

#### Road trip?

A Weekend Excursion of a different sort...check out A&E for further details.



Morgan...

Pits Jesus against the Easter Bunny today in Opinion.



#### Leaving here

Marshall Willaims is taking his ball and going home.



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# Nightwalk final findings

◆The annual event held two weeks ago succeeded in promot-ing awareness of the dangers lurk-ing on dark streets, in bushes and in hidden areas.

TREY GODWIN

NC. State's annual Nightwalk, which was held two weeks ago, brought out 45 participants representing NCSU students. faculty and staff. The goal of Nightwalk 2K was to promote campts safety at NCSU, and the mission was accomplished.

Sallie Ricks, a facilities planner and designer who has been with the university for 15 years, summed up the general consensist from the participants by stating that "overall, the campus is noticeably brighter and there is a much more positive feeling."

For the Nightwalk event, NCSU was divided into 11 sections, including the College of Veterinary Medicine and Centennial Campus, as well as the main campus area. Interdisciplinary teams consisting of at least one representative from facilities and the student body went to each locale, closely examing their assigned area for possible safety and lighting hazards. According to Student Government's final report, there were approximately 170 light problems, excluding blue safety lights. The problems ranged from the lights being completely out, light covers being off, lights that were too dim, several ballast that were too dim, several ballast that were thought of the off and on mode and locations that probably need to be fellowed.

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# Dorm fire forces

# students to move

◆The accidental blaze was caught early on by students who noticed smoke coming from the third-floor.

An accidental fire in Becton Hall Tuesday forced two students to relocate and resulted in heat and smoke damage to Room 319, according to loc Campbell, assistant director of East Campus. Becton Hall residents noticed smoke pouring from the third floor room around 12:30 p.m. Tuesday and called it in, since the room's residents were not present at the time.

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A Public Safety officer controlled the fire the fire department arrived on the scene. The fire was caught early on and caused mostly heat and smoke damage.

"There wasn't any intentibetind it," said Campbell.

According to Terry Wright, assistant director of Public Safety, a burning candle started

the fire. The flame jumped from the candle to a nearby lamp and chair and spread from there. Since the blaze was not intention-ally set, no criminal charges are pending, although the incident is still being looked into, Wright said. still being looked into, Wright said.

The room's two occupants relocated to another room on campus, and probably will not return to their original room, said Campbell. The clean-up process will not begin until insurance agents survey the damage. Most of the room's fruntiure, including the bedding and clothing of the residents, is not likely to be recovered.

The smoke and heat damage was contained to the room. "This is another example of how rooms on campus are pretty safe," said Campbell.

Although no criminal charges for the actual fire will be filed, violations could result if anyone is found responsible for possession of a candle in a residence hall, said Campbell.

# Few voices heard at forum



Charlie Cobb, Tom Stafford and Raj Mirchandani (left to right) address the students at Tuesday night's ticket forum.

♦Plagued by low attendance, Tuesday night's ticket distribution forum still produced good ideas, according to Tom Stafford.

JIMMY RYRLS

At 6 p.m. Tuesday night, the only full row in the Witherspoon Student Center Cinema was the first one in the center section, which was reserved for members of the Ticket Distribution Task Force.

That was still the case an hour and a half later, as the ticket distribution forum wound

later, as the ticket distribution forum wound down.

Members of the task force expected the auditorium to be full of students discussing new ticket distribution ideas, as campout is no longer a possibility. Fewer than 20 students were present for the first—and, probably, the last—opportunity hey would have to share their thoughts with task force members before their May I report to Chancellor Marye Anne Fox.

"I was really stunned with the turnout."

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"I was really student Affairs and task orce Chair Stafford said. "But what we lost n number of students, we made up for in done."

given numbered wristbands and wait for their numbers to be called. The other was 'the notion that there needs to be an event that builds school spirit. "That's something we've talked a lot about." Stafford said.

about," Stafford said.

Task force member and Student Senate
President-elect Conen Morgan said that
maintaining school spirit after campout is a

priority.

"Campout or not, you get tickets or not, we want to have a big party," said Morgan.

The few students who were at the forum offered concerns with the proposal already on the table. Two major concerns recurred among them. One was the students' problems with Internet-based distribution plans.

"I think technology makes things too easy," said junior Kristel Jernigan. "I think going to get tickets should be a personal experience."

going to get seperience," Junior Gray Gainor offered an alternative to the Web-heavy distributions. He suggest-ed splitting the tickets into two sets; the first would be used for an early, "live," line-up for tickets. The second set of tickets would be given to those students interested in reg-

for tickets. The second set of tickets would be given to those students interested in registering over the Internet. Junior Dipak Shah shared Jernigan's opinion on Web distributions, adding that there is a need to get tickets to "true fans." Stafford spoke at greater length after the forum about the task force's difficulties establishing who deserves tickets more.
"Every student pays an athletics fee," said

Stafford, "As far as I'm concerned, the means every student has a right to have

ticket."

Shah and Jernigan found particular fault with a proposal that would require students to sign up in groups for distribution via email. Such a policy, Jernigan said, would create empty seats at games, as students would use the IDs of friends uninterested in the game, simply to get more tickets. The other topic most frequently addressed by students at the forum was the number of students are available at men's home basketball games.

To that end, Assistant Athletics Director

Student Seals valuation at their shorter bas-kethall games.

To that end, Assistant Athletics Director Charlie Cobb said that the athletics depart-ment is negotiating with Gale Force Holdings to get more sideline student seating at men's home basketball games.

Cobb further said that the number of stu-dent tackets available is largely dictated by season ticket sales. Season ticket sales jumped from 3,800 last year at Reynolds. Coliseum to 13,985 this year at the Entertainment and Sports Aerea.

Regardless of available tackets, however, some students would still likely go without for big games.

"If we'd had 30,000 seats for that game

for big games.
"If we'd had 30,000 seats for that game [the UNC-Chapel Hill game], it still wouldn't have been enough," Cobb said.

One new distribution idea discussed last night was that of a lock-in or "camp-in" for

## Kick the tires, too



Ryan McMahan, a sophomore in mechanical enginee stopped to check out the horsepower in the Wolfpac red S110 parked in the Brickyard Tuesday afternoon.

# Feed Raleigh to replenish food sources

when annual reed rateign char-ty will call upon campus organi-zations and members of the NCSU community to help collect food for the North Carolina Food Bank.

EMILY TOWNLEY

N.C. State students have not given up in their endeavor to assist those who faced incredible losses after Hurricane Floyd's destruction last fall. Feed Raleigh, an annual canned-food drive sponsored by Student Government, is scheduled for Saturday, April 29 from 10 a.m. to 4 pm. This year, students are focusing their efforts on replenishing the North Carolina Food Bank's food supply, which was depleted due to the difficult year that this area

has had.
"The food bank's supply is very low right now," said Nickayla Myers, co-chair of Feed Raleigh. "This event is usually held in the fall semester, but we wanted to wait until the spring this year to remind people that there are still lots of people in need after the flood."

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The organizers of Feed
Raleigh have recruited campus
groups to distribute plastic bags
and filters to pro-determined restidential areas surrounding the
NCSU campus on April 22, 23,
24 and 25. The groups are then
responsible for collecting the
food-filled bags from these
homes on April 29 and returning them to the Feed Raleigh
committee at the InterResidence Council-sponsored
trucker Beach Blast, scheduled
for the same day.
Students, faculty and members

Students, faculty and members of the community are also encouraged to bring food items

to Tucker Beach on April 29, said Tara Farrar, co-chair of Feed Raleigh.

Feed Raleigh organizers are providing each registered group with nametags, bags, informational fliers and maps of their collection areas. Each group is responsible for distributing at least 150 bags, said Myers.

"We are certainly not stopping groups from distributing and collecting more bags. Some groups want to cover really large areas, and wer the definitely areas, and wer to definitely and the collection of terms for Feed Raleigh, the Campus in Action service organization is offering a \$200 prize to the group that collects for the most food. This money can be donated to the charity of the group's choice, according to Nate Wigner, co-founder of Campus in Action.

"One of the major goals of

"One of the major goals of CIA [Campus in Action] is to

support and facilitate service organizations on campus," said Wigner. "We think that this is a good way to do that," he said. Wigner has helped recruit groups to participate in Feed Raleigh and has been active in publicizing the event to the campus community.

He has encouraged Resident Directors and Resident Directors and Resident Directors and Resident Directors are participate in Feed Raleigh by collecting food items from their residents.

East, West, Central and North Campuses are each independently eligible for the \$200 prize, as well, said Wigner.

"We're really trying to get the campus involved," he said. "The service organizations know what Feed Raleigh is, but we want to make sure that all students know that they can participate, too."

Tara Farrar, co-chair of Feed Raleigh, added that campus C-



Thursday marks the first anniversary of the massacre at Columbine High School in Littleton, Colo., when Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold rampaged through the school killing 12 students and a teacher. What have we learned and how has the specter of school violence changed since then? Dr. Pannela Riley, executive director of the Center for the Prevention of School violence is continuing to gain attention and there is growing awareness that the educational missions of schools are being disrupted by violent incidents, Riley and Dr. Robert Schrag, an NCSU specialist in how violent media programming affects children, are willing to talk about their views.

Riley is a former classroom teacher and principal who heads the N.C. Center for the Prevention of School Violence.

based at NCSU. She has devel-oped a multifaceted program for the prevention of violence in schools, which includes teacher training of School Resource Officers and training teachers and principals in safe school planning. Riley presents train-ing workshops and research studies across the nation. Many schools have adopted the cen-ter's model. Author of Taming the Wild

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Author of Taming the Wild Tube: A Family's Guide to Television and Video, Schrag is a nationally recognized expert on the effects of media on children, youth and families and is an NCSU professor of communica-tion. His latest research centers on the impact of the Internet. Schrag said the news media needs to show restraint and sensi-tivity: "Anniversary coverage of the Columbine shootings should be mutect, perhaps nonexistent. If the community wishes to acknowledge the anniversary that is their option. The media should realize that the tasteless replay of the footage from the day of the shootings will only reopen wounds in the community which

may, hopefully, have begun to

The N.C. State College of Engineering and Management and AT&T are sponsoring a atellite feed lecture by Rick Roscitt, president of AT&T Durings Sorvices Roscitt, president of AT&T Business Services, on Wednesday, April 26 from 4 to 5 p.m. The lecture will be held in Auditorium Room 136 on the ground floor of the Engineering Graduate Research Center (EGRC) on Centennial Campus. It will also be available via the Web by logging on to: www.att.com/e-alliance. Roscitt's lecture is a part of the AT&T Leaders in Networking Series and is entitled "Networking in the New e-con-ony." The lecture is free and open to the public.

North Carolina Sea Grant marine education specialist, Lundie Spence, has been hon-ored for her leadership in the state's environmental education

Spence has been named a NOAA Environmental Hero for 2000. Initiated in 1996, NOAA's environmental heroes are recog-

nized for their "tireless efforts to preserve and protect the nation's environment." A reception will be held to honor from 1:30 to 3 p.m. on Thursday, April 20, in Caldwell Hall lounge. NC State faculty and staff are invited to

In addition to working at Sea Grant, Spence is a NC State associate faculty member in the Department of Marine, Earth associate facuny in Department of Marine, Earth and Atmospheric Sciences and the Division of Multidisciplinary Studies.

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Over the years, Spence has led numerous efforts to protect the state's environment. In 1987, she initiated the first Big Sweep in North Carolina. That year saw 1,000 volunteers gather 14 tons of trash on North Carolina's beaches. By 1995 each of the state's 100 counties had designated a Big Sweep coordinator, the program continues today as a nonprofit organization.

Spence, who teaches coastal issues and ocean frontier courses at NC State, also has been influential on the college level. In 1997, she initiated the first environmental education course taught on undergraduate and graduate levels in the University of North Carolina system. Through interactive video technology, the course reaches four UNC campuses.

Most of the pledges taken this year, however, were made dur-ing the Annual Fund's calling campaign at the end of January.

campaign at the end of January. The Council hopes to raise a total of \$9,000 to pay for the benches. Currently, approximately \$4.500 has been raised, and \$14,000 has been pledged. Lenora Kart of the Annual Fund urges seniors to send in their pledges. "I think it is important for the seniors to give something back to the campus," said Kraft. "It's a way to say thank you to the university, and it's good to get in the habit to give back as an atum."

#### WALK

University Student Center area, said she was surprised at how many porch lights were out. "It's important for people that control lights work, especially so women have ample light to get their keys out of their purses," she said.

One of the lingering questions from Nightwalk regards the placement of the responsibility for the upkeep of the numerous lights if only a small portion of people travel around campus at night.

Justin McCurry, a member of the executive branch of Student Government, said he thinks that the responsibility falls into the hands of several groups.

"I believe that the department of transportation is in charge of street lights and parking lot lights and the facilities operations department is in charge of lights on the campus itself;" he said.

Mike Facello, manager of planning and estimating at facilities operations, said several groups were involved, but he did not know at the details of light maintenance.

"How do you routinely check all these lights," Hopefully, we are not waiting on highwalk to do this," said Ricks.

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According to Student
Government's report, there was a
suggestion that the shubbery in
the E parking lot of Centennial
Campus be cut back and that
more walkways were needed.
Laura Canup, student government's vice-president of graduate
affairs, pointed out that this represents a unique problem.

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"Since the E parking lot is fairly big, most students just cut through the bushes on their way to class and job interviews, instead of going to either side to take the sidewalk. They just wart a sidewalk to be put in, so they don't have to worry about getting stuff on their clothes," she said.

Student feedback on the overall feeling of campus safety is mixed.

Canup said that although the lighting does not bother her, she is bothered by the emptiness of Centennial Campus at night.

"Even if I went to a blue light and rang it, it would probably be a while before someone showed up, especially when I have seen a guard watching TV," she said.

Although there were reports of

Although there were reports of damaged sidewalks on East Campus, one student felt the area was still pretty safe. Amanda Wilson, a freshman in First Year College, toured East Campus.

"I have always thought that where I live has been very well lit, but then I have heard stories about other areas being poorly lit. I was pleasantly surprised of East Campus," she said.

McCurry noted that although the amount of reports might have seemed high, the numbers could be misleading.

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"My group toured South Campus, and we were the last group back to the reporting area. Therefore, we might have looked for problems that would have been redundant," he said. "Plus, the expertise of Jack Colly, director of facilities operations, helped us look for things we might not have thought of."

Aside from the outdoor problems, several participants expressed their wishes to see more involvement from the campus community.

Mark Aldrich, a junior in mathematics, explained that

Mark Addrich, a junior in mani-ematics, explained that "Nightwalk is one of the most beneficial programs at NCSU, as proven by our own letters from administrators, faculty and stu-dents. Yet I think we need to do a better job next time of publicizing this event."

this event."

Aldrich added that he hopes
Nightwalk will begin to take place
once each semester, instead of
once a year. Cooke shared the
same sentiment. "Everything
went well, except there was not as
much participation as we had
anticipated."

#### **FEED**

stores are supporting the Feed Raleigh effort. The stores have provided all of the plastic bags that will be distributed to area homes at the end of this week. Additionally, each C-store week additionally, each C-store dents on campus may donate food items to the drive quickly and convenients.

food items to the drive quickly and conveniently, "We are really trying to make this easier and more convenient for everyone involved," Myers said, "We've changed a lot of things this year because last year wan't as successful as it could have been."
This is the first year that students have distributed bags to are are sidences prior to the day

area residences prior to the day of the event. In the past, said Myers, students have gone door-to-door and asked for donations in just one morning. Planners are also extensively

anticipated."

publicizing the event on campus and hope that their involvement this year with the Tucker Beach Blast will encourage students to donate food items, said Farrar. "IRC is helping us publicize by putting up posters that ask students to bring cans to Tucker Beach," said Farrar. "We just hope to have a good tun-out on the 20th; well be happy and will feel successful if that happens."

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The North Carolina Food Bank will provide a truck to collect food items on April 29. They will also count and weigh the items collected, said Myers. "Our goal is to find as many canned-food domations as possible," she said. "And to get the word out about Feed Raleigh."

Those interested in obtaining more information about Feed Raleigh or registering a group for the event may email Nickayla Myers and Tara Farrar at feedraleigh@hotmail.com.

# Seniors invite NCSU to have a seat

◆This year, the senior class is presenting N.C. State with sever-al new benches that will be placed on the lawn beside D.H. Hill Library.

HEATHER MILLEN

As the sunshine of another springtime beams down on the N.C. State campus, many students are taking time to enjoy the beautiful weather. It's this rich spring that has brought about the idea for this year's senior class gift.

The Senior Class Council has decided to purchase five to seven teakwood benches to seven teakwood benches to place on the green space beside D.H. Hill Library. Senior Class

TICKET

student tickets. First brought up at the forum by Gainor, the idea of having some sort of indoor overnight stay for a first-come, first-serve distribution gained support from a number of the stu-dent speaker.

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Council Vice President Daniel Gunter explained that the countrie felt that the benches were something the area was lacking. "There's not that much seating room outside for eating and just hanging out when the weather's nice," said Gunter, "And sitting on the bricks isn't that much tun."

fun."

The Senior Class Council has the responsibility each year of deciding what the class gift should be. They review proposals from students, departments and organizations. This year, they were also considering a tree for the NCSU Arboretum near the new Education Center. They finally decided, however, on the library's suggestion for the benches.

"We're limited to the propos-

"We're limited to the propos-als and this just seemed like the best one," said Jenny Chang.

A lock-in is unlikely to happen, however, "Any overnight stay would be out of the question," said Student Body Treasurer Andrew Payne, who moderated the forum.

Andrew Payne, who moderated the forum. Stafford reinforced Payne's statement while talking to stu-dents after the forum. There were some discussions of campout at the forum, highlighted by an exchange between Stafford

Senior Class Council president.
"It's on campus, they're supposed to last 40 years and
they're visible," she said.
"We can see them being
enjoyed every day and that was
something we wanted to give."
Each year the class gift varies.
The students have given everything from the creation of the
library green space to physical
therapy equipment for the
Student Health Center.
Last year's class gift was a

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Last year's class gift was a
wolf statue for Carter-Finley
Stadium. The design of that
statue is still being worked on
and the statue will hopefully be
in place as soon as the stadium

in place as soon as the stadium renovations begin this year.

The seniors raise all the money for the senior class gift through donations. Mailers are sent out twice over the course of

"How can one man change a 0-year tradition," Goodwin sked, in reference to Stafford's eb. 9 letter announcing the cam-

pout ban.

"I know you're disappointed, and I know a lot of students are disappointed, but I'll say it again; there will be no campout next year." Stafford said in response.

Members of the task force discussed the low tumout after the form.

orum.
"I wasn't expecting much," said Student Body President Raj Mirchandani. "I'm not disheart-ened at all."
Mirchandani said that the low turnout was lornali.

t was largely a result of publicity for the event. To nd, he and Jason Cotter

atum."
Seniors have until June 30 to send in their money. Further, rising seniors are encouraged to present any ideas for next year's gift to Lenora Kraft at campus box 7511. emailed 400 students who had

signed an earlier campout petition to tell them about the forum. "I was sort of surprised that more students weren't here," said

"I think students really want campout, and if they can't have it, they really don't care what the task force does."

task force does."
The forum, sponsored by 88.1
WKNC and aired live on "The
Andrew Payne Show," started at
6.15 p.m., 15 minutes later than
scheduled. The station delayed
the start in the hopes that more
people would show up, according
to WKNC General Manager Joe
Ovies.

Ovies estimated that at least 2,500 people listened to the forum on the radio.

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# and Excursion rocks the casbah at Five Points this past weekend.

♦ Straight out of Greensboro, Weekend Excursion performs at venues all across the state and discuss their history.

## Chris Ragone Staff Writer

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Energy: the one word needed to describe Saturday's show put on by the Greensboro-based band Weekend Excursion (WE). The band played at Five Points this weekend and put on a great show that entertained the crowd not only with powerful music, but also on-stage anties that are a must for any enjoyable show. WE started out as a high school experiment some five years ago while band members were attending Page and

WE started out as a high school experiment some five years ago while band inembers were attending Page and Grimsley High Schools in Greensboro. Playing nusic with a pop-rock feel and strong melodies gave the band an instant popularity that was almost unexplainable. At the beginning, their fan base was mostly fraternities and sororities but now has expanded to include a mostly college, although increasingly diverse, crowd.

After high school, most of the band members attended Appalachian State University with the exception of volinist Michael Ferry, who decided to go to the University of North

Carolina at Chapel Hill. "We had been in high school or col-

had been in high school or college or working since the band started," said Sam Fisher, lead vocalist. "The only time we could play was on weekends ... mow it's our career." To this inception the band attributes their name.

Shortly after forming in 1995. WE hooked up with producer John Plymale, who has worked with current successes Athenaeum, Gran Torino, Jumpo Little Children and Far Too Jones. According to Fisher, "He helped us tremendously in arranging our songs and taught believed to the professional musicians." Their self-titled debut album was the first collaboration with Plymale and it showed. The CD sold briskly and the band soon realized that it was here to stay.

Since starting the band, they have had the opportunity to tour with many notable bands, such was the stage, Fisher said, "I don't think we have favorites under the stage, Fisher said, "I don't think we have favorites under the stage, Fisher said, "I don't think we have favorites under the stage, Fisher said, "I don't think we have favorites under the stage, Fisher said, "I don't think we have favorites under the stage, Fisher said, "I don't think we have favorites under the stage, Fisher said, "I don't think we have favorites under the stage, Fisher said, "I don't think we have favorites under the stage, Fisher said, "I don't think we have favorites under the stage, Fisher said, "I don't think we have favorites under the stage, Fisher said, "I don't think we have favorites under the stage, Fisher said, "I don't think we have favorites under the stage, Fisher said, "I don't the stage, "I s

## Comics you should be reading

♦ Comic books are not just for kids; even mature folks can delve

Zack Smith Senior Staff Writer

Recent surveys have shown that the median age of comic book readers is actually increasing, a change accredited by industry professionals to the increasing number of books marketed to older or 'mature' readers. In fact, a large number of current comics are based less on Superman or Batman archetypes than on such well-known literary gentres as fanlasy, hortor, mystery or adventure. As such, here are some books that N.C. State stu-dents might enjoy:

"Fortune and Glory" (Oni Press, \$4.95) is a unique, digest-sized

journal-style comic by Cleveland cartoonist Brian Michael Bendis, recounting his trials and ribulations when Hollywood decided his crime comic "Goldfish" was a hot property. The resulting story should be required reading for any aspiring screenwriter, as Bendis goes about dealing with false leads, learning screenplay format, meetings, pitches, stalled projects and an incredible number of brain-dead producers.

Told in a unique visual style of repeated images, montage and exaggeration, "Fortune and Glory" is both a hilarious and suspenseful tale, It also serves as an excellent primer for Bendis's crime noir comics, including the aforementioned "Goldfish," sister series "Jinx," the surprisingly good "Spawn" spin-off "Sam and Twitch," and the new series "Powers" (Image, various prices). For more information

site at http://www.jinxworld.com.
"Preacher" (DC/Vertigo, \$2.50)
is without question one of the
sickest, twisted, most willfully
offensive comics ever offered by
a mainstream publisher. It's also
one of the funniest, exciting and
most entertaining comic in years.
The plot concerns Jesse Custer, a
Texas preacher suffering a crisis
of faith (who also occasionally
talks to John Wayne, but never
nind that). He suddenly finds
himself bonded to a half-human,
half-demon creature and empowered with the "Word of God,"
giving him the ability to control
people with his voice. What follows is a bizarre, violent odyssey
across America with Jesse, his
on-again, off-again girlfriend
Tulip, and Cassidy, a hard-drinking Irish vampire in search of
God Himself.

Along the way there are encounters with a horrifying Southern family, a massive, manipulative religious conspiracy called the Grail (led by the frequently mutitated Herr Sterr) and a hideously deformed, dim-witted teenager called Arseface who resembles... well, you know. Writer Garth Ennis and artist Steve Dilion have one of the most effortlessly cinemants styles. Steve Dilion have one of the most enforces on the state of the most enforce of the most enforce of the state of the sta

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Ben Affleck might be this guy in a movie. Seriously

## Attack of the boy bands

Marie Oblinsky Staff Writer

Producer-formulated groups are nothing new. Every recent, youthful, upbeat studio-arranged song targeted at star-stricken teery boppers seems to hit high on the Billboard charts. If singing of candy and first love to well choreo-graphed beats are the key to pop-star fame, then the Atlanta vocal quartet. N-Toon, is well on its way to captur-ing the hearts of many adolescent listeners.

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With group members ranging from ages 9 to 14, it is obvious that N-Toom will not be the choice vocal group among older hip-hop or pop fars. Tracks included on their debut album Toon Time (Diva One/DreamWorks Records) would more appropriately appeal to the pre-pubescent and young-teen pop audience.

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N-Toon's debut album features Justin Clark. Everett Hall and brothers Lloyd Polite and Chackie D. Reynolds III. As referred to by their producers, this "teenage quartet" possesses talent and style comparable to that of earlier vocal groups Soul for Real and Another Bad Creation.

Toon Time offers 24 tracks - 15 ballads and jams and 9 interludes where the boys take the opportunity to personalize their album. The boys of N-Toon feel it's important to sing age-appropriate, fun songs that capture the realities of their child-boods.

"Should Have Been My Girl," the first promo-

tional track off the group's record, is a soulful, cutesy ode to a middle school crush. Here the boys express the pain of having a reluctant love interest as they sing, "It says please check one-flably, you check no/you already have some-one-flux I should be the one callin /on the phone-flux I should be the one-flux I should be the

one/out I snoute the to the same after school."

Track 6, entitled "Ready," is another song dedicated to young love. Singing in soulful harmony, the young vocalists confess, "I know you fe not ready yet to go steady/and I know you told me your ready/but girl I just want you." Track 2, "A Girl Like That," is a peppy, upbeat melody creatively mixed with samples of Flinstone-esque



look just like The Jackson 5?

cartoon sounds.

The young men of N-Toon also sing of other topics such as family and the environment. Track 11, entitled "Happy Father's Day," is a tribute to present and absent fathers, "What About Us" is an emotional rap number dedicated to the evergrowing problem and seriousness of exhausting our natural resources.

If you have any younger siblings or cousins hip to the current pop scene. Toon Time would make

a nice gift. But with lyrics dedicated to puppy love, late night phone calls and lunch periods, I doubt anyone will hear N-Toon's debut CD blasting at the next college party.

For any of you interested readers, N-Toon will be featured online at TWEC.com on Wednesday, April 19 at 2p.m., and on Monday, May 1 at 7p.m.

## A Canadian acappella band?

Matthew Lass Staff Writer

Staff Writer

Okay boys and girls — today you are in for a real treat. You are going to be introduced to the band that calls isself the anti-Limp Bixit band. This is coming straight from our lumberjack neighbors of the north. That's right! It is a Canadian band called Moxy Fruvous.

Chances are that you probably have never heard of them, so without further ado here is a little about the genius of Moxy Fruvous. They are an acappella band that has its roots in Toronto. Canada. This quartet of comedie songwriters inade up of Mike Ford, Murray Foster, Jian Ghomeshi, and Dave Matheson. Now just because they are a cappella doesn't mean that they can't play musical instruments, quite the contrary. Each member can play several instruments from the banjo to the accordion, so don't be surprised if a guitar or some percussion is heard in one of their songs. They've been playing together for almost 10 years now. They are quite popular up north, where they are known for their electic musical style that varies from rap to barber shop quartet. You are probably asking yourself where can you hear this great band. Well you could drive to Virginia this summer and hear them live, or you can listen to one of their many CDs!

On the latest CD. Thombill, Fruvous experi-

ments with many different styles of music, including retro rock and country ballads. Because there are so many genres of music on this disc it should please a lot of people.

The intelligent lyrics in these songs are sure to impress anyone. For instance, the song "My Poor Generation" tells the story of a poor generation growing up and maturing in a time where people are "airborn with nothin" to land on" and "grounded with nothin" to stand on". The love song "I will field On" is also another example of classic Fruvous genius. The song is about two lovers and the promise one makes to the other. It is a beautiful, lyrical masterpiece that is sure to bring a smile to anyone who listens to the works and meanings. Fruvous isn't a mushy band. They also rock on this album with songs like "Splatter Splatter" and "Earthquakes". If you are ready for a band that always has a new, original sound, check out Moxy Fruvous.

Moxy Fruvous. They're anti-Limp Bizkit.

#### **GUSTO**

on the road. Fisher describes one of their early shows, "We opened the show with 'Better Man'... The music came on, we're playing and everything's great and there was some feedback going on ... The sound man ... he started turning off all the nicrophones, and got to mine just as I stepped up to the mike to start my first lyrie. So I sang probably the first uolyries and no one could hear me."

There was no problem with the sound at the recent concert, however, much to the delight

WINS

stage.

This was the CD release party of their new eight-song atbum entitled "Radioactive." It had been two years since the band's last release "Five From

at the plate in his last seven games.

Jason Smith also hit a solo home run; his came with one out in the bottom of the first. UNCG, helped by two State errors, siezed the lead in the sixth inning 4-3. An attempt to score after a double steal for the Spartans was unsuccessful and the inning ended, as did the high control of the state of the

seemed that everyone knew all the words, and that the band and the fans were all singing as one. Drummer Cas Edmunds anchored a powerful rhythm section complemented by bassist Danny Donovan and rhythm guitarist. Jeff Foworth. It was evident that even though this band sounds very talented on CD, live shows are where they shine.

After a few more sones off

seeds and a some record.
Following the Blue Devils is 16th-ranked North Carolina(15-4, 6-2).
The Tar Heels began the ACC season with five straight victories, before dropping a close match with Duke 4-3.
Following the heartbreaking loss, the Heels were unable to regroup and subsequently lost the following week at

Immediately following, the band played a medley of songs from such artists as Young MC and DJ Kool. The band showed the ability to take songs from a genre far from their own and make the songs seem original to Barenaked Ladies, a talent that unfortunately many bands lack today.

However, nothing prepared

lack today.

However, nothing prepared me for what came next. The roar became deafening as the band broke into a rendition of Charlie Daniels. "Devil Went Down to Georgia" As the rest of the band took turns singing the vocals; Ferry absolutely tore up the violin portion, the played so well that he probably out-played the original record-

out-played the original record-Virginia. UNC enters the tournament as the No. 2 seed and will play Wake Forest (12-10, 3-5) on Friday. None of the four remaining squads are separated by more than one conference loss. Thanks to its upset of Virginia. Clemson (16-15, 5-3) picked up the third seed and will face Georgia Tech (10-12, 4-4), who fell to the No. 6 spot following Sunday's loss to Florida While overlooking the rest of the tournament, it appears that a few teams have a better opportunity at victory than othing. This was undoubtedly the crowd favorite and was the last song they played before com-ing out and playing a short encore.

ing out and praying a short-encore.

An audible groam swept through the crowd when the Five Points' staff finally turned on the lights, signifying that the concert was complete. We left the crowd longing for more and provided one of the best concerts Raleigh has seen in a white. You can catch WE at the Cat's Cradle in Chapel Hill later this month and at various times in Raleigh as the band will begin to tour more after their graduation from col-lege in May, Just get there carly, you don't want to be left out of the show.

In the other match-up, fourth-seeded Virginia (15-8, 5-3) will face off with the fifth-seeded Seminoles (13-9, 4-4). The Cavaliers are per-haps the most dangerous team in the conference. Their top seed. All American Brian Vahaly went undefeated in league play. His 30 regular season wins set a new school record at Virginia.

conference. Duke had its 116-game conference winning streak snapped by Wake Forest, as the Deacs defeated the Devils 6-3.

Devils 6-3.

And finally, the third-seeded Tigers are 14-5 and 6-2 in the conference. The Tigers are riding high recently as they are in the midst of a four-game winning streak within the conference. They are 20-3 lifetime against their first-round opponent, Virginia.

available for \$12.95 (and another available for \$12.95 (and another one featuring the scripts for the first series at \$10.95). You can also check out Larry Young's Web site at http://www.planet-

able at either Capital Comics of Foundation's Edge, or on the Internet at http://www.amazon.com or the creators' Web site.

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## MEN

will have to lead this team with key victories.

The favorite to win the ACC Championship this week will be Duke. Despite losing many matches at No. 1 singles. Duke has been able to fend off ACC competition with a

#### **WOMENS**

"We really need our doubles to come together." said Louthian. "We also need to get some good senior leadership."

The Pack and Heels start the tournament off on Thursday at 10 a.m. While the matches on Friday start at 9 a.m. when third-seeded Clemson takes on sixth-seeded Vinginia. At 10 a.m., the winner of the UNC vs. State match takes on the top-seeded Wake Forest Demon Deacons And finally at 6 p.m., fourth-seeded Georgia Tech takes on fifth-seeded Florida State. ers.
The top-seeded Demon Deacons are 19-1 and 8-0 in the conference. They are also currently ranked second in the nation. This is the first time in school history that the Deacs went undefeated in the conference.

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"Gone to Texas" (DC/Vertigo, \$14.95).

"Astronauts in Trouble" (Gun Dog, AiT/PlanetLar) has been described as "a someone

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movie with a brain." That pretty much describes it. Creator Larry Young, a well-known Internet presence and reviewer, tells the tale of an ordinary news crew that unwritingly becomes involved in a journey to the moon itself. The first series, "Live From The Moon," (Gan Dog, \$2.95) tells of the Channel 7 news crew's accidentally becoming part of billionaire Ishmael

# A second series, "Space: 1959" (Gun Dog, \$2,50) details an ear-lier version of the crew, dealing with a secret moon mission ten years before Armstrong, and how it was nearly thwarted. A trade paperback of the first series is

# You Do The Math

Hayes's attempt to return to the moon in time for the liftieth anniversary of the original moon landing, a mission that may not be what it seems,



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#### **ACC Baseball Notes**

Tech's Teixeira named ACC Player Of The

## Wake baseball salvages series with 6-4 win

#### Seminole baseball knocks off Miami

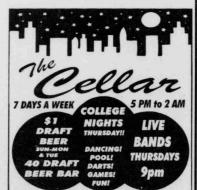
CORAL GABLES, Fla. — Top-ranked Florida State (37-7) peppered No. 17 Mami (26-13-1) for 14 runs on 16 hits as they emissed to a 14-3 victory in a curfew-shortened six-inning game with 3.65 for fans looking on at Mark Light Stadium. The game was scheduled to start at 1 p.m., but rain started to fall just after the national anthem was played, forcing a delay of just over one hour. Tam every proud of the way we came out and played today," said PSU head coach Mike Martin. "We came out and established our Selves early and Blair Yames gave us what we needed on the mound. Now we have to focus on a very important ACC series this weekend in Tallahassee against Georgia Tech."

The Seminoles scored 10 runs over the first three innings as they took the season series (4-2) from the Hurricanes for the first time since 1995.

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## TECHNICIAN'S VIEW

# Valentine plays privacy card Bobby Valentine has made more than a few splashes during bis run as manager of the New York Mets: le's practically can-comballed

nonballed into control to control

Whatron Business School at the University of Pennsylvania, Valentine jokingly made com-ments about certain decisions that the Mets' front office man-agement made regarding certain players.

An audio tape recording of the speech made by the university's newspaper. The Daily Pennsylvanian, decided to run Valentine's verbatim text despite a request from Valentine to tor un the text because the text itself does not relate context.

text itself does not relate context.

Valentine continues to argue that his comments and criticisms were made in jest and are not an accurate reflection of managerial attitudes towards the specific players and decisions to which his speech refers.

What complicated the situation, however, was the message board posting made on the Internet by a student in the audience who is only identifiable by his computer handle, Brad3, "Brad" fabricated Valentine quotes by adding his own inter-

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Forum letters.

Bike regulation needed

I was trying to cross Dan Allen Drive at the speed bump between Harris and Bragaw Hall last Tuesday at around 9:30 a.m. Traffic was stopped on both sides with the Wolfline bus driver in the lane closest to me motioning me to go. So I started to cross. Upon reaching the median, a bicyclist passed the stopped bus

ew York Mets Manager bossoy.

Valentine's controversial speech to the
University of Pennsylvania's Wharton

onto the "news," carrying the content of the message board into the mainstream through their own media outlets. While the stupidity of pedding Internet chatter as legitimate news is painfully obvious, it also is a painful reflection of the way media induce the premature births of unofficial stores. Born into the news for the point of being born rather than the point of contributing to the public sphere, such stores not only have no place in legitimate journalism but their conceptions should not even be considered in the first place. As for the editorial integrity of the Daily Pennsylvanian's staff, text must always be framed by context. The responsibility of the press is not merely what happened, but also why, how, where, when, and by whom. It is the obligation of journalists to avoid continsion whenever possible. The press must fight the slippery slope that leads to the amoral advss where ethical mainstays like the Golden Rule are quoted as declaring merely that we should "do unto others."

# The bunny versus the man upstairs



RICHARD MORGAN

What yearly event balls together the concepts of capital punishment, abolishing debt, family values, free speech, health and welfare, education and crine? No, it's not the latest presidential campaign; it's Easter. "But, wait a sec." you say, "the Easter section of the local drugstore isn't peddling marshmallow crucifixes or chocolate-coarted crowns of thorns. There's no mention of Jesus Christ at all; only bunnies and eggs and chicks and lambs and maybe even a butterfly or two."

I offer my deep apologies to the Easter Bunny and the good people at Hallmark, Cadbury's, Trix and Peeps, but Christ is the real hero of Easter. And Easter is the real Christian holy day-not Christmas

ing."

True, the "Easter Bunny" may be a concept as out-of-touch with the holy time it represents as a "Passover Kitten" or an "Eid-ul-Fitr Pony." Still, the concept remains firmly ingrained into the public concept of Easter week.

So, in the age of Jerry Springer-journal-ism and smackdown wrestlemania, this conflict can only be resolved one at a fight to the death in a steel cage! OK, maybe not, but perhaps at least a war of words? Alrigh? Alright, Let's size up our contenders for the title of heavyweight Easter ("The Money" Bunny: a giant nomadic rabbit; capable of laying colored eggs; shares the fashion sense of Elton John and the artist formally known as Prince; advantages; public adoration, corporate sponsorship, outstanding jumping ability, excellent hearing; disadvantages; 500-years-old.

Jesus "The Master Bastard" Christ; an unemployed Jewish carpenter born out of



## Other motives behind NCSU land sale



ANDREW PAYNE

Discussion over the past few days has increased as more members of the university community have announcement that N.C. State will be selling 159 acres of land near the Entertainment and Sports Arena (ESA).

The land will be offered at public auction at a minimum bid of \$14.5 million. According to officials like Chancellor Marye Anne for, College of Agricultural and Life Sciences' Dean James Oblinger

and Vice Chancellor for Finance and Business George Worsley, the sale will allow the university to purchase approxi-mately 1,300 total acres statewide. This new land would be used for green-space and research. Research and green-space might be one of the objectives, but let me tell you the real reason - the ESA, also known as the Herb Garden.

Garden. For the Herb Carden to be successful it For the Herro Carden to be successful in must provide an infrastructure of not only roads, but hotels and restaurants. Currently, the only hotel even remotely close to the Herb Garden is on Blue Ridge Road, adja-cent to the College of Veterinary Medicine. As for restaurants - you can find one of

those within a five-mile radius of the Garden.

So the university, which has a tremendous investment in the ESA, must insure that it can attract clients, especially as the arena grows older and newer, more state-of-the-art facilities pop up across the country. One way to do this is to attract large conventions and conferences. The only catch is that there must be adequate hotel and food service space.

must be adequate hotel and food service space.
For example, the Greensboro Coliseum is located less than a mile from the Joseph Koury Convention Center, which has over a thousand hotel rooms. Large arenas all over the country like in Nashville, San Antonio

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by driving through the double yellow lines. He might have tried to dodge me. I didn't notice and he didn't care. He yelled at the pedestrians. "Watch out?" Without slowing for the bump, he stood up on his pedals, thrust his shoulder for-ward, and barreled into me. The cyclist sped away causing the scene to become a felony hit-and-run.

scene to become a tenony meaning.

Only after I staggered to
Student Health did I notice my
skinned knees, bruised hand, and
my snapped collarbone.

I see cyclists speeding everywhere and no one seems to realzize how dangerous bicycles are
Bicycles pose as great adanger to
pedestrians as cars or buses. I
could've been killed. He could
have too.

could've been killed. He coulu-have too.

We need a policy or at least one that is enforced that would com-pel cyclists to obey traffic laws. We are all potential victims. We seem to think bicyclists are prey, but often fail to realize they are part-predator, foo.

The cyclist was in his early 20s.
with long, way black hair. He was wearing a blue shirt, khaki shorts, toting a black book bag and was going towards Nelson Hall. Anyone with information should contact Public Safety at \$15-5894.

Michael Eckhoff Senior English

#### Service available at Student Health

A forum letter on Tuesday raised questions about what you can get at Student Health Services, when a student encountered difficulty getting a Band-Aid. I apologize for any inconvenience we caused and any lack of professional-ism we conveyed.

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tude, to every student we serve.
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Jerry Barker, Ed.D. Director Student Health

# Moral bankruptcy in America



CINDY SPURLOCK

Imagine for a moment a world devoid of all emotions but greed and disgust - a world where material possessions and external image are valued above all else, a world where material possessions and external image are valued above all else, a world in which conformity and self-indulgence define the status quo, and popular attitudes toward personal accountability and responsibility are that of nonchalance. It doesn't take a lot of imagination to see that there is little difference between the world of today and the world of "American Psychos" Patrick Batieman. Like sheep before a shepherd, public opinion is shaped and manipulated more than ever by the interests of those who control the content of the media: by business. Fueled by a profit margin instead of by a desire to uplift humanny, the coalitions created between media and business are responsible for the desensitization of society toward acts of mundless violence, gratuitous sex and harmful stereotypical images.

This dulling of the senses leads to a lack of empa-thy for others, a dereliction of rational, naturalistic and moral values and the formation of a homoge-nous outer mask to hide any internal deviancy from societal norms.

societal norms. It doesn't take a degree in social psychology to know that sex and violence sell, or to realize that films catering to the id, the unconscious division of the psyche that serves as the source of instinctual impulses and demands the immediate satisfaction of primal needs, are the ones that consistently break box-office records. Americans are addicted to "shock-schoke" entertainment with no redeeming intellectual or social value.

As the vast majority of Americans become dependent on media conglomerates for their news and entertainment, it becomes easier for those corporations to manipulate the content to suit their own agendas.

From bloodshed on the eventing news to graphic sexual images in the printed media to the vacuous content of modern movies and music, the American consumer is inmudated with propaganda disguate as entertainment, with no value other than to exacerbate social decay. In the works of communication theorist Stuart Hall, "The ultimate issue is not what information is presented, but whose information it is."

information is presented, but whose information it is."

Hegemony is the name of the game, as the finan-ial support of advertisers determines the content of mediated communication. In order for a vessel of communication to survive, it needs to generate vervenue from subscription and advertising sales. The duality of the medium is such that it brings specialized content to its subscribers while bringing potential customers to its advertisers. When a medium presents content that is in discordance with the projected corporate images of its advertisers, the advertisers fail to endorse the medium financially. According to research presented by Ms. magazine editor Gliona Steinem, a well-known producer of household goods refuses to place ads in any magazine that discusses politically sensitive topics or encourages non-traditional familial roles. In essence, advertising dollars are determining social more's and values, fashion trends, and the acceptable flavors of personal identity for the massive.

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# **Opinion**

#### Third party blues



RYAN AVENT

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Much has since been said and written about third parties in American politics, and while many disagree with the principle platforms of the modern reform movement, at would seem that all America shares the opinion that a third political party is the secret to maintaining a healthy democracy.

A simple once over of the most prominent mass-media outlets will often turn up news of third party struggles, and a few moments by the typical water cooler will often turn up news of third party struggles, and a few moments by the typical water cooler will often yield discussion about how such parties are key to the destabilization of the Democratic and GOP nobilities.

Just look, say many, at the responsiveness such multi-party systems generate in other democracies across the world. Upstant parties can frequently garner season in a nation's Parliament, and any other and a single parties and a form a coalition with the courageous giant-killers.

Even in America's own past, sweeping change and real reform have often been accompanied by the emergence of a third party. Perhaps such thought deserves reexamination, however. A first misconception about third parties and a proper parties and the GOP have on the media, money and any other item encessary to mount a political offersive.

While such parties are, no doubt, well established, the main burrier to such uprisings lies in the structure of our government itself. In the typical Parliamentary democracy, a party obtains seats in the national congress according to how it performs in the national elections. If a party with a party with a party with a party with a political offersive.

While such parties are, no doubt, and a party with a pa

who only wants good government.

As a result. Parliamentary systems typically are symbolized by paratime social safety nets and strangling economic restrictions, which keep them behind the U.S. in terms of income, both total and per capita.

In any case, I don't understand what's so wrong with two huge parties, both shamelessly pandering to the middle. I quite adore the system. I never have to worry about Republicans making me pray eight times a day, nor do I fear that Democrats will force 25% of Americans to produce automobiles, simply because the ever important middle will never go for it.

Moreover, such dualities often guarantee that ideas triumph over politics. That may sound like a funny description of our government, but you don't see irrational swings toward a neo-Austrian Freedom Parry (far right Nazi lovers) in the good old U.S.A.

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#### **MORGAN**

cionies to mucaet inem state in the new life of Christ.

So, the wearing of new clothes at Easter was an external profession and symbol of God's grace (this was in the days before the local mall got an Abercrombie Web site). During the Middle Ages in Europe, people in their new Easter clothes would take a long walk after Easter service. This was a kind of procession preceded by a crucifix of the Easter Candle. The tradition evolved into parades (Whoops! Did I just use "evolve" in an article about Christ?).

Eggs. A universal symbol of

Did I just use "evolve" in an article about Christ?).

Eggs. A universal symbol of life, eggs represented the tomb from which Jesus was resurrected. They were often colored red to represent the blood of Christ by which all believers were given a share in this new life of Christ (also, red was the easiest color, given that Paas had yet to come out with new colors). In medieval times eggs were traditionally given at Easter to all servants and to the children along with other gifts; the hiding of eggs is a way of making the gift a surprise (sorta like hiding your grades from your parents - but in a good way).

Rubbits. A fertility symbol.

abbits were e used as images of post-resurrection appearances. These appearances were likened to the rab-bits being seen and then disap-pearing, and then being seen again somewhere else (this idea was tried earlier with old socks but with less success).

socks but with less success). The first mention of the Easter Bunny and his eggs was from Germany in the late 1500's. In many sections of Germany, the belief was that 1500's the Easter bunny laid red eggs on Holy Thursday and multi-colored eggs the night before Easter Sunday (Mondays and Wednesdays were spent at the gym; Tuesday was his poker night; if have to tell you what he did Friday and Saturday might, you need to get out more).

\*\*Lumbs.\* A Biblical symbol of

mgni, you need to get out more). Lambs. A Biblical symbol of Christ, Easter lamb references date back to the 7th century. The minimal feature of the Pope's Easter dinner was roast lamb. The ancient tradition of the Paschal lamb in the Jewish Pascover inspired the use of lamb as a popular Easter food among all the faithful. In Europe, many people are fond of small figures of a lamb made from butter, pastry, and sugar (Europeans, however, are also fond of street pantonine, see-cer hooliganism and infrequent hygiene maintenance).

Butterfly. An obvious metaphor for anyone who isn't a Carolina grad, the butterfly which emerges from the cocoon is the same caterpillar

in a new form, reflecting Jesus, emerging from the tomb as the same person-glorified. Tough luck, bunny. History's most influential bastard wins out on this one.

most influential bastard wins out on this one.

It still amazes me that we even remember Jesus, let alone that we mark his birth and death. Jesus was, after all, a carpenter without a formal education, a man who never made a scientific discovery, never held public office and never led a military expedition. Indeed, his only credentials were his words, his actions and his very existence. Yet, this one man changed everything.

Why wouldn't we want to clebrate that miracle over the flower-scented, pastel-timed, dewey-eyed, gooey-filled, smile-slapped, shrink-wrapped fantasy?

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I offer my deep apologies to
the Easter Bunny and the good
people at Hallmark, Cadbury's,
Trix and Peeps, but Christ is
the real hero of Easter. And
Easter is the real Christian holy
day—not Christians.

It is Christ's death and resur-

day—not Christmas.

It is Christ's death and resurrection - not his birth - that
gives Christians their relationship with God. Pilgrims, after
all, do not visit the Holy Land
to see an empty manger; they
come to see an empty tomb.

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#### **SPURLOCK**

because it's easier to accept the message than to think independently and choose an alternative.

In Patrick Bateman's world, there is no personal identity apart from that of the peer group. People distort reality to accommodate their goals and desires - anything goes, provided that one can get away with it.

The only difference between today's society and Bateman's is superficial; the names of "hip" restaurants, "popular" bands and 'trendy' fishion designers have changed.

The true identity of the "American Psycho" is revealed at the end of the movie as moviegoers are forced to stare into the eyes of Bateman, the anti-heror the "American Psycho" is the audience. This audience shrugs its shoulders at the evidence of marial infidelity and abuse of executive privilege in the White Howe, leaves loaded guns in places that are accessible to children, laughs uncontrollably when people of a lower class are brutally murdered, brings young children to see movies that barely escape an NC-17 rating. What batppened? What caused society to break down and lose the ability to differentiate between right and wrong?

As long as Americans continue to subscribe to the tenets of gross materialism as perpenated by the mass media, by valuing objects over human relationships and by continuing to define their personalities with labels instead of with actions, current social conditions will continue to deteriorate.

The only remedy to the situation is a return to a naturalistic state of morality, not based on the biased teachings of any one religion, but on a universal code of ethics that stresses the importance of kind-ness, empady and honesty. At this point, can society afford not to?

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and especially Las Vegas, have large, adjacent hotel complexes. And with hotel space a city must have food and drink.

have food and drink.

Not only will the sale of the land enable the university to purchase land in Wake County near Lake Wheeler Road, Yates Mill Pond and J.C. Raulston Arboretum but also has the potential to bring in revenue to improve existing facilities, namely Carter-Finely Stadium.

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namely Carter-Finely Stadium.

I think the university is a little embarrassed right now. On the one hand it has one of the top arena facilities in the nation with the Herb Garden, but only a couple of hundred feet away is the lagging Carter-Finely, without such "state of the art" amentities as luxury box seats and training facilities.

facilities.

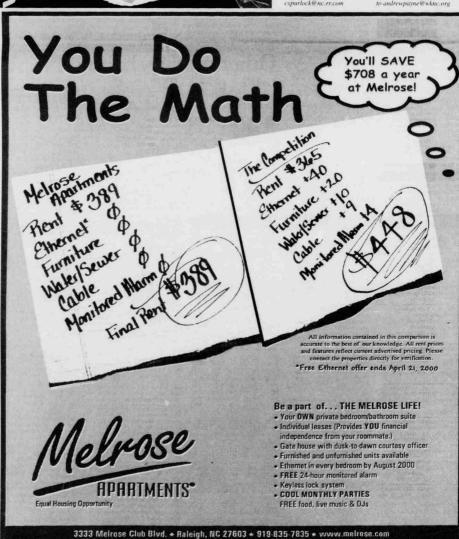
Also adding to the embarrassment is that we have a new head football coach and the highest paid assistant coaching staff in the nation. Yet, the university does not have the facilities and the infrastructure to support the chancellor's proclamation that we will win a national football championship in the next ten years.

So the land "swap and sale" is not really about research and preserving public land, it is about economic development and the future of the ESA.

and the future of the ESA.

There is a lot of concern, however, about the environmental impact of the development of that area. Solution: NCSU should lead the effort in implementing environmentally friendly strategies for the development. There is no excuse forthe public to learn in twenty years of ecological destruction if NCSU is involved.





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# Williams leaves State for Marquette

♦ Yet another player has left Herb Sendek's program for a different

Marshall Williams became the eighth player to leave N.C. State's men's basketball program since Herb Sendek became the Wolfpack's coach in 1996.

coach in 1996.
Williams announced Tuesday that
he will transfer to Marquette, which
is in his hometown of Milwaukee,
Wis., at the end of the academic

decision, Williams said in a press release. "Tve thought long and hard about it and I just feel it's the best thing for me. I appreciate everything that Coach Sendek and his staff have done for me and I'm glad to have their support."

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Williams was one of State's better defensive players in his freshman season. The 6-foot-4 shooting guard averaged 5.5 points and 2.5 rebounds per game this year. Injuries limited Williams to only 20 appearances during the season. After playing at Maryland on Feb. 6, Williams missed the rest of the year

- 14 games - after undergoing surgery on his left knee.
Sendek, who is out of town recruiting, commented on Williams' departure in the press release.

"We respect the fact that Marshall has docided to leave N.C. State and recognize the changing landscape of college basketball, including the increasing number of transfers and early departures," Sendek said. "We certainly wish Marshall continuation of the certainly wish Marshall continuation of the certainly wish Marshall continuation."

Marquette."
Wolfpack fans will probably remember Williams most for his heroics at the end of the Duke-State game at Cameron Indoor Stadium in January. With State down 79-74, Williams scored four of the Pack's final five points in the last 3,3 sec-

"I've enjoyed playing for the great N.C. State fans and for this pro-gram," Williams said, "but I just feel that I need to make a change."

With Williams' departure, a player has left the State program every year since Sendek has arrived.

Last year, Ron Anderson, Keith Bean and prized recruit Adam Harrington all left. Other players who have departed the program include Carl Lentz, Ivan Wagner, Marco Harrison and Andre McCullum.



## Pack wins in extra innings

♦N.C. State picked up its 24th win of the year Tuesday against the

On an unseasonably cold night at the Doak Tuesday night. Wolfpack bats sizzled early, only to simmer late.

In extra innings, Pack (24-18) bats heated back up, as Craig Lee and Eric Mosley led the baseball team to victory over UNC-Greensboro by a score of 8-7.

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"I was pretty relaxed even though we were going in down two runs," said Mosley, whose tenth inning triple scored John Whitely



Daniel Caldwell pitches for State

and Richard Lee to tie the game 7-7, about facing a tough pitcher with the game on the line. "When we get the sticks rolling, it's kind of contagious. When everybody's hitting, every-body's hitting. This is a big win for us. Greensborn is a good team and we get confidence heading up to

# State hopes to ace ACC

♦ The ACC golf championships will be held this weekend at the Old North State Golf Club.

If the spring is any indication, N.C. State's golf team should finish in the top three at the Atlantic Coast Conference championships. WHAT:

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BADIN LAKE, nament in has entered. The N.C. team is also coming off of a second-place finish last weekend at the Intercollegiate at MacGregor Downs, which was held in Cary, N.C.

'I think we're in pretty good shape heading into the ACC's, said Pack head coach Richard Sykes, "We've been playing well."

well."

In the Intercollegiate, the Pack was in first heading into the final round when Wake Forest used a strong final-round to inch past State. Sykes said he hopes the experience will help the team this weekend.

weekend.

"It's always disappointing to not win when you are leading,"
Sykes said. "Hopefully, we'll be able to build on it and finish better if we're winning [this week-ard!"]

end]."
The ACC tournament is being held this year at the Old North State Golf Club. The course, which is a Tom Fazio design, emphasizes the approach shot and the short game with its undulating greens.

Last year, Georgia Tech won the ACC tournament at Old North State, while State finished fifth. Chris Mundorf was the Pack's

best individual last seaso finished in a tie for fourth

Mundorf comes into this year's ACC tournament with plenty of momentum. He fired a 65 in the final round of the Intercollegiate, one shot off the tournament record.

think it's our best chance to in a long time," Mundorf

said.

State won its only ACC title in 1990 at the Northgreen Country Club in Rocky Mount, N.C. This year, the Pack will have to go through both the Yellow Jackets and Clemson, who are ranked first and third respectively in the Mastercard rankings.

"Hopfully, it will be our week," said senior Carl Pettersson.

Mastercard rankings.

"Hopefully, it will be our week," said senior Carl Pettersson.

Pettersson has been the Pack's most consistent golfer throughout the season. An All-ACC golfer last season and an All-American honorable mention, Pettersson finished forth at the Intercollegiate.

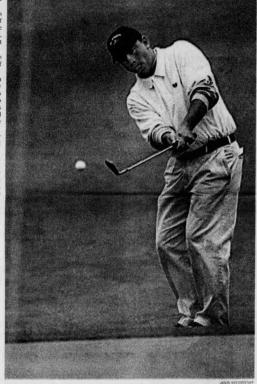
"Last year, he really had to step it up because our team depended on him to shoot a low score every round." Sykes said. "This year, he's played well again, but our team's been better."

The strength of Pettersson's game by all accounts is his putting, which is somewhat surprising as he uses a long-putter. They strength of Pettersson's game by all accounts is his putting, which is somewhat surprising, which is somewhat surprising as he uses a long-putter, Typ, cally, golfers turn to the long-putter when their putting has wandered far south.

"It's kind of funny, but he can actually putt," said fellow senior Marc Turnesa.

For the Pack to contend with Georgia Tech and Clemson, they will have to get strong play from not only Pettersson and Mundorf, but Turnesa, Mark Tullo and David Sanchez as well. Tullo, Turnesa and Sanchez all played well in the second-round of the Intercollegiate, but the Pack needs at least one of them to shoot low scores each round.

Play in the ACC championship begins Friday and concludes



N.C. State's golf team will be putting and chipping this weekend in the Atlantic Coast Conference championships. The tournament will be held at the Old North State Golf Club in Badin Lake, N.C.
This past weekend, State finished second in the Intercollegiate at MacGregor Downs.

# ACC tennis championships on serve for Wolfpack

## Women look for wins

The Wolfpack women's tennis team looks for brightness in a dim season.

DAVID HOBGOOD

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The phrase "nothing to lose" is one that would accurately describe the N.C. State women's tennis team heading into Thursday's match-up against North Carolina in the Atlantic Coast Conference Tournament. The ninth-seeded Molfpack (S.14, 0-8) will play the eighth-seeded Tar Heels in the tournament opener in Atlanta. Needless to say, this has been a disappointing year for the Pack. But the players are maintaining a positive outlook heading towards Atlanta. "We are trying to stay positive." said head coach Kay Louthian. "We have a really high team spirit right now."

Even though the Pack hasn't lived up to its pre-

season expectations, the players and coaches have one thing going for them heading into the tournament.

"We have absolutely nothing to lose," said Louthian. "We've been through lots of adversity this year. So I'm going to tell the girls to just go out and swing for the fences."

The Pack's five victories this year have come against the likes of East Carolina, Marshall, Georgia State, UNC-Greensboro and Angulachian State.

against the faces or Labs Carolinal, Marshall, Georgia State, UNC-Greensboro and Appalachian State. Unfortunately, the Pack wasn't as successful against its conference foes. And to be even more specific, it hasn't been too successful against the Tar Heels.

Tar Heels.

Heading into its opening round match-up against the Heels, the Pack faces a tall order. Earlier this season, the Pack was defeated by the Heels 6-0, which dropped their all-time record against the Heels to 3-29. However, a victory on Thursday could change the team's perception of the 2000 season greatly.

"If we could win this match on Thursday, it would be unbelievable," said Louthian. "It could really completely change the entire outlook on the season."

## Men looking to surprise

◆ The men's tennis team heads to Georgia this weekend for the ACC Championships.

STEUE THOMPSON

Stati Writer

The N.C. State men's tennis squad (10-15, 1-7) will look to cause a stir this weekend at the Atlantic Coast Conference Championships in Norcross, Ga.

The Pack struggled through the ACC regular season, picking up only one win in eight matches. Despite its sub-500 record, the State men have been competitive in many of their loses. Of their seven ACC losses, three of them were by one match.

"Our guys have been struggling lately but we still have the ability to make some noise down in Georgia," said head coach Frie Hayes.

As the eighth seed in the tournament, State

has been relegated to the play-in match against ninth-seeded Maryland (3-11, 0-8). State's sole win came in a 4-0 sweep of Maryland in College Park, Md., on April 9. "We played them earlier in the year and beat them, beat them pretty handily; said Hayes." I expect the same outcome."

If State does in fact defeat Maryland, a match-up with regular season champion Duke (19-5, 8-0) awaits in the quarterfinals. Ranked sixth nationally, the Duke team would pose a formidable obstacle for the Wolfpack. Duke has dominated the series with State, winning the last 25 matches between the two squads, "I am disappointed with our losses," said Hayes. "Obviously, we have put ourselves in a hole. All we can do now is control what we have before us and right now that is Maryland."

Entering the tournament, State's No. 1 seed. Eric Jackson, has been the most solid player, compiling a 5-3 record in league play. That record includes impressive wins against Duke and Clemson, and also a tough three-set loss against Wake Forest. For State to be successful this weekend, it is very likely that Jackson