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GOP leaders meet to decide election platform

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Badger Herald

(U-WIRE) MADISON, Wis. — With just two platform hearings to go before the Republican National Convention in August, constituency groups addressed Grand Old Party leaders in Billings, Mont. late last week.

Wisconsin Gov. Tommy Thompson, who chairs the GOP platform committee, presided over the meeting and a similar hearing in Dayton, Ohio last Monday.

Over the last two hearings, GOP leadership have solidified their stance on issues such as abortion rights, national defense, Social Security and education.

"Our hearing in Billings, like the one Monday in Dayton, is designed to receive testimony on issues that affect every American, every day," said Jim Nicholson, chairman of the Republican National Convention.

In Billings, controversy surrounded the anti-abortion language in the GOP platform, as pro-life and pro-choice activists discussed the issue's ability to divide the party. At the urging of Republican Presidential hopeful and Texas Gov. George W. Bush, Thompson promised not to change strong anti-abortion language in the party platform adopted at the 1996 national convention.

"I doubt the party's uncompromising position against abortion will be changed when it is debated and approved at the party's convention," Thompson said.

UW-Madison political science professor Donald Kettl sees Thompson's role as important to maintaining party unity.

"Though he has a say in how the platform is drawn up, his job is to ensure that the discussions do not tear the party apart," Kettl said.

UW political science professor Donald Downs said the platform hearings serve a marginal purpose.

"In a general sense, I don't think these hearings have an impact at all," Downs said. "But I think they keep Republican leaders from making the platform too narrow and alienating their base." According to Downs, Bush has been more effective at gaining his party's support than his Democratic rival, Vice President Al

Gore. Currently, Bush's approval rating remains at 93 percent within the GOP, while Gore's approval is 70 percent among Democratic Party members.

Kettl said the platform hearings enabled GOP leaders to get the party base organized.

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DECONSTRUCTING

campus

◆ Construction on Centennial Campus encourages joggers and others to find alternate exercise paths until the end of the year.

News Staff Report

Those who frequent paths on Centennial Campus for recreational activities need to consider other options for their exercise, due to safety threats caused by construction.

The construction, which involves dredging Lake Raleigh, will not be completed until the end of the year, according to David Wood, associate director of construction management at NCSU.

Wood said bikers and joggers use trails with many blind corners, and could be surprised by heavy trucks and other machinery. The blind corners could leave a biker going at a high speed with little time to react.

Also, large amounts of materials are constantly being hauled to the construction sites, presenting yet more opportunities for accidents.

"A great amount of soil is being hauled from storage to the [construction] area," said Wood.

Although the construction brings danger to recreation seekers, it is necessary. When the dam of Lake Raleigh was replaced after Hurricane Fran, the lake became too shallow. Over time, it has become clogged with excess plant material that has grown from so much exposure to the sun. Extra sediment has also been deposited over the years. The lake will be refilled and rid of the clogs.

The construction on Lake Raleigh is taking place at the south end of Main Campus Drive, and people are warned to steer clear of that area until the project is completed at the year's end.

According to Wood, materials area also being hauled for a second improvement on Centennial Campus, an extension of Main Campus Drive.

The two groups of construction materials increase the danger for pedestrians, said Wood.



Constant construction has been the theme this summer. (Top) Sidewalk construction on Cates Avenue create a pedestrian detour on the street, causing orientation traffic of all types to compromise. (right three, bottom) Centennial Campus development.

Drug cocktail usage increases despite risks

◆ Certain pharmaceutical drugs can be deadly when combined with alcohol and other drugs, which increases the potential for overdose.

Ian Wright
Daily Texan

(U-WIRE) AUSTIN, Texas — Recent trends show that the use of pharmaceutical drugs like painkillers for mind-altering purposes is on the rise, according to the Office of National Drug Control Policy's Division of Legitimate Drugs.

The latest drug problem involves codeine and benzodiazepine drugs particularly codeine cough syrup, which is available by prescription only. It has been known to be deadly in combination with other drugs such as marijuana and heroin, according to research by the University of Maryland Center for Substance Abuse.

Manny Mendoza, a provisional student at the University of Texas, said he knows people who combine pharmaceutical and illegal drugs for the enhanced effect it has on the user. Mendoza said he once found a friend passed out in a parking lot because she was using two drugs simultaneously.

"I know a lot of girls that mix codeine with alcohol," Mendoza said. "It intensifies, for a quicker drunk," Mendoza said.

Jane Maxwell, chief of research for the Texas Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, said people blend drugs because they are unaware of the added risks.

"Clearly the people that mix these drugs do not know what they are doing," Maxwell said.

Another trend in drug cocktail use is to dip a joint in embalming fluid which contains PCP, a hallucinogenic drug, according to a Texas Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse substance abuse report.

Gamma-hydroxybutyrate, a central nervous system depressant that was once sold as a performance enhancing additive, is now a popular but illegal street drug known as Liquid X, according to TCADA.

GHB can be deadly when combined with alcohol and other drugs, which increases the potential for overdose.

"A lot of the people that mix their drugs go to the emergency room because they overdose," Maxwell said.

Ritalin, a drug commonly given to Attention Deficit Disorder patients, is one of the controlled substances most often stolen from prescribed users, according to the Drug Enforcement Agency.

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TECHNICIAN'S VIEW

During the summer session, the limitations inherent in running one editorial per week prevent the Technician from voicing its opinions on issues that perhaps do not warrant an entire editorial. In this new weekly feature, we will attempt to make our thoughts known on some of the issues that slipped through the cracks.

To the public and private sponsors of Water Safety Awareness Day, an event held this past weekend at Jordan Lake. Five hundred life vests were distributed to area children in an effort to aid in the prevention of water-related injuries and deaths.

To impose workplace standards that would protect employees from ergonomic injuries. In yet another act of working together to protect corporations instead of protecting employees, Congress has demonstrated that needs of the people come second to the demands of big business.

To the Johnson County School District's decision to revise its dress code to such an extent that it places severe limitations on the rights of its students to personal expression. Placing a ban on "brightly colored hair", body piercings and sagging pants is not the solution needed for raising standardized test scores or graduation rates.

To the decision by the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences' Board of Governors that dictates the manner in which a film can be presented if it is to be considered for an Academy Award. The board ruled this past month that any film that is not premiered and shown in a movie theater is ineligible for receiving an award. This decision further reinforces the movie industry's control of the medium and serves as a means of keeping the industry closed to independent producers and non-commercialized endeavors.

To Mike Tyson, whose post-fight behavior this past weekend was less than admirable. Tyson threatened the safety of both his opponent and his opponent's family. Whether Tyson likes it or not, the fact remains that many children and adults view him as a hero and a role model, and it is his duty to act in an appropriate manner.

To the Circuit Court of Appeals for ruling this past week that Internet users are protected by the First Amendment's right to free speech. This ruling asserts that the amendment covers the electronic transmission of speech, and thereby serves to ensure that the medium will remain free from the censorship of those who profess to understand the "best" interests of the people while not understanding the technology that makes it all possible.

To both the House and the Senate for blocking a bill that would allow for the Occupational Safety and Health Administration to

CAMPUS FORUM

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Migrant workers abused, jipped

North Carolina is home to the Mount Olive Pickle Company and also to many of the farms that provide the company with its raw materials: cucumbers. The federal government's H2-A program for agricultural labor permits migrant workers to work in the United States and guarantees that employers will adhere to guidelines that guarantee such basic necessities as potable water and hand-washing facilities in the fields. Almost all migrant workers live on the farms where they are employed, in housing provided by their employers. However, both the living and working conditions on these farms raise my concern.

There have been reports of living quarters with no beds or stoves. Additionally, the US Department of Agriculture's inspectors reported that 44% of

inspected migrant camps had water supplies that were contaminated with pesticide in a 1992 report. Unfortunately, there are only seven inspectors and at the current rate, it would take them 43 years to inspect each farm that is certified for pesticide usage. In 1995, a migrant worker was killed as a result of pesticide exposure in Sampson County.

The workers on these farms often work 10-12 hours a day picking cucumbers. They are often exposed to pesticides and herbicides, and are rarely provided with hand-washing facilities or the portable toilets that the H2-A program demands that employers provide for them. In NC, workers are paid \$1.80 per 100 pounds of cucumbers. This rate is well below the minimum wage, and is considerably lower than in Ohio, where workers received a rate of \$5.80 per 100 pounds in 1996.

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these americans did not die to hear you complain about a five minute wait at the grocery store

they did not perish so you could watch paid-programming on late night television



they did not sacrifice their lives for you to talk mindlessly on a cellphone...

...while pointlessly weaving in and out of traffic flow...

...endangering others...with selfish supremacy



these americans did not die so you could ignorantly hate

they wanted to give you more than all that

love/life/liberty/peace marko2000

No Christian patent on morality

Staff Columnist

Robert Wray Johnson

Maybe I am an idealist. When I stop and consider all of the advances that humans have made in science, medicine, and technology, I find myself left with a few puzzling questions. Why is it that we still cling to ancient myths and superstitions that have foundations in tribal warfare and nationalism? Why do we still hold and defend views that demonize those who disagree, and that are based upon a world-view that dates to the Iron Age? Don't get me wrong: Western religions do present some valid moral lessons in their teachings. Contrary to their claims, however, Christians do not have a monopoly on morality; the "Golden Rule" was around long before Jesus.

What concerns me most is how fashionable it has become to complain about how our society is going down the tubes because our children are not required to pray in school or recite the Pledge of Allegiance, and we no longer post the Ten Commandments in the halls of public buildings. Why is such an emphasis placed on perpetuating the Judeo-Christian ethic? Why not teach moral lessons from the Bhagavad-Gita, or place the Eight Precepts of Buddhism on the walls of our courthouses and schools? Their principles are basically the same - don't steal, don't kill, don't gossip, and don't commit adultery.

Of course many will say that since this is a "Christian Nation," only the Ten Commandments are appropriate. Assuming for a moment that is true, I then have to ask

them "Which set of Ten Commandments are you interested in posting?" The first set that Moses received stated, "I am a jealous God who will punish four generations of children for the sins of the father" (Exodus 20:5). After Moses smashed those, the jealous God gave him a second set that included prohibitions against mixing leaven with sacrificial blood and boiling a kid in its mother's milk (Exodus 34:25-26). Neither set seems capable of providing the morally grounded philosophies needed to foster the development of a "better tomorrow."

As for being a Christian Nation, let us look at our history. Where is Jesus Christ ever mentioned in our Constitution or Declaration of Independence? It wasn't until 1956 that our federal government, inspired by the anti-

Communist frenzy of McCarthyism, passed a law that made "In God We Trust" our national motto. One year later, the phrase began appearing on one-dollar bills. Francis Bellamy, a Baptist minister, drafted the original Pledge of Allegiance in 1892. It simply stated, "I pledge allegiance to my flag and the Republic for which it stands, one nation, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all." God wasn't added until 1954, and under strong protest from Bellamy's family, pledging blind allegiance to anything is asking for trouble; just ask any German who can remember the days of the Nazi party.

The school prayer business has really gotten out of hand. Prayer is not outlawed anywhere. Personally, I pray in

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Judicial system needs biblical injection

Staff Columnist

Sadie Shearon

The trial of convicted killer Gary Graham of Texas has been in the forefront of headlines for the past week. Graham, 17 at the time of the murder in 1981, pleaded guilty to 10 aggravated robberies during a weeklong crime spree, but denies that the rampage began with the fatal shooting of Bobby Lambert.

This trial has brought particular interest from the media because there have been 134 inmates executed in Texas under the administration of current Governor George W. Bush, who has won the GOP nomination for the presidency. Though many death penalty

opponents pleaded with Bush to spare Graham's life, Bush has been firm to answer that no innocent convict has been executed in the five years he has served as governor.

This trial has spurred a number of controversial reactions. At a Tuesday night fundraiser for Governor Bush in Los Angeles, two protesters were escorted out for screaming that the Governor should not kill an innocent man (Graham). The Reverend Jesse Jackson has even gone so far as to compare Governor Bush to Pontius Pilate.

That the Reverend Jackson would go so far as to compare Governor Bush's attempt to uphold justice to the action of Pontius Pilate, with the inference that Graham is as innocent as Jesus Christ, is blasphemous.

This case points out a serious flaw in our judicial system. The issue is not whether the eyewitnesses in Graham's case were legitimate means to convict him. It's not whether the accuracy of the presented DNA evidence is sufficient, and its not whether or not Graham needs a seventh board hearing to decide his innocence. The real issue at hand is the whether Americans are going to continue to let convicted felons like Gary Graham go unpunished.

Our judicial system has some fundamentally righteous ideals. Innocent until proven guilty is an American ideal for which I would gladly give my life. There is a better way to punish criminal behavior, a way that would minimize court costs, taxpayer dollars, repeat offenders, and future offenders. A

way that would have punished Gary Graham after the first aggravated robbery before there was a chance for a second, or a third, or a tenth - a way that could have prevented the senseless death of Bobby Lambert.

First of all, Graham's repeated criminal acts would have been prevented by instituting milder public forms of punishment and humiliation earlier in his criminal career. There are five practical alternatives to prison. Let's examine three of them.

Graham should have been subjected to a humiliating public whipping using simple instruments that would inflict temporary pain, receiving no more than forty lashings based on the severity of his crime. If the presence of a judge, Graham

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Just be yourself

Staff Columnist

Justin Parisi

People all want to be different. The catch phrase that comes to mind is "Just be yourself," so simple, it would make Nancy Reagan proud. But how many people actually follow this philosophy? And by following this philosophy, are they really being themselves at all?

What it all boils down to is that people are spineless. The status quo is such an immovable force in our lives that we feel it necessary to wear the right clothes and say the right things. The latest trend is being "PC," or "politically correct." What that

entails is not doing or saying anything that could possibly hamper your chances of being elected to office, such as offending some racial or religious group. For example, it is not politically correct to call people with disability "handicapped," but it is correct to say "physically challenged."

So whether you're white or black, gay or straight, Caucasian or African-American, heterosexual or homosexual, it is vital and essential that in this era, you follow the yellow brick road of non-offensiveness.

One division of being politically correct is not applying stereotypes. To say that all white people can't jump or that all black people eat fried chicken raises eyebrows in social settings, and occasionally offends.

People might even think that you're a little racist. But the sad part of the issue is, in at least some small way, we are.

From the day we're born, we are taught to distinguish colors from one another. We hear our parents make generalizations, which are bad habits left over from their parents. It may be entirely unintentional, but our parents' prejudices are passed on to us, whether we like it or not.

As we grow older and start to form our own opinions, we sometimes realize that everything Mom and Dad said wasn't entirely true. Nevertheless, the seed is planted.

Perhaps what is worse is that most of the time, the generaliza-

tions are deserved because people themselves fall into routines. Television and music conditions us to think one way and one way only, no matter if you listen to Tim McGraw or Tupac Shakur.

How many times have you heard someone categorize themselves? How many times have you done it yourself? We all know people who consider themselves to be "rednecks" or "preps" or "punks" or "playas." Where do they get the ideas? Rarely does it follow that ever-popular pattern of "being yourself."

Fact is, most of America isn't even happy with who they are, so they feel the need to change

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The end of the affair



Cynthia Editor
Cindy Sparlock

In an election-year style response to the nation's losing battle on soaring gasoline prices, the House International Relations Committee introduced a bill last week on June 23 that would allow American consumers to pursue anti-trust litigation against the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries. The legislation, spearheaded by the committee's chairman, Benjamin Gilman, R-N.Y., which is sure to pull the wool over the eyes of the uninformed American public, represents yet another attempt by Congress to shift the wrath of the public away from those that are ultimately responsible. Gilman's legislation may seem like a feasible solution on paper, but it conveniently refrains from addressing the real issue: the American way of life revolves around gasoline-powered forms of transportation. Gilman's legislation seeks to allow the US to seize OPEC's American assets. An act of

"legitimized" international piracy, such a seizure would bypass the Act of State doctrine that prevents the courts from questioning the official acts of foreign governments. Contrary to Gilman's claims, OPEC is not ultimately responsible for the increase in gasoline prices; price gouging by oil companies and distributors combined with increased state and local taxes are to blame. More than one third of the price paid at the pump is pocketed by local, state and federal governments; if the House was truly interested in the welfare of the people, the gasoline taxes would be abolished and the possibility of waging another war over oil would diminish.

As children, we are taught that history is the story of how we arrived at where we are, and that life as we know it is better than it has ever been before. We are encouraged to feel good about ourselves and our ways of living without thinking critically about the historical events that brought us to this point in time. Teachers imply that no other alternative versions of history were possible, as if today were the culmination of an inescapable, unchangeable des-

tiny. America's addiction to fossil fuel is presented to us as children as a natural state of affairs by those that stand to profit from our dependency on those fuels as adults.

After graduating from college, most young adults will begin to build their lives as autonomous individuals, assuming the responsibilities of a career and a family. However, most are unaware of the fact that in many areas of the US, the percentage of one's budget reserved for transportation expenses equals or outweighs the portion reserved for housing costs. The average lease payment on a new vehicle, combined with gasoline and insurance expenses totals every month for housing, utilities and food, not to mention credit card bills and college loan payments.

Additionally, the possibility of exhausting the world's oil supplies in the next eight years becomes more of a reality with

each passing day. As supplies decrease and demand increases, the price of gasoline and other petroleum-based products is sure to skyrocket. Fortunately, there are several solutions available to us that will benefit both society and the environment.

Instead of spending billions of dollars on highway maintenance each year, those funds should be used for the creation of a network of rapid rail systems that provide commuters with a safe, prompt and reliable alternative to sitting in rush-hour traffic jams. Each community would have its own local version, supported by a network of buses fueled by natural gas or other fuel alternatives. Each local network would feed into the larger networks that connected metropolitan areas with one another, and discounts would be offered for those passengers that rode a bike, walked or carpoled to the stations or bus stops.

Since fewer cars would be on the roads, the number of accidents would also decrease, thereby lowering insurance premiums for everyone. Additionally, the demand for gasoline and other petroleum products would decrease, leading to substantial savings for the

consumer. Fewer dollars would be spent on highway maintenance, as the roads would not be subject to constant use and abuse. The few vehicles that would be on the road would be modified so that they would be able to use environmentally friendly fuels and fuel alternatives, such as natural gas, electricity, or biomass waste, which would constitute the ultimate in recycling.

The long-term benefits of a national, state and local mass transit system, similar to those found in Europe would greatly outweigh the initial costs. Of course, the idea that Americans can live without their automobiles is heretical in nature as far as the oil and automotive industries are concerned. It's time to break the addiction: personal vehicles are not a basic human need. The savings that would amass as a result of the widespread implementation of mass transit networks would improve the quality of life for people of all socio-economic backgrounds.

Unfortunately, the personal vehicle is so ingrained into our society that immediate changes are impossible to implement without disastrous results.

These changes need to happen gradually so that the public readily accepts the idea of giving up the automobile as the primary means of transportation: the increased usage of environmentally friendly fuels and fuel alternatives is the necessary first step, followed by tax breaks for those individuals that purchase eco-friendly cars, and finally by the institution of the rail systems and the creation of greenways and bicycle paths where many highways now stand.

It is possible to preserve the future while breaking away from the methods of the past. All it takes is vision, planning, and a desire to breathe clean air. After all, there can be no progress without a struggle: it's imperative that America be weaned of its oil addiction, although this idea directly clashes with the country's capitalistic tendencies. For once, the needs of the people must prevail over the demands of the dollar. The time has come for America to end its love affair with the automobile.

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school often, and you can too, for all I care. Students can even listen to a sermon or two in the brickyard while eating their lunches. Most likely, it will be about how we're all going to Hell in a hand basket, accompanied by a flurry of fire and brimstone. The real problem is with the narrow-minded zealots who want schools to officially sanction prayer. Don't let them fool you. They're the ones who chant, "We're right, and if you don't agree with us then you're the enemy." Convert or burn for eternity." School-sanctioned prayers would imply consent with such doctrines as "all wives should sit down, shut up, mind their husbands, and make babies" (1 Timothy 2:9-15). Other scriptures were used to justify slavery (Genesis 9:20-10:6, Ephesians 6:5), and as a nation are still feeling the pain from that "logic." Do we really want to have our schools teaching, implied or otherwise, these damnable doctrines? It's time to move to a higher level of morality. Instead of promoting exclusion and fear of Hell, consider the possibility that there just might be a higher purpose to our lives — such as loving and respecting all people — based upon principles of acceptance, not judgment.

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DRUGS

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Kelley Cyphers, a recent graduate of Reagan High School, said drug combinations are common among high school students. He added that mixing is more common among those who know people with drug prescriptions. "I know people mix to get high, but if you don't know somebody with a prescription, then I don't know how people do it," Cyphers said. Sixty-two percent of Texans in treatment have problems with more than one drug, Maxwell said. She said the negative consequences of mixing drugs are greater than people think and can cause problems more serious than those associated with single drug use. "People do not know what they are getting into when they combine substances," Maxwell said. "They think one plus one equals two, but really one and one equals six."

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would have had the opportunity to repent and cry for mercy, in which case the judge could have stopped or shortened the whipping. After a week's healing, an embarrassed and repentant Graham could have returned to his job with minimal loss of income and nullifying any taxpayer prison costs.

A further alternative would have been the administering of permanent marks, or tattoos, on openly exposed areas of skin (such as the back of the hand). By administering such marks, innocent people can see the punishment received from the judge. The shame of bearing such a mark serves to discourage future bad behavior and reminds the convict that future transgressions are an indication that he did not repent and therefore is undeserving of mercy. If a convict is convicted for stealing, which would have been the case for Graham's first robbery, he might also have to repay twice as much as he has stolen to the victim. Should he find himself unable to repay for goods he had stolen, indentured servitude would be instituted for periods of no more than 6 years. The victim would profit and be able to provide the convict with a good reference should he repay all that he

owed. Having completed his servitude the convict would leave with proof of his work, enough money to re-start his life, and a sense of remorse. Convicts found guilty for murder, kidnapping, and other hard crimes, for which they were unrepentant, would be executed. Such an execution would be carried out by a crowd of innocent people who, not wanting to shed the blood of an innocent man, lest they be guilty of murder themselves, would only cast

stones when the unrepentant guilt of the convict was clear. For more information on a Biblically based justice system, see the book "Creating a Nation Under God: Rebuilding America with Biblical Principles."

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their identities, to become someone they're not. How can we be something when we can't even look at ourselves in the mirror and say we're happy with who we are? So people tend to try to fall into a category, a place where they can fit in. They try to find a place where they don't have to be happy with themselves because they know being a certain way is acceptable. So they throw on a cowboy hat and boots. Or they wear sagging jeans and Timberlands. Or they spike their hair and pierce every imaginable part of their body. Or they dress in all black and wear combat boots in the summer. Now, there is nothing wrong with being a certain way. But

there is something wrong with the motivation people use to transform themselves into separate entities. If you're going to do something to change your appearance, shouldn't it be something that you like, not something that defines your character? When we affiliate ourselves with a group, we often try to imitate the rest of the pack. It's much like watching the wildlife channel, where all of the bison try to follow the others, knowing that if they stray from the pack, a hungry lion will pounce. In our society, we don't feel comfortable straying from the pack. It's too risky. We feel much better when we're around our herd. So when we decide to become "preps," we head straight for the nearest Abercrombie & Fitch or American Eagle, to buy the latest hundred dollar sweater. Or

when we decide to be "punks" we go buy Manic Panic and dye our hair purple. Or when we decide to be anything, we rush out and find just what we think it will take to be recognized. The sad thing is, when you look like everyone else, no one is going to notice you. An appropriate metaphor for this would be a nightclub. At a nightclub, everyone is faced with the prospect of relying strictly on physical appearance to be noticed. The music is too loud to talk, and therefore reveal our personalities. This is tragic as personality is in fact the key to individuality. Ignoring this, some of us dress the way we think we need to dress to get noticed, whatever that way may be. Too often, it is similar to the way everyone else is dressing, so in effect, we wear uniforms. Occasionally, some of us will wear really shiny, outrageous

outfits that catch someone's eye, but is that the way we want to be known? As the guy or girl with the shiny outfit? Or do we want to be known for something else, something real? It all comes down to brass tacks, the essence of the philosophy, "just be yourself." The only way to truly be yourself is to accept that as human beings, we are going to all look very similar, and there is no way to avoid that. The external permutations are used up. There will always be someone who has thought of what you thought to be original first. The basis of being oneself is the personality. No one is quite like you, and no one ever will be — not even your children.

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In an attempt to improve the conditions found on the farms, the workers have attempted to organize with the Farm Labor Organizing Committee (FLOC). In Ohio and Michigan, the FLOC's efforts have led to improved working conditions and pay, and have given the workers a bargaining voice in determining their working conditions. Mt. Olive's management has refused to negotiate with the FLOC, claiming that the company is not responsible for the conditions on the farms due to the fact that the farmers employ the workers instead of Mt. Olive directly. However, we believe that Mt. Olive dictates many elements on the farms, including the price of the cucumbers. For over two years, the FLOC has sponsored a boycott of Mt. Olive products. The boycott has shown signs of effectiveness, but Mt. Olive has still not recognized the FLOC's right to represent the workers. You can help by joining the boycott, and by encouraging others to do the same. You can also write to Mt. Olive and encourage the company to negotiate with the FLOC. To date, over 60 labor, religious, and civic organizations have endorsed the boycott, including the Roman Catholic Diocese of Raleigh and the Archdiocese of Detroit.

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"It's about getting fellow Republicans excited enough to raise money and support Bush and other party candidates," Kettl said. "The reality is that [the platform] has little way in how the elections turn out." Kettl believes Bush and Gore's biggest challenge lies in gaining independent support. "Bush is trying to pull the

party to the center and is taking more chances," Kettl said, referring to Bush's mention for Social Security reform. "In the past, Republicans have never gone near this issue." Downs said Bush's focus on Social Security has made his campaign more noteworthy. "Both parties are moving towards the center because there are more independent voters than ever," Downs said. "The more interesting developments are coming out of the Bush campaign, which is taking the lead on Social Security reform." Though Bush's decision to

allow the execution of Gary Graham made national headlines, Kettl insists that capital punishment will not become a focal point of the upcoming election. "Bush and Gore share a similar stance on this issue," Kettl said. Graham, 36, was executed last Thursday in Huntsville, Texas, for a 1981 murder he said he did not commit. Overall, Downs said that this year's election has become the most memorable elections in decades. "I think this is one of the most interesting elections since 1980," Downs said.

Nicholson said the Platform Committee is meeting on a regular basis with groups and individuals whom he has requested direct input. "It's clear that the ideas and counsel of those who contact us will be of great value as our delegates draft the 2000 platform," Nicholson said. After an Internet hearing scheduled for July 6, the full Platform Committee will deliberate on July 27 to draft recommendations for the convention, held from July 31 to Aug. 3 in Philadelphia.

TECHNICIAN Wishes everyone a happy Fourth of July!

[We will resume printing on July 12, 2000.]

The FLOC will be gathering at 5:30 pm on Wednesday, June 28, at the Harris Teeter on Kildaire Farm Road in Cary to protest the working conditions found on many farms here in North Carolina and elsewhere. For more information on the boycott or on the FLOC at NCSU, email me at knblair@unity.ncsu.edu.

Kevin Blair
Senior, Food Science

(The 300 word limit was waived in the interest of coherency)

Wednesday

ENO

Festival for the eno 2000



July 1, 2, 4, 2000
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~at West Point on the Eno City Park in Durham

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West Point on the Eno City Park has become the picturesque and historic site of the largest Fourth of July celebration in North Carolina.

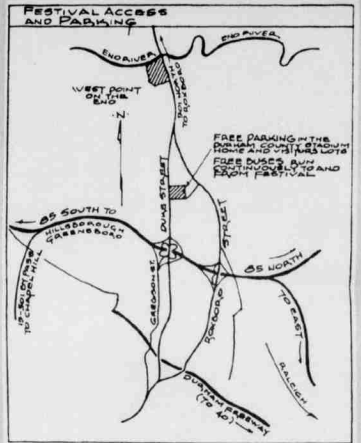
Thirty-five years after those citizens banded together, a now 900-member ERA is once again proud to sponsor the three-day, five-stage, 21st Festival for the Eno, which annually raises money for the purchase and protection of land in central North Carolina's Eno River Basin. The festival will be held July 1, 2, and 4, 2000, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. each day.

Three music stages, a Spoken Word Stage, and a children's stage provide a diversity of entertainment for all ages. The Festival has always supported the multi-cultural musical traditions of North Carolina. Many of its long-time performers have received Folk Heritage Awards from the North Carolina Arts Council for preserving and enhancing blues, bluegrass, and other traditional forms. Meanwhile, young, soon-to-be discovered Festival musicians point to the musical trends of the coming century. At the Spoken Word Stage, local literary luminaries will share their stories, essays, and poems, while the children's stage hosts puppeteers, storytellers, clowns, mimes and musicians.

The line-up for the 2000 Festival for the Eno includes the following: Ralph Stanley and Jim Lauderdale, Dar Williams, Tim Merritt and The Carlines, Hobex, Trailer Bride, The Nields, Claire Holley, Doug Clark and the Hot Nuts, The Chicken Wire Gang, Nancy Peacock, The Countdown Quartet, Chuck Davis and the African-American Dance Ensemble, Ben Demerath, Pierce Pettis, The Timehoppers, James Applewhite, The Tremblers, The Mighty Gospel Inspiration, The Kickbacks and more.

Festival-goers also have a chance to sample international foods at the food court, and to browse and shop at a 100-booth juried craft show that encompasses pottery, metal workers, jewelers, and many others. Special demonstrations, ranging from Native American weaponry to quilt-making, are held throughout the three days.

For more information, visit the Festival's web site at: WWW.ENORIVER.ORG, E-MAIL: ENOJFEST@GTE.NET, OR CALL (919) 477-4549. VOLUNTEERS ARE ALWAYS NEEDED BEFORE, DURING, AND AFTER THE FESTIVAL, AND VOLUNTEERS RECEIVE A FREE TICKET TO THE EVENT IN EXCHANGE FOR THEIR TIME. CALL (919) 471-5008 TO PITCH IN.



How to get there

Travel Information

The Festival for the Eno is located at West Point on the Eno City Park on Roxboro Road in Durham, North Carolina. There is free parking at Durham County Stadium on Duke Street, about one mile north of I-85. If you are coming to attend the Festival, please use the ample acreage of free parking and ride a free, air-conditioned shuttle bus to the gate.

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- Spoken Word Stage
- 12:00 Teller of Tales
- 12:45 John Valentine
- 1:30 Paul Ferguson
- 3:00 Carolina African American Writers Collective
- 3:45 Phillip Gura
- 4:30 Duke Creative Writers Workshop

- Other Stage
- 12:00 Juggling workshop with Ken and Jeff
- 12:45 Jubal Creech

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PERFORMANCE SCHEDULES

SEARCHED AS OF 6/14/00
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SATURDAY, JULY 1ST

- Grove Stage
- 10:00 SILVER
- 10:45 BILL PHILLIPS
- 11:30 CHRISTINE KANE
- 12:30 ENO RIVER SALAMANDERS
- 1:15 THE MIGHTY GOSPEL
- INSPIRATIONS
- 2:15 TRAILER BRIDE
- 3:15 BIG BLUES QUARTET
- 4:00 TIF MERRITT & THE CARBINES
- 5:45 RALPH STANLEY & THE CLINCH MNT BOYS with JIM LAUDERDALE
- Meadow Stage
- 10:00 HOOVERVILLE
- 10:45 ENO RIVER SALAMANDERS
- 11:30 FLAMENCO TROUPE
- 12:30 FRIVOLITY TIME
- 12:45 JON SHAIN
- 1:30 TIF MERRITT & THE CARBINES
- 2:30 RALPH STANLEY & THE CLINCH MNT BOYS with JIM LAUDERDALE
- 2:30 AFRICAN AMERICAN DANCE ENSEMBLE
- 5:00 THE PLATINUM HEAVYWEIGHTS
- 6:00 MILAGRO SAINTS
- River Stage
- 10:00 KHATIEDAWNE QUIRK
- 10:45 GENE O'NEILL & DAVID GLENN
- 11:30 BETT PADGETT
- 12:15 HOOVERVILLE
- 1:00 SILVER
- 1:45 FLAMENCO TROUPE

- 2:45 CHRISTINE KANE
- 3:45 BOUNCING BULLDOGS
- 4:15 JON SHAIN
- 5:15 THE TREMBLERS
- 6:15 BELLY REVELATIONS

Spoken Word Stage

- 12:00 Tony Peacock
- 12:45 An Open Book
- 1:30 Five Paths Project
- 3:00 Joe Miller
- 3:45 James Applewhite
- 4:30 Sy Safranaky
- Other Stage
- 12:00 Khatiedawne Quirk
- 12:45 Duke Creative Theatre Co.
- 1:30 Bill Phillips
- 3:00 Larry Robs
- 3:45 Karen Walker
- 4:30 Louise Omato Kessle

SUNDAY, JULY 2ND

- Grove Stage
- 10:00 THE BADGETT SISTERS
- 10:45 THE KICKBACKS
- 11:45 GOSPELTONES
- 12:45 CANE CREEK CLOGGERS
- 1:30 PIERCE PETTIS
- 2:30 HOBEX
- 3:30 BEN DEMERATH
- 4:30 THE NIELDS
- 5:30 DAR WILLIAMS
- Meadow Stage
- 10:00 GOSPELTONES
- 10:45 JULEE GLAUB
- 11:45 THE BADGETT SISTERS
- 12:30 KID SISTER
- 1:30 THE NIELDS
- 2:30 DAR WILLIAMS

- 3:30 PIERCE PETTIS
- 4:30 DOUG CLARK AND THE HOT NUTS
- 5:45 THE BROTHERSHIP

River Stage

- 10:00 BILL PHILLIPS
- 10:45 CANE CREEK CLOGGERS
- 11:30 LAGERHEADS
- 12:15 STEEP CANYON RANGERS
- 1:15 THE KICKBACKS
- 2:15 JULEE GLAUB
- 3:00 CANE CREEK CLOGGERS
- 4:30 LAST OF THE GREAT SIDESHOW BREAKS
- 5:15 RESOUNDING STEEL

Spoken Word Stage

- 12:00 Frances Dowell
- 12:45 Charles Price
- 1:30 Meta Hammett
- 3:00 Nancy Peacock
- 3:45 Sarah Dessen
- 4:30 O'Connell Band of the Sapoti Nation

Other Stage

- 12:00 wide awake Theatre Co.
- 1:30 Dave Cook
- 3:00 Aviva Enshel
- 3:45 Bill Phillips
- 5:30 Jilly Bean the Clown

TUESDAY, JULY 4TH

- Grove Stage
- 10:00 NEW HOPE HARMONY
- 10:45 ANDY KUNCL
- 11:30 BILES HOUSE PARTY with JOHN DEE HOLEMAN FRIS
- HOLLOWAY GEORGE HIGGS
- GEORGE HERBERT MOORE & LIGHTNIN' WELLS
- 1:45 LARRY WEAVER
- 2:45 CLAIRE HOLLEY
- 3:45 BETSY IN THE GENE POOL
- 4:45 COUNT DOWN QUARTET
- 5:45 THE DANNY MORRIS BAND
- Meadow Stage
- 10:00 CINDY RIBET
- 10:30 TR O S A CHOR
- 11:15 JAMIE ANDERSON
- 12:00 BETSY IN THE GENE POOL
- 1:00 TIMEHOP PERKS
- 2:15 SHARK QUEST
- 3:30 ENO PRESENTATION
- 4:00 THE REV. BILLY F. WIRTZ with the POLYESTER PROPHETS
- 5:15 TWO DOLLAR PISTOLS
- 6:15 CHICKEN WIRE GANG
- River Stage
- 10:00 KURT FORTMEYER
- 10:45 GET LUCKY
- 11:30 BOYS OF WALLTOWN
- 12:30 LARRY WEAVER
- 1:15 ANDY KUNCL
- 2:00 NEW HOPE HARMONY
- 2:45 JAMIE ANDERSON
- 3:30 FESCUCE 911

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- 1 Jurassic 5 "Quality Control" Interstage
- 2 Common "The Light" MC4
- 3 Disrated Peoples "The Platform" ABB-Capitol
- 4 Common "The Six Sense" MC4
- 5 Lil' Kim "Notorious KIM" Atlantic
- 6 Busta Rhymes "Get Out" MC4
- 7 Dr. Dre "Next Episode" Interstage
- 8 Eminem "The Real Slim Shady" Aftermath
- 9 De La Soul feat. Busta Rhymes "OOOH" Tommy Boy
- 10 Canibus "Microlicent" Universal

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- 1 Disturbed The Sickness Giant
- 2 Ignite A Place Called Home T.V.T.
- 3 Deftones White Pony Maverick
- 4 Elwood The Parlane of Our Time Palm
- 5 Hed P.E. Broke ep. Jive
- 6 Olive Trickle Maverick
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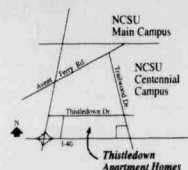
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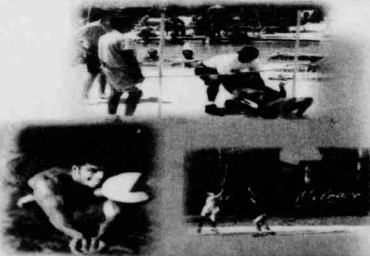
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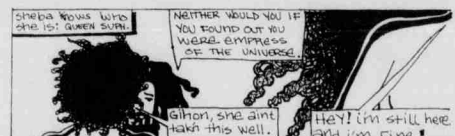
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~ from the History of Old Achilia

Book ii Chapter 33

HOW ZATHAEL WATCHES THE IMPENDING COMET ARRIVE

Some say a comet will fall from the sky
Follow'd by meteor showers and tidal waves
Follow'd by fault lines that cannot sit still
Follow'd by millions of dumbfounded (ingrates)

Some say the end is near
Some say we'll see Armageddon soon
Certainly hope we will
I sure could use a vacation

~Maynard James Keenan, *Enima*

ZATHAEL LANDED SOFTLY IN THE WHISPERING GRASSES ON THE CLIFF OVERLOOKING THE POUNDING SEA, JUST BEHIND THE SITTING GISELLE. SHE TURNED AND LOOKED TENDERLY INTO HIS MILKY-WHITE, SORROWED EYES WITH A LOVING SADNESS.

Giselle rose to her feet and pointed towards the glowing dot whose glow crackled with a mist of electricity

and ice. The city of Achilia lay just below the radiating light emanating an energy of its own. Searchlight beacons traced patterns through wispy clouds in the metropolis's night-time starless sky like exploring fingers.

The scientists say that it is a doomsday comet that falls from the sky..." Giselle sternly spoke. "Much misfortune..." she murmured, "that we should all be snuffed away in such a manner...after all for which we have accomplished in this great city of ours..."

Zathael sighed and watched the wind blow Giselle's hair on the back of her peachy-yellow neck, then moved his attention towards the pulsing flicker, ever increasing slightly in ambiance, and followed its projected path to the cold iron city.


He remembered a time of green grass and the smell of flowers when he lived outside of Achilia. He thought of



the train that he would streak pass as he sailed so carefree in the old blue sky en route to the post office on the outskirts on the then busy little town of Achilia. He remembered his passing childhood when he first met Giselle during the initial skirmishes in the early days of the Ongoing War. He thought of how they'd been shuffled off to an orphanage when Achilia and its northeastern bordering state Myrmidon began fighting over territorial rights to a 160-mile stretch of fertile soil. But the soil was bled dry of nutrients and soaked with the blood of ignorant brave men. He recollected how Giselle would cry every night for her dead mother in the basement shelter in the orphanage as they listened to the sirens and the bombs scream thunder overhead. He remembered how he would keep them warm in his telekinetic halo, and how no one else knew of his powers and abilities except little Giselle...and she never told a soul. But that was so long ago. Before the government found out about his secret and took him away to mold into their renaissance and fighting machine.

Giselle gazed at the rocks below and watched the waves break over the jagged edges of the protruding sedimentary as the foam bubbled and the water washed back to the ink-black ocean.


She thought of the occupied city of Myrmidon and her betrothed who was stationed there. Icarus Thistlemyre, the man she was to marry, was a lieutenant in



the Achilian Army, was a most proud and barrel-chested, golden-haired man who commanded a platoon of peacekeepers in the streets of the now conquered Myrmidon. They had corresponded for a year while he was stationed there, but his letters seemed to grow ever distant and harsh. Giselle remembered how she felt it the Achilian Army's fault for placing her brave lieutenant so far away from her loving arms. She remembered how she thought to surprise him by journeying eight days by rail to the Myrmidon front, but how she discovered him intertwined with a pair of Myrmidon harlots in his lieutenant's quarters. She thought of how this man was nothing of the sort of noble true spirit of Zathael, the grown boy who stood before her now on the eve of certain destruction.

Zathael stammered, "I have to leave..."

Giselle had known this to be the case and remembered the boy who had been torn from her at age nine. The generals from the Achilian war-rooms had taken him from the orphanage when they discovered his meta-human abilities. No one knew how he acquired such abilities, not even Zathael, but the Achilian Army was determined to exploit them in the Ongoing War against Myrmidon. They hid him in one of their steel towers to fight for them and paraded his image around as a hero and patriot. They had attempted to mold and manipulate him to their will...



But they could never quite control him... Zathael cared not for borders and maps and would not directly kill their enemies in cold blood. But the dogs of war had armies and blindly loyal soldiers to do that for them. Zathael became more of a sabotage machine, and was invaluable in the sacking of the Myrmidon front. Guilt racked the poor boy, but he felt a naive duty to the people of Achilia as he knew the potential the city once had and the thought that perhaps one day it could be as it used to be.

But an astronomical observation proved the fought war a moot point and now his obligation was to stop a falling comet, though all his thoughts centered around only one he wanted to guarantee safety.

"I want to fly you north and hide you in the Futarian Mountains...you should be safe from the impact zone there," Zathael conversed eyeing the growing brightness in the Achilian sky. "I checked the impact window and I should have just enough time to get you there..."


"No..." stated Giselle. "You owe me nothing. I'll not have you risk those people's lives for me." The smell of static energy began to fill the air, and she could tell that she had broken his heart. But she felt she had betrayed him by promising her hand to an unfaithful man, and did not feel worth saving at the chance that Zathael would not be able to return to Achilia in time to prevent the doomsday comet from slamming into the city.

"...please Giselle..." Zathael whispered, his eyes tearing up as little sparks left from his lashes to his cheeks.

Giselle reached and touched her hand to his warm face. "Go" she said. And in a flash her command was obeyed.

Giselle watched as he rose above her like a radiant bird and disappeared into the distant glow of the megalopolis lights and towering grey skyscrapers. She turned and saw the comet beginning to enter the atmosphere above Achilia and she knew that it would only be a short time before it hit.

She stood on the edge of the cliff over the ocean and listened to the roar and pounding of the surf. The rhythm became louder and louder as it became aligned with the beating of her very own broken heart. She unfolded the letter she had written to Lieutenant Icarus Thistlemyre and dropped it in the grass as she walked over the edge.



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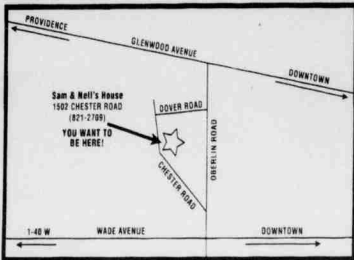
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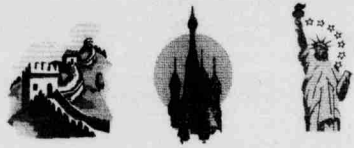
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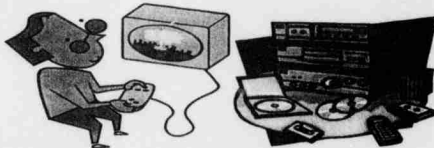
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DREAM TEAM

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But their struggles leave the door wide open for other options.

Montreal's Jose Vidro and Florida's Luis Castillo are two future stars at second, and veterans Edgardo Alfonzo, Eric Young and Ray Durham would all be worthy selections. All of these players have great cases, but I'd have to give the nod to San Francisco's Jeff Kent.

Kent isn't the type of player who draws headlines; he just goes out every day and consistently drives in runs. Only one other second baseman aside from Kent has ever collected at least 120 RBIs in more than one season. Kent has played at least 100 runs in three consecutive years, and with 72 RBIs already, he's well on his way to doing it again in 2000.

Shortstop: Alex Rodriguez
Shortstopped to be a position that was dominated by players who were just known as great fielders, and any offense they could produce was an added bonus. Now, some of the best all-around players are short-

stops.

Omar Vizquel is one of the most amazing fielders to ever grace the position, and he's the quintessential lead-off man. Even though my opinion is biased because he's one of my favorite players, Barry Larkin has been the best shortstop in the NL for over a decade. And Nomar Garciaparra and Derek Jeter are a pair of young players who are leading the revolution at this position.

The best of this new wave of shortstops is Seattle's Alex Rodriguez. Rodriguez, the number one overall pick in the 1993 amateur draft, is one of the five-hit-for-average, hit-for-power, run, field and throw.

Rodriguez still hasn't turned 25, yet he's already etched his name in the record books. He's one of just three players to ever hit 40 home runs and steal 40 bases in the same season, and he finished just three points behind Juan Gonzalez in the AL MVP vote in 1996, his first full major-league season.

Third Base: Chipper Jones
There are very few great third basemen playing at the major-league level right now, so this one is relatively easy. Atlanta's

Chipper Jones is simply the best there is at the hot corner.

Some third basemen are a little better in the field, while others hit a few more home runs or have a slightly higher average. But no one has the total package like Jones does.

Jones used an All-Star snub to propel himself to the NL MVP last year. The top pick in the 1990 amateur draft showed his versatility in 1999 by becoming the first player to ever hit .300, score 100 runs, hit 40 doubles and 40 homers, drive in 100 runs, take 100 walks and steal 20 bases in the same season.

Outfield: Barry Bonds, Ken Griffey Jr. and Vladimir Guerrero
In the outfield, it's hard to go wrong with the two best players of the last decade, Barry Bonds and Ken Griffey Jr., and the guy that many think will be the best player of the next decade, Vladimir Guerrero.

Bonds hasn't always gotten the credit that he deserves because of his relationship with the media, but he's a very safe bet for the Hall of Fame. The three-time NL MVP was the second member inducted into the 40-40 club, and he's the only player to ever hit 400 homers

and steal 400 bases for his career. Bonds suffered through an injury-plagued season in 1999, but he's come back strong this year, hitting .321 with 27 homers and 54 RBIs through Monday.

Griffey has struggled in his return home to Cincinnati, but he's still one of the game's best all-around players. Like Alex Rodriguez, his ex-teammate in Seattle, Griffey is a five-tool player, and he has the hardware to prove it. The 30-year-old Griffey already has 421 career homers, and barring serious injury, he has a very good shot at breaking Hank Aaron's career home run record.

Guerrero is the heir-apparent to the title of "Best All-around Player in Baseball." Guerrero is an outstanding batter who hits for average (.365 in 2000) and power (21 HRs) and rarely strikes out (34 Ks in 271 ABs). The 24-year-old right fielder also has the best outfield arm in the majors, which makes any baserunner think twice about stretching a single into a double.

Starting Pitcher: Pedro Martinez
Before I go on, let's get something straight. Pedro Martinez is not the best pitcher in baseball,

he's the best **PLAYER** in baseball.

What Martinez is doing in this era of juiced balls and miniature parks is simply astounding. Last season, he and the Diamondbacks' Randy Johnson, the only pitcher who ever comes close to touching Martinez, became the first two pitchers in major-league history to win the Cy Young Award in both leagues. Martinez also became just the 21st hurler to ever win the Triple Crown of pitching, leading the AL in wins (23), strikeouts (313) and ERA (2.07).

The 28-year-old right-hander often leaves hitters dazed and confused, and he is well on his way to winning his third Cy Young this season and is making a strong case for the AL MVP. Prior to Sunday when Delgado hit a two-run shot off him in the seventh inning, Martinez had not allowed a home run with a man on base in 43 consecutive starts, a streak that dated back to the 1998 season. He has gone at least six innings in every start this year, and his 1.44 ERA is a full two runs lower than his closest competitor in the AL. Seattle's Gil Meche.

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Relief Pitcher: Trevor Hoffman

Having a good closer is essential to success in today's version of pro baseball. Teams need to have an absolutely fearless guy that they can count on to nail down wins in the late innings, and no one does that better than Trevor Hoffman.

When AC DC's "Hell's Bells" starts playing in San Diego, the Padres' opponent knows the game is over because Hoffman is coming in. Hoffman is almost automatic out of the bullpen, holding the highest career save percentage (.880) since the blown save rule was put in place in 1988. He set the major-league record for save percentage in a season two years ago, nailing down 53 saves in 54 opportunities to lead the Padres to the NL pennant.

Hoffman's numbers are a little off this season, but he's still the most intimidating closer in the game.

Jeremy Ashton will be enjoying the Great American Pastime in Baltimore on Independence Day weekend. He can be reached at 515-241-0148 or jash-ton@umt.edu.

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said that he was "shocked" when he first took over at the

Pack's depth at several positions.

"When you play against people, sometimes you know what they have, but you don't realize what they don't have," Amato said. "I know that what

I'm used to doing is being more concerned about the people that we [Florida State] were coaching as opposed to the people we coached against."

State also needs players who

can step up and assume leadership roles, Amato said. The Pack has just eight seniors on its entire roster, which means underclassmen like Ray Robinson, who Amato believes will be one of the

era's juiced balls and miniature parks is simply astounding.

Amato's arrival has created high expectations at State, something that State's new coach is well aware of. But the Pack's new head man is obvi-

ously excited about the chance to coach an alma mater.

"I'm having the time of my life," Amato said.

Wolfpack Notes

Former Pack star named UNCW coach

Kevin Ankrum, a former state high jumper at N.C. State, has been named head men's and women's track and field/cross country coach at UNC-Wilmington.

The 32-year-old Ankrum has headed up Valparaiso's track and field program for the last five years, overseeing all aspects of the program for the Crusaders. His teams have excelled in both the classroom and on the track, compiling a 100 percent graduation rate and breaking more than 60 school records. Ankrum has helped

Valpo finish in the top half of the conference standings each year, despite working with a non-scholarship program.

"I'm very excited about this new position," said Ankrum, a native of Jacksonville, Ill. "This is the next step for me professionally. Overall, I'm looking forward to continuing the prosperity of the track program at UNCW."

As a student-athlete at N.C. State, Ankrum was a five-time ACC champion in the high jump from 1989-91, earning Indoor and Outdoor All-American status. In 1991, he was ranked 20th in the United States and 79th in the world by Track & Field News and earned

team MVP honors with the Wolfpack. Ankrum, whose personal best in the high jump is a 7'5.50", qualified for the 1992 U.S. Olympic Trials.

Ankrum earned his bachelor's degree in recreation administration from N.C. State in 1992.

2000 ACC/Big Ten Challenge Pairings Set

The pairings have been set for the second annual ACC/Big Ten Challenge, a two-day competitive swimming meet matching two of the nation's top men's college basketball conferences. The nine-game event, which will be televised by ESPN, ESPN2 and

ESPN Regional Television, will take place the first Tuesday and Wednesday following Thanksgiving, November 28 and 29, from seven campus sites and two neutral sites. These two conferences were represented by three of last year's men's Final Four teams.

There will be two rematches from last year's Challenge. Each will take place at a different venue from 1999, including Illinois vs. Duke on ESPN from Greensboro Coliseum (last year, Illinois defeated Illinois 72-69 at Chicago's United Center).

The second rematch will feature two Final Four teams when North Carolina plays at Michigan

State on ESPN2. In last year's Challenge, Michigan State knocked off No. 2-ranked North Carolina in Chapel Hill.

Two neutral site games will take place, including Maryland vs. Final Four participant Wisconsin from Milwaukee's Bradley Center. The other Illinois vs. Duke from Greensboro.

Last year, the ACC captured the Commissioner's Trophy by winning five of the nine games in the Challenge.

Tuesday, Nov. 28
7 p.m. ESPN Wake Forest at Michigan
7:30 p.m. ESPN2 Northwestern at Clemson

9 p.m. ESPN Illinois vs. Duke (Greensboro Coliseum, Greensboro, N.C.)
9:30 p.m. ESPN2 Georgia Tech at Iowa

Wednesday, Nov. 29
7 p.m. ESPN Purdue at Virginia
7:30 p.m. ESPN2 North Carolina at Michigan State
9 p.m. ESPN Maryland vs. Wisconsin (Bradley Center, Milwaukee, Wis.)
9:30 p.m. ESPN2 Penn State at N.C. State

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Amato brings new attitude

The Wolfpack's new football coach has got fans excited about the 2000 season.

Jeremy Ashton
Sports Editor

N.C. State football coach Chuck Amato certainly is not lacking in the confidence department.

The Wolfpack's first-year head coach, who spent the last 18 years as an assistant with two-time national champ Florida State, was asked at a press conference on Thursday if State could win the national championship this year.

"Absolutely," Amato responded with a smile on his face. "That's what you aim at, isn't it?"

Amato realizes that a national title is probably out of reach for the 2000 season, but there is definitely a new attitude surrounding the State football program. The work ethic of State's players has increased tremendously since Amato took over in January. Amato believes that the Pack must have a strong work ethic if it ever wants to play for that coveted national championship trophy.

"I think our biggest challenge is to let these young people believe that they can do it," Amato said. "It's an attitude. It's a belief. But that comes from hard work."

Amato brought this philosophy with him from his previous employer in Tallahassee, Fla. He said he is not afraid to talk about his former players or show off his championship rings as way to motivate his



(Top) Chuck Amato's arrival at N.C. State has renewed interest in the Wolfpack football program. (Bottom) Amato supervises the action at practice while planning all sorts of surprises and fun for the 2000 NCAA football schedule.

current players.

"I don't like pushing Florida State, but I use it," Amato said. "When I first went to Florida State, we went to some bowls that some of you guys may not know existed. It wasn't always Sugar, Orange and Fiesta."

FSU is the premier football program in the country, according to Amato, because it outworks its opponents. The Seminoles have "a swagger" that gives them an edge every time they step on the field. State needs to develop that swagger to become a top-notch program, Amato said, but that comes with time and hard work.

Amato has been pleased with the progress that his players have made in strength and conditioning coach Todd Stroud's off-season workout program. The players continue to drop a tremendous amount of weight, and according to Amato, many of them are in the best shape of their lives.

That new attitude has been contagious, spreading like wildfire to State's fans. More than

24,000 season tickets have already been sold for the upcoming year, 1,000 more than the previous school record.



"This is an exciting time for Wolfpack football," athletics director Les Robinson said in a press release earlier in the

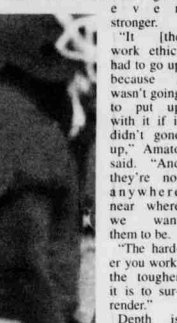
month. "There is a great deal of anticipation because of coach Amato and his staff and many fans are showing their enthusi-



asm by buying their season tickets early."

Despite the progress that the Pack has made during off-sea-

son workouts, Amato said that there is still a long way to go. For instance, he would like to see State's work ethic grow



stronger. "It [the work ethic] had to go up because I wasn't going to put up with it if it didn't come up," Amato said. "And they're not anywhere near where we want them to be."

"The harder you work, the tougher it is to surrender."

Depth is another one of Amato's primary concerns on both sides of the ball. Amato

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The ultimate dream team

JEREMY ASHTON

As I sat down this weekend to fill out my ballot for the Midsummer Classic, baseball's all-star game between the American League and National League, I began to wonder

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what the ultimate baseball team would look like.

I made it my mission this weekend to put together this dream team of current major-league players. I used stats to support my opinions, but my picks were made more on gut instinct than numbers.

Just out of principle, I'm not going to go into an in-depth analysis on a designated hitter. But if I were forced to pick one, it would be Seattle's Edgar Martinez. Martinez has long been one of the most underappreciated hitters in the game, and at 37, he is still one of the best. If there's any justice in the world, then there should be a spot waiting for him in Cooperstown.

So, without further ado, here's my ultimate fantasy team.

Catcher: Ivan Rodriguez
Jason Kendall, Mike Piazza and Ivan Rodriguez stick out in my mind as strong candidates for this position. All three of them are superb hitters, but I'd have to give the edge to Rodriguez because of his superior defensive skills.

Rodriguez has the lowest career OPS (on-base percentage plus slugging percentage) of the group, but he just keeps getting better with the bat every year. He was named the AL's Most Valuable Player last year after hitting .332 with 35 homers and 113 RBIs, marks that he's well on his way to eclipsing this season.

Defensively, Rodriguez might just be the best ever to don a catcher's mask. The eight-time Gold Glove winner completely changes the complexion of games because teams are scared to run on his cannon-like arm. No other catcher instills fear into baserunners quite like Rodriguez.

First Base: Mark McGwire
First base is the deepest position in baseball, which makes it particularly hard to pick just one person. Jeff Bagwell, Carlos Delgado, Todd Helton, Rafael Palmeiro and Jason Giambi are just a few of the names that you could put into a hat, draw one out and you'd be guaranteed to get a great player at first base. A fantasy team just wouldn't be complete, however, without Mark McGwire.

Despite the "slightly" inflated offensive stats in baseball these days, McGwire still has to be considered the most prolific home run hitter the game has ever seen. He recently passed Mike Schmidt to move into seventh on the all-time home run list with 550. For his career, he's averaged a homer every 11.6 at-bats. He's the single-season record holder after sending 70 balls out of the park in 1998. And he's the only player to ever hit 50 homers in four consecutive seasons, a streak that will probably be extended to five after this year.

Second Base: Jeff Kent
If Craig Biggio and Roberto Alomar weren't playing unusually below average, then this position would be no contest.

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Future ACC basketball tournament sites released

Sports Staff Report

Future sites for the Atlantic Coast Conference men's basketball tournament were announced today by ACC Commissioner John Swofford. The league's nine faculty representatives voted on the tournament sites.

The MCI Center in

Washington, D.C., was selected as the site for the 2005 Tournament. The Greensboro Coliseum will host both the 2006 and 2010 Tournaments while the Ice Palace in Tampa, Fla., will be the site for the 2007 Tournament. Charlotte, North Carolina, will be the host site for the 2008 Tournament and the Georgia Dome in Atlanta, Ga., will be the site for the 2009 Tournament.

"We had outstanding proposals for our men's basketball tournament from each of the cities selected," said Swofford. "We're excited that these five cities will be hosting the ACC tournament as each of these sites have an enthusiastic commitment from their community. This 10-year rotation covers the geographic footprint of the Conference extremely well." Since being moved from N.C.

State's Reynolds Coliseum, where it was held for 13 consecutive years (1954-66), the ACC Tournament has been held at the original Charlotte Coliseum, the Capital Centre in Landover, Md., the Omni in Atlanta, Ga., the current Charlotte Coliseum and the Greensboro Coliseum.

The inaugural ACC Tournament in 1954 attracted 39,200 fans for the seven games

at Reynolds Coliseum. In each of the past two years a record 119,475 fans have attended the tournament. The last year that there was a "public" sale of ACC Tournament tickets was in 1966. Over the past two decades all of the tournaments have been sold out in advance as the tickets are equally distributed among the nine member institutions.

Future dates and sites for the

ACC Tournament

2001 March 8-11

2002	March 07-10	Charlotte, N.C.
2003	March 13-16	Greensboro, N.C.
2004	March 11-14	Greensboro, N.C.
2005	March 10-13	Washington, D.C.
2006	March 09-12	Greensboro, N.C.
2007	March 08-11	Tampa, Fla.
2008	March 13-16	Charlotte, N.C.
2009	March 12-15	Atlanta, Ga.
2010	March 11-14	Greensboro, N.C.