p.m. on Harris Field. The annual festival will feature four reggae bands and have ven-

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'Change' of heart



Chris McKeever Staff

The 50 cent challenge, aiding those at ECU and UNC-W, needs your donations.

NOW INTERVIEWING

Orientation Counselors (OCs)! New Student Orientation is in the process of selecting OCs for the summer of 2000. Interested students must have at least a GPA of 2.5 and should plan to attend an informational meeting. For more info, contact NSO at 515-1234 and say: "I wanna Be An OC!" - or stop by 123 Leazar Hall for details.

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dors serving food. In addition, the Issue and Ideas committee, which has already co-sponsored three events this year, is hosting a forum on Tuesday, Sept. 28 in the Multipurpose Room of Witherspoon Student Center.

At the forum, Rupert Nacoste, associate professor in the department of psychology, will present "the other side of [Dinesh] D'Souza," said UAB Vice President Jonathan Keane. Two weeks ago, the Issues and Ideas committee co-sponsored a forum where D'Souza addressed what he considered were the problems of affirmative

action. Nacoste, a leading expert in the psychology of affirmative action, will begin his discussion at 4 p.m.

With these ongoing efforts and more in the works, Yep and Keane hope that UAB events are "bigger, better and well attended." In addition, the new UAB administration has formed the first publicity committee to advertise future UAB events.

In addition to being the president of the UAB, Yep also serves as the Student Center President and is chair of the Student Center Board of Directors. The Student Center Board of Directors helps govern the UAB and the use of the facilities of the University Student Centers and its annexes, which include Talley Student Center, Witherspoon Student Center, Price Music Center and Thompson Theatre.

"I look at [my presidency] as an opportunity to implement new facilities and services for the Student Centers as a team with the Board of Directors," Yep said. "My goal is to not only add more facilities, but also to make good use of what we have. Also, I want to make the Student Center more student-centered."

Keane agreed, saying, "We want to make it a place that more students can come." In hopes of avoiding last year's pitfalls, Yep has implemented stricter guides and better procedures to alleviate any problems in relationship to the UAB budget. According to the president, the new plan provides more structure than policies used in previous years. Also, to avoid further election controversy, Yep and Keane hope that the Board of Directors will learn from

last year's hardships and not repeat the same mistakes.

"We're going to try and make sure that everyone knows what the process is, so they can follow it," Yep said.

UAB is still seeking members for its various committees. "We want to build a solid foundation of UAB members and recruits," Yep said. The UAB president encourages students to attend meetings of any of the six UAB committees: Diversity, Thursday at 5 p.m.; Black Students Board, Thursday at 6 p.m.; Entertainment, Tuesday at 6 p.m.; Issues and Ideas, Friday at 2:30 p.m.; and Publicity, Thursdays at 4 p.m. Meetings are held in the Talley Student Center Board Room.

"We just want to have fun and make sure everyone else is having fun," Yep said.

Jane

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mation from Planned Parenthood, information from all of the Promotional Partners and a sample of "Jane" Magazine.

Planned Parenthood's booth will feature a sign-up sheet for a new

program they are offering called the "Responsible Choices Action Network" where people can sign up to have information emailed to them when legislation comes up concerning abortion, contraceptives or other related matters.

The email will also have an option making it as easy as clicking a mouse to contact the legislature, specifically the legislator from the recipient's home district, with a

Planned Parenthood form letter that will go straight to his or her fax machine. It is also possible to substitute your own letter in its place if you do not agree 100 percent with the form letter or for any reason choose not to use the form letter.

"Our goal is to get more young people involved in political action," said Christine Slook, a Planned Parenthood representative.

"This makes it easy for people to send off a fax to their representatives. We know that...the religious right and those types of people tend to be very politically active, but not most mainstream Americans. We're trying to work in that direction - to bring mainstream Americans into that process."

The "Jane" Supersonic College Tour is also being presented locally by the NCSU's Women's Center.

Aid

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not exactly know how the Red Cross will use the money, the main problem right now is the homeless. The 7.4-magnitude quake killed at least 14,700 people.

"People are living in tents right now," he said. "Almost a whole city is homeless."

Turkey is also quickly trying to build hospitals and, according to Ozturk, the U.S. has sent a boat over with a hospital on it.

The city of Izmit, Ozturk said, was the center of the quake, and buildings 50 miles away were evacuated because of extensive damage. However, Ozturk said all of his family in Istanbul survived.

Ozturk was born and raised in Ankara, the capital of Turkey. He received his undergraduate degree in electrical engineering at Bosphorus University in Istanbul. After that, he came to the U.S. for graduate school at Michigan Tech University in Houghton, Mich. Soon thereafter, he came to NCSU to pursue his Ph.D.

For more information about Ozturk's exhibit, contact the studio at 821-7172, or Ozturk at 515-5245.

Safety

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tion methods to help protect infrastructure damage from earthquakes, that will help to reduce the risk to human life and save money when these disasters strike. Neven Krsulovic-Opara, an assistant professor of civil engineering, is in the process of exploring a new technology called Slurry Infiltrated Mat Concrete (SIMCON). This technology, which implemented together with better building practices, will create concrete structures that are far more strong, ductile and durable than traditional concrete structures.

The underlying philosophy when it comes to concrete is simple. "Concrete loves compression and hates tension, once it reaches its tensile capacity it breaks apart," said Krsulovic-Opara. James Romauldi exploited this fundamental idea in the late 1950's by introducing the concept of fiber reinforced concrete (FRC). As concrete breaks apart due to tension, the inner fibers of the concrete react to provide a support system that holds the concrete together.

The more fibers you have, the greater the support system. Krsulovic-Opara said that "fibers increase spoil resistance, the building may crack, but the concrete will be held together." Therefore, when earthquakes hit and building structures fail, the fiber reinforced concrete will prevent large chunks of concrete from breaking away from structures, keeping them basically intact. This will not only lessen human injury and mass destruction but will result in a reduction of rebuilding costs.

SIMCON is one material in the new generation of High-Performance Fiber Reinforced Cementitious Composites (HPFRCCs). Developed by Ribbond Technology in the early 1990's, SIMCON consists of long continuous mats of recycled stainless steel fibers.

"A great advantage of having mats is that they enable us to jacket large areas of buildings, cost effectively," stated Krsulovic-Opara. After the mats are laid down on the existing structure, the slurry concrete, which Krsulovic-Opara likened to a "chocolate shake without the chips," is spread over the fibers, thereby finishing the structural process. Materials, such as SIMCON or Slurry Infiltrated Fiber Concrete, had excellent lab and test performance, but due to technology constraints, mainly the manual labor involved in spreading the fibers, this material was not cost-effective in its applications.

With SIMCON you get the best of both worlds, high fiber content and the technological means to apply this material cost-effectively.

Over \$500,000 in research grants have been awarded to Krsulovic-Opara and his team of researchers, notably, John Hanson, Distinguished University Professor of Civil Engineering at NCSU and Paul Zia, Distinguished University Professor Emeritus of Civil Engineering, also at NCSU.

The National Science Foundation has provided four different research opportunities thus far to explore the possibilities of the SIMCON technology.

The goal at the beginning of Krsulovic-Opara's research was "to investigate the potential for cost-effective seismic retrofit." Krsulovic-Opara and his team focused on strengthening a building's "spine," or the columns of the building, given the fundamental idea that columns must be able to withstand greater ductility with earthquakes. Krsulovic-Opara explained that the results of this research showed that "with SIMCON jacketed around the columns, they were able to handle more than double the load weight, in addition to having very stable response and resistance to earthquakes."

Krsulovic-Opara and his research team did not stop there. In addition to finding cost-effective ways to strengthen existing structures, Krsulovic-Opara's research team developed "smart" concrete that can contract and expand in relation to earthquake forces, almost like a human muscle, without the use of mechanical devices. Next, Krsulovic-Opara developed new computer models that can accurately analyze the effects of earthquakes, explosions, etc. of structures with SIMCON technology in a cost-effective manner. Traditional models are not suited for SIMCON, therefore they would, as Krsulovic-Opara points out, "incorrectly and unsafely predict the effects of SIMCON structures."

Currently, Krsulovic-Opara and his team are developing and working with an entirely different philosophy that could revolutionize the civil engineering processes that we use now. Rather than just focus on upgrading existing structures with SIMCON, Krsulovic-Opara explained that "a holistic approach, examining the materials and structures and how they work together," would help us re-design how we build structures.

Krsulovic-Opara has invented a SIMCON application known as "pre-cast stay-in-place-form-work" for columns and beams. These pre-made materials are like arm and leg casts. They provide a molding framework, or outer shell for traditional concrete, giving it the fiber-reinforced design that will improve the structure's strength and ductility necessary to withstand the pressures of an earthquake. This process definitely enables more cost-effective building practices because these pre-cast materials can be shipped anywhere and simply inserted into the construction process, thereby saving time, which can be the biggest contributor to costs.

Krsulovic-Opara's research will have an impact on the civil engineering community. From a global perspective, Krsulovic-Opara's research is garnering attention from people as far as Japan, who desperately need better-suited structures that can handle the natural forces associated with earthquakes.



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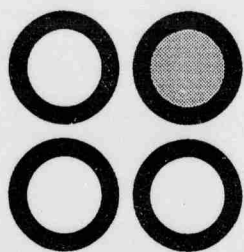
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Opinion

Technician's View

NCSU aids quake victims

◆ N.C. State faculty members are contributing to earthquake relief efforts in Turkey and working to ensure that similar damage is averted when future quakes strike.

A rash of horrific natural disasters has placed Mother Nature at center stage in the international news. Hurricane Floyd battered the United States' Eastern Seaboard last week, and recent earthquakes have decimated Taiwan and Turkey.

N.C. State faculty members have undertaken efforts aimed at reducing the damage caused by both phenomena. Two weeks ago, Technician reported on NCSU Marine, Earth and Atmospheric Sciences Professors Leonard Pietrafesa and Lian Xie's 3-D hurricane model, which accurately predicts the flood levels created by hurricanes.

Today brings news of NCSU faculty-initiated works centering on earthquake relief, one focusing on healing the wounds created by the Turkish quake and one that could leave buildings better prepared to withstand future seismic activity.

Professor of Engineering Mehmet C. Ozturk, a native of the Turkish capital of Ankara, is holding a sale of photographs he made of Turkish

citizens in "everyday Turkish life," as Ozturk said. Proceeds from the American Turkish Association of N.C.-co-sponsored event will go to the American Red Cross Earthquake Relief Fund.

Ozturk has sold five of his photos already for \$75 each. The remainder of the images will be up for public sale September 30 at Jill Plank Fine Art. The gallery is hosting the sale free of charge.

In work focused on minimizing the physical damage caused by earthquakes, a research team led by Assistant Professor of Civil Engineering Neven Krstulovic-Opara is exploring technology that would offer buildings far more structural support than they currently have.

The team is working with Slurry Infiltrated Mat Concrete (SIMCON), a reinforcing substance made of continuous mats of recycled stainless steel fibers. According to Krstulovic-Opara, buildings reinforced with SIMCON "may crack, but the concrete will be held together."

While proceeds from the sale of Ozturk's photos will not save any lives already lost to the Turkish earthquake and Krstulovic-Opara's work with SIMCON will not rebuild any of the buildings already destroyed in Turkey and Taiwan, both are to be applauded. Their humanitarian efforts serve as a model for all members of the NCSU community.

CAMPUS FORUM

Public safety and crime prevention

In his letter to the editor on September 21, K.A. Chavis made some very good points. I was unclear in my earlier article and I apologize. I was using a legal definition instead of a normal one, since the topic was, in my opinion, a legal one. As such, when I wrote "homosexual" I meant "someone who has performed homosexual acts," since the latter phrase is too unwieldy to use consistently. This definition also includes bisexuals, if they have had homosexual sex.

There are also burning types of heterosexual sex, including one in North Carolina. In this state, it is illegal to have sex with someone you are not married to. In addition, people who do are discriminated against. One example of this discrimination is with child custody. If you have sex outside of marriage, then the courts will not give you custody of any children you might have. Homosexuals are not the ones who are being discriminated against. Lawbreakers are.

William Enigh
Junior
College of Engineering

Anderson on Christianity

MARK B. ANDERSON
Staff Columnist

In response to Mike Halbert's September 20 column, "Halbert on the battle between religion and logic," Mark humbly offers his position. He intends to simply share his opinion, using personal examples, and avoid pushing his beliefs.

Mike's column presented two cynical premises: 1) humans do not want to die and 2) humans desire to know the origin of life and the world. I shall try respectfully to provide a modest refutation. I hope to clarify any misconceptions about the religion of which I consider myself a follower.

Christianity. Oversimplification of religion and its followers, without experiencing the spirituality of the faith, is unwise. For the love of all that is pure and good, I really do not wish to overcomplicate things. As a Christian, I can certainly assert that I do not want to die. Also, I am quite curious of our world's origin. However, these "premises" are not, and should not be, my justification for claiming Jesus as my Savior and Christianity as my religion. I am a Christian simply because of the awesome love Jesus offers us — regardless of any worldly distinction (ethnicity, gender, stature, class, etc.). It is not the end God promises, but the means by which He pulls us to Him, that strikes the awe of which I speak. I cannot begin to fathom a dwelling place — Christians' final home — worthy of the highest power; we call it heaven, out of sheer simplicity and convenience.

In 25 words or less, Mike defines faith rather clearly, claiming that followers are "to suspend their belief in physical evidence and believe in something with all of their heart instead of all their mind." Indeed, establishing one's faith requires humility. Those who believe in God, and Jesus as His son, have set aside their definite, evidenced and logical

intuitions of the world to trust in the immeasurable goodness that is the unconditional, heavenly love given by His sacrifice.

Christians do not throw parties every Sunday at 11 a.m. We do not celebrate our futures in heaven, nor do we live blissfully in this conviction of life after death. We do, however, strive to make ourselves worthy in the "eyes" of God. This "striving" is an understood theological virtue, necessary to fully experience God and all He is; however, individual Christians, including myself, continually (note: I did not use the word "continuously" — I look it up, it's important) fall short of Godly worthiness.

This is the point at which we are saved once again. Having been first saved through faith in Jesus' sacrificial death, I am granted the grace of God for subsequent shortcomings. Did you happen to notice that my last two sentences are in the passive voice? That's no coincidence considering that I, nor any good works I have done, have had no part in my salvation. I simply trust and admire the wonderful goodness that the Bible illustrates.

"In light of the preponderance of evidence that points to evolution," I find myself unable to understand the coexistence of Darwin's theories and the story of creation. I really do not know. The fact is that this determination is secondary in the Light of God, His love, His grace and His mercy. In short, experiencing this power of God trumps my doubts of our world's origin, relegating it to a position of low prioritization, thus having little effect on my faith.

The Christian doctrine is not without a logical defense. There is logical, even scientific proof that evolution is flawed. Charles Darwin himself recanted his evolutionary theories near his death. While some still do not doubt the science of evolution, Christians do not doubt the

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Injustice is served

NATHALIE DUGGINS
Staff Columnist

Note to the reader: Natalie would like to remind all her avid readers (all of you) that this is the Opinion section, brought to you in part by that pesky thing we call the First Amendment.

The justice system has screwed up — again.

I'm not exactly sure why I'm surprised by this revelation. I mean, this isn't exactly the first time that this has happened. Far too often, I have seen America's justice system show its ineffectiveness and ineptitude, but that never seems to prevent me from taking a leap of faith — I suppose I'm more of an optimist than I thought.

So, what spurred this leap of faith? I can only suggest two ideas, first, despite its noticeable flaws, the court system has managed to avoid blatantly screwing people over for a while — or,

at least to my knowledge, they have. Texas juries in both cases regarding the dragging death of James Byrd, Jr. have returned with convictions, so the judicial system has avoided any major foul-ups.

And, secondly, my friend just started her first year at law school. What that may not aid the sordid state of American justice, it does provide me with some solace that things may get better.

Conversely, though, I've since lost a great deal of faith in the judicial system, as it has once again managed to screw up what appeared to be an open-and-shut case. But oh no, when you've got stupid judges who would rather accept the emotional pleas of character witnesses than the law, nothing is as easy as it seems.

A drunk Neil Davis, Jr., fired his new gun for the first time on November 22, 1998. One of the bullets ricocheted and sent a fragment into the shoulder of N.C. State wrestler George Cannon, Clyde "Billy" Blunt and at least six

others bumrushed Davis' apartment looking for the person who fired the bullets (I'll ignore the utter stupidity of this action and proceed with the story). After several failed attempts to get Davis to put his gun down, Blunt and Davis began to scuffle. Sometime during the course of this fight, the gun was fired — whether Blunt pulled the trigger is debatable — and Davis lay on the floor dying.

But, oh no, that's not the end. Then Blunt and his cohorts proceeded to beat Davis up — to the point that his body was unrecognizable to his own father. When did this type of behavior become acceptable in the eyes of the American judicial system?

Merriam Webster's Collegiate Dictionary defines involuntary manslaughter as "manslaughter resulting from the failure to perform a legal duty expressly desired to safeguard human life, from the commission of an unlawful act not constituting a felony,

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Take the 50 Cent Challenge today

MUHAMMAD ALY BALARAMWALA
Staff Columnist

"Man! That hurricane was a disappointment. Its bark was worse than its bite. We didn't even get Friday off!"

How many of you have heard something like this in the last couple of days? Well, the remarks may just be the whining of a student deprived of a holiday and we may have ignored it, but, for someone whose house is full of water or for those whose family members died, hearing these comments could be really infuriating. For most of us, Hurricane Floyd was just a lot of rain and wind that took down power for a while and maybe knocked out cable. For those who have all their possessions in six-foot-deep water, it was a disaster.

I was talking to a friend who is in the National Guard, and he was telling me that he had spent the last five days in the disaster-stricken zone directing traffic, helping out with cleanup, conducting rescue missions, etc. (and no, I am not being paid by ROTC for this bit), it intrigued me that, while most of us were sitting here partying after the hurricane, some people were actually out there in those places helping their fellow North Carolinians. Granted that not all of us are able to go out and pitch in with physical work (and there is a lot of it) or to go direct traffic, but we can help in another way. How? Read On...

President Bill Clinton announced Monday that the Labor Department would use \$12 million to hire temporary workers to help clean up and that emergency food stamps will be available for those families in need. He also promised federal disaster aid for North Carolina.

However, all these funds will take a long time to trickle down to the residents. In an effort to provide more immediate funding, Student Body President Raj Merchandani and the student government have started the

"50 Cent Challenge." The idea is that if every student went by the Brickyard and donated 50 cents, we would collect quite a bit of money. Out of the 27,000 students, even if 10,000 donated 50 cents it would be \$5,000. Of course, the expectation here is that people will give more than just two quarters.

Therefore, as I was saying, we students should help in some way. Well, the "50 Cent Challenge" is the best way we can help by ensuring that there are funds to help buy food and other necessities of life for the disaster-stricken areas.

So, just take a short trip to the brickyard between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. today and tomorrow and contribute your 50 cents toward this cause. Who knows, maybe our kindness will pay off someday when we ourselves are in need.

Questions? Comments? Concerns? Send them to techforum-l@ncsu.edu

Marks emerges from a week that was funky up

KELLY MARKS
Staff Writer

This past week I've been in a funk.

I'll start by apologizing wholeheartedly to anyone who received an incoherent rant of frustration over IQ in the wee hours of the morning or who has tried to hold normal, non-jaded and rational discourse with me to no avail. All I can say is that the bee in my bonnet has left the immediate vicinity and, with any luck, the recent cold snap might keep it at bay for at least a few months.

So what was the big deal? I don't know.

And when I type that, it's not me avoiding the question. It's me answering it.

I don't know. I don't know what I want to do with my life, what I want to do five years from now, what I'm doing right now. Can't figure out what I want to get from my time on earth or what lasting gift I can posi-

bly bestow on the world in return. And it turns out that I've never really known.

All of my high school years, I kept looking for something bigger. I sought a life that extended beyond the confines of my home, views that I could see and touch, a life that was my own family's family values and a city big enough that a 24-hour Wal-Mart was the only source of entertainment at midnight on a Friday evening. I wanted out. I wanted more. I wanted the rest of my life.

And so I came to college. I lived outside of my parent's house. I paid bills, I made grown-up phone calls, I worked for employers who, for the first time in my life, weren't related to me. For three years I've been going after the bigger, the different, the stuff that I sat in my room and said I'd do. And suddenly now I'm not.

I don't understand. I was always the one who knew what she wanted. I was the little kid with a thousand

answers whenever any adult asked what I wanted to be when I grew up. Even when those answers changed daily, my future professions the product of passing fancies, I still had a plan. I would go to college. I would study hard. I would do well.

I never doubted the future because I knew that it was off somewhere, looming in the distance and that when the time came, it would be there and it would be wonderful.

Only now, it's starting to get here. I'm hitting ages that seemed forever away when I was a five-year-old making plans. Suddenly, I'm one or two years away from the rest of my life. And it's a bit unnerving.

I didn't think this far ahead. I sat on my swing set and dreamed of the day when I'd be old enough to have my own phone. I talked on the phone to middle school friends about how cool it would be to drive. I drove through my town planning all of the things I'd do once I drove out of college and for good. But I haven't

devoted nearly enough time to thinking about what comes next.

So, what comes next?

Why does this even matter now? Why does it feel so monumental, so final, so right now, this instant, gotta know or else?

I guess I'm feeling that senior year anxiety, just a year ahead of schedule. All of my friends are making plans. I've read quite a few essays this past week for scholarships to distinguished schools in distant lands. I'm so envious, it's eating me up. They're going to go on to great things in life.

I'm scared, too. They're going to go away.

Everyone is making plans. And I'm settling in. And it's driving me nuts. I don't want to just settle. And yet, I want the security that a settled existence brings.

And so, I, who always wanted to see new things, am desperately clinging to what's left of my time in college and for good. But I haven't

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lege. Yet, I'm frustrated that I'm not making enough out of it. I'm not accomplishing anything. I focus so much on what I will be doing that I'm not getting anything done now. I'm not having as much fun, always worried that it's about to come to an end.

I'm such a contradiction; always wishing things were different and then freaking out when they are. I hesitate when I should be reaching, hands up, fingers splayed wide, to grab at whatever I can get out of my time on earth.

But I have no big goals. I have no life plan. I just want to keep all of the

things I like and all of the people I love pulled in close and tight and unchanging. I think I would put them all in my dresser drawer if they'd fit.

Sometimes I feel like Wendy, content to leave Neverland to live a run-of-the-mill life while all of my lost boyfriends are flying around on pirate ships somewhere. I don't wanna be Wendy, dam it. I want to think happy thoughts and fly, too. I don't want to grow up.

But then again, I can't live out this Peter Pan complex. I can't justify prolonging my adolescence any longer. I love being in school, the learning, the people, but it doesn't feel real. It seems like I'm cheating the system or playing at pretend. And yet, the prospect of a "real" life is depressing. I don't ever want to live a life that ends at the end of the workday. I don't want routine, even

though my very being screams for stability and a schedule. I want to keep experiencing. I want it all fresh and new.

And I know there's a simple answer to this: so do it. Keep it fresh and new. And I will. It's all up to me anyway, right? I just have moments of anxiety that come on fierce and strong and interrupt my thought processes for a couple of days. It's hard to face the fact that I'm operating without a plan. But then I realize that's how I've always done it and it's gotten me this far. Perhaps I'll get further still.

Kelly hates those stupid Microsoft commercials. Where does she want to go today? Who the hell knows? Is Bill Gates trying to personally bring her down? Sigh. As always, email her at kmmarks@unity.ncsu.edu. And thanks for your support.

Court

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or from the commission of a lawful act in a negligent or improper manner." Funny, that sounds like exactly what happened in the Davis shooting, but maybe it's just me. Actually, Blunt's case sounds more like a manslaughter case, but I'm no Marlowe, so I could be mistaken. After a jury had already failed to condemn Clyde "Billy" Blunt for the tragic death of Neil Davis, Jr., Superior Court Judge Ronald Stephens continued to further the fallibility of the justice system when he sent Blunt out of the courtroom, shouldering little or no responsibility for his actions.

Damn, when I got caught stealing M&M's out of the class candy jar in kindergarten, I got punished more than Blunt did for being indirectly responsible for the death of another human being. So, with that in mind, you'll have to pardon me if I'm a little less anxious to welcome Blunt into the "free" world.

Instead of following the law, Judge Stephens allowed himself to be swayed by the letters he received from families and acquaintances of Billy Blunt. How stupid is that? After all, in the words of a good friend of mine, "everybody's got a mama."

There are few among us who couldn't find someone to say something positive about us. There were people in Nazi Germany who applauded Adolf Hitler's efforts to reconstruct the nation. Even Charles Manson could've found someone to say that he was an OK guy. What difference should that make in an offense as egregious as murder or manslaughter?

Blunt walked away from the court with only a sentence of probation and community service, when it's apparent that he was guilty of something. Even the maximum sentence of 48 days for breaking and entering would have provided some solace for the still-grieving Davis family and some appearance of salvation for the state's judicial system.

If nothing else, the system has reassured me that it is becoming more sympathetic to the alleged criminals than to the true victims. It's a sad commentary on society when we overlook those whom we lose to crimes and instead focus our efforts on comforting the assailants.

Natalie always wants to hear from her readers...well, not always, but sometimes...so, she's set up a new E-mail account just for column responses. If you want to send her your questions, comments or column suggestions, E-mail her at technician@journalist.com.

Mark

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Love of God.

Perceiving that love is like "moral logic." It discerns the good from the evil, the just from the unjust, and the righteous from the self-glorifying. Applying this "moral logic" is the rational acceptance of the simple goodness and grace that Christ demonstrated and made available to us all by dying on the cross.

The difference between faith and logic is clear. Faith in God is not a matter of logical judgment; gathering proof that He exists, that His son lived and died for us and that He is the almighty source of love does require a mindful discernment. Placing your complete trust in God and His will for you calls for a step of courage—to set aside your preconceived notions of everything you know and to accept all He is.

Well, Mark has had his say. What do you think? Please send your comments, thoughts, or reflections via E-mail to mhunder2@unity.ncsu.edu.

Hey there kiddies, who wants to vote?

DRUID ROBERTS

Daily O'Collegian (OKlahoma State U)

Maybe I belong in the loony bin, but I've always had the opinion that our elected officials in this great nation should be reserved for only the most honorable of people.

Considering the visibility of these representatives, not only to ourselves but also to foreign nations, it seems that we would want people with spotless reputations to be in such positions.

Perhaps I am in the minority, but I honestly don't believe scum or slime belong in these offices.

After all, these are people who will be role models for us and our children. Every time I see Bill Clinton on television or in a newspaper, I am still overcome with disbelief as to how he got elected—not just once, but twice.

I've come to the conclusion that we, the voting populace, don't want true leaders in our elected offices.

We want clowns to entertain us and smutty scandals to keep our eyes glued to the television in wild anticipation.

I'm sure that the eyes of many who are reading this very article are beginning to glaze over.

These readers must surely be thinking, "I'm tired of hearing about Bill Clinton. We all know he's a base person. Write on a different topic, please."

Basically, these readers find the profile of the Americans who are tired of this topic and want to move on.

I can imagine these readers were also tired of the Monica Lewinsky scandal and just wanted to move on.

Yet, what I find amazing is that if the nation was so tired of the Lewinsky ordeal, why did "Monica's Story" become a best-selling book?

Somewhere was buying that book. Somebody obviously wasn't tired of the juicy details.

Now we have the presidential elections looming on the horizon. Several politicians have already announced their candidacy.

What I'm wondering is if character and high esteem will be factors once again.

Will the citizens return to high standards, or will we look for another clown?

I think most of us have had it with clowns. Notice how Bill Clinton hasn't endorsed Al Gore.

Humorously, Al Gore feigned indignation at this, but any idiot can see through this play.

Bill Clinton is not endorsing anyone because the Democratic Party knows that his endorsement is death to the endorse.

Most of the people I know are tired of Slick Willy. I know many people who voted for him and are sorry they did.

We should be eternally grateful that we had a Republican Congress to keep Clinton and his power-hungry, Jezebelian wife from doing some serious damage to this country.

Remember the health care plan? That would've been a total nightmare and you know it.

With the elections swiftly approaching, I highly recommend that each and every one of us do some serious research into the candidates before voting.

A mindless vote is a wasted vote and most likely a wrong vote. For the love of all that is good and holy, please don't eat up the endless rhetoric of candidates who profess to "care about the children," "feel your pain," and so forth.

They don't feel your pain. Bill Clinton didn't feel your pain. He doesn't know the meaning of the word.

He probably had some serious cash flow as a child if he could afford to scamper off to Oxford while dodging the draft and smoking pot.

That doesn't sound painful to me. How about you?

Many readers couldn't care less about politics.

Well, I suggest you start caring. The reason we ended up with Bill Clinton is because people didn't care.

Talk about your wake-up call. Let's remember these past eight years and start reading ourselves for a wise vote.

If we continue to vote for the likes of Bill Clinton, then we may lose that right.

After all, the right to vote is such a precious thing to waste.

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Spread of drug-resistant HIV found

Headline: Spread of Drug-Resistant HIV Found

Summary Bulletin: The discovery of new strains of the HIV virus that are resistant to traditional treatments is sending tremors through the medical and scientific communities.

Laurie Garrett
Newsday

Three research teams have discovered proof that drug-resistant strains of the human immunodeficiency virus are spreading among sexually active people in the United States and Europe.

The findings, some of which are published Wednesday, raise troubling concerns for both HIV treatment and public health control of the epidemic. Since all three research groups discovered highly multidrug-resistant virus forms that have surfaced within the last 18 months, the fear is that this is the beginning of a trend that could render treatments useless to those infected in the future.

"These are not wimpy viruses that cannot be transmitted," as was previously popularly believed, Dr. Martin Markowitz of the Aaron Diamond AIDS Research Center in New York City said. "From a public health point of view it means we need to identify drug-resistant cases early. And people who are on HAART (Highly Active Antiretroviral Therapy) need to know that they can still transmit viruses."

The discovery of spread of drug-resistant HIVs comes at a time when public health authorities in New York City, San Francisco, Chicago and Seattle are reporting evidence of increased unsafe sexual activity among gay men, and resultant rises in gonorrhea and syphilis in those communities. More gay men, it seems, are abandoning the use of condoms amid widespread misperception that the HAART drugs introduced into widespread use in 1996 have rendered the disease treatable and less dangerous.

Markowitz led a team of New York City and Los Angeles researchers that analyzed HIV found in 77 men and three women who had been infected, on average, for less than two months. This means that the scientists were able to recover from the patients' blood the same virus strains that originally entered their bodies sexually. Sixteen percent of these people had viruses that carried known mutations that confer resistance to HAART drugs. Even more of the patients — 26.8 percent — had viruses that were able to grow in test tubes filled with various anti-HIV drugs. That means that there are

more genetic types of resistance in HIV than scientists have so far been able to pin down.

Most critically, 3.8 percent of the individuals had multidrug resistance — one was more than a thousand times less sensitive than normal to an entire class of HAART drugs.

"The transmission of drug resistance should not be considered insignificant," Markowitz, whose findings appear in Wednesday's issue of the *Journal of the American Medical Association*, insisted. "Sixteen percent resistance in any organism is very significant."

Also in Wednesday's *Journal* are the results of analysis of viruses taken from 129 men and 10 women within 12 months of their infection. These individuals were infected between 1989 to 1998 in San Diego, Los Angeles, Denver, Dallas or Boston. In this group, too, 26 percent of the individuals carried drug-resistant viruses and 2 percent had highly multidrug-resistant strains.

"The numbers of newly infected patients infected with multidrug-resistant virus is small — just 2 percent," study director Dr.

Susan Little of the University of California, San Diego, said. "But, how will these numbers change with time? All three of our patients with multidrug-resistant viruses were infected in 1998."

Indeed, all of the studies show that the most highly drug-resistant strains were recovered from patients who were infected in the last 18 months. Since HAART only went into widespread use in the United States in 1996 and Europe in 1997 it may be that.

"We are only seeing the tip of the iceberg and should see increasing numbers of highly resistant strains with time. We don't know yet," Little said.

Geneva University Hospital researcher Dr. Luc Perrin last month published similar findings in *Lancet*, a British medical journal, based on a study of 82 newly infected French and Swiss patients.

Keeping in mind that HAART has been in widespread use in those countries for about a year less than in the United States, it's interesting that Perrin's drug-resistant pool was just 11 percent of those patients. But 4.3 percent of them were infected with HIVs that are resistant to the newest class of drugs — protease inhibitors — compared to 9 percent resistant to the oldest drug, AZT.

And the one patient who had highly multidrug-resistant HIV in Perrin's group was infected in 1998.

Perrin wrote that this finding pre-

sents "a serious threat to the management of antiretroviral therapy," and he advocates resistance testing of all HIV patients, as a matter of routine.

Dr. Roger Pomerantz of Thomas Jefferson University in Philadelphia is adamantly opposed to such testing. He argues in

Wednesday's *Journal* that too little is known about the clinical significance of any particular HIV mutation to be able to do anything useful with the test results. And the tests themselves are very hard to perform, Markowitz added, and highly vulnerable to laboratory contamination. But last year Pomerantz published disturbing evidence that HIV patients who are doing very well on HAART, and have no detectable HIV in their blood, can still spread the virus to their sexual partners.

"They are not uncontagious," Pomerantz said in an interview. "So obviously discovery of transmission of drug-resistant viruses is a problem."

Two weeks ago at the National HIV Prevention Conference in Atlanta, Dr. Jeffrey Koplan, director of the Centers for Disease

Control and Prevention in Atlanta, hailed HAART as a "tremendous public health accomplishment." When questioned on this point in an interview, Koplan added, "I think you're hard-pressed not to say it's a public health triumph when people can live longer."

But, HIV experts note, there is a big difference between antibiotic treatments for, say, tuberculosis and HAART for HIV. The antibiotics are curative, and thus decrease the size of the contagious TB population. HAART, in contrast, is not curative and has greatly increased the size of the population of Americans and Europeans living today with HIV.

Now that there is evidence that members of this HAART population can transmit HIV to their sexual partners, in some cases passing mutant, highly drug-resistant forms of the virus, the public health implications of drug treatment may be less than triumphant.



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Surrogate pot creates a new buzz

◆ Though the buzz of "Buzz" is questionable, the form of legal weed is taking on in Israel.

TRACY WILKINSON
Los Angeles Times

JERUSALEM — Uri Falcha was strolling down Venice Beach in Southern California one day three years ago when he hit upon the idea.

He saw street vendors peddling organically grown weeds that looked like marijuana, smelled like marijuana and, supposedly, gave the high of marijuana, but without the cannabis.

His first attempt at bringing some of the stuff home to Israel landed him in jail at the Tel Aviv airport.

Today, after doing battle with the legal establishment, Falcha is peddling his own version of a smokable weed called Buzz.

Buzz has become all the rage among a certain Israeli set, those in search of a legal high and willing to experiment. When he launched the product over the summer, Falcha figured he would introduce a month's supply in Tel Aviv kiosks and see what happened.

The month's supply — 20,000 packets weighing 0.2 ounce each and costing about \$10 — sold out in three days.

That's not surprising in a country where a political party called Green Leaf, dedicated exclusively to the decriminalization of marijuana, very nearly won enough votes in May to take a seat in parliament.

"We came with a legal product to a huge market that has no legal product," said Falcha, 41. "The rule we broke is it's the first time you can smoke something, get high and still be legal."

In fact, that was Falcha's main hurdle in marketing Buzz — to prove it



Buzz, a pot alternative, has become highly popular.

was legit. He sent a sample to the police laboratory, which analyzed the substance and certified that it contained no illicit drugs.

Cool, thought Falcha. He even used the police certificate in his ads. Uncool, said the police, who wanted no part of his marketing scheme. They had certified the sample, but they weren't endorsing the product. After some angry phone calls and letters, Falcha dropped use of the police seal, although every Buzz package does contain the news that the police have judged the product kosher, so to speak.

Falcha admits that smoking is still smoking, and not good for you. But Buzz is better than cigarettes, he said, because it contains no nicotine and because a user is not supposed to smoke Buzz all day.

"You smoke it only when you want

to have a good time and feel relaxed or you're going to make sex," said Falcha, a former grocer with long black hair who favors bolo ties and leather boots.

What does Buzz contain? Catnip, wild lettuce opium, passion flower, among other ingredients, Falcha said. Eminent herb expert Varro E. Tyler describes wild lettuce opium as a "venerable fraud"; similarly, he says, catnip has no known psychedelic properties. The Food and Drug Administration has not included passion flower on the list of foods or dietary supplements generally regarded as safe.

In Israel, Buzz comes in a little green package decorated with a large cannabis leaf. The buzz on Buzz is that it is that is not pot but does produce a similar high for some partakers.

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Country music awards to be held

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Garth Brooks was up for an unprecedented fifth award for best entertainer Wednesday night at the 33rd Country Music Association Awards.

Brooks, who is filming promotional material for his new album in Los Angeles and was not expected to attend the ceremony, won the top award the past two years and also won it in 1991 and 92. This year, his competition was the Dixie Chicks, Tim McGraw, George Strait and Shania Twain.

Brooks is the only artist to have won the award four times. The group Alabama won it three times from 1982 to 1984.

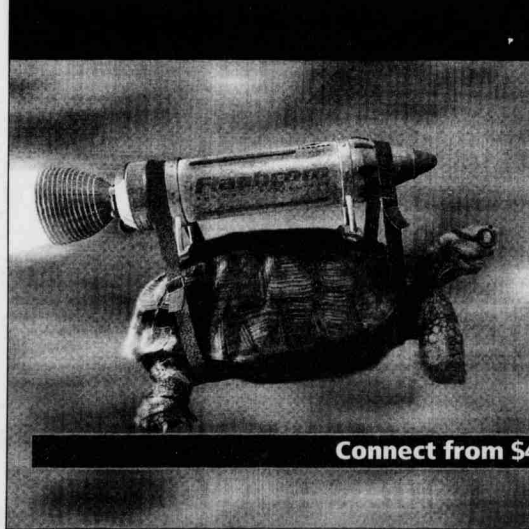
In the category of best single, George Jones was nominated for his comeback hit "Choices." The 67-year-old Jones, who has battled alcohol and drug problems much of his life, nearly died in a car wreck in March and later pleaded guilty to driving while impaired.

Jones told the CMA he would not sing on the show because he was asked to shorten his performance of "Choices," a song that refers to "living and dying, with the choices I've made."

In other top categories, the best female vocalist nominees were Faith Hill, Martina McBride, Jo Dee Messina, Twain and Trisha Yearwood. The best male vocalist nominees were Vince Gill, Jackson, McGraw, Strait and Steve Warner.

Scheduled performers included the Dixie Chicks, McGraw, Brooks & Dunn, Twain, Dwight Yoakam and Alan Jackson. Gill was host of the ceremony, which was being broadcast live on CBS from the Grand Ole Opry House.

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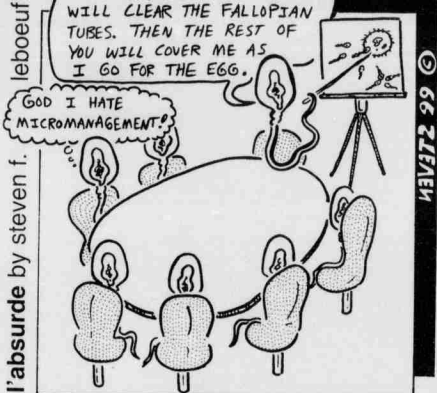
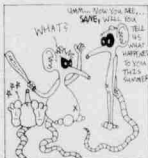
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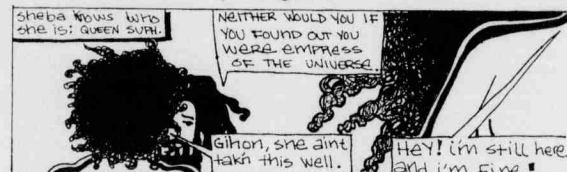
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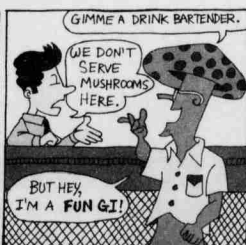
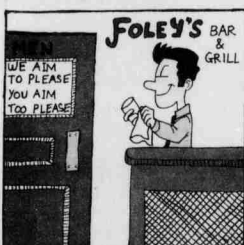
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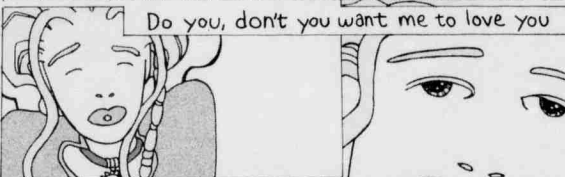
Three youths, sheba, gush and gihon, discovered they can go to strange worlds after eating delicious shrooms. Upon entering these worlds they were attacked by the legions of N'agbah. These attack led the three to realize superhuman abilities. Armed with "god bodies" they now train to be the legendary suph.
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Pack looks to avoid similar fate

K. GRIFFIN
Sports Editor

It's going to be a long bus ride. If the Wolfpack doesn't pick up a win over Wake Forest this weekend in N. C. State's second Atlantic Coast Conference game of the season, the bus ride from Winston-Salem back to Raleigh on Saturday night will be a quiet one. Not only will the Wolfpack be 0-2 in the conference.

But State will head into its lone bye-week of the season just one game above .500 after starting the season undefeated through a trio of games.

And 17 N.C. State seniors will walk away wondering what is so elusive about Groves Stadium. If the Wolfpack loses, Sheldon Kee and Alex Santos will be the only members of the Wolfpack seniors class, and the current Wolfpack team to ever win a game on the road against the Demon Deacons in their active playing careers.

But Kee and Santos are among the many leading the Wolfpack drive not to let that happen.

"I'm personally going to remind the guys what happened the last time we went down there," said Kee earlier this week in the Wolfpack's press conference.

While the Pack is 5-1 against Wake Forest under Head Coach Mike O'Cain, that one loss came two seasons ago, in a Thursday



N.C. State travels west to take on Wake Forest this weekend.

teammate against the criticism that maybe Barnett has lost some of the magic that helped him set a conference record for passing yards in his first three seasons with the Pack. "He is well enough equipped. He is a leader and a motivator. There is not much that you can say to him."

And O'Cain, a former quarterback at Clemson University, who has walked in Barnett's shoes, is quick to point out that the offensive woes can't be placed solely on Barnett's shoulders. The bottom line, according to O'Cain is that Barnett can't get his job done unless everyone gets his done as well.

Which is an ever increasing problem for the Wolfpack.

Tailback Ray Robinson is slated to play on Saturday, for the first time in six quarters after injuring both ankles in back-to-back games earlier this season. While senior Rashon Spikes has filled in Robinson's absence, collecting 89 yards against Florida State, Spikes can't keep up that pace if he is the only option working for the Pack.

On the other side of the offense, the Wolfpack's receivers, collectively have just 41 catches through four games, compared to 64 at the same point last season. Against Wake Forest, the Pack will be without red-shirt freshman Koren Robinson, who was suspended on Wednesday for the game by O'Cain for not going to study hall. Robinson has six catches through four games, averaging over 17 yards per reception.

But the answers are coming says O'Cain.

"Sometimes it is three, four, or five games into the season before you know what your team can do," said O'Cain. "If you play hard, you can make up for your mistakes."

If they don't, beware the Clemson Tigers, N.C. State's next opponent, who comes to Raleigh in two weeks.

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Duke	0	0
N.C. State	0	1
Georgia Tech	0	1
North Carolina	0	1
Wake Forest	0	1

night game in Winston-Salem, when N.C. State was unable to convert its final scoring drive.

The Deacons put three points on the board behind a kick from Matt Burdick to take a 19-18 lead on the Pack with 43 seconds left in regulation.

N.C. State kicker Chris Hensler missed a 51-yard field goal, giving the Pack its second straight conference loss of the season.

While many remember the missed field goal by Hensler, few look at the 62 penalty yards and just 98 rushing yards that the Pack accumulated.

But that game did have its bright spots- including a 21 for 34 day by quarterback Jamie Barnett who threw for 209 yards.

After breaking the 200-yards mark just once in four games this season, Barnett could use another game like that to silence the critics.

"He's still the same old Jamie," said Kee, defending his fifth-year

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representatives despite UNC, Duke, and Virginia-three of the ACC's ranked teams-suffering upsets early in the season. Wake Forest also checked in among the top 25 in the country.

Teetering Totems: For the first time since December 8, 1996 (against Notre Dame in the NCAA Championship game), the North Carolina women's soccer team will square-off against an opponent ranked No. 1 nationally. North Carolina plays Santa Clara Saturday in the Duke/Adidas Classic in Durham. The Heels are ranked No. 4 in the NSCAA poll; they have one loss.

Asad nets no. 1: Shaker Asad scored his first goal of the year. The junior from Raleigh is a pre-season candidate for the Hermann award, which is given to the best collegiate player in America.

Offensiva leads offense: Before Wednesday's game, junior Nick

Oliveria had scored 3 of N.C. State's 6 goals this year, including the overtime winner against Rutgers.

Goalkeeper change: Eric Handley made the start in goal for N.C. State's men's team against Maryland and Elon College. Maryland was his first start of the year. "I thought we'd see what Eric could do and he did an excellent job," Head Coach George Tarantini said. The other goalkeeper, Mitchell Watson, is healthy again following an injury to his wrist.

Vallejo returns: Juan Camilo Vallejo has returned to back lineup after battling a leg injury. "We need Juan because he has experience and he has a different tempo," Tarantini said. Vallejo will definitely be inserted into the lineup but probably won't start right away, Tarantini said.

ACC dominance: Every school in the Atlantic Coast Conference but N.C. State and Clemson are ranked in the latest NSCAA poll. Maryland is 4th, Duke 5th, UNC 12th, UVA 16th and Wake Forest 18th. Maryland is ranked No. 1 in Soccer America's poll.

Clemson looking for revenge against Virginia Tech

NATHAN WINTER

The Collegiate Times (Virginia Tech)

The Virginia Tech football team's first test of the young season has finally arrived.

After handling their first two opponents rather easily, the Hokies will try their luck at taming Clemson. Tech should expect a fight from the Tigers.

"This is a battle Thursday night. There's no question in my mind," said Tech head coach Frank Beamer. "I think our people will be severely tested here Thursday."

The Tigers will be looking to avenge their disheartening 37-0 loss against the Hokies last year. Tech faced Clemson last season at Clemson Memorial Stadium. Clemson quarterback Brandon Streeter was tormented by the Hokie defense.

The Tigers only mustered 102 total yards on offense. Streeter completed just six of his 23 passes for 64 yards and was intercepted four times by Tech's swarming defense.

It was the first time since 1979 the Tigers had been shut out at Death Valley.

If last week's game against Virginia

was any indication, the Hokies will face a tougher Clemson team than the one they brutalized last year.

"You look at Streeter over the last five games. He's completed 64 percent (of his passes)," Beamer said. "If you take him over the last five games, it's not the same quarterback that we played last year."

Streeter had a record-setting day against the Cavaliers last week, breaking the all-time record for passing yards by a Tiger quarterback.

He completed 24 of 32 passes for 343 yards and two touchdowns and was named National Player of the Week by USA Today for his efforts.

Streeter will be looking to continue his success against the Hokies, but the Tech defensive unit will be gearing to halt his success.

The Tigers offense might look better than last year's but Tech boasts some offensive weapons as well.

Redshirt quarterback Michael Vick will start the game for the Hokies after sitting out last week's game against the UAB Blazers with a contusion to his lower left leg.

Vick got the contusion after some-saulting into the end zone for a touch-

down against JMU in the first game of the season.

Shyrome Stith will be in the backfield for the Hokies looking to extend his streak of 100-yard games this season.

Stith has established himself as a legitimate rushing threat. He ran for 124 yards last week against the Blazers after opening the season against JMU with 122 yards on the ground.

The Hokies have offensive talent but consistency will be the key against the Tigers.

"I think we've got good possibilities on offense but whether we put that together and do it on a consistent basis remains to be seen," Beamer said.

Tech will have an enthusiastic crowd Thursday night as the game is televised nationally on ESPN. The Hokies are excited to show the world how talented they are.

"It's real exciting," said Tech running back Andre Kendrick. "You get a chance to go out and play in front of a national crowd, in front of all your friends and peers. It's an opportunity to show how good and how serious we are this year."

The Hokies are ranked eighth in both the Associated Press and the USA

Today/ESPN polls. This is the highest ranking the Hokies have ever received.

"I think it's going to be the greatest atmosphere we've ever had at Virginia Tech Thursday night," Beamer said.

Coch Beamer wants his team to stay focused and be careful not to get tied up in the atmosphere surrounding the game.

Both teams have starters sitting out Thursday due to injuries.

Nathaniel Williams suffered a knee injury against JMU, and the injury continues to plague him. Beamer said he should be ready to play for the Virginia game. Defensive end John Engenberger will be moved to the tackle position in Williams' place. Chris Cyrus will start at end where Engenberger usually starts.

The Tigers will be without two starters for the Tech game. Starting offensive guard Will Merritt broke his collarbone in practice Friday. Starting defensive end Gary Childers re-injured a pulled calf muscle. Freshman Nick Eason is expected to start in Childers' place, while Theo Mungos will get the start at guard in place of Merritt.

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COMMENTARY

What a weekend

K. Gaffney

The eyes of a nation of sports fans will be focused on Bloomington, Indiana this weekend.

Alright, not quite, but they should be.

After college football in the state of Florida staked its claim on "Event of the Weekend" status last Saturday, this weekend's cross country race is making just as strong a case for this Saturday.

CROSS COUNTRY

It will be a who's who of the top men's and women's programs in the country, and literally a warm-up for November's National Championship.

Among the teams competing in Indiana this weekend are Arkansas, Michigan, Tennessee, Florida, and the University of South Florida, all men's or women's entrants in the 1998 NCAA Championship at Rim Rock Farm in Lawrence, Kansas last fall.

The Wolfpack will also see familiar faces like Navy, UNC-Wilmington, and Coastal Carolina, all teams that the Wolfpack will be competing against, on the women's side, for their fourth straight District III title in Greenville, S.C.

For the Wolfpack men and women, both top ten in the final rankings in 1998, it will be the first test of the season.

N.C. State couldn't run last week's scheduled Wolfpack Invitational due to vandalism of the course at Centennial Campus.

But the Invitational wouldn't have been a great measure of where the Wolfpack was at anyway. The plan for the Invite on the men's side was to sit all five of the Wolfpack's seniors, who have between them 11 All-ACC honors and four All-America honors, as well as 1998 All-American Chris Dugan and ACC Rookie of the Year David Patterson, as well as all four of the true freshmen.

On the women's side, junior Christy Nichols and sophomore Jennifer Modliszewski were both planning on watching the race from the sidelines. And the line-up for Wolfpack included some-what local teams that pose no real threat at even touching State.

But that is not the case this weekend. Instead of opening their season after a night in their own beds, in a race that is probably their easiest run of the week, The Wolfpack will start 1999 and the quest for fifth straight ACC title on the men's and women's side somewhere else.

But just like at Wolfpack, there will be a lot of eyes focused on the State teams.

The Women raced to a fourth-place finish at the 1998 pre-national meet in September. Stanford crushed, but State was within twenty points of both Arizona and Villanova. Modliszewski finished eighth in the field, and all seven of the Pack's top runners were in the top 75.

But the national meet and two months later was a different story. And one that the Pack won't be forgetting for a very long time.

On the men's side, N.C. State has, at least in the polls, broken into that elusive top four. The Pack took fifth at the pre-national event last year, and eighth at the actual championship, letting Champion Arkansas, Michigan and Wisconsin slip in front of them.

But the line-up that will take the line for N.C. State looks drastically different from a year ago at the first Kansas meet.

Gone are then-seniors Chris Plachos and Robbie Howell and added are three-time All-ACC runners Corby and Chan Pons.

Each year, the level of competition that the Wolfpack, under the guidance of Rollie Geiger and Laurie Henes, gets better and better, and this year is no exception.

Opening their season, although inadvertently, is like the football team taking of Florida State, Tennessee and Penn State in a triple header or the women's basketball team taking on Tennessee, UConn, and Purdue, or the men's basketball team, well, we'll leave that one alone.

The difference is, as Corby would be undoubtedly quick to point out to me, that if those scenarios actually happened, people would watch. Who cares about the most successful team on this campus in the last ten years?

Like the rest of you, K. Gaffney won't be able to watch the cross country race this weekend. She gets to go to Winston-Salem, but don't worry, you can read all about it in Monday's Technician. Anything else call her at 515-2411 or e-mail her at kga@smc.sca.ncsu.edu.



Juan Camilo Vallejo battles an Elon College player for the ball Wednesday. State won the game 4-1

"I've been dying to play, I've been waiting for my chance. I haven't played in the last three games and it's been killing me. I'm just glad I got to show something."

Michael Karim
GOALKEEPER, 20TH N.C. STATE MEN'S SOCCER TEAM

Offensive Explosion

◆ State scores four goals to defeat Elon College Wednesday in men's soccer.

JACK DALY
Assistant Sports Editor

George Tarantini has been pleading with his team for more offense.

At games, the single most common refrain of N.C. State's men's soccer coach is "shoot the ball!"

Wednesday, his team obliged him. State overcame a lethargic start to wax Elon College 4-1 at the Lee Soccer Field. Besides tying the season-high for goals, the Pack had 23 shots, which is the most the year, and had numerous other scoring chances.

Shaker Asad, Tony Malcolm, Matt Tabor and Michael Karim all scored for State (3-2-1), while Devin McCarron added the Fightin' Christians (2-4) lone tally.

"[The offense] was great to see," said senior co-captain Jeremy Ballenger. "Especially the shots. Goals, sometimes, you get them or not, but getting the shots off is really important. We haven't been doing that."

N.C. State picks up its third win of the season.

In the first half, it seemed like the Pack may have been looking forward to its game with Clemson Saturday, rather than focusing on Elon College.

"I think the first half, we definitely [struggled]," Tarantini said. "I don't mean to put anyone down, but you have to go to different levels. Today, we played for a while at not the level we could play."

Asad opened the scoring in the sixth minute with a booming blast from roughly 25 yards out that beat Elon goalkeeper Scott Wahl.

The Fightin' Christians came right back nine minutes later and tied the score with McCarron heading in a rebound that Pack goalkeeper Eric Handley couldn't contain.

Malcolm gave State the lead for good right before halftime after he finished a give-and-go from Nick Olivencia at the 40:15 mark.

Elon had a couple of chances to even the score right before the half, but Brad Conklin just missed the net on the team's best chance.

In the second half, State found its rhythm and completely dominated Elon.

"We took shots," Tarantini said. "That's what we're looking for. We freed a lot of people in the back to take shots. We did a few things good and a few things bad, but I think we played pretty good in the second half."

Matt Tabor headed in his first goal of the season after a scramble in front of the Fightin' Christians net. Ballenger and Karim received assists for the goal, which was in the 61st minute.

15 minutes later, Karim scored on a great individual play, slamming the ball past the outstretched Wahl from the top of the 18 yard-line.

"I've been dying to play," said Karim, a sophomore from Melbourne, Fla. "I've been waiting for my chance. I haven't played in the last three games and it's been killing me. I'm just glad I got to show something."

State did get into some card trouble, as both Asad and Malcolm received yellow cards for on-the-field misconduct.

The game was moved to Lee Soccer Field from Method Road Soccer Stadium because of the field conditions at Method Road.

The Pack's next game is Saturday against Atlantic Coast Conference rival Clemson at 1 p.m. at Method Road.

1999 ACC Men's Soccer Standings

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Maryland	2	0	0
UNC	1	0	0
Virginia	0	1	1
Wake Forest	0	0	1
Clemson	0	1	1
Duke	0	0	1
NC State	0	1	0

Soccer Notes

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Improved Defense: Last season, in their first seven games, N.C. State's women's soccer team gave up 17 goals, including 5 goals to conference rival Maryland. In contrast, thanks to a young yet assertive defense and consistently strong efforts from senior GK Jessica Glazer, State allowed only 9 goals in the first seven contests this season, shutting out Maryland, Davidson, and Campbell.

Fresh Faces: State and Florida State are the youngest women's soccer teams in the conference as far as number of freshmen on the roster goes. Between the two teams, there are 23 freshmen; the Seminoles have 12 freshmen while the Pack has 11.

Ranking run-down: In the most recent NSCAA (National Soccer Coaches Association) Division I women's soccer poll, the ACC boasted four

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Women host Wake

◆ Wolfpack women take on Wake Forest in Sunday soccer showdown.

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A tie with Maryland and 3-1 loss to Virginia wasn't an ideal outcome for N.C. State's women's soccer squad after the ACC's opening weekend; however, it was better than emerging 0-2 from back to back matches.

Now, in order to uphold a winning conference record and stay in contention for an NCAA tournament bid, the Pack needs to find weaknesses in Wake Forest's game plan. Wake Forest visits State Sunday afternoon at 1 p.m.

At first glance, the Demon Deacons appear to be a fortified contender for the ACC title as they stand tied for first place with UNC-Chapel Hill and Virginia, registering at No. 16 in the NSCAA poll, and boast a 2-0 conference record (6-1 overall) with wins over Clemson and Florida State.

But injuries plague the Deacs.

1998 ACC Rookie of the Year Emily Taggart, a sophomore midfielder, sprained her MCL earlier in the year and will not play against State. More serious is the injury to Wake's junior midfielder Christine Melby who re-injured her knee in practice; she has torn her ACL in the same knee twice.

"Injuries probably won't be much of a factor," Wolfpack

Head Coach Laura Kerrigan said. "Wake Forest is a top 20 team with a lot of great players. They are very deep."

Although injuries were a problem for Wake Forest last weekend, the Deacs lost little momentum in sacking two strong ACC opponents.

Therefore, State's goalkeeper Jessica Glazer will need play as consistently as she has so far. Compared to 17 goals allowed after seven games a year ago, opponents have scored on the Wolfpack nine goals this season.

Kerrigan quickly points out that senior leader Glazer isn't the only player who keeps her soccer team competitive.

A young Wolfpack defense has been crucial in suffocating attacking opponents.

Offensively, true freshman Laura Scott drilled her second goal of the season in the first half of the Virginia game and senior Barb Lavergne's blast, in overtime, defeated UNC-Wilmington last week.

Before Hurricane Floyd flooded eastern North Carolina, a road game at East Carolina University was scheduled for the Pack on Wednesday.

Officials are still trying to reschedule the match.

"We have been able to practice more and train a lot harder since the cancellation. We are trying to make it up but they [East Carolina] have a lot more to worry about than our soccer game right now," Kerrigan said.

Last year, Wake Forest tamed the Wolfpack 7-0. However, just as Maryland scored five goals against State last year and were shutout last Saturday, the Deacs should not count on the home team spotting them any sort of lead or being intimidated by a national ranking.



The Wolfpack women's soccer team hosts Wake Forest University Sunday at Method Road Soccer Stadium. The Pack looks for its first Atlantic Coast Conference win of the 1999 season after a tie with Maryland and losing to Virginia last weekend.