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## NCSU tradition on shaky ground

◆ Yet another N.C. State tradition among students, the annual Brent Road party, may not be tolerated if considered a nuisance.

Spaine Stephens  
News Editor

Students who have found themselves welcoming the new semester on Brent Road in years past may have to make alternate plans this year or they could end up in jail.

According to Raleigh City Ordinance 13-3006, any person who is the owner, occupant or tenant of the premises where a nuisance party is held can be held responsible, and subject to arrest. The Brent Road party, based on past events at the annual celebrations, may be considered a nuisance party.

Brent Road residents are not the only ones who could find themselves in a sticky situation. "All misdemeanor and felony violations will result in full custody arrests," said Major John

Knox of the Raleigh Police Department, in a letter to property owners and residents on and near Brent Road.

In addition, if this year's Brent Road party reaches the "nuisance party" level, any person in attendance could also be arrested.

The new ordinance goes hand-in-hand with a new "zero tolerance approach," which is an effort by the Raleigh Police Department to "disperse illegal activity," according to Captain Michael Longmire of the RPD.

N.C. State officials are supporting the stronger control by authorities on the party.

"We are going to be even more aggressive in letting students know what will happen if they violate [the ordinance]," said Tom Stafford, vice chancellor of student affairs.

Stafford urges students to attend the on-campus event that will be held the same night as an alternative to the Brent Road party.

Since the annual bash is notorious for presenting the potential for safety problems, the administration continues to discourage students from attending the party at all, and to be aware of the "new and different level of responsibility that the [Raleigh] City Council has put on this event," said Stafford.

Longmire stressed that people are free to assemble in a lawful manner, and are not being discouraged from practicing legal activity. However, in a residential community such as Brent Road, certain activities that may be allowed in other jurisdictions may not be tolerated.

"These are the types of things we hope to discourage," said Longmire.

At last year's Brent Road party, over 300 people were issued citations for various violations. This year, under the zero tolerance approach, there will be "no citations this year, just arrests," said Longmire.



The rain fell constantly during the day Tuesday as people made their way about campus. The precipitation is expected to fall all during the week up to this weekend.

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## U. Minnesota animal genetics conference opens without incident

◆ The conference is the 27th biannual meeting of the International Society for Animal Genetics.

Fabiana Torrao  
Minneapolis Daily

(U-WIRE) MINNEAPOLIS — Despite an increased police presence with nearly \$200,000 in new riot gear, the University of Minnesota-sponsored animal genetics conference in downtown Minneapolis kicked off with the silence of a lab mouse this week.

Barricades surrounded the Hyatt Regency Hotel as police officers wandered around an empty designated demonstration area in front of the hotel.

Inside, the atmosphere was one of a routine science meeting.

More than 600 scientists

from all over the world presented their research using workshops, lectures and posters.

"(The purpose) is to share each other's work and see what's going on internationally," said Monica Roberts of the University's veterinary pathobiology department. "You meet people that you read about."

Most attendees cited the social interaction at the meeting as its most important goal. Such social contact not only allows the sharing of research and knowledge to take place, but also creates possibilities for collaborative partnerships for ongoing and future works.

Research topics varied from gene mapping of various animals to reducing diseases through breeding of certain species.

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## New name, new opportunities



◆ The College of Forest Resources has adopted a new name that allows it to expand its concentration.

Susanna Smith  
Staff Writer

The N.C. State College of Forest Resources officially became the College of Natural Resources on July 14. Under the new name, the college plans to maintain its dedication to the forestry industry, while extending a concentration to the issues surrounding sustainable development.

For NCSU students, the name change will mean greater educational opportunities. "We need to add a program to the college," said Larry Tombaugh, dean of the College of Natural Resources. The proposed program is in environmental technology. Tombaugh

hopes the program will entail an understanding of "technology to measure the environment."

The new program, which may be available as early as fall 2001, will involve studies in statistics and other means of measuring and regulating the environment. Aimed at students concerned about the environment but not interested in becoming environmental scientists, the program will produce graduates who are highly employable within industry, as well as regulatory agencies such as the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

In addition to creating a new program, Tombaugh hopes "the new name will make us more appealing to private foundations such as the Rockefeller Foundation."

Although currently one in five students within the college have some scholarship funding,

this number may rise with the addition of the environmental technology program and future foundation contributions.

The greatest change students may see is "a philosophy shift within the college, not dramatic, but an integration of programs within the college. Faculty will have a little more commonality," said Tombaugh.

The College hopes to base all of its programs around the intermingling principles of economic development, environmental protection and community well-being.

"I hope that our graduates, in whatever program, will have instilled in them a balance between economic development, environmental protection, and community well-being," said Tombaugh.

By creating an educated work force, the College of Natural Resources hopes to contribute to the state of North Carolina,

as well as globally, in addressing the problem of distribution and protection of precious natural resources.

In talking about sustainable development, Tombaugh said, "I can't think of a many issues more pressing in society. The issue of sustainable development is everywhere. It's in the Triangle. If we look internationally, it occurs at all levels."

Currently, the College of Natural Resources is involved in programs such as the Southern Oxidant Study, which is the largest programs in the United States concerning the environmental effects of air pollution. The Center for Earth Observation, which maps natural resources and detects environmental changes, is operated by the college. Other current activities include contributions and studies in recycling, ecotourism and environmental remediation.



## For the love of the game



Staff Columnist  
**Mike Pittman**

As children growing up, we all had our dreams. For the ladies out there, I can't really speak of what your dreams were. However, for the guys, I know what most of us dreamed about: hitting the winning three-pointer to win the National Championship, watching the last-second Hal Mary bomb in the Super Bowl to win the game. (Get 'em Torry!) or hitting a grand slam in the World Series perhaps. These of course are all sports related, but I am certain there were many other dreams in the hearts of young children.

In my younger years, I had a simple dream: it was a dream I chased for years, and I had the support of many people helping me to make that dream become a reality. I wanted one thing to happen before I die, and still do, to approach the 18th green of a

PGA golf tournament, and be recognized as the tournament champion. To me, that roar of appreciation from thousands of fans is what I wanted more than anything.

That dream, to most, was silly. At the time, baseball was the sport to play as a child growing up. As a baseball player, I sucked. I was doing good to hit a baseball off of a hitting tee, much less if someone threw it at me. But at the time, golf was for rich kids, and was definitely not the sport of the so-called masses. Football, basketball, and baseball were "their" sports. Most fathers in my hometown would probably prefer to see their kids watch paint dry than to see them pick up a golf club and say, "Ooohhh! Cool!"

Things have changed, however. The summer of 1999 saw the U.S. Open come to Pinehurst, N.C. I was lucky enough to get an invitation to the event. Unfortunately, I was on the wrong side of the ropes, and the only cheers I was able to hear on

the 18th were from me, and those around me. (They "were" cheering for me though, not Payne Stewart, in case you were wondering.) In fact, on Sunday afternoon, I was there to see Stewart make that great 20-foot putt to win the Open. I couldn't talk for hours from the yelling I did. I was so happy to see him win, as I had a feeling that might be his last chance to win I, of course, assumed he was just past his "prime." Little did I know that six months later I would be sitting at home stupefied at Stewart's untimely demise.

Disregarding the fact that I was misty-eyed when I was able to see Stewart win the National Tournament in the sport I have so long loved, I was elated to see that golf had soared to become the US' new national past-time. Baseball and basketball have shot themselves in the foot by paying too much for events, having too many, and rewarding mediocre players with exorbitant salaries.

Golf pays great money to the winner of the events: \$325,000 for four days work can hardly be seen as pocket change. However, it is up to each individual to win. And golf, I believe, is loved for that reason. As each player steps up on the tee, there is nothing standing between that player and great numbers on the 18th other than the abilities (and luck, in some cases) of the player. The course is the same for all players. It's an individual sport, and no one else can do anything to change that. (Well, okay, there is, but I usually don't consider full contact golf as a true fraction of golf.)

If you don't believe that golf is as the new national past time as I do, simply go to a golf pro shop. You'll see more kids there than ever before. Nearly all courses now have a junior program. In addition, the USGA is promoting golf among the children of the US in ways never before seen. You'll also see more people, from a broader

range of professions and backgrounds.

In a time where basketball teams want bigger and newer arenas when they can barely fill the ones they have... in a time where baseball stadiums are being torn down, taking history with them, for newer stadiums with more seats and fewer fans... in a time where sports figures seem holier than thou, golf has found its way into the hearts of many. If you don't believe that, think back to the British Open, if you watched it two Sundays ago. Grandstands surrounded the 18th, and in fact, you could only see the upper half of the clubhouse. This won't mean much, until you see tape from the late '70s when Jack Nicklaus won at St. Andrews in 1978, and most of the clubhouse could be seen. Moreover, most people (that I know at least) will tell you they've at least tried to hit a golf ball in their lives. Growing up as a child, that was just unheard of.

In the past, each and every sport has had the greats. Jordan, Kareem, Chamberlain, Shoeless Joe, Sammy and Mark, Montana, William Perry, Nicklaus, Palmer, Tommy Armour, and many others have been our heroes in the past. Golf offers us Tiger Woods: a 24-year old young man, just a few years older than most in college. He's made his mark, and continues to make a dent in golf history. Indeed this is an exciting time for golfers.

The fact remains that although my chances of ever feeling the joy of victory as I walk up the 18th may elude me forever, I know that the opportunity is out there for so many more people than ever before. That, to me, is victory enough.

Mike Pittman used to not be as bad at golf as he is now. If you'd like to engage in a mushie duel, (or just sell it him) email him at [mike\\_pittman@ncsu.edu](mailto:mike_pittman@ncsu.edu)

## A minority of one



Guest Columnist  
**T. Greg Doucette**

Famed author Oliver Wendell Holmes once wrote in a letter to a friend, "A lunatic is merely a minority of one." That was all. After being labeled daft for intending to pursue a career of writing, Holmes delivered a profound piece of wisdom in an 8-word, short and sweet sound bite. And the rest, as is often said, is history.

That saying, despite its brevity, still resonates with irony in today's society. As we struggle to maintain our individuality, we do not hesitate to condemn those individuals who refuse to conform to a society's image of human perfection to which we all supposedly aspire. These individuals are assailed as "touched", "fanatical", "extremist", and "uncompromising." They are intentionally

placed on the fringes of our society, ignored when possible and discredited at any cost when necessary.

Take, for example, the "zealots" of Student Government: many of them are ignored by the Administration and fellow students, precisely because many of the ideas that they preach are so far outside of some illusory "norm" that "must" be followed. These people introduce many inventive and under-explored possibilities; however, without a large amount of tact and willingness to compromise, they quickly get nowhere, grow frustrated, and remove themselves from the Student Government, resigned to supporting an inadequate status quo they held no part in crafting. Mission accomplished: one less "troublemaker" in the mix.

But what happens when the lunacy, the "minority of one," begins to spread and attract "believers"? Those who believe in the status quo will

search for any means necessary to cut down the tree of dissension at its roots.

Take the example above, and now throw in a caption like the one at the beginning of this article. The calculus has been changed; no matter which official it addresses, the fact that someone reviled as a "lunatic" could obtain a leadership position among his or her peers causes concern to those interested in preserving power and the status quo. Ignoring the problem failed, now it's time to discredit and demolish.

The following is the standard formula employed in an attempt to damage the credibility of those few who are willing to take the necessary risks to live by their own principles on campus: Step 1 - Target the source. Step 2 - Conduct a thorough background check and use any information, valid or contrived, that you find. Step 3 - If nothing incriminating turns up, go above the source to a higher authority and try to stop

"troublesome" activity. Step 4 - If Step 3 does not work, find a respected peer to the target and have him/her "encourage" the target to stop "troublesome" activity." Step 5 - Repeat steps 2 through 4 until desired result is achieved.

That's how the process works; but how, you ask, does this relate to Student Government as a whole?

Albert Einstein also had his share of profound sound bites, including "Great spirits have always encountered violent opposition from mediocre minds."

Every year, the Student Government faces two roads in every decision it makes, and this year will be no different. As always, the decision will be between supporting the status quo, or striking out on a new path: covering under the majority or standing alone as a "minority of one." And, as always, supporting the status quo imminently involves the vigorous, unconditional support

of the University Administration and its bureaucracies, while pursuing the road less traveled requires a leap of faith on the untrod ideas of a handful of altruistic individuals in the face of great adversity.

While all members of the Administration deserve our respect by virtue of their position-even when it's difficult to provide-few should be given our trust. It is understandable that those who benefit from the current system will work hard to ensure it doesn't change. "Don't rock the boat," they say, or "We just can't do that," or "What you do won't matter, just deal with it."

Our officials on the receiving end of such "advice," however, should realize that every Student Government from its inception to today has given the same recommendations...yet those students who benefited most during their tenure here at NCSU attended during a time where the Student Government elected to buck the

status quo and pursue something truly worthwhile for the betterment of the Student Body.

History has amply demonstrated that there is no rational case for supporting the rigid maintenance of a power structure with as many glaring inequities as our current system. It is the responsibility of our elected officials, in furthering the influence of the Student Body en masse, to nurture the pursuit of ideas that are often considered taboo or "outside the box." For anything less would amount to nothing more than a slow and agonizing journey into helpless subservience. In the words of David Lloyd George, "Don't be afraid to take a big step. You can't cross a chasm in two small jumps."

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Food donation is not totally out of the question. Some Bruegger's Bagels chains have donated wasted food in the past to food banks, Kroger Supermarkets, while not a restaurant, also donates food. Hardee's restaurants, despite their troubles in keeping up with the fast food juggernauts, even managed to donate to charity.

Now, not all chain restaurants donate, and not all chain restaurants are stingy. Each franchise runs its business differently from the next. So while a Durham Burger King may donate food, a Raleigh Burger King might not. However, the corporations that license these franchises should step in and force each business to uphold a philanthropic belief.

Alas, this solution will never take hold. It's too simple. And restaurants will never learn that business is a lot more than coupons and little plastic toys.

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## Philadelphia police "Welcome America"



Opinion Editor  
**Cindy Sparlock**

Philadelphia is a city that prides itself on its diverse, working class values and on its historical role as a breeding ground for political debate and dissent: the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution were drafted within her borders, and she served as the capital of the United States from 1790-1800. Like a proud anebullum aristocrat, she has tried in vain to maintain this carefully constructed facade of equality, justice and opportunity when courting the media, visitors, and corporations interested in investing in the area. However, her mask has slipped off several times during the past month, revealing a face wrinkled by corruption and intolerance and scarred by the pox of cruelty and deception that can no longer be hidden from public view.

On July 12, Thomas Jones, suspected in a recent carjacking, led Philadelphia police on a high-speed chase through the sweltering city streets. Meanwhile, tempers and temperatures were flaring behind

the badges of those in pursuit of Jones. This combination of anger and contempt toward a man who had allegedly wounded one of their own in the thumb with a gun owned by the department and who had fled in one of their own marked cruisers culminated in a frenzied explosion of brutal violence minutes later.

According to a July 14 report by the *Philadelphia Inquirer*, "Philadelphia police punched and kicked the man 59 times in 28 seconds before a supervisor intervened," all while Jones lay on the ground, suffering from five gunshot wounds to the abdomen and arm. Claims have been made by several high-ranking officers within the department stating that Jones was resisting arrest at the time of the beating. Others, such as Richard Costello, a Lodge President with the Philadelphia Fraternal Order of Police, attempted to rationalize the beating to the media: "When you shoot one of us, you shoot all of us."

As if this casual justification of the fabled "Blue Code" in action wasn't outrageous enough, Philadelphia Police Commissioner John Timony told reporters that there was a "huge, huge difference"

between this incident and the beating of Rodney King by Los Angeles police officers in 1991. Apparently, Timony's ability to analyze situations pertaining to his department from a fair perspective has been dyed a permanent shade of blue.

The only difference is that Jones was assaulted by officers of his own race, a detail that the department's top brass are trying to push into the papers as much as possible during the next week in an attempt to quell any protesting or counter-violence that may occur during next week's Republican National Convention. The only difference is that Timony runs a department whose reputation for being one of the most oppressive and violent since the 60's precedes itself. The only difference is that Philadelphia, the aging "wanna-be" international socialist that is always the bridesmaid and never the bride needs a positive image boost from the Convention to stimulate her sagging economy. There is no difference, only indifference and intolerance for the public from behind the glare of the badge in the "City of Brotherly Love."

A glaring example that this attitude of contempt for the public

is not an isolated incident manifested itself just days after Jones was hospitalized for his injuries. Kenyatta Lee, a Philadelphia narcotics officer, began selling tee shirts to fellow officers that were "considered an inside joke by some of the supervisors," according to *Inquirer* reports. Lee had commissioned a privately owned company to print his "humorous" design: a Philadelphia Police badge was printed on the front of the shirt, while a photograph showing the beating was captioned with the slogan of the upcoming Convention, "Welcome, America" in bright blue letters. Lee sold these shirts to fellow officers for ten dollars apiece while on the premises of the 24th District Headquarters.

Unfortunately, Lee and two of his supervisors, who allegedly looked the other way while Lee was selling his shirts, are the only ones who have been reprimanded with a mere slap on the wrist. Whether the multitudes of officers who voice approval by purchasing the shirt, will be punished has not been determined. Those that took place in this mockery of the American judicial system, profiting from and laughing at the injuries that were inflicted by the hands of

"their own" should be ashamed of themselves. Chances are, they are not even remorseful, let alone willing to admit any guilt: Lee will be given free legal representation, provided by a local chapter of the Fraternal Order of Police.

Criminal behavior, on either side of the law, is not accepted in American society. This fundamental difference, the fact that suspects have certain rights, separates the American government and its myriad branches of law enforcement from the Pinochet-style torture and barbarity associated with other law enforcement agencies around the world. It is not up to the officer or agent to neither take justice into his own hands, nor to act as judge, jury and executioner at the scene of the crime. If the public cannot have faith in the ethics, maturity and rationality of its guardians of the peace and cannot trust that those in power will not abuse that power, how can they possibly be expected to respect the law or those who represent it?

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# Why we love

# Kyle

by Zack Smith  
senior staff writer

In today's world of dark superheroes and twisted horror, it's easy to wonder why comic books are called "comic books." Thankfully, there's Kyle Baker.



Baker has had a long, eclectic career in cartooning, doing everything from illustrations for magazines like "Entertainment Weekly" and "The New Yorker," to more standard superhero comics like "The Shadow," "The New Mutants" and an adaptation of the movie "Dick Tracy." However, where Baker really shines is his series of graphic novels, some of the funniest material published in any medium.

Kyle Baker's first graphic novel, "The Cowboy Wally Show" (Marlowe & Co., \$14.95), was published in the late 1980's, and while unceremoniously underpromoted by the publisher, has since become a cult classic. Told in the form of a mock-documentary, it follows the life and times of Cowboy Wally, a large, sexist, frequently inebriated showbiz icon who has been responsible for an incredible number of B-movies and bad TV shows over the last decade or so. Although there's almost no plot, "Cowboy Wally" is frequently side-splittingly funny, be it Wally's disastrous 1979 Christmas special (the madcorently says grace with his mouth full), his 1986 comeback film "Sands of Blood" (a hilarious parody of war movies) or his notorious production of "Hamlet" (including reducing the entire play to twenty minutes, and for reasons best left unrevealed, filming the entire thing from a jail cell). Although it recently went out of print again, local store

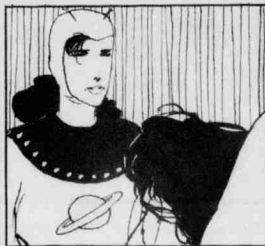
"Foundation's Edge" has a number of copies at nearly half off the cover price; it's a bargain well worth picking up.

Baker's breakout success came in the form of 1990's "Why I Hate Saturn" (DC/Vertigo, \$17.95), one of the best-known graphic novels ever published. It tells the story of Anne, a burnt-out writer for an ultra-trendy Manhattan magazine (whose cover boasts such articles as "COOL BOOKS that will look good on your shelf), whose already- hectic life becomes even stranger when her sister Laura shows up. Seems Laura considers herself "Queen of the Leather Astro-Girls from Saturn," a title that comes complete with a bizarre costume. Whether that's true or not isn't really important, as Laura also happens to have ticked off a very powerful ex-boyfriend, turning Anne's life even further upside-down.... At once a satire of New York, a domestic comedy and a road trip, "Why I Hate Saturn" is always hilarious and never predictable. It's the kind of comic made for people who hate comics.

After an absence of nearly a decade from the field of graphic novels, Baker returned in 1998 with the award-winning "You Are Here" (DC/Vertigo, \$19.95), a fast-paced, surprisingly poignant tale of love, crime and New York. Noel Coleman is an artist with a good life in



"So I can stay with you, right?"



"It's a uniform. I'm the Queen of the Leather Astro-Girls of Saturn."

"Yeah, but then we're even, okay? I say, what's with the outfit?"

"We're even when I say we're even. I want that prescription."

upstate New York and a sweet girlfriend named Helen...and a past as a jewel thief that he'd rather keep quiet. Unfortunately, he has to return to NYC to sell his old apartment...a situation made more difficult by his old enemies coming after him and Helen's secretly following him. Although more violent than Baker's previous works, "You Are Here" boasts a tighter, more emotionally involving story and gorgeous computer-colored art. Fans of writers like Elmore Leonard and Donald Westlake should enjoy this book (which also has an animated promo available at Baker's web site at <http://www.kylebaker.com>).

Baker's most recent graphic novel, the shorter work "I Die At Midnight" (DC/Vertigo, \$7.95) may also be his last for a long time, due to some creative difficulties with DC, publisher of much of his recent work. Set on New Year's Eve, 1999, a despondent guy named Larry has just taken some pills because his girl-

friend Muriel left him...unfortunately, Muriel decides to take him back right after he's downed the medication. Since telling her would probably make her dump him again, Larry has to secretly meet up with the doctor with the antidote...a task made more difficult by the fact that a) it's New Year's Eve in New York and the city is in chaos, b) Muriel wants to go visit her grandmother and c) Muriel's other, psychotic ex-boyfriend wants to see Larry dead. Frantically paced and fiendishly hilarious, "I Die At Midnight" is a lot of fun, and should be enough to hold off fans until Baker's next work, the animated film "Cory Q. Jeeters, I'm Tellin' On You."

Most of these books are available at Hillsborough shops Foundation's Edge and Capitol Comics, or on such web sites as <http://www.amazon.com>. Also, you can check out <http://www.kylebaker.com> for more artwork from these books.



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# "LOSER" IS A L O S E R

by Zack Smith  
senior staff writer

"Loser" is the sort of film that you really want to like, and watch filled with some small hope that it will finally gain some energy and draw you in. Unfortunately, it never does. This is a shame, since the writer/director, Amy Heckerling, is usually one of the most talented, observant writers of teen comedy, having directed the likes of "Fast Times at Ridgemont High" and "Clueless" in the past. Unfortunately, this film not only isn't much of a teen comedy, it's not much of anything.

The plot of "Loser" is relatively simple. Likable Paul Tannek (Jason Biggs of "American Pie" fame) is a simple Midwestern kid with a scholarship to a New York, where he's worried he might not fit in ("They're different over there—they're like that 'Seinfeld' show!"). His fears prove well-founded, as his roommates (Zak Orth, Tom Sadowski and Jimmi Simpson) are appalled by his bland clothes, his klutzy nature and the fact that he actually studies. Fairly soon, Paul's roommates have gotten him kicked out of the room, forcing him to live at the school's animal hospital.

The one bright spot in his life is Dora (fellow "American Pie" alum Mena Suvari, late of "American Beauty"), a cute-but-gothic classmate whose money problems have her waitressing in a strip club for money.

She's also secretly involved with the officious Professor Alcott (Greg Kinnear, in perfect horse's ass mode), who spends most of his time avoiding commitment and

## Loser

★★

Director:

Amy Heckerling

Starring:

Jason Biggs

Mena Suvari

Zak Orth

treating her like a maid. All of this comes to a head when Paul saves Dora's life after she's slipped something at a party, and lets her stay at the hospital to recover. From that point on, it's simply a matter of Dora realizing that Alcott is a jerk and Paul is a great guy. Suffice to say, she takes her time.

"Loser" isn't so much bad as uninvolved and unoriginal. For one thing, the entire plot of the film is taken almost verbatim from the classic Jack Lemmon/Shirley McLaine movie "The Apartment," which

won "Best Picture" for 1960. That film still feels topical and edgy today, while "Loser" feels strangely dated. For that matter, the film also offers relatively little insight into New York life; while its depiction of college is relatively accurate, New York doesn't really come across as any different than any other large city anywhere else. In a sequence where Dora shows Paul around town, they go to Greenwich Village, the Museum of Modern Art and a performance of "Cabaret"; the funny thing about that is that was almost exactly the same



agenda on a group tour I took to the city last fall. Most of the film's attempts to be "edgy" consist of gags about Paul's roommates' reliance on date-rape drugs to get women; not only is this more horrifying than funny, but it seems over-the-top for the characters. For that matter, there's also a large number of references to Everclear, including a brief concert appearance; however, that's more a matter of the viewer's personal musical tastes than anything else.

The film isn't without its good points: Biggs and Suvari are very likable, and have actual chemistry on screen when they're not hampered by contrived plot developments. Kinnear, for that matter, is also very funny, and makes his character seem much more intelligent than the screenplay allows. But the film just never comes to life, resorting to old clichés and a soundtrack full of recent hits (with the inexplicable exception of Simon and Garfunkle's "Scarborough Fair") to try to connect to its audience. "Loser" ultimately has the same problem as its title character: It just tries too hard.

AUTHOR'S NOTE: I just learned an interesting fact star Jason Biggs apparently filmed this movie simultaneously with the even worse "Boys and Girls." To make them both, he flew across the country several times a week, and had to have his "Loser" hair extensions burned off for "Boys and Girls," only to have them re-implanted when he returned to New York.

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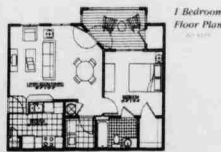
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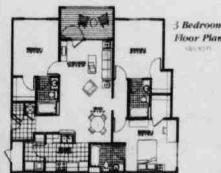
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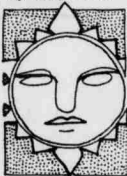
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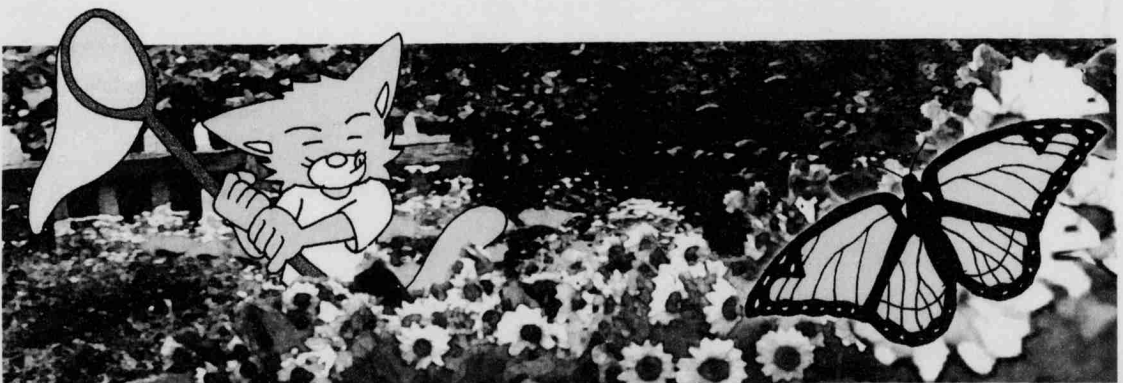
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## ANIMAL

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chemotherapy, is very expensive, she said.

Her research attempts to find a cattle breed that will not be susceptible to the disease.

University of Munich researcher Gregor Durstewitz said meetings like the animal genetics conference might help shed light on important questions, including finding solutions to global food production that preserves biodiversity.

The conference is the 27th biannual meeting of the International Society for Animal Genetics.

The University bid to host the meeting three years ago and members of the College of Veterinary Medicine have spent the last year preparing for this weekend, organizers said.

Although the organization is based in Madison, Wis., this is only the third time the biannual meeting has taken place in the United States. The last meeting was in New

Zealand and the previous one in France.

This is the first time the meeting has attracted protesters.

Some said it happened because this year's meeting is in the United States, others said it is because genetically modified organisms have been receiving a lot of publicity lately.

"I never thought that anyone would even notice it besides science people," Roberts said, who presented a poster about gene mutation for a dog disease at the conference.

The general public's lack of information on genetic engineering is the cause of the opposition, she added.

"(The public) get bits and pieces of information and that scares them. When people think of genetic engineering they think of people growing mice that have two heads," Roberts said. "In most cases we just take blood."

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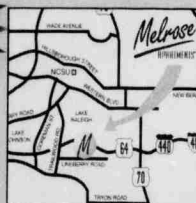
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## ACC/ WolfpackNotes

### Pack's Dugan competes in Olympic Trials

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Chris Dugan, a member of N.C. State's track and field team, competed in the U.S. Track and Field Olympic Trials Friday out in Sacramento, Calif.

Dugan ran in the 3,000-meter steeplechase preliminaries and finished 17th out of 34 runners with a time of 8 minutes, 37.69 seconds. Dugan did not qualify for the finals, which were run that night.

Dugan will be entering his senior year at State this fall, where he runs both cross country and track. Dugan is a two-time All-American in cross country, finishing

44th at the 1999 NCAA Championships. During the outdoor track season, Dugan also received All-America honors after he placed eighth in the 3,000-meter steeplechase at the NCAA Championships.

### Hamilton, Adams named ACC Athletes of the Year

GREENSBORO — Georgia Tech football player Joe Hamilton and Maryland lacrosse player Jen Adams have been named as the Atlantic Coast Conference Male and Female Athletes of the Year for the 1999-2000 academic year, as voted on by the Atlantic Coast Sports Writers Association. The Anthony J. McKevin Award, named for a former

sports editor of *The News and Observer*, is given to the ACC's top male student athlete, while the Mary Garber Award, named for a retired Winston-Salem Journal sportswriter, is given to the top female student athlete.

N.C. State track and field star Chan Potts received two votes for Male Athlete of the Year, while former Pack basketball player Summer Erb was fourth in balloting for Female Athlete of the Year honors with nine votes.

Former State runner Julie Shea is the only female athlete to have won the McKevin Award. She, who now sits on the Raleigh City Council, was named ACC Athlete of the Year twice, in 1980 and 1981. An award for only women wasn't established until 1990.

### Stinson drops in 24

The Mets stepped forward immediately with an offer that would have put Larkin in New York for the rest of the season. The only thing holding up the deal was Larkin's approval. A tug of war began for Larkin's services that put the shortstop right in the middle. Several Mets players called Larkin, telling him that they can't make the playoffs without him. Meanwhile, huge crowds showed up at Cinergy Field and showered Larkin with support.

In the end, Larkin turned down the trade, saying that he didn't want to be a "hired gun." All he wanted from the start was to stay in Cincinnati, his home. Fortunately, this whole situation had a happy ending. The Reds caved in hours after Larkin officially rejected the trade and gave him his contract extension, virtually guaranteeing that he will end his career where it began.

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## ASHTON

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their heart and soul, acting as the one constant in Cincinnati's locker room throughout the years. He commands the total respect of everyone on the team and is the undisputed captain of the Reds.

Larkin was scheduled to be a free agent at the conclusion of the season. He resigned with the Reds for below what he could have received on the open market the last time his contract was up for renewal.

This time around, the Reds' captain asked for what he

was told is his market value, a three-year extension totaling \$27.9 million. Cincinnati's management countered Larkin's proposal with a three-year, \$18 million offer.

Granted, we're talking about ludicrous amounts of money for a guy whose only job is to catch and hit a baseball for three hours every day. But that's the way things go in sports these days; owners have to be willing to shell out the money if they want a winner.

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# Search for new AD is on

◆ The search committee for the new athletics director met for the first time Friday.

**Jeremy Ashton**  
Sports Editor

The search for Les Robinson's replacement as athletics director at N.C. State is underway.

A 10-member committee appointed by Chancellor Marye Anne Fox to search for a new athletics director met for the first time Friday morning in the Chancellor's Conference Room in Holladay Hall. According to Richard Vaughn, the vice chairman of the committee and a member of the N.C. State Board of Trustees, the purpose of the meeting was to familiarize the committee members with their job.

"Primarily, we just went over what our charge was, and we went over the job description for the athletic director as outlined by the chancellor," Vaughn said. "Then we discussed how we'll go about advertising for the position."

Vaughn mentioned that advertisements have been placed in "various publications" in attempt to attract interested candidates. A web page giving details on the exact nature of the opening has been established on the State site to further promote the job.

The committee also began looking for interest from professional search firms to help fill the position, Vaughn said. The committee will begin interviewing firms at its next meeting, which is scheduled for Aug. 3.

The committee currently has no official candidates for the position, according to Vaughn. It will use the qualities outlined by the chancellor's job description to help focus the search.

Vaughn believes the committee is going into the search with an open mind and is not dead set on a specific type of person, such as a State alum.



"I don't think we're going into this with any preconceived ideas of exactly what we're looking for," Vaughn said. "We want to get the best person that we can identify to do the job that needs to be done in the athletic department."

The athletics director position opened up on July 14 when Robinson, who has held the job since 1996, made the decision to resign and take the same position at The Citadel, where he was a head basketball coach for 10 years. Robinson maintained ties to the Charleston, S.C., area after his departure from The Citadel in 1985. Two of his daughters have established themselves in the area, and he owns a home on nearby Sullivan's Island.

Fox has stated that she would like to have the new athletics director in place by Sept. 1, the day Robinson officially leaves The Citadel. However, Vaughn said that deadline may be difficult to reach.

"It would be nice to have an AD in place by the time Les leaves, which is Sept. 1, but that's highly doubtful that you could do that," Vaughn said. "If you hired one tomorrow, chances are they're going to have to work out a notice with whoever they're currently employed, if they are employed, of course. Usually, those notices are 30, 60, 90 days, so it would be very difficult."

"To me, it was kind of a natural transition for him," Vaughn said. "Of course, everybody hates to see him leave because he's such a fine, nice guy. He's done a good job for us." Fox assembled the search committee July 19, five days after Robinson announced his resignation. William J. Burns Jr., a former chairman of the Board of Trustees, was selected to head up the committee. The ultimate goal of the committee is to narrow the field of candidates to three and submit this list to Fox, who will eventually have the final decision.

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## A lesson in loyalty

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Baseball fans and the media are fond of saying that today's players have no loyalty.



In this age of free agency and multi-millionaires, fans have become accus-

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tomed to the sight of watching their favorite star jump from team to team, seemingly without a second thought. Players used to stay with the same team for most of their career, whereas now it is not uncommon for players to move multiple times during their prime.

Fans see the players moving and all the money that gets thrown their way, and they automatically assume that these athletes care more about money than winning or loyalty. This is true for some but not all baseball players. There are guys like Tony Gwynn, Cal Ripken, Brad Radke and Vladimir Guerrero who have stuck with their teams through the good times and the bad.

And players aren't the only ones responsible for a lack of loyalty in the game. Owners will cast off guys who play their hearts out every day just so they don't have to open their wallets and give these players what they deserve.

You'll have to excuse me if I sound a little bitter right now. My favorite team, the Cincinnati Reds, nearly traded my favorite player, Barry Larkin, to the New York Mets this weekend.

In fact, the Reds and Mets actually had a trade worked out that would have sent Larkin to New York in exchange for three minor leaguers. Larkin is still a Red only because he used his veto power as a 10-and-5 player, meaning that he has at least 10 years of major league service and at least five of those have been spent with his current team, to abort the trade.

Larkin grew up in Cincinnati and has spent his entire 15-year career there. He won a World Series ring with the Reds in 1990, was the 1995 National League MVP and became the first shortstop in major league history to hit 30 homers and steal 30 bases in the same season. He is a three-time Gold Glove winner, a nine-time Silver Slugger and an 11-time All-Star.

I'm admittedly biased when it comes to Larkin, but I challenge anyone to find a shortstop that was better than him in the last decade. And even at 36 years old, he still has no equal in the National League, leading NL shortstops in hitting (.321) and slugging percentage (.518). There is something seriously wrong with the system if he doesn't have a spot waiting for him in the Hall of Fame after he retires.

But Larkin has meant so much more to the Reds than stats can show. He is

# Disney to host 2001 ACC Springfest

## Sports Staff Report

**HOT SPRINGS, Va.** - Atlantic Coast Conference Commissioner John Swofford announced Sunday that the ACC will send eight of its spring championships to Orlando, Fla., and Disney's Wide World of Sports Complex between April 19-22, 2001.

Men's and women's golf, lacrosse, tennis and outdoor track and field are the eight championships that are slated to take place that weekend at Disney's world-class facilities.

The 2001 ACC Spring Festival is the highlight of a four-year relationship with Disney's Wide World of Sports complex. The 200-acre facility began hosting ACC Championships in 1997 with men's soccer followed by women's soccer and men's and women's outdoor track & field in 1998 and volleyball in 1999. In addition to the five league championships, the popular ACC Disney Blast had its three-year stint from 1998-2000 featuring all nine ACC institutions during that time period.

"The Atlantic Coast Conference and Disney's Wide World of Sports have

formed a unique relationship," Swofford said. "By sending our student-athletes to their world-class facilities and housing those athletes in close proximity we are able to create a bowl-like environment for our Olympic athletes."

For the first time in ACC history, all student-athletes and coaches will be housed in the same area (a series of hotels along a half-mile stretch of Palm Drive in Lake Buena Vista, Fla.) providing an experience similar to the Olympic Village for those 1,000 athletes participating in the championships.

During the four days of competition, men's and women's track and field and lacrosse will be held at Disney's Wide World of Sports complex. Men's and women's golf will be located at Disney's Palm and Magnolia courses, which annually host a PGA Tour stop in Orlando. The men's and women's tennis championships will be held at the Lake Cane Tennis Facility located just off the Walt Disney World property.

Disney's Wide World of Sports complex is spread over 200 acres and hosts more than 30 sports in professional and amateur competition and training in the heart of Walt Disney World Resort. The state of the art facility includes nine venues and is home to more than 40 Amateur Athletic Union national championships, Atlanta Braves spring training, Orlando Rays minor league baseball, Harlem Globetrotters training camp and holiday series, the only permanent version of the NFL Experience and the Official All-Star Cafe.

"The ACC Springfest is a perfect culmination to the numerous Atlantic Coast Conference events that have highlighted our schedule at Disney's Wide World of Sports complex," said Reggie Williams, vice-president of Disney Sports Attractions. "The ACC represents the best in college athletics and we are

thrilled to welcome so many talented student-athletes, coaches and family members to Central Florida for this unique Olympic-style event."

With eight of the league's championships being held in one area, the Springfest marks the second time that the ACC will host almost all its spring championships at one site. The first occurrence was in the spring of 1997 when the conference brought seven championships to Atlanta fresh off hosting the Centennial Olympic Games.

"The Disney experience is consistently mentioned by many of our schools' student-athletes as the highlight of their ACC Championship experience," Swofford said. "What the ACC Springfest at Disney's Wide World of Sports complex all adds up to is a great opportunity for our student-athletes, coaches, administrators and fans."

"We believe this event will be remembered by many of them long beyond their collegiate careers," Swofford continued. "We're proud to be partnering with the excellent staff at Disney to bring this weekend to fruition."

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