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Screening of materials begins Nov. 1 and continues until the position is filled. For more information, look on the Web at www2.ncsu.edu/hcss/chass/mds.

Campus community gathers for beautification day

On Saturday, Oct. 23 from 8:00 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. at the N.C. State Bell Tower, Student Government Executive Staff and Landscape Services will be holding this semester's Recreate State Beautification Day. This year's Recreate State day will be held in conjunction with the Annual Campus Color Explosion, when approximately 350-400 flats of pansies will be planted. Organizations having previously committed to plots of land or that want to come out and join in Recreate State are encouraged to come and help plant, and food will be provided throughout the day. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Rachael Overcash at 512-7752 or roverca@unity.ncsu.edu

Aiding the East



THE 35,000 CHALLENGE - 30,000 items - \$7,000 raised

ANIMAL DISASTER RELIEF FUND - \$223,000 raised - 400 animals housed

50 CENT CHALLENGE - \$2,138 raised in three days

NCSU helps in a time of need

Danielle Stanfield
News Editor

Different hurricane relief initiatives tally the total amount of donations given by the NCSU community.

N.C. State has heart and it shows. That is the sentiment of those involved in the campus-wide effort to offer relief and assistance to residents and students in Eastern North Carolina battling the floods left by Hurricane Floyd.

The numbers are in and the amount of money and supplies donated to the hurricane relief efforts that have and still are taking place on campus reflect the generosity of the NCSU community. Below are a list of those efforts and their donation totals.

The 35,000 Challenge

The 35,000 Challenge, coordinated by Bryan Proffitt, a junior in microbiology, and Luke Perry, a senior in architecture and industrial design, encouraged the NCSU community (totaling 35,000) to contribute money, food, clothing and other items to aid thousands of East Carolina University students. The campaign began Tuesday, Sept. 27, and ended on Friday, Oct. 1.

According to Proffitt, a total of 20,000 items were collected and \$7,000 was donated and hand given to those at East Carolina University. "It proved to be very successful and enormously appreciated by ECU," he said.

Both Perry and Proffitt delivered the donations to the ECU community and commented on how the trip put the

amount of suffering by the ECU community into perspective. "I can't imagine having to worry about school with the damage we saw there," Proffitt said. "It was a harsh reality."

"Seeing the situation down there put a more personal and people aspect as to the reason for what we were doing this for," Perry said.

Both students added that they and ECU appreciated the "unbelievable generosity" from the NCSU community. "Everyone from individuals to groups supported the effort," Perry said. "That's the way things should work."

Quarter Campaign (50-cent Challenge)

Student Body President Raj Mirchandani, his executive branch, members of WolfAid and others challenged NCSU students to contribute just 50 cents to help those effected by the hurricane. According to Mirchandani, a total of \$2,138 was donated to the campaign during its three-day span. "I thought that was just beautiful," he said. "I like to call it stu-

dents helping students."

Animal Disaster Relief Fund

NCSU's College of Veterinary Medicine and the North Carolina Veterinary Medical Foundation's mission during the aftermath of the hurricane was to care for stranded and homeless companion animals of eastern North Carolina. The Humane Society and Veterinary Medical Assistance Team coordinated rescue efforts, and NCSU is currently providing emergency shelter and medical care for the animals, according to reports.

According to Leigh Ann Wilder, director of college relations at the Vet. School, said volunteers have helped with everything from clearing a warehouse space out to shelter the rescued animals to cleaning and caring for the pets.

NCSU's faculty and students are providing medical care and general care such as feeding, watering, walking and cleaning cages during the animals' stay in the shelter, Wilder said. In addition, the public has helped by sending money donations to the relief fund that totaled \$223,000. Wilder commented that the public has also helped the animal rescue by providing thousands of pounds of food and pet supplies, including everything from fencing to collars.

"We've received so much from the public," she said.

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Holladay award to honor four

KAMRAN HOORANI
Staff Writer

The North Carolina State University Board of Trustees awarded the Alexander Holladay Medal for Excellence to four faculty members Tuesday in recognition of their outstanding careers at NC State. The Holladay Medal is named after Colonel Alexander Quarries Holladay, the University's first President, and is the highest honor a faculty member can receive by the trustees and the university.



"Of the some thousand Professors here, there are only four who are selected for this award and therefore it is an incredible honor," Swaisgood said.

The Professors honored were James W. Clark, a long-time Professor of English, whose tireless work to educate and help teachers and students alike in the social sciences has touched the lives of many North Carolina residents. Clark, wrote, among other accomplishments curriculum materials for grades four through seven, including social studies textbooks and videos, that have been adopted by all 100 of N.C.'s county school systems.

Richard M. Felder, Hoechst Celanese professor of chemical engineering, whose efforts to educate others in the best teaching mechanisms in Engineering as well as receiving every award the university can bestow, has made him a renowned professor and greatly respected lecturer around the globe.

According to a recent press release, "Recognized locally with every teaching award the university can bestow, [Felder] also has established and maintained a worldwide reputation as one of the most influential and outstanding engineering educators of his generation. Felder has won almost every award possible from the American Society of Engineering Education, and he was recognized by the UNC system with the 1997 UNC Board of Governors' Award for Excellence in Teaching."

Another recipient Harold E. Swaisgood, a long serving William Neal Reynolds professor of food science and biochemistry, who has written over 160 journal articles and has been a pioneer in the understanding of nutrition and maintenance of a pure and healthy food supply. Swaisgood, the press release said, has worked at NCSU for 35 years and also holds five patents.

"Swaisgood's research accomplishments have garnered him the most prestigious awards of the

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NATIONAL

Web sites ease consumers' research into philanthropies

In the midst of the frenzied buying and selling of goods and services on the Internet, a new kind of money exchange is taking root. Call it e-philanthropy.

Web sites aimed at promoting charitable giving have proliferated in recent months. And on Wednesday, the AOL Foundation - the nonprofit arm of America Online Inc. - unveils Helping.org, an online database of 620,000 charities and 20,000 volunteer opportunities.

"The Internet is the future of charitable giving," said Daniel Langan, director of public information for the National Charities Information Bureau, which is sponsoring a national conference on "E-philanthropy: Technology and the Nonprofit Community" this Friday in Washington. "Anything that makes for a better-informed contributor is excellent."

The charity bureau has its own entry online, at www.give.org, which aims to be a kind of Consumer Reports for giving. Another is GreaterGood.com of Seattle, a site that offers users a chance to buy products from 200 charitable groups. "We're looking to introduce the concept of shopping on behalf of a cause," said Katherine James Schaufmaker, executive vice president of the company.

Book prices 'slashed'



This mannequin awaits you for your fall book sell back and spring purchases at the NCSU Bookstore.

Navy sonar system draws activists' fire

Although the Navy claims its underwater sonar system doesn't have a negative environmental impact, environmental activists are protesting that the system's use of low-frequency, high-decibel sound waves over large undersea areas poses a threat to whales and other sea life.

TONY PERRY
Los Angeles Times

As the U.S. Navy looks to the future, it sees a serious threat from an increasing number of super-quiet, fully armed submarines controlled by potentially hostile Third World countries. To enhance its ability to detect enemy submarines before they can launch a strike at a U.S. ship or land-based target, the Navy has spent \$350 million over the last decade to develop an improved underwater sonar system.

But now, just as the new technology is about to be deployed, environmental activists are protesting that the system's use of low-frequency, high-decibel sound waves over large undersea areas poses a threat to whales and other sea life. One group is threatening litigation under a federal law requiring the military to minimize the environmental damage it causes.

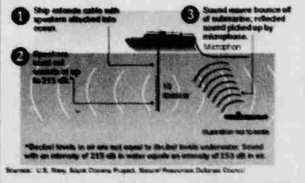
It is an emotional dispute pitting environmental concerns against national security - with each side charging that the other is crying foul to justify its ideological view of the world.

The environmental groups, including the Sierra Club, suggest that the Navy is overestimating the global danger posed by belligerent Third World submarines and that the sonar system is unnecessary.

A more realistic assessment of the geopolitical scene, the groups say, would not justify the use of an environmentally

Sonar Controversy

The Navy says a \$350-million sonar system will allow it to detect the underwater presence of a growing number of submarines, operated by potentially hostile nations. But environmentalists say the system will harm whales and other sea life. How the system works:



ASDC, USNS, and USNNS. The Navy says that the system was conceived as a way to thwart a much greater threat from the former Soviet Union.

An official with the San Diego chapter of the Audubon Society suggested that as a compromise, the Navy should agree to turn on the system only when the nation faces an immediate threat.

"I fully expect the system would never be used... and thus never used to the detriment of the environment," said Audubon's Jim Peugh.

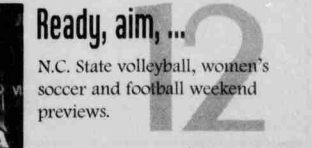
Civilian scientists hired by the Navy to review the project's environmental impact say the activists are demanding an unreasonable and scientifically impossible level of assurance that not a single sea creature will be ever harmed by proximity to the Surveillance Towed Array Sensor System (SURTASS).

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Get off your bum
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Relief

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According to Wilder, about 400 animals have come through the shelter and 150 still remain. Most of the healthy animals have been sent to veterinary clinics in east-

ern N.C. to be reunited with their owners. About 35 have been identified by their owners, about 65 have been identified by their owners but are unable to get to them because of complications resulting from the storm and the rest were surrendered for adoption by their owners. By the end of the month, Wilder said she hopes to have more of the animals claimed

by their owners.

Those who would like to donate to the relief fund can make checks out to the foundation or NCVMF, Inc. re: Animal Disaster Relief Fund and mailed to the NCSU College of Veterinary Medicine, Box 8401, Raleigh, NC 27695-8401. People who want to volunteer at the shelter should call 513-3418 for more information.

Award

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Agricultural and Food Chemistry Division of the American Chemical Society and the American Dairy Science Association," according to the press release.

The final nominee was Carl F. Zorowski, R.J. Reynolds Professor Emeritus of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering, whose lengthy career has seen him become a major asset to curriculum development, teaching, research and interdisciplinary programs. Zorowski's 36-year career has been marked with numerous honors for his programs and research.

The medals were presented at the 14th annual Honors Convocation at the Talley Student Center, where Carol Geary Schneider, President of the Association of American Colleges and Universities, was the guest speaker.

Navy

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A more reasonable standard, said Kurt Fristrup, assistant director of bio-acoustic research at Cornell University's Laboratory of Ornithology, is whether there is any likelihood that the system could disrupt an entire undersea population or habitat. The answer, Fristrup said, is almost assuredly no.

"Maybe there is a species somewhere we haven't discovered that will behave differently than those we know about, but I think that chance is less than one in a hundred," Fristrup said.

A \$10-million study, conducted by Fristrup and other scientists in the waters off California and Hawaii, found no significant impact on whales - although Fristrup notes that there is much that science still does not know about larger species of whales, including at what decibel level their hearing is permanently damaged.

The environmentalists are unimpressed by the conclusions of the Navy-financed study and the 400-page environmental impact statement that the system is environmentally benign. At hearings this week in San Diego and Honolulu - home ports for the Pacific Fleet's attack submarines - the Navy came under a blizzard of criticism.

Blasting the study as too limited in

scope and too sweeping in its conclusion, the Natural Resources Defense Council vowed at the San Diego hearing to sue unless the Navy performs additional studies with different methodologies.

One legal challenge to the system has already failed. The Hawaii County Green Party failed to persuade a federal judge in Hawaii last year to block tests off the Kona coast in a region where male humpbacks congregate. There is no question that the Navy is eager to put the system into place.

But Navy officials warn gravely of a submarine arms race with militarily adventuresome nations buying submarines built in Russia, Sweden, Germany and Italy. Although much of the former Soviet fleet is rusting at pier side, Russian shipyards are still building and developing submarines as a kind of cash crop for the destitute nation.

The Russian diesel-driven submarines are thought by military analysts to be particularly stealthy - which is one of their major selling points. By the Navy's count, 21 Third World nations, including North Korea, Iran, Libya and Pakistan, have a total of 310 submarines, although many of them of doubtful military value.

U.S. officials are concerned that a Third World nation might attempt to score a psychological or political victory by attacking an American target. Another use might be in conflict with an American ally, such as the Chinese deployment of submarines three years ago during a confrontation with Taiwan.

In anti-submarine warfare, the ability to hear an adversary is all-important. While expensive and controversial, the system is only one of several such Navy projects.

"Undersea warfare remains a tough business where the only acceptable position is one of absolute operational primacy," Adm. Jay Johnson, chief of naval operations, has said.

Indeed, development of anti-submarine warfare technology is one of the last growth areas for defense contracting in the post-Cold War world. Although the exact range of the sonar signals is classified, Navy officials say that it is a sufficient advancement over the range of the current system to justify the expense.

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Deregulation won't mean end of regulation

◆ The theory behind deregulation is that if energy producers compete directly for your business then you will end up paying less, but this only applies to the producers of electricity and gas, not the distributors.

Maryann Haggerty
The Washington Post

Utility deregulation means a lot of things, but it doesn't mean an end to regulation. The reasons have to do with both politics and mechanics.

For most of this century, gas and electric companies have operated within a formal structure of state and national regulations, with rules known as tariffs governing everything from how and where power is

produced to for how much it sells.

Utilities have long been regarded as "natural monopolies" - businesses that require such huge up-front investments in equipment that competitors have no chance against established companies. Breaking them up ala Teddy Roosevelt and the trustbusters of the Progressive Era wouldn't do any good, the theory goes, so governments chose to regulate them instead.

Then the mechanics come in. It makes sense to have just one set of electric wires and one set of gas lines running in front of your house - although that's not an immutable fact either.

But there's nothing physical that says the electricity running through the wires has to come from the power plant down the road - it can run to your house from anywhere in the country via the interconnected

system of electric transmission wires. In a way that's similar but not quite the same, the gas that runs your stove can and does come from just about anywhere.

So for both electricity and gas, deregulation involves the producers, not the distributors.

"It has been pretty much concluded that the generation part of the electricity business is not a natural monopoly," said William T. Torgerson, senior vice president of external affairs and general counsel at Potomac Electric Power Co.

The theory behind deregulation is that if energy producers compete directly for your business - rather than selling their gas or electricity to the power company that sells it to you at government-set prices - then you will end up paying less.

This has proved simpler to do in the natural gas business, which has

long been split into three parts. One set of companies produced the gas by tapping wells bored deep into the earth. The prices for their gas have been deregulated for years and it trades as a commodity. Other companies owned the big pipelines that brought it from the oilfields to various regions. A third company - what you know as the gas company - bought that gas and piped it down your street. They also checked the meter, fixed leaks and sent you a bill. Since the producers are already competitive, allowing customers a choice is in large part, an accounting and marketing exercise.

It has been a bit more complicated in the electric business. There, utilities have each spent many millions to construct power plants; money they argue can never be recovered under deregulation. The amount of these "stranded costs" is unknown;

estimates range as high as \$200 billion, according to the Congressional Research Service. Deregulating the industry involves covering these costs somehow. In some states that has meant individually negotiated settlements between each utility and the regulators.

The regulatory role doesn't end there. "For the long and short term, the role of the regulators will be to continue to regulate the distribution company - the wires company - to make sure there's reliable service at affordable prices," said Robert S. Fleishman, vice president of corporate affairs and general counsel at Baltimore Gas and Electric Co.

Regulators will also license the power suppliers that enter the market, he said, and make sure costs aren't shifted among the regulated and non-regulated parts of a utility.

There's a whole list of concerns that regulators and consumer advocates will have to keep their eye on as deregulation proceeds, according to Michael J. Travieso, Maryland's people's counsel, the official consumer advocate before the state's Public Service Commission.

His biggest concern, Travieso said, is making sure that competition produces lower, not higher, costs for small users because of the removal of "the protection of a rate-setting mechanism."

Additionally, he said, he's concerned about "the newly created possibilities for unscrupulous marketers and sellers and brokers to rip off customers."

"No one will allow the system to fall into disrepair," Travieso said. "The PSC remains obligated to be sure there will always be a provider."

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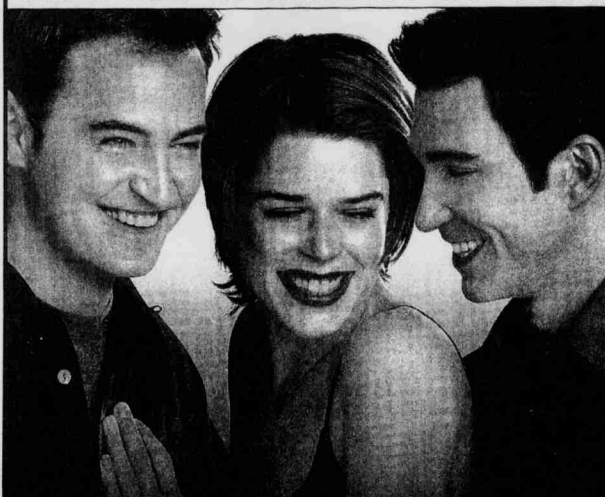
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Opinion

Technician's View Senate slips, reform falls

◆ A U.S. Senate Republican filibuster killed a bipartisan campaign finance reform bill for the fourth consecutive year.

On Tuesday afternoon, a group of Republican U.S. Senators talked. They probably talked about everything in the world except campaign finance reform.

That, essentially, is what a filibuster is, a bunch of nonsense talk, and a filibuster is exactly what the Senators used to table discussion on campaign-finance reform for the fourth consecutive year. In those four years, the legislation has not once been voted on.

The bill under discussion, the McCain-Feingold Bill, has been debated in the Senate every year since 1996, according to the "New York Times." The bill's sponsors, Arizona Republican Senator and Presidential hopeful John McCain and Wisconsin Democrat Russell D. Feingold, had amended the proposed legislation, making it simply a ban on soft money. Soft money is all money not donated directly to the candidates in a given election, that money usually goes to the national party to be dispersed.

The implications of the Senate's decision—indecision, more accurately—reach far beyond Capitol Hill. Thanks to the filibuster, the 2000 elections will still be controlled largely by those with the biggest checkbooks and the quickest wrists. Campaign finance reform is absolutely necessary. The ideal behind the idea of "one person, one vote" is that no one has a greater impact on an election than anyone else.

That ideal no longer holds true. The power in elections belongs to

the biggest contributors, almost more than it does to the candidates themselves. The McCain-Feingold Bill would have gone a long way toward changing that reality.

That's a shame; the McCain-Feingold legislation is perhaps the most honest legislation to reach the Senate in years. That honesty derives from the man whose name appears on the bill. When McCain says that "If the opportunity exists for an up or down vote for taking the \$100,000 check out of politics, we will do so," he means it.

McCain is a long shot for the presidency; he may well be a poor candidate. However, he is certainly one of the few politicians who actually back up their words; as a presidential candidate, he would stand to lose more than any other current Senator from the absence of a few of those six-digit checks.

But McCain's legislation will not see debate again for a long time. According to the "Times," Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott said Tuesday that the bill is "dead for the year."

Lott also pulled the bill off the Senate floor altogether after its supporters could not garner the 60 votes necessary to defeat a filibuster. Tuesday was the fourth day of debate on the bill; it was originally scheduled to be discussed for five days.

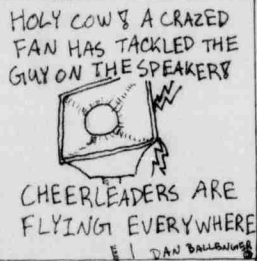
Responding to Lott's decision to cancel the last day of debate on the reform bill, South Dakota Democrat Tom Daschle said, "This is a question about whether or not we're going to keep our word, whether or not we will have the opportunity to finish the debate on campaign finance reform."

And, as has been the case for the last four years, the Senate gave the wrong answer.

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MARK ANDERSON

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The following events celebrate the spirit of campus, the excitement of the university and its environment and, finally, the essence of service. Before we all choke on any more cheese, let me begin.

First, the Royal Autumn Ball will be held from 7-11 p.m. this Friday in the Walnut Room of Talley Student Center. The relaxed atmosphere provides a great opportunity to take a date. You know that one person you have been eyeing on campus. The dance is on campus...nothing extravagant. It's a chance to get dressed up, have a fun night of "groovin'," and still call it a casual date (it's semi-formal though, OK? Got that?).

Indeed, men should wear a coat and tie, while the ladies should wear dresses or dress suits.

I like getting dolled up for an evening of sophisticated entertainment every now and then. Besides, the dinner-and-a-movie routine is old and thoughtless. Lots of the ladies like dressing to the nines and being presented with the fruits of chivalrous romance once in a while, or that's what I assume. I'm

old school like that. You guys out there, go ask her. She has a dress she has wanted to wear, so go on, Ladies, your prospect doesn't have a coat? I am a 42 regular—the outfit for him and he'll really be flattered.

Tickets to the Royal Autumn Ball can be purchased (\$7 singles, \$10 couple) at the door.

Secondly, the Hillsborough Street Partnership is conducting workshops this weekend. Their goal is to inform students, faculty and other citizens of Raleigh of the history and potential of N.C. State's main street. Beginning with an introduction of urban environments and possible improvements illustrated with examples of similar communities now revitalized, the Community Workshop Schedule hopes to focus interest on a future cosmopolitan asset. Your input is vital to the effort, as the

street should be a nucleus of student life.

Saturday commences with a walking tour starting behind Kinks at 8:30 a.m. After the close examination of what Hillsborough Street needs, you will be ready to brainstorm techniques for improvements (Ballroom, Talley Student Center). After a lunch break, the workshop continues with a table design session (Ballroom). Design professionals will help the delusional masses and artistically challenged generate a vision and drawings of the ideas produced.

The Workshop Schedule ends Tuesday night with an outdoor festival with food and music at the corner parking lot at Brooks and Hillsborough, followed by the

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Marks on the incredible density of being and questions best left unasked



KELLY MARKS

Sometimes, I swear I must be the most clueless person on the face of the planet.

In fact, I often find myself supporting this hypothesis, whether I'm sticking my foot in my mouth or just being terribly dense and naive (And yes, I said naive. Though some might swear that I'm anything but the innocent I pretend to be, I'll assure them I'm as pure as the undriven something or other...no really, I mean it. Cut it out—I'm being serious here.)

I feel kinda lost sometimes. It's not that I can't understand facts or follow a conversation, by clueless, I don't mean that I'm incapable of

knowing a thing, I just mean that I usually don't know it in advance.

And this frustrates me because sometimes I get the feeling that the rest of the world does. It's as if everyone else's lives came with instruction books and I bought mine at a yard sale and the jerky previous owner threw three away all of the important documentation and owner's manuals.

The thing is, I'm that same kind of jerky previous owner. I rarely follow directions; I leave them in the box, I just start jamming pieces together, pushing buttons and guessing at what goes where. I only consult manuals once I've determined that I've royally screwed something up, which is, to my credit, not as often as people might guess. When it comes to assembling a shelving unit

or installing a program, I just assume that I'm capable of figuring it out.

However, when it comes to life, I'm not so sure. I find myself in awe that people ever seem to figure out anything at all. When I was little, I was always asking "why?" Now, I know all kids do this, but eventually, they get the answers they're looking for and they stop. They just grow up and they just know. I'm still asking.

I have these moments when I just want to be told things explicitly. It's not always because I don't know—I just want to be assured that I'm right. I want to know that I've reached the same conclusion as everyone else or that I'm doing whatever it is that I'm doing in a way that it's supposed to be done.

I realize that this column is begging for specific examples. And right now would be the perfect place to insert them. Yet, the thing is that a lot of the questions I have are never asked because I feel they're pretty obvious. That if spoken out loud, someone is going to wonder "What kind of a dork doesn't already know that?" and I'm going to have to look them in the face and say "me" in the meekest, most apologetic voice I can muster. Please forgive me; I'm an idiot. And from that day on, I will forever be the girl who didn't know whatever it was that I didn't know.

And what don't I know, you wonder? Well, a lot of stuff. I see people doing a million different tasks in a day and I want to ask them where they learned to be so darn produc-

tive. I see couples clasping hands and I want to know how they got to that point and how they figured out that that was the person's hand that they wanted to hold. I see people looking happy and I think, "Hey, show me how."

Now, I've done or been or at least understand the general workings behind all of these things. Yet, still, I have questions.

And how do you ask some questions? All right, I'll give you one, for instance. I remember my first real kiss. It was a frustrating and horribly messy thing. I had always heard that, when the time comes, you just go with it, it just happens, there's nothing to explain, you just know. But I didn't just know. I felt

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A conversation with the man upstairs--It's not who you think it is



JAMES CURLE

Our opinion leader Jimmy Ryals has been quite active in his religious life recently. He, as our active readers may remember from yesterday's paper, spoke with our Lord and Savior not too long ago on the topic of the end of the world and the tie-ins with recent catastrophic events.

"That's pretty darn cool, if you ask me. I mean, aside from the people we see talking to "themselves" on the sidewalk, God pretty much stopped talking to your average Joe a long time ago. So, imagine my surprise when I picked up the paper and saw that our very own Jimmy Ryals has shared a moment of his life with "Da Big G."

So I figured, what the hell, I'd give it a try. I hit my knees and dived upstairs for God. Unfortunately, God was in a meeting at the time, and since I'd already paid for the

connection I figured I'd go ahead and talk with God's press secretary, Marvin.

You see, Marvin handles all of God's P.R. work. Why not God himself, you ask? Well, God, being the nice guy he is, tries to avoid all of the haggling and bickering that normally go with filing the requests (also known to us lay people as "prayers") and bargaining with the various parsons, priests, rabbis, preachers and whatnot for their respective positions on the miracle waiting list.

So God decided back in 1972 to hire a press secretary, Marvin. A good guy, Marvin is, and his strong organizational skills make him the perfect addition to the big office in the sky.

But I digress. While holding on to God, Marvin and I chatted a bit on the state of things. This is how our conversation went:

"So, uh, Marvin, what's up with you?" (Ha Ha). Just kidding. Anyway, I was wondering something."

Yeah, what's that?

"Well, I got a parking ticket the other day."

"Yeah, 40 bucks in that C-Lot by the health center."

"Yeah, you know about it?"

I file most of God's complaints. Apparently you weren't very pleased with it—I counted a total of four name-in-vain infractions on your part at the time.

"Yeah, I was kinda pissed, I mean, upset (Sorry)."

Forget about it. Just try to catch that tongue of yours next time. What's your question?"

"Well, uh, does God love parking Nazis?"

Hmmm. Well, God loves all his creations. James, Good, bad, Gary Birdsong—God loves them all.

"Are you sure? I mean, one look at these guys makes a pretty strong argument to the contrary."

How so?

"Well, they always look P.O.-ed when you walk passed them or see them in their cars on campus. Like they got a big chip on their shoulder. And they pride themselves on bringing pain to you students on a regular

basis. So does God love those who bring pain to other people?"

Yes. Everything happens for a reason, James. If there were no parking "Nazis," as you refer to them, then the world—or your world—would be overrun with cars with nowhere to park. The permit and sanctions system is a very effective means of keeping parking demands down to reasonable levels.

"But that money was going to my 'Curle Across America' fund to help get me to California. Now I'm 40 bucks in the hole. That's enough gas to get me from here to Alabama."

Yes, I know this all very well. Many of your N.C. State colleagues file complaints with us here about the parking situation, which has admittedly created quite a bit of paperwork on my part. I will also admit that the number of permits does not sufficiently meet the needs of the students here on campus, and that, if an employee of a campus organization such as Technician were granted a pass, it would make both of our jobs a bit easier. But I assure you, God would not have created parking

"Nazis" if they did not serve a purpose. Does that answer your question?"

"Yeah, sorta. Does this mean I can get my money back if I promise to like parking Nazis?"

I'm afraid not, but I'll tell you what: I'll put a good word in for you in the Good Fortune/Bad Fortune Department down the hill. Fair enough?"

"Sure, Marvin, can I just say something?"

Yeah.

"You da man. Well, not Da Man, but you're still pretty freaking cool."

Thank you, James. That's very nice of you. It makes my job easier knowing that it's appreciated by you little people down there.

"Hey, anytime. Later."

Peace.

So, this is what I learned from my discussion with Marvin. All of God's creatures, including parking Nazis, are loved by God. And they all serve a purpose, no matter how

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Finally, the conspicuous Shuck-a-Thon continues through Friday at the Brickyard. Organizations like Habitat for Humanity have lovely little lean-tos, temporarily constructed. They are collecting donations—dollars and change, not low-cost housing. When you buy your muggers at the Brickyard, buy your muggers at the Brickyard, receive 50.5¢ of change, and use their jugs. It does help. I hope people like Sozette and Sozette can home Habitat at its specialty building.

The organizations will thank set up in the Brickyard, will be selling off prizes. Thanks. Thanks.

Curle

evil (Gary Birdsong) they may seem on the surface. Their "evil" actions cause us to think twice about breaking the rules of parking or to reexamine our own personal religious beliefs. So, when you hit your knees tonight or at Church, remember two things: Be slow to criticize the seemingly evil things of the world, and if God puts you on hold, feel free to talk to Marvin. He's pretty down-to-earth for a guy who lives in the clouds.

For those of you who, god, make it will help to illustrate Curle's opinion even further. But if you want to write or pass a message on to Marvin, write Curle at james@ema.ncsu.edu.

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Kelly

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awkward and worried and spent the whole time wondering, "Is this where my nose is supposed to go? This can't possibly be right. What the heck is he doing with his chin? Ow." I wanted to just stop him and say, "This isn't how they do it on TV."

It didn't help that he kept turning my head exactly opposite of how I felt it should be turned and that I let him, assuming that he must know something that I, a mere novice, did not.

I've since learned that a kiss can actually be quite a nice thing, and that keeping my head cocked at a 45-degree angle to the right is not as crucial as some people seemed to think it was. And figuring this out has been, for the most part, fun, but I still would have killed for a little guidance going into the whole ordeal.

It's sad, but sometimes I just wish that someone could sit down with me and make sure I'm caught up with the rest of the world. I want a Cliff Notes on life; just something to highlight the key points and explain the main themes. I think I get the gist of it, but I could use some help on the

finer points.

Of course, I'm kidding. Life can't be taught or dissected and reconstructed into a neat little how-to format. And I don't really want it to be. It's something that has to be delved into and just dealt with. If you don't immediately figure out that Tab A goes into Slot B, well, once you do finally put the two together, you've learned something you'll keep the rest of your life. And you're richer for the experience, even if it means you sat there and stuck the tab into six wrong holes and put a piece on backwards and ended up crying on the floor, feet flailing in the air above.

It's just that I wanna know. And it would be so much easier if someone could tell me or I could read it in a book somewhere. But, then again, to conclude this column in the most clichéd and Full-House-"Hey-DJ-Everything's-gonna-be-okay" sort of vein, it wouldn't be as fulfilling.

And so, I search on.

Questions for Kelly? Well, ask someone else. She has already said she has no answers. But anything else can be E-mailed to her at knmarks@unr.ncsu.edu. As always, thanks for supporting the neurosis.



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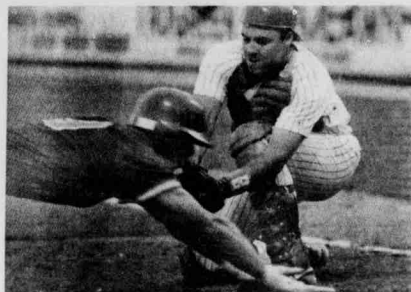


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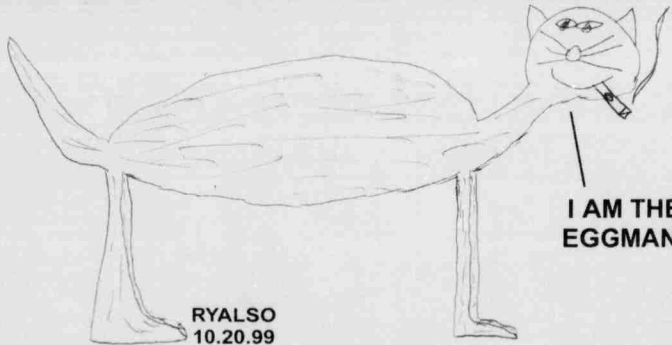
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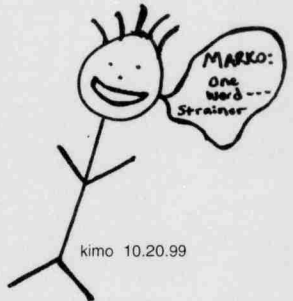


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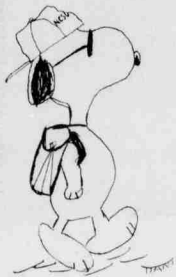
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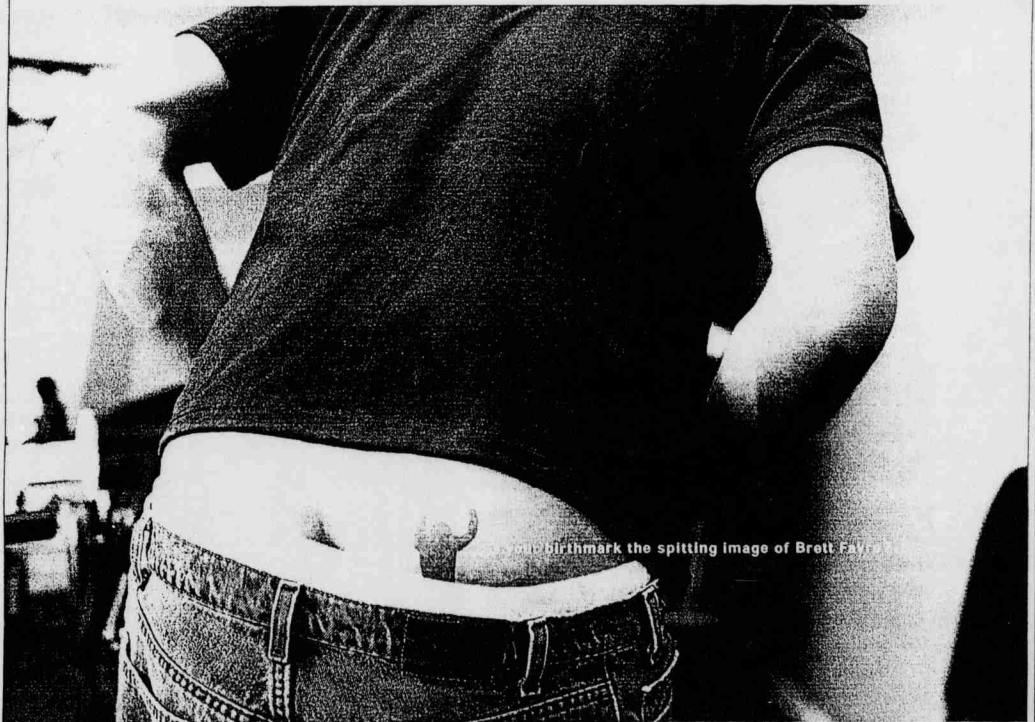


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K. GRIFFNEY
Sports Editor

Andy Vanderveer didn't think that he'd play much of a leadership role on the N.C. State football team this year.

But halfway through the season, the Pack tight end, a redshirt sophomore, has become quite the role model for his teammates.

Heading into the season, Vanderveer thought that he might get to see some significant playing time, he might even get to start, but the last seven games have been a virtually unending highlight film for the Charlotte, N.C., native.

"It didn't ever think that I'd have this much success," said Vanderveer. "But whatever helps the team. The important thing is the wins, not who scores the points."

In game one against Texas, Vanderveer made the first two catches of his collegiate career with 19 yards in the game to lead the Wolfpack receiving corps.

After a quiet night against South Carolina in the midst of Hurricane Dennis' rampage on Raleigh, Vanderveer made his first touchdown catch as a member of the Wolfpack against William and Mary.

The following week, he gave State two points against the No. 1 ranked Florida State Seminoles, catching a two-point conversion pass from holder and former high school quarterback Ryan Hamrick.

Fast forward three weeks through a loss to Wake Forest and an off-week to the Clemson game when Vanderveer became the first N.C. State tight end in history to catch two touchdowns in a single game.

And the second-year player even added highlights in the Wolfpack's loss to Virginia last weekend. Vanderveer caught a 58 yard pass from Jamie Barnette, the Wolfpack's longest

pass play of the season.

In seven games, Vanderveer has eight catches for 103 yards, three touchdowns, and 20 points, making him the third leading scorer on the team.

Only running back Rahshon Spikes has more touchdowns than the sophomore, and only Spikes and place kicker Kent Passingham have more points this season.

"This has really been surreal," said Vanderveer of his current situation. "But his teammates aren't discouraging his effort."

"Vanderveer has been doing a really great job for us," said Barnette after last week's game.

"He has really stepped up where we need him to be."

And unfortunately for the Wolfpack, they need him more than ever. It would be ideal, for N.C. State head coach Mike O'Cain and his crew, to have Vanderveer step in and have a standout season as an underclassman while his more veteran teammates lead the team, leaving Vanderveer's output to be the icing on the cake, but that is not the way that it has been.

The Wolfpack has lost eight starters from the Texas game up until this weekend's matchup with Duke, and while free safety Rod Johnson, center Keegan Weir and Eric Leak are probable for Duke, the fact remains that injuries have taken their toll. Which means

players like Vanderveer are a needed more than ever.

"I don't remember a season when we had as many long-term injuries as we've had," said O'Cain. "When I was a player or a coach."

Lost already this season is linebacker Edrick Smith, one of the Pack's top freshmen in 1998, who should receive a medical hardship redshirt. And while injured Johnson and Levar Fisher, who is day-to-day after a high ankle sprain against Virginia, were keys for the Pack's defense, it is on offense where the Pack has been hurt the most.



Jamie Barnette will be looking for new targets.



N.C. State will take on Duke this Saturday at Wallace-Wade Stadium in Durham. The Wolfpack has won eight of its last nine contests with the Blue Devils, including last year's game in Raleigh.

Gone for the season is No. 1 receiver Chris Coleman with a dislocated elbow. Gone for the season is Ryan Hamrick, who became the No. 1 receiver when Coleman went down, only to break his leg on the first series of the very next game.

Gone for the season is sophomore K.J. Stone, the starting tight end in the Wolfpack's first game of the season, who's knee injury is so bad, the swelling hasn't gone down enough for the team doctors to determine exactly what is wrong with it almost two weeks after the fact.

Leak and 1998 Rookie of the Year Ray Robinson have been in and out all year at tailback, but with the injuries to Hamrick and Coleman leaving three freshmen listed in the four receivers spots on the two-deep, Leak will see time at wide out very soon.

And whatever the situation turns out to be, the Wolfpack will just have to live with it. And the younger players will have to take Vanderveer's lead.

The Pack's next shot at a conference win comes against a Blue Devil team that

struggled in the early goings of the season but has come on in the last two weekends. Last week, the Devils put a scare into conference No. 2 and Heisman candidate Joe Hamilton, scoring 31 points in a loss that came down to the final series.

That was just a week after Duke picked up a 24-17 win over the Cavaliers on the road.

State faces the Blue Devils, with rejuvenated quarterback Spencer Romaine, at Noon on Saturday in Durham.

Double dose of ACC for Pack

◆ Standing 2-6 at the halfway point of conference play, the Pack are anxiously awaiting another shot at their conference foes

DAVID HOBGOOD
Staff Writer

Now that the Pack has played each of their opponents in the conference, they are longing for more successful results the second time around.

After dropping a couple of tightly-played, five-set matches along with a loss to a team with much less talent, the Pack could easily have more wins under their belt in the conference. Instead, they are 2-6 and greatly anticipating a revengeful effort against the teams that have previously beaten them.

The Pack are coming off a very disappointing defeat at the hands of the Florida State Seminoles. They lost the match (12-15, 14-16, 15-13, and 0-15). After losing an 8-2 lead in the first game and a 14-12 lead in the second game, the Pack left themselves with too large of a deficit to overcome.

The consensus among to the players and coaching staff was this was a game that they should have definitely won.

"It was, without a doubt, the most disappointing loss of the season," said Coach Kim Hall. "It was like we were in a complete daze out there. We showed no determination to win at all. We were clearly the better team, but we just didn't get the job done. However, we just need to put this one behind us and prepare ourselves for our matches this weekend."

The upcoming matches Coach Hall was referring to are against Georgia Tech and Clemson. They play Georgia Tech on Friday at 7:30 and Clemson on Saturday at 5:00. Both of these matches are in Reynolds Coliseum.

The Pack defeated Georgia Tech on their homecourt in a five-set battle and lost to Clemson in a three-set sweep earlier this month. Therefore, both matches are fresh in their minds. "Considering we played them both about two weeks ago, we should definitely remember the types of offense they run as well as other offenses that took place during a match," said Coach Hall.

The Pack are definitely ready to take the court this weekend and put the loss to Florida State behind them, but they must first endure a long week of intense practice. There are many different areas Hall felt they needed to work on before the upcoming matches.



Sophomore Alison Kreager (above), is just one of the young stars on the Wolfpack volleyball team. State takes on Clemson Friday.

"We really need to practice at a very high level this week," said sophomore Erin Vesey. "We should improve our play by completing some high skill level workouts."

Heading into the second round of conference play installed lots of curiosity and enthusiasm within the Pack. Coach Hall hopes that the team will be able to move on from the Florida State defeat and continue improving throughout the remainder of the season. She is very interested to see how they will react.

"A loss like the Florida State one is hard to come back from, but we shouldn't get stuck on one game," said Hall. "Since we're such a young team, we've tried to prepare them for

the physical aspect of the game. Now it's time to prepare them mentally. We need to learn how to knock out a weaker team when we're better than them. It's going to be good to see how we respond to everything we've learned so far as we head into the second round of play."

Coach Hall isn't the only person looking forward to proving themselves to their conference foes during the second half of the season. The players have that very same drive and determination.

"Our two wins were great, but we should've had more," said sophomore Alison Kreager. "Our second time around we intend on improving our record."

Berth not out of reach for women

◆ With two weeks to go in the season, women's soccer among contenders for an NCAA berth.

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N.C. State women's soccer coach Laura Kerrigan realizes how crucial the last two weeks of the season are for her team; the Wolfpack is 1-2-1 in the ACC heading into a Friday match at Florida State (0-4 in the conference) and a Sunday match at Clemson (2-3 in the conference).

"We are coming off a two week stretch in which we have played well. We played well against UNC-Charlotte. But we have to keep playing well these last two weeks because we still have a shot at the NCAA's [tournament]," Kerrigan said.

Tuesday, State traveled to UNC-Charlotte and, for the fifth time this season, endured overtime before deciding the match's winner.

To the Wolfpack's chagrin, the 49ers' Stephanie Barner fired a shot past Gretchen Leer, in double-overtime to win the game 3-2.

Shannon Blair netted the go-ahead score for the Wolfpack off a Shannon Tully assist in the second half. 49er Jill Currie countered Blair's fourth goal in five games eight minutes later.

At the end of regulation, the score was deadlocked 2-2. While State's record fell to 6-7-1, more concern centered around two Pack players who went down during the 115-minute match. Team high scorer Blair and leader Michelle Presley suffered injuries that benched them for the game. But according to Coach Kerrigan, both Blair and Presley should be back Friday.

"The loss at UNC-Charlotte was more disappointing than anything else," Kerrigan said. "We lost a heartbreaker on a questionable no-call. However, our team effort was really good."

Friday's opponent, Florida State,

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Youth, talent power gymnastics squad

◆ Boasting a roster loaded with talent, the NC State gymnastics team appears ready to secure its place among the nation's elite.

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Three-eighths of one point.

It seems like such an insignificant margin, but in the sport of gymnastics, it can be huge. Just ask anyone who competed for N.C. State last year because that was all it took to deny the Wolfpack a second consecutive trip to Nationals.

1999 was a banner season for the Pack. State won its first-ever East Atlantic Gymnastics League

championship to end West Virginia's three-year title reign. The team broke the 196-point barrier for the first time. Maggie Haney and Monica Berry became the first State gymnasts to ever score 10s in competition, and Amy Langendorf joined Christy Newton as the only gymnasts in school history to individually qualify for Nationals.

And, the team finished the year 13th in the country. One spot short of Nationals.

Two seasons ago, that type of success came as a pleasant surprise. Last season, it was something that was seen as a very real possibility.

It is being expected in 2000.

"I think that everybody's expectations are a little higher," said Head Coach Mark Stevenson. "We

feel like we're at a point now where we can really move up."

Stevenson has every reason to be confident about his team's chances this year. The Pack's roster is loaded with talent, and has the experience from the runs of the last two years to complement it.

"This is the best team that we've had since I've been here," said senior Jenny Sommer.

There is something else that State has going for itself. At times last season, the Pack had trouble rounding out its lineup. In contrast, as many as 10 gymnasts will be battling for six spots in some events this year.

"There are really no shoo-ins at this point," said Haney, the team's other senior with competitive experience. "It just gives you more motivation."

The return of Angie Welch and Aimee Panton is part of the reason that the Pack has gotten deeper. Welch and Panton came to Raleigh as highly regarded freshmen last year but were unable to compete due to season-ending injuries. Both are close to full strength and should have an immediate impact.

There is also a tremendous amount of excitement over the new class of freshmen. The group brings an impressive set of credentials with it, including a national champion on vault in Adina Stock. Stock and Cara Dougherty are expected to step in and make significant contributions.

"We're counting on a lot of youngsters, but they're good youngsters," commented

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Coming off of a loss to UNC-Charlotte, N.C. State looks to play tough this weekend to keep hopes of an NCAA bid alive.