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## Talley gets makeover, improvements to continue

♦ Talley Student Center is in the process of receiving numerous renovations that aim to increase student use of the facilities.

Spaine Stephens  
News Editor

Students who swing by Talley Student Center to grab a bite to eat or use the bathroom are slowing down to observe the results of the student center's long-awaited makeover.

Thanks to allotments from student fees, Talley has undergone many physical renovations, and more major improvements are on the horizon.

"This is a really good use of student fees," said Don Patty, director of business and plan-

ning of N.C. State's Talley Student Center.

When students came back from Christmas vacation at the beginning of this semester, some of the renovations had already taken place, such as the replacement of furniture and equipment that had been around since Talley was built in 1971.

The first phase of the Talley renovation project focused on furniture, carpet and drapes. Newly reupholstered furniture was bought from University Housing and placed on the first floor, and the Information Center was also relocated to the first floor.

On the second floor, the ballroom floor was refinished and new commercial drapes were installed. In the lobby area outside Stewart Theater, the old chairs were replaced with new

furniture including network chairs, which enable a user to hook up a laptop on an adjoined desk.

Several meeting rooms on the fourth floor also underwent improvements. The Blue, Green and Walnut Rooms all received new carpet and drapes. The Marriott also donated chairs to the Walnut Room. Forty new heavy-duty tables were also purchased to use in the meeting rooms.

The furniture additions to the Student Center totaled \$25,000.

The Talley Student Center Administration hopes these obvious physical changes will

encourage more students to spend time in the student center.

The physical improvements are ongoing and began with the most noticeable changes that "students could see right off the bat," said Randy Colby, manager of reservations and events at Talley.

"Ninety percent of monies that support the Student Center come from student receipts," said Colby. "There is no state funding."

Students have been paying for the construction of Talley Student Center in the form of a \$9.45 per year student fee, said

Patty.

Last November, that debt was paid off in full, allowing the student fees to be put toward physical improvements in Talley and other buildings that make up the Student Centers at NCSU. Price

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## Two senate sessions to meet Wednesday evening

♦ The 1999-2000 Student Senate will meet for the final time at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday evening. The 2000-01 session is scheduled to convene its first session at 9 p.m. that same night.

Andrew Buchert  
Assistant News Editor

Two sessions of the N.C. State Student Senate will meet back-to-back this Wednesday evening

in response to Student Body President Raj Mirchandani's veto of the 2000-2001 Student Government budget.

The 1999-00 Student Senate session will hold its last meeting at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday for the purpose of either overriding Mirchandani's veto or passing a new budget.

Incoming Student Senate President Conen Morgan may call the 2000-01 senate session to order at 9 p.m. Wednesday, whether the current senate has adjourned or not.

"[The 1999-00 session] will have 90 minutes to get [its

budget business] done," said Morgan.

The current senate is still awaiting information from NCSU Chancellor Mary Anne Fox and the university administration regarding the possibility of holding campout in the upcoming school year, said current Student Senate President Seth Whitaker.

"I don't know yet where we stand," said Whitaker. "We will determine whether or not to provide funding for campout based on the likelihood of having it [next year]."

Within the realm of passing a

new budget, there are several roads that the senate may take Wednesday, depending on the status of campout in the upcoming year, said Whitaker.

The senate has the option of passing a resolution in favor of campout without allocating money to it. The budget can then be approved and money for campout can be allocated at a later date. If the opportunity to do so arises.

"If [campout] is not very likely, there is the possibility that we will take a stand in favor of it," he said.

Whitaker said that the length

of Wednesday's final senate meeting will depend on which road is taken regarding the 2000-01 Student Government budget. Should the 1999-00 session run over, Morgan has two options.

"I could allow them to continue," he said, "or I could walk out and start my session elsewhere."

The minute that Morgan calls the new senate session to order, the 1999-00 senate session will become officially adjourned.

The decision to have a 90-minute buffer between the scheduled meeting times of the

two senate sessions was made at Morgan's discretion.

"I basically did it for two reasons," said Morgan. "I wanted to challenge the old session to get stuff done in a manageable amount of time, and I did it because I basically have the authority to do so."

Morgan said that when the 2000-01 senate meets Wednesday evening, it will not discuss the budget due to the high number of new senators. He noted that the senate may, however, look at the campout

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## Concrete healing



John McKee/Staff

Someday asphalt may gain the ability to heal like a scab on human skin.

♦ NCSU professor Richard Kim's 13 years of concrete and asphalt research have led to the development of an asphalt that cracks slower and heals quicker.

Lauren Pressley  
Staff Writer

Potholes annoy drivers every spring, but in the future they may not be quite as prominent, thanks

to the work of a N.C. State professor.

Richard Kim, an associate professor in civil engineering, has been researching the cracks in asphalt for about 13 years. Kim has held the idea throughout his research that some types of asphalt crack slower and heal better, and he even wrote his Ph.D. dissertation on the topic at Texas A&M.

"Basically, I found out that asphalt and concrete heal in a lesser amount than polymers," said Kim, "but it does heal."

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## No one injured in reactor spill

♦ Two graduate students are unharmed after an explosion during an experiment.

News Staff Report

A Saturday afternoon experiment at Riddick Engineering Labs went awry, as chemicals spilled onto the students conducting the experiment. No one was injured, and there is no long-term damage to the lab.

According to Hazardous Waste Program Specialist Robert Pecarina, civil engineering graduate students Matthew Pelton and Ye Chen were splattered with small amounts of hazardous materials in the accident. Both declined a trip to the hospital for treatment, according to Public Safety Assistant Director Terry Wright.

Pecarina said the reaction

occurred around 12:15 p.m. in the Environmental Engineering Lab at Riddick. Pelton and Chen were conducting an experiment involving reflux decomposition — water passing through a landfill. The students had fermented ordinary garbage, water and a carbon-14 tracer in a reactor. Pressure built within the reactor, but the reactor's pressure release mechanism was blocked.

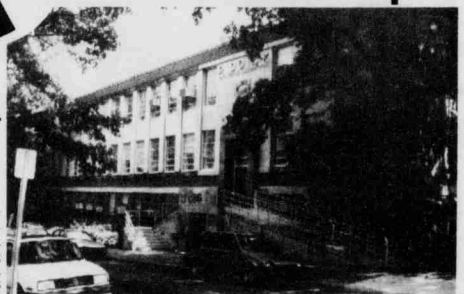
The pressure released itself by blowing the cap off the reactor,

and spilling the materials. Morton Barlaz, associate head of civil engineering for water resources and environmental engineering, said that the tracer used was a "volatile, toxic organic chemical."

The two individuals washed off the hazardous materials in the lab's safety showers before calling Public Safety.

Officers from Public Safety, the N.C. State Environmental

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## TALLEY

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Music Center received a new roof, and Talley will be undergoing new roof construction this summer that will cost \$400,000. The allocations available per year total \$240,000.

"[The roof] has to be done, even though it's not something people can see," said Patty.

The same roof has been atop Talley since 1971.

Initially, Student Center Administration was considering a proposal to charge academic and administrative groups for use of the Student Center to gain further funding for the continual renovation project. However, this possibility met resolution when the chancellor's staff decided to give the

Student Center \$50,000 per year in university support for the renovations and necessary upkeep and upgrades.

The improvement project is far from over. Other areas of Talley are "deteriorating at a rapid rate," according to Colby.

The Building Planning committee will continue to decide what else needs to be done in terms of renovation and to evaluate future needs for the Student Center.

Some possible enhancements may be additional lounging furniture and improvements in the basement game room.

Colby also stressed the need to put more emphasis on the North Plaza area outside Talley, which is a grassy area that can be reserved by groups for various functions.

"We want to focus on somewhere students want to come," said Colby.

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Kim's research included forming a test method to measure the amount of cracking and healing in asphalt and developing models to quantitatively measure different types and amounts of healing.

Asphalt is made with a polymer, explained Kim.

"It's well known that polymers heal under pressure and temperature as a function of time," he said.

The healing occurs in asphalt in a similar way to that of Silly Putty. Over time, tiny cracks or holes settle and disappear in the polymer.

Kim's primitive model from

Texas A&M has evolved with his work at NCSU into the model used today. His models have shown that certain asphalts and concretes are slower to crack and quicker to heal, which Kim said is the goal of his research.

Using the models and knowledge that he has gained, he said that the ultimate goal is to develop an asphalt that heals well and cracks slowly.

Kim also said that the developmental phase of this asphalt is finished and is now in a refinement process.

Research on the synthesis of asphalt has also been done in Wyoming. For the researchers in Wyoming to verify their data and make sure their asphalt is better at resisting cracking and quicker at healing, they must use Kim's model and testing methods.

Kim said that the asphalt that

his research has proven to be slower to crack and quicker to heal is now being used in road construction.

"It looks the same," he said, "but is not."

"We measured this healing in actual pavement for the first time, as research, measuring US 70 going to Clayton from Raleigh," said Kim. He also said that this was a historical event in this technology.

Kim said this measurement was taken in 1993, and since that time significant advancements in the laboratory have been made.

According to Kim, several organizations are financially backing the research, including the National Science Foundation, the National Cooperative Highway Research Program, the Federal Highway Administration and the N.C. Department of Transportation.

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Health and Safety Center and the Raleigh Fire Department responded to the call.

As for the lab itself, Wright said it has been "determined that there are no hazards, as far as going back into the room."

Barlaz said the lab is ready for regular use. He said Pecarina's report deemed the lab cleanup efforts and the students' personal cleanup efforts sufficient to make the lab safe for future use.

According to Barlaz, the students reacted well to the spill.

"From my perspective, the students did exactly what they should have done, given the situation," Barlaz said.

## SENATE

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issue and pass a simple resolution, if necessary.

The 1999-00 senate session was originally scheduled to adjourn at noon this Wednesday. The senate, however, voted at an emergency meeting last week to extend its session for the purpose of dealing with the budget veto.

It's 3 am.

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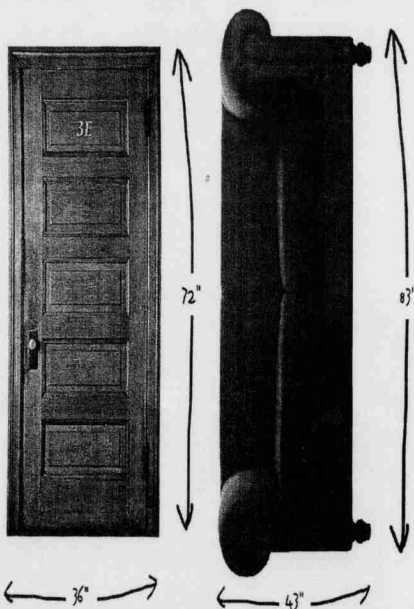
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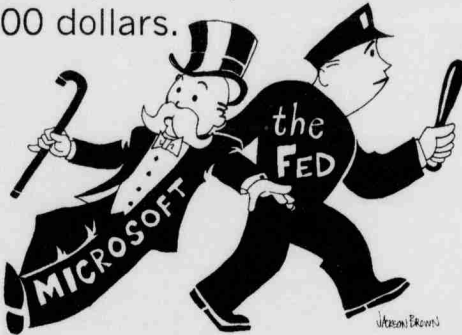
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# Opinion

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Conversing  
in a, like,  
lazy society



Staff Columnist  
Hannah Zaher

I've never read that book "Men are from Mars, Women are from Venus." I don't need to. I already know there is a significant difference in the way the male and the female minds work. Then why am I bothering you, yet again, with my incessant ravings you ask?

The other day a male friend of mine asked me, "Why do girls, you know, talk like they do?"

Like what? I wondered. "I mean, like, what is that supposed to mean, like... whatever?"

Realization: It's lack of vocabulary. Not just that, it's a lack of conversational skills, or maybe the mastery of a particular conversational style that eludes the simple minds of the opposite sex.

However, as much as I like to pretend I'm 'different' and 'so not chicky,' I have found myself, many-a-time, composing sentences consisting mostly of 'like,' 'whatever,' 'totally' and 'I mean.'

I mean, like, you know what I mean? So what is it that ails us inhabitants of the conversational world? Is it a lack of education? Somehow, I don't think so.

We are at college after all; are we not? In all those years of schooling, I'm pretty sure we had at least one class where Mr. or Ms. So-and-so wasted ... er ... spent countless hours teaching us the proper sentence structure, what words to use in which situations and how often to use them.

Then what? Could it be that over the years, language has just dissolved into a few simple, all-purpose words that carry a plethora of meaning? It's kind of convenient, really, how one word can convey so much. It gives the whole mess "packed with meaning" phrase a whole new ... meaning.

So I guess it boils down to laziness. We, as a people, have reached the ultimate limit of laziness, which, combined with a touch of stinginess, produces all kinds of meaningless (if you're really listening) conversations.

Now, I don't have a lot of knowledge about all the languages that are spoken on this earth (or beyond). But when I compare the limited number of languages I do speak (two, to be exact), I can definitely confirm that English (or whatever version of it we do speak) has much more of a variety of vague phrases that can be combined to carry on complete conversations.

It's actually quite a skill, if one really takes the time to think about it. Or in other words, it's like, you know, an art.

I can't decide if that's really an instance of the beauty of language, or a fine example of the many ways the system of education fails us. I don't mean that every person I meet has to be the best conversationalist I have ever come across (because frankly there's a great chance that I think I'm an egotistical, self-centered person who thinks she's the most fascinating person alive). But a general trend of self-improvement wouldn't be that bad to see either.

Can we, like, make more like sense or something?

Hannah thinks she's like, you know, good at language and stuff. I mean like totally. You disagree? Uh... like whatever! She doesn't like care or anything, but like if you want to like write her or something. E-mail at [hannah@univnycsu.edu](mailto:hannah@univnycsu.edu) or something.

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## TECHNICIAN'S VIEW

### Iran "reforms" reform

The Iranian State News Agency (IRNA) banned a total of 14 pro-reform publications Monday for printing material that "disparaged Islam and the religious elements of the Islamic revolution."

Without a trial by the Tehran justice department, the actions were decreed to stay in force "until further notice." Meanwhile, countless Iranian journalists are being punished by the government for treasonous journalism that flies in the face of the Islamic

Revolution under which the country has been ruled since 1979.

The pro-reform daily

Azad appeared in circulation on Monday despite its inclusion in the contraband press; however, the publishers cited the excuse that the order to ban the publications came too late to stop the printing of the Monday issue.

Supreme leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei last week directly criticized reformist newspapers, aligning them with anti-Iran propaganda machines.

In contrast to the sharp civil unrest that followed last July's overthrow of the last of the Shah, the then-leading reformist voice, the affected journalists are pledging to counter the state-sanctioned attacks through legal channels.

Remarkably, President Mohammad Khatami has been hailed as a reform leader since taking power in 1997; however, the sudden, sweeping press bans demonstrate the impotence of his office and the overwhelming strength of the conservative establishment.

The press has been under fire for what the Ayatollah labels "un-

Islamic" elements that follow the "American style." Recent prosecution of pro-reform members of the press has been swift and strict.

In one case, the dean of the reform press, Mashallah Shamsolvaizian, began a 30-month prison sentence after his last appeal against charges of insulting Islamic values was rejected. In another situation, maverick editor Akbar Ganji was

jailed before trial on charges he sullied state police by publishing allegations that top intelligence officials were linked to serial murders of dissidents. Some journalists have been tried en masse, as is the case for a group that attended a seminar in Berlin that conservatives paint as derogatory towards Islamic values.

Of course, the bans are travesties of justice and horribly unfortunate obstacles to the dream of an Iranian democracy. Still, Iran's lack of separation between church and state must be respected. Islam is not merely a cultural element in Iran; it is a political pillar.

For this reason, the U.S. and the rest of the West has no right to fight "injustices" anyone than Indian Hindus have the right to seek United Nations sanctions against the West's beef consumption. The U.S. has a difficult enough time playing the role of police officer with the world; it shouldn't attempt to play God as well.

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What in the world were these kids' parents thinking? Who in their right mind would let children of that age stay out so late, doing who knows what?

This is a prime example of why this country is on its way to hell via Overnight Delivery. Parents should have much more concern for their children than to let them go wandering off at such hours of the night, regardless of whether it is a school night or the weekend. It just makes sense that you wouldn't want your child out at a time when most criminal activity, including drunk driving, is occurring.

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Staff Columnist  
Justin Parisi

I think that when I grow up, I'm going to be a college professor.

OK, OK. Growing up is a relative term and being a college professor isn't exactly glamorous. But think of the benefits: molding and shaping young minds, providing a sense of direction in someone's life and helping students realize their potential. And this would be my philosophy...

If I were a college professor, class would be held outside everyday. Never mind that it rains sometimes and gets cold. The simple fact is, college kids like being outside. They always listen more attentively, because there is absolutely nothing outside to distract students; there are no people to watch or hugs to shoo. When a student stares outside in class, it is simply his or her way of saying, "Take us out there! I'll learn more out there!" And I believe it.

If I were a college professor, I'd never have classes on Friday, because students need that day to absorb the material taught earlier in the week. I'd let students miss as many classes as they want, because I wouldn't want them to "burn out" on the material. Tests would be conducive to attendance, just to live up to the class. College kids love that kind of stuff.

If I were a college professor, I would invite a guest speaker or show a video every week on Mondays. Nothing brings students to class more than guest speakers and videos. On those days, I'd bring snacks and fruit punch, because college kids love that kind of stuff.

If I were a college professor, I'd let everyone know the first

day of class that "Hey man, I'm here for you." I would encourage them to come to my office and talk if they had any problems at all. I'd tell jokes, talk sports, relationships, current events, whatever. I'd be the only one talking, because it's my class. I'd only devote 30 minutes of class to the actual material, of which students could do homework from other classes if they felt comfortable with the material. Then I'd let everyone out 20 minutes early, everyday.

Why? Because a college professor, above all else, should be a buddy to his or her students. Education is important, but college kids like it when their professors try to be their friends. They reward the professors with respect and sobriety, never talking when the lecture is being given, because the college student understands that there is a time and place for all of that.

All of this is ridiculous. I mean, no one would actually put these theories into practice, right?

Sadly, there are professors who have incorporated at least one of these examples into their classes. What they don't realize is that as students, we need a figure of authority in the classroom—not a buddy.

While professors shouldn't all be heartless drones, they also shouldn't try too hard to befriend their students. In my experiences, I've always done better in class when a professor was friendly, but stern.

I understand that professors are human too, and like all humans, want to be liked and accepted. But when in a position of authority, certain duties exist.

The best professors are the ones who don't force you to come to class, but make you want to come to a class because there is a cooperative interac-

tion where both parties gain ground. The professor should define expectations of his students and maintain focus on the material, as that is what the students are paying for and perhaps more importantly, that is what the tests are going to cover. I've never had a question on a test concerning what the professor did over Spring Break when he or she was in college.

The best professors know that the material is what draws a student into a class and tries to make the material as interesting as possible without having to resort to numerous guest speakers and videos. A few are good, but they must be relevant. Guest speakers who come into a class to talk about how the football team is doing rather than their experiences in the field of study, should be banned.

Students may at first enjoy professors who joke and converse, but after a while, they begin to wonder why they even come to class at all. Then they wonder why they pay attention. Pretty soon, no one is ever in class.

Professors deserve their due respect—they are a valuable commodity to society. However, sometimes they take that value for granted. With all that said, I have to retain a certain amount of respect.

If I were a college professor, I'd be fired.

Or maybe I wouldn't. Maybe because we've all had a college professor with at least one of my philosophies, by combining them I'd get tenure and end up as chancellor. Oh, if I were chancellor...

Justin really, really wants to go outside and "learn." Please disturb him at [jparisi@univnycsu.edu](mailto:jparisi@univnycsu.edu)

## An evening at the Waffle House



Staff Columnist  
Donnie Lasser

How much worse is it going to get before it starts getting better?

I'm referring to the current state of America's moral values, educational system and overall lack of common sense. I could be attacking virtually every aspect of this society, but for now I'll just take on what I consider to be the top three.

And much to the chagrin of many of you, I'm sure, the story begins at Waffle House.

I was in one of these infamous eating establishments the other night, sometime close to 3 a.m. I'd strolled a group of about 8 or 9 teenagers, the youngest of which was probably 12 and the oldest, 16. They proceeded to raise hell in the restaurant, loudly demanding service and doing the waitress (probably 16 herself) less-than-courteous treatment. When these jokers walked in, I couldn't believe what I was seeing.

Here we had youngsters—mere teens in the great game of life—with everything from gang-relat-

ed clothing to tattoos covering their arms. And what were they doing out at 3 a.m.? They should have been home in bed, with watchful parents just down the hall making sure that bed is where they stayed.

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same time I could certainly see a point to it. They cared about it, they didn't want something to happen to me and they wanted me to learn responsibility and common sense.

How can children learn to be responsible when their own parents act in such a horribly irresponsible manner?

The waitress, too, was no more than 16, and she was a high school dropout. I doubt that she had ever been to school more than three days a week even when she was enrolled, because she could not perform even the most basic of functions. She asked about 4 times what each of us had ordered, could not comprehend the special requests that we made, had no interest in making sure we were satisfied with either the food or the service and had absolutely no respect for herself or her appearance.

This was not a person that was handicapped in some way or mentally impaired; she was simply a dropout who cared nothing about her education or improving her life.

Moreover, I'm curious as to the reason why this 16-year-old girl had to work at the Waffle House on third shift anyway. Perhaps

she got pregnant and had to take the only job she could find. Or maybe her parents were alcoholics or crack addicts that couldn't properly feed or clothe her.

I'll never know that girl's story, but I do know that it is most likely the product of unconcerned parents. I also know that unless she somehow finds a way to get her life straightened out and goes back to school to at least attain her high school diploma, she's going to be waiting on my kids someday when they go for a burger after school.

Just can't comprehend how things like this happen so frequently in American society. We are the wealthiest, most powerful and most opportunity-filled nation in the entire world. We have one of the finest educational systems, we have a strong, stable economy and we have thousands of service organizations whose primary mission is to assist those with some type of problem or hardship.

But looking around that restaurant, you would have thought that it was some underdeveloped nation struggling just to survive. The word "America" is symbol-

ic of power; why then do we not use that power to salvage the parts of our country that have fallen? Why do we elect a president based on his promises of repairing all the damage that exists in our nation and then allow him to break those promises? It seems like nothing but cowardice and ignorance that allows this country to remain the way it is and has been for years.

We can fight and win world wars, we can create and maintain the strongest and most high-tech industrial powerhouse on the globe and we can develop the most cutting-edge medical techniques ever used, but we still cannot educate our youth and keep them out of trouble.

What is wrong with this picture? When the day comes that we can look past dollar signs, career enhancement and international prestige to cure the simplest of our problems, America will once again be great. Until then, we're just sinking deeper and deeper into the hole we've created for ourselves. Good luck getting out.

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MEDIAEVAL EUROPE, MAXINE HAS CAUGHT UP WITH THE ELUSIVE GABRIEL...

**doughboy1999 by marko**

**Last time-** Maxine, in Mediaeval Europe, explored a graveyard, read a bird's mind, talked to Chalkhydry, and crossed a hill in search of a distant battle. Meanwhile on the planet Arachxn'th, Matajuro beheaded a **Arachxn'thian Enforcer** just as **Oskar** popped up. The two felines decided to embark on a journey with **Shuster** the simian to the planet **Achillia**, which has recently been rocked by a comet. Matajuro and Oskar streak toward Achillia in a damaged spaceship. Meanwhile, on **Mediaeval Europe**, Maxine continues searching for answers and runs into a being who morphs into the **Archangel Gabriel**, the being partly responsible for Maxine's current state of confusion about her existence. Gabriel ignores her and flies away. Maxine responds by decking Gabriel into next Tuesday. On Achillia, Zathael attempted to save the city from a doomsday comet. He failed and the metropolis of Achillia is devastated, killing most of the urban population. Zathael is knocked flat on the ground and out cold.

**This week-** Chalkhydry and MekaOscar try to locate Zathael, whom they assume at first to be dead. In the comet's impact zone they encounter many otherworldly survivors of the disaster. On **Mediaeval Europe**, Maxine and Gabriel continue to work out their differences.



ACHILLIA CITY RAVAGED BY A COMET. CHALKHYDRI SENDS THE ANIMATRONIC MEGAOSCAR TO TEND TO THE COMATOSE ZATHAEL. SHE HAS SINCE FOUND TWO SURVIVORS WHERE THERE SHOULD HAVE BEEN NONE...

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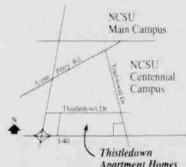
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## NOTES

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Mottl to defeat Duke 12-8 Sunday at Jack Coombs Field to finish off the series sweep of the Blue Devils.

The loss dropped Duke to 4-14 in the Atlantic Coast Conference and 14-32 overall. Clemson improved to 11-4 in the ACC and 35-10 overall with the win.

Tiger head coach Jack Leggett picked up win No. 700 in the game. He has a 700-412 record in his 21st season as a Division I head coach.

Ryan Mottl added another milestone, as he picked up his 30th win as a Tiger, which moved him ahead of Kris Benson into sole possession of third place on the Tiger career win list. Mottl pitched seven innings, allowing six hits and three runs to improve to 7-2. Duke starter Ryan Caradonna (5-8) suffered his second loss of the series.

Clemson took advantage in the fourth inning, going up 3-1 on Ryan Riley's RBI double to left field and Justin Singleton's RBI groundout. Clemson increased the lead to 6-1 with three runs in the fifth. Leadoff hitter Brian Ellis reached base on an error, Khalil Greene singled and both scored on Jeff Baker's RBI double to right center. Michael Johnson's sacrifice fly scored the other run.

Clemson scored five runs in the seventh and one in the eighth to build the lead to 12-3. Duke battled back with five runs of its own in the bottom of the eighth to make it 12-8, but that was the closest the Blue Devils came.

## DALY

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10,000 by 30 seconds. In the 5,000-meter run, the Pack placed five runners — Pons, Ryan Woods, Brendan Rogers, Chris Dugan and Abdul Alzindani — in the top eight.

The other individual winners for State were Dugan in the 3,000-meter steeplechase, Tyrone Dozier in the 400-meter dash, Isaiah Ogeleshy in the hammer throw and Lindsay Rogers in the women's 10,000-meter run.

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## VOLLEY

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The tournament is open to all NCSU students as well as non-students, though Robinson hopes the event will increase the team's popularity among students. Subsequently, increasing attendance at home volleyball matches which are played at Reynolds Coliseum.

"One of our main goals is to increase popularity of volleyball on campus and among all the students," Robinson said.

At 6 p.m., the "Top Gun" game pits Wolfpack volleyball players and coaches against media personalities from around the Triangle. And before festivities conclude, the volleyball team will give away two custom-made mountain bikes. To be eligible to win a custom-made mountain bike, tournament participants and non-tournament participants will have the opportunity to enter a raffle all day.

Hopefully, I got everyone's name.

Now it is time for those on the bottom of the heap.

## 5. Butch Carter.

Who is he thinking? Suing Marcus Camby for libel because he called him a "liar." What kind of motivational technique is that?

Besides, it's pretty easy to dismiss Camby. After all, Camby cost Massachusetts its 1996 Final Four bid due to his, shall we say, sketchy behavior. Carter needs to focus on beating the Knicks.

And who the hell is he to write a book, anyway?

## 4. Atlanta Braves' fans and John Rocker.

First, Rocker is blaming the media for all of his problems; real mature. It's not the media's fault he's an idiot.



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Next, the fans in Atlanta have actually cheered for the closer when he enters baseball games. Now, I didn't think Rocker should have been suspended — freedom of speech — but standing ovations are a bit much.

Rocker also seems to think he's been vindicated by the cheers. Wonder if the reactions will be different when he gets out of Atlanta.

## 3. N.C. State's baseball team.

Getting the win on Sunday over Miami was key for the Pack. But one can't overlook the first two games of the series. Miami outscored them 31-1.

Friday at the Durham Bulls Athletic Park, State was out of it after the first inning. The team eventually lost 12-0. Saturday at Doak Field, the Hurricanes massacred the Pack 19-1.

After the game Sunday, a Miami coach was overheard saying, "You can lose to Florida State, but you can't lose to N.C. State."

## 2. Marshall Williams transferring.

In no way am I bashing Williams, State or anyone else. Getting homesick is quite understandable.

It's just that State would have been a much better team with Williams in the lineup next year.

## 1. Anyone who skipped out of their jobs for WWF at the ESA.

I'm not going to name names. Jeremy knows who he is. Damn, I just named names.

Jack Daly's columns appear Tuesdays. He can be reached at 515-2411 or jrdaly@unity.ncsu.edu.

## CRUNCH

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streak, the longest by a State player this season. Prochaska is 29-for-70 during the streak, boosting his team-leading batting average to .379.

Game time for today's matchup with the Chanticleers is set for 7 p.m. The Pack is in action at the Doak again at 7 p.m. on Wednesday when they takes on UNC-Wilmington.

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**COMMENTARY**

## The top and bottom five

**JACK DALY**

N.C. State's athletics season is rapidly drawing to a close.

More accurately, save the Wolfpack baseball season, there is nothing really left until August. Well, there are some track meets, and golf still has the


**ATHLETICS**

NCAAs, but for the State sports enthusiast, there is a dearth of on-campus events.

With that in mind, here is the most recent edition of the top and bottom five. Keep in mind there isn't much going on. It may explain some of the choices.

First, let's consider those deserving accolades.

**5. Andres Galaraga.**

Now, I'm not the biggest Braves fan in the world (see the bottom five), but Galaraga deserves a tip of the hat. His battle back from cancer is a great story, kind of like Lance Armstrong, but not quite as impressive.

That's taking nothing away from Galaraga, who I have the utmost respect for.

**4. N.C. State's 1991 men's basketball team.**

After nine years of missing the NCAA tournament and players transferring, the Pack's second-round loss to Oklahoma State was back in 1991 tournament looks good right now. Real good.

**3. N.C. State's baseball team.**

The Wolfpack gave their NCAA tournament chances a boost with the 5-4 win over defending national champion Miami Hurricanes Sunday.

Somewhat surprisingly, Brian Wright, who was in serious consideration for a spot in the top-five due to his torrid hitting streak, wasn't the offensive hero for the Pack. Instead, Josh Schmitt was as he went 2-for-4 at the plate. Schmitt drove in the game-tying run while scoring the game-winner in the eighth.

That's really huge because we got slaughtered in our first two games," Schmitt said in Monday's *Technician*.

Ah, the first two games of the series.

We'll get to those later.

**2. N.C. State's golf team.**

The Wolfpack didn't finish lower than third in a tournament all spring. The team continued that trend in the ACC championships, by finishing third.

State was in first headed into the final round, but there isn't much that can be done when the country's third-best team (Clemson) shoots ten-under for the day.

Carl Pettersson and Chris Mundorf deserve special recognition. Pettersson finished at 6-under-par for the tournament, good enough for second place individually. Pettersson, a senior who plans on turning pro this summer, has been under-par in five of his last six rounds.

Mundorf was the other Wolfpack player to finish under-par. Last week, he fired a 65 on a soggy MacGregor Downs course, one off the tournament record.

**1. Chan Pons.**

Granted, State's men's team won five individual titles at the ACC championships and the women won one, but I had to pick someone's name.

Pons won the 5,000-and-10,000-meter runs, winning the

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◆The Wolfpack volleyball team will host a grass tournament this weekend. The tournament is open to the public.

**Rob Godfrey**

Assistant Sports Editor

Free round-trip airline tickets and two custom-made mountain bikes are among \$3000 in prizes up for grabs at SmashFest 2000.

The first grass volleyball tournament to be hosted by the N.C. State volleyball squad will be held at Derr Track Field Saturday, with registration beginning at 8 a.m. and match-play at 9 a.m.

State's volleyball squad, coached by Kim Hall, will host the event as a fundraiser to supplement the volleyball budget, while Pepsi, Oldies 100.7, a local radio station, Custom Travel and the Wolfpack Club

will sponsor SmashFest.

"People should come out because it's incredibly cheap for a volleyball tournament," said Hall. "And it's really going to be more like a carnival than a volleyball tournament. People will be able to meet our players and local radio celebrities. It's something to do, even for people who aren't playing. Everyone is welcome to come out."

Hall derived her idea for a grass volleyball tournament from similar tournaments hosted by Texas Tech University and the University of Virginia. It wasn't until Kaitlin Robinson, a 1999 NCSU graduate and former volleyball player, returned as a graduate assistant this season, however, that Hall was able to organize and execute the plan for a grass volleyball tournament on campus.

"When I first got into coaching, Virginia was trying to supplement its volleyball scholarship budget," Hall said. "So, I've always thought the idea would



State volleyball hosts a tournament this weekend.

be really fun, but I've just never had an incredibly organized assistant like Kaitlin [Robinson] to pull it

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# Crunch

◆Wins are essential during the week as the N.C. State baseball team prepares to play No. 2 Florida State.

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The NCAA postseason selection process for baseball is only a month away, which puts winning at a premium for N.C. State.

The Wolfpack (25-21, 8-10 Atlantic Coast Conference) gets a shot at a couple of mid-week victories when it welcomes Coastal Carolina to Doak Field tonight and hosts UNC-Wilmington on Wednesday. State realizes that its team needs strong showings against the Chanticleers and Seahawks before heading to Tallahassee, Fla., this

weekend to take on No. 2 Florida State in a crucial ACC showdown.

The Pack is riding some momentum following a dramatic 5-4 win over the defending national champions, the Miami Hurricanes. Head coach Elliott Avent said the win helped State immensely in its preparation for the stretch run.

"We had no momentum after Wednesday night against Old Dominion and these two games against Miami," Avent said. "This gives us a tremendous amount of confidence."

"This is kind of nice because we get to ride this roller coaster into Florida State and see what we can do there," senior Dan Mooney added. "So, it's definitely a huge momentum boost. I hope the guys look at it that way, and we can go into Florida State and win a couple."

State had been on the wrong end of three consecutive double-digit routs heading into the third game of this past weekend's series with the Hurricanes. The Pack lost to Old Dominion 12-2 on Wednesday and dropped the first two games of the Miami series by a combined score of 31-1.

Everything came together Sunday, however, as the Pack rallied for a come-



State's infield will look to keep the ball in front of them tonight against Coastal Carolina.

from-behind win. Schmitt's late inning hit and hustle was a deciding factor in Sunday's game. "Their closer kind of blew it at the end, and we took advantage of it," Schmitt said.

Sophomore Dan D'Amato's strong performance on the mound also paid huge dividends on

# TIME

Ryan Combs and the Wolfpack need wins if they want to make it to this year's NCAA tournament.

Sunday. After State pitching had been ripped by the Miami offense in the first two games, D'Amato delivered 6 1/3 solid innings to keep the game close and give his team the opportunity to pull out a win.

"That's a great hitting ballclub," Avent said. "They're a very opportunistic team. They take advantage of every mistake you make. And you've got to give credit to Dan D'Amato and everybody that came in today."

Defense had been a problem for the Pack prior to Sunday's victory over the Hurricanes. State committed 14 errors in the four games leading up to the series finale with Miami. But a big reason for the upset win on Sunday was State's near-flawless fielding.

"We worked as a team today," Schmitt said of the team's improved fielding.

Mooney's return to the lineup after missing three games with a torn ligament in his left thumb was instrumental to the Pack's success in the field on Sunday. The veteran catcher picked off Manny Crespo at first base, tagged out Crespo at the plate on an attempted double steal and gunned down Marcus Nettles, one of the country's fastest baserunners, at second to preserve the win.

Freshman Mike Prochaska heads into tonight's game riding a 17-game hitting

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## ACCNotes

### Duke men's tennis wins third-straight ACC Title

NORCROSS, Ga. — The Duke men's tennis team won its third straight and ninth overall Atlantic Coast Conference (ACC) championship, defeating arch rival North Carolina 4-1 in the tournament finals at the Racket Club of the South on Sunday afternoon. With the win, the sixth-ranked Blue Devils improved to 22-5, while the 20th-ranked Tar Heels fell to 17-5 on the season.

Duke junior Ramsey Smith (Hilton Head, S.C.) was named ACC Championship MVP after winning both singles matches and all three of his doubles matches during the tournament. Smith is the son of professional tennis player Stan Smith. His honor marks the third straight year and 10th time overall a Duke player has been named tournament MVP.

Duke started off the match by winning the doubles point, taking victories at No. 1 and 3 doubles. The Blue Devil tandem of Doug Root and Smith, ranked eighth in the country, defeated UNC's Assaf Drori and Greg Archer 8-4. At No. 3 doubles, Duke's Porter Jones and

Michael Yani won 8-6 over Marcio Petrone and Tyne Brownlow.

Up 1-0 in the match, Duke then took singles victories at the No. 2, 5 and 6 spots, all in straight sets, to clinch the team victory.

### Duke women's tennis brings home 13th straight ACC Championship

NORCROSS, Ga. — The ninth-ranked Duke women's tennis team captured its 13th straight ACC Championship on Sunday by knocking off No. 3 Wake Forest 5-3 at the Racket Club of the South.

The match began with Wake Forest taking the early lead with Janet Bergman defeating Katie Granson 6-4, 6-2 at No. 3 singles. Duke came back with a victory at No. 6 singles by Prii Strippart over Annemarie Millon (6-3, 6-3).

Wake Forest won two straight matches to go up 3-1. The Blue Devils then got a huge win at the No. 1 singles spot by No. 14 Megan Miller over fifth-ranked Adria Engel (6-4, 4-6, 6-2). Sophomore Erica Biro of Duke won the final singles match at the No. 4 slot with

a 6-3, 3-6, 6-1 win over Maren Haas.

Going into doubles play, the score was even at three with Duke needing to win only two doubles matches to bring home the title. The Blue Devils got started quickly as the duo of Granson and Kathy Sell defeated Engel and Jackie Houston 8-3 at No. 3. At the No. 2 slot, the team of Miller and Hillary Adams posted an 8-4 match-clinching victory over Haas and Milton.

Duke's win avenged an earlier 6-3 loss to Wake Forest in Durham, which ended the Blue Devils' 116-match overall and 82-match regular season win streak. Duke has won 14 of the last 15 matches heading into NCAAs.

Megan Miller was named ACC Tournament MVP after going 3-0 on the weekend in singles action and 1-0 in doubles play.

### Leggett gets win No. 700 in Tigers' 12-8 win over Duke

DURHAM — No. 6 Clemson used a 22-hit offensive attack and a solid pitching performance from Ryan

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