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## Priority registration a controversy, again

◆ With registration around the corner, faculty and students have strong opinions about priority registration and how it affects the N.C. State community.

**Cara Froedge**  
Assistant News Editor

Just when it seems you have finally established your routine for the fall semester, it is time to register for the spring. Spring registration begins the week before Oct. 23, when certain N.C. State students

will be allowed to priority register, said Louis Hunt, NCSU associate registrar. Priority registering means "students are allowed to enter the system prior to what would be their time." This category of students is determined by special circumstances which can then be used to register for classes before other students. Students who have priority in registering include Park scholars, honors students, University scholars, students with disabilities and athletes. "All priority registration does is make it easier for cer-

tain students to be where they need to be," said Laura Lunsford, director of Parks scholars. In the case of the Park scholars, she explained that many students come to the university with college credit. However, that credit doesn't apply their first semester. While these students are qualified to take advanced classes, they cannot register for them because they don't have enough hours. By the time they are able to register, the classes are full, because "they are competing with juniors and seniors to get

them," Lunsford said. "What works well for 28,000 does not necessarily work well for 1,000," she said. Martha Odonnell, the university registrar, said there are "students coming in here with 30 hours, they need their [registration] windows to open early." Park scholars', disabled students' and athletes' windows to register open before any other student's window. The Honors students' window opens the day before the seniors' window and the University scholars' window opens the afternoon before the

rest of their class. But there are restrictions, said Odonnell. Park scholars must maintain a minimum 3.75 cumulative and semester grade point average. It is a case-by-case decision for disabled students. Honors students and University scholars must maintain a 3.5 grade point average. The only time athletes may register early is in the case of practice-time conflicts. Hunt described them as having "very difficult schedules. . . It is easy to make a case for [athletes]." Leigh Millar-Bhe, the assis-

tant coordinator of disability services for students, said that pre-registration for disabled students "is unique to the individual and how their problems manifest. . . We do all the accommodating based on their documentation," she added. "There is no standard." Both Lunsford and Millar-Bhe said that there are many misconceptions about students who qualify for this type of registration, one being that the students registering early displace those students who reg-

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Steve Cox, right, and Richard Creech, barbers at the Man Mur Barber Shop, give some of their regulars their usual cuts. Creech, part owner of the shop, has worked at Man Mur for the past nine years.

## SG courting student voters

◆ This week is National Voter Registration Week, and N.C. State's Student Government has events planned throughout the week and next weekend.

**Tim Clark**  
Staff Reporter

Monday kicked off National Voter Registration Week, as well as Student Government's campus-wide registration effort. Registration tables will be set up this week in the Brickyard, in Talley Student Center, on Engineering Row, and in front of Caldwell Hall from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Students can also register in front of Fountain Dining Hall from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. A free concert to promote registration is also scheduled for Oct. 7. Rapper Nelly is scheduled to headline the event. While the registration drive lasts only until Friday, the deadline for registration is Friday, October 13, 25 days before the election. Election day this year is Tuesday, Nov. 7. All Wake County polls will be open from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

One of the goals of the campus registration drive is to give students the opportunity to change their voter registration to Wake County. "We're trying to encourage people to change their registration to Wake County, so that they can have a better say in the city and county government," said John Borwick, chief of operations for Student Government. A special dispensation exists for students who wish to register to vote within Wake County. Students need only be residents for 30 days before becoming eligible for voter registration. This year's student voter turnout is especially important as the bond referendum comes to ballot. Of the bond's \$3.1 billion, \$468 million is set to go to N.C. State. "This year's election provides a chance for students to get involved not only at a national level, with the presidential elections, but also at the state and local levels with issues such as the bond referendum and the city council," said Borwick.

Student Government's further efforts to promote voter registration include the Oct. 7 concert featuring hip-hop artist Nelly. The only ways to obtain tickets to the event are with a valid voter registration card or an application for one. "We were just talking, joking around earlier this summer and then a light went off and we realized that it was a good idea," said Harold Pettigrew, student body president.

Planning for the event went into full swing toward the end of the summer. Nelly's appearance at the concert came about after a similar event at Winston-Salem State University fell through. "They came to us interested in performing on campus," said Natalie Duggins, special assistant to the student body president. "At the time we were already planning on doing a voter registration event of our own. It just worked out that we were after the same thing." Tickets will be distributed in advance for the concert, most likely starting on Monday. The campus-wide voter registration drive will continue until Friday.

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## Werewolf: an option for students

◆ The Werewolf, night version of the Wolfline bus, can provide students with a safe, convenient way around campus.

**Heather M. Millen**  
Staff Reporter

Lauren Roach, a junior in communications, is swinging playfully on the overhead bar of the Wolfline bus. It's a bit short of a bona fide trapeze act, but she seems to be having fun. Her friends sit around her laughing wildly and discussing their night of cruising the Hillsborough Street bar scene. The driver seems to be pretty tolerant, but suggests the students have a seat and quiet down before the bus starts up again. Yep, it's just another Thursday night aboard the Werewolf.

"Werewolf" is what the NCSU Department of Transportation has dubbed its late-night version of the Wolfline. The Werewolf got its start last spring on a trial basis and, after careful consideration by the university, it's here to stay and service students after hours. The Werewolf runs around campus and the surrounding vicinity beginning from 6 p.m. until 2 a.m. Sunday through Wednesday; on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, it

runs until 3 a.m. The Werewolf is actually two separate buses that run their routes in approximately 30-minute increments, transporting students from campus, from restaurants and, especially on the weekends, from bars.

Carl Gruber is used to seeing students safely home from East Village and Cantina. Gruber is a driver for the Werewolf and says that, all in all, it's not such a bad job. "On this shift," Gruber says, "anyone is likely to get on, and anything is likely to happen." Gruber has been running the route since its origination. He notes that there is a drastic difference between the 6-10 p.m. crowd and the 10 p.m. and after crowd. The Werewolf is particularly busy early on, standing room only, Gruber says. At this peak time, however, the Werewolf tends to cater more toward graduate students and research assistants who had been pulling the later hours on campus. But when the late night hours begin to roll in, the crowd gets a little more sporadic and a lot more upbeat.

At 1 a.m. on this particular evening, although there are only about 10 people on the bus, it's a lively place to be. Waie Smith, a senior in criminal justice, discov-

ered the allure of the Werewolf last semester when he was desperately seeking a ride home from a party. After a night at the Cantina, he's heading back to his apartment on Gorman Street with a group of friends who are taking the Werewolf for the first time. "It's just a good idea if you can catch it," Smith said. "You don't have to worry about finding a ride home."

Yet late night on the Werewolf isn't as popular as one would think. Gruber feels that if students became more aware of the service that it would become more used, and noted that it's really "a logical solution for any student out drinking." Further information on the

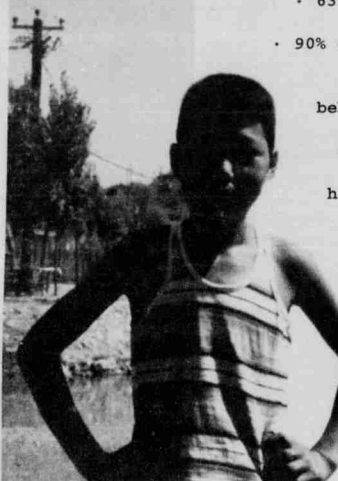


Werewolf including bus routes and time schedules can be viewed at the Wolfline homepage at <http://www2.acs.ncsu.edu/trans/transit/current/service.html>.

# Opinion

## fatherless child

- 63% of youth suicides are from fatherless homes (Source: US DHS Bureau of the census)
- 90% of all homeless and runaway children are from fatherless homes
- 85% of all children that exhibit behavioral disorders come from fatherless homes (Source: Center for Disease Control)
- 80% of rapists motivated with displaced anger come from fatherless homes (Source: Criminal Justice & Behavior, Vol 14, p. 403-26, 1978)
- 71% of all high school dropouts come from fatherless homes (Source: National Principles Association Report on the State of High Schools.)
- 70% of juveniles in state-operated institutions come from fatherless homes (Source: US Dept of Justice Special Report, Sept 1988)
- 85% of all youths sitting in prisons grew up in a fatherless home (Source: Fulton Co. Georgia jail populations, TX Dept. of Corrections '92)



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## A father's love is not a luxury



Rhett McLaughlin  
Staff Columnist

When I was about 8 years old, my brother and I were walking with my father along a sidewalk bordering the beach. A man approached wearing shorts, tennis shoes and navy socks pulled up to his mid-calves. My dad looked down at his two sons and said in all seriousness, "Boys, we don't do that." I knew instantly what he was talking about, for I had heard him say a number of similar things during my life. He knew what was cool and he knew what was not.

Wearing navy socks with tennis shoes and shorts was not. My father has had quite an impact; I don't wear short sleeve dress shirts with ties. I use straws only if it is absolutely necessary. I think of ice-skating as a pastime, not a sport. I avoid music made by Bette Midler. I think Merle Haggard is a genius. I believe pools are for lounging while rivers and lakes are for swimming. If I

find a poisonous snake in my yard, I'll kill it. I can throw a football, catch a baseball, and shoot a basketball. I don't play badminton unless it is required in a class. I don't drive with my seat all the way forward. I don't hold up traffic by driving slowly in the fast lane. I can back my car up with precision, and I can parallel park.

This list could go on. I'm not attempting to shamelessly promote myself as a manly man; I'm simply bragging on my father. I have watched him and listened to him for 22 years. He made me want to be a man and his presence enabled me to become a man.

My father's advice and example have not been only of the "how not to be a dork" nature; his influence has been much richer. Most importantly, he taught me to be an authentic man. He helped me to understand that being a man is not only about exhibiting courage, strength and capability. He taught me that being a real man is a character issue.

My dad is not afraid to cry; I've seen him cry so many times that I long ago lost count.

He married my mom 32 years ago; and I would bet my life that he would never leave her. I remember all the times my father would join me for a game of one-on-one or horse just when he returned home from work, regardless of the heat. My dad stopped practicing law just after my brother and I were born because he knew that it would keep him away from us; in the process he took a severe pay cut. I have never felt once that my father did not love me. I have never felt once like I was not important to him.

My dad's love for me runs deep. He has displayed this true love through his discipline, his companionship, his time, and his example. I am more than thoroughly convinced that my father's presence was essential in my life. Without him, I would not be the man I am today.

My personal experience is all I need to realize that my father's love and presence were essential in my development as a person. Don't misunderstand: I have friends that are capable, upstanding, and emotionally

stable even though they grew up in fatherless homes. There are many exceptions, and a fatherless home does not always lead to the horrors of the statistics. These exceptions, however, do not invalidate the fact that one of the key sources of America's ailments is the growing number of fatherless homes.

Think for a second. We plead with our politicians to implement new plans that will make our schools and streets safer, but this strategy totally misses the root of our problems. The solution isn't always about dealing with the problems as much as it is about stopping them before they start. America would be transformed in one generation if people would uncompromisingly pursue the establishment and perpetuation of functional families. Functional families ideally include a mother and a loving, devoted father.

*If you don't know who Merle Haggard is, shame on you. You can find out at [rjmclang@eos.ncsu.edu](mailto:rjmclang@eos.ncsu.edu)*

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### TECHNICIAN'S VIEW

#### Early worm gets the bird

The early bird gets the worm. This cliché has been emphasized repeatedly throughout time to promote preparation and timeliness in one's life situations. There is a time and place for this argument. At times, however, it's the early bird who gets the worm.

Registration procedures are advanced for certain groups of students. While in some cases, the advantages border on civil rights, in others they are merely N.C. State privileges. How should fairness be employed?

University Scholars Program and the Park Scholarship Program are privy to registration perks that no other students on campus enjoy. For University Scholars, the window opens up a day before their respective classmates'. This policy, while giving students who already have access to the best classes reserved for them anyway, even more power, is slightly more egalitarian than that of the other aforementioned exceptions. It simply allows students an opportunity to compete with others a class ahead of them.

Still, the fact that the window opens up for other scholarship recipients before all other students get a shot is not only unfair, it is unnecessary. These students already have the personal connections necessary to wrest their way into any class on campus anyway. They shouldn't be given an official trump card over the rest of the student body.

The fact remains that, disabilities and official University-sanctioned activities aside, navigating the registration process should be handled the good old-fashioned way: seniority, followed by any student willing to take the initiative to work personally with professors and administrators on special needs and desires. This way, no wings are clipped, and everyone gets a shot at the worm.

## What do you think?

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**Correction:**  
 Monday's editorial reported that the Tally Student Center was offering an assertive communication seminar for women only. The women only seminar, however, does not occur until the spring semester. Technician based the editorial on misinformation from the NC State's website of "this Month's Events." The Technician regrets the error.

## Calling all Chinese: PNTR trades too much



Justin Greene  
Staff Columnist

In the past few weeks, certain events have occurred which seem to be taking the world in an entirely new direction. With the overwhelming push for globalization among the powers of the West, the constant debate over trade privileges for China seems to have come to an end—at least legislatively. Last week the U.S. Senate voted 83-to-15 in favor of granting China permanent normal trade relations (PNTR). This agreement means that the annual congressional review of China's human rights violations and environmental neglect will come to an end. In exchange for our government looking the other way, American corporations like Microsoft will have the opportunity to tap into a new market of over one billion potential customers.

One of the most amazing things about the Senate's approval of granting PNTR to China is the unanimity with which both parties endorsed the issue. Of the fifteen senators who voted against the provision (one of which was North Carolina's Jesse Helms), seven were Democrats and eight were Republicans. Bill Clinton, Al Gore, George W. Bush and Dick Cheney all voiced their support for the move.

By also agreeing not to perform an annual review of China's human rights and environmental abuses, America has sold its soul and given up any moral high ground that we once claimed. For all those communists and socialists who argued that democracy is the culture of capitalist, greedy pigs, the decision to grant PNTR

to China only strengthens their argument. America's leaders have shown by their actions that money is all that matters in this country. China's human rights and environmental abuses aren't subject to debate.

Just this week, the Olympics have shown this in a very subtle way. All of those tiny Chinese gymnasts flitting about were taken from their parents when they were young and forced to live in dormitories to train. The parents of the gymnasts, who live in a country with a one-child policy, could only see their child a few times a year if lucky.

I don't have the space or time to discuss the thousands of Chinese imprisoned or killed because of their religion, but the evidence would fill volumes. A friend of mine recently met a Chinese student who wanted to know about God because just a few months ago he had heard of the *possibility of a God*. He had never even heard of the idea.

I also don't have time to discuss much about the fact that five of the dirtiest ten cities in the world are in China, or that 80 percent of China's rivers don't have any fish in them because of the horrid pollution.

Some of you might think that I am arguing against trade with China because I think that the Senate's idea of constructive engagement has no merit. That's not so. I think it would be great for

a lot of American companies to have this opportunity. I think that perhaps China's exposure to more American goods could awaken a national appetite for more knowledge.

The fact is, however, that they will not be able to obtain this knowledge with their current government. I don't disagree with PNTR for China because I think that trade is bad; I disagree with PNTR because of what America had to do to set it in place.

The very fact that China will not agree to having an annual human rights and environmental review should speak volumes to every American. The fact that America is willing to overlook that fact should tell us a lot as well.

Is fattening the wallets of the richest Americans worth overlooking the transgressions of the butchers of Beijing? Should we tolerate a country that forces its people to have abortions in the hopes of obtaining a bigger stock portfolio? We could ask the Chinese people about their human rights situation, but they have been curiously silent on the issue.

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ister later from the classes they want or need.

One senior, who did not want her name published, believes that this priority registration might have been the cause of her displacement from Business 360, a class that she needs in order to complete her minor and graduate in the spring.

"I filled out about 15 green forms and went to the class every day for two weeks and still didn't get it," she said.

"I'm just so frustrated," she added. "I know at least six or seven people who didn't get in there — I know I'm not the only one with the problem."

"I'm not saying [priority registration] is a bad thing. I don't really know how it works, but I feel like something has to be done," the student said. "I'm a senior. I have one more semester to get this class."

She added, "Why should I walk in and see younger people in there when I need [the class] to graduate?"

In response to this, Odonnell said, "I have never known any college to do that. It is in the Handbook for Advising and Teaching that any student needing a class to graduate will be able to take that class."

Lunsford also said she had never heard of this happening to anyone. "I don't think this is a causal relationship."

Hunt said that the students who currently benefit from early registration have an advantage.

"The real issue here is that you have groups of students with advocates fighting for them," Hunt said.

If students are displaced from a class because of priority registration, he said, "they are a little bit on their own. They have to fight for themselves."

Another student, who also preferred that her name not be published because she has a learning disability, said that, when she hears negative com-

ments about her registering early, "I just try to ignore them. People crack on what they don't know."

"It is not so I can get the classes everyone wants. I am able to get teachers who have been recommended for their teaching styles. I can take small classes instead of the lecture-sized ones," she added.

"This is a difficult situation," said Lunsford. "Lots of other students need to have [priority registration], but they also need to be connected with faculty who can help them so they don't accidentally take a class they shouldn't."

Lunsford, who was a student at NCSU in the 1980's, said, "This never happened when I was a student here. You could always get in."

"The university promises you an education," she said. "If you can't get the classes you need, they should hire more teachers or say, 'We can't take you here.'"

## Student groups encourage voter registration

◆With the use of two laptop computers and printers, along with financial backing for postage donated by Student Activities, table volunteers helped campus members fill out registration forms.

Sarah Henneberger

The Tartan

(U-WIRE) PITTSBURGH — Excitement for the upcoming presidential election swept the Carnegie Mellon University campus last week as students and faculty took advantage of the voter registration effort in the University Center. Sponsored by Student Activities, Student Affairs, Activities Board Political Speakers and volunteers, the voter registration table served as a prime location for the campus community to both register as voters and apply for absentee ballots.

Students Erin Andrew, Faith Cole and Bea Diaz initiated the registration project after their summer political fellowship asked that they contribute something back to their community in political advocacy. The three organizers chose registering CMU students to vote as a highly worthwhile project.

The trio decided upon a voter registration program because of the proportionately low number of young adults that register and/or vote. Forty-three percent of 18-19 year olds are registered and 30 percent actually vote, while 51 percent of 20-24 year olds are registered and 33 percent actually vote. Young people are not equally represented in elections.

"Voting is the one power that people have over elected officials," said Andrew, a junior business administration major. "People tend to forget how important it is to those who were once denied the right to vote — especially at a school like this that

often seems politically apathetic." With the use of laptop computers and printers, along with financial backing for postage donated by Student Activities, table volunteers helped campus members fill out registration forms and find absentee ballots for their individual states on the Internet. Students who stopped at the table were carefully taken through the steps that would allow them to vote.

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Follow-up voter registration events will take place, but are still in planning.

"There is no reason why a student should not be registered to vote after Oct. 13," said Pettigrew. "We hope everyone takes advantage of everything [Student Government] has planned."

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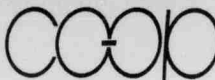
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# Author Visit

Authors Virginia DeBerry and Donna Grant will be at the Catalyst Bookshop inside NCSU Bookstore on Tuesday, September 26, at 1:00 p.m. to discuss their acclaimed book *Tryin' to Sleep in the Bed You Made* and their newly released novel *Far From the Tree*. Both titles will be on sale for 20% off during the event.

## About the Authors

Virginia DeBerry and Donna Grant are the bestselling, award-winning authors of *Tryin' to Sleep in the Bed You Made*, the novel which won the Merit Award for fiction from the Black Caucus of the American Library Association, the Book of the Year Award from Blackboard, and the New Author of the Year Award from the Go On Girl Book Club. Virginia and Donna first met while working as models, and what should have been a rivalry ended up being a decades-long friendship. Virginia lives in New Jersey, and Donna lives in Brooklyn with her husband.



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# Sequentially speaking

Zack Smith  
Comics guru

## COMICS YOU SHOULD BE READING

**"Astounding Space Thrills"** (Image, \$2.99) is one of the silliest, strangest and most fun books currently being published. Writer/artist Steve Conley chronicles the adventures of Argosy Smith, high adventurer, in a future where the laws of physics have taken a holiday and danger lurks around every corner. Aided by his intrepid (if faceless) sidekick Theremin, Argosy faces down killer robots, mad conquerors and virtually every cliché science fiction has to offer, in breathlessly paced, exciting, occasionally poignant stories. Two issues of the current series have been published; a third is due in stores soon. Three issues of a previous series (with covers by such notes fantasy artists as Kelly Freas and the Brothers Hildebrandt) are available at the book's Web site at <http://www.astounding-spacethrills.com>. A daily online strip is also archived there and is available free for web sites upon request.

**"Sentry"** (Marvel, \$2.99) is an offbeat look at the Marvel Universe from a detached, more realistic perspective. Bob Reynolds is the Sentry, a hero who worked alongside the likes of the Fantastic Four, Spider-Man and the Incredible Hulk... except no one remembers him, he's only now remembering what he can do, and there's the distinct possibility that he's really a deluded alcoholic.

There's also the possibility that he's right and that a massive threat is about to rise that could end all life on Earth... and that threat might very well be him. Although it sounds like the worst superhero cliché imaginable, "Sentry" works thanks to writer Paul Jenkins and artist Jae Lee, whose moody, breathtaking artwork manages to both perfectly capture modern-day New York City and replicate '60s-style artwork.

The premise is also willing to make fun of itself (it pretends to be based on a dis-

carded idea by Marvel creator Stan Lee, and the sequences parodying 1960s comics are a hoot). The series is currently halfway through its six-issue run; a trade paperback collecting Jenkins and Lee's first collaboration, "The Inhumans," is available for \$24.95.

**"The Red Star"** (Image, \$2.99) is a science fiction retelling of the Soviet Union, and also one of the few comics that has the look and feel of an epic novel or motion picture. Co-written by Christian Gossett, it tells the story of the United Republics of the Red Star, an empire that is on the verge of destruction, and of the heroes who are trying to recapture their lost ideals. That really doesn't do justice to the story, which manages to mix pointed political allegory with widespread action and intimate human drama. Highly recommended for fans of Japanese anime, or of good science fiction in general.

**"Jimmy Corrigan: The Smartest Kid on Earth,"** (Pantheon Books, \$27.50) is a unique comic in many ways, not the least of which is that it's being released in a collected form as a hardcover, to be sold through mainstream bookstores. It's also been excerpted in the New Yorker and has received rave reviews from the likes of Time and Entertainment Weekly. It's the sad, occasionally darkly funny tale of Jimmy Corrigan, a middle-aged loser who is beaten down emotionally by his mother, paralyzed by women and now has received a note from the father he's never known asking him to come visit.

Ware's style, cramming sometimes dozens of images onto a single page, is at once both intricate and amazingly simple. Surprises are present throughout the book (even the dust jacket unfolds to reveal more information), which is one of the few times a comic can truly be called a graphic "novel." This is the book to read if you're someone who hates comics, and one to read if you enjoy them anyway.

Remember, the comics mentioned here can be purchased at the Hillsborough Street stores Capital Comics and Foundation's Edge, or online from such bookstores as [amazon.com](http://amazon.com).



## Urban Waste Project

Joel Isaac Frady  
Staff Writer

Urban  
Legends:  
Final Cut

★★

Director:

John Ottman

Starring:

Jaeger Morrison

Matthew Davis

film that turned out to be much bigger than anyone could ever have imagined.

This film was witty, funny, clever and self-parodying at the same time it was scaring us. This film, "Scream," has been followed in the last few years by countless imitations and rip-offs. "Urban Legends: Final Cut" is one of these.

As a horror film, "Final Cut" does about everything wrong that a horror can do: the plot line goes from lame to absurd, the death scenes have little to no scare value and the cast is altogether horrible. This series of murders takes place at a film school, as the lead character Amy (Jennifer Morrison) is trying to put together

Four years ago the slasher genre was reinvented, as we all know, by a little

her thesis film. After a conversation with a sexy familiar police officer (Loretta Devine, one of two returning cast members) she decides to make a killing spree on a college campus, basing her murders after urban legends.

It gets much more ridiculous from there, but plot isn't even the problem. "Scream 2" took place on a college campus and its plot was also fairly ridiculous, but it was still a really good slasher flick. The problem here is that "Final Cut" doesn't even succeed on a level of slasher films. The death sequences, the element that makes or breaks most horror films, are all predictable and ill timed. While real slashers scare the audience with the right timing, music and a mysterious villain, this movie tries to scare by being as graphic as possible in the death sequences. Instead of scaring the audience, this movie only manages to keep them squirming to keep their stomachs throughout the film.

A good cast never hurts either, and this movie doesn't have one. The lead is unconvincing and never even lets out a good scream. It's bad enough having a lead in a horror movie that isn't very good-looking, but a nice blood-curdling scream isn't much to ask for. Part of the reason that this film's predecessor worked was the strength of the lead female, played by Alicia Witt (who was again noticed a few weeks ago with a throw-down hilarious performance in "Cecil B. Demented"). The rest of the cast fares about as

well as Morrison does; her boyfriend character (Matthew Davis) not convincing as one character much less in the two roles he has here. The high point is Anthony Anderson, who plays a fellow student who helps out with the films they put together. Anderson, seen most recently as Jamaal in "Me, Myself, and Irene," is a highly talented comic actor with good timing. He does what he can with this role and manages a few laughs, but is ultimately killed by lack of screen time and lack of a decent script.

Though the final product is predictable, lame and devoid of scares, "Urban Legends: Final Cut" is still a fun movie to see. It falls into the category of "pulp horror," a term coined by Jeremy Adams to describe a movie that is so bad and campy that it's just fun to watch and make fun of. The plot, deaths, acting, directing, everything goes wrong in this movie, but the fun isn't held back. The predictability of it may be why it's so fun to watch: calling the film with your friends and seeing who's right is half the fun of it. This may very well be the one movie this year you can talk through and not make anyone mad, because everyone else is talking and insulting it too! Add two robots and a little guy in the front and people might actually go out of their way to see this movie. They'll also laugh at the credits as the man prays, and the robots write a petition to make sure there isn't an "Urban Legends 3."



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## The New Day

**Nikhil Kriplani**  
Staff writer

The new day has dawned,  
With bright sunlight and all.  
Now nothing would go wrong,  
Nothing to regret at all.

There would be a friend,  
Who would come into your life,  
And take you by the hand,  
Take you far away from the promised land.

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The murkiness is gone away,  
You can see the end now, it's so clear,  
Tomorrow will never be like it was yesterday.

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You reflect on everything gone by,  
How it's all right in this day and age.  
So you stop and think and about it,  
When the truth finally hits you in the face,  
It wakes you up from your wasted sleep,  
Makes you think about the time and place,  
About how it's all not just black and white,  
And how the blue and red comes in between,  
About the meaning of life and it's struggle,  
About seeing the things that you never could see,  
About staying there when everyone says not to,  
Strengthened by the will of your mind,  
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You've been trying all this time to find.

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with it for the first time. Realistically, the Pack should be in good shape if it goes 1-2 in this monster stretch. Every one else in the Atlantic Coast Conference is probably going to take losses against Clemson and Florida State, so losing these two doesn't really hurt too much.

The Carolina game is a bit different. After getting embarrassed in Charlotte last year by a 1-8 team, the Pack wants the Heels in the worst way. There will be no such thing as a moral victory here.

A victory over Carolina, close games with Clemson and FSU and escaping with no injuries would make this stretch a success; anything else would be a bonus. Then again, with the way State is playing, I wouldn't dare count it out of any game.

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slam events and was contested this past weekend in Baltimore. "This should be the best team we've ever had," Hayes said. "The youngest but the best."

Jackson is currently ranked 73rd in the country and is the team's lone senior. Lucas is a freshman. The two will travel to Stone Mountain, Ga., to compete in the Reebok/ITA All-American on Oct. 12-15.

Finally, the women's golf team has competed in one tournament in its first year of resuscitation. It finished 26th out of 31 teams in the Unlimited Potential/Bay Tree Classic earlier in September. The team will next be action this weekend when it plays in the ACC/SEC Challenge.

probably are really similar as far as caliber of their athletes and their style of play," Hall said.

Junior Charece Williams led State over the weekend with 22 kills in each of the two matches. Freshman setter Crystal Shannon contributed a total of 150 assists. And senior Meredith Price finished first on the team in digs in both matches.

The Heels competed against both of State's opponents this weekend, sweeping the two matches. UNC beat Tech in five games Friday and downed Clemson in three Saturday.

UNC enters the match with a 12-2 overall record. The Heels' lone losses came in tournament action against No. 19 Santa Clara and Houston.

Sophomore Holly Strauss is currently first in the conference with a .389 hitting percentage. She is also third in blocks, averaging 1.2 per game. Meanwhile, Nicole Reis, who was just named the ACC Freshman of the Week, is first on the team in kills with 156 for the year.

Tonight's match begins at 7 p.m. in Reynolds Coliseum.

# Back the Pack

## ACC/WolpackNotes

### Rivers ties ACC mark with fourth straight honor

For the fourth week in a row, N.C. State freshman quarterback Philip Rivers was named the Atlantic Coast Conference Rookie of the Week for his performance in the Pack's 30-23 overtime win over Georgia Tech.

The 6-foot-5 true freshman completed 21-of-36 passes for 262 yards and three touchdowns, marking the third time in four games that Rivers has thrown three or more touchdown passes. For the season, Rivers has tossed 13 touchdown passes, which leads the entire nation.

Rivers becomes just the fifth player in league history to be named Rookie of the Week four times. Other four-time

ACC Rookie of the Week performers were North Carolina's Amos Lawrence (1977), Wake Forest's Michael Ramsey (1982), Georgia Tech's Joe Hamilton (1996) and Florida State's Travis Minor (1997).

Meanwhile, wide receiver Koren Robinson was listed on csmi.com for having one of the top performances in the country after catching eight passes for 122 yards and three touchdowns.

### Patterson named ACC Performer Of The Week again

For the second consecutive week, redshirt sophomore David Patterson was named the Atlantic Coast Conference Performer of the Week.

After capturing 1998 ACC Rookie of the Year honors in

cross country, Patterson has been the top finisher for the eighth-ranked Wolfpack in both of the team's meets this season, including an individual victory at the adidas Wolfpack Invitational last week. Patterson, a Cary native, finished fifth in Friday's men's eight-kilometer race at the Great American Cross Country Festival at McAlpine Park in Charlotte with a time of 24:23.7. He was the top finisher among ACC runners as he led the Wolfpack men's team to a second-place finish with 48 points.

### Virginia's Moses leads U.S. team to gold in relay

Former Virginia swimmer Ed Moses helped the United States set a world record in

winning the gold medal in the 400-meter medley relay late Friday evening at the Sydney International Aquatic Centre. The Moses-led U.S. relay team clocked in at a time of 3:33.73, which shattered the former world record of 3:34.84 set by the United States in the 1996 Olympics in Atlanta.

Moses, who swam the breaststroke leg, turned in a time of 59.74, which is the fastest breaststroke leg ever swam in the medley relay. He increased the United States' lead to a full body length from .42 seconds to 2.06 seconds over Australia.

Lenny Krayzelburg led off the relay for the United States in the backstroke, with Moses following in the breaststroke. Ian Crocker followed in the butterfly leg and Gary Hall Jr. anchored the relay in the freestyle.

## IM/RecNotes

### Intramurals

Volleyball signups began on Monday and will close on Oct. 4. To register a team, come by 1000 Carmichael Gymnasium.

There will be a mandatory meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 4. A representative from each team will need to attend. Stop by 1000 Carmichael Gymnasium for times of the meeting.

### Club sports — results

The men's rugby club has gotten off to a quick start by opening the season with weekend sweeps over Elon and The Citadel. The A team defeated Elon 34-10, and the B team (rookies) defeated Elon 15-10 on Sept. 16. On Saturday, the A team defeated The Citadel 30-10, and the B team won 44-10.

The field hockey club defeated the Durham Women's Club 4-2 in their opening match on Sept. 16.

With a decisive win in their final game of the day on Saturday Disco, the N.C. State women's ultimate team, garnered the fifth seed from this section for the upcoming regional tournament, which will be held Oct. 7 and 8 in Fredericksburg, Va. Lots of very spirited play was seen from both teams in Disco's 11-2 win over Appalachian State with many "rookies" catching scores playing in their first tournament.

After losing five of seven starters to graduation last spring, Disco is currently in a rebuilding period. Any women interested in trying this dynamic, fun sport (no previous experience necessary) should come out to practice at Lower Miller Fields Mondays and Wednesdays from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. or Thursdays between 7 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. For questions, contact Jenny Lewis at 831-1784.

The social ballroom dance club sent six members to the Triangle USABDA dance sport competi-

tion at the Durham Armory on Saturday. All six members placed in the top three of all the events they entered.

### Club sports — upcoming events

The bowling team will host a tournament with East Carolina, North Carolina Central, North Carolina A&T, Clemson, Georgia Tech and Pikeville (Ky.) College on Saturday from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Buffalo Lanes in Cary.

The women's basketball club will host Virginia Tech on Saturday at 12:30 p.m. in Carmichael Gym on court 7.

The men's lacrosse club travels to Tennessee for a round robin event on Saturday against the Volunteers, Dayton and Virginia.

### Informal recreation/fitness

Come to courts E11-E15 from 5:15 to 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday and participate in squash. On courts E5, E6, E8 and E10 from 5:15 to 7 p.m. on Friday, come down and participate in table tennis.

Register for fitness workshops in Qiongong, Massage Techniques, Stress Management, Weight Training and Nutrition. To register or for more information, stop by 1000 Carmichael Gymnasium or call 515-3161.

### Job opportunities

If anyone is interested in becoming a volleyball official for Intramural-Recreational Sports, come to the meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 3, or Wednesday, Oct. 4, from 5 to 7 p.m. or visit 1000 Carmichael Gymnasium.

## On Campus Interview Schedule

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Deere & Co. Moline IL & Various locations	BUS/Operations Mgmt), IE	3.0/SO+	9-28-00/Prescreen Info session 9/27/00 6:00pm Talley Cinema Room
Corning Cable (Siecor) Hickory, NC	CSC, IE, ME, EE, CHE	2.8/SO+	10-2-00/Pre-screen
Willamette Industries Bennettsville, SC	EE, ME, CHE, PPT	2.5/SO+	10-3-00/Open sign up
Fuji Film Greenwood, SC	EE, IE	2.5/SO+	10-3-00/Pre-screen
Eastman Chemical Kingsport, TN	CHE	3.0/SO+	10-4-00/Pre-screen
Bowater Catawba, SC	CHE, ME	2.8/SO+	10-9-00/Pre-screen
Phillip Morris Richmond, VA	CE, CHE, EE, IE, ME	2.8/SO+	10-10-00/Pre-screen Info session on 10/04/00 6:00pm Winston 110
Consolidated Diesel Whitakers, NC	ME	2.7/SO+	10-10-00/Open sign up Info session on 10-4-00 6:00pm Winston 110
Wavetek Wandel Gotterman RTP, NC	CSC, CPE, ETC, LWE	3.0/SO+	Info session on 10/11/00 6:00pm Tompkins 123
DuPont Wilmington, DE	CHE, EE, ME	3.0/SO+	10-11 & 12-00/Pre-screen for various locations
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Michelin Tire/Research Greenville, SC	CHE, CSC, EE, IE, ME	3.0/SO+	10-19-00/Open sign up
National Instruments Austin, TX	CNE, CPE, CSC, EE	3.0/JR+	10-19-00/Pre-screen
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# Spring sports get ready in fall

◆ The golf and tennis teams have seen recent action even though their championships are contested in the spring.

**Jack Daly**  
Sports Editor

Some of N.C. State's spring sports are busy getting valuable experience with their fall schedules.

Men's and women's golf and men's and women's tennis all have their championship competitions in the spring. But all four also have fall schedules

that have recently seen them in action.

"The whole goal of the fall is to get in the best possible shape for the year," said men's tennis coach Eric Hayes. "We just literally train our butts off."

Both tennis teams use the fall for individual competitions. None of the events are team tournaments, but the experience should strengthen the team come January.

The men's and women's golf tournaments, on the other hand, count toward the teams' overall records. A second-place finish in October has the same weight as one in April.

"Fall golf used to be exhibition," said men's golf coach Richard Sykes. "Now, it counts as much as the last tournament of the year counts."

State's men's golf team has played one match this season, the Coca-Cola Tournament of Champions. The Pack finished fourth.

"I wasn't disappointed whatsoever," said Sykes. "We were happy because State finished ahead of Augusta State and East Tennessee State, two teams that are in the Wolfpack's district. At the end of the year, State will be compared to both of those teams in

order to make it to the NCAA Regionals.

LSU won the Tournament of Champions, finishing eight strokes ahead of State. Individually, the Pack's David Sanchez finished third.

In tennis, both teams are trying to get their rosters straight for the spring.

Women's coach Kay Louthian has been pleased with the individual play of freshmen Jackie Leskovar, Kristin Lam and Jennifer Jassawalla.

"We expect our three freshmen to start," said Louthian. "We still have a lot of work to do. Half of the team is brand

new. For a tennis team that is a lot, I've got to teach them a lot more about doubles."

Senior Mryna Bawono should be the team leader come January. Last year, she was the team MVP, and this past weekend, she finished third at the Maryland Invitational.

Meanwhile, in men's tennis, State had two people — Eric Jackson and Matt Lucas — in the main draw of the T. Rowe Price National Clay Court Championships for the first time ever. The tournament is one of four collegiate grand

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## football Clouds on the horizon

Another week has passed in the crazy, mixed-up world of N.C. State football, and the Wolfpack has another dramatic win to show for it.

The goal posts came down Thursday night and ended up in front of the Waffle House on Hillsborough Street following State's 30-23 win over Georgia Tech. The victory brought national

notoriety to State, but more importantly, the Pack did itself a tremendous favor, moving into prime position for a bowl game.

State now needs just two wins in its final seven games to hit the magic six-win mark, which as everyone knows, virtually guarantees all that reach its mystical shores a bowl bid. Chuck Amato and company have to like their chances of getting to that point with Wake Forest and Duke, quite conceivably the two worst teams in Division I-A, still on the schedule.

Playing in December has become a very real scenario for the Pack, but where they might play is a completely different matter. The next three games could go a long way toward determining whether State will play before Christmas in Hawaii or after Christmas in Miami or Atlanta.

The three-game run starts in Death Valley with a match-up against No. 7 Clemson. The Tigers have run through anything and everything in their path this year, including Virginia 31-10 in Charlottesville, Va.

Clemson's defense could be the first to contain State's aerial attack. The Tigers have not given up more than 10 points in a game this year and shut out a good Virginia offense in the final three quarters of Saturday's game.

The Pack also has the added pleasure of trying to stop Woodrow Dantzler, who is the third-highest rated quarterback in the nation. Dantzler is similar to Indiana's Antwaan Randle El, a player that State had all kinds of trouble with earlier in the year.

Game two is a revenge match at North Carolina. The Tar Heels have won the last seven meetings in the series, including last year's 10-6 win in Charlotte.

This is the most winnable game of the three, but just because of the sheer emotion involved, it won't be easy. State has been building to this one ever since the final snap of last year's game, and former coach Mike O'Cam's presence on Carolina's sideline is only going to add to the intensity level.

State gets a week off to recover before hosting No. 2 Florida State. The Seminoles are probably going to be in a foul mood when they get to Carter-Finley, considering their last trip ended with a 24-7 loss and another trip to Hillsborough for the Pack's fans.

Chris Weinke has more reason than any other Seminole to tear into State. The 28-year-old quarterback had the worst game of his career against the Pack two years ago, throwing six interceptions and taking the only loss of his career.

Something else to take into consideration is the fact that this will be Amato's first game against the team that he helped coach for close to two decades. Emotions will probably run high in this one, too, which adds another dimension.

State is going to take some hits in the coming weeks. The three defenses the Pack is preparing to face might finally slow down the Philip Rivers-led offense, which hasn't run into too many problems so far. And a team that hasn't had to deal with losing yet is probably going to have to deal

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# SERVING UP A RIVALRY

◆ The Wolfpack takes on conference favorite and rival North Carolina tonight in Reynolds Coliseum.

**Jeremy Ashton**  
Sports Editor

The N.C. State volleyball team finishes its three-match Atlantic Coast Conference homestand tonight against rival North Carolina.

The Tar Heels began the season as the favorite to win the conference after taking last year's ACC Tournament. UNC has won the last six matches in the series and



Setter Crystal Shannon leads the Pack in assists.

knocked the Wolfpack (5-8, 0-2) out of the tournament in each of the last two seasons.

"They're a very good team all-around," junior Alison Kreager said. "They have strong outside hitters. They have this strong right-side hitter, so we're planning on having to stop her."

The Pack played two matches in 24 hours this weekend. State dropped the first Friday in five games against Clemson by a score of 15-17, 15-4, 15-13, 12-15, 15-10. Georgia Tech came calling the following night and defeated the Pack in four 14-16, 16-14, 15-11, 15-12.

Despite the final outcomes, State walked away with a good feeling about its two showings.

"I liked a lot of what I saw," Hall said. "In the first game, I saw a lot of tenacity and never-say-die. In the second game, I saw a lot of skill."

State kept almost every game it played this weekend close, losing just one by more than five points. Four of the nine games the Pack played were decided by just two points.

"We've been playing point for point with everyone," Kreager said. "We just need to make sure we keep finishing plays and not make the few critical errors we have been making."

Hall believes the matches against Clemson and Tech helped build up her team's confidence. The Tigers are going through a down year but were regular season champions in 1999. And the Yellow Jackets were picked second in the preseason poll.

"I think my team feels pretty solid about how they played," head coach Kim Hall said. "They're disappointed about not winning, but they don't at all feel that it was anywhere out of their reach. Their goal and mine this season is for us to be in every match and give ourselves an opportunity to win every match, which we certainly did in both of those matches this weekend."

Hall said the match with the Yellow Jackets on Saturday should prepare the Pack for what it will face tonight. She noted that Tech has much in common with UNC.

"I think Georgia Tech and Carolina



Stephanie Stambaugh and N.C. State enter their match against UNC 0-2 in conference.



## AROUND THE ACC VOLLEYBALL OVERALL RECORDS

- Wake Forest 10-1 (2-0 ACC)
- North Carolina 12-2 (2-0)
- Virginia 6-7 (2-1)
- Georgia Tech 10-4 (1-1)
- Duke 10-4 (1-1)
- Clemson 5-8 (1-1)
- Maryland 9-5 (1-2)
- Florida State 11-4 (0-2)
- N.C. State 5-8 (0-2)

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# Clemson pounds men's soccer 6-1

◆ N.C. State remained winless after Clemson defeated the Pack Sunday. Lee Baldwin scored State's lone goal.

Sports Staff Report

The woes continue for N.C. State's men's soccer team.

Pablo Webster tallied three assists as Fabio Tambosi and Oguchi Onyewu scored two goals each to lead the Clemson Tigers over the Wolfpack 6-1 Sunday at Clemson's Riggs Field.

With the win, Clemson improved to 5-2 overall and 1-2 in the Atlantic Coast Conference. State has yet to win a game this season as they fall to 0-5-2 over-

all and 0-2 in the ACC. Junior Lee Baldwin had the Wolfpack's first goal in four games as he scored off an assist from senior Tony Malcolm.

Clemson freshman Oguchi Onyewu scored the first two goals of the match, one minute apart, as the Tigers built an early lead and eventually put away the Wolfpack.

Tambosi also registered two goals, as the sophomore from Sao Paulo, Brazil scored the last two Tiger goals, increasing his team-leading goal count to eight. Senior Pablo

Webster had a brilliant game out of the backfield for Clemson, tallying a hat trick of assists. Webster was involved in the first three Tiger scores.

Senior Mark Lisi added a goal and two assists and Junior Ross Goodacre dished out his seventh assist of the season and scored his third goal. Goodacre leads all Tigers with the seven assists.

This was Clemson's worst defeat of an ACC team since the Tigers beat North Carolina 5-0 on Sept. 13 in the 1998 season. This was also the Tigers' worst defeat of the Wolfpack since a 5-0 win in the ACC Tournament in Durham, N.C., on Nov. 9, 1995.

"This was an important game for us being an Atlantic Coast Conference match," said Clemson's head coach Trevor Adair. "We always have close matches with N.C. State. I was very happy to get a win today. Oguchi was a big weapon for us in today's match. After we built a 3-0 lead we relaxed and they fought back. We settled down and scored two goals and we took control again."

"Fabio has established himself as someone who can score twenty goals in a season. He did a great job today."

State's next game is Wednesday against Georgia Southern. Game time is set for 3:30 p.m. at Method Road Soccer Stadium.



Tony Malcolm and the Pack dropped to 0-2 in the ACC.