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Rex Smith and Riki McElroy of the Department of Physical Education are conducting a series of weight training workshops for NC State faculty and staff. The next workshop, which will emphasize the shoulders, biceps and triceps, will be Friday, Nov. 19. The Tuesday, Dec. 7 workshop will cover the lower body: the quadriceps, hanstrings, glutes and calves. The workshops will run from 11 a.m., to 12:15 p.m. in Carmichael Gyumasium Weight Room 1308. Participants should come dressed to participate.

For more information or to sign up, call McElroy at 515-6867.

## End-of-the-year social

The Black Student Board (BSB) is having an End-of-the-Year Holiday Social this Thursday at 6 p.m. in room 3118 of the Witherspoon Student Center. BSB is also co-sponsoring the Kwanza Poggram this Friday at 6 p.m. in the Witherspoon Multipurpose Room.

Statewide Y2K Call-in Television program about utilities' prepared-ness

The North Carolina Utilities Commission and the Public Staff of the Utilities Commission are jointly sponsoring a call-in (live) TV broadcast on North Carolina utilities 'Y2K readiness. The broadcast will be on the Open Public Events Network (local public access channels) this Thursday from 9 to 10 p.m. The panelists will be from the electric, natural gas and telecommunication industries as well as from the Public Staff.

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The toll free number for this call-in

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name the scholarship that puts a
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in more academic pursuits? A million
dollars will get your name on a
University of California, Los Angeles,
professorship
But that's still in the bargain-basement range. It took \$35 million from
the fortune of acrospace company
founder Gordon Marshald to persuade
USC to name its business school after
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Forty-five million dollars from the Gonda family put their name on UCLAS Neuroscience and Genetics Research Center.

But they have nothing on furnace company founder Henry Rowan. For his \$100 million, Glassboro State College in New Jersey was re-christ-ened Rowan College. Universities and colleges call then maning opportunities. Hand over the cash and you can get almost anything named for you, from a pirick to a scholarship to an entire university. "You name it, we'll name it," said Paul Blodgett, associate vice president for university relations at USC, where a street light goes for \$15,000. While contemplating your gift, you can relax at the university on the Allen T. Gilchrist bench. Enjoy it, because it as Mr. Gilchrist back about \$12,000. Because of cuts in government aid in recent years, state schools bread procent years, state schools bread process recent years, state schools have adopted to the process of the proces

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Because of cuts in government aid in recent years, state schools have adopted a much more aggressive attitude toward fund raising and are using the same tacties as private universities—including an increased emphasis on naming. In response, the California State University system is developing guidelines for naming the schools within each university as the push to find those huge sums of money becomes more insistent.



**Lucent's Gerald Butters** 

## Gerald Butters to speak at fall commencement

♦ Gerald Butters, president of Lucent Technology's Optical Networking Group, will be the commencement speaker at the first ceremony in the Entertainment and Sports

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Over 2.500 December and summer graduates will participate in the fall graduation ceremony at N.C. State on Wednesday, Dec. 15 at the Raleigh Entertainment and Sports Arena. Gerald J. Butters, group president of Lucent Technologies Optical Networking Group, will deliver the commencement address. The commencement committee, composed of staff, faculty and students, will choose the student speaker

Thursday.

The fall commencement will be the first graduation ceremony held at the new arena, and commencement will be one of the primary uses identified for the building. According to Martha O'Donnell. University Registrar, the new arena will be more convenient. There will be adequate seating and parking, she added.

According to Frank Briamonte, media relation's manager for Lucent Technologies' Optical Networking Group, he aim of Butters' address will be to get people thinking about the endless opportunities available in the future. Butters will speak about how optical networking technology is going to shape the community, cultured to the community of the community of the community. The community is the community of the community of the community of the community of the community.

Earlier in the year, Butters played a cen-

tral role in another historic event at NCSU when he joined Chancellor Marye Anne Fox and Governor James B. Hunt, Jr. to announce that Lucent Technologies would build a 120,000-square-foot optical networking research facility on NCSU's Centennial Campus. The new facility will employ 500 research and development professionals, making Lucent the largest corporate partner yet to locate on Centennial Campus. NCSU, Briamonte said, was chosen

NCSU, Briamonte said, was chosen because of the great talent pool in the Research Triangle Area. The university has a wonderful reputation in networking and technology, he added.

"N.C. State is home to true thought lead-ers in the world of telecommunications, and our alliance with the university has

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## Catching a glimpse of a Winter Wonderland



"Santa" makes his way through the small gingerbread village built by University Dining's own Head Chef Bill Brizzolara.

## A search for financial aid, need not met

◆ A comprehensive look at the past, present and future of financial aid at N.C. State.

MELISSA WICKS

Jason Anderson hopes he will get a paid co-op for this summer. If he is not able to get the co-op he will not be able to come back in the fall. It's that simple. Every year he fills out his FAFSA a federal financial aid form. He gets little grant money, and each year his family has to take out a Stafford Loan. Next year, the payments on the Stafford loan will be \$150 a month, but his parents just can't afford it.

Anderson is not alone. Each year

can't afford it.

Anderson is not alone. Each year
more and more N.C. State students apply for financial aid, and
each year it is awarded to more
and more students deemed needy.
In the 1997-1998 school year,
7,765 undergraduates were found
to have financial need. Then, in

the 1998-1999 school year, 9,189 undergraduates were found to have financial need. At the same time, each year, tuition, fees, housing and other expenses go up. For the 1998-99 academic school year, the NCSU financial aid office came up \$32 million short of meeting the needs of its undergraduate population, according to office data analysis. Almost 8,000 undergraduates had unmer tinancial need, averaging \$4.158 per student. That is almost double the 1996-77 figure, where the average unmet need was \$2,048. Going back further to the 1988-89 school year, about 38 percent of the undergraduate population were receiving aid. This is compared to over 50 percent for the 1998-1999 school year. The average loan in 1988 was \$1,959.
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Chancellor Marye Anne Fox proposed a \$300 tuition increase to
begin with the fall semester of
2000. NCSU's current tuition is

\$1.528 per year. With the increase it will be \$1,828 per year, assuming the UNC General Administration and the legislature impose no additional increases. This increases tuition by almost 20 percent.

20 percent.

Fox. in defending her support of the increase, said that several of NCSU's programs were lagging in comparison to its peer institutions. Programs such as Study Abroad and the Teaching Resource Center were under-funded.

ed. Assistant Dean Edward Funkhouser in the College of Humanities and Social Sciences feels that a formula needs to be followed for tuition increases. "We have not addressed tuition systematically," he said.

Fox also proposed to give one-third of the increase back to finan-cial aid. The tuition increase for the 2000-2001 school year would give around \$2 million to that cause.



total one year cost at NCSU: \$9,506



## Book club for children

◆ The Global Book Club, much like a book-of-themonth club, offers Internet-ready children the chance to do activities with high-quality children's literature.

Technology has drastically altered the world we live in. It is not at all uncommon to have multiple televisions and radios and a computer with an internet connection in a normal, middle-class family's house today.

Now, a website that is a product of a N. C. State class it taking aim at the younger segment of internet users.

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The site, intended to "highlight and share three outstanding Young Adult novels each month," is called The Global Book Club and is aimed at middle school aged children. The web page lists three thematically linked books a month and a grouping of projects that can be done with the books. A teacher, student groups or an individual student could decide which project to do. The final results can be posted on the web page, and other students from all over the world can see their work.

In the past if someone had a good and useful idea to help people they would have had to market it to

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## Holy warriors

Natalie spreads the gospel of CD reviews. See A&E.

## Monkeys?

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## Aid

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lies to go to college," according to General Admission.

Fox said that raising tuition would help NCSU catch up to its "comparable and aspirational neer instructs," like Duke. UNC-CH and Carnegie-Mellon University. All, however, have much stronger financial aid programs than NCSU. Duke, considered one of NCSU. Duke, considered one of NCSUs per institutions even though it is a private college, has its own student loan program outside of the normal Stafford and Perkins loans. It also has a separate parent loan such as the Duke Achiever Loan, NCSU has nothing comparable to these loan programs.

Included in the 1970's and has not been revisition of the 1970's and has not been revisited since.

Each year UNC-CH receives \$4 million in Perkins loans, whereas NCSU receives \$1.8 million, despite the fact students at NCSU have higher need levels.

One solution to alleviate unmet need that is currently being worked on by the General Administration's Task Force on Student Financial Aid is a statewide financial aid program. Tuition has doubled in the last 10 years, and federal aid and subsidized federal loans have not kept pace with that growth. Students system-wide are borrowing more to pay for schooling. The Task Force on Student Financial Aid found that, "Debt financing becomes a public policy problem when student borrowing becomes a public policy problem when student borrowing becomes of college graduates enter the labor force with high accumulated debts from college."

Jeff Dayton, a junior in civil engineering, is one of those students who has accumulated a high amount of debt since entering school.

"I already have almost \$15,000 in loans to repay." Dayton said. "The more tuition and other expenses go up the more pressure there is to borrow. There comes a point when you wonder if being in debt for 10 years after you graduate is really worth it."

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With all this in mind, a statewide financial aid program has been developed.

The program is to address about 20 percent of the undergraduate unmet need throughout the university system. The average grant for a student whose average family income in S0 to \$14.999 will be \$1,308. This grant is meant to help students who have exhausted all of their available resources and still come up short.

Part of the goal of the grant is to make it understandable. When filling out financial aid forms such as a FAFSA (Free Application for

The financial aid task force feels that students in low-income families are discouraged by having to fill out forms, and that these families feel that college is not affordable.

"The whole thing is confusing," said Justin Boeckler, a sophomore in computer science. "You fill the stuff out, then they send it back to you if you've made a mistake. Then you send it back to gou and you don't know what you're supposed to do."

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The proposal for the statewide financial aid program is to be introduced this coming year into the North Carolina General Assembly. Legislators will decide whether to fully fund the program for fall of 2000. NCSU Director of Financial Aid, Julia Rice Mallette felt that if the program were fully funded, cially burdened.

The possibility of the UNC grant passing this spring may be small. The General Assembly has been forced to cut back state funded bud unmet need.

"I will do whatever it takes to stay in school," Boeckler said, "even if it means working a full time job and borrowing thousands of dollars."

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## **Butters**

introduced Lucent to an academic community that is rich in talent, vision and energy," Butters said.

"The research facility will be beneficial to both Lucent and NCSU," said Briamonte, "Lucent will be able to work hand in hand with the students and faculty."

"I am honored that N.C. State invited me to speak to its graduat-ing class," Butters said, "I believe our alliance with N.C. State will serve as a model for the success-ful integration of the worlds of academia and industry. Together, the possibilities are endless."

## Book

someone who would financially support it, pointed out Robert Schrag, a professor in communica-

aspects of the web."

Prudence Cuper, a master's student in education and veteran teacher of ten years, did just that, designing the web page as the culmination of a class in the development of teaching tools using technology. She said that prior to the

project she "knew nothing about the web, and had to learn it all."

Schrag has been studying the impact of media on itds for twenty years. Before the Internet was so widely used moost of his focus was on television, but more and more the Internet is becoming a medium that children in certain socio-economic groups are continuously exposed to. When asked of The Global Book Club project he said the liked the site."

"They're all good, quality books," described Cuper of the novels chosen for the project. According to the web page, books were chosen from the International Reading Association's 1999 list of top 100 Books for Children, books that have been winners of the Newbery Medal and various public schools' reading lists for middle school students.

Cuper, and one of her fellow

classmates. Alecia Jackson, had used the projects on the page. Cuper said that while she taught in New Jersey, Jackson had taught in the south. This pairing gave for a more broad project base with better tested ideas.

Such aspects as different learning styles and levels of intelligence, listed Cuper, were taken into consideration when designing the projects. Cuper used her classroom experience to pick topics and project that students enjoyed, rather than have a long list of dryer projects.

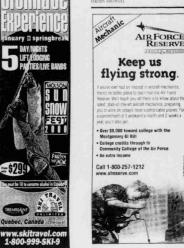
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LOS ANGELES — Before they reach for their handcuffs, Ray Nugent wants every cop out there to know they've got the wrong guy.

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He didn't rob that bank. He has got an evil win. Hones, angeles. County, law enforcement didn't believe him back in 1993, the Board of Supervisors agreed Tuesday to pay Nugent \$150,000 for wrongly putting him in jail for 13 days. The minesy came from a settlement reached with Nugent after he filed a \$13 and a million bassards usents the country of the property of









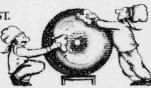


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## TECHNICIAN'S VIEW Balanced aid impossible?

minancial aid discrepancies are not unique to N.C. State. However, with the findings of a comprehensive report on financial aid in today's Technician, they appear to be particularly acute among the NCSU students.

The numbers tell the story of NCSU's plight: nearly 8,000 NCSU undergrads have unmet financial aid; overall, the university is \$32 million short of the financial aid needed by its students; NCSU receives less than half the federal aid that smaller sister school UNC-Chanel Hill tests.

that smaller sister school UNC-Chapel Hill gets.

Chancellor Marye Anne Fox seeks to salve the wounds created by this shortage with her much talked-about tuition increase proposal. The state of North Carolina is applying its own tuition tourniquet, in the form of a new grant that will give more aid to students across all 16 University of North Carolina campuses.

puses.

But the effectiveness of these measures in solving the NCSU problem

is in doubt.

The increase, should it pass, is particularly problematic. Yes, the money collected will go to improve financial aid (in addition to improving student-centered programs like Study Abroad).

able resources and still come up short." The grant, however, only dents the massive aid problem, leaving huge amounts still unfunded. There is also the question of where the money will come from. The assumption is that tax revenue will pay for the grant program. And that just leaves the student and his par-ents paying anyway. Though those responsible for dis-pensing a college education-univer-sity administrators-don't wish to admit it, attending college is fast become a luxury, one of the finer things only available to the financial elite.

## CAMPUS FORUM



All letters sent to Campus Forum (techforum-L@ncsu.edu) are the property of Technician. The Technician editorial staff reserves the right to edit all Campus Forum letters for content and space. There is a limit of 250 words on Campus Forum letters.

## Justification for DOT fine

I think that it's a case of Adam Leone acting irresponsibly (Campus Forum, "DOT acting irresponsibly," Monday, Nov. 299! DOT should raise his fine over \$40 to reimburse Technician for the cost of printing his sorry letter.

his sorry letter.

Leone admits that he parked where he was not supposed. As a senior in Business Management, he should know by now that if it says "No parking, 24-hour-towing enforced," then when he parks there he runs the risk of getting a ticket...no matter how many disks he has to drop off. He saw the sign, he ran the risk, and he got given the risk of day (6.30 p.m.) have nothing to do with his getting an "unfair" ticket.

**Ebonie Polite** 

may be an inefficient use of space. He should have raised that concern BEFORE getting the ticket. Now it seems that he just might be sore over a \$40 fine and brings up 'mefficient parking space management' as a state-resort plea to repeal the punishment for his irresponsible act.

ment for his irresponsible act.

He has a lot of gall to call on the DOT for a decent and mature explanation. All the explanation he needs is in the "AS-only" parking sign. Since that wasn't sufficient, he can look on the back of his parking isdeet and the explanation is even clearer. He got a tacket for parking where he wasn't supposed to?

Leone, if you have a gripe with DOT over inefficient use of the parking spaces, then bring it up, regardless of your fine and the fact that you couldn't find a space to park and drop off your disks. Show the university that, after four years of higher education, you're a winner, not a whiner, and you can "begin a Sec Forum. Fage 6

## Connect the dots and color!

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## Life's little things



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me to school, we'd sing "we'ne late; we're late for a very important date."

My father would tell me beditme stories that he'd make up as he went along, and my mother would bake bread and make fried hamand-cheese sandwiches.

And that's why I love them—not because they fed me and clothed me and housed me: all parents do that. I love them for the little things that no other parents did. How weird is that? What a wonderful paradox that the little things in life ironically are the big things in life.

There is a shiver of music at the Little things in life. There is a shiver of music at the Little things in slience across the sky all the time. Sex says, "I want you," but a kiss says, "I love you."

Sometimes, the moon is red.

all the time. Sex says, "I love you." but a kiss says. "I love you."

Sometimes, the moon is red. Sometimes, you wake up two minutes before your alarm and you get so angry that you missed out on those last two minutes. The little things are the big things. Why should that be a surprise? After all, the God that created the entire universe—stars and mountains and oceans—also made each sometials as different as each sunset. He created infrared vision, even though we can't see it with our naked eye—simply because the wanted to add that many layers to existence.

counts the hairs on your head and bothers to draw your fingerprints. And when He appeared to Elijah (1 Kings 19:11-13), "the Lord said, 'Go out and stand on the mountain in the presence of the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by.' Then a great and powerful wind tore the mountains apart and shattered the rocks before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind there was an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the carthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire came a gentle whisper. When Elijah heard it, he pulled his cloak over his face and went out and stood at the mouth of the cave. Then a voice said to him, 'What are you doing here. Elijah?''

So I ask you, 'reader, what are you doing here? In this season of thanksgiving and joy, are you doing here? In this season of thanksgiving and joy, are with a forestern of the presence of God's presence in your eyes and His Spirit in your friend's laugh?

Two thousand years ago, a man who was whispered into existence in a manger, Jesus, said two of the smallest words he could: "I am.' And for those two small words, he was nailed to a cross and killed.

His life lacked the decoration of a war hero and the brilliance of an inventor; He lived, after all, as an out-of-work travelling carpenter. The remarkable thing is that such a seemingly inconsequential death is a cross-cultural cornerstone, the undeniable worldwide hinge of history.

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Put down this paper and look at the world. See and listen and touch and taste and smell.

Wonders abound.

The little things are the big things.

Comments? Send to Richard at acsu\_writer@yahoo.com.

## Future value of a tuition increase

STEUE CRISP

In response to Andrew Payno (TOL, Tuesday, Nov. 16, 1999) "Dear Chancellor Fox")...

Get over it.

I will grant you that any increase in tuition will affect a certain number of students who necessarily toil to provide for their educational expenses.

es.

That is what financial aid is for.
Suppose that tuition and fees are
immediately raised to \$4,000 per
year. A four-year education at NCSU
would cost you \$16,000. considerably less than a single year at many
other institutions of higher learning.
In horrowing your entire educational
expense, upon graduation you would
be indebted to a lending body for
\$16,000 interest is deferred until
after graduation.) And you have 20
years or more to pay it back, with
scaled payments if necessary. So add
to that \$16,000 sum another
\$18,000 or so to cover interest owed over 20 years.
The total amount paid of
\$18,000 is not too much
more than the annual difference between the
income you will receive
in your first job as an educcated professional and the
prospect of spending the rest That is what financial aid is for

chased since you walked in cap and gown.

Ten years after graduation, it will be less than the cost of the clothes in your closet that you wear on a regular basis; the suits alone will have set you back about \$20,000. It will be about the same as the bass boat you purchase. It will be what you invest in your first moderate-risk, limited partnership venture.

Fifteen years after graduation.

Fifteen years after graduation, will be much less than the kitchen remodeling your wife wants to do—and which you WILL do. It will be less than the down payment on the beach cottage you buy as a summer getaway. It will be about the same cost of the built-in pool you add to your backyard. And you will do all of that in the same year, because you can easily afford life's pleasures at this point in your career.

sale of your first home. It will be far less than the annual dividends paid on your stock portfolio. It will be some \$200,000 less than the amount in your minimal return, but safe. The possibil account into which you have been depositing \$500 per month. It will be one year's tuttion at NCSU, your alma mater, which you will want your son or daughter to attend because the education and experience made you what you will be at that time.

Thirty years after graduation, it

ence made you what you will be at that time.

Thirty years after graduation, will be one-teeth the amount you will pay in eash for the warehouse-converted, loft apartment in New Orleans you have always wanted. It will be the price of the sound system you install in that loft apartment. It will be the annual sea-license price for the skybox in which you watch Raleigh's NFL team, who are playing in the new 120,000-seat Carter-Fox stadium you donated \$150,000 to help build.

Forty years after graduation, it will be the cost of perhaps a week's vacation in Europe. It will be about what you will pay for the average used car as a present for your grandchild's 61th brirdbal, it will be less than the diamond carrings you purchase for

Fifty years after graduation, it won't even pay for your funeral. In your lifetime, you will have been compensated approximately the sum of nine million dollars just from carned income, and accumulation of the compensation to which you could become a university professor at NCSU and SO years professor and the compensation to which you can be compensation to which you can be compensation to which you are entitled. Or you could become a university professor at NCSU and SO years

pensation to which you are entitled.

Or you could become a university professor at NCSU and, 50 years from now, while on your deathbed, you will worry about how your wife is going to make ends meet with the meager savings you have been able to put aside.

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As the close of the semester rapidly approaches, many of us will find ourselves with calculator in hand attempting to guess what our grade will be in a class. For many classes it is straightforward, but for others it is a crap shoot because a portion of your grade depends on attendance.

We find ourselves calling up Louie the Bull to get the Vegas spread on our grade in UNDER-WATER BASKETWEAVING 101 because, though our grades on

coursework are high, our lack of attendance could be very detrimental to our overall grade.

One of my favorite professors made the point that a majority of our tuttion is paid by the taxpayers and that we, as students, have an obligation to attend class because of the taxpayer investment. obligation to attend class I of the taxpayer investment

of the taxpayer investment. I disagree.

The monies that are paid by taxpayers to support students' education also go to support the professors in the form of salary. If you can miss class and make a good grade, one of two things is happening. The material in the class is well below your level of learning and you should move on to a

and interests his or her students.
For example, I took a lab some time ago that consisted of a laboratory and a discussion session. I went for the few sessions of the discussion only to find that the material the professor covered in he label and the material the professor covered in the later that week. The session consisted purely of him talking for 50 minutes. Although the professor threatened to report those that had bad attendance to the dean, I chose to no longer attend.

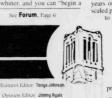
Long story short, I finished in

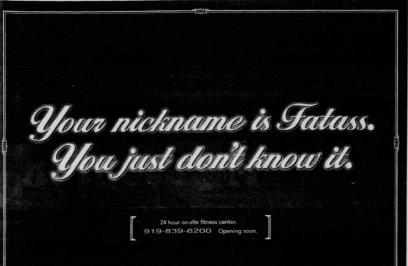
the top 10 of the entire class. A significant number of the top students in the class habitually skipped his discussion. If he had reported me or any other student to the dean, what could he have said?

"Yeah. Matthew here never comes to class and makes A's on everything. I want him to retake the course."

Don't get me wrong, the course was challenging, but my success

was challenging, but my success can be attributed directly to the excellent lab instructor I had and in no way to the professor's discussion period. Not to mention, I





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## **Forum**

civil dialogue" and raise "many more issues" with DOT without being upset over getting caught in the wrong parking space.

Jesse Sequoyah Taylor Graduate Student

After today, there is but one between you and the millennium. Scary? Perhaps. **But we thought** you should know.

## Skip

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never missed a lab.
There is a secondary component to the aforementioned lab every spring. I was expecting to have a similar experience to that of the previous fall. I was pleasantly surprised to find the instructor engaging, and the material he covered complemented the experiments to be performed. If you missed his discussion, you would find it very difficult to complete the lab. I found myself, along with a majority of my classmaters, attending nearly every morning to learn, despite its 8 a.m. meeting time.

By the way, this professor never made mention of attendance policies or threatened to report those students who did not show up to class.

cies or threatened to report those students who did not show up to class.

It has been my experience that classes with strict attendance policies are generally taught by professors whose ability to teach or relate to his or her students is sub-pat. The attendance policies they implement are not there necessarily for your best interest as a student; rather, they know only a handful will attend a class on any given day. Think about it. You are a professor with a class of 100 or so students of which only five to 10 show up. It is disheartening, to say the least.

A student who can make a good grade without attending class should not be punished. If overall attendance in a class is poor, it should be a signal to the instructor that something needs to change internally with the course to keep students attending.

Admittedly, a professor will rarely have 100 percent attendance. There are those students who never attend, even if there is an attendance policy. But if Ca course is challenging, the professor engaging and the material discussed in class necessary for the full comprehension of the core cepts taught, attendance overall will be consistently high. Those who do not attend will not be successful.



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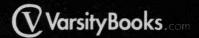
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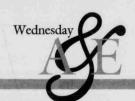
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## e Against t e Machine



## "The Battle of Los Angeles" Rage Against the Machine

It's been three years since Rage Against the Machine released their epic collection. "Evil Empire." and since then, their sound has gotten popular-really popular. Kid Rock, Limp Bizkit and Korn (somewhat to a lesser degree though) have embraced the fusion of rock and rap and marketed it to the mainstream community.

However, despite this mass marketing, there are several things that separate Rage from your typical, pseudo-trendy rock/rap tandems. First and foremost, perhaps, is the fact that despite the popularity of this "genre." RATM is still unique-or, as the clicke goes. "often imitated, never duplicated." Unless you develop a hearing problem, mistaking Rage for Limp Bizkit is highly

unlikely. As noted on each RATM album, "all sounds made by guitar, bass, drums and vocals."
Tom Morello's incredible talent is irrefutable, particularly on tracks like "Guerrilla Radio and "Woice of the Voiceless," where you could easily mistake Morello's guitar for a harmonica or bagpipes.
The second thing that separates Rage from most groups in their genre, and the music industry for that matter, is their political and social consciousness. "The Battle of Los Angeles" arrives at a perfect time for a fan that might be seeking something more than superfluous be from their music.
In all their music, Rage promotes activism among their listeners-something that I find extremely refreshing. The band continues their unwavering support of Mumia Abu-Jamal on "Voice of the Voiceless" and the album's first single "Guerrilla Radio." In addition, RATM weighs

in on the status of the Mexican political and educational systems on "War within a Breath" and "Ashes in the Fall."
Moreover, though, "The Battle of Los Angeles" is a call to arms, as it questions the rhetoric of politicians and the chetoric of politicians and the chetoric of politicians and the rhetoric of politicians and the rhetoric of politicians and the rhetoric of moliticians and the rhetoric of the politicians and the rhetoric of the politicians and the result of the less fortunate in "Born of a Broken Man."

"Hope lies in tha smoldering rubble of empires/Back through the shanties and tha cities remains/Thas same bodies buried hungry/but with different last names/These vultures rob every-one/Leave nothing but change," Zach de la Rocha sings on "Calm like a Bomb."

Only one difficulty arises after listening to the latest release from Raqe Against the Machine...is "The Battle of Los Angeles" better than "Evil Empire" or their self-entitled debut? I'll have to get back to you on that...







## Alanis Morissette performs "Unplugged"



Natalie Duggins
Music Critic

## Alanis Morissette -"MTV Unplugged"

Let me preface this review by saying two things...first, I love Alanis Morissette and have since "Ironic" was ingrained into the minds of every music listener years ago, Secondly, I love acoustic music—it tends to breed an emotional connection that often times is lost with your typical electric-driven music.

But (you had to know that was coming), "MTV Unplugged" has become a scared arena and you'd be hard pressed to sell me another version of the unplugged series. See, when someone mentions the words "MTV Unplugged," only one band comes to mind—Nirvana. And even an artist as merit-worthy as Alanis can't detract from that. I remember Nirvana's performance distinctly, and I wasn't even a big fan of the band back then. It was the performance of "All Apologies" that got to me—and still does whenever I listen to it—so from that point on "MTV Unplugged" secame uncharted and sacred ground.

But now, the corporate detites at MTV have decided to revamp the show and make more money off this fleeting idea. The return of "MTV Unplugged" seems that much more unnecessary, considering that most bands or artists nowadays would be incapable of producing great music through an acoustic set, Granted that could be

why they picked Alanis for the first edition of "Unplugged." While she is not at the height of her popularity, she may be among the few that can pull this off relatively unscathed.

One thing that this album fails to do is truly capture Alanis' stage presence, which, if you've ever been to a show, is uncanny. Her ability to connect with audiences and experience some cathartic reaction during her performance is a given in any Alanis performance—but is not reflected in the "MTV Unplugged" edition.

The album revisits tracks from Morissette's mainstream debut, "Jagged Little Pill," and her less successful follow-up, "Supposed Former Infatuation Junkie" (which, in retrospect, I would consider the better album of the two). But, Alanis also throws in a couple of original tracks to make her edition of "MTV Unplugged" a bit more tolerable than most.

"No Pressure over Cappuccino," "Princes Familiar" and "These R the Thoughts" are all quintessential Alanis—intensely personal, but yet somewhat inclusive. One of the album's highlights is Morissette's performance of "King of Pain" (scripted originally by Sting and performed by the Police). This is a good album—particularly the performance of "Uninvited" that closes the album—but Nirvan raised the bar for all past and future versions of "MTV Unplugged," and it seems almost impossible to foresee anyone, even Alanis, surpassing the bar.

## 'Story' soars to infinity, beyond

PETER JUESBULGE
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With the 1995 release of Toy Story, Pixar pushed the capacity of animation to imagination's infinity. Toy Story 2 soars beyond, picking up quite nicely where the original left off and developing the familiar characters in delphful new ways.

Seeing this spectacular extension of the first film on the big screen where we can appreciate the full range of its visual depth, it's hard to imagine that Disney once considered sending this sequel straight to video. In the short time since the first moved light years forward, giving the Pixar whiz kids the chance to expand the scope, polish the look and concentrate on enriching the story the second time around.

If there is a flaw to the original Toy Story, it would be the way that each of the characters is narrowly defined by a single amusing trait. This time around, the characters interact with personae as fully-dimensional as their sharply rendered appearances. We get a sense that Buzz Lightyear has adjusted to his toy status and now Woody is more than just the jealous old toy in the chest. Where antagonism fueled the duo's relationship before, an incorruptible friendship now bonds them.

Much more substantial than just "the further adventures of Buzz and Woody," Toy Story 2 nicely complements its source. In a way, it feels like the missing half of the first film. When Woody is snatched by a greedy toy collector, Buzz gests the opportunity to repay his pull-string cowboy buddy for rescuing him from Sid.

Buzz spent most of Toy Story coping with his role

change from intergalactic space ranger to one of Andy's toys. Woody, on the other hand, has no inkling of his origins. It's not until he's nabbed by toy fiend Big Al (a meticulously rendered human, complete with realistic facial hair, putting angular Andy and his clunky mother to shame) in the sequel that Woody meets the other characters from the Woody's Roundup television show and discovers his vintage toy roots.

Introduced to his companions, who are already part of Big Al's collection, Woody meets his knock-kneed steed Builseye, cowgal pal Jessie (Joan Cusack in grating "yee ha!" mode) and mint-in-the-box rival Stinky Pete (Kelsey Grammer).

Now it's Woody's turn for an identity crisis. Confronted with his past, he must decide whether to escape back to Andy or join his newfound Roundup friends in museum-bound immortality. In a sequence that steals the movie and changes Woody's mind, Jessie shares her own memories of her previous owner Emily, who eventually grew too old to appreciate her ragdoll cowgirl companion.

As Jessie's tender reflections play out in a touching and bittersweet montage set to Sarah McLachlan's "When her better the most expendable moment proves to be an awe-inspiring stretch of dazzling animation and sentiment. Woody also senses that he won't always be Andy's top priority, and it is this realization that ranks this film as The Velveteen Rabbit for a new generation of tots.

With its brouder themes and wider perspective, Toy Story 2 britins with creative genius and endearing animated anties, Limbel to coroniece Mattel to let them use Barthe in the first film, Psvar works the world's most blowed binbio into the fun this time. Things get even more exciting when you make room for an action-figure incarnation of Buzz Lightyear's nemesis Emperor Zurg, especially for a helpful new Buzz who hasn't quite come

Keep your eyes open for the geriatric title character of Pixar's solo chess-match short Geri's Game, appearing in a cameo as "the Cleaner." As an added treat, Pixar introduces the feature with Luxo Jr., the short behind the com-pany's hopping lamp logo. Toy Story 2 is loaded with in-jokes for fans of the original, yet newcomers should be able to adjust with ease. Beyond the entertainment value of sly self-references, film savvy viewers should get a kick out of a hilarious "objects in mirror..." Jurassic Park aga and a Star Wars twist with a family-friendly resolu-tion.

Looking back at Toy Story, which stands quite nicely on Looking back at Toy Story, which stands quite nicely on its own, we suddenly understand how perfectly Pixar's first film prepared a launching point for a follow-up. That the Pixar team can take Buzz. Woody and the other toys in such wild new directions without pausing to reintroduce their characters proves just how effectively Toy Story established this lovable ensemble. Naturally, it helps that toys like Mr. Potato Head, Speak & Spell and Lenny (the binoculars) figure prominently in our own childhood memories.

childhood memories.

This heartfelt continuation of cinema's youngest classic knows how much we once loved certain toys and suspects that we still do. Most relevant to the non-kid component of the audience, Toy Story 2 cleverly pokes fun at those who have forgotten that the true value of toys comes from something more than their still being wrapped in an unopened package.



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finish at the Nebraska Sprint
Classic, a third-place finish at the
Cornhusker's Shootout and an
eighth-place finish at North
Carolina's Nike Cup.
In addition to their success at
these three meets, the Pack men
and women have recently enjoyed
monstrous, blowout victories over
the University of South Carolina
and Duke.
All of this early season success.

## Soccer

of the seniors who led the 1999 Pack (7-9-2, 1-4-2), but ACC coaches must be eyeing Kerrigan's moves during the signing period. If the second-year head coach finds firepower tantamount to that in her last recruiting class, a return to the NCAA tournament for the Pack, the 1989 national runner-up, would be well within reach.

Freshmen Rachel Durr, Gretchen Lear and Laura Scott are set to return after contributing to the Pack's success this past season.

Coach Scott Hammond.

"I'm really happy with how both teams have performed at such a high level this early in the season," said Hammond. "It is definitely the result of hard work and great leadership."

The Pack men, who are current-placed in the conference and ranked in the conference and ranked in the top 30 nationally, are heading into their meet against the Bobcats with the hopes of another convincing victory. They have already defeated a pair of top-20 teams, Florida State and Nebraska, this season.

Hammond, who served as head coach of the men's and women's teams at Ohio for nine seasons before he returned to NCSU, points to the effort and leadership of last seasons' & All-Americans as an immense positive for the team so far this season.

"Braden Holloway, Walter Magnusson, Jared Proto and Greg."

Bratelly been outstanding.

Lear kicked off the season with a shutout over Davidson. She then posted a shutout over Wofford and split time with Jessica Glazer in Pack wins over UNC-Wilmington and Virginia Tech.

and Virginia Tech.

However, following Glazer's act in goal is a tall order for Lear. Glazer was among the ACC's best in save percentage with a .784 mark. Even when some of the country's most prolific scorers penetrated N.C. State's defense, Glazer made difficult saves look routine. Potent offenses from North Carolina, last season's national semifinalist, Duke and Virginia were held to three or fewer goals — two in the Tar Heels' case.

for us since day one," said Hammond.

The Pack women are heading into this meet facing a much tougher challenge. They were defeated badly by Ohio last season and have never defeated the Bobcats. This confident squad, however, may be the group that snaps that streak.

snaps that streak.

"Our women have been outstanding," said Hammond. "After beating Penn State and Cincinnati in Nebraska, our confidence is definitely there."

Although the women lost many contributors to graduation, they are still performing at a high level.

"We may have lost some seniors from last year due to graduation, but we haven't skipped a beat," said Hammond, "The squad has worked really hard and are per-forming just as well as we did last season."

Against Davidson, N.C. State's opponent in the home opener, Durr and Scott netted the game's only goals. In the Virginia game, Scott generated the Pack's only offense, scoring one goal, and against Louisville, she complemented another goal with three assists.

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Senior leaders next season will be Lea Gunnell, a midfielder, and the battle-tested Shannon Tully, a for-

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N.C. State women's basketball defeated Georgia Tech Tuesday for its first Atlantic Coast Conference win of the

## Women's basketball stings Yellow Jackets

Sports staff Report

ATLANTA — Summer Erb had
15 points and 14 rebounds and
reserve Ivy Gardner scored 19 as
No. 6 N.C. State beat Georgia
Tech 80-70 Tuesday night.
NCSU led by as many as 22
points in the second half and the
outcome was never really in
doubt. Erb, who struggled last
weekend in the Cancun
Tournament but is last season's
Atlantic Coast Conference Player
of the Year, left with 13-23 to play
after picking up her fourth foul.
She returned at the 5-19 mark
after Fech cut NCSU's 22-point
lead to 65-54 on a 3-pointer by
Danielle Donehew.

Georgia Tech hung around after Erb reentered the lineup, but Terah James gave the Wolfpack (6-0, 1-0 ACC) its double-digit lead back with a layup with 2:06 to go. The lead was 73-63 at that

point.

James finished with 15 points and Tynesha Lewis added 10 for the Wolfpack.

Candice McCallum led Tech (3-1, 0-1) with 16 points. Donehw added 15 for the Jackets, who shot only 35.3 percent from the floor. NCSU shot 47 percent for the game.

game.

The Yellow Jackets received a scare in the first half when guard Neisha Butler, last year's ACC Freshman of the Year, left the

BIG TEN

crutches.

During a 12-2 run midway, through the first half, Tech built a pair of eight-point leads on baskets by Danielle Donehew. But after Donehew's three-pointer at the 8:29 mark, the Jackets managed only two field goals before intermission.



## Pack look ahead to next year

♦ The women's soccer team hopes to have a breakout season with young talent in 2000.

ROB GODFREY

It appears that recruiting a number of prominent freshmen from all over the United States prior to the 1999 season could pay off for Wolfpack women's soccer coal.

Obviously, pursuing and signing the nation's best players would benefit a soccer program, especially one ready to return to national competitiveness. But Kerrigan's recruiting provess could pay off in a hige

ing prowess could pay off in a huge



Shannon Blair is one of the few key losses for the Pack.

She will be able to work with virtually the same nucleus of personnel between 2000 and 2001.
Graduating five seniors from a team that placed sixth in the powerful ACC, N.C. State's women's soccer team should continue its ascent toward conference title contention in 2000 with a very young team that will feature 13 sophomores and only two seniors.

Not to downplay the significance

## Swim teams look to keep rolling

♦ Both the men's and women's swim teams are off to a strong start as they swim against Ohio University tonight.

DAVID HOBGOOD

Who are the fiercer predators in the wilderness: the Wolfpack or the Bobcats?
While that question may remain uncertain. N.C. State wants to show Ohio University Who's fiercer in the swimming pool. The Pack will Center opportunity



wim teams hosts Ohio

ther a strong start. The Pack are 5-0 with recent first-

# **N.C. State takes the Challenge** that," said NCSU forward Damon Thornton. "This is probably the first time we've seen a team this good with this many old players." The Pack will be without starting forward ling, who will be out four to six weeks with a partially torn MCL in his left knee. The absence of linge will put an extra burden on both Thornton and Kelley to contain Cardinal, who can be a force in the low post. "He gets on the floor more in one game than some players get on the floor in a season," Thornton said. "He plays hard." Purdue (2-1) opened the season in Hawaii with the Maui Invitational. The Boilermakers beat then sixth-ranked Florida 79-68 before falling to fourth-ranked North Carolina, 90-75, in the finals. Aside from Inge. Tim Wells will.

in the ACC Big Ten Challenge.

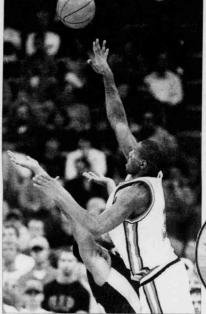
JACK DALY

N.C. State men's basethall team will take a break from its usual cream-puff non-conference schedule to take on the 19th-ranked Purdue Boilermakers tonight.

The game is part of the ACC/Big Ten Challenge, which started Tuesday and will conclude today. Tip-off is slated for 7:30 p.m. in West Layafette, Ind.

NCSU (3-0) has started the season off with wins over Georgia. Old Dominion and Stetson. This will be the only time the team plays a ranked opponent until it gets into conference action on Jan.
6 against Maryland.
It is also the first road game for a squad that uses the start of the

game for a squad that Layafette, Ind. uses three freshmen. Damie en Wilkins. TV: ESPN2 Damie en Wilkins and Clifford Crawford, in its main rotation. "We're going to find out some things about ourselves," NCSU Coach Herb Sendek said. "Either way, they won't be the final story, but we're going to get some indications, we're going to grow indications, we're going to get some indications.



Damon Thornton will look to pick up some of the slack that exists up front because of the injury to Kenny Inge. Purdue is solid up front.

point to playing our guys," Sendek said. "They're good play-ers, they're working hard at prac-tice, and I think more than any-thing else right now, they're giv-

ing us great energy when they come in."

Purdue is a veteran squad led by seniors Brian Cardinal and Jaraan Cornell. The squad relies on team defense and balanced scoring.

In all, the Boilermakers (eature five seniors and their average age is almost 23 years old.

"It's a rarity to see a team like



All-ACC picks headlined by Georgia Tech's Joe Hamilton and Virginia's Thomas Jones.

GREENSBORO, N.C. (AP) —
Offensive record-setters for Hamilton and Virginia's Thomas Jones to pped The Associated Press all-Atlantic Coast Conference football team for 1999 that included nine spots from No. 1 Florids State.

Hamilton of Georgia Tech and Jones of Virginia were the only unanimous elections to the team as voted on by 69 members of the Atlantic Coast Sports Writers Association. Hamilton, a 5-foot-10, 189-pound quarterback, concluded his career No. 1 on the ACC's all-time total offense list with 10.640 yards and fourth on the league's career passing chart with 8.882. He also finished as the league's all-time leader in touchdown passes with 65 and field frist in touchdown responsibility at 83.

This past season, Hamilton also set the ACC's single season mark with 3.794 yards of total offense.

Meanwhile, Jones rushed for 1,798 of Virginia's 2,106 yards to break a 29-year-old league record for single-season rushing yards. North Carolina's Dan McCauley set the previous record of 1,720 yards. Maryland's LaMont Jordan joined

Atlantic Coast Conference football teams as voted on by 69 members of the Atlantic Coast Sports Writers Association, NOTE: Total points in



parenthesis. A first-place vote is worth two points and a second place FIRST TEAM

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RB-LaMont Jordan, Jr., Maryland

WR-Peter Warrick, Sr., Florida St. (127) WR-Kelly Campbell, So., Georgia

Tech (94)
TE-Alge Crumpler, Jr., North
Carolina (84)
T-Jon Carman, Sr., Georgia Tech
(128)

(128) T-Tarlos Thomas, Jr., Florida St.

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G-Noel LaMontagne, Sr., Virginia (123)
G-Jason Whitaker, Sr., Florida St. (103)
C-John St. Clair, Sr., Virginia (97) PK-Sebastian Janikowski, Jr., Florida St. (128)

DEFENSE DL-Corey Simon, Sr., Florida St. (137) DL-Chris Combs, Sr., Duke (114)

LB-Tommy Polley, Jr., Florida St.

(115) LB-Dustin Lyman, Sr., Wake Forest 89) DB-Robert Carswell, Jr., Clemson

DB-Lloyd Harrison, Sr., N.C. state. (111) DB-Mario Edwards, Sr., Florida St.

DB-Lewis Sanders, Jr., Maryland

(110)
P-Brian Schmitz, Sr., North Carolina
(124)
SP-Peter Warrick, Sr., Florida St.
(81)

## SECOND TEAM

OFFENSE QB-Chris Weinke, Jr., Florida St. 55)

RB-Morgan Kane, Sr., Wake Forest RB-Travis Minor, Jr., Florida St.

WR-Rod Gardner, Jr., Clemson (66) WR-Dez White, Jr., Georgia Tech (54)

TE-John Waerig, Sr., Maryland (41) T-Brad Messina, Sr., Maryland (56) T-Brett Williams, Fr., Florida St.,

G-Jason Burks, Sr., Georgia Tech (52) G-Jamie Wu, Sr., Maryland (49)

C-Eric Thomas, Sr., Florida St. (64) PK-Sims Lenhardt, Sr., Duke (53)

DEFENSE

DL-Fred Robbins, Sr., Wake Forest DL-Jamal Reynolds, Jr., Florida St.

DL-Bryan Ray, Jr., Wake Forest (42)

DL-Terry Jolly, Jr., Clemson (40) LB-Brian Allen, Jr., Florida St. (48) LB-Shannon Taylor, Sr., Virginia

LB-Byron Thweatt, Jr., Virginia (35) DB-Derrick Gibson, Jr., Florida St.

DB-Tony Scott, Sr., N.C. State (48)

DB-Dextra Polite, Sr., Clemson (40) P-Brian Morton, Jr., Duke (45) SP-Scottie Montgomery, Sr., Duke