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## ESA land-swap to be reevaluated

◆ The sale of 159 acres of university-owned farmland near the site of the Entertainment and Sports Arena is still undecided as no bids have been accepted yet due to contingencies such as rezoning requests presented by potential buyers.

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Assistant News Editor

Despite a large number of initial sale inquiries into the 159 acres of N.C. State University-owned farmland, located near the Entertainment and Sports Arena complex, university officials cite sale conditions of interested parties as the reason why it has not yet accepted any bids for the land's purchase.

"We had the land advertised without any contingencies and asked for bids," said George Worsley, NCSU vice chancellor for finance and business. "We received a lot of interest and inquiries, but most buyers wanted us to accept rezoning."

"We were not willing to accept those conditions," he said.

Worsley said the NCSU officials involved in the sale are looking at ways to readdress the land and working toward developing an outline of sale conditions that will be acceptable to the university. A decision should be reached within the next 90 days, he said.

The land, located between Wade Avenue and Interstate 40, is not actually adjacent to the ESA, although it is located in the same area, said Worsley. Since the land is state property assigned to NCSU, university officials had to apply to the state last year for permission to sell it.

"Our goal is to sell the land and convert the money... to more appropriately serve the university," said Worsley.

The university plans to use the profits from the sale to acquire additional property south of Lake Wheeler Road, as well as to add acreage to the J.C. Raulston Arboretum.

NCSU officials made the decision to sell the land last year due to changes in the land's usage wrought by significant development in that area, such as the construction of an apartment complex bordering one side of the land. The land was originally used for agricultural research.

"As development takes place, it becomes increasingly difficult to bring equipment into the area and perform farming tasks," said Worsley.

"People use the land for exercising, walking their dogs and hiking. It is no longer conducive to carrying on agricultural research," he said.

The land south of Lake Wheeler road that NCSU officials would like to purchase with the proceeds from the sale of the Wade Avenue and I-40 land will significantly expand the university's existing

Lake Wheeler Road agricultural facility.

"We are essentially exchanging open space for additional open space," said Worsley.

Neither James Ohlinger, dean of the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences nor Johnny Wynne, associate dean and director of the Agricultural Research Service, was available for comment.

In an unrelated event, the Finance Committee of the Centennial Authority, the organization appointed by the General Assembly to oversee the management of the ESA, is meeting at 11 a.m. today to review the facility's monthly budget, said Centennial Authority Assistant Secretary Judy Britt. Discussion of the issues surrounding the naming rights of the arena, however, is not on the agenda.

"We're just waiting like everybody else," she said.

Carolina Hurricanes President Jim Cain said last month that NCSU and Gale Force Holdings, the parent company of the Carolina Hurricanes, had reached an agreement over the distribution of revenues from the sale of the naming rights to the ESA. NCSU and the Centennial Authority, however, are still negotiating a compromise that would take effect if the Hurricanes were to leave the arena at the end of their lease in 21 or 41 years.

"We have resolved our issues with the university, but the issue is now what happens if the Hurricanes leave the arena," said Cain in an August 29 Technician article.

## Nacoste named new vice provost for diversity

◆ Psychology professor Rupert Nacoste is N.C. State's first vice provost for diversity and African-American affairs. His goal is to foster a campus-wide dialogue on diversity.

Jimmy Ryals

News Editor

Rupert Nacoste's laugh occupies a room almost as fully as another person would.

One-on-one, that laugh can become huge and intimidating. It can also sound large and warm enough to welcome the entire world.

Provost Kermit Hall and Chancellor Myrle Anne Fox are counting on the latter being true, as they have named Nacoste N.C. State's first vice provost for diversity and African-American affairs.

### DIVERSITY IN THE CENTER

"Diversity is the central theme of academics and it always has been," Nacoste said.

Accordingly, he believes that silence on the issue of diversity is the greatest problem facing the university.

"Why, at a university, wouldn't we have an open, even fiery discussion on a variety of issues," Nacoste said. "I think that there's not been enough leadership to help students understand what should be going on here."

Nacoste has an eye toward filling that silence with a dialogue on diversity. He envisions a triangular system for creating that dialogue, one involving a student group — his "Lair of Diversity" — and a faculty group — the "Den of Diversity" — both of which will work directly with him.

The student group, as Nacoste sees it, will consist of two at-large students and representatives from a number of existing student organizations. The students will meet and "grapple with diversity problems" and report to Nacoste.

The faculty group, already in place, consists of African-American deans, college coordinators and senior faculty members who attended a retreat that Nacoste conducted over the summer.

The faculty group will discuss policy changes that would nurture diversity.

It is diversity of thought that Nacoste seeks from these groups.

"I'm very aware that my life on the campus isn't your life on the campus," Nacoste said. "It'd be a deadly mistake for me to come into my office and start doing things based only on my own experiences."

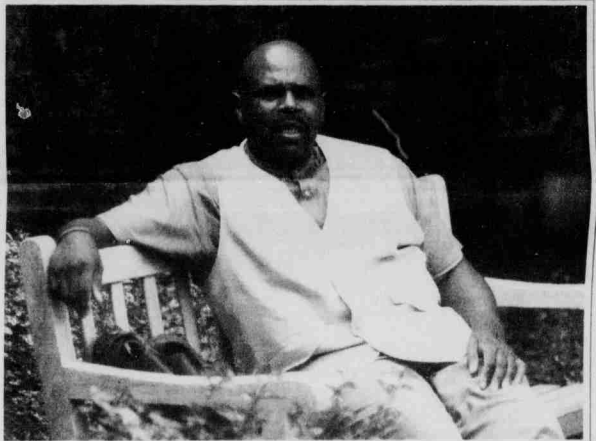


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### EXISTING DIVERSITY ISSUES

According to statistics on the NCSU university planning homepage, 14 percent of the NCSU faculty is non-white; that figure is the 13th highest among NCSU and its peer institutions. With females comprising 21.4 percent of the full-time faculty, NCSU ranks 14th among its peers, figures that Nacoste believes "absolutely" need attention.

"Put it this way, the African-American faculty hasn't changed in 15 years," said Nacoste. "People have come and gone, but the numbers have stayed the same."

Nacoste said the university has improved its hiring practices

where women are concerned in recent years. Fox's hiring in 1998 is one sign of a commitment to diversity on the university's part.

### THE FOX AND THE HALL

As a vice provost, Nacoste will report directly to Hall; his ultimate goal is to foster diversity while remaining focused on Hall's mission of academic excellence.

Hall told faculty members in a recent meeting that "when Rupert speaks about diversity, Rupert speaks for me."

Given his scholarly expertise with diversity — he has spent a

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Members of the Becton Second Floor Intramural Football team watch as their squad competes.

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## Bush, Gore push toward election

◆ Over the past 50 years, the presidential candidates with a significant lead on Labor Day went on to win in November. However, that trend is not relevant in this election year.

Erin LaRuffa

The Observer

(U-WIRE) SOUTH BEND, Ind. — Throughout the spring and most of the summer, many Americans — if they were paying attention to national polls — probably thought Republican nominee George W. Bush would be the next president.

Then came the Democratic National Convention. After

trailing Bush for most of the campaign, Vice President Al Gore made significant gains in the polls.

"Going into the conventions, Bush should have been a landslide winner," said Notre Dame government professor David Leege.

Now, no one knows which candidate is ahead.

Although Bush — who labeled himself the "underdog" last Thursday — currently trails in all major national poll, the race is far from finished.

Newsweek's most recent poll showed Gore leading Bush 47 to 39 percent among registered voters, and 49 to 41 percent among likely voters. Many polls, however, show an even

closer race.

Gore leads Bush 47 to 46 percent among likely voters in the Time/CNN poll while the latest Washington Post and ABC News poll has the two candidates locked at 47 percent among registered voters.

Statistical margins of error and other factors make predicting results complicated.

"There are two problems with the polls," said government professor Benjamin Radcliff.

The first, Radcliff explained, is some polls use data from registered voters, while others use data from "likely voters." Registered voters do not necessarily show up at the polls, even if they do support one candidate

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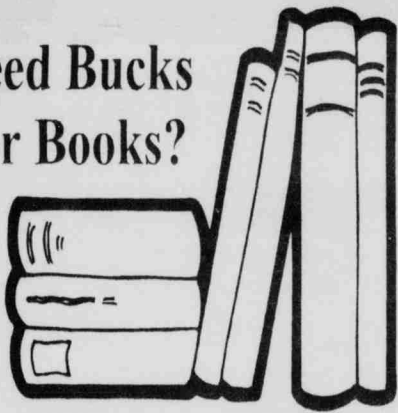
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career in study of it and has spoken to Congressmen and the Department of Defense about diversity — Nacoste intends to be an effective voice for the provost's office.

"Provost Hall knows I already have a voice for diversity; he didn't give me one," Nacoste said.

Fox is the first woman chancellor in NCSU history. Nacoste believes that her 1988 hiring signifies that the university recognizes diversity as an issue.

"She wasn't hired because she's a woman; she just happens to be one."

Fox interviewed Nacoste during the vice provost search. During the interview, he challenged the chancellor on what she is prepared to do on diversity at NCSU.

"I believe that Chancellor Fox has some hopes for diversity," Nacoste said. "I believe that she'll be a significant part of the effort for diversity, and not on the sideline."

### AFFIRMATIVE ACTION

Last fall, Nacoste became a visible figure at NCSU in the debate over Affirmative Action.

After Dinesh D'Souza, a former aide in the Reagan White House, spoke at NCSU last August, Nacoste delivered a speech on the topic after D'Souza's speech. The social psychology of Affirmative Action has

been a focus of Nacoste's research since he began his scholarly career in 1980.

As Nacoste sees it, the bottom-line goal of Affirmative Action is to neutralize discrimination and eliminate barriers that keep qualified people from getting jobs and other opportunities.

Nacoste believes that the faults in Affirmative Action lie with its execution, not with the idea itself.

"Some people have screwed up and some have done things that were out of bounds," said. "That doesn't mean that the idea is wrong; someone just did it wrong."

### NACOSTE'S BACKGROUND

Much of Nacoste's agenda as vice provost deals with changing the academic environment to make diversity a topic of a campus-wide dialogue.

"I'm not particularly concerned with changing people's minds, and I'm not particularly concerned with how people feel," said Nacoste. "What I am concerned with is how we structure things."

That focus on structure and environment reveals the influence of John Thibaut, a former UNC-Chapel Hill professor whom Nacoste calls his only professional role model.

Thibaut was a student of early 20th Century psychologist Kurt Lewin; Nacoste considers himself a Lewinian, meaning that he always looks at

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over the other. "Even the polls among likely voters will differ depending on how (pollsters) determine who's going to vote," Radcliff said.

The second problem, according to Radcliff, is "the extent to which people have made up their minds" to support a particular candidate.

"This is an election where people will make up their minds later," Legee said.

Some voters, however, choose strictly along party lines.

"There are lots of people who were never going to vote Democratic or never going to vote Republican," American government professor Christina Wolbrecht said.

On the other hand,

she pointed out, there are a lot of independent voters, many of whom have not decided which candidate to support.

Radcliff, however, believes most voters have made up their minds at this point in the race.

Past history indicates voters may make up their minds by early September. Over the past 50 years, the presidential candidates with a significant lead on Labor Day went on to win in November. However, that trend is not relevant in this election year.

"When one candidate is clearly ahead going into Labor Day, that maxim holds, but neither candidate had a clear lead," Legee said.

"It's a very close race."

environment as a cause of behavior.

Born in Opelousas, La., Nacoste became interested in social psychology during his stint in the Navy. As a serviceman, he conducted seminars on the connections between racial attitudes and the Navy's mission.

While in the Navy, Nacoste attended night classes at a junior college; upon his discharge, he became a student at the University of Florida. He did his graduate work at UNC-Chapel Hill.

Nacoste has been a professor in the NCSU psychology department since 1988. Teaching

will continue to be on his agenda; he refused to take the vice provost's position if he had to quit teaching.

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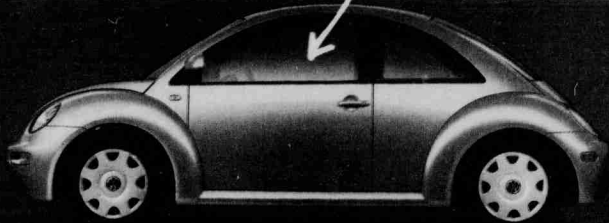
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## The lie

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Staff Columnist

Are you buying the lie that the only intimacy to be had is through romantic relationships? Amazing how romance overrides everything when you are in college. You feel like a loser if you aren't on a date at least once a week. Every time you go home someone at the mall asks, "Is there anyone special in your life?" All the well-meaning people in your family keep "checking in" to see if your "status" has changed.

Have you ever thought about saying, "Why, yes, there are several people in my life: my roommate, my suitemate, my study partner, my brickyard buddy." Does that sound too weird? Extreme? I just don't understand why the word "relationship" refers only to dating couples. Doesn't the word "relationship" also describe your interaction with your parents? Your friends? Your hairdresser?

Life is full of relationships with all sorts of people. We are, in fact, continuously surrounded by an ever-changing matrix of possible relationships. It began when we were kids and rode the same bus everyday for six years. Our bus driver was a vital link between home and school. They knew when we were sick, getting a ride or staying late for band practice.

Our matrix hasn't changed; it's gotten bigger. All day, everyday, we see people who we connect with, and yet we are limited in our interaction with them solely because of our lack of depth. Consider the person that sits next to you in the 11-20 class. You exchange papers every time you have to do an activity. Aside from random facts that you are forced to read in this person's draft, you have no idea what makes them tick. Why? Because you sized them up as a relationship potential and then promptly scratched them off. Now there is nothing to do with this person who sits next to you three out of the five days of the week other than count down the minutes in which you will meet your dream mate.

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Even the people we call our closest friends are subject to the rule of romance. Groups of women talk and talk and talk about dating. Who is? Who isn't? Who's next? Of course this is a generality, but the stereotype of women exists because it is in large part true. Women put pressure on other women to "find a man," wear the right clothes and succumb to whatever the group thinks. For men, it's just as bad. They are thinking about romance, too, but men don't talk; they do things. Sporting events: men's time usually consists of watching or playing (sometimes a combination) some sport. Or for variety, a typical night might be playing Nintendo 64 until 3 a.m. Their grandmother could be in the hospital dying - but hey Super Mario is waiting. Neither women nor men are experiencing the depth of same-sex friendships because of these societal stereotypes. In a world

where couples matter and singles don't, it makes sense that our friendships are shallow.

When are these shallow existences supposed to change? Ah! When you meet that special someone. All of a sudden your dull pathetic life will change into a glamorous 24-hour romance in which you will be wine and dined, always happy and satisfied because you have finally found "someone special." The fact is that, when you find that mysterious "someone," nothing will really have changed. Oh, sure, the hormone rush will electrify you for about a week, but then at week's end you will be the same person - only with one more thing to fit into your schedule.

The solution? Stop expecting someone else to bring you the meaning in your life! Don't buy the lie that you are nothing unless you are with someone. Fight the system that says the only romance to be had is with

a dating partner. There is romance everywhere. Before there were soul mates, people searched for bosom buddies. How would you like a kindred spirit with whom you could share every moment, thought, feeling and struggle? When you graduate from college what do you want to remember? All those dates which turned into dead ends? You'd rather have lasting relationships with people who have become your intimate friends. Trust me. As a first-year grad student I look back and realize that the greatest thing about college was not the sexual romance, but the sweetness of friendships. Tomorrow, after you read that person's draft, ask 'em about life. You'd be surprised (and at least they'd be shocked!).

*Questions? Comments? Want to be Hannah's friend? Email her at mohandakshmi@hotmail.com*

## TECHNICIAN'S VIEW

### A chance controversy

The chances that Congress will ban college sports gambling are roughly 10-to-1; that was the decision spread of the House Judiciary Committee, which greenlighted the bill Wednesday. The Senate Commerce Committee already passed a similar bill last April.

The NCAA sent retired UNC-Chapel Hill coach Dean Smith, college basketball's career victory leader, to endorse the passing of the bill on Tuesday. Populist and failed presidential nominee Arizona Senator John McCain has also made the passage of the bill a personal cause of his. But is Congress really trying to fight gambling on amateur sports? The American Gaming Association calls the bill "a cosmetic response to serious campus gambling problems." To a large extent, Congressional action supports the AGA's claims.

While it did pass the committee voted down a substitute bill put forth by Rep John Conyers, D-Mich., that would have created an Amateur Sports Illegal Gambling Task Force and doubled penalties for illegal betting on sports. The committee also was not a big fan of a third version of the bill offered by

Rep. Asa Hutchinson, R-Ark., to expand the proposed ban to outlaw all sports betting, as requested by professional baseball, basketball, football and hockey leagues.

Furthermore, the language of the bill passed is weak enough to be practically unenforceable. According to an Associated Press report, only 2 percent of college gambling happens within the one state where it is permitted, Nevada; the other 98 percent occurs illegally elsewhere in the country.

Indeed, the gambling underworld is so widespread and so socially entrenched as to be impossible to track - let alone prosecute. Busting up booking agents and professional betting houses is one thing. But what can any law do to stop ubiquitous office pools or March Madness brackets that are so widespread as to be published in newspapers?

While the odds have been against the bill's passage so far, it is strangely moving ahead. Still, Congressional backers should take their public relations winnings and fold. Gambling occurs on too many levels and in too many places to be stopped by any one law anytime soon; it can bet on that.



Kelly Marks  
Staff Columnist

This past weekend, I found myself in a stadium in Bloomington, Ind. It's a fact that doesn't really have much bearing on this column. I just think it's pretty cool. As we entered the arena, my compadres and I felt the need to make use of the facilities. I went in the women's bathroom; it goes without saying that there was a line. I could hear the strains of the national anthem as we stood there. I began to worry whether I'd make it to my seat on time, when the sounds of an unhappy toddler filled the air.

That's when I noticed a very prim woman standing in front of the last stall. She had on a brown Indiana sweater vest and a bow in her hair (note: Brown women should not wear bows). "I can't get it, mommy. The door won't unlock." As the little girl inside frantically fumbled with the door, Mrs. Hovesser spoke soft, detached words of encouragement, laden with more wholesome goodness than one would expect from even Kathie Lee Gifford. Rattle, rattle, rattle. The tension was building. There was a cry of distress. It was all I could do to keep from busting out of line and opening the door for her.

Finally, she emerged, much relieved, and hugged her mother's knees. "See?" her mother chirruped. "See what happens when you persevere?" My initial reaction to this heartfelt remark was fuzzy. "awwww..." echoed through my head. But as I watched the little girl

struggle to overcome the bathroom trauma, clad in her tiny reproduction Indiana cheerleader uniform, the sentiment was replaced by a certain cynicism. I questioned what sort of parent would be so impatient with her child, instead of just helping their scared three-year-old out of a locked stall? And who throws around words like "persevere"? I wondered if the little girl would be able to fully grasp the concept. It seems doubtful.

Granted, she might have begun to understand - especially when four hours later, she was privy to another firsthand example, as the Pack roared back from a 12-point deficit to win the game (and I was there, yay).

But then again, I'm 22. And I don't really think I know what the word means: persevere? A quick consultation with my handy dictionary tells me it's to persist in a state, enterprise or undertaking in spite of contrary influences, opposition or discouragement. It all sounds so much loftier than the tools of a toddler trapped in a toilet. Heck, it seems like even a miraculous comeback like the one our boys had, would hardly fit the bill. To truly persevere, it seems like one should have to truly suffer first. You can't stand tall in the face of adversity if nothing in your life is really adverse. It seems like such a big word should only apply to big things - like incurable diseases, poverty, or social injustice. It seems like it should mean something more noble than a run-of-the-mill everyday annoyance or even a not-so-run-of-the-mill football victory. But then I look around me. And I see people persevering every day. Perseverance can apply to the

small things, too. Sometimes it's as simple as merely getting up in the morning. In the past four years, I've watched friends go through some rough patches. Some of them still are, and goodness, sometimes I've had my share of them, too. They're nothing incurable; nobody died; no one had to deal with the loss of a key sensory function or one of their limbs. The world didn't end.

I realize how lucky we all are. I can't count the number of times I've had more than one. But more often than not, it doesn't. Yet at the time, you feel you should be so lucky. For whatever reason, you fear your life is over. But what you're really afraid of is that it will just keep going; that however horrible you feel now is how you're always going to feel. It's a brave soul who gets out of bed when their only hope is that perhaps today won't suck as much as yesterday.

When you feel like the world is crashing down or that something important is over and yet still you carry on the pretense of normal life - though nothing about it feels normal - that is a testament of strength. You may not feel strong. You may not look strong. But you're not stopping - and that persistence is strong. Society has all sorts of inspirational phrases for times like this. Get back up on that horse. Take it in stride. That which does not kill us makes us stronger. All fine concepts, in theory, but in practice they're absolute hell.

Life should be like cartoons. Wouldn't we all just love to have that sort of resilience? The kind where someone can blow you up to bits and there you are in the next scene, smiling and whole, like nothing ever happened? We could use more well-dropped anvils.

## How to age gracefully



Rachael Overcash  
Staff Columnist

This week, two of my friends are turning 20 and 22. It now seems that every time a birthday comes around I begin to reflect on my age and how I am slowly getting old. Ever since I can remember, celebrating birthdays is something that I have looked forward to. I have always anticipated them months in advance. When I was little, I always gave my accurate age of 8 and three-fourths. I always wanted to be older than I was, and I was always looked up to people that were older in awe.

However, now that I am approaching that cusp in my aging (the big 2-1), I have started reflecting upon my age and wishing I were younger again. Now, don't get me wrong, I can't wait till I turn 21, but what I am more fearful of is what happens after that day.

What does happen after you turn 21? I have asked many of my friends and they all say the same thing: nothing. After 21, you no longer really have another birthday to look forward to.

But the truth is, when we fall to pieces none of us have the luxury of a skilled animator or a fresh dab of paint to patch us up. Life isn't skillfully edited either - we all have to suffer through the recuperation process.

The other day, a friend of mine told me that she wished she could take a vacation from herself. Just go away for two weeks and come back when it was a better time to be her. I know how she feels. Yet, the hard part is the point. It's the

I know everyone can remember when we were 15, and you couldn't wait till you were 16 to drive a car, get away from your parents and experience new freedoms. When you were 17, you were anxious to reach 18. At 18, you could vote, buy cigarettes, buy porn (I didn't do that, though) and be an official adult. Of course, everyone knows about that long year of age 20; that year, which seems like an eternity, waiting for that critical drinking age of 21.

Now that the age of 21 is about to dawn on me, however, I am trying to resist my birthday. I love being 20. It's an age that sounds so young and vibrant. 21 sounds like, "Oh, you're old." And 22, well that means you're really old. I know this sounds like a 20-something whining about getting old, dreading those horrible 30s, but I know this is a major concern of most college students.

We, after 21, begin to fear aging. Girls start to lie about their age; people begin to feel old and do not party as much and people begin to feel out of touch with the current trends of the day. Do not be afraid; getting old is not always that bad. As an old person, you are often more respected and revered. You are thought of as wise and

knowledgeable. You are often looked up to. Also, as you begin to age, and you realize that you are not 20 forever, you must start to understand how to age gracefully.

The key to aging gracefully is to still act young. I know lots of 23-year-olds that still act as if they were 12. Be a kid at heart - always. Just because you are old, it doesn't mean you have to act it. So often people try to be "mature for their age." They want to be thought of as older, until they are old, then they want to be young again. It is funny how that works out: once you get something you want you never want it.

So as my birthday approaches, I hesitate. But I know that becoming older brings its advantages. I will embrace my 21st birthday with good times (and lots of drinks). I promise that I will try not to age too much as the years pass and will always remember what it is like to be young.

*Rachael's Birthday is Jan. 29, so gifts will be welcomed with open arms that day. If you have any questions, comments or complaints about getting older please email them to Rachael at roverca@unity.ncsu.edu*

will be plenty of other opportunities in their lives. Or, just take them to see the Pack this season.

*Through various obstacles, interruptions, and otherwise hardships, Kelly wrote this column. Talk about your perseverance. Or just talk? kmmarks@unity.ncsu.edu*



## On the road again

Ryan Hill  
Features Editor

Cameron Crowe is quite possibly the best writer working in show business today. His characters are real, dimensional and just like somebody we know or knew. It's this attention to detail that sets him above everyone else; with "Almost Famous," Crowe one-ups his detailed characters by drawing on actual people from his real-life experiences working for Rolling Stone as a teenager.

William Miller (Patrick Fugit) is Crowe's on-screen alter ego, a 15-year-old who wants nothing more than to write about rock & roll. He sends his articles to the magazine Creem, the home of his hero/mentor Lester Bangs (Philip Seymour Hoffman). William even gets an assignment to cover a Black Sabbath concert.

Unfortunately, William can't get backstage since he's "not on the list." Just as his luck seems to have soured, the opening band, Stillwater, shows up to let him in. Soon after Rolling Stone gives Miller a call to do a story and he knows just who to do it on: Stillwater. Stillwater is a mediocre band led by lead guitarist Russell (Cradup) and the lead singer Jeff (Jason Lee). William then hops on the road with the band in their trusty bus Dorothy. Also along for the ride is Penny Lane (Hudson), leader of the band-aids, who consist of Hudson, Anna Paquin and Furtuz Balk. Band-aids are not groups, they are super-fans who travel with the band because they love the music; they are more like muses for the band.

William has the hots for Penny, as does every male in the film and the audience. Penny is the kind of girl that just lights up the room when she walks in and you just can't take your eyes off her (nor can the camera). Penny just simply radiates fun and life. William isn't the only one who is

### Almost Famous

★★★★

Director:

Cameron Crowe

Starring:

Billy Crudup

Kate Hudson



drawn to Penny; Russell is too, much to the chagrin of William.

The rest of the movie chronicles William's experiences with the group on the road. Stillwater loves life on the road, basking in the sex and drugs that follow them from town to town. Bright-eyed William is in awe of all this and his disapproving mother (Frances McDormand) tries to keep him in line as much as she can, but all she really does is freak out everyone she talks to. William isn't the only one in awe of this fun-loving lifestyle; Crowe ("Jerry Maguire") captures

road life in such a way that makes everyone want to go out and be a roadie for a band.

Crowe perfectly captures what this road life is like, shooting the film in a way that makes the viewer feel like they are really part of this group. Crudup makes a major case for why he should be a big star, giving a vibrant performance. Hudson also makes a huge impact, making Penny the life of the party, which is something most actresses couldn't do (first choice Sarah Polley even dropped out because she couldn't). The only problem with this movie is Fugit, who is good for

the most part. But sometimes his acting inexperience shines through. This doesn't happen often and doesn't detract from the film on the whole.

"Almost Famous" is one of the best films of the year. Crowe is sure to get at least a Best Screenplay nomination, if not Best Picture and Director. The film lingers in your mind long after the credits have rolled and it leaves a sweet taste in your mouth. "Almost Famous" may almost be perfect, but it is without a doubt an outstanding film.

## Don't come this way

Ryan Hill  
Features Editor

There has been a lot of anticipation surrounding Christopher McQuarrie lately. After making "The Usual Suspects" a cult hit, fans have been anxiously waiting for his next hard-boiled crime film. Unfortunately, McQuarrie stumbles as writer and director in his follow-up "The Way of the Gun."

Phillippe ("Cruel Intentions") and Del Toro ("The Usual Suspects") are Parker and Longbaugh, fake names that are the real names of Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid. While trying to make some quick cash selling sperm, the two hear

about a woman who is the surrogate mother (Juliette Lewis) for a millionaire and his wife. Two bodyguards (Taye Diggs and Nicky Katt) always protect her and she is being paid a lot of money to do this. Parker and Longbaugh decide to kidnap her and collect on a huge ransom.

The kidnap doesn't go as well as planned. In fact, the kidnap is called off in the middle of it. But as fate would have it they end up with the girl after all. They high tail it for the border and await the ransom.

The bodyguards and Joe Sarno (James Caan), all of whom want these two guys dead, chase the kidnapers. Everyone involved has an ulterior motive and it makes getting the girl back that

much more difficult. During this fiasco Parker and Longbaugh try to wax philosophical

about redemption and what will happen to them when they die.

McQuarrie's direction. For a first-time director, McQuarrie has done an adequate job. His screenplay is gritty and tough. But the movie has no flow at all to it. It stumbles from one scene to the next,

introducing many interesting sub-plots that never really add up to anything. The film comes to an absolute stand still after the kidnapping, with everyone just talking about things that have no real importance to the story.

Phillippe and Del Toro both do a great job with their roles (see Ryan Phillippe can act after all!) and so does everyone else, but the directing and editing is so poor that all of this great action and talent is just gone to waste. Parker and Longbaugh are a great modern day Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid even having the final shoot-out in a town that closely resembles the climax from the film starring Robert Redford and Paul Newman.

"The Way of the Gun" could have been great. McQuarrie was so afraid to cut up his dialogue that he ended up destroying what could have been a modern day classic along the lines of "El Mariachi" and "Reservoir Dogs."



★ Director:

Christopher McQuarrie  
Starring:  
Ryan Phillippe

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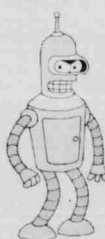
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# ...Got culture?

Rachael Rogers  
Staff Writer

Looking for something entertaining to do over the weekend without spending oodles of money? Check out CenterFest 2000, an annual event presented by Durham Arts Council (DAC).

**"The mission of CenterFest is to gather the entire community together once a year..."**

acting talents. Here's a sampling: Rags To Riches Theatre for Young Audiences, Durham Community Concert Band, Poetic Soul, Tony Galiani Band, The Basics and several other local performing groups.

"The mission of CenterFest is to gather the entire community together once a year to enjoy the visual, performing and participatory arts and to inform them of the many arts opportunities available during the year at DAC and throughout the community," according to DAC.

So, what exactly is CenterFest anyway? It's a huge festival featuring over 135 visual artists' work, anything from photography to sculpture to temporary henna tattoos.

The visual artists will showcase works such as wood furniture, pottery, etchings, fused glass jewelry, fabric rugs and wall hangings, folk art, hand-made paper cards, turned wooden lamps, puppets and mixed media art.

CenterFest will also feature 30 performers on three different stages who will show off their voices, moves and

non-profit organizations, a political tent, a chryslter showcase and several activities for the little kiddies (or the kids at heart).

CenterFest is sure to provide a relaxing and entertaining afternoon. It certainly won't be the usual movie, party or road trip, so if you're sick of the same old thing, CenterFest is the answer you seek.

And you don't have to be an art junky to have a good time. This event drew an estimated 101,000 people to downtown Durham last year, and they weren't all premature Picassos, so loosen up, go and get a little bit of culture in your life.

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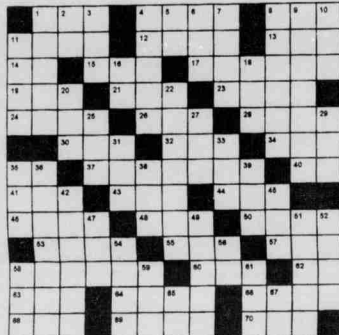
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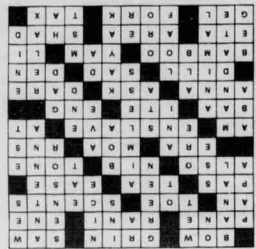
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- 14 Article
- 15 Digit
- 17 Smells
- 19 Ballet dance step
- 21 Brewed drink
- 23 Without discomfort
- 24 Too
- 26 Quill pen point
- 28 Musical note
- 30 Age
- 32 Flightless bird
- 34 Doctor's helpers (abbr.)
- 35 Form of bee
- 37 Hold in bondage
- 40 Near
- 41 Sheep sound
- 43 Inhabitant (suf.)
- 44 School subject (abbr.)
- 46 Former coin of India
- 48 Inquire
- 50 Challenge

DOWN

- 53 Sour
- 55 Unhappy
- 57 Quiet work place
- 58 Grass with hard-walled stems
- 60 Sweet potato
- 62 Chinese distance measure
- 63 7th Greek letter
- 64 Space
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- 2 Position upon
- 3 Saturated
- 4 Color
- 5 Egyptian sun god
- 6 Officeholders
- 7 Good
- 8 Device that responds to sound
- 9 Wire receiver
- 10 Man's nickname
- 11 Father
- 16 Part of Bible (abbr.)
- 18 Consume
- 20 Direction (abbr.)

22 Without purpose

- 25 Iron
- 27 Snake
- 29 Time zone (abbr.)
- 31 Black bird
- 33 Hall
- 35 Fabric from camel hairs
- 36 Authoritative command
- 38 Place to stop enroute (abbr.)
- 39 Conclude
- 42 Beast
- 45 Oath (var.)
- 47 Priest's garment
- 49 Eskimo canoe
- 51 Take it easy
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PACK

With Nichols and Rogers out, redshirt freshman Diana Henderson and Jennifer Modiszewski, who finished fourth in the ACC as a freshman, will lead the way this weekend.

The Wolfpack Invitational will be a low-key meet since most ACC schools will not be in attendance. Virginia, Maryland and Georgia Tech are scheduled to show up, but Wake Forest has entered its B team and North Carolina has not registered anyone.

Every ACC team was invited to the Wolfpack Invitational so they could see the course before

the ACC Championships on Oct. 28. Since this is a pre-ACC meet, some of the runners will be asked to run in a group, instead of going all out.

The 2000 Wolfpack Invitational will be held on a new course this year on University Club property. The women's course is slightly over five kilometers and the men's course checks in at eight kilometers. The terrain is somewhat rough because the course is still new, but everyone seems eager to race on it.

"It's a tough course and is very conducive to us winning an ACC title," graduate assistant Chan Pons, who designed the course, said. "We run better on challenging, tough courses."

COURSE

several years. A golf course and four-star hotel are being built on the land where the old course was located, forcing the cross-country teams to venture out and find a new course.

Before running at Centennial, the Wolfpack occupied a course near Carter-Finley Stadium, but the construction of the Raleigh Entertainment and Sports Arena forced them off of that land.

"This new home course will really be an advantage to us down the road, even if it won't be so much this weekend," said Hines. "We have only run one workout on it so far this year, so it is almost as new to our runners as it is for the competition's. By the time the ACC Championships come around, however, we should know this

course extremely well. This will be a big advantage for us in the post-season."

"It's also a great spectator course," added Pons. "You can see almost the entire loop from one central location. With the number and quality of runners coming to run in the college and high school races, I think the fans will really appreciate this layout."

Within the next few years the cross-country teams will have to move once again, hopefully for the last time. The new course will be located back on Centennial Campus.

"With the facilities we will have at Centennial — namely the new hotel — we will be able to put on some major meets with the best teams in the nation," said Geiger. "I can't say for sure how long we will be at the University Club, but it will be worth the wait once we finally get our permanent home course."

SOCCER

Tony Malcolm eventually a counter-attacker, but he eventually put Matt Tabor in behind the defense. Tabor's shot went wide left, however, and further Pack attacks proved fruitless.

With the loss, the team heads into the rigorous Atlantic Coast Conference season without tasting victory.

"Our confidence has got down because of our previous losses," said Butler. "Now we need to get our confidence up by winning some easy games like this one."

The frustration from not winning the "easy games" began to show in the second half.

On several occasions, there was yelling amongst the players

on the field about the lack of communication and hustle. With three minutes left in the game, a frustrated Isreal Mejia made a late, hard challenge that drew a yellow card.

In the Wolfpack's first five games, the team had various problems, which has prevented it from getting a win. In the season opener, the Wolfpack scored four goals but had defensive breakdowns. Recently, the opposite has been true.

"It's a pretty good defense, altogether," said Butler. "We just need to find a system in defense, find a system in mid-field and find a system up front, and we'll be all right."

The soccer team will have the rest of the week to get the pieces in order before hosting Maryland on Sunday in the ACC opener for both teams.

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# Wolfpack falls 1-0 in final nonconference tune-up

## soccer Injuries tainting season



Men's soccer couldn't bring down Charleston Southern.

◆ The struggles of the men's soccer team continued as it dropped its game to Charleston Southern.

Steve Thompson  
Staff Writer

A Charleston Southern goal in the first half proved to be the difference Wednesday afternoon, as a late charge by the N.C. State men's soccer team was unable to provide an equalizing goal at the Method Road Soccer Complex.

In the 41st minute, Janne Uusimarkku carried the ball up the left side before sending a low cross into the penalty box that was subsequently redirected by substitute Brendon Barry

past a diving Mitchell Watson to provide the 1-0 Buccaneer victory.

Playing without starters Eric Kaufman, Michael Karim, Lee Baldwin and David Snoke, the Wolfpack (0-3-2) was unable to form any kind of rhythm. As a result, the Pack lost the battle of possession and was unable to create many scoring opportunities until the final minutes of the game.

"We keep making a lot of substitutions and we have different people," said State coach George Tarantini. "We are missing a few players who are very key for us."

The action was sluggish until the first goal, with each team having one shot on goal off half-chances. State's top forward, Nick Olivencia, was forced into playing a midfield role due to the death of available players, which hindered State's attack.

After attaining the 1-0 advantage, the Buccaneers (3-1) were content with settling into a defensive shell and containing the State press.

Early in the second half, Charleston Southern broke on a three-on-two counterattack, but a poor final touch allowed Watson to collect the errant attempt and keep the Wolfpack close.

Tarantini. "I feel bad for Mitch, 'cause I think he's one of the best goalkeepers in the country."

With the Pack defense keeping the game close, the stagnant offense pressed hard to score a tying goal.

With 25 minutes remaining, Tarantini switched junior marking back Damon Butler to center forward in an attempt to resuscitate the attacking; chances ensued.

Five minutes later, Olivencia deftly chested down a long cross and fired near post, only to be thwarted by solid defending. The attack continued to push forward, however, as defender

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George Tarantini isn't one to use excuses.

N.C. State's men's soccer coach refuses to blame his struggles on injuries.

But, let's face it, injuries have soured the season so far and are threatening to rob the season of the rest of the year.



Jack Daly

Wednesday's loss against Charleston Southern, pre-season starters John Mason, Eric Kaufman and Michael Karim all were out of commission. David Snoke, who has been pressed into a starter's role in light of the other injuries, was also out with a concussion.

Hiroki Kawase played, but his effectiveness is hampered by a back injury that has bothered him for the past two years.

Unfortunately for Tarantini and the Pack (0-3-2), the situation won't get better any time soon. The Atlantic Coast Conference schedule opens Sunday with No. 23 Maryland in town, and none of the above players will be back in the lineup.

Mason was going to be the team's No. 10 this season and would have helped stabilize the midfield. A couple of minutes into a pre-season scrimmage against Duke, however, he broke his leg, meaning that he will be out for the entire season.

Karim is another midfielder sidelined with a leg injury. The junior suffered an ankle sprain against High Point in the first game of the season and will miss up to four more weeks of action.

Finally, there is Kaufman. Two years ago, Kaufman missed the entire season with a thigh injury after being cleated in a summer-league game. This season, Kaufman, who was going to be the team's sweeper, has suffered from a recurrence of the injury and will be out indefinitely.

Tarantini has moved sophomore midfielder Marcus Johnson back to midfield to replace Kaufman. Snoke and fellow freshman Jeff Cline have seen increased playing time in response to Karim and Mason's injuries.

Aside from causing people to play out of position, the injuries have afforded State little depth. In Friday's game against Butler, State didn't make any substitutions, gave up two goals in the final 16 minutes and lost 3-2, an unfortunate result considering the Pack thoroughly outplayed Butler in the first 74 minutes.

Both Saturday against Long Island and Wednesday vs. Charleston Southern, State looked fatigued until the end of the game, when they pushed for winning or tying goals.

"What do you want me to say? We have no legs right now and we need to get better," Tarantini said.

Even with the injuries, there have been some encouraging developments for State. Matt Tabor played extremely well over the weekend. Lee Baldwin has shown that he is an offensive threat. Mitchell Watson is still one of the best keepers in the ACC, no matter what the GAA is. Damon Butler and Nick Olivencia have done what the team's asked them to do.

"There's a lot of positive things," Tarantini said. "But how can you talk about positive things when you are 0-3-2? If you ask me, of course we are supposed to win all [five] games, but I am extremely positive."

Until the team gets over its injury problems, however, the scoreboard and the team's win-loss record will obscure any steps in the right direction.

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# Cross country ready for Invitational

◆ The men's and women's cross-country teams will debut a new track at the University Club on Saturday for the 2000 Wolfpack Invitational.

Amy Beal  
Staff Writer

N.C. State's nationally ranked cross-country teams open their seasons Saturday at the Eighth Annual Wolfpack Invitational.

Both the men's and women's team will have plenty of power in the starting lineup

with seasoned collegiate runners and new talent running this weekend.

**WHAT:** 2000 WOLFPACK INVITATIONAL

**WHEN:** SATURDAY, 8:30 A.M.

**WHERE:** UNIVERSITY CLUB

**CLUB:** Patterson, Ryan Woods, Dean Bosker and Devin Swann.

Chad Pearson, a transfer from UNC-Asheville and a member of the 2000 Junior National Cross-Country Team, will join this group.

Everyone from the men's squad will race this weekend, but the freshmen will run unattached. Freshman like Andy Smith and John Huber could make a significant impact this season.

Right now, Smith is in the top seven and possibly in the top five in State's lineup. While he will probably be in uniform for the Great American Cross-Country Festival in Charlotte on Sept. 23, the coaching staff is being careful about fatigue.

"It's the first meet of the year, so we are just getting our feet wet," said Geiger. "This meet is a stepping stone to our goals of a conference championship, a regional championship, and a national championship."

The women's squad is taking a different approach to the first race. Instead of running every-



The defending ACC champion men's cross-country team and their counterparts on the women's team host the Eighth Annual Wolfpack Invitational Saturday morning.

one on the team, State will withhold some of its more talented runners.

Both defending Atlantic Coast Conference champion Christy Nichols and Lindsey Rogers, who was All-ACC in 1998, will not race Saturday. While both have participated in workouts, the coaching staff would rather not take a chance on a course with such rough footing so early on in the season.

The rest of the squad will line up Saturday, while the entire women's team is set to race in Charlotte the following weekend. The freshmen will run in the open division for this race to save their eligibility until the coaching staff is sure they will be part of the top seven.

"One or two of the freshman may line up in uniform at next week's race but will definitely be lining up in the next two or three weeks," assistant coach Lori Henes said.

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# Pack moves to new course — again

◆ The Wolfpack cross-country teams will run on new ground this weekend at the Wolfpack Invitational.

Todd Lion  
Staff Writer

The N.C. State men's and women's cross-country teams are still looking for a course to call their own.

The Wolfpack has claimed four home courses over the last 10 years with the latest one being christened this Saturday at the Wolfpack Invitational.

"This one is a very legitimate course," said graduate assistant Chan Pons about the level of dif-

ficulty this course will provide for runners. "It's certainly not easy; most of this course is hilly and rough on runners' legs."

The course that is mapped out for Saturday's race, however, will not be the exact same one that will be used for the Conference Championships later this fall.

"We are still working on and designing the course," said head coach Rollie Geiger. "The races on Saturday will not be full length."

The women's field will run 3.125 miles, approximately 100 meters longer than the standard five-kilometer course.

The men, on the other hand, will run on a short course. The men's finish line will fall almost 600 meters short of the full eight-kilo-

meter course.

"Even though the men's course is short, I wouldn't expect to see times reflect the shortness," said Pons. "It's not like those 600 meters will make the race an easy one."

The new course is located on the land belonging to the College of Veterinary Science behind the University Club off of Hillsborough Street.

"It's a very European style course," said assistant coach Laurie Henes. "The races are run on a loop that's about a mile and a half long."

The Pack is moving to this course after running on Centennial Campus for the last

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# Volleyball takes another road trip

◆ The Wolfpack travels to American University for its third tournament in as many weekends.

Jonathan Honeycutt  
Staff Writer

After beginning the season 2-4, the N.C. State women's volleyball team enters this weekend's tournament at American University on a two-game winning streak.

The Wolfpack (4-4) join George Washington, Purdue and tournament host American State senior and team captain Meredith Price expects a tough weekend of action for her team. "They're all three tough teams," Price said. "They're

really good, solid volleyball teams."

The Pack opens the tournament on Friday against a strong George Washington team. "They have five seniors returning from last year so they're going to be experienced players."

**WHAT:** AMERICAN U. TOURNAMENT

**WHEN:** FRIDAY-SUNDAY

**WHERE:** WASHINGTON, D.C.

Saturday, the Pack will take on the Purdue Boilermakers before Sunday's

showdown with American.

"Eight of American's players are foreign, and they're all huge," Hall said. "We kind of got some experience like that when we played Rice. They were very big and very athletic, but I don't know if we'll see anybody all year as big as the American team. It'll be a great tournament to get us ready for the ACC."

The Pack, despite going 2-2 in each of its previous two tournaments, is confident that things can get better.

"We've been working on a lot of stuff in practice that we didn't do well last weekend," Price said. "We need to focus on siding out and clearing up the communication on defense." Hall thinks her team is

improved and playing well all the way through matches.

"I'm not worried," she said. "I think my team has steadily improved. We're 4-4 and three of our losses have been in five games. That's like the buzzer shot in overtime, so we're in every match. I feel good about our players and our matches."

In last weekend's N.C. State Outback Invitational, the Pack was able to defeat a pesky Florida Atlantic team in a tremendous five game-match.

"We proved to ourselves that we can win the fifth game, that we're going to win the fifth game," Price said.

One of the most important factors in last weekend's tournament was State senior Stephanie Stambaugh. Along with Price

and Alison Kreaeger, Stambaugh earned all-tournament honors and the praise of her coach.

"Stephanie really turned it on," Hall said. "She had 25 kills and three errors. She hit .600, which in volleyball is very similar to baseball. That's unbelievable. You don't do that very often. Stephanie really showed some leadership."

Unlike in the previous two tournaments the Pack has participated in, this weekend's event at American will have each team playing in only one game per day instead of two.

"It'll be better because we won't have two matches, so it shouldn't be quite as much of a physical marathon as the other tournaments have been," Price said.