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Left: Patrick Osteen tries to get as much time in with his girlfriend Gillian Harris at the Raleigh Little Theatre before her departure for New York. (BROOK HEUSTLER)



Bottom: Scott Johnson takes his day off from work to make good use of the Raleigh Little Theatre's vacant stage by sunbathing. (BROOK HEUSTLER)



## Campus groups volunteer

◆ Several campus organizations are donating time and labor to this year's Special Olympics North Carolina Summer Games.

**Tim Clark**  
Senior Staff Writer

The number of N.C. State students signing up to volunteer for this year's Special Olympics North Carolina Summer Games (SONC) is up from last year's count.

The games, which NCSU will host, will take place June 2-4. The Summer Games offer an opportunity for competition of more than 1,500 athletes with mental disabilities from across North Carolina.

"We would love to have as many people involved as possible," said Amy Johnson, vice president of communications for SONC.

More than 500 volunteers have already signed up to help with this year's games, many of whom are coming from NCSU. This is due, in

part, to the participation of many groups on campus.

According to SONC, the Delta Kappa Sorority and Circle K are scheduled to volunteer, among others. Many dance team members and cheerleaders signed up to participate after performing at the SONC Volunteer Sign-up Kickoff Event. Additionally, 10 NCSU Teaching Fellows will be helping out, along with Teaching Fellows from across the state.

"We know this is going to be a huge event, and we hope we'll be able to help out as much as possible," said Kim Howell, president of Circle K.

Not only are students helping out, but also many faculty members and staff plan to volunteer. Representatives from the athletics department will be on hand, and Les Robinson has written a letter of welcome to the athletes. Tom Stafford, vice chancellor for student affairs, is also scheduled to give a welcome speech at the opening ceremonies.

With the need for a total of 1,800 shifts of volunteers, many partici-

pants are signing up for more than one shift.

Just as important as volunteers are spectators for the events. SONC's focus in this year's games is now shifting from registering volunteers to trying to attract spectators.

"These athletes, just like any other, dislike performing for empty stands," said Johnson.

While the volunteer recruitment drive for the Summer Games ended on April 24, SONC will continue to accept volunteers for the next two weeks. Volunteer sign-up will officially close in time for the orientation sessions scheduled for May 9 and 11.

For more information on how to volunteer for the SONC Summer Games, contact Jolin Eckman at 719-7662, ext. 116, or e-mail her at jekman@sonc.net. Information on volunteering, participating in or attending the games is available via the SONC Web site at <http://www.sonc.net>.

## Task Force:

### suggesting random lineup for ticket distribution

◆ After many meetings and much debate over alternative ticket distribution proposals, the Ticket Distribution Task Force voted to use a simple process.

**Lee Robertson**  
Staff Writer

In its final meeting, the Ticket Distribution Task Force, headed by Tom Stafford, vice chancellor of students affairs, voted to recommend to N.C. State Chancellor Marye Anne Fox that tickets to the Duke and UNC games be distributed in a very simple and cost-effective process.

Under the recommendation, in order to receive tickets to these two popular men's basketball games, students would be required to stand in line at Reynolds Coliseum on a date prior to each of these games.

"The day would most likely be a Saturday," said Stafford.

The tickets to these games would be placed in random order, and would be

distributed until there were no more left. Under this method, a student at the front of the line would not necessarily receive a better seat than a student at the back of the line.

Members of the task force voted nine in favor of this method and two against. Those who voted against this procedure favored the use of wristbands to receive tickets, in a process similar to that used at UNC.

Several members of the task force were not present and therefore did not participate in the vote.

During the discussion of the options prior to the vote, the Duggins/Aldrich proposal was eliminated. According to members of the task force, this proposal had little student support and was therefore removed from consideration. Stafford said he believes that students would prefer another route for ticket distribution and the other present task force members agreed.

Before the voting, Stafford also asked it could be agreed that Student Government and the Athletics depart-

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## NCSU without ABC

◆ Thanks to a dispute between Time-Warner and Disney, 412,000 people in the Raleigh-Durham area do not have access to one of the three major U.S. television networks.

**Jimmy Ryals**  
News Editor

"Whose Line is it Anyway?" and "Who Wants to be a Millionaire?" will not be seen at their regularly scheduled times this week at N.C. State.

In fact, Time-Warner cable subscribers in Raleigh and Durham will not see those shows at any scheduled time, regular or irregular. Not without the proper equipment, at least: a rabbit-ear antenna.

As of 12:01 a.m. Monday, WTVD-11, the ABC affiliate for the Raleigh-Durham viewing area, had been pulled off the air because of the ongoing dispute between media giants Disney and Time-Warner.

NCSU Telecommunications, the campus television provider, is a client of Time-Warner. The ABC blackout is beyond the department's control, according to Telecommunications Director Jennifer Van Horn.

"There's nothing we can do," said Van Horn. "I don't know, going forward, how it will be resolved."

Exactly who is at fault for the blackout is still in question. According to Robert Flynn, a member of WTVD's creative services

department, the dispute dates back to 1992, when Congress signed the Cable Television Consumer Protection and Competition Act. Among other things, the Cable Act allowed television stations to seek compensation when cable systems retransmit their programming.

Flynn said that the television stations can accept cash payment for their programming, or they can issue retransmission consent to the cable systems.

A retransmission consent agreement is valid for six years. The most recent consent ABC issued to Time-Warner Cable ran out Dec. 31, 1999. Flynn said that negotiations for a new consent agreement began last June.

The two sides could not reach an agreement by Dec. 31 and there have been five deadline extensions issued since then. The most recent of those extensions ran out Sunday.

Flynn said that ABC offered to extend the deadline on four separate occasions last week, but Time-Warner, according to Flynn, turned down all four extensions.

"We were just as surprised as anyone else," said Flynn.

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## State ad team wins again

◆ The Power Packed Promotions brought home their second consecutive regional win in the advertising promotion competition in April, and will head to Las Vegas for the national competition this summer.

**Stacie Kurtz**  
Staff Writer

On April 14, N.C. State's advertising team, also known as the Power Packed Promotions, won the American Advertising Federation's annual advertising competition at the regional level.

The competition, which is sponsored by The New York Times, invites

groups from different colleges to present actual marketing group meetings as one would see at a real advertising agency.

The goal of the NCSU ad team was to pitch a two- to three-year ad campaign for the New York Times using a hypothetical six million dollar budget. The target for the campaign was 18 to 24-year-old college students and recent graduates, said Brandy Solomon, a member of the Power Packed Promotions.

The students began the project by distributing trend surveys across the country, which revealed the preferences of the targeted group which were focused toward arts and theater.

"We did manage to get [a response]

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**N.C. State chooses new dean for College of Textiles**

A. Blanton Godfrey, Chairman and CEO of Juran Institute Inc., has been chosen as the next dean of N.C. State's College of Textiles, pending approval by the University of North Carolina's Board of Governors. NCSU Chancellor Marye Anne Fox and Provost Kermit Hall announced their recommendation of Godfrey to the post and the university's Board of Trustees approved the appointment April 28.

Since August 1987, Godfrey has led Juran Institute, a quality management research, education and consulting firm in Wilton, Conn., that has provided training and consulting support to leading companies in more than 55 countries. He also has been an adjunct professor in the College of Textiles at NCSU since 1995.

Godfrey will succeed David Buchanan, who became interim dean of the college on Jan. 1 following Robert Barnhardt's resignation at the end of 1999. Buchanan and Barnhardt will continue on the faculty at the college. Godfrey's appointment as dean of the college and as the Joseph D. Moore Professor of

Textile and Apparel Management Technology will become effective July 1.

**Public Safety opens sub-station**

In the effort to continue community policing, the N.C. State Public Safety department officially opened the North Campus Sub-Station with a ribbon cutting ceremony on Wednesday, April 19.

The sub-station, which is a renovated darkroom vacated when Communication Services relocated to the Butler Communications Building, is located in 12 Ricks Hall.

"The presence of this sub-station represents a partnership with our academic community," said Jeff Mann, associate vice chancellor for business. "It's a visible sign of our community policing initiative."

The ceremony was attended by several university officials, including James Obinger, dean of the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences; Margaret Zahn, dean of the College of Humanities and Social Sciences; George Worsley, vice chancellor for finance and business; and Terry Wright, deputy director of public safety.

The sub-station is a large office area furnished with two desks and computers, as well as a conference table and chairs. Two adjacent rooms will be used for storage.

The day and night shifts of the North Campus bike patrol will use the sub-station, in order to complete paperwork and other office work.

**Humorist to speak at Friends of Library dinner**

American humorist Calvin

Trillin will be the featured speaker at the N.C. State Friends of the Library's annual Spring Dinner on Wednesday, May 3. Trillin, a journalist and syndicated columnist, is best known for his columns in the New Yorker, where he has been a staff writer since 1963. He also writes for Nation and Time magazines and is a published novelist.

The Spring Dinner will be held at NCSU's McKimmon Center. It begins with a reception at 6:30 p.m. and is followed by dinner at 7 p.m. Advance reservations are required.

Trillin has written more than 20 books of fiction and nonfiction. His most recent book *Family Man* features essays on his life and family. Messages from My Father (1996) is an affectionate memoir of his father and Remembering Denny (1993) is the story of the death

of a homosexual friend Trillin had known since college days. The *Tummy Trilogy* (1994) includes three books in which Trillin offers a humorous look at his passion and search for delicious food across America and abroad: *American Fried: Adventures of a Happy Eater* (1974); *Alice, Let's Eat: Further Adventures of a Happy Eater* (1978); and *Third Helpings* (1983).

Tickets for the Spring Dinner are \$35 for the general public and \$30 for Friends' members and NCSU students. Tickets may be purchased by calling 515-2841 or by visiting the Friends' office in the D. H. Hill Library, Room 1137, Monday through Friday, between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. All proceeds benefit the NCSU Libraries.

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With 858,490 households with television sets, Raleigh-Durham is the 29th largest television market in the United States. Of those households, Flynn estimated that 412,000 get their cable service from Time-Warner.

Raleigh-Durham is one of seven U.S. markets affected by the ABC blackout. The others are: New York City, Philadelphia, Houston, Los Angeles, Toledo, Ohio and part of Fresno, California.

Flynn said that those particular markets, plus Raleigh-Durham, are being blacked out because ABC directly owns the affiliates in those areas.

Flynn said that there are three other major markets in which ABC owns affiliates, but that they are not markets where Time-Warner is a cable service provider.

The issue for ABC is what Flynn called Time-Warner's "monopolistic attitude."

"[ABC programming] is what people are clamoring for," Flynn said. "In their arrogance, [Time-Warner] has summarily removed their viewers from that programming."

Time-Warner officials could not be reached for comment at press time.

While the two media monoliths battle in the national headlines, the blackout has left Van Horn pondering other options.

"We would have much more control with satellite cable," Van Horn said. "We have no control with our current cable."

Andrew Buchert also contributed to this story.

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from each U.S. sector," said Solomon.

The ad team used the results of this survey to conduct five phases of research involving concept testing for advertisements.

The research produced print ads, video advertisements and radio spots, which five delegates from the group presented to the judges.

Half of the team's score came from the actual presentation of the ad campaign, while the other half was derived from a professional document outlining the research, production and reasoning that went into the project, said Solomon.

The paper was submitted by the team in advance of the actual competition.

Solomon mentioned that although there were only five members appearing before the panel, the work would not have been feasible without input from every member of the team.

In order to prepare for the challenge, the 30 member team met as a class. The group has worked all semester to

produce the actual marketing scheme to present before the federation. The assignment encouraged teamwork and creativity in order to accomplish what an actual company would.

This was the second consecutive win of the Power Packed Promotions on this level. The regional competition was held in Charlotte and consisted of eight schools from North Carolina, Virginia and South Carolina.

The next phase of the competition will occur at the national level and will take place in Las Vegas on June 20. Here, they will compete head-to-head with approximately 15 other schools. Again, the NCSU team will set up a PowerPoint presentation of an actual advertising scheme, and the five presenters will pitch this scheme to the judges.

In addition to the many career opportunities that will become available to the students who reach the national level of competition, the advertising schemes that win this level will also be partially used in actual ad campaigns.

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ment share the financial burden of any distribution.

This suggestion was met with strong opposition from the Student Government officials, including Student Body President-elect Harold Pettigrew and Student Body Treasurer Andrew Payne.

"I cannot agree to that," said Pettigrew.

Payne said the additional student fees that the athletic department will receive next year should be used to support ticket distribution.

Cobb maintained that the money used for entertainment from Student Government at this year's campout be redirected to help pay for distribution.

According to Payne, this money was taken from other areas, and was a decision that he made himself; therefore he could not anticipate what incoming Treasurer Michael Anthony would do.

It was decided that the financial aspects would be decided at a later date.

After the vote was taken, Stafford thanked the group for their assistance. He noted that this recommendation would be given to Chancellor Fox.

Student Body President Raj Mirchandani gave Stafford a letter to include in his report to Chancellor Fox.

The letter, signed by every student member of the task force, criticized the actions and effectiveness of the task force.

"While we appreciate the administration's willingness to include student members in this group, we feel that our voices were largely ignored and that our participation was little more than an executive media stunt to acclimate the student body to a decision that had already been made, without student input, prior to the group's formation," read the letter.

The letter went on to say that students would appreciate other opportunities to participate in any more decisions regarding ticket distribution.

Stafford noted that the actions of students next year would greatly influence the decision regarding the return of campout.

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## TECHNICIAN'S VIEW MP3 policy MIA?

It was MP3.com's MyMP3.com service — not MP3 technology itself — that was brought to trial last week. Judge Ruckelshaus ruled that the approximately 80,000 copyrighted albums electronically stored on the Web site constituted approximately 1.6 million acts of copyright violation, with each album containing about 10 songs and each song claiming about two copyrights.

Friday's ruling by U.S. District Judge Ruckelshaus found MP3.com guilty and liable for clear copyright infringement. Should the court decision affect N.C. State's at-eye passive approach to the MP3 controversy?

While disheartening to cyberpirates around the world, what does this news have to do with N.C. State University?

The decision forces N.C. State to bite a bullet it has long dodged. As hundreds of U.S. universities banned Napster and similar music piracy technology, N.C. State stayed idle, waiting for a legal determination to be made. As music artists Metallica and Dr. Dre filed suit against several top universities for allowing piracy servers like Napster and Gnutella, N.C. State's MP3 attitude remained unchanged.

However, now the university must face the results of an actual court decision, one that makes it much harder for university technology officials to overlook N.C. State of Trustees Policy 31.09, which clearly sets forth a zero-tolerance policy towards using the university's computer network for illegal behavior.

Again, while MP3 technology is not illegal in and of itself, it can be used illegally, just like any technology. Though the university is cor-

rect in encouraging responsible use of MP3 technology, that exploration and experimentation must be curtailed when it works outside of the boundaries of the law.

While this university should not institute a knee-jerk reactive ban on MP3 technology completely, the law enforcement officials at ResNet and the Information Technology and Engineering Computing Operations need to take efforts to back up their protection of the law, despite the obvious obstacles of Internet tracing and the sheer scope of the overwhelming logistics involved in such enforcement.

According to Sam Avenir, N.C. State vice chancellor of information technology, "while [the MP3.com case] definitely has an impact on [N.C. State], it doesn't have as much of an impact as the Napster case does." Still, Avenir continues, "at this point, nothing has come down from on high."

Those who are up high, particularly Stan North Martin, N.C. State's ResNet coordinator, need to start directly addressing the presence of Internet music piracy on the university's network. A meeting of the UNC system ResNet coordinators scheduled for May 22-23 would be a good place to start.

As gavels fall and shutter the myth of legitimate bootlegging, this issue is no longer one of head-she-said, but rather one of either encouraging or discouraging criminal behavior. This university must act on that change.

in fact, until this happened to me I was unaware that students were the ones handling our files. I had assumed that like in a normal doctor's offices it was a nurse who handled my confidential medical files. As a result of this infringement of my rights I don't think, unless it is an emergency, that I will be going back to the Student Health Center, instead I will be willing to pay a lot more and go see a doctor off campus. Furthermore, I also believe that no student should be allowed to hold a position where they have access to such highly confidential information even if it is through a work study program. I think the university should consider revising their current work-study program so that it doesn't involve students having access to this kind of information.

Shayna Sells  
Sophomore  
College of Textiles

The word limit was waived at the editor's discretion.

## Going to Hell in an Easter basket



Staff Columnist  
**Justin Parisi**

It was a Thursday when I realized that most of us are going to Hell. I was at Wal-Mart, shopping for candy to make Easter baskets for my family when right in between the chocolate covered peanut butter eggs and jelly beans, an ominous beacon of false prophecy appeared.

Well, it didn't exactly appear, but its presence was nonetheless very real. It was enough to garner a gasp as if it had simply appeared out of nowhere. There on the shelf resting in a shiny silver plastic package was an object of edible, idyllic blasphemy — a chocolate cross. Never in my wildest dreams would I ever expect to see the symbol of all that is holy (at least in the Christian sense of the word) molded from cocoa, xanthan gum and sugar.

Now, I may be old-fashioned, but doesn't that seem just a tad bit wrong? We've all seen plastic crosses, even a ceramic Jesus or two and rainbow colored rosaries, but isn't a confectionery crucifix taking it a bit far? What's next? Jesus wearing a Santa hat? The Easter bunny being crucified?

And whatever happened to the so-called wholesome family values that Wal-Mart represents? Is it more right to sell CD's without the "cuss words" than it is to merchandise sacrifice? I bet of Sam Walton is rolling over in his grave.

Wal-Mart has probably managed to offend both Christians and non-Christians alike. Christians would be appalled

other holidays, has become a veritable laughingstock. Holidays are no longer the "Holy Days" they were intended to be.

Sure, people still go to church and a few of them even know what the holidays are all about. But as soon as the church bells toll, it's off to the races to unwrap presents or munch on their chocolate crosses.

*"It Moses lived today, perhaps early during the months of December and April, he'd probably quit his job and retire."*

for obvious reasons, while non-Christians could claim that Wal-Mart is ruining the "spirit" of the holiday by reminding everyone that Easter isn't all about chocolate bunnies. Worse yet, Wal-Mart was able to offend me, someone who cannot be offended. That alone screams for a nationwide recall of these tasty trinkets of the trinity.

The sad part about the whole thing is that there is an inherent element of truth. It reminds me of the Simpsons' Easter special, where the opening shot featured a church with the message board outside saying, "Christ dyed his eggs for your sins." Easter, it seems, as well as

For proof of this notion, just pay attention to people's actions next Christmas. Christmas is the celebration of the birth of Christ, a time where Christians rejoice and sing His praises.

Well, at least it looked good on paper. Instead, the season to be holy is the season to be joy. I guess that meaning got lost somewhere in the translation.

Instead of practicing brotherly love at Christmas, people, sometimes literally, kill each other to finish their shopping. They are worshipping false idols in the forms of Christmas trees and gifts wrapped in shiny paper. Little plastic angels are stuck on top of the trees because they're "pretty" not because they bring news of the birth of Christ, our Savior. At Easter, baskets and bunnies replace the trees and presents as items of worship. Candy is eaten in

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## What I really learned at N.C. State



Staff Columnist  
**Hannah Zaher**

Farewell, Good-bye, Adios, Au revoir, Khuda Hafiz, That, people, is your favorite columnist (wink wink) saying goodbye to the wonderful world of N.C. State.

It's with a very nostalgic feeling that I write my last column. And I'm sure you've heard this before but these last few years have been among the most educational of my life. While I'm leaving though, I'd like to share some of the priceless information that I learned while being a N.C. State student.

I learned that having the keys to the Harnett Hall elevator can make you the object of extreme jealousy of your peers. I learned that if you sit at the atrium for more than half an hour and do not run into a single person you know, your rightful place in the social hierarchy is on the bottom rung. I learned that the library is a strange structure full of all kinds of weird people and books, none of which I had any use for.

I learned that it is possible to go through college, all four years, without studying.

I learned that there is no point in going to class on the exam day if you've missed the rest of the semester. I learned that no matter how much money you pay for your parking permit — the vendor parking spaces will always look more attractive. I learned that you get more out of your books by selling them back at one tenth the price you got them at, than by actually opening and reading them.

I learned that red is the most flattering color and that I must dislike all shades of blue with a passion. I learned that working at the FLC is probably the easiest job I will ever have and the one most likely to drive me nuts with boredom.

I learned that professors will crack down and bend their attendance policies if you beg enough, or if you're a chick. I also learned that you will see people from that class you never go to, all over the place on every other day, except for the day before the exams when you are in dire need of notes. I learned that no matter how much stuff you try to cram onto cheat sheets the questions on the exam will never cover what you've written down. I learned that friendships are fragile. I learned that respecting people is the hardest and the greatest thing to do. I learned that friends I have made in college will most likely stick by me through life. I learned the value of memories.

I learned how to doubt myself at times and how to be sure of myself at others. I learned to listen to people's advice, but I learned to follow my heart. I learned that there is one teacher who comes into your life and changes your perspective forever. I learned that being able to write is the greatest freedom of all.

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## Hypocrisy in criticizing



Staff Columnist  
**Eric Riddick**

This is the last article that I will be writing. I hope the articles that God has inspired me to write have helped, encouraged, rebuked or taught everyone according to their need at the time of their reading. By no means, have I ever tried to portray myself as being above anyone else in my articles. I am merely a witness that openly testifies about my belief in God.

God could have chosen anyone to spread His word, but he chose me. Me of all people: a person that was far from doing the will of God. Even now, I often find myself falling short of His glory. Despite my shortcomings, I refuse to let anything stop me from pursuing salvation. I have learned that some people never forgive nor forget the things we do wrong. I am glad the God I serve forgives as well as forgets our sins. As people we have to keep that in mind as we try to serve God.

I am not saying we can go out and commit as much sin as you want just because we believe in God. When we make mistakes we cannot let what people say or

think about us keep us from seeking God.

In fact as our faith increases, our relationship with God increases. As our relationship with God increases, our desire to please God increases. The spirit of truth will bring about conviction in our hearts when we do wrong. In order to please God we have to serve Him from our heart. Serving or believing in God is not based on physical observations or good deeds.

We have to believe in our heart that God does exist. Anybody can appear to love God or perform good deeds. We can fool other people, but we cannot fool God because He looks at our hearts.

Does that mean we are pretending to love God when we make mistakes and yet seek His forgiveness? No it does not. It simply makes us human when we make mistakes, but it makes us children of God when we seek His forgiveness. The reason Christ died was for the forgiveness of our sins. If we were without sin, what would be the reason for Christ dying?

We have to be careful in assuming who believes and who does not believe in God. I have witnessed people question the faith of men and women of God because of mistakes they made

or make. I have also noticed that most of the people that question the faith of other people make the same mistakes. Do you ever notice how we call people that we see in a club drinking hypocrites because the same people are in church on Sunday? We never consider the fact that those people went to church on Sunday despite what they did Monday through Saturday.

We never consider the fact that we were at the same club or doing the same things, yet we didn't even think to go to church.

I have observed something interesting in my lifetime. I have noticed the same people we call hypocrites because they went to church after committing all kinds of sin and raising all kinds of hell often change after a period of time. I also noticed that the people who call other people hypocrites often never change. If you don't believe it, go to some of the places you used to hang out years ago and I bet you will see some of the same people doing the same things.

People rarely consider the possibility that one of those Sunday morning sermons might be the one to change someone's life. Let me ask you a question, how

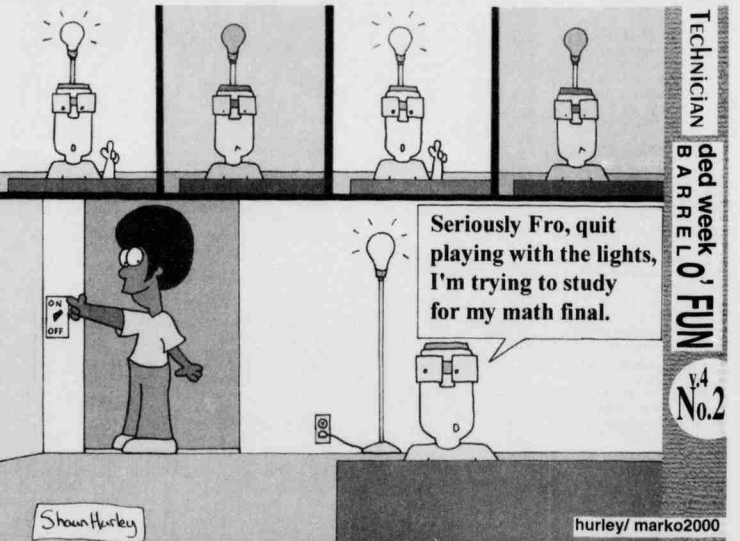
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## PARISI

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place of communion.

The scene reminds me of the movie "The Ten Commandments," when Moses goes to the Mount to speak to God. He is gone for a while and his people get restless and begin to doubt the faith. So they start to party and build a golden calf to worship.

They indulge their primitive desires and when Moses returns, he is pissed. If Moses lived today, particularly during the months of December and April, he'd probably quit his job and retire.

Now, I'm not preaching here, because I'd be the first to point out the fallacies of the Christian religion. What I am saying, is that holidays need reform because the whole plight of the system strikes to high Heaven. It's almost as if non-Christians felt left out of the whole holiday circle and decided to make their own celebrations. The Christians, with their weakness to temptation exposed, decided that "Hey! That looks like more fun than our crummy celebrations!" And the notion stuck.

Even the minor holidays are being corrupted. Valentine's Day and St. Patrick's Day, were once celebrations of the saints for whom they are named, are now cluttered by cupids and leprechauns.

Look at Halloween, one of the few uncorrupted holidays. Uncorrupted, that is, because the meaning and celebrations have not changed for centuries. Halloween is a pagan holiday in which people dress as ghosts and demons so that the real ghosts and demons will be fooled into not dragging them off to Hell. The candy involved is probably the only element that is a bit off, since I don't think that Hershey bars existed in the 16th century.

However, the candy is key. Candy is a common bond for all holidays and Christians should be alarmed that a pagan holiday like Halloween is using a tactic similar to Christian holidays like Christmas and Easter.

In fact, I once met a family that was.

I was trick-or-treating a while back, when I was about 13 and I came to a house and knocked on the door. Two kids answered and I said "trick or treat!" The kids looked at me and said, "We're sorry, but we don't believe in Halloween."

Yes, I was miffed then, but looking back, perhaps that was the best holiday experience I ever had: two children were keeping within their beliefs by not caving in to the societal pull of popular holidays.

So should we eliminate holidays? Of course not. They're positive things, when their meanings are kept intact. It's nice to get a day of independence on July 4th, or spend time with family on Labor Day, or to take time out to remember fallen soldiers. But the holidays should be observed for what they essentially are-days with meaning.

For those without days of meaning, let's make a new holiday, where costumes, candy and chocolate bunnies are the focus. Call it "Confectioner's Fun Day" and have it three times a year. You could hold it on Pleasure Island and celebrate it with Disney and Pinocchio.

Just stop making chocolate crosses. Otherwise, you'd better ask to be buried in Bermuda shorts because it's gonna be hot where you're going.

Justin wrote this column on a sugar high, so to continue this excellent level of insight, get rid of all those stale marshmallow Peeps and melted chocolate eggs by e-mailing them to [jmparisi@unty.ncsu.edu](mailto:jmparisi@unty.ncsu.edu).

## ZAHNER

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I learned that my brother is the best friend I have. I learned that my parents were always right. I also learned, much to my regret, that I do not have the ability to tell a believable lie. I learned that a friend who spends countless hours with you in the library looking for your stuff is worth more than words can describe.

I learned that late night phone calls are always the ones that heal. I also learned that keeping a secret is the loneliest thing to do. I learned saying good-bye is the hardest thing to do. But I also learned good things stay with you forever. I learned that having a little impact on just one person's life is worth the effort.

I learned that the biggest desire any person can have is to be remembered.

Forewell, my friends and to all a good night!

*Hannah would like to thank all those people who have sent her those...etc., wonderful e-mails these past months. For anyone who would like to say goodbye, or hello, she will always be found at [opinionated@colunist.com](mailto:opinionated@colunist.com). This is her, signing out. Peace, love and nookie!*

## RIDDICK

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many of us would like to find a good man or a good woman, even though we have not been good men or women in times past? It doesn't matter how many sex partners we had, lies we told, babies we had or aborted, most of us expect to find a good mate some day. Isn't that a form of hypocrisy?

Despite our own flaws or mistakes as people we desire someone that fits our mold of what we think they should be. It's natural for us to want a good man or woman and most of us won't settle for anything less. No one calls us hypocrites when we try to find that good man or woman.

So why do we call people hypocrites that try to find God? God is that good thing. In fact, there's nothing better. "Don't worry about yesterday, make the best of today, because tomorrow is not promised." Would you rather be called a hypocrite and eventually find God or call people hypocrites and never find God yourself?

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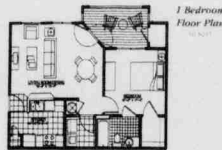
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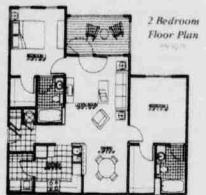
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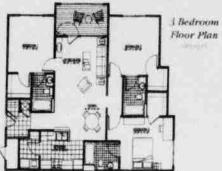


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### BASE

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two games of the series. Road wins over North Carolina, Clemson and FSU, three teams that have been ranked in the top 25 all season, will help State's case for a regional berth.

On the flip side, State lost a few games that the committee may not look favorably upon. During a one-week stretch in early March, the Pack lost games to Davidson, George Mason and Richmond.

The Citadel picked up a 5-4 extra inning win in Raleigh on March 28. Old Dominion played the Pack three times throughout the year and won two. And

Coastal Carolina beat State 4-3 at Doak Field just last week.

Avent believes that the Pack's wins against ranked opponents outweigh these losses.

"Baseball is a sport where anybody can beat anybody on a given day," Avent said. "It depends on who that day's starting pitcher, and you play so many games you're going to lose some. The great teams are going to lose a third of their games, and the bad teams are going to win a third of their games."

The fact that State plays in the toughest baseball conference in the country boosts its case for the NCAAs. Five ACC teams, Wake, FSU, Clemson, UNC and Georgia Tech, are ranked in the top 25 in all three major polls.

"I think the ACC is going to be

the top RPI conference in the country, and with that, it'll help us get a bid," Avent said. "I think we'll send six teams, hopefully, and we'll be the sixth team chosen."

A strong stretch run would give the Pack's NCAA chances a tremendous lift. The weekend series with the Seminoles began the type of push the team must have to get where it wants to go. The Pack probably needs to sweep its final two series against Maryland and Liberty and then make a run in the ACC Tournament, which is scheduled for May 16-21 at Fort Mill, S.C.

"I think we have to run the table in the regular season and the table in the tournament," Avent said.

### ASAD

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team as there is an honor."

As was the case at State, Asad is playing in the middle field with the Revolution. But instead of being the main offensive weapon, Asad now has to feed the ball to others to finish.

Aside from having a different role, Asad said the whole MLS game is different than the college one.

"It's a lot more of a fast-paced game," Asad said. "It's a lot more aggressive. The guys here are a lot stronger."

Since the first game, Asad hasn't seen an action. He was about to play in the Revolution's last game against Miami, but as he was warming up, two New England defenders collided and he had to be substituted for. Since only three substitutions are allowed per game, Asad was the odd man out.

Sitting out six straight games isn't something he is accustomed to, but Asad said that he isn't frustrated with the situation. He had a recent conversation with Revolution head coach Fernando Calvijo, who told Asad that he should see increased playing time shortly.

"Shaker has been progressing very well for us," Calvijo said.

"He had a strong game in his MLS debut against Dallas and impressed us with his speed in that game. He has excellent vision and touch and I think that Shaker will have a great future in this league."

The Revolution is 1-2-4 on the year and is coming off of a 1-1 tie against Miami. The team will be in Tampa Bay this weekend.

Meanwhile, Asad said that he has no regrets about leaving State a year early.

Well, maybe just one.

"I miss the guys on the team," Asad said. "Other than missing the guys and missing coach, no regrets, no."

Asad, who attended Athens Drive High School and still has family living in the area, said that he hasn't been back to Raleigh since the MLS season started. His game in two weeks will be a Washington against the United will be the Revolution's closest to Raleigh all year.

"I'm hoping to get my family up there to see me play," Asad said.

Asad had a distinguished career at State. As a junior with the Pack this past season, Asad was the team's leading scorer with 19 points. He was also a first-team All-Atlantic Coast Conference selection, the only State player to earn such a distinction. And he was the latest of many offensive stars to wear the number 10 at State.

### DALY

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Wake Forest, State and Virginia should all be very good.

In wrestling, the main question for coach Bob Guzzo is a nice one. How good can these guys be?

Only Joel Dramis will be lost from this year's squad and the broken wrists that affected the Pack will be healed.

In gymnastics, we know that the team will be solid academically. That's always the case with Mark Stevenson's squad. But can the team win a third-straight EAGL championship and can the team make it back to nationals?

Finally, in baseball, will the Pack begin to see the fruits of its youth movement? And how good is Gary Gaetti's son?

Those are only some of the story lines. For every one I mentioned, there are 10 others.

In terms of wins and losses, next year may be more of the same for State. But at least it will be fun instead of being so boring.

*Brian, I expect some sort of email. Jack Daly's columns appear on Tuesdays. He can be reached at [jaldy@unity.ncsu.edu](mailto:jaldy@unity.ncsu.edu) or 515-241-9211.*

### NOTES

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**PHOENIX** - Former Wake Forest player Rodney Rogers, whose career had faded in four unhappy years with the Los Angeles Clippers, won the NBA's Sixth Man Award on Monday in his first season with the Phoenix Suns.

Rogers, who signed a free-agent contract with Phoenix for the \$2 million exception allowed over the salary cap, averaged 13.8 points and 5.5 rebounds in 27.9 minutes per game for the Suns. He was an important offensive

weapon for a team decimated by injuries throughout the season.

Despite serving primarily as a reserve, Rogers was the only member of the Suns to play all 82 games (the started only seven). Already a crucial component of the team, he became even more vital as the Suns endured injuries all season. At one time or another, all five starters missed significant stretches of the season.

"Everybody wants to start but everybody can't start," Rogers said. "For me, the main thing is if you're in the game when it's on the line. That's more important. You can help your team win ball games that way."

### RECRUIT

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working in the weight room and she's had conditioning; this is going to allow her to come in at a slightly higher level than most."

The class of 2000 might not be the country's second best class on paper, as was State's class of a year ago.

It might not even be the best in the Atlantic Coast Conference.

But luckily for Johnson, Olanrewaju and Rivers, ACC championships aren't won on paper.

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COMMENTARY

Story lines  
for next year

JACK DALY

In the results-oriented universe that is the sports world, 1999-2000 was a bit of a bore for N.C. State.



Nothing really happened.

ATHLETICS

Oh sure, Mike O' Cain was fired and Chuck Amato was hired and another player transferred from the basketball program, but there wasn't much to get excited about if one's bottom line is wins and losses. There were no bowl games, no NCAA tournament and no NCAA tournament wins for the Wolfpack's biggest three sports (football, men's basketball and women's basketball).

Cross-country was the only program that had a legitimate shot at winning a national championship. The wrestling team could have won an ACC title but came up just short. Gymnastics won the EAGL championship but the team should have made nationals.

Next year may or may not have the same results. State will probably be good in some things, not so good in others. Regardless, there will be some fascinating story lines in a number of sports.

The obvious one is in football. Chuck Amato will coach his first game as head coach of the Wolfpack on Sept. 2 against Arkansas State. Call it a hunch, but I think the football team is headed in the right direction. Maybe it's a false sense of security that comes along any time a school hires a new coach, but the football program seems to be reinvigorated. That's due not only to Amato but his staff, as well.

Football, however, won't be the only sport with an interesting plot next year. In fact, one can look at just about every sport and come up with intriguing questions.

Look at cross-country. Quite frankly, can the dominance continue?

The Wolfpack's men's squad has won five straight ACC titles, while the women have won four of five. Will that continue next year when Brendan Rogers, the Pons brothers and Abdul Alizindani are gone?

In men's soccer, can George Tarantini regain the winning formula? After years of winning and winning often, Tarantini's teams have struggled a bit the past two seasons. Complicating things is the fact that Shaker Asad is now playing in the MLS.

The team will have its fair share of talent next season and Tarantini is optimistic, but questions remain nonetheless.

In women's basketball, how will Kay Yow and company rebound after a disastrous ending to this season?

At the beginning of January, after State beat North Carolina in Chapel Hill, it looked like State had Final Four potential. But the team stumbled down the stretch and ended up losing its last three games in a row. The opponents were Georgia Tech (twice) and Southern Methodist, not exactly Connecticut, Tennessee and Louisiana Tech.

Baseball trying to get into NCAA party

◆ The Wolfpack baseball team has three weeks to make a final push for a NCAA Tournament berth.

Jeremy Ashton  
Sports Editor

The collegiate baseball season is winding down, which means that 64 bids for the NCAA Tournament will be handed out soon.

N.C. State is one of the teams sitting on the bubble that is hoping to get an invitation to the postseason party. The Wolfpack has some work to do before NCAA berths are handed out, since the team currently sits at 27-24 overall and 9-12 in the Atlantic Coast Conference.

State went down to Tallahassee, Fla., this weekend and came within a pitch of taking two out of three games from No. 2 Florida State. The Pack stunned the Seminoles 5-4 Friday and took them 12 innings Sunday before falling 6-5 on Marshall McDougall's two-run double.



N.C. State still has a shot at making the NCAA Tournament but needs to finish strong.



(Above) Former N.C. State star Shaker Asad skipped his final year of college eligibility to play professional soccer. Asad is playing with the New England Revolution of Major League Soccer. (Right) Asad celebrates a goal against Clemson with Sebastian Rodriguez.

Enjoying the  
MLS game

◆ Former Wolfpack midfielder Shaker Asad started in his first game for the New England Revolution.

Jack Daly  
Sports Editor

Shaker Asad was the only N.C. State athlete to forgo his college eligibility and turn professional this year.

So far, the former midfielder for the Wolfpack men's soccer team has fit in well with the Major League Soccer's (MLS) New England Revolution.

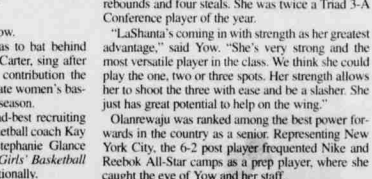
"I'm loving it," Asad said. "It's a lot better than I expected. Soccer is all that I have to worry about."

Asad started against the Dallas Burn in New England's first game of the season on March 18. He played 77 minutes and registered one shot from his midfield position.

"I was a little nervous in the first 15 minutes," Asad said. "After that, I relaxed and played well. I think I can do a lot better when I'm comfortable and not nervous."

Asad has had to make a bit of an adjustment in the MLS. Instead of playing at Method Road Soccer Stadium in front of a couple hundred fans, he is playing in front of thousands at Foxboro Stadium, also home to the NFL's New England Patriots. His opponents include players such as former Wolfpack great and World Cup veteran Paul Ramos. For that matter, his teammates include World Cup players such as John Harkes.

"That's when it hit me [that I was in the pros], when I saw my name on the same roster as John Harkes," Asad said. "To be on the same



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ACC/ProNotes

Five ACC teams in Baseball America top 25

Five ACC teams hold spots in this week's Baseball America Top 25 poll, the most of any conference.

Florida State leads the way at No. 2 after going 2-1 this past weekend. Georgia Tech, Clemson, Wake Forest and North Carolina also held spots in the poll.

Clemson football player dies

CLEMSON, S.C. — Brandon Rouse, a reserve defensive lineman for Clemson, died of a heart attack while at a movie theatre on Saturday night, said Pickens County Deputy Coroner Phillip A. Snow.

Snow said that Rouse, a 20-year-old redshirt sophomore from Darlington who had not played for the Tigers, died of cardiac arrhythmia. Rouse and friends were at a theatre near campus when he collapsed.

Rouse was taken by emergency personnel to Oconee Memorial Hospital, where he could not be revived, the school said Sunday.

"The players and the coaching staff were all extremely touched by Brandon," Clemson coach Tommy Bowden said. "I spoke with his family this afternoon and expressed our condolences. He will be missed by all."

Rouse, 6-foot-3 and 275 pounds, took part in spring drills and had two tackles in Clemson's spring game on April 15. Rouse was not listed on Clemson's depth chart following spring practice.

Joe Smith, Clemson's dean of students, said a memorial service for Rouse would be held on campus. She said details would be completed in the next several days.

"We are shocked and saddened by this sudden tragic news," Clemson University President Jim Barker said.

Rodgers is NBA's top sixth man

Yow still has three

◆ The Wolfpack women's basketball boasts the 13th-best recruiting class in the country.

Rob Godfrey  
Assistant Sports Editor

Some acts are pretty tough to follow. Such is the feeling when one has to bat behind Mark McGwire, dunk after Vince Carter, sing after Tony Bennett or try to equal the contribution the freshman class made to the N.C. State women's basketball team during the 1999-2000 season.

One year after enticing the second-best recruiting class in the country to campus, basketball coach Kay Yow and recruiting coordinator Stephanie Glance inked what Mike White's *All-Star Girls' Basketball Report* ranks as the No. 13 class nationally.

LaShanta Johnson, of Winston-Salem, N.C., Adeola Olanrewaju, of Brooklyn, N.Y., and "Nanna" Rivers, of Wilmington, N.C., will suit up for the Wolfpack women in the fall.

"As people, they are all great," said Yow. "They are all competitors and want to strive for excellence. Each of the girls is committed to getting degrees and put a high value on education. And they all want to be the best basketball players they can be. I can't wait to work with them."

Glance anticipates added depth at key positions from the recruiting class of 2000.

"I think that this class adds quickness and athleticism at two key positions," Glance said. "Most programs have three people who can play point guard, and Nanna can give us another point guard. We also

get another wing player. And with Summer gone, that's going to help a lot."

Johnson, who played high school basketball at Kernersville Glenn High School, averaged 19.7 points per game in her junior season along with nine rebounds and four steals. She was twice a Triad 3-A Conference player of the year.

"LaShanta's coming in with strength as her greatest advantage," said Yow. "She's very strong and the most versatile player in the class. We think she could play the one, two or three spots. Her strength allows her to shoot the three with ease and be a slasher. She just has great potential to help on the wing."

Olanrewaju was ranked among the best power forwards in the country as a senior. Representing New York City, the 6-2 post player frequented Nike and Reebok All-Star camps as a prep player, where she caught the eye of Yow and her staff.

"She's gone against great, top-caliber competition in Nike camp, which will prepare her for tough competition when she gets to the ACC," Yow said. "She's a competitor first and foremost and has the ability to take 15 foot shots facing the basket. She does a lot of the little things on the court that make all the difference."

Wilmington Hoggard High's Nanna Rivers rounds out the incoming freshman class for the Pack. Yow suggests that Rivers' refined man-to-man defensive abilities could be her biggest asset.

"Nana is a little different in that she is well-coached in the man-to-man defense, thanks to a great high school coach at Hoggard," said Yow. "She's been