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## In the NEWS

EWB hosting discussion on US foreign policy and military involvement

Engineers Without Borders will host a discussion this Wednesday, Dec. 1, at 7 p.m. in the Witherspoon Student Center movie theater. The general theme of the discussion will be US foreign policy and military involvement overseas, and two films will be shown: "School of the Americas: School of Assassins," a documentary about the School of the Americas where America trains Latin American military leaders and "Full Metal Jacket," a feature film that follows a group of soldiers from training through their action in Vietnam.

A professor from the history department will be on hand to lead the discussion after the films. Also, the group is preparing a small exhibition on human rights in Mexico and human rights in general that will be displayed in the hallway outside of the theater.

The event is completely free.

Army announces \$4,000 enlistment bonus limited offer

U.S. Army recruiters throughout North Carolina are now offering a \$4,000 enlistment bonus for qualified applicants, but only for a limited time.

"Qualified young men and women who enlist for three or more years and report for active duty by Dec. 27 are eligible for this bonus," said Lt. Col. Richard H. Parker, recruiting battalion commander. "The bonus is available for those who enlist in one of the Army's approximately 200 military specialties open to new enlistees."

Parker said the new bonus would be in addition to any existing bonus applicants could receive for enlisting in specific specialties. The maximum combined bonus for a three-year enlistee is up to \$6,000 and up to \$12,000 for a four-year enlistment. Applicants who accept this limited time bonus cannot receive the Army College Fund.

To qualify for the bonus, an applicant must have no prior military service, meet educational criteria, score in the top half of the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery and meet all other enlistment criteria.

For more information, contact a local Army recruiter.

## NATIONAL

Drug seizures along U.S.-Mexico border increase

MEXICO CITY — Cocaine and marijuana seizures inside the southwestern U.S. border and along Mexico's Pacific coast have escalated dramatically in the past two years, alarming U.S. law enforcement authorities who say Mexican traffickers are sending greater quantities and larger loads of drugs into the United States.

Seizures of marijuana by U.S. agencies along the southwestern U.S. border, where 70 percent of all illicit drugs enter the country, are up as much as 33 percent over last year, according to U.S. drug interdiction agencies. Between 1991 and 1998, seizures have jumped from 113 tons to 720 tons. At the same time, cocaine loads off Mexico's Pacific coast appear to have increased dramatically, and this year the U.S. Coast Guard made the largest cocaine hauls in its history in both the Pacific Ocean and the Caribbean.

The heavier flow of drugs has exacerbated ongoing problems of trust and cooperation between American and Mexican authorities, and is particularly troubling to U.S. law enforcement in light of new statistics showing rising marijuana use among American teen-agers.

# N.C. State fires O'Cain

◆ After seven years at N.C. State and 41-40 lifetime record, Coach Mike O'Cain is out of a job.

JACK DALY  
Staff Writer

Mike O'Cain's tenure as head football coach at N.C. State came to an end Wednesday as Chancellor Marye Anne Fox and Athletics Director Les Robinson elected to fire the seven-year coach.

The decision was reached between Fox and Robinson late Tuesday and Fox visited O'Cain at his Raleigh home Wednesday morning to deliver the news.

"The decision was extremely difficult and was made after consultation with key university groups," Fox said in a press release. "O'Cain is a man of the highest level of honor and integrity and served the university well throughout his tenure here."

The news of the firing didn't take many by surprise. O'Cain had met with Fox Monday and said the meeting "wasn't positive." That meeting led to intense speculation in the media that O'Cain's job was in jeopardy.

After Fox told him of the decision Wednesday, O'Cain met with Robinson on campus, in O'Cain's office.

"He felt like a tremendous monkey was off his back," Robinson said. Neither O'Cain nor Fox attended the press conference at the Carter-Finley Fieldhouse early Wednesday afternoon.

"Considering the university's expectations right now, it's the best thing for everyone,"

O'Cain told <!-- The News & Observer <!-- in Thursday's edition. "They did what's best for the university. I said all along that I didn't want to be part of the problem, but rather a part of the solution. If not being here is part of the solution, then it's what needs to happen."

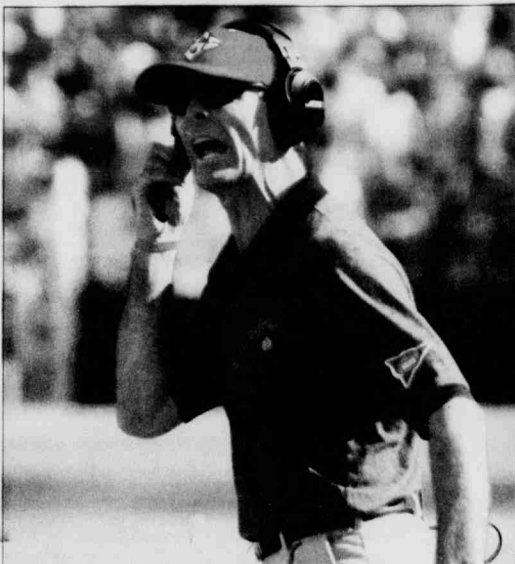
O'Cain posted a 41-40 career record at NCSU after replacing Dick Sheridan as head coach in 1993. The native of Orangeburg, S.C., led the Wolfpack to post-season appearances in 1993 with the Hall of Fame Bowl, 1994 with the Peach Bowl and 1998 with the Micron PC Bowl.

The catalyst for the firing seems to be the fact O'Cain was 0-7 in his career against UNC. Most damning for O'Cain was the loss against the Tar Heels this season.

N.C. State came into that game 6-4 overall and on its way to a second-straight bowl appearance before then 1-8 UNC shocked the Pack, 10-6. Wide Receiver Chris Coleman was stopped a foot short of the goal line on the final play of the game and angry NCSU fans have been emailing Robinson and Fox ever since.

"[That game] made me sick," Robinson said. "There were three years remaining on O'Cain's contract, which Robinson said the university will honor. The base salary on the contract was \$146,000, which means N.C. State still owes O'Cain \$438,000."

For the next coach, Robinson said the university is prepared to offer a base salary of between \$150,000 and \$200,000 per season. With shoe endorsements and other income, the new coach should pull in more than \$500,000 per year.



N.C. State says goodbye to O'Cain and begins the search for his replacement.

Robinson did not name any candidates for the position and said he hasn't spoken with anyone directly. He did say he's inquired through third parties.

For the search process, Robinson will rely on a committee that he will co-chair along with Provost Kermit Hall. Robinson will also rely on advice from some of his foot-

ball contacts, including Pittsburgh Steelers Head Coach and NCSU graduate, Bill Cowher. Robinson emphasized that Cowher himself was not a candidate for the position.

The expectations for the new coach will be both simple and ambitious at the same time.

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## Out with C++

◆ Major changes are in store for the Computer Science curriculum at N.C. State. The department looks to introduce a different primary programming language.

TIM CLARK  
Staff Writer

Big changes are in store for the computer science (CSC) curriculum, and while this may not affect every major, it may be a factor in how computers are used in years to come.

Starting with the Spring semester, the CSC department will be moving away from C++ as its primary programming language in favor of a program centered on the Java language. The program has focused on C++ as its primary programming language for the last eight years.

"Starting next semester, two new courses will be offered for CSC majors: CSC116 — Introduction to Computing — Java and its follow up course, CSC216 — Programming Concepts — Java," said Alan Sharp, head of the computer science department. "These will replace the currently required CSC114 — Introduction to Computing — C++ and CSC 210 — Programming Concepts. The primary teaching language for the department will become Java."

The "C++" language has been popular since it was created in the early 1970s due mostly to its versatility and the ease with which programming code could be reused. The C++ standard was proposed in the early 1980s, and included many new features. While a standard has not yet been released, all but the smallest details have been finalized, and programmers have been using the language for almost two decades.

Comparatively, the Java language is a new comer to the programming world. Developed by Sun Microsystems in 1990, Java's main goal was to be a completely portable language, meaning that programming code would be usable by any computer without needing to be rewritten. Java is used most often in Internet programming, especially in Online Transactions.

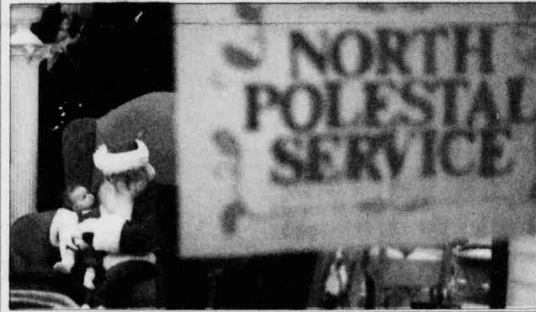
"Many schools are switching to Java as their primary language," said Joyce Hatch, the coordinator of undergraduate advising for the CSC department. "The marketplace is very Java friendly right now, as E-commerce is becoming more important."

The department's Industrial Advisory Council met in Oct. to discuss the changes. Acting as the department's main contact with those within the industry, the council is composed of representatives from Sun Microsystems, IBM, Cisco Systems, SAS and nine other major companies. All present at last month's meeting stood in favor of the change to Java.

This change comes after nearly two years of discussion, and was much less controversial than the department's change from Pascal to C++ in 1991.

The electrical engineering and computer engineering programs, though taking many of the same courses that are required of CSC majors, have opted to stay with C++. While the curriculum changes go into effect next semester students will have the choice of taking either C++ or Java until the Fall of 2001.

## Spreading Christmas cheer



As Thanksgiving celebrations end, Christmas is in full swing across Raleigh and Santa is likely to visit young ones at local malls.

## College ranking system puts students first

MELISSA CHARPELINE  
The News-Hampshire

(U-WIRE) DURHAM, N.H. — A new college-ranking system, which rates schools based on student surveys, may soon present competition to U.S. News and World Report, whose system of ranking colleges using statistics has been the main tool in comparing colleges for years.

The College Student Report, which will be released by the National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE), will evaluate schools based on student responses to a survey that can be answered on a traditional paper survey or on the World Wide Web.

The College Student Report is currently in its second pilot phase and is gathering information that will not yet be used in the rankings. The actual rankings will come out in the spring of 2000.

The survey will ask questions such as how students spend their time, what they have gained from their classes, and how many meaningful interactions they have had with their schools' faculty and peers.

This will contrast with U.S. News and World Report, which uses statistics, such

as academic reputation, acceptance rate, class sizes and SAT/ACT scores, to rank universities.

Joanne Bunnage, research project assistant for NSSE, said this type of ranking system is more effective than systems that use only statistics, because it gets students' perspectives.

"People are responding to the survey," Bunnage said. "We think that a national survey of undergraduates, such as this, could help colleges and other groups get a more accurate and meaningful picture of the quality and commitment a college or university has to the public."

Bunnage said she thinks the College Student Report will help to improve the quality of education available to undergraduates.

"The school will receive a detailed analysis of their ranking," Bunnage said. "They can use that information to improve things about the school that they may have overlooked, such as the quality of interactions students have with the faculty."

While other area schools, such as Boston University and the University of Massachusetts at Amherst, are taking part in the pilot of this survey, UNH is not participating.

John Kraus, senior institution researcher

at UNH, said he was not sure if the College Student Report would have an effect on UNH admissions.

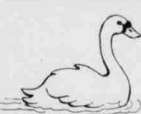
"It is very difficult to know with new efforts," Kraus said. "It takes time for the processes to sort out. It seems like everyone is getting involved in the process of ranking colleges and universities. We need to wait and see if this one will affect us."

Kraus said UNH does well in the rankings for such listings as U.S. News and World Report and the Princeton Review, which also include student perspectives.

"We're in Tier 2 and the top 50," Kraus said. "The institution certainly always tries to improve, but ranking can be arbitrary since one can't always be sure why one university ranks higher than another."

Anne Lawing, assistant vice president for student affairs and director of student life, said she thought there was a plethora of publications ranking universities.

"I think there are probably a dozen publications like [NSSE]," Lawing said. "I think students, when deciding which university to go to, should read all the publications, but nothing can take the place of visiting a university and getting the feel for it."



## Swan Song

Time-honored Technician Opinion columnist offers his tearful goodbye.



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## The search begins

Les Robinson looks for a successor to Mike O'Cain

## O'Gain

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That is, he will be expected to win and have his players graduate. Robinson said that NCSU should commend for the ACC crown every year and consistently make bowl games under the next coach.

To make NCSU more attractive to potential coaches, Robinson knows that the school needs to spend money to improve its facilities.

"We need to step up to the plate and get to the next level, we're going to have to make strong commitments," Robinson said. "There's no question about that. Facilities have been talked about a lot lately and they are important. In hiring a new coach, I will be very candid and tell him where we are in the project."

By the end of the 2002 season, there will be luxury boxes, addi-

tional seats that will enclose the stadium and a recruiting facility at Carter-Finley.

"I believe that our donors are ready to support an enhanced athletic program and we intend to draw on these resources going forward," Fox said. "We have the ability to have an athletic program that embraces core academic values and is consistent, competitive and a contender in our conference."

As far as O'Gain, he shouldn't have a problem finding a coaching job, Robinson said there were plenty of people that stepped up and supported him during the review process, but in the end, their numbers were too few.

"I fast-forwarded to next year," Robinson said. "Why would it be any different going to play Carolina an eighth time? Why would a new quarterback have any more confidence? Why would things be easier? And when, maybe, 7-4 again wouldn't be good enough."

### Correction

The article in last Tuesday's Technician about the seat cushions in the new arena was correct. The headline, however, should have read — "Gale Force admits fault for cushions."

## National Zoo Euthanizes Beloved Panda

D'VEAR COHN  
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Hsing-Hsing, the surviving mate of a pair of giant pandas who had enchanted visitors to the National Zoo since 1972, was euthanized Sunday after keepers decided that his worsening kidney disease was making him suffer too much.

He and his mate, Ling-Ling, had been the zoo's best-known and best-loved animals since they arrived in Washington under armed guard as a gift from the Chinese government after President Nixon's historic visit to China. People lined up to watch them frolic, listened avidly for news of their mating attempts, rejoiced when cubs were born, sent sympathy cards after each of their five offspring died, and mourned when Ling-Ling died of heart failure in 1992.

Hsing-Hsing was 28, the equivalent of more than 80 years in humans. By the time he died, zoo officials said, he barely recognized his keepers and had trouble moving or summoning energy to eat

his favorite foods.

Zoo officials said Hsing-Hsing, whose terminal kidney disease was diagnosed in May, began declining markedly during the past week. Zoo administrators, veterinarians and keepers agreed Saturday to euthanize him but wanted to first offer him a last meal of the treats he liked best. The zoo's chief veterinarian, Lucy Spelman, gave the fatal injection Sunday about 7 a.m. in the Panda House.

"It became clear to us that we could not maintain his quality of life," Lisa M. Stevens, the associate curator of primates and pandas, who had cared for the animals for 13 years, said at a news conference. "Everything became an effort for him."

Giant pandas are extremely rare, and their cute black-and-white images have become international symbols for conservation. Hsing-Hsing's death leaves five giant pandas in U.S. zoos — a young pair on loan in Atlanta, and an adult pair, with a 3-month-old cub, on loan in San Diego.

There are about 120 more giant pandas in other zoos around the

world and only an estimated 1,000 in the wild. The pandas, found in the bamboo-forest mountains of China, are endangered because of declining habitat and poaching.

The Panda House will be kept open for educational purposes, officials said. The National Zoo has asked China for a long-term loan of a breeding pair of pandas, but negotiations have stalled over money. The zoo has offered \$2.5 million over 10 years, and the Chinese have said they want at least \$8 million.

The Friends of the National Zoo has begun a Giant Panda Conservation Fund with the goal of raising \$250,000 a year for the next decade to help bring pandas back to the nation's capital.

Zoo veterinarians and pathologists spent most of Sunday performing a necropsy on the elderly panda. His skin and skeleton, like those of his mate, will be donated to the Museum of Natural History. His organs and tissue will be kept for further study.

At the Panda House, someone placed a single iris at the panda statue along the walkway leading to the exhibit. Handwritten signs at each of the two doors told visitors that Hsing-Hsing had died. A memorial photo of him was set up on an easel inside his enclosure, and the zoo's Web site, [www.si.edu/nat/zoos](http://www.si.edu/nat/zoos), included "Hsing's final update" and other information about him.

Sunday morning, fresh bamboo was carried out of the Panda House — to give to the camels. Keepers, including Stevens, were visibly upset. Some visitors dabbed tears from their eyes as they learned the animal had died.

Sarah Gibson used to visit the Panda House often when she lived in the Washington area. Sunday, making her first visit to the National Zoo in five years, she brought her 23-month-old daughter in hopes of showing her the fuzzi bear.

"There was something very — I don't know — touching about the panda story," said Gibson, 34, who now lives in Bloomfield, Conn. "I spent a lot of time walking through the exhibit and reading all the information. He was always just a favorite. He seemed like such a sweetheart."

Donna Neish, of Pittsburgh, gasped when she saw the sign announcing the panda's death. She and her husband, Larry, were in

town for the holiday weekend and visited the zoo for the first time. Their young children, 7 and 4, had raced up the walkway to the Panda House.

She could not bring herself to tell her children. "Ah," she said, recovering from her shock. "How sad. The panda ran away."

Hsing-Hsing, whose name means "shining star," had been in failing health for several years. In 1997, he had both testicles removed after one was discovered to be cancerous. He developed arthritis, which was controlled by medication hidden in his favorite treat — blueberry muffins from Starbucks. His eyesight was going. He had mysterious nosebleeds.

When the terminal kidney disease was found, keepers kept their charge comfortable by flushing his organs occasionally and giving him other medication. But over the past week, they said, he seemed increasingly lethargic.

He did not want to go outside. He ate less and less, and afterward would lie down exhausted. Sometimes, he could not even get up when he urinated or defecated. His weight, taken just last week, was 249 pounds — down from his prime of 290.

Despite an iron shot on Tuesday, his gums were pale from anemia related to his kidney problems. Blood samples — collected from his nosebleeds — showed he was so ill and anemic that flushing his kidneys wouldn't help him feel better.

With zoo director Michael Robinson in London, keepers and veterinarians alerted deputy director McKinley Hudson. He said he looked in on Hsing-Hsing on Friday and saw the animal take only a few steps before having to lie down.

On Saturday, after consulting with the panda's three day-to-day keepers, Spelman and Stevens called Hudson at home. They told him they had all agreed the animal should be euthanized. Hudson agreed.

"It's kind of an end of an era," he said he told them. "It's unfortunate, but it's the best thing to do."

They decided to wait until Sunday morning, in part to give their furry charge one last good night. He usually had the most energy during the afternoons and evenings. They made up a last meal of his favorite foods: baked yams, bamboo, rice gruel and "the biggest blueberry muffin we could find," Stevens said.

She hoped for a miracle when she arrived at the Panda House Sunday shortly after 6 a.m., but Hsing-Hsing's condition hadn't improved. Spelman first anaesthetized the animal, poking him with a long syringe-a detail Stevens winced to recall. Ten minutes later, Spelman gave him a second shot of anesthesia.

Spelman and an assistant took blood samples from the panda that they hope will help researchers who study his death. Then she inserted an intravenous line into the animal that carried a drug that stopped his breathing and circulation.

There were about 10 to 15 people on hand when it happened, Stevens said, although only the veterinarian and her associates, three keepers and Stevens were actually present in the back of the enclosure when the panda was put down. There was then what Stevens described as "an opportunity to say good-bye" for panda staff who wanted it.

"We feel immense sadness," Stevens said, "and at the same time immense emptiness — as empty as the Panda House is now."

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# Opinion

## TECHNICIAN'S VIEW

### Grateful for Dead Week?

Is it a time to get out the books and read over those last few chapters, time to prepare for exams, time to turn our eyes toward heading home for Christmas break? Or a time to stay up all night, doing last-minute papers and projects that

given during this study time. The calendar followed by NCSU students—call it the "Real Calendar"—offers a much more arduous description of Dead Week: it is and traditionally has been a week that professors take as their final opportunity to wreak havoc on the sleeping schedules and the sensibilities of their charges. A student typically

**Dead Week is a misnomer, an N.C. State oxymoron, an N.C. State oxymoron.**

are all-too-frequently a professor's last-minute assignments? What exactly is Dead Week?

According to N.C. State's University Calendar for the Fall 1999 semester (found at [http://www2.ncsu.edu/news/reg\\_records/sprg\\_cal.html](http://www2.ncsu.edu/news/reg_records/sprg_cal.html)), Monday, Nov. 29-Friday, Dec. 3 is "Dead Week"—Last week of classes. In order that students may complete semester projects, take lab tests, and prepare for final examinations, faculty members shall not give any tests or quizzes or assign any additional papers or projects during the final week of the semester. Exceptions to this policy must be approved in advance by the department head and the dean of the college involved.

Taking that explanation of Dead Week at face value, one could assume that department heads and deans must spend all their time in meetings with professors approving the assignments that are invariably

enters Dead Week with a deep dread about the mountain of work that lies ahead; he exits Dead Week with a deep need for sleep and an exhausted capacity for studying. This damnation of Dead Week, we know, will fall on deaf ears. Student Government officials have tried for years to get heightened enforcement of the last-week-of-the-semester-as-preparation description; they have frequently failed.

However, there is something that NCSU students can do to change the way Dead Week goes down; the university advises that students whose professors violate Dead Week to deans and department heads.

So, until we, as members of the student body, begin actively blowing the whistle on those professors, there is nothing to do but deal with the current situation. Have a good week.

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What happens when a leading state university tries to build a stronger brick using dorm water and clay from behind Reynolds Coliseum?

A hero is born...

### Captain Brick

Shawn Harley

Oh no, I've locked my keys in the truck again.

Meanwhile...

I wish I had some sort of weight for my papers...

A brick is technically a manmade rock, and if you have ever played paper, scissors, rock, then you know that...

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Thanks. But Wait...

This is weird

Tune in next time for...

Captain Brick

## CAMPUS FORUM

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### DOT acting irresponsibly

N.C. State Department of Transportation needs to begin operating as a part of the campus community and not as a parasite feeding on it.

The DOT fills a necessary role on campus, because we need their services to ensure that parking spaces are available for those who pay for them. Illegal parking would ruin rampant, and permit holders would legitimately call foul, if we did not have the threat called "ticketing."

However, the department has taken to renege ticketing policies that serve only to increase the department's revenues.

My issue is over a ticket I received tonight at 6:30 p.m. in the lot immediately behind Nelson Hall adjacent to Dan Allen Drive. The lot requires an AS permit and is well marked with "24-hour towing-enforced" signs.

Yes, I parked where I was not supposed to, because I had to drop a disk off at the Nelson computer lab, and no other area parking was available.

My first question is what an AS permit is for? Nelson has been undergo-

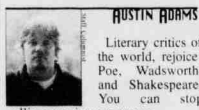
ing major renovation. The spaces set aside for construction personnel are reasonable. However, the clincher is that of the approximately 35 spaces in the lot, I have NEVER seen any more than 10 filled—day or night. I am not exaggerating; any student who passes by has surely wondered why so many parking spaces are unfilled. So, my challenge to the DOT is to show me how I was violating someone else's rights and then show how fining me \$40 helped to remedy that wrong. Impossible task, I say. It's impossible, because the lot is a grossly inefficient use of resources. There is no justification for a 24-hour towing lot.

Head of DOT, please respond to this challenge. Technician will surely give you an equal chance to defend yourself. If we can begin a civil dialogue, I have many more issues I would like to raise with you. Please show the decency and maturity to explain your actions.

Adam Leone  
Senior  
Business Management

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## Adams' final column: a few tips



AUSTIN ADAMS

Literary critics of the world, rejoice! Poe, Wadsworth, and Shakespeare: You can stop rolling over in your graves.

This week is, in theory, "dead week," meaning we are all supposed to be assignment-free and able to start studying for exams (starting next week for those of you who are just waking up from a semester-long slumber or those who just don't have themselves together, like myself), while also signaling that the semester is almost over.

Two projects and several assignments make Austin a dull boy. Oh, and by the way, that was not my column last week. It was Ryan Avent's with my name and picture on it. I had a rough night in Greenville the night before, so I didn't quite get around to producing a column.

Regardless, being that my four-and-a-half year quest for knowledge is going to end on Dec. 15, I've decided to do one last public service by dispersing a tad (E-mail me if you need a description of a tad) of wisdom to my fellow students whom I'm unfortunately (because I don't have a job) leaving behind.

So, here is my gift to you:

1) Never pee into the wind... No, seriously guys, don't pee into the wind. You'll come out of the woods and go back to your tailgating group, trying to think of an excuse for what happened. Ladies, you probably don't need to worry about

this one. I hope.

2) Don't laugh at people who do something stupid, because it will always come back on you... How many times have I been taught this lesson in the last few years? I think I received my first extensive schooling on this one during my first week at N.C. State. Back when I had a bike (before it was stolen, which I don't understand because it was the worst one on campus), I would ride it across the Brickyard on the way to class. Good traction has never been a quality of bricks when they get wet and even more so when there are leaves or moss on them (starting to sound familiar?). Well, one day I was heading to class and the guy in front of me on his bike hit a wet spot in the bricks and busted hard.

Being the brash youngest that I was, I pointed and laughed. Of course, just as I started laughing, I also hit a wet spot and busted equally hard. I think all 30,000 students who attend State were in the Brickyard at that moment.

Lesson number two was pretty much the same situation, except that it was their stupidity that caused it. I used to live at the Strood Center, so I had to cross Western Blvd. every day.

Payback rained down all on one day when I got hit by a car on

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## Money talks, O'Cain walks: a new commitment



MIKE HALBERT

Well, they did it. They fired O'Cain. I have to admit that I am totally surprised by the decision, not because I didn't think that it was necessary, but because our school had the guts to go through with it. In this decade of mediocrity in men's

less chatter by some fans saying that our school is not a football school. There is only one way to become a school that is successful in an athletic program, and that is through the generosity of alumni and students (combined with a resolve of excellence in the administration). That generosity (in the form of donations to the athletic department) is what keeps a program afloat and successful.

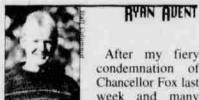
I remember when I was younger and I saw the videos of the 1983 men's basketball team winning the national championship. Ever since that day I have dreamed that I would be here at NC State during a new era of dominance in basketball or football. The elation on the faces of the players and the classic

footage of Jimmy V running around the court "just looking for someone to hug" excited me back then just as much as it does now. Unfortunately, I got here just in time to see NC State go through a tough time in our major bread-winning sports. Basketball was under the direction of Les Robinson, (whom I am convinced was only hired to clean up the image of our supposedly tainted program). Mike O'Cain was in the middle of his 3-8 stint, and the basketball team had just signed a contract with L.A. Gear. Through all of that, though, we still had the dance team, so life was relatively good. Back then I didn't really understand how things worked financially in the athletic department. I didn't realize

that all of this could be turned around if enough people made enough noise and gave enough money. That is exactly what happened last week. The money that you give as a fan of the Wolfpack directly or indirectly allows the department to buy all the neat stuff you see on other campuses, like nicer fieldhouses, luxury boxes (which bring in even more money), and new workout facilities. All of these things are essential to building a strong athletic team because they bring in the best recruits. Without those items, the talent of the crop of recruits goes down. Take our basketball program, for instance. Has anyone out there

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## Eliminating well-roundedness among collegians



RYAN AVENT

After my fiery condemnation of Chancellor Fox last week and many bellyflops of various and assorted sundries, I feel a bit mellow going into this dead week and, as such, my topic will follow suit. Plus, I'm fairly sure that any excess excitement in my life right now would cause my stomach lining to rupture causing, all kinds of nasty stuff. Good god, I ate too much this weekend.

In any case, as I was considering the mountain of work which awaited me this "dead week," (so named for the condition it frequently causes in students), I began reflecting on how

little time I've had the past few weeks for stuff that I really enjoy. I realized that, to a certain extent, I put all the fun stuff I do on hold during each academic semester while I spend all my time on things that make me look better.

I think that school completely encourages the development of one-sided or few-sided individuals, and that really bugs me.

Examples? OK, I pursue a number of diverse activities during the semester, including Student Government, work, Technician writing, etc., all of which are rewarding to a certain extent, but none of which I would describe as a hobby or as overly fulfilling.

And sure, I enjoy the work I do for my major classes, but let's be honest,

given ample free time, I don't think I'd be sitting around on a weekend doing economics projects.

While I'm doing all this stuff, I'm missing out on things I REALLY enjoy, things that I feel make me a better person. First and foremost on this list is reading. I love to read all kinds of stuff for fun, from economics to stuff on evolution (so I can write more controversial columns), but I never get the chance to even pick up a book for fun during the school year. I'd like to spend more time playing guitar and piano, but that stuff gets set aside. I'd like to get in the gym every once in a while and get this damn turkey off my gut, but even that suffers. And the time I'd set aside for making stuff, and painting, and hiking, and writing a book, and

learning to sail, and enjoying life...well, that quickly gets allocated to writing papers and running meetings.

I often think to myself, what would happen if I quit everything I was doing, and spent all my free time as I chose? Would I get accepted into graduate school? Would I get one dollar of scholarship money? Would I be condemned by my fellow involvees as a quitter, lazy and selfish?

I don't know, but doesn't it seem like all these applications, all these honor societies and all these scholarship committees care more about a person's dedication than a person's happiness? Doesn't it seem like, in

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## Adams

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Western and landed so hard that I could barely walk for two days. To that driver: thanks for stopping. I bet your paint job was hating it.

Regardless, think twice before making fun of someone. I promise it will come back to you.

3) Don't trust anyone in the student housing business... This started from the very beginning of my college career. The day I moved in to Sullivan, I found out that I would not be there the whole year and that I would be in a three-person room until I moved. University Housing had either overcrowded the dorms or banished me to hell. I couldn't decide which one.

The saying "What doesn't kill you makes you stronger" definitely applied in this situation. Then they screwed me again by sending me to Becton. At least my suitmates from Sullivan were cool and are still my friends.

Then came Avery Close, a.k.a. Wilson Properties, a couple of years later. I got fined for everything possible in my stay there. A woman named Eva, the queen of customer service, ran the place and made me pay for having an illegal pet, trash left out that didn't belong to me and for not cleaning my apartment properly upon my exit.

First of all, the actual owner of the apartment said I could have the pet. However, she overruled him; I had to pay a fine and pay for professional cleaning and exterminating (my dog is cleaner than most people).

As for the trash, they dug through a random bag left near the mailboxes and found a piece of junk mail addressed to my roommate. Therefore, by Wilson Properties logic, it was ours.

When we went to the office and argued the huge fine, Eva threatened to call the police. Ah, home sweet home. When we finally moved out, we had the place so clean, I would have let my mama eat off the floor. Still, we only got part of our deposit back. Thanks!

Finally, there is Brent Rd. I think I could kick my house and it would fall down. And I still pay \$1,250 a month. My landlord seems to be the kick of rip-offs. This seems to be yet

another legacy of Brent Rd., though.

4) Don't think you are cooler or better than you really are... Before I even say anything, I'm going to give you a disclaimer. I have a lot of friends in fraternities and sororities, and I am in no way attacking those people or fraternities or sororities.

With that said, a lot of people think they are much cooler, better looking, suave or whatever than they really are because either they are rich, are in a fraternity/sorority or both. Being in an organization of any kind, as well as what you own, should not define who you are.

Who you really are excluding your membership to that organization should define that. I don't care if you are in the best frat ever, if you are a dork, you are a dork. I don't care if you are in the best sorority ever, if you are a bitch, you are a bitch.

It's too bad a lot of people can't see through the bull@#\$ and understand this. I don't know how many times I've heard, "But he is in (enter frat)" or "But she is in (enter sorority)." Some people just need to get over themselves.

That last one is going to piss some people off, don't you think? It shouldn't, but I'm sure one of those people is going to write me some very discomfounded E-mail about how I am jealous or something. Yeah, OK, I love it. Anyway, I want to thank you all for the support (and hate mail) that you have given to me in the last year and a half.

Thanks for all of your parties that I just randomly showed up at.

Thanks to all the randoms who showed up at mine (enjoy all my CDs).

Most of all, thank you for helping me have the best four and half years of college humbly possible. I don't think I would have been able to survive it if I had been much better. I'm getting choked up... someone hold me. Peace out.

*Austin Adams is a graduating senior in business management who invites you all to visit his cardboard condo on Hillsborough Street next semester. Why, you ask? Because he has no job! E-mail him your love at adadams2@unity.ncsu.edu.*

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seen the talent of the recruits that Herb Sendek has brought into our program? The new kids are amazing. We are getting some of the top recruits in the nation these days, and why do you think that they came to NC State rather than Carolina or Duke? Well, it wasn't because we have the best computer labs in the area; it was because of the incredible new building unofficially known as the Herb Garden. The \$158 million dollar facility down the street (combined with a great coach and fan base) is what is turning our basketball program back towards national prominence.

So my question to you is this, why can't we do the same for football? Well, the answer is that we can, but we need everyone's help. Our help doesn't even have to necessarily be right now. Everyone knows that we, as students don't have piles of money lying around the apartment that we can throw into rebuilding our football program, but later, in a few years when we are all making tons of money, we need to give some of it back. Maybe someday when I have kids of my own they will be watching footage of our victory in the Sugar bowl or an ecstatic, gray-haired (if he has any left) Coach Sendek running onto the court just like Jimmy V did.

So, the moral of the story is that when we are all professionals in a few years and wondering how or who we will spend our money on that month, I want you all to remember this column and give a little bit back to the Wolfpack. Give a little so that one day we will be able to see the days when our men's teams rise again. That is the one and only way that our school will ever have the facilities and respect that our teams deserve. That is the only way to ever see our programs reach the top.

*Mike is a senior in meteorology and he loves gravy. Comments? Questions? Send them to mhwalter@unity.ncsu.edu.*

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### Damn dirty humans

I would like to address an issue that is on the minds of all Central Campus wildlife who have come under the effects of this problem. The problem I have is the STUDENTS. My horror story goes like this. A friend and I were walking back after searching for food one night and the pathway is very dark, so we were walking cautiously in case anybody made the mistake of trying to rob us. We came out of the monkey grass by the end of the tunnel and were relieved to have made another safe journey. To my surprise two huge Students came out of the tunnel exit. They looked at me, I looked at them; we exchanged glances and we both ran.

I thought my experience was isolated and that the student had jumped off of some train passing by; I was wrong. I continued toward Bowen Hall and saw two more students. They weren't as big, but they were more confident. They might have been the same students, I don't know. You know how they all look the same.

My story may seem comical, and I hope it does bring a smile to your face, but it is true. This sort of thing happens every night, and some days it is not appealing to dodge students when moving from food source to food source. One day they will get bold and start jumping rodents. Do we really want that? No, so I ask that Chancellor Fox pay attention to the rats' concerns and safety and make this place sanitary. Get some professors over to Central Campus to get rid of those students and maybe even find out why they are here. I know many will not take me seriously, but I am trying to open the eyes of those who can do something about it. Everyone, if you see students on Central Campus don't mess with them, because they are dangerous.

Rob Grau  
Senior  
Environmental Engineering  
**NCSU safety lacking**

One evening this semester, I was

walking to my car from the library alone when I heard footsteps coming behind me. I discreetly turned my head to see who was following so close when I realized that it was an older black man. This made me very nervous, so I began to pick up my pace. I looked around for other people and saw two college-aged guys about to get in their car not too far away. I quickly made my way toward them, acting as if they were waiting for me. The gentleman behind me then changed his direction and I knew that I was safe.

The feeling I had that evening made me feel very frightened and unversed about the safety of N.C. State. In researching the duties, responsibilities and various jobs of Public Safety, I have found some disturbing information. The individuals in charge of patrolling the campus, including the dorms and during the evening hours, amounts to 12 people. I do not feel that this is a sufficient number of people, considering the number of students and faculty that we have who attend this university.

This is my fourth year of attendance at NCSU and I can honestly count on two hands the number of times I have run into security officers of Public Safety officers on campus. My concern is not that they have failed to do their job, because I do not feel that that is the issue, but that more of these individuals are needed in order to assure safety.

Safety of both the faculty and students should be very high on the list of priorities for NCSU, if not at the very top.

Jessica Wetherhold  
Junior  
Animal Science  
**Childish drivers**

In response to Hananah Zaheer's Nov. 17 column ("Time-saving tips for highway hygienists"), honking is also a way to communicate. If someone uses an obscene gesture, they will only increase the chances of receiving a hostile reaction from others. It is better to play it cool.

Increasing the speed limits will only cause the roads to become more dangerous. People will not only still break the speed limit, but the roads will also become unsafe at the increased speeds that they were not designed for. The number of traffic fatalities and wrecks will increase. If we decrease the amount of park-

ing zones, then the up-front parking situation will become more cutthroat, because of the fewer spaces. In the end, you still will not be able to get a parking space close to where you are going because of the greater amount of people trying to get that space.

Overall, I found the column to be rather childish.

But then I read Chad Stinner's Nov. 18 response ("Role model of the roadway"). At first, he made some good points, despite the tone of his argument. But his stance on tailgating is clearly in the wrong.

I quote, "If someone is moving 50 in a 55, I will ride them so close I can change the radio station in their car until they move." My first response was, to quote Chad, "WHAT ARE YOU SMOKING?!" You say that people should drive responsibly, but you advocate tailgating. Since when was tailgating responsible? NEVER! You do not make the rules. The government does, and for good reasons, the number one reason being SAFETY! Tailgating is against the law because it is very dangerous. Didn't you learn ANYTHING from Drivers Ed? If you are going to endanger others by tailgating, then you belong off the road.

In the end, I found Chad's response to be childish and contradictory.

Frantz Enders  
Senior  
Civil Engineering

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order to get ahead, one must either not sleep, love working all the time or sell his soul and forget his less impressive passions? Isn't it in the interest of society to encourage true well-roundedness and true diversity of interests?

Or, maybe I just think all the things I'm doing are so damn important, and no one would really care if I dropped a thing or two to start reading again. Maybe I'll work up the courage soon to test that hypothesis. Probably not during this week, though. I'll be too busy working on project after project. Dead week. Humph.

*Offer to write a paper for Ryan at rcavent@unity.ncsu.edu.*

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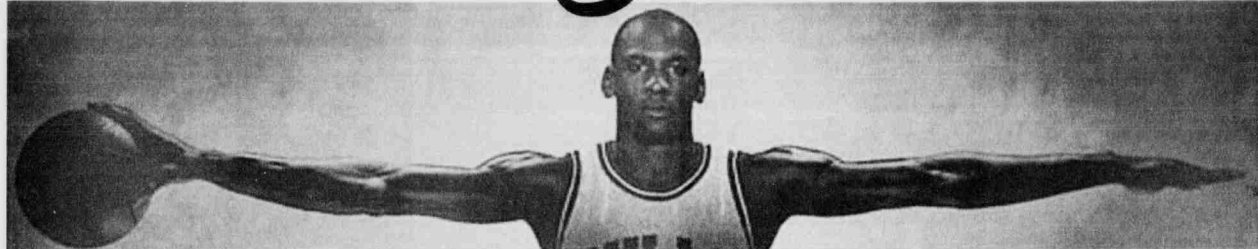
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## Jordan's '23' has it all

Amy Kelsky  
Staff Writer

Michael Jordan's new restaurant '23' opened up on October 21, 1999 to a rave review. It is located on West Franklin St. and caters to the college crowd, as well as everyone else. '23' is Jordan's third restaurant,

with his other two in Chicago and New York City. The restaurant features a 140-seat dining room and a bar that can accommodate up to 50 seats. As of now, the restaurant only serves dinner, but hopes to offer a lunch menu sometime in November. '23' offers a wide range of food items, from hamburgers to full course dinners. Prices range from as little as \$3.50 for onion rings to the most expensive steak at \$26.00. Other food items the restaurant offers are: grilled chicken, salads, salmon, crab sandwiches, pasta and pecan pie with vanilla ice

cream. '23' also boasts a souvenir shop that sells Michael Jordan memorabilia, including t-shirts and hats. The restaurant is also shaped as a basketball court, with the tables located inside the foul lines. Although Jordan has yet to visit his newest restaurant, there are talks that he could very soon. It is also said that Jordan is donating at least 23% of the restaurant's earnings to Hurricane Floyd victims. It seems as though Jordan is again on top of things, and that some still "want to be like Mike."

## Burton's Horseman



By Zack Smith  
Staff Writer

"Sleepy Hollow" BEARS EVEN LESS RESEMBLANCE TO WASHINGTON IRVING'S CLASSIC SHORT STORY THAN KUBRICK'S "THE SHINING" DOES TO ITS SOURCE MATERIAL.

THIS DOESN'T MATTER, HOWEVER; literary depth is the last thing that this film has in mind. Johnny Depp stars as Ichabod Crane, a 1799 police constable sent to the town of the title to find who is responsible for a series of murders involving decapitations. In the true Dana Scully manner, Ichabod steadfastly refuses to believe the locals' insistence that the cause of deaths is the Headless Horseman (played by Christopher Walken in flashbacks, Ray "Darth Maul"

Park in the stunt scenes). Ichabod's skepticism is shattered after he witnesses the Horseman in action, which causes him to lock himself in his room in terror. Managing to gather his wits, Ichabod attempts to track down the Horseman with the help of Young Masbath (Marc Pickering), a child left orphaned by the Horseman, and Katrina Van Tassel (Christina Ricci), a local beauty whose family may hold to key to the Horseman's secret. The film was written by Andrew Kevin Walker ("Seven" and "8mm") and directed by Tim Burton, and merging of their respective neuroses has produced a film that revels in its own excess of atmosphere and violence. The Horseman's decapita-

tions are shown in graphic detail, and there are at least three scenes showing Ichabod nonchalantly performing a grisly task while the townspeople look sick in the background. Burton has stated in interviews that the film was designed as a homage to the B-horror movies produced by Hammer Studios in the 1960's, and "Sleepy Hollow" accurately captures the campy yet horrific atmosphere that characterized those films. (Former Hammer star Christopher Lee even has a cameo, but is wasted in his part.) What truly makes "Sleepy Hollow" memorable is the Headless Horseman, one of the most memorable movie monsters to come around in a long while. The film comes

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## Megadeth at "Risk" of another hit

By William Redd  
Staff Writer

Dave Mustaine found a small bit of fame as an original member of Metallica. Staying with them for a year, until Lars Ulrich and James Hetfield fired him in 1983. After that, Dave Mustaine got together with bassist David Ellefson, guitarist Kerry King and drummer Lee Rush to form Megadeth. Eventually he found his own place in the Heavy Metal scene with Megadeth. Mustaine has had a long and profitable career with Megadeth.

Now, with their new release "Risk," Megadeth continues their tradition of hard rocking metal anthems. Following on the monster path laid with 1997's "Cryptic Writings," an album that garnered not one, two or three but FOUR chart-topping rock radio hits and near unanimous critical acclaim, Megadeth released their ninth album for Capitol Records on August 31.

Entitled "Risk", it features the trademark blend of power, musicianship, intellect, and raw emotion that has made the band one of the mainstays of a musical and cultural movement. From the heavy hitting "Crush 'em" which Mustaine says was written specifically for sports, to the industrial "Insomnia," thundering "Prince of Darkness" and melodic "I'll Be There," RISK is an album as daring as its name. It was recorded in Nashville, with producer Dan Huff once again at the helm. Withstanding the test of time, Megadeth have built a legacy over the last 15 years. Not just of strong, tight musicianship but impressive longevity.

Formed in the spring of 1983 when Mustaine met David Ellefson, a rocker from Jackson, Minnesota, Megadeth was built on the foundation of attitude toward cold war politics. They debuted with 1985's "Killing Is My Business ...And Business Is Good!" on Combat Records, setting out on a journey that would yield gold, platinum and double platinum records and sold out tours worldwide including last summer's Ozfest. Instantly tagged as faster, louder, more ferocious, and more adventurous than any other band of their time, they followed up with

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"Peace Sells But Who's Buying" in 1986, the band's first major label release (Capitol). Then came "So Far, So Good, So What!," the classic "Rust In Peace" which was certified platinum in 1990, "Countdown To Extinction" which went double platinum and shot to #2 on the Billboard top 200 in 1992 and 1994's platinum "Youthanasia." 1997's "Cryptic Writings," which debuted at #9, is closing in on platinum.

Featuring the band's unwavering conviction mixed with a desire to explore new territory, a characteristic marking it's career as a true musical pioneer, this album received unprecedented rock radio airplay with four chart-topping singles marking the strongest show of radio support in the band's history.

Recognized many times over by The National Association of Recording Arts and Sciences with seven Grammy nominations, Megadeth has always been forward thinking. Creating a first in the mainstream comic industry, principal lyricist Mustaine worked closely with Chaos Comics' to develop and release a now collectible comic book series, "The Cryptic Writings of Megadeth," which adapts the lyrics from several Megadeth



## Big Bad Voodoo Daddy celebrates "This Beautiful Life"

By William Redd  
Staff Writer

Anyone who has seen "Swingers" knows about the powerful swing of Big Bad Voodoo Daddy. Making an amazing debut on the music scene by distributing two self-produced albums, these boys of swing have delivered another incredible album. With the release of their second major label album, "This Beautiful Life" (Coolsville/Interscope Records),

the band has delivered their most passionate and original recording to date. Fresh on the heels of all that the band has accomplished, Big Bad Voodoo Daddy presents "This Beautiful Life," the new album produced by the team responsible for "Big Bad Voodoo Daddy."

"This Beautiful Life" is an optimistic look at life, love and of course, the wild side. The album starts with the powerfully intense anthem "Big and Bad" and jumps right into the party with the

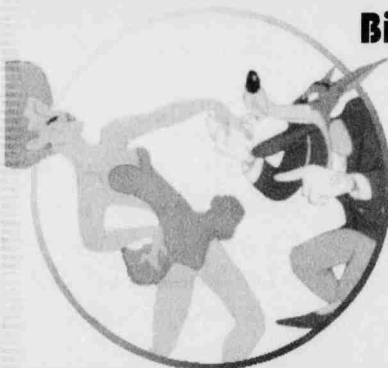
first single, "I Wanna Be Like You" from the 1966 classic "The Jungle Book." "We wanted to record the song as it's been a crowd favorite for years during our live shows. We originally thought it would make a cool B-side but it came out so well that it made its way onto the record front and center," Morris says. "It just makes you smile every time you hear it."

"Who's That Creepin'" and "When It Comes To Love" are two songs that show the strength and growth of Morris' songwriting while also displaying a new direction. "I'm always trying to paint cinematic pictures in the listener's head and take them to a new world,"

Morris explains. While "I'm Not Sleepin'" takes the listener on a wild ride, "Some Things" is a nod to the cool jazz of the '50s and '60s ala Gerry Mulligan and Dexter Gordon. "I had a very specific idea about this song," Scotty says. "I imagined Art Blakey and The Jazz Messengers on one bandstand, The Count Basie Orchestra on the other bandstand and Big Bad Voodoo Daddy in between. I'm very fond of this one." "Big Time Operator" is an upbeat jump tune packed with everything that makes Big Bad Voodoo Daddy one of the best live bands in the country. "Still In

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a song I've had in my head for years but just wasn't ready to record-it just felt like the right time to bring it to life. I wanted someone like Tony Bennett to hear this song and think that maybe there is hope for our generation."

"Sleeptight" is a beautiful and

haunting lullaby written for Morris' own daughter. "It's the most personal song on the album. It affects me every time I hear it." Closing the album is the bonus track "Ol' MacDonald," a rare Sinatra track of which the band has always been fond. "We were on the road when we lost the great Frank Sinatra, and we all were very shaken. We felt this tribute would be our small gesture of thanks for the lifetime of inspiration he provided us," he said.

The foundation for the band that was to become Big Bad Voodoo Daddy was built by singer/songwriter Scotty Morris in 1989 in Ventura, California. Soon after discovering he and drummer Kurt Sodergren had similar musical tastes, both a friendship and a band were formed. The two of them then recruited charismatic string

bassist Dirk Shumaker and local legendary baritone saxophonist Andy Rowley and immediately began performing along the California coast.

Over time the band evolved into the current seven-piece lineup which features Glen "The Kid" Marhevka no trumpet, Karl Hunter on tenor saxophone and Joshua Levy on piano. Big Bad Voodoo Daddy is one of the most powerful swing bands to emerge from the whole swing revival.

"This Beautiful Life" is the band's most personal album to date. The songs on the album are powerful and emotional. Big Bad Voodoo Daddy has forged a grand tradition of great swing music and they continue with "This Beautiful Life." Anyone who enjoys swing will definitely enjoy this album.

# Risk

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Business."

The launch of the band's award winning web site Megadeth Arizona back in 1994, marked Megadeth as one of the first bands ever on the internet, paving the way for scores of bands to follow.

Megadeth has always produced a hard sound that has captivated audiences for years. They are one of the founding heavy metal bands to bring metal to the mainstream. If you are a fan of hard-hitting rock like Metallica, Anthrax and Slayer, then this is definitely an album I would recommend. Anyone who likes heavy metal, especially the roots of metal, then this album is for you.

# Burton

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on screen, and the character combines the most memorable qualities of Freddy Kruger, Jason Voorhees and the Terminator. The climactic battle between Ichabod and the Horseman is easily the best action sequence captured on film this year.


The major problem with "Sleepy Hollow" is whenever it cuts away from the Horseman to deal with the murder investigation, which simply isn't as interesting. The flashback sequences involving

Ichabod's childhood, while beautifully staged by Burton, are more confusing than frightening, and often stop the story cold.

Likewise, the plot of who's controlling the Horseman isn't as interesting as the Horseman himself; it often makes the film seem like the world's longest episode of "Scooby-Doo." The mystery is actually pointless, since the villain comes out of nowhere in the third act, if only to provide a contrived explanation for what happened. Still, "Sleepy Hollow" is good, campy fun, and one of the best-looking films of the year. Just leave your brain at the ticket booth.

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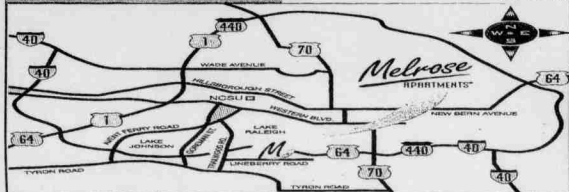
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# What's next for football?

◆ After firing Mike O' Cain, the future of Wolfpack football is unclear.

**RODRIGO A. BANUJO**  
Staff Writer

For over 12 years, Mike O' Cain was involved in N.C. State football, whether it be as quarterbacks coach or the head coach. Now he's gone and the next step for the program will be to find his replacement.

"My next few days are going to be consumed with finding a football coach," Athletics Director Les Robinson said after last Wednesday's press conference, where it was announced that N.C. State was letting go of O' Cain.

And so the search for the new coach begins.

Robinson has in fact already started his search for a new coach and is forming an advisory committee that he will chair along with Provost Kermit Hall. Robinson will also seek the advice of people such as Pittsburgh Steelers Head Coach Bill Cowher, an N.C. State alumnus who is not a candidate for the position.

Robinson has said that Jan. 1st is a target date for finding the new head coach, but that date is not set in stone.

"I'm more interested in getting

the right person than this recruiting class," Robinson said. "I've seen jobs where they move quick and get the wrong person. I'm more interested in recruiting the next 10 years than I am right now."

"But that doesn't mean we don't want to move as swiftly as possible, but I'm not going to put a timetable."

The Jan. 1st date may have to be flexible because some possible candidates may be involved with bowl games. That would be the case with one name that has been mentioned frequently, Chuck Amato. Amato is another N.C. State alum and is the current assistant coach at Florida State. The Seminoles will play for the national championship on Jan. 4.

Other potential candidates could include Terry Bowden, Jeff Bower, Jack Bicknell, Jim Donnan and Bob Pruett.

The most important factor in choosing the new coach could be chemistry.

"A guy might be a great coach one place, but in my view and in my staff and our whole department, might not be the guy for N.C. State," Robinson said.

The new coach must also be able to balance the two worlds of college athletics: winning and academics.

This year's recruiting class is also concern. Even though

Robinson said he would rather find the right coach, if a head coach is not in place soon, then a quality recruiting class would probably not be possible. O' Cain's staff had already garnered eight commitments and Robinson said the university

would honor all of those commitments.

With the search process, Robinson is confident that he will be talking to a number of coaching prospects.

"I'm talking with just about everyone that knows something

about college football coaches," Robinson said.

"If there's a good coach out there, I'm pretty sure somebody will pass their name along to me one way or another.

The trick for me and for our administration is finding the one that fits best at N.C. State."



Les Robinson announces the firing of Mike O' Cain at a press conference Wednesday at the Carter-Finley fieldhouse.

## Potential Coaching Targets for N.C. State

**Chuck Amato.** Florida State assistant head coach. An N.C. State grad who may be looking to step out from the shadow of Bobby Bowden. Probably the favorite.

**Jack Bicknell.** Louisiana Tech head coach. After years as an offensive and defensive line coach, Bicknell stepped into his first head coaching job this year at Louisiana Tech. He led the Bulldogs to an 8-3 mark, including a 29-28 win at Alabama.

**Terry Bowden.** Analyst for ABC Sports and former Auburn head coach. A big name that would be attractive to fans and would mean three Bowden's coaching in the ACC. He recently signed a lucrative extension with ABC and N.C. State probably won't be able to offer enough money.

**Jeff Bower.** Southern Miss head coach. Bower is somewhat young at 46 and a candidate for a host of other schools looking to fill their head coaching vacancies, including Texas Tech. Has a good career coaching record against tough schedules and would fit into N.C. State's budget.

**Jim Donnan.** Georgia head coach. Another N.C. State grad. The Pack probably won't be able to meet his asking price and why would a coach at a football school in a football conference come to a basketball school in a basketball conference. A long shot.

**Bob Pruett.** Marshall head coach. A hot-shot coaching prospect who led his team to an undefeated season this year and the 12th spot in the national polls. Recently signed a seven-year contract extension with Marshall, but did not say that would influence the program for the right offer.

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# Men's basketball picks up pair of victories

## N.C. State whips Stetson Hatters

◆ Damien Wilkins has his best performance of the year with 22 points.

**RODRIGO A. BANUJO**  
Staff Writer

It was a game with three-pointers, fast breaks, dunks and solid defense. The only problem for Stetson was that they didn't seem to do any of those things.

Instead, Damien Wilkins led N.C. State to a dominating 79-45 victory over the Hatters. The Wolfpack (3-0) led 40-13 at halftime and controlled the entire game.

Wilkins led the Pack with 22 points, eight rebounds and five assists. The big game from Wilkins came after he

struggled against Georgia and Old Dominion.

"The first two games were huge victories for the team, but as far as my performance I had to put them behind me," Wilkins said.

The game marked the first time that N.C. State played without starting forward Kenny Inge this season. Inge injured his knee against Old Dominion and will be out four to six weeks. He should be back when the team opens its Atlantic Coast Conference season against Maryland on Jan. 6.

The game also saw solid performances by all three freshmen, as Marshall Williams scored 10 points and Clifford Crawford added seven.

"It was a big win for us," Crawford said. "The last couple of wins have been taught us a lot as a team."

The veterans showed why they were veterans, giving solid performances both offensively and defensively.

Ron Kelley scored 13 points and grabbed three rebounds, going three out of four at the free throw line. Damon Thornton grabbed seven rebounds and hit his first three-pointer.

However the best performance of all belonged to Wilkins, who on top of his 22 points hit three three-pointers.

"The way he plays, he's very unselfish," said Anthony Grundy. "He doesn't come in here like the majority of [high school] All-Americans. It's really good to have someone like that on your side."

N.C. State's next game against Purdue should pose a more serious threat to the Wolfpack than Stetson (2-1) did. The game is part of the ACC-Big Ten challenge will be televised nationally on ESPN 2 on Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.



Ron Kelley grabs the ball over ODU's Ricardo Marsh.

## Costly win for N.C. State over ODU

◆ A pair of late three's puts N.C. State over the edge, but Kenny Inge is injured and will be out four to six weeks.

**ROB GOUDREY**  
Staff Writer

Back to back three-pointers late in the second half by Damien Wilkins and Anthony Grundy lifted N.C. State over Old Dominion 75-61 in Tuesday night action at the Entertainment and Sports Arena.

"Those were definitely big shots, no doubt. Every shot we made tonight was big — especially late," Wilkins said.

The win was costly for Coach Herb Sendek, however, as forward Kenny Inge



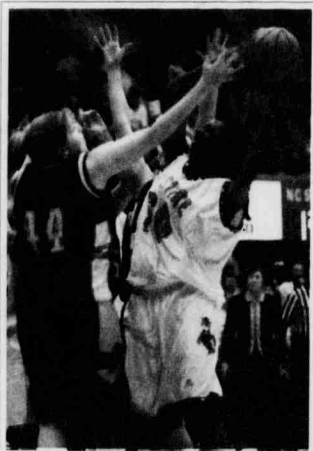
Kenny Inge is injured and will be out four to six weeks.

sustained a partial tear to his MCL and will miss four to six weeks of action. Inge went down at the beginning of the second half and poses a discouraging, yet surmountable, obstacle for the Wolfpack (2-0).

"When you lose a player of Kenny's caliber, everyone has to step up and take the team to a new level," Damon Thornton said.

Thornton surely elevated himself in the face of his teammate's injury, garnering a double-double: 16 points, 10 rebounds.

Exploiting N.C. State's half-court offense, the Monarchs (1-1) went mad from the floor during the first half, connecting on 60 percent of their shots. The battle in the post was one of attrition, as



The Pack are 5-0 this season.

## Women's basketball remains undefeated

Sports Staff Report

CANCUN, Mexico — The No. 7 N.C. State women's basketball team (5-0) trounced Drake 62-42 and escaped with a win over Kansas State 73-72 in weekend action in the Cancun Tournament of Basketball.

Drake (1-3) held N.C. State center Summer Erb, the defending ACC Player of the Year, to a mere seven points on Friday and hung with the undefeated Pack through the beginning of the second half before the Wolfpack managed to pull away.

With 14:52 left in the game, the Bulldogs were as close as



Damien Wilkins had his best game in his young Wolfpack career against Stetson.