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## In the NEWS

Peace Forum held at N.C. State

The Presbyterian Campus Ministry at N.C. State is sponsoring a Peace Lunch Forum on Thursday, Nov. 18 from 12:40 p.m. to 1:40 p.m. in the Walnut Room of Talley Student Center. The topic for the discussion will be "Hate Groups in America." Attendees are encouraged to bring a box lunch, and sodas and coffee will be provided. For more information, call 834-5184.

## Raleigh Critical Mass comes to the Brickyard

Raleigh Critical Mass, an event to encourage alternative forms of transportation will be held on Friday, Dec. 3 at 4 p.m. in the N.C. State Brickyard. Attendees are encouraged to come on a bike, a trike, a skateboard, or skates to the event.

Critical Mass is an informal gathering of people, accompanied by their human-powered modes of transportation who ride en masse down usually car-cluttered streets for a multiplicity of reasons: to show support for alternative forms of transportation, to peacefully protest our increasingly car oriented culture, to have a good time, to meet other bikers and future friends, to encourage the discussion and to further the development of pedestrian and bicycle-friendly streets and less polluted communities, and to demonstrate the presence of an active bike culture.

## \$4 Million in grants awarded to N.C. State Genetics Department

Scientists in N.C. State's Department of Genetics have received three grants totaling more than \$4 million for research and student training programs in quantitative genetics — a field that has far-reaching implications in agriculture, evolutionary biology and human health.

The National Institute of General Medical Sciences of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) has awarded the department two grants. The first, totaling \$573,914, will establish a comprehensive training program for graduate students in genetics, while a second grant of \$1,717,371 will be used to advance NCSU researchers' studies of DNA sequencing using the fruit fly *Drosophila melanogaster*.

The National Science Foundation (NSF) also has awarded the department \$1,798,958 to conduct a joint study of the plant, *Arabidopsis thaliana*, with Brown University.

This is the second time in recent months that NCSU has been awarded major grants in the field of genomic science. In September, the Department of Forestry received \$4.4 million from the NSF to support research on gene identification and mapping in loblolly pines. Chancellor Marv Anne Fox has identified genomics as one of NCSU's top research priorities.

## WORLD

### Mich. Jury Convicts Boy of Murder

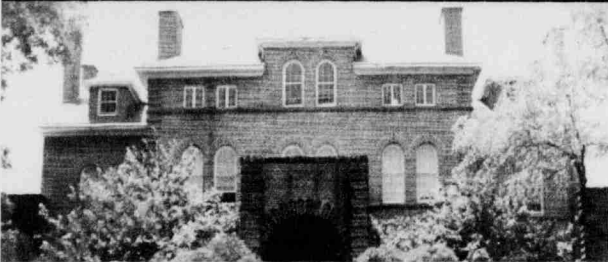
One of the youngest murder defendants in U.S. history was convicted of second-degree murder Tuesday for shooting a stranger outside a convenience store with a rifle when he was 13.

In a case that stirred fierce debate over how to treat young offenders, Nathaniel Abram, 13, sat expressionless and looked straight ahead as the jury announced its verdict after 18 hours of deliberations over four days.

He was acquitted of first-degree murder, which could have sent him to prison for life with no chance of parole.

# Students mobilize against possible tuition increase

## rage against the tuition



What: Silent Protest Who: YOU When: Thursday, Nov. 18th 12 noon Where: Lawn of Holladay Hall (across from the Bell Tower) Why: To keep YOUR Tuition affordable!

### Students rally as N.C. State prepares to face a proposed \$1,500 tuition increase.

NATALIE DUGGINS and LATONVA JOHNSON  
Staff Writers

Slain civil rights activist Martin Luther King, Jr. once said, "The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy."

As N.C. State prepares to face its greatest controversy of the year thus far — a proposed \$1,500 tuition increase — some students are working to have their voices heard by members of the university's Board of Trustees.

In an attempt to prevent the tuition increase on NCSU's campus, Student Senator Brandon Buskey has organized a letter writing campaign to the trustees in response to the Town Hall meeting, held last Wednesday in

Nelson 240.

During the Town Hall meeting, Chancellor Marv Anne Fox outlined the possibilities facing NCSU, including no tuition increase, a \$300 increase and an increase greater than or less than \$300. According to the chancellor, an increase in tuition would provide additional money for student financial aid and bettering "student-centered" programs. "Unlike the increase at the UNC-Chapel Hill, a tuition increase at NCSU would not go to support an increase in faculty salaries. Instead, the chancellor said, she would lobby the state General Assembly for the money.

"The Town Hall meeting was a nice gesture for the chancellor to make," Buskey said. "It was nice of her to take time out of her busy schedule to listen to the students." Feeling that the Town Hall meeting was ineffective, Buskey, a sophomore in psychology, initiated the letter writing campaign.



Students speak out at Town Hall meeting.

"Being a student, I felt like I knew that [Chancellor Fox] wanted a tuition increase," Buskey said.

A sophomore in psychology, Buskey said his intentions were not to undermine anyone, but that he wanted students to be proactive.

Buskey said that he wished he had word "about the desperation of the situation a week sooner" because of minimal time to react.

As the date for the Board of Trustees' meeting rapidly approaches, Buskey acknowl-

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◆ In an effort to nip a proposed increase at the root, student leaders are organizing a silent protest to take place outside of Holladay Hall at noon on Thursday.

ZACK MAZER  
News Editor

N.C. State students who missed their chance to speak their minds at last week's Town Hall Meeting will get their chance to be heard — albeit silently.

Thursday, at a silent protest outside of Holladay Hall. The committee faced with the task of approving a Tuition increase proposal will be meeting inside at 12:15 p.m.

"We want to voice our concern to the committee, and if they don't understand this, we'll protest again the next day [at the Board of Trustee's meeting]," said Student Body President Raj Mirchandani.

"Without students there the Board is going to think that we don't care."

Mirchandani issued a challenge Tuesday night, personally requesting that every student bring five friends to the protest.

Any increase proposal must make its way through the six person Student Issues committee before it can be officially presented at the

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◆ The College of Textiles looks back at its founding at N.C. State, and celebrates advancement.

LAUREN PRESSLEY  
Staff Writer

The N.C. State College of Textiles has come a long way in its 100 years of existence since it was founded in 1899.

It has been housed in Holladay Hall, Tompkins, Nelson Hall and finally on Centennial Campus, according to a timeline prepared by Gary Mock, a professor in the College of Textiles.

On February 8, 1899 the creation of a school of textiles was proposed to the General Assembly, and although the idea was well received, the funds were not available, according to Mock.

The North Carolina School of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts, now known as NCSU, decided to start a textile program on March 13, 1899. The textile program was part of the School of Engineering and did not become the School of Textiles until June 8, 1925, according to Mock.

The textiles' school continued to grow, but lost a number of students to the war effort during World War II. However, after the war the enrollment reached a new peak of 757 students, according to Mock's report.

Over the next few years, the school received more money for research, the number of faculty increased and student enrollment went up.

The first major recruitment effort of the School of Textiles was in 1970 and attracted over 700 students as a result of fibers being sent to high schools telling students if they went to the open house they would receive free football tickets, according to Mock.

The College of Textiles moved to their new home on Centennial Campus in 1991 and currently, textile graduates' average starting salaries of \$38,215, according to

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# Wolves Den now open weekends

### ◆ Beginning next week, the most popular restaurant in Talley Student Center will now be open on Saturdays and Sundays.

ASHLEY B. PERRY  
Senior Staff Writer

The Wolves Den may or may not be the place where everybody knows your name, but N.C. State University Dining hopes that it will soon be the place where everybody comes to watch college and pro sports on the weekends.

As of Nov. 20, the Wolves Den, a restaurant in the Talley Student Center, will be open for business from noon to 8 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. "This is an experiment," emphasized Randy Lat, business manager for university dining.

The Wolves Den, which serves fare from pizza and chicken tenders to

baked potatoes, has steadily increased in popularity since its renovation last year. On its best days, the Wolves Den attracts as many as 1200 paying customers.

"The Wolves Den has become the most popular restaurant at the Talley Center," explained Lat. "But, we haven't gotten much business at the Taco Bell or L'il Dino's on the weekends. We're going to close them on weekends and see if people will come to the Wolves Den instead."

Sophomores Katrina Wittus and Solomon Wittus will likely be two of the Wolves Den's weekend customers.

"I like it here," explained Wittus. "There's more variety here. Upstairs, you can just get tacos or subs, but here you can get salads, potatoes, nachos, whatever."

"The atmosphere is better here than it is upstairs," interjected Wittus. Previously, the Wolves Den had



Getting stopped for survey after survey while being late for your most important class of the day.

only been open on weekends to accommodate students who wished to watch NCSU football and basketball away games. By opening regularly on weekends, Lat expects more students will come to see pro and collegiate athletics.

"We're going to try some special events tied to basketball. Hopefully, the Wolves Den will become the place to be for the NFL and college basketball."

While students may use their meal plans to pay for food at the Wolves

Den, prices for those who would pay out-of-pocket are affordable. People who are not on the meal plan can eat a large dish of all-the-way nachos, drink a medium tea, and even play a game of pool for just under five dollars.

"You'd definitely pay more if you ate at Applebee's," elaborated Lat.

Mary Wood, a sophomore at NCSU, agrees she'd pay more at Applebee's, although she does take issue with the prices of the Wolves Den. "It costs more to eat here [than

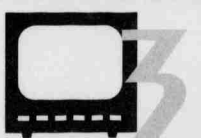
at the Taco Bell and L'il Dino's], even if you use your meal plan."

Lat expects this experiment to go well, but says that time will be the real test of the Wolves Den's extended hours.

"We'll do this the rest of the semester and see how well it's received," mentioned Lat. "Obviously, if only two or three people show up, we'll stop. But if more people come to the Wolves Den on the weekends than were coming to the L'il Dino's and Taco Bell, then we'll continue."

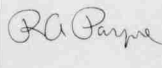
## Movies

Check out A&E to see what new movies are out.



## To the letter

Chancellor Fox has some mail on the Opinion page. Read along.



## Volleyball

The ACC Volleyball tournament starts Thursday.



## Unusual budget session yields U.N. dues deal

◆ During White House budget negotiations on Sunday, negotiators reached a tentative deal in which some limits on the use of U.S. contributions to foreign institutions supporting abortion were accepted

**RICHARD SIMON**  
Los Angeles Times

White House budget negotiators, all but resolving the thorniest issue holding up enactment of major spending bills for the next fiscal year, agreed Sunday to accept some limits on the use of U.S. contributions to international institutions in support of abortion activities abroad.

In return, congressional Republicans approved giving President Clinton some of the money he had sought to make over-due U.S. payments to the United Nations.

The agreement, reached during an extraordinary Sunday-night bargaining session in the Capitol, could clear the way for a broad agreement later this week on spending legislation for fiscal 2000, which began on Oct. 1.

"We have what looks like a tenta-

live deal" on abortion and U.N. dues, said an administration negotiator who asked not to be further identified. While characterizing the accord as "significant," this official said there were some difficult disputes still to settle regarding the U.N. contribution, as well as on other parts of the spending legislation.

"We do not have a deal on the U.N. until we can work out the question of debt relief" for the U.S.'s very poorest nations, the White House official said. Ensnared in the battle over U.N. dues and abortion activities overseas are the spending bills for some of the government's biggest departments, including Health and Human Services, Education, Labor, Commerce, Justice and Interior.

Some conservative Republicans had used U.N. dues to block U.S. funding of international groups that promote abortion rights in other countries.

The leading Republican negotiator Sunday night was House Speaker J. Dennis Hastert, who flew back to Washington from his Illinois district. The United Nations says Washington owes about \$1.6 billion in back dues; the U.S. government puts the figure at \$926 million. Congress had agreed to appropriate the smaller figure, pro-

vided the abortion dispute is settled.

Secretary of State Madeleine K. Albright, herself a proponent of abortion rights, had urged Clinton to bend in the direction of the Republicans' abortion restrictions. If it failed to pay at least some of its overdue bill to the United Nations by the end of the year, she pointed out, the United States would find itself in the embarrassing position of losing its vote in the U.N. General Assembly. (However, the United States would retain its permanent seat in the more powerful U.N. Security Council.)

Last July, to a bill authorizing the payment of U.N. dues, the House attached a strict prohibition on the use of funds to support overseas organizations that lobby in favor of abortion rights. Then, for the foreign aid appropriations bill, it promptly approved allowing U.S. aid funds to go to international groups that promoted abortion as long as they used separate funds for those activities and abortion was legal in the country where the group was operating.

Under Sunday night's agreement, Clinton can waive the restriction on the use of America's U.N. contribution to support abortion activities abroad, but in that case there would be an automatic 6 percent reduction

in the \$385 million appropriation for international family assistance funding. The White House official said the waiver would have "minimal impact."

Apart from abortion funding and U.N. dues, the White House and Congress must still reach accommodation on Republican-sponsored measures in the Interior Department spending bill that the administration argues would reverse environmental progress. One such provision, for example, would ease federal mining regulations.

But Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D., speaking on the CBS news show, "Face the Nation," said he hoped this would be the week that Congress finally cleared the decks of budget disagreements. "We have seen too much acrimony, we have seen too much delay, we have seen too much intransigence."

Some of that acrimony surrounded Daschle's appearance on the show. CBS had asked House Majority Whip Tom DeLay of Texas to appear first on the show, followed by Daschle. DeLay said he would appear only if Daschle preceded him, when CBS refused, DeLay dropped out.

## Rally Protest

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edged that it might be too late for students to send letters to members of the Board of Trustees particularly those that don't live in Raleigh, but still encouraged students to have a voice in the tuition debate.

Buskey suggested that students forward letters for the Trustees members to Student Body President Raj Mirchandani, and "ask Raj to bring them to the trustees meeting personally."

The NCSU sophomore encouraged students to participate in any of the protests planned for the remainder of the week.

"Numbers carry influence," said Buskey. "Students should be persuaded by the fact that they might not be here next year," Buskey said, citing reasons students should attend the protests.

However, Buskey said, students should, "be prepared to fight another day."

If the university's trustees pass the proposed increase, the proposal will then move onto the UNC System Board of Governors and the N.C. General Assembly.

not have one put in yourself?"

Campbell developed an aneurysm in 1970 and had to have the aorta implanted. With the implanted aorta, he lived for another eight years.

The college has come a long way from the department under engineering, which offered classes in weaving, textile design, textile chemistry and fabric dying.

Many events throughout this year have celebrated the college's 100-year existence. Mock said that the first event was a barbecue dinner that was held in September as an employee thank-you. The next event he described was held by the textile foundation and included a dinner and dance held at a local hotel. Further events will occur on Friday, Nov. 19. The alumni association will be holding an open house and a barbecue dinner.

Attendees will go to the first NCSU basketball game held at the new Entertainment and Sports Arena.

## Silence The Increase

**What:** Silent Protest against a tuition hike.

**When:** Thursday, November 18th, 12 Noon.

**Where:** Lawn in front of Holladay Hall (across from the Bell Tower)

[http://www.ncsu.edu/ncsu/stud\\_govt](http://www.ncsu.edu/ncsu/stud_govt) click on "Tuition Survey"



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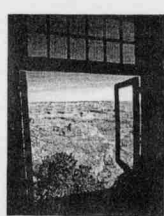
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Jazz great Billy Taylor will bring his musical stylings to NCSU's campus. Taylor will be playing at N.C. State's Stewart Theatre with the Billy Taylor Trio, presented by NCSU's Centrestage, November 20th at 8 p.m.

## An Evening of Taylor-made Jazz

◆ NCSU Brings Jazz great to Raleigh.

DEBORAH SURPENTIN  
Staff Writer

Distinguished ambassador of the jazz community, legendary jazz pianist Dr. Billy Taylor will be performing this Saturday. He is at once a composer, performer, educator, author, television correspondent (CBS Sunday Morning), and radio host (Billy Taylor's Jazz at the Kennedy Center on NPR).

A native of North Carolina (born in Greenville in 1921), Dr. Taylor received the North Carolina award in fine arts in 1993. The North Carolina award recognizes notable accomplishments by North Carolina citizens in the fields of scholarship, research, the fine arts and public leadership. It is the highest honor the state can bestow.

The New York Times "Jazz Review" hailed Billy Taylor as an "...evangelist for the music. His own pianism, situated between the inviting styles of Art Tatum's pyrotechnics and Red Garland's imaginative octaves, draws listeners in to jazz as formalized play; it's part of his overall life's work."

The St. Louis Post Dispatch of April 25, 1997 described Taylor's style as reflecting his divergent mentors, most recognizably the bop of Bud Powell and the lyrical informality of Art Tatum.

It has been more than half a century since a young Billy Taylor arrived in Manhattan in 1944 and instantly played his way into a job as pianist in a jazz trio at the Swing Street Club Three Deuces. In Dr. Taylor's biography it recalls how he arrived in the Big Apple and in less than a day, found himself sitting in at Minton's, jamming with Ben Webster. Two days later he was invited to join Webster's group. That same night he met Art Tatum, who was soon to become his mentor. Playing with Coleman Hawkins, Big Sid Catlett and Charlie Drayton, the newcomer Taylor quickly immersed himself in the local

music scene. His light touch and musical intelligence took him to Broadway, where he appeared on stage with Cozy Cole's Quintet in Billy Rose's show, "The Seven Lively Arts," and played in the pit band for Ethel Waters' show, "Blue Holes." He also paid his dues playing with the legendary Machito's mambo band, where he first played and developed his love of Latin music. During this time he also played with such artists as Eddie South, Stuff Smith, Billie Holiday and Slam Stewart. In 1946 Taylor embarked upon an eight-month tour of Europe with

the Don Redman Orchestra. In 1948 Taylor returned to New York and played on the same bill with Billie Holiday in a show entitled, "Holiday On Broadway." One year later,

he was hired as the house pianist at Birdland, where he played with such jazz legends as Charlie Parker, Miles Davis, John Coltrane, Stan Getz, J.J. Johnson and Morgana King. Each week he would play with a different all-star group. His very first job at Birdland was with Charlie Parker, playing "Bird With Strings." Popular response to the piece was so good, that after a week at Birdland, the group

went over to the Apollo Theater, where they performed for an additional week. Taylor then returned to Birdland, where he remained longer than anyone else in the legendary club's history.

Under the umbrella of "Jazz at the Kennedy Center," Taylor produces and participates in some of the most innovative and exciting programs and performances in jazz. In 1984, Taylor was awarded Downbeat Magazine's Lifetime Achievement Award.

Having established himself as a performer of note, Taylor then launched a recording career that has spanned five decades and more than two dozen albums which he has recorded as a leader. In addition to playing and recording, Taylor is a gifted writer of and about music. By the mid 1940s he had begun to compose the first of what was to become a body of nearly 300 songs. In 1949, he wrote the first book ever published on the subject of be-bop, Billy Taylor's Be-Bop for Piano. His Taylor made Piano is a staple among jazz students, having sold over 10,000 copies. Billy also wrote a tune in the 1960s to help explain the issue of civil rights to his young daughter. The composition, I Wish I Knew How It Would Feel To Be

Free, was featured as the theme over the opening and closing credits for Rob Reiner's feature film, Ghosts of Mississippi.

Accomplished as he is on the piano, as a recording artist and as a composer, Taylor is perhaps best known as the public face and voice of jazz. In the 1960s he became alarmed by the attention being paid to rock and roll. He took a sabbatical from recording for a while and devoted himself to radio and television instead. His easy, conversational tone combined with his obvious love and knowledge of music gained him popularity, but more importantly, Taylor effectively changed the listening habits of jazz radio audiences in New York City.

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## 'Here' is the place to be

AMY KELSKEY  
Staff Writer

Starring: Susan Sarandon, Natalie Portman

In "Anywhere But Here" Susan Sarandon (Adele) and Natalie Portman (Ann August) star as a mother-daughter duo traveling across the United States.

They are in pursuit of a new, exciting life and think they will find it in the luxurious Beverly Hills. Adele had lived in Bay City, Wisconsin and wanted a new life for her and her daughter.

She wanted to leave her past behind (ex-husbands, family, jobs) and focus on her future. However, when they arrive in Beverly Hills, they realize they don't have the money or the look to survive very long.

They pull up to the famous Beverly Hills Hotel and think they will be able to

afford it, however they opt for a Travelodge instead. This obstacle does not stop Adele, for she is on a quest for a better life, one full of money and material possessions.

One possession that Adele finds hard to achieve is the relationship with her daughter.

Ann can not stand her mother, or the embarrassing, loud outfits her mom always wears. Ann does not believe that her mother understands her and this causes a conflict for most of the movie.

Throughout the movie, their relationship begins to grow. They realize they can not afford to live in the million dollar houses, but instead settle for an ordinary one-bedroom apartment on the outskirts of Beverly Hills.

Adele's whole life she felt like she was on the outskirts,



Susan Sarandon (Dead Man Walking) and Natalie Portman (Beautiful Girls) star as a mother-daughter team who picks up and moves cross country in the Fox Movies Fall release Anywhere But Here.

and wanted her daughter to have everything she only dreamed of. However, Ann did not care about those material things, she just wanted her mom to understand her and love her.

This movie is definitely worth seeing for many reasons.

One it as an Oscar winner (Sarandon) and one of the biggest stars of the summer (Portman from "Star Wars").

Another reason is that it makes you think about your relationship with your mother and how precious it really is.

It doesn't matter if you're a guy or a girl, the movie deals with the relationships we have with our parents.

In the end, we all have one way or another been embarrassed by our mothers, but at the end of the day we realize how awful the world would be without them.

## The fate of being John Malkovitch

◆ Star-studded drama now showing at theatres near you.

ZACK SMITH  
Staff Writer

Being John Malkovitch can be summarized in two words: the first cannot be printed in a family newspaper, but the second word is "up." An attempt to further explain the movie would require far more space than allowed for an average review. Whatever it is, however, it's literally like nothing you've ever seen before.

John Cusack stars as Craig Schwartz, a street puppeteer whose productions of Ahab and Pynchon usually end with him being punched out by irate parents. His wife, Lotte



John Cusack

(a horrific-looking Cameron Diaz) encourages him to get a real job, which results in Craig working as a filing clerk in an office building. This would be all right except: a) the



Guess who stars in "Being John Malkovitch"?---- John Malkovitch. USA Films latest release is currently playing at several locations around the triangle.

office is on the 7 + floor, where everyone must walk hunched over due to the low ceiling; b) the boss, Dr. Lester (Orson Bean) is a foul-mouthed 105-year-old man who mistakenly thinks he has a speech impediment; c) Craig's gorgeous but distant coworker Maxine (Catherine Keener) won't give him the time of day and d) there is a portal behind a filing cabinet that leads into the brain of John Malkovitch.

Yes, that John Malkovitch. For fifteen minutes after entering the portal, one can experience everything through the eyes of John Malkovitch, as he goes about such monumentally important tasks as

ordering bath towels, reading the paper and practicing his lines, and be spat out onto the New Jersey Turnpike afterwards. Craig thinks that it opens an entire "metaphysical can of worms." Maxine thinks they can charge people \$200 a head to use it as a novelty ride. Lotte agrees so much that she decides she wants to live life as a man. Malkovitch is so weirded out by all of this that he turns to Charlie Sheen for help.

There's also a traumatized chimp, an army of old people obsessed with being Malkovitch, a sixty-foot puppet of Emily Dickinson reading The Belle of



Cameron Diaz

Armstrong and the effect of Malkovitch going through his own portal, which results in a truly bizarre sight and the uttering of the word "Malkovitch" nearly a hundred times in less than five minutes. This synopsis does not include the really strange stuff.

The film is the debut of both the writer, Charlie Kaufman, and director Spike Jonze (who can also be seen as an actor in Three Kings and his Post-Y2K NYC Nike commercial), and it signals two genuinely unique cinematic voices. Kaufman's screenplay (available on the Internet at [www.dailyjscrip.com](http://www.dailyjscrip.com)) addresses the concept of the nature of identity through countless metaphors, while still making the film entertaining and

accessible. Jonze rightly avoids playing up the absurdity of the material; he plays all of this strange-ness straight, and makes it all funnier as a result. The actors deserve some sort of award for agreeing to appear in this film, including Cusack and Diaz (who are both completely unrecognizable) and Malkovitch, whose role requires him to take a beer can to the head, call himself an "oversized sack of s---," and in one scene, do a gravity-defying interpretive dance clad only in a sheet. Whatever you make of it, Being John Malkovitch is film that is not easily forgotten.

## Lights out

◆ "Light It Up" gets mauvais reviews.

RYAN HILL  
Staff Writer

Lights Out  
Starring: Usher Raymond, Forest Whitaker  
Directed by: Craig Bolotin

"Light It Up" is one of the most original ideas to come along in years. Really, I mean nevermind we had a movie released last year called "The Negotiator" that was about an innocent man taking hostages to prove his innocence. In the early 80's

there was another film about military schoolboys who take over their school to keep it from being closed down called "Taps" which starred a little known actor named Tom Cruise. "Light It Up" is about a group of high school kids who take their Student Resource Officer (Whitaker) hostage to prove that they don't deserve to be suspended and maybe even improve the God awful conditions in their school.

The fiasco begins when Lester (Raymond) and Ziggy (Robert Richardson) are being thrown out of school by Whitaker, Ziggy, who has an abusive father and lives at school, refuses to go home

for fear his father will kill him. So Lester, good Samaritan that he is, attacks Whitaker, causing him to accidentally shoot himself and give Lester control of his gun. Taking Whitaker hostage, Lester, Ziggy, and all other students who are watching what is happening decide to take him hostage and clear out the school. The students then use the Internet to post their demands for improvements upon the school and have hundreds of supporters around. Led by a hostage negotiator (Vanessa L. Williams) the police try to

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Forest Whitaker and Usher Raymond are just two of the stars in "Light It Up".





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## Taylor

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It is, perhaps, with National Public Radio that Taylor has found his most supportive and responsive jazz audience.

In addition to the above accolades, Dr. Taylor is also an educator. He is the proud creator of jazz awareness and educational programs for students at all grade levels. Taylor has brought jazz to the masses at the grass roots level as well as more formal arenas. As Co-Founder and Past President of New York's

jazzmobile, Taylor has provided free concerts and musical clinics to thousands of people free of charge since 1964. Beyond the realm of the media, Taylor's passion for jazz and his talents as a communicator brought him into prominence in public service circles as well. Dr. Taylor was awarded the national Medal of Arts by former President Bush in 1992. It is the nation's highest award for distinguished accomplishments in the arts. Research in Black Culture named Dr. Taylor to the 100 Black New Yorkers of the 20th Century, an honor bestowed upon those whose contributions have had a major, long-term impact overall. Among

those also named to this prestigious group are Colin Powell, James Baldwin, Langston Hughes, Louis Armstrong, Quincy Jones, Maya Angelou and Duke Ellington.

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## Lights

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defuse the situation in typical genetic movie fashion: ignore what the negotiator does (she's just there to make sure the movie runs over 90 minutes) and just go in guns blazing and hope you don't hit the hostage. The kids, having probably seen "The Negotiator" and know what's going to happen, barricade the school.

What's funny about this school is that all of the faculty wear very nice

clothes and look like they make a good living, even though the building in which they work should be condemned. This is just one of the many stupid things going on in this movie. Why would the students continue to go near Whitaker's character when every time they do he attacks them? Why does Usher always try to show us he's acting when everyone who saw that 90-minute Tommy Hilfenger commercial called "The Faculty" knows he can't? Another thing about this movie is that it features more falling stars than a rerun of "Diff'rent Strokes." Judd Nelson, former frat packer, Forest Whitaker (who does have a career directing and needs to

stay there), Sara Gilbert, former co-star of "Roseanne", and Vanessa L. Williams, who had a career, at least while she was in "Eraser" and "Soul Food." "Light It Up" is a weak, generic film that tries to send a message part of the time and tries to be an action film during the other parts. At least in "Taps" the action was the meltdown of the kids and them turning against each other, and in "The Negotiator" the action was really cool and it had Samuel L. Jackson and Kevin Spacey in it. Here we get stupid action we've seen before and Judd Nelson. Not what I would call a great tradeoff.  
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# Opinion

## Technician's View U.S.-China trade agreement

◆ Is true trade harmony between the United States and China a long time coming, or still a long way away?

Thirteen years of contentious negotiations between the United States and China ended Monday with the signing of a trade agreement between the two nations.

The U.S.'s goals in the negotiations centered primarily on opening up Chinese markets to American businesses. The Chinese sought to affiliate themselves with the U.S., thus putting themselves into better position to join the World Trade Organization (WTO).

The agreement's conditions boil down to a 24 percent decrease in Chinese tariffs on U.S. imports and a general opening of the closed Chinese markets to American products.

It's difficult to tell at this point who, if anyone, got the better of the U.S.-China trade agreement. The foundations laid by the bargain will not dry and grow firm until China gains entry into the WTO, a process that could take years. Even after China joins, if they do, the deal will be implemented over a period of five years.

However, the presence of any agreement at all between the U.S. and China is still a heartening sign, economically and politically. For too long, there has been a chilling hangover over U.S.-China relations, and the blockade in Chinese mar-

kets has robbed U.S. companies of well-deserved profits, the best example of this trend being the huge Chinese market for pirated U.S. entertainment goods—movies, CDs and the like.

Some will cite ethical issues surrounding China, such as the country's control of Tibet and lingering ill will over the 1988 Tiananmen Square incident—in which Chinese students were killed during a protest—as reasons not to trade with China at all.

That sort of thinking is counterproductive; China is perhaps the only nation in the world with the resources to match ours and it is absolutely necessary to maintain economic relations with them.

The real concern that rises from the agreement deals with compliance. There are obvious conflicts that will likely arise from attempted cooperation between an open market democracy and China's Communist state.

Doubtful also is the integrity of the Chinese government in adhering to the trade deal. China's history of promising reform and practicing protectionism leaves questions about whether its markets will ever actually open, to us or anyone.

The Chinese are not beholden to the agreement until they join the WTO as a full member. Thus, it's hard to muster much more than guarded optimism over the new pact; only time will tell whether the agreement fulfills the great promise that comes with it.

### CAMPUS FORUM

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## Why Mike O'Cain really must go

I agree completely with Austin Adams ("O'Cain must go," Nov. 15). OK, how many seasons has this guy had to get N.C. State football up to the level it should be? Under O'Cain's leadership, this team has remained a mediocre, inconsistent, streaky, unimproving team. How can you beat the No. 1 team in the country (FSU in 1998) and lose to an unranked Baylor the next week? Or beat a very good Syracuse team two years in a row and end up with 10-2 records? Or beat 16th-ranked Texas in your first game and lose embarrassingly bad to Wake Forest a few weeks later, almost lose to Duke, and WORSE, LOSE FOR THE SEVENTH STRAIGHT TIME AGAINST YOUR HATED RIVAL, THAT WEAK CAROLINA TEAM!

How can all this happen? I'll tell you, having Mike O'Cain as your coach. With the talent this man has had to work with, there is no excuse for 6-5 and even 7-4 seasons, none. The play calling is uncreative, predictable as hell and just plain bad. Not to mention the countless "Delay of Game" penalties each season because the play calls have to be run onto the field to the quarterback like some Pop Warner team! Which brings me to another Mike O'Cain flaw, recruiting. I am Jamie Barnette for quarterback. "What?!" You say? "How can you say that?!" You say? I know, I know, he has great career numbers, holds the ACC touchdown pass record, etc. But, let's be fair, Jamie Barnette's best attribute is his heart and toughness, which is all fine and good, but those things alone will not always win football games. And let's not forget having Tony Holt to throw for four years will help ANY QB's numbers. First, he's not tall enough, which is fine if you want a short, smaller, quick quarterback who can scramble and run all over the place. Problem is, Barnette ain't!

He's a slow, drop-back style quarterback who can't run all that well, but he doesn't have the physical make-up to be this kind of quarter-

back. Now I'm not saying I've never seen Barnette make good throws, of course he's had great games, and he's made some amazing throws. But for the most part, how many games have you watched where he is making bad pass after bad pass? Too hard, too low, too overthrown, leading the receiver to touch, etc. Then, suddenly in the fourth quarter, he decides to start making phenomenal throws, they score a couple of times, and you start to get your hopes up for a comeback (like in the UNC game). Problem is, many times they're too far behind to catch up, while the defense has played their butts off only giving up 15 or 20, or maybe 25 points, they sit on the side line and watch the offense go three-and-out, over and over again.

State's third-down-conversion rate this year is a little over 20 percent... THAT IS PATHETIC! And if that's an indication to me of poor play calling and planning.

Now, Mike O'Cain may be a nice guy, I'm sure he is, and he may be an intelligent guy, heck, he might even know the game of football! But, he is simply NOT working for NCSU football. He's got to go. Some will say, "Oh, relax, they're still going to have a winning record!" They've gone to several bowl games under O'Cain! "Who cares? What bowl games? State fans are tired of going to the Micon P-C Bowl, or the Toilet Bowl, we want a team that is capable of playing with the Big Boys, consistently. Can you imagine NC State playing Penn State, Nebraska, Tennessee, Michigan, or Florida? Yes, you can, it would be so embarrassing and ugly that I don't even want to think about it. But that is the legacy of Mike O'Cain, and as long as he is the head coach of NCSU they will always be just an average football team. Maybe mention here or there on the ESPN shows if they win a big game, maybe popping into the Top 25 here or there. But never crossing that line, never using the talent that is most certainly there, to become one of the elite.

Jason Chin  
Senior  
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## Dear Chancellor Fox

Dear Chancellor Fox,

Until this past weekend, I had great admiration for you, writing many times in this very column in support of our new vision for our university. I shared this excitement with so many other students. We believed we had a chancellor who was going to take us to the next level; we never realized that we would be the ones sacrificed. Not only are we the victims, but it seems that we are sacrificing our love for and confidence in our beloved chancellor.

But now I feel betrayed. Your motto "Students First!" seems to have changed to "Students First to Foot the Bill!" The very students you vocally cherish are now being asked to fund measures that the General Assembly has failed to support.

At last Wednesday's town hall meeting, you spoke of student-centered programs which lack the necessary funding to place them on the same level as other institutions across the country. You mentioned programs like Study Abroad, arts and honors programs and a teaching and learning center.

Quite frankly, chancellor, I could give a damn about these "student-centered programs." If it means raising tuition, if it means that students who worked so hard to get here can no longer attend because you see these programs as a way to obtain recognition by the esteemed Association of American Universities (AAU). We will become members of the AAU because greatness is within our grasp.

But in the end, it won't be noted that we left so many behind because we focused on prestige rather than people. People are the very reason for N.C. State; they are what have driven it since 1887. Not being from North Carolina yourself, you may not yet fully understand what NCSU means to the people.

This is what it means. NCSU was founded to support the large, poor farming community in North Carolina. Until NCSU sprang forth, poor working-class families could only dream of sending their children to college to gain a first-class college education. Not only did the birth of NCSU promise a college education for thousands, it also guaranteed that the work of the farmers would be supplemented through research and extension. NCSU not only hands out diplomas, but it is the preserver of an economic engine that drives our state. If it were not for the NCSU and the hard working people of North Carolina, I can assure you that the agriculture industry could not possibly contribute \$46 billion annually to the state's economy. Nor would 22 percent of the state's population have a job.

Quite simply, NCSU is for the people of the state. Even now, NCSU can not pay its employees, "common people," the housekeepers and groundskeepers, a living wage. They are the very people upon whom NCSU is responsible for educating and motivating. And now you are only stacking more bricks onto the wall that separates these students from obtaining their dreams.

Chancellor Fox, I had a nightmare last night. It started off with a gathering of student leaders where it was revealed that you, after spending over three hours with students at a town hall meeting, listening to the emotional stories that so many brought forth, decided not to share those stories with the Trustees.

That intuition you found it necessary to call privately the individual Trustees and ask for their support of a tuition increase, in the process letting them know that you cannot publicly support an increase, because it would be "political suicide." I pray that my nightmare doesn't spread to the rest of the campus. That, in fact, you will tell the Trustees exactly what you learned last Wednesday, that students will be hurt by a tuition increase. If you feel that the only way to accomplish your goal of improving the university is to raise our tuition, please don't waste our time and money and go back to Texas. Rather, I hope you understand our fears and concerns, and you will join us in our fight.

Thank you for your time.

RA Payne

Andrew Payne

## In love with a girl name MARTHA



JAMES CURLE

Ah, Atlanta. Land of peaches, the Braves and Outkast. And home to this year's CMAA. I attended along with three of my coworkers. (And for those who don't know, CMAA is not the Country Music Awards, but the annual meeting of the Collegiate Media Authority.)

The trip was a great learning experience journalistically, and I think I'm a better photographer for having gone. I also learned things about myself and the others who went, namely that, while I consider myself a laid-back kind of guy who lets most things slide, I do have pressure points philosophically that, when pressed, can make me very angry.

## Time-saving tips for highway hygienists



HANANAH ZAHERE

I wonder where time goes when we're done with it. I know it can't be recycled because, in that case, I would never hear the phrase "I just don't have any time."

And yet, every which way I turn, I hear complaints about how people wished they could have done this or that, but didn't have any time to do so.

Where DOES all this time go? There are 24 hours in a day. That is 1,440 minutes. That's 86,400 seconds. And some people claim that they don't have time to perform basic functions of life (and

I learned that, contrary to previous experience, liquor is not all that bad, and that I've been discriminating against liquor very unfairly as an alcohol vehicle.

But perhaps the most profound thing that I learned is the tremendous difference between the effectiveness of the mass transit systems of Atlanta and the Triangle.

It was in Atlanta that we fell in love with MARTHA, as we call her, or the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority (MARTA). She's a subway/shuttle bus system that quite literally kept us from going stir-crazy back at the hotel by providing a means for us to move about the city cheaply and effectively.

For a \$1.50 token, a passenger on Ms. MARTHA could visit any of the major sites of the Atlanta area quickly and without the worry of getting lost. The subway

stations were clean, well-kept and generally safe areas to be in, and, thankfully, our station was just a stone's throw away from the hotel.

For a citizen of the city of Atlanta, I imagine that our fair lady of mass transit would be a boon for those searching for a worry-free, relaxing mode of transportation. Why worry about getting trapped in traffic when you know that Ms. MARTHA will be right on time and get you to your destination on schedule?

Ironically, one of the major ancillary advantages of MARTHA was an incredibly sparse amount of downtown traffic that one would worry about getting trapped in. Walking about in the downtown district was easy; crossing the street was a breeze and the lack of cars in the down-

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## Passing of democracy mourned



RICHARD MORGAN

It's official: Democracy is dead. You don't believe me? The funeral is being shown on all the major networks (it has a killer headline graphic). The service is conducted, of course, in Washington, D.C.—that capital city of a nation that prides itself on diversity, where all the monuments and power ties are disappointingly similar. Almost all of the attendees to the service showed up more for publicity than tribute.

The people who knew Democracy well said a few good words about her, but not few enough to fit into a sound bite, so their speeches never made it onto the air.

President Clinton wore a dapper red-white-and-blue commemorative ribbon on his lapel as he gave the eulogy. He cried. George W. Bush passed around a collection plate (how else do you think those respects get paid?). The yuppie formerly known as John Q. Public showed up—but only to see what he got out of the will; he fell asleep until his cell phone woke him; he left quite early. Arizona Senator John McCain didn't show up, complaining the service was another media-made non-event. The entire service was broadcast commercial-free, thanks to Governor Governor: is it in you?

Now, I know what you're thinking to yourself. How did this happen? The explanation is a rags-to-riches-to-rags tale of human tragedy: NBC is already planning the miniseries.

Still, the death is real. Corner Ken Starr's righteous \$666-million autopsy concluded the cause of death: cancer of the mouth.

Is this a surprise? Ever since the Cold War ended, we all watched Democracy get increasingly fat and lazy and arrogant. She spent all day with her feet up on her desk, fighting issues with the flame of controversy and putting away, blowing smoke rings—"compassionate conservatism," "pro-active paradigms," "sexual relations," "youthful indiscretion."

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I am a true believer in everyone's

## Morgan

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It's our fault. We saw the warning signs, but we overlooked her drinking problem with 120-proof money—both domestic and import liquors. Still, we should have stopped her

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when it came to her smoking because we all know that controversy is just a gateway to the granddaddy drug-pipeline. We didn't, we enabled her. And so, Democracy fell into the slums of society, snorting lines of rhetoric, using the Constitution as rolling paper for joint-ventures with corporations, tripping out on ego and shooting up prime-time sound bites right into her mainstream media.

We should have paid attention, but we were too busy paying for the latest vanillamochachino blend. We should have watched her wither with anorexia when she didn't eat her own words, but we were too busy watching Oprah and SportsCenter. We should have tried to help out and wait in lines at voting booths, but we were too busy waiting in lines at ATMs.

And now she's dead. And we're stuck with the dictatorship of her brother, Capitalism, who is a neo-communist, choosing oppressive rule by corporation over oppressive rule by government, he's already auctioning off his sister's remains on eBay. Still, call me a dreamer, but maybe Democracy's not really dead. Maybe she's just a 1990's Jains' daughter—not dead, only sleeping. The natural question then is obvious: who will tell her to wake up?

Comments? Send them to Richard at [ncsu\\_writer@yahoo.com](mailto:ncsu_writer@yahoo.com)

## Curle

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town area made for a surprisingly quiet downtown district.

Compare that with the horror that many of us face here in the Triangle in our daily commutes to and from work and school. We battle an endless sea of cars and trucks on I-40/440 and in town as we try to make our way through town, praying that there won't be any traffic or (heaven forbid) an accident throwing a monkey wrench into our schedules.

Conversely, for every trip that MARTHA makes in downtown Atlanta, she eliminates hundreds of would-be commuters from the traffic scene, freeing the way for other means of mass transit, such as buses and taxis.

What I'm getting at is that Raleigh and the Triangle desperately needs a mass transit system. Some way that the tens of thousands of us who travel in this area every day can make our way to work or school without the worry of hitting a traffic jam.

There are problems with Raleigh's setting up a system comparable to Atlanta's, however. The first is scope, or the size that a project like this would entail.

Atlanta, as a city, is fairly dense and self-contained. Most of the people who work in Atlanta live somewhat close to the city and can use MARTHA easily.

In Raleigh, however, the metropolitan area is fairly spread out. Most of us work in the Triangle, a good 10-15 miles away, which—while not unreachable by subway standards—is still a great deal of distance to bridge with an underground railway system.

Also, the businesses of the Triangle are very spread out. While the subway might run right up to the front door of IBM, an employee of SAS or Nortel might still have another 5-10 miles of traveling to do, a roundabout subway trek a bit unreasonable.

So, is a RaMATA subway system in Raleigh's future anytime soon? Probably not. But with the explosive growth of the Triangle area, a mass transit system will become necessary soon. I propose the start of a more cohesive and broader tax/bus system downtown. Add to that a larger and more comprehensive TTA (Triangle Transit Authority) system, and we will begin to take the first steps toward alleviating Raleigh's traffic woes.

Curle would like to take this opportunity to thank his fans. The two of y'all have made my job really worthwhile.

## Time

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few suggestions that might help.

**Speed limits.** It's obvious that people are going to speed to save time or make up time or do whatever they try to do with time anyway. So, why not increase the speed limits?

That way, I can either speed up and move out of the danger zone when I see a no-timer approaching or these no-timers can take a little longer at home to do the whole toilet thing before venturing out onto the road.

**Create new home designs which help people combine various activities at the same time.** For example, imagine how convenient it would be to have a bathroom where the shower stall was installed right on top of the toilet, with a mirror and low basin on the opposing wall.

That would be like...killing a bunch of birds with one stone. Installation of phone outlets/modems in the bathroom is also a great idea.

**Parking decks...build more, and lots of them.** And get rid of those stupid park-in-your-own-zone-

only rules so people can park wherever they want, in case they are in a hurry. That way, I won't have to deal with idiots stealing parking spots I have been waiting for for a good 30 minutes.

Also, no one will be late for class; therefore, all those class grades will improve, further improving the academic standing of N.C. State.

Those are just a few of the brilliant ideas I have. If you don't like them, too bad. My job is just to give suggestions and to try and save my life from all those crazy drivers on the highway who are always in a hurry. Maybe the authorities should just build a whole separate highway running alongside the regular one, for "People Who Forgot To Wash Up This Morning."

I just don't want to be a victim of personal hygiene.

*Hananah thinks deadlines are the biggest problems for society. They make people go nuts. She is saying this partly because she missed her column deadline. Anyone out there who also does not believe in deadlines and wants to join the great cause of SAD (Students Against Deadlines) please E-mail her at [opinionated@columnist.com](mailto:opinionated@columnist.com).*

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**BY JANUARY 17, 2000!!!**



Nebraska fans will be rooting for Florida on Saturday

LINCOLN, Neb. — Other than Florida State and Virginia Tech, the remaining college football teams have made their other three spots in the top five a revolving door. Nebraska is one of those teams that can't decide if it wants to be in or out. In a matter of three weeks, the Cornhuskers were No. 7 and now No. 3 in the most recent Bowl Championship Series rankings released Monday.

With a week off before that game, Husker fans can bask in the rankings and still hold out hope of a New Year's Eve on Bourbon Street in New Orleans. The Huskers are No. 4 in both the traditional polls, trailing No. 3 Florida by 31 points in the AP poll and 37 in the coaches poll. But in the all important BCS, Nebraska has the edge over the Gators. However, to get into the granddaddy of them all this year, NU will likely still need either No. 1 Florida State or No. 2 Virginia Tech to lose. It could happen. Florida State and Florida meet Saturday in Gainesville. If Florida wins, it likely goes to No. 1 in the poll. An FSU victory assures them a seat in the Sugar Bowl.

Meanwhile, Virginia Tech needs wins at Temple next week and against No. 22 Boston College on Nov. 26 to complete its first perfect regular season since 1918, which would send them to New Orleans. If Florida wins Saturday, that sets the Gators up for a critical matchup in the SEC Championship game against either Alabama or Mississippi State. The Tide beat UF 45-38 in overtime earlier this year. Another very remote possibility includes NU, despite having one loss, jumping an undefeated Virginia Tech in the BCS poll based on strength of schedule. When asked how he felt about the polls, senior cornerback Ralph Brown responded: "I'm thinking about all the possibilities right now. We've got a lot of talent over here, and when we play Nebraska football, I don't think there is anyone out there who can hang with us."

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Clemson (9-8-2) and N.C. State (7-7-3) were the only ACC schools not to make the NCAA Tournament.

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Stephanie Stambaugh hopes the Pack has a big weekend.

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## COMMENTARY

### Pack has the momentum

#### TECH. SPORTS STAFF

This is the year for the N.C. State Wolfpack in the ACC Tournament, and we don't mean the men's or women's basketball teams.

The Wolfpack volleyball team, which departs Wednesday for the Orlando, Fla. for the Atlantic Coast Conference's annual post-season tournament, is poised and ready to turn a few heads on its upcoming road trip.

The Wolfpack finished with a 15-18, 5-11 record this season.

Mediocre by some standards, but incredible considering the caliber of opponents that N.C. State has squared off against and the strides which the young Wolfpack team has made in the last two years.

And this is a young Wolfpack team.

On senior night last Saturday against Florida State, only one player was honored, four-year vet Kerri Bridenbeck.

She is not only the seal senior, but is one of a less-than-a-handful of upperclassmen.

The trio of Lisa Liberi, Stephanie Stambaugh and Meredith Price are the only juniors.

Which means that not only is a majority of the 14-member Wolfpack team young, many where exceedingly inexperienced at the start of the season.

The only two other players with any extensive court time at the outset were sophomores ErinVesey and Alison Kreager.

Both earned Rookie of the Week honors in the conference in 1998, and both played in over 100 games for the Wolfpack during their freshman seasons, and both are now climbing through the N.C. State school record books in just their second seasons with Head Coach Kim Hill's program.

Fellow sophomore Charece Williams has joined the duo as one of the Wolfpack's most potent offensive weapons.

In State's last outing, the former basketball and track athlete posted 23 kills and nine digs to lead the Pack past 1998 ACC Tournament Champ Florida State.

Against Maryland in the game before State's meeting with FSU, it was freshman Tara Greene that led the Pack with 15 kills and 16 digs on the defensive end, a nice compliment to Kreager's 19 kills, nine digs and three assisted blocks.

The win over the Terps was the Pack's first in 20 tries, dating all the way back to the 1989 season.

The Wolfpack has come a long way in 1999, and has the talent and potential to expand on that in the upcoming seasons, but for now, the Pack will try to pick up their third ACC Tournament victory of the decade Thursday against the Terps.

Contact Technician Sports at 515-2411.

## Pack looks to shine

◆ **Clemson and UNC-Chapel Hill headline the ACC tournament field this weekend in Orlando.**

**JEREMY ASHTON**  
Staff Writer

The arrival of the Atlantic Coast Conference volleyball tournament on Thursday means many different things to the nine teams that will be participating.

For some, it is a chance to improve their standing for the upcoming NCAA tournament. For others, it is an opportunity to play their way into the national field of 64. And for the rest, it is one last shot at glory in the 1999 season.

The clear favorites going into the tournament have to be Clemson and UNC-Chapel Hill. These two teams have been completely dominating and turned the ACC into a two-tier conference this season. They lost a combined three games in the ACC this sea-

son and split their season series with each getting a win on the other's home court.

The 13th-ranked Tigers are virtually guaranteed a spot in the NCAA tournament after cruising through the regular season and dropping only 12 games all year. Their lone loss came at home in a four-game match against the Tar Heels. They will take on ninth-seeded Florida State on Thursday in what should be a relatively easy match.

UNC enters the tournament ranked 25th in the country and like Clemson is a lock to be one of the 64 teams on the NCAA's invitation list. The only two ACC squads that beat the Tar Heels during the regular season, Clemson and Duke, are on the other end of the bracket, meaning UNC will not potentially meet either one of them again until the finals.

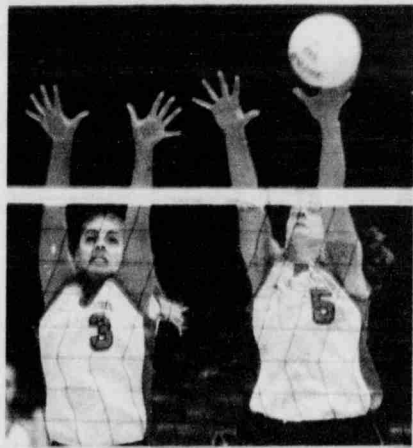
The winner of the NC State-Maryland play-in game on Thursday will take on the Heels in

the first round. The Terrapins took the first meeting between these two in five games, but the Wolfpack won the second 3-1 at home on Friday.

Wake Forest comes into the weekend as the league's No. 3 seed and appears headed for the NCAA tournament as well after a solid season. The Demon Deacons took the Big Two to five games in three out of four matches, meaning they are more than capable of making a run at the title. Wake split its two regular season matches with its first-round opponent, Georgia Tech.

In the other quarterfinal, Duke will challenge 4th-seeded Virginia. The Cavaliers swept the season series without dropping a game.

At this point in the year, the records usually get thrown out the window and anything goes. Nothing is ever guaranteed in the ACC tournament, but one thing is certain: it will be exciting.



Meredith Price and Alison Kreager will look to block the ACC.

### Wake Forest

**Team Record:** 24-8  
**Conference Record:** 10-6  
**Key Players:** T. Maso de Moya, Margaret Davidson, Jessica Hood, Corey Miles, Julie Cowley.  
**Seed:** No. 3  
**1st Round opponent:** No. 6 Georgia Tech, Friday at 7 p.m.  
**Outlook:** After taking nine years off from the conference, the Deacons burst back onto the scene in the 1996 season, and have made a huge statement in 1999. Margaret Davidson and Trina Maso de Moya have been giving opposing defense fits throughout the season and should continue to do so in the Tournament.

### Georgia Tech

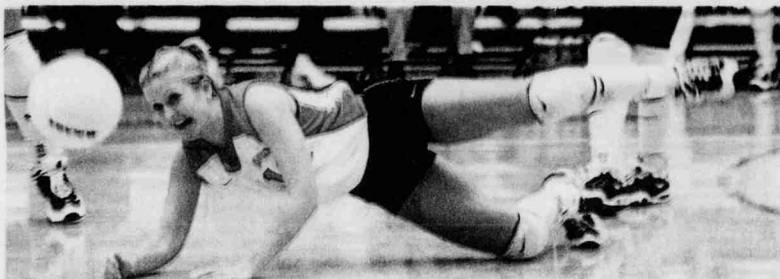
**Team Record:** 16-13  
**Conference Record:** 6-10  
**Key Players:** Maja Pachale, Courtney Alder, Teryl Townsend, Anna Nedderman.  
**Seed:** No. 6  
**1st Round opponent:** No. 3 Wake Forest, Friday at 7 p.m.  
**Outlook:** Tech was the runner-up at the post-season tournament in 1996 and 1997 and finished in the middle of the group last year. Look for Maja Pachale and Courtney Alder to push for a run at a return trip to the conference final.

### FSU

**Team Record:** 8-22  
**Conference Record:** 1-15  
**Key Players:** Aisha Thornton, Jennifer Werrick, Jamie Hibbard.  
**Seed:** No. 9  
**1st Round opponent:** No. 1 Clemson, Thursday at 7:30 p.m.  
**Outlook:** The Seminoles have found themselves on the wrong end of the first-to-worst adage. FSU won the Tournament last season in College Park, MD after finishing third in the final regular-season standings. Aisha Thornton, a first-team All-ACC selection a year ago, leads the 'Noles in hitting percentage and Blocks per game.

### Maryland

**Team Record:** 12-18  
**Conference Record:** 5-11  
**Key Players:** Beth Murphy, Libby Alberts.  
**Seed:** No. 8  
**1st Round opponent:** No. 7 N.C. State, Thursday at 5 p.m.  
**Outlook:** Champs in 1996 and upset after a literally flawless ACC season in 1997, the Terps are a mere skeleton of the team that enjoyed such success. Maryland has lost two all-Americans in the last two seasons, and will take on the Wolfpack for the right to battle UNC-Chapel Hill.



Clemson is the favorite in the ACC tournament in Orlando this weekend.

### Duke

**Team Record:** 13-13  
**Conference Record:** 7-9  
**Key Players:** Dominique Phillips, Pam Gottfred, Ashley Harris, Julie Sonne, and Jami Ediger.  
**Seed:** No. 5  
**1st Round opponent:** No. 4 Virginia Friday at 2 p.m.  
**Outlook:** Vastly improved over last season's 9-10/4-12 output, the Blue Devils have battled their way to the middle of the conference pack in 1999 under first-year head coach Jolene Nagel. Led by senior Jamie Ediger, the Blue Devils have trio of players ranked in the top seven in blocks per game.

### Clemson

**Team Record:** 29-1  
**Conference Record:** 15-1  
**Key Players:** Cindy Stern, Mallory Benson, Alison Cody, and Jessi Belcher.  
**Seed:** No. 1  
**1st Round Opponent:** No. 9 Florida State, Thursday at 7:30 p.m.  
**Outlook:** The Tigers fought to a near perfect record this season to earn the conference's regular season championship. Clemson gained 22 of its 29 victories by perfect scores of 3-0, including 10 conference matches. Cindy Stern, a returning all-conference player, ranks in the top five in the conference in hitting percentage, kills per game, and is top ten in blocks per game.

### Virginia

**Team Record:** 17-10  
**Conference Record:** 9-7  
**Key Players:** Jessica Parsons, Mary Frances Scott, Katie Jones.  
**Seed:** No. 4  
**1st Round opponent:** No. 5 Duke, Friday at 2 p.m.  
**Outlook:** The Cavaliers may have the best shot at the Tournament Finals outside of the top three seeds. Uva has a strong mix of veteran leadership and raw young talent. Mary Frances Scott is one of the best setters in the conference, and gets great defensive help from Katie Jones and I don't think they'll be a lack of emotion." N.C. State-ECU is indeed a big rivalry. The teams first played in 1970 and played most years until having the series interrupted in 1987. After ECU won that game 32-14, unruly Pirates fans assaulted a

### UNC-Chapel Hill

**Team Record:** 25-5  
**Conference Record:** 14-2  
**Key Players:** Tori Seibert, Shannon Smith, Casey Simpson, Eve Rackham.  
**Seed:** No. 2  
**1st Round opponent:** Winner of N.C. State vs. Maryland, Friday at 4:30 p.m.  
**Outlook:** Undeclared more than halfway through the conference season, the Heels lost only to regular season champ Clemson and cross-town rival Duke, both matches in five sets. The Heels are led once again by All-conference honorees Tori Seibert and Shannon Smith. Chapel Hill ranks in the top three as a team in four offensive categories.

## N.C. State adds local talent

Sports Staff Report

In a year when North Carolina's high school senior class is considered the strongest ever, NC State announced the signing of the state's top three prospects. Michael Bell, 6-9 of Raleigh, Marcus Melvin, 6-9 of Fayetteville, and Scooter Sherrill, 6-3 of Mt. Ulla, each signed a national letter-of-intent to attend N.C. State next year.

### Scooter Sherrill

Sherrill, who led West Rowan High to the state 2-A title as a freshman and the state 3-A championship game last season, was rated No. 17 nationally by Recruiter's Handbook. He averaged 23 points, six rebounds and four assists last season, making 53 percent of his field-goal attempts and 81 percent from the free-throw line. He finished as the third-leading scorer at last summer's USA Basketball Youth Development Festival in

Colorado Springs, Colo., averaging 17.8 points per game. Sherrill had 22 points, nine assists and six rebounds to lead the South team to a 124-108 win in the gold-medal game.

### Michael Bell

Bell also played in the USA Basketball Festival, averaging 12.2 points and 4.6 rebounds while leading all players in field-goal shooting at 63.4 percent. As a junior at Enloe High, he averaged 24 points, 11 rebounds and four blocks per game. An outstanding outside shooter capable of playing either forward position according to Gibbons, who ranks Bell 46th nationally.

### Marcus Melvin

Melvin averaged 21.2 points and 13 rebounds as a junior at Byrd High School. He was the most dominant player at the N.C. Scouting Alliance Mid-Summer, Gibbons ranks Melvin No. 42 nationally.



Ron Kelley will have some company next year with three talented freshmen.

"Scooter is a tough, hard-nosed competitor," said N.C. State Head Coach Herb Sendek. "Both Michael and Marcus are very versatile and skilled forwards. We are ecstatic to have all three men join our program."

## Bowling season on the line

◆ **East Carolina is the next in-state rival for N.C. State.**

**JACK DALY**  
Assistant Sports Editor

N.C. State's football team has backed itself into a corner.

By losing to lowly UNC-Chapel Hill last Thursday, the Wolfpack now has to beat 23rd-ranked East Carolina Saturday to qualify for the post-season and a bowl bid. The game is scheduled to start at noon at Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium.

In sharp contrast to its game last week, N.C. State will be the underdog against the Pirates, though Coach Mike O' Cain thinks that may not be a bad thing.

"They counted us out against Clemson ... and they counted us out against Maryland," O' Cain said. "We found a way to win all of those games."

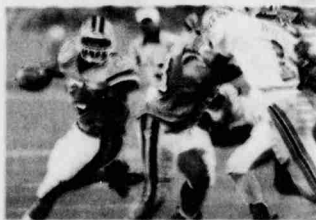
Saturday may be different for two reasons. The Pirates are ranked and they're an arch-rival.

The Pirates have won four of the last six meetings in the series, but

N.C. State has the over-all advantage, 13-8. This will be the first time the two teams have met at Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium.

"The situation is not desperate, we know we gotta come away bowl eligible," said receiver Chris Coleman at Monday's press conference. "It would have been nice to get the win against Carolina and already be bowl eligible, but this is also a big rivalry and I don't think they'll be a lack of emotion."

N.C. State-ECU is indeed a big rivalry. The teams first played in 1970 and played most years until having the series interrupted in 1987. After ECU won that game 32-14, unruly Pirates fans assaulted a



State is looking ahead to ECU rather than focusing on the UNC game.

N.C. State Public Safety Officer.

Since then, the teams have met three times. In the 1992 Peach Bowl, Jeff Blake led the Pirates to a 37-34 win. In 1996, ECU again beat N.C. State, this time in Charlotte. In 1997, Mike O' Cain, quite possibly with his job on the line, led the Pack to a 37-24 victory.

Saturday, O' Cain and his team will try and take a step toward forgetting last Thursday's performance.