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The "Raging Grannies" were out en masse with other protesters in front of D.H. Hill Tuesday to protest the World Trade Organization and the International Monetary Fund. The group were trying to raise awareness of their cause to eliminate the suffering of citizens of Third World countries.

NCSU community focuses on crime

◆ This Thursday night, members of the N.C. State community will tour the campus seeking out safety issues. This year will mark Nightwalk's fourth year in existence.

Ayren Jackson
Staff Reporter

Though N.C. State is a relatively safe place to be, it is subject to many of the same prob-

lems that can occur in the greater urban community of Raleigh.

Nightwalk, a four-year-old program executed the university affairs committee of the Student Senate, provides a hands-on opportunity for the NCSU community to identify some of those problems. Nightwalk involves students, faculty and staff members volunteering to walk around campus and record safety hazards.

The findings of this "walk" are then released to the NCSU com-

munity and sent to Facilities Operations. Facilities Operations analyzes the results and files work orders for repairs or replacements.

"The Nightwalk program allows us as students, faculty and staff to be proactive in promoting our own safety," said Vinny Kalra, action committee chair for last year's Nightwalk.

The responsibility for the reduction of crime lies with Public Safety, the individual and the campus community. According to Public Safety statis-

tics, there were 55 reported burglaries, 11 instances of aggravated assault and 10 instances of motor vehicle theft in 1999.

"If we work together, these numbers can be reduced," said Garrett Bugg, university affairs committee chairman for Student Senate and director of this year's Nightwalk.

Last year, 45 participants came out for the Nightwalk.

"We hope to have a greater student representation this year," said Bugg.

Those who participated last year scouted the campus for unsafe conditions. Last year, Nightwalkers reported malfunctioning lights and various problems with overgrown trees and shrubs that needed trimming or removal.

The participants also assessed buildings, parking lots and the blue light saturation level on campus. Similar items, along with others, will be evaluated this year.

"We want people to be aware of safety as a concern to consid-

er, whether in voting, in funding or in prioritizing one's personal life," said Justin McCurry, last year's Nightwalk director. "Through the Nightwalk program, we can directly impact safety by correcting those items which we find to be broken, missing or malfunctioning."

Nightwalk 2000 will be held this Thursday at 7:30 p.m. The event will begin on the North Plaza of Talley Student Center at 7:45 p.m., when participants

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Laptops make library experience easier

◆ Along with providing laptops for students to check out, N.C. State Libraries is offering students the option to bring their own laptops into the library for use on the NCSU network.

Lee Robertson
Staff Reporter

N.C. State's libraries offer a unique opportunity to help students expand their educational opportunities while in the library. NCSU Libraries provide laptop computers for use while inside the facilities for students, faculty, staff and those with an NCSU Library borrowing card.

"We are always trying to find ways to make the library more convenient and easy to use," said Jinnie Davis, the Assistant Director for Scholarly Communication and External Relations.

In order to obtain a laptop for use while visiting the library, students must present their valid borrower's card or identification card to the circulation desks in branch libraries or the reserve desk in the D.H. Hill Library. The librarian on duty will present the borrower with a laptop and an information sheet which

includes the necessary information for operating the computer.

The borrower must complete an agreement in which all responsibility for the laptop is given to the borrower.

These laptops are checked out for a period of four hours on a first come/first served basis. If no one else is waiting to use the computer, the borrower may renew the laptop for another period of four hours. Laptops are to be returned to the desk from which they were borrowed no later than one hour before the library closes.

Any borrowers who return laptops in a damaged or destroyed state will receive a charge for the replacement of the damaged parts and a processing fee.

Laptops are due back at the assigned time. Any borrowers who do not return the laptop at the correct time will be charged a late fee of \$10 for every 30 minutes that the computer is late. There is no grace period or maximum fine for late computers.

NCSU Libraries offer three types of laptop computers for users to borrow. One set includes Dell machines with the Windows 98 operating system. Another series offers Dell computers with Windows 98 and Linux operat-

ing systems. The third type of laptops are Macintosh machines using the Macintosh operating system.

Davis said the system makes it easier for students to do research and find information while working in the library, as they can access the Internet and on-line library resources from wherever they are.

The laptop-lending program is available in the School of Design Library, the Library of Natural Resources, the Textiles Library and the Veterinary Medical Library. According to Carolyn Argentati, associate director for public services, the library owns 100 laptop computers for students to use. Last year, that laptop-lending program was used 5,288 times.

The library also offers a new service relating to computing. Called "nomadic computing," this program allows a person to bring their own laptop computer into the D.H. Hill Library and log on to the NCSU computer network. This will further help facilitate the use of the Internet by students and faculty in the library.

Argentati said that integrating the D.H. Hill Library for nomadic computing was not an easy task, and involved work all summer long.

Is chocolate good for you? Studies say 'yes'

Hillary Bentman
The Daily Free Press (Boston U.)

(U)WIRE BOSTON - Despite Mom's warnings about sweets, recent studies have shown that eating chocolate can actually help fight cardiovascular disease and cancer.

For years, doctors have urged people to eat more fruit and vegetables because they contain significant levels of antioxidants, natural compounds found in the body that ward off oxidation and prevent heart disease. Studies have now revealed that chocolate actually is a high-quality and high-quantity source of antioxidants, topping a list that includes raisins, broccoli and prunes.

Antioxidants are found in fruits and vegetables. Although chocolate does not appear to be a fruit, it is derived from the cocoa bean, the fruit of the cacao tree.

Chocolate contains flavonoids, an antioxidant that helps protect cholesterol from being oxidized in low-density lipoproteins (LDLs). Lipoproteins are responsible for transporting cholesterol and saturated fats to tissue. High levels of LDLs, which are often called "bad cholesterol," lead to atherosclerosis, or clogged arteries. If substances such as fats and cholesterol clog an artery, blood flow is impaired, often resulting in heart attack or stroke.

Certain vitamins contain flavonoids, but according to Joe Vinson, a professor of chemistry at the University of

Scranton, they are not enough to fight oxidation and atherosclerosis.

"Chocolate has the ability, like vitamin E, to bind bad cholesterol and protect it from being oxidized," Vinson said. "Chocolate can actually help out vitamin E and beta carotene, because you can only load up on so much vitamin E, and any more won't help."

Funded by the American Cocoa Research Institute, Vinson studied the antioxidant levels of market samples of milk chocolate, dark chocolate and cocoa powder. Vinson tested five samples of each type, but did not know the brand names of the products.

In terms of quantity, cocoa powder contains two times the amount of antioxidants as dark chocolate, and milk chocolate has the least, according to Vinson's study. However, cocoa powder often loses many of its antioxidants after it is diluted with milk, sugar or water to make a cup of hot chocolate.

"The quality of antioxidants in chocolate is extremely good, several times better than vitamins C and E, even by tenfold," Vinson said. "Even though cocoa powder has more antioxidants, dark chocolate has the best quality, followed by cocoa powder and then milk chocolate."

Vinson found that one bar of chocolate contains approximately the same amount of antioxidants as a glass of red wine or a cup of black tea, which a red

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will be divided into 11 groups to begin the physical walks around campus.

Transportation will be provided to those participating at Centennial Campus or the College of Veterinary Medicine. "It is increasingly important

for each student to take a vested interest in not only his or her own safety, but also for the safety of those around," stated Bugg. "The responsibility of creating a safe campus does not fall solely on the shoulders of the university administration, but rather, it falls also on the shoulders of every single student."

According to statistics released by the State Bureau of Investigations in May, reported

crimes at NCSU decreased by about 10 percent in 1999 over 1998. In 1999, two robberies were reported at NCSU, down from seven in 1998. Public Safety cleared neither of the 1999 robberies.

There were no rapes reported on campus in 1999, down from one in 1998.

Aggravated assault dropped by nine percent from 1998 to 1999, as 10 assaults were reported in 1999. Eight of those

10 were resolved.

There were 529 instances of property crime in 1999, down from 583 in 1998. Forty-eight of those 1999 property crimes were cleared by Public Safety. Property crimes include burglary, larceny and motor vehicle theft.

Overall, reported crimes at NCSU dropped from 602 in 1998 to 541 in 1999.



Vehicle damaged in post-game celebration

N.C. State Public Safety has documented at least one case of property damage resulting from celebrations at Carter Finley Stadium after last Thursday night's football win over Georgia Tech.

NCSU sophomore Philip Brandon Lane reported damage to the roof and luggage rack of his red 1999 Ford Explorer after several subjects dropped a goal post on the top of his vehicle at approximately 12:01 a.m. Friday.

According to the report, Lane was sitting in traffic attempting to leave the stadium when a group of people carrying the goal post tried to lift it over his vehicle. The persons on the left side managed to clear the roof of the vehicle, but the right side of the goal post was dropped on the vehicle.

Lane told the officer filing the complaint that the rest of the crowd then rushed his vehicle and even attempted to enter it.

The vehicle sustained no damage from the crowd, but the goal post left a large scratch and paint streaks on both the roof and the luggage rack of Lane's vehicle.

No suspects have been named in this incident.

Public Safety is also investigating an incident that occurred in the stands during Thursday night's game at approximately 9:30 p.m.

According to the report filed by Public Safety, Fred Carillo approached an officer in the East Concourse of Carter Finley Stadium and stated that the male sitting next to him grabbed his Bushnell binoculars and threw them into the lower level of the stands for an unknown reason.

Carillo identified Chris Al Den Holman as the suspect. A Public Safety investigation is pending.

Wallet, bookbag stolen from Gardner

Two larcenies occurred within only a few hours of each other in Gardner Hall Monday.

According to Public Safety police reports, a subject went into an unlocked cabinet in 4207 Gardner Hall sometime between 10 a.m. and 1:50 p.m. and removed Teresa Hernandez's wallet containing a

driver's license from Mexico and \$20.

Hernandez told the responding Public Safety officer that she was in and out of the room several times throughout the morning.

At approximately 12:50 p.m. the same day, a subject removed a book bag containing a CD-ROM disk, a cell phone and two gas cards, three credit cards, two ATM cards, and the victim's student ID from a lab bench in 4608 Gardner Hall.

According to the police report, the victim, Scheherazade Putman, told the responding officer that she removed her book bag from a locked cabinet and placed it on the lab bench. She stated that she left the room for five minutes, and when she returned the book bag was gone.

It is not apparent whether the two incidents are related.

No suspects have been named in either incident.

Truck stolen on Centennial Campus

The theft of a pickup truck from a Centennial Campus construction site was reported to Public Safety on Sept. 19 at approximately 6:45 a.m.

According to the report filed by Sgt. M.P. Nolin, the black 1993 Dodge Ram 250 truck belonging to Tri-State Consultants was parked in the area north of Lake Raleigh on

Centennial Campus overnight. Tire tracks in the mud were apparent where the vehicle had been backed up and driven away.

The same vehicle was also involved in a similar incident on Sept. 5 when it was broken into and driven around the site, where it was left.

Tri-State Consultants Supervisor Waylon Morris described the stolen vehicle in the police report as a "beat up old truck." According to the report, the truck's paint was faded and its tailgate was off.

No suspects have been named.

Gas leak controlled at Dabney

Members of the Public Safety Fire Division easily controlled a brief gas leak at Dabney Hall Wednesday.

Faculty members were changing the tanks on a liquid nitrogen cylinder when they cross-threaded the valves. When the cylinder was turned on, nitrogen leaked at the threads.

Because of the leaking nitrogen, the valve was too cold to turn off. Fire fighters were called to the scene at 12:24 p.m. and, wearing their heat- and cold-resistant uniforms, they rethreaded the tank and turned the valve off.

Sgt. John Barnwell said that the leak was contained in approximately 15 minutes.

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previously been recognized as good sources of antioxidants.

"I recommend eating chocolate as a dessert," Vinson said. "Much of what we consume for dessert is sugar and fat with no antioxidants, so if you're going to take the fats and sugar, then take it with antioxidants and eat the chocolate."

According to the Virginia-based Chocolate Manufacturers Association and National Confectioners Association, Americans eat approximately 12 pounds of chocolate a year. Europeans tend to eat more, with the Swiss consuming about 21 pounds each year and Danes devouring almost 30 pounds annually.

Penny Kris-Etherton, professor of nutrition at Pennsylvania State University, has researched the benefits of chocolate and has discovered that chocolate consumption actually raises high-density lipoproteins (HDLs), which are known as the "good cholesterol." Unlike LDLs, HDLs protect against heart disease.

"HDL is the good cholesterol, and when people incorporate an average consumption of chocolate with a low-fat diet, they will raise their HDL," said Kris-Etherton. "Chocolate is a fatty acid with neutral effects, not like other saturated fats, and people with high blood pressure wouldn't have to avoid chocolate, but they do have to limit their intake because of the calories."

Chocolate lovers may have even more to cheer about. According to Kris-Etherton, chocolate may help protect against aging. Studies have revealed that one of the biological causes of aging can be attributed to the stress placed on the body due to oxidation.

Scientists believe that antioxidants, including those found in chocolate, can protect the body from this stress and even slow the aging process. However, this benefit of chocolate must be further researched, says Kris-Etherton.

Chocolate has also made news recently for its role as a "comfort food." Brian Wansink, professor of marketing and nutritional science at the University of Illinois-Urbana, defines a comfort food as one that in some way helps a person maintain or regain a positive outlook.

"It is mainly based on past associations with that food," said Wansink, who directs the University of Illinois Food and Brand Laboratory.

Wansink surveyed more than a thousand men and women and found that both genders consider ice cream their favorite comfort food. Women, however, included chocolate among their top five favorite comfort foods, whereas men chose food such as meat and soup.

"Chocolate is definitely a comfort food, but is actually far behind other food such as ice cream," Wansink said.

According to Wansink, the role of comfort foods is not only psychological, but actually has physiological effects. Chocolate, for instance, has the ability to trigger the body's natural opiates, or endorphins, promoting relaxation.

"Chocolate actually releases endorphins that make you happy," he said. "Contrary to popular belief, it is more that just psychological."

Despite the benefits of eating chocolate, most experts agree that people must be mindful of the calories that accompany this sweet.

"Like anything else, chocolate is a food and should be taken in moderation," Vinson said. "People need to watch the extra calories and the sugar."

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The 11th Circuit of the United States Supreme Court has decided to hear a case that may redefine the commonly accepted notions and definitions of discrimination. At the crux of the lawsuit is a 1991 amendment to Alabama's constitution that mandates English as the official state language. The amendment mandates that all government business be conducted in English, the official language of the state. As a result, thousands of people have been unable to communicate with their government in their own language. Is this practice a latent form of discrimination against minorities or a rational decision against dealing with a modern Tower of Babel?

One of the major arguments of the lawsuit is that the amendment is a form of discrimination against minorities. Proponents of equal access language laws believe that the duty of America, as a historic melting pot, is to serve the best interests of the whole by catering to the needs of minorities and not just to the majority. The amendment is discriminatory against those who do not speak English or just an unfortunate necessity toward preserving the well being of the whole. It will be up to the Supreme Court to decide. Hopefully, the Court will make a decision that will look to the past as a guideline for what not to do, to the present for an accurate state of affairs and to the future for a glimpse of the bigger picture.

In a meantime, thousands of people will remain muted and unable to communicate with their governments. The ability to communicate in one's own language — especially in situations where learning another language to the point of equivalent fluency in one's own language is an impossibility — ensures that government services are accessible to everyone and equally towards any latent attempts by those governments to discriminate against linguistic minorities.

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'Technician's View' misleading

This letter is in response to the Sept. 25 "Technician's View" column, which incorrectly states that the Assertive Communication Leadership Development Series workshop 080, held on Sept. 25, was for women only. This workshop was open to all students, faculty/staff and non-university Leadership Development Series participants. This same workshop will be offered in the spring with a female audience designation.

We disagree with Technician's declaration that the Assertive Communication workshop hurls women by enforcing the stereotype that passive behavior is a female issue. Although women, by tradition, are culturally and



Rachael Overcash, Staff Columnist

In college, you never have enough time. You are always running late for class, waiting until the last minute to finish an assignment or crunching that last second for an exam. In college, even if there were 36 hours in a day, that still wouldn't be enough to do everything. In college, we often think we are invincible. We run around trying to study, party and keep our heads on straight all at the same time. A consequence of all of this madness, however, is not having enough time to enjoy our lives. My three years here at N.C. state have flown by. I don't exactly know what I have been doing with that time, I just know that I can't remember what hap-

pened. It seems that, as you get older and you become more involved, you have less time to just relax. I can remember being a freshman and having all the time in the world on my hands. I could finish my work (with time to spare), talk for a couple hours with my best friend and even take some extra "me" time. However, that is definitely no longer the case. Now it seems that I have to plan at least two weeks in advance to go to the mall or even to eat dinner with my best friend. I have to pencil in "playtime."

Every morning, I sit back and look at my day planner, and I just get exhausted from thinking about all that I have to do every day. I ask myself, "Will the cycle ever end?" I know that, as a student, I want to balance my social and academic life, but sometimes, I think everything is just too much.

These are the prime time years of our lives. We are reaching the peak of our youth, but often we are too bogged down in our work to enjoy it. We are too stressed out and too consumed with thinking about the future to enjoy the present.

On campus, we walk around in a fog, a daze of sleep. People say "Hey" to you, but you are concentrating too much on getting to class or making that grade to even look up and return the greetings. I don't know how many times I have said "Hi" to a friend and all they say in return is, "I gotta go, running late for class." This is the stressed-out mentality that we see all throughout NCSU. By having this mentality now, we are only setting ourselves up for a stressful road ahead. College is the time to set up your future, and if the future is to reflect on present, then I feel sorry for the world ahead of us. We are a generation consumed

by the clock. We no longer have time to enjoy the simpler things in life. Everyone wants to get somewhere, and everyone wants to be someone. No one ever has the time to just be. By saying, "just be," I mean that we never have time to just exist. We never have time to be without a care in the world.

Every day, even if you have to schedule it in, schedule a time to just relax and just be. I think if everyone was to breathe every once in a while, the world would be much more peaceful. So take the time right now, and look up at the sky and be glad that you are young and that you still have whole life ahead of you.

Please take Rachael's advice in heart. If you have any questions or comments, email her at rovercash@ncsu.edu

Our 'presidential' assassin



Richard Morgan, Staff Columnist

"Death, be not proud," John Donne wrote in his Holy Sonnet 10: "Thou art slave to odds, despicable men."

In American peacetime, never have these lines read more true than for Texas Gov. George W. Bush. Proving that the pen is mightier than the sword, Bush has presided over 148 state-sanctioned deaths. My question is this: do you, reader, want this kind of man, this kind of leader, to be your next president?

Here are the facts: The United States has only executed about 640 people since the legalization of the death penalty in 1976, meaning that Bush, only elected in 1994, has overseen the deaths of about 21 percent of death-row inmates since 1976.

On Jan. 4, 1995, under Governor Bush, Texas became the first jurisdiction to execute a man (Jesse Jacobs) who prosecutors admitted did not commit the murder for which he was convicted.

Governor Bush alone has overseen almost as many American deaths as died during hostile action during 1991's

Desert Storm military operation. Bush's Texas allows for the execution of the mentally retarded (with an IQ of 70 or below). Johnny Penry is currently on Texas death row, based on three independent evaluations, his IQ is between 51 and 63.

Dallas Psychiatrist James Grigon, perversely nicknamed "Dr. Death," has attested to the future danger of defendants facing the death penalty in over 150 cases — often without any attempt at examination.

In 1996, Bush's Texas executed Carla Faye Tucker despite her claim of being a born-again Christian and despite a plea for clemency from Pope John Paul II.

There have been 13 executions of juvenile offenders in the U.S. — seven in Texas. The only other countries, besides the United States, in which such executions are reported to have been carried out in the 1990s are Saudi Arabia and Yemen.

Texas has over 200,000 people in its prisons; 10 percent of American jailbirds are Texans. As an example of Bush's "compassionately conservative" Texas, Dallas County spends an average of \$256,640 in the prosecution of each capital case. From financial years 1996-2000, Dallas County also budgeted no money to staff either its Child Protective Services or its Mental

Health Services (they both relied on grants).

In a publicized election-year execution this past summer, Gary Graham was executed on the basis of one witness, despite the testimonies of six other witnesses who said Graham was innocent and despite a plea for pardon from the French government and the Pope.

As chief executive of a death-penalty state, Gov. Bush also serves as chief executioner. His claim to be a "compassionate conservative" translates into being in bed with his state's "justice" system (compassionate) and being merciless against death-row inmates, including children (conservative).

The fact that he kills with pens and paper and rubber stamps of approval does not excuse his responsibility or accountability in the deaths of the 100-plus people whose deaths he has sanctioned.

In his defense, Bush claims that, as a Christian, he believes it is possible to be anti-abortion and pro-death penalty without contradiction. Unfortunately, this perspective demands a myopic focus on 1 Peter 2:13: "Submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake; whether it be to the king, as supreme; or unto governors, as unto them that are sent

by Him for the punishment of evildoers, and for the praise of them that do well."

Such a narrow vision, however, ignores several other Scriptural verses, including Jesus' own words: "Judge not, and ye shall not be judged; condemn not, and ye shall not be condemned; forgive, and ye shall be forgiven" (Luke 6:37). "You have heard that the ancients were told, 'You shall not commit murder' and 'Whoever commits murder shall be liable to the court.' But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother shall be guilty before the court" (Jesus' words in Matthew 23:1) and "For with the judgment you pronounce you will be judged, and the measure you give will be the measure you get" (Jesus' words, Matthew 7:2).

Whoever wrote that the only two certainties in life are "Death and Taxes" must have made a typo. They must have meant to write "Death in Texas." Again, my question to you, reader: Bush may be "a reformer with results," but do you want the results he is offering to be administered (in many cases, by lethal injection) nationwide?

Richard saw a hawk kill a squirrel on Tuesday in front of Withers Hall. Email him at ncsu_writer@yahoo.com

that sex and gender are the same thing." The Leadership Development Series not only recognizes the differences between sex and gender and the stereotypes and misunderstandings that arise from the misuse of these terms, but also seeks to inform and empower students on this issue through Gender Communication (LDS 081), the core competency workshop.

This workshop (which was offered Sept. 25 and fully enrolled with 80 participants), was renamed as a result of Technician's View examines socialized patterns of gender and the stereotypical view of sex and gender through the presentation of current research. The workshop also provides a forum for both men and women to discuss these issues openly and candidly. Gender Communication's intent

is quite opposite to the charge that we are "engaging in a subversively sinister propagation of sexism." Let us be the first to encourage Technician's editorial staff to attend the Gender Communication workshop.

Janey Musgrave, Director, Center for Student Leadership, Ethics & Public Service

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Ode to true poetry

Robert Frost once said, "Writing poetry without meter is like playing tennis without a net." This is something of the

notion of poetry that Nathan Lintner expressed in his Sept. 22 column, "Ode to True Poetry." Lintner writes, "I believe there is more MODERN poetry in one syllable of Shelley than all modern writers combined" (emphasis mine). Since Shelley didn't write modern poetry, Lintner probably meant "... more poetry in one syllable of Shelley." Presumably, Lintner defines modern poetry as everything that came after Shelley.

Lintner might be surprised to find that, not only is Robert Frost a 20th century poet, but he is also a poet that is held in high esteem by many "Poetry Departments."

To declare that post-Shelley poetry is not "real poetry," Lintner must provide a reasonable definition of real poetry and then show that poetry after Shelley fails that definition.

Unfortunately, Lintner is quite vague on this definition. He writes that poetry is not an "abstractly personal, sometimes rhyming prose passage." Prose is, by definition, not poetry, so the point of this sentence escapes me.

Later, Lintner writes that "poet" and "poetry" are more than loose terms that people can adopt "to describe themselves or their writing." But he never indicates any specific criterion. What IS poetry, Mr. Lintner?

The closest that Lintner comes to an answer is: "Poet" and "poetry" are prestigious titles that one aspires to obtain (usually posthumously) by studying, assimilating and employing the immensely complex devices of the poetical art." Ignoring the

Conservative mythology



Robert Jaill
Staff Columnist

The core of conservative philosophy remains a mystery to most people — even Republicans.

With the way George W. Bush is running his campaign, it is unlikely that true conservatism will ever be revealed to the masses. A central tenet to that conservative ideology, though, is the belief in "prime movers" who advance society, economy and civilization forward.

By "prime movers," conservatives almost always mean entrepreneurs who create wealth and bestow on the rest of society through the market and charitable organizations. These benevolent tycoons are the cornerstones of Western civilization.

Recognizing the importance of these benefactors, conservative philosophy is geared toward appeasing them and enabling them to drive civilization perpetually forward. That's why when Republicans make tax cuts (62 percent of it goes to these prime movers). When Republicans say "reduction in government" they mean deregulation of business; when Republicans say "shift responsibility of social problems onto private organizations" they mean lighten the tax burden on businessmen so they can voluntarily take care of social problems.

Only these benevolent prime movers existed... Sweeping tax cuts for entrepreneurs were tried in the Reagan

years. George W. Bush's daddy called this "voodoo economics" because this tax policy created no substantial increase in economic development. In fact, what supply-side economics (the official name) did do was plunge the country deeper into a deficit while giving entrepreneurs fifty tax cuts. Even though the government went out of its way to help the business class, they did very little to increase the wealth of the whole country. The recession of the late eighties actually reduced the wealth of many Americans. Could it be that these prime movers are not the source of wealth and that the regular workers who make the goods and buy the goods are the true source of wealth?

Republicans also like to keep government interference with business at a minimum (that's why Texas has some of the weakest pollution laws in the country and why it also has the most pollution in the country). The millions who own recalled Firestone tires can thank Reagan for crippling the government agency responsible for the safety of tires. If Firestone, a long-time, trusted manufacturer who knew about the tread separation problem almost a decade ago and even had previous litigation against it in Venezuela, if Firestone could not voluntarily clean up its act, even with the threat of a financial debacle that it is in now, why in the world do conservatives think other businessmen will do otherwise?

The final hallmark of conservative policy entails dismantling

social programs like public education or Medicare so that private businesses who are accountable to market forces can take over the responsibility, and hopefully market forces will motivate businesses to improve — or they can degenerate like medical coverage has for millions of people under HMOs who do not want to make the necessary payoffs to their large client base. Market forces have forced businesses to improve, improve their bottom lines at the cost of service.

The fallacy in conservative thinking lies in the belief that the success of entrepreneurs is the same as the success of the American people. The failure of corporations under the low-tax Reagan years, or in "deregulated" Texas, or in the HMO business to do the right thing makes this fallacy clear.

Eliminating wasteful, undemocratic government is an important goal, but becoming a lap dog for big business is hardly an effective solution, noting that businesses aren't accountable to citizens by any vote nor do they demonstrate any concern for the rest of society. Conservative mythology mistakenly assumes accountability to the market means accountability to society; it does not. The difference is profit and people.

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The electoral e-divide



Cindy Spurlock
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As if the cacophony of tired opinions regarding "traditional" media outlets was not confusing enough to the American voting public, a new set of concerns has emerged during this year's political campaigns. Although these concerns are of intense gravity and complexity, many politicians are mired down in the rhetoric of the past, not because the "old" ways of doing things are necessarily better, but because the "old" ways are comfortable.

Looking at the current state of affairs, ranging from the FBI's development and proposed implementation of Carnivore — the electronic wiretapping device — to the decision made by some universities to ban the use of Napster on student-funded campus Internet Service Providers, the message is clear: those in positions of influence and power are unaware of the long-term ramifications of their actions. As a result, they are making hasty decisions that turn into restrictive precedents; these decisions threaten the very freedoms that are guaranteed to the people in the First Amendment.

The questions that should be at the forefront of young voters' minds this election year concern the First Amendment rights of the people, the limitations of governmental intervention into the lives of the people, the fundamental right to privacy... and

the Internet.

The generation gap between the young and the old has widened from a mere ideological gorge to a technological/ideological divide of Grand Canyon proportions in the past 25 years. Considering the fact that most politicians and the bulk of eligible voters are over the age of 50 and were not raised in a techno-savvy environment, many are fearful of "new-fangled" technology and of the inherent freedoms of information and self-expression made possible by the Internet. How can young voters expect that the issues regarding the First Amendment and the Internet can best be understood by older voters and politicians, let alone interpreted in the best interests of the younger generation?

Change is never a painless process, particularly when the changes refer to fundamental changes in the way that federal and state governments construct their laws and how the courts interpret those laws.

After all, the younger generation of voters stands to inherit the laws and legal precedents set up by their elders. The laws and precedents that will directly impact the way in which the digitally-based economy, job market and entertainment domains are governed will be largely determined by voters who know little or nothing about technology who in turn elect Luddite politicians. What's a young, politically-motivated, techno-savvy egghed to do?

The first step toward ensuring

that the laws of the future regarding the Internet and other new media do not obstruct the rights of the people is to ensure that the politicians who are elected this November are aware of the importance and complexity of the issues. Secondly, it is imperative that the younger generation of voters educate its parents and grandparents, teachers and co-workers so that these older voters understand that voting for pro-technology candidates is intrinsically important to the social needs and economic future of their own sons and daughters. Finally, it is important that young voters "get out the vote" and show up *en masse* at the polls.

It is imperative that the younger generation of voters take the lead in ensuring that the freedoms of the past and present remain guaranteed in the future, regardless of the media in question. The Internet is one of the final frontiers of individual expression and of unbridled freedom. In order to remain true to the idealistic visions of those that labored to create the Internet, voters of all ages need to carefully consider where their candidate(s) of choice stand on the issues of privacy, freedom of speech and expression and of technological advancements.

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Student Government: Important force or Impotent farce?



Rachael Overcash
Staff Columnist

Student Government is probably the most powerful student organization at N.C. State. It is the only organization that voices the needs of 28,000 NCSU students. It is a student advocacy group that fights every day for the needs of students.

Before I continue, I need to clarify what Student Government is. As a wise elder once said about Student Government, "It should not be called Student Government because we do not govern anything. We instead are student advocates." We advocate student needs to the faculty, staff, administration and the UNC System.

The power that lies behind Student Government is very unique. Student Government is the only organization that holds a voting position in the Board of Trustees, the major governing body of NCSU. This year, one of our own Student Government members is an ex-officio member

of the Board of Governors — the governing body of the UNC System. This is a very powerful year for Student Government, a year in which we as student advocates can get a lot of things done for NCSU students.

Now that I have laid out all the things Student Government has, you are probably asking, "What does this great 'student advocacy' group do?"

First of all, without Student Government, many of the activities that we enjoy so much on campus wouldn't even occur. Remember camp-out? That project was facilitated by Student Government. The implementation of the Werewolf Night Busing System was another Student Government initiative. Having more bicycle police on Hillsborough Street was also a Student Government project. Seeing Nelly for FREE on campus — just for registering to vote — was yet another Student Government project.

Student Government is not only about projects and initiatives. It is also about helping students voice their opinions,

Student Government is often the only effective means through which students can be heard by the administration. The administration does not want to be bombarded by thousands of complaints from the general student body. It looks to the Student Government to advocate the main interests of the student body. The administration sees students as a monolith, and Student Government has to be the voice of the monolith.

Student Government is a true asset to NCSU. Without Student Government, there would be no united voice for students on campus. Although students may feel that Student Government does not adequately represent them, that is no reason to disregard Student Government. Student Government is there to help, and we always have the student's opinion in heart.

Please feel free to come up to the office and meet your Student Government leaders; our door is always open to you. We are your advocates at NCSU.

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How can anyone be against student government? They are, after all, an organization with a "primary purpose" to advocate the interests of the student body to both the administration and to other groups on and off campus, according to their mission statement (students.ncsu.edu).

But how can they do that when so much of the student population is flatly not represented? According to N.C. State's University Planning & Analysis, 2,988 Life Long Education students, 667 College of Design and School of Architecture students, 1,764 College of Education and Psychology students, 5,140 graduate students, 405 College of Optometry students, 1,440 First Year College students and all seniors in both the College of Management and the College of Humanities and Social Sciences (742 and 865 students, respectively) are not all represented in Student Senate.

Even in the Executive Branch, the current officers of Student Body President, Student Senate President, Student — Body Treasurer and Chief Justice won their office with only 1479, 1630, 1556 and 1507 votes, respectively. Even the largest of those victories, 1630 votes, accounts for only six percent of the entire student body — hardly a mandate from the masses.

Considering the fragments of Student Government that are in office, their effectiveness and political power is flat out non-existent. Last year, for example, the entire Student Senate voted against increasing both athletics fees and tuition. Despite the fact the Student Senate (i.e., student representation) voted unanimously against the policies, the administration ignored student opinion and went forth with its own agenda.

Sure, relations are great between the administration and the student government this year — but that's more likely a result of the administration's need to cozy up to the student body in order to get help passing the much-coveted

ed bond referendum on Nov. 7. Even the good times are bad because they do nothing but highlight the truth that student government is a puppet government figurehead organization that the administration allows in order to pretend that students matter, to add to the illusion that students have a voice on this campus.

As it exists today, NCSU's Student Government is little more than a resume-building club. If it ever intends to be anything more, Student Government must stop serving student interests as a sub-heading to administrative interests; it must become more than a composite of election results and must strive to be a student-centered political force on campus that makes its own results.

Comments on the role of Student Government? Send them to Richard at ncsu_writer@yahoo.com

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fact that one cannot aspire to obtain anything after one has died, here is a functional definition of poetry — poetry is that which employs "immensely complex poetical devices."

There are two problems. Firstly, Lintner cites one line from Maya Angelou — is this really representative of all poetry written after Shelley? Secondly, what about prose, which uses the same devices? Name me some of your "poetical devices," Mr. Lintner. I'll bet for almost every device, I can find an example of prose AND an example of modern poetry that uses it.

Poetry is not something to be cordoned off by time period, a list of devices, or anything else. Poetry is within all of us, waiting to be evoked. The evocation —

the poem — comes from the artist's heart and mind, not the time period that they happened to live in or the technical devices they employ. Poetry is alive, and always will be.

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Bond a good idea

Steven LeBoeuf's Sept. 8th column against the UNC bond referendum was flawed. Although it is true that a bond is a loan that needs to be repaid with interest, LeBoeuf is mistaken in how it will affect taxpayers. He asserts that "taxpayers will be the most obvious losers," when in fact they benefit most.

A bond works something like a mortgage. Instead of paying \$100,000 for your home today, you finance it with payments that

you can afford. It's the same with the UNC bond — if we had to pay for the repairs that are needed for these facilities today, we would have to raise taxes exorbitantly. But by borrowing the money, we create a payment that the state can afford without needing to raise taxes.

LeBoeuf insists that the bankers, bureaucrats and contractors will benefit from the bond. However, the whole state will benefit from the repair of our buildings. North Carolina wants to produce educated citizens who can make informed decisions. By investing in the university system, we are making sure that our citizens have the means to realize their full potential. Enrollment in the UNC system is expected to increase by 100,000 students over the next decade. Renovation and construction will allow for educational opportunities that would otherwise be unavailable.

LeBoeuf also argues that these

renovations are for campus beautification and don't directly affect our academic enrichment. Students need safe, efficient buildings in which they can attend classes, study and live. These are not just beautification efforts but necessary building maintenance.

As an in-state resident, LeBoeuf pays only a small percentage of the actual cost of attendance at N.C. State. If he were to follow his own Liberalist philosophies, he would make a charitable contribution to the university every semester to pay for the extra costs not covered by tuition and fees. However, North Carolinians think that it is important LeBoeuf be a more informed citizen and thus decided to offer everyone the opportunity to pursue higher education at a reasonable price.

To continue this tradition of affordable quality education for everyone, it is imperative that we

VOTE on Nov. 7th FOR the UNC bond referendum. A vote for improving our colleges is a vote for improving our students, our citizens and our state.

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Studies not representative of faith

I have a few problems with Mark Zumbach's forum letter from Sept. 22. First of all, I have difficulty with Zumbach's sweeping statement that "studies have shown that one's choice to become a Christian is only after years of 'indoctrination' into the lifestyle by other Christians." I know of many people who have quite suddenly and unexpectedly committed their lives to Christ without "years of indoctrination by other Christians."

Zumbach's heavy reliance on "studies" as a means to interpret the Christian community is dangerous and prejudicial. Zumbach's argument that Christianity begets an unhealthy lifestyle is untrue, and his "evidence" for it is incredible. He first points to Christianity as the source of all holy wars. Well, who was fighting back? And have all holy wars involved Christians?

Christian teaching does not condone any of history's holy wars. Zumbach then proceeds to blame Christianity for high rates of divorce. Jesus teaches that divorce is unlawful, except in cases where a spouse has been unfaithful. Zumbach would do well to use another example to deliver his point.

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On their first album Radiohead made the declaration that "Anyone Can Play Guitar."

Far be it from Radiohead to be just like anyone, for on their new album, "Kid A" (due out Oct. 3rd), the six-string doesn't make a recognizable appearance until four songs into the album. So in this post-Alternative rock world, has one of the few survivors of the 90's completely forsaken the music that made them? Who cares... they have made one of the first classic albums of the 00's, so honestly what does it matter if they stick to some prescribed blueprint?

"Kid A" serves as the perfect follow up to 1997's "OK Computer," which featured not only overblown and over the top music but was surrounded by overblown and over the top hype and press. If anyone has a good case for

cracking under the pressure of rock stardom, it would be Thom Yorke and the rest of the fellows, following their coronation by critics as the new saviors of rock. Often this pressure can get to a band and force them to reach too far for a "new sound," creating a backlash which can bury them for years. While Radiohead's reach is great on their new album, their grasp is even greater.

The album kicks off peaceful enough with "Everything In It's Right Place," a song whose title could serve as the motto for this perfectly crafted album. Kicking off with big keyboard chords and Thom Yorke's vocals, which grow more and more disturbing as the song develops, Radiohead makes clear to the listener that the days of "Creep" have long since been left behind. The beats that are so much a part of this album make their first appearance on the title track, with a trippy snare not unlike the sounds of DJ Shadow. This over a voice that has been so mangled by technology, the listener isn't even sure whether it's Thom Yorke at all. It sure sounds like he's singing "Rats and

children follow me out of town"... could he seriously be saying that?

By the third song, "The National Anthem," it is completely clear that all rules have been tossed out. The listener is greeted with a menacing drum-and-bass beat, jagged strings, and paranoid words ("Everyone just stop...What's going on?"), which all end up trashed in a cacophony of

are still rather disturbing, as Thom Yorke sings, "I'm not here/ This isn't happening." The theme of escape from technology and modern society that was so prevalent on "OK Computer" continues through this album, with an even darker slant. All hope has been lost; the enemy has us surrounded and it's us.

The second half of the album begins with the first sign of alternative rock, with tribal beat and dirty guitars. Whatever sense of peace provided by the quiet of the previous two tracks is blown to pieces as York sings, "Flies are buzzing around my head/ Vultures circling my bed/ Picking up every last crumb" on "Optimistic." And while "Optimistic" is very much like the drive of "OK Computer," this doesn't last for long as the song collapses into the R&B beat which begins "In Limbo," a piece filled with watery guitars and spacey beats. From there the listener is flung straight back into the fray with "Idioteque," the most daring song on the album. Overflowing with keyboards, heavy electronic beats, and apocalyptic ranting ("Ice age com-

ing.../Throw me in the fire,"), the band makes a last gasp through the noise and static to throw off modernity, but as the next song, "Morning Bell," tells us "I might as well...Run around around around..." Thom Yorke finally realizes, "This is really happening," and there isn't a thing that can be done about it.

Through all the projecting about the "statement" being made by Radiohead, the question remains, is this a good album? Whether you surround it with all the hype that is bound to engulf it, or remove it completely and listen as objectively as possible, this is a fantastic album. The first few listens one is left wondering what in the world one just listened to, but also wanting to listen again. While "Kid A" doesn't contain the hooks and melodies of previous Radiohead work, it is as addictive an album as has been put out in a long time and in the end that's the greatest artistic statement of them all; to leave listeners craving for more.

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Radiohead Kid A ★★★★

sound which includes, among other things, a horn section. All rules were truly lost in the making.

By the time "How To Completely Disappear" rolls around, the listener are ready to take a breather and collect their thoughts. While the traditional mix of guitar and a rising chorus (very reminiscent of "Exit Music" from "OK Computer") do provide one with that respite, the undercurrents of this album

You can go home again

Joel Isaac Frady
Staff Writer

The Raleigh Little Theatre's presentation of "Home" is exactly what one would expect from the title: a play that comes straight from the heart, following the struggles of a man trying to find the place that he belongs.

The play, written by Samun-Art Williams, follows the former Cephus Miles (Corey S. Manning, Sr.) as he is left for nothing by his love, imprisoned for his beliefs and lost in the glories of the big city. The play has very rich characters and is the kind of play that comes straight from the pains of the writer; Williams probably went through many of the struggles mentioned in the play himself. Manning plays his lead character with heart and wit; he may not be very bright and he gets himself into many tough situations without even realizing it until he's there, but he's a passionate and caring character that the audience falls for quickly. He creates a character that wins not by big speeches or heroic actions, but by the little things that make the character. The most notable of these is the face he makes when the answer to his problem is a very simple one and he knows it and is trying as hard as he can to grasp it but can't quite figure it out.

There are only two other members of the cast that play about 20 other roles and what a sight it is. Barbette Hunter and Morrah Marlowe D'Elene play Woman I and Woman II, respectively. They have one of the hardest jobs an actor could imagine, jumping from costume to costume and character to character repeatedly throughout the play. The roles vary widely, within five minutes they'll have played a drunk, a preacher, a prison guard, a bus driver and even Cephus' personal conscience. Both of the women give excellent performances; the strain caused by the constant character and costume changes never shows and each character is just as unique and different



as if they had one actor for each role.

All of the actors come together perfectly, as do the sets and lighting patterns designed by Cain M. Bihrey. The play's director, Mary K. Rowland, chose to present the entire play without an intermission, strange for a play running 100 minutes. Here it works though, as she crafts a very nostalgic play that doesn't try to glamorize any aspect of its world, but instead shows a rough road that an honest man has before him. He's not

always perfect and most of the trouble he gets himself into can be generally stereotyped to most common people (especially when it comes to his love life). The events that lead up to these are fairly normal and would otherwise be predictable, but with characters like these the audience expects everything but that.

"Home" is a great play. The actors are a joy to watch and the little flaws of the play are not very visible. The characters are those that people can

relate to and even care about and while the ending is a bit sappy, you leave the theatre with a good feeling.

NOTE: The play does have two rather explicit romantic scenes, both fully clothed but very risqué none the less, so readers who might be offended by this or have children that could be offended by this need to think twice.



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Walking in a WONDERLAND



Joel Isaac Frady
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Michael Winterbottom's "Wonderland" is a film that a lot of blood, sweat and hard work went into. It is a film with excellent performances from the entire cast, a musical score that haunts the audience even after the film ends and the most unique cinematography seen this year. The sad part is that the film doesn't play or payoff as well as it looks and feels.

The film takes place in London and what a sight it is! Winterbottom and his cinematographer, Sean Bobbitt, capture the entire film with handheld cameras, never using artificial light or extras. The effect of this is London, an enchanting, surrealistic "wonderland" where the night seems to last for days and even it is brighter than the day. The style is a bit hard to get used to at first and many audience members may not like it, but this film truly has a feel all its own.

The film's highest point is the score, composed by Michael Nyman. Using mainly the piano, he creates music that equals the cinematography in surrealism and is nothing less than beautiful, haunting music. Like a good conversation, it is low when it needs to be and high when

the action is dying. This is almost a perfect score.

The cast is also great all around. The most notable is the beautiful Molly Parker, who only two weeks ago graced the screen with an amazing performance as Anna Miller in "The Five Senses," who gives another vibrant performance as a

While he creates some vivid, life like characters that come to life, but there is little to no development in the characters. He also has ten characters, all of equal importance, and he spends so much time keeping up with them that not that much happens. It feels as if he created these amazing characters and just needed a media to get them onto, and by the end he has established them and the "wonderland" they live in, but in doing so the film has little to no closure. Some characters are left at the film's end with just as many problems as they had when the film began.

The other problem is the film's jumpiness; it takes two or three scenes with each character before the audience finally realizes who is who and what's going on. In the entire film, it jumps from long scene to long scene and by the time it returns to each character you've almost forgotten who it is.

This film is above average though; its heart and characters make up for the holes that lie elsewhere. Parker (with this and "Five Senses" I now want to marry her) and the rest of the cast alone are worth seeing here. It may not be wonderful, but this is a land you won't mind journeying to.

Wonderland

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Director:

Michael Winterbottom

Starring:

Molly Parker

Gina McKee

pregnant woman whose husband goes through a life crisis right before she goes into labor. Her friend Debbie (Shirley Henderson, "Transpotting") and her sister, Nadia (Gina McKee), get her to the hospital. McKee also gives a colorful performance as a struggling, love-sick waitress. It is her that the film revolves around and she pulls off a very tough performance.

The film's major flaw is the screenplay, written by first-timer Laurence Coriat.

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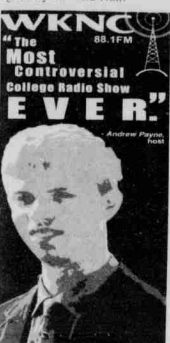
because we weren't playing up to what we know our potential to play is."

"The Pack now must look ahead to its next opportunities this weekend. State travels to Tallahassee, Fla., to take on the Florida State Seminoles on Friday and then comes back home for a non-conference battle against Kentucky.

"Our team is hungry right now to get a win in the conference and a win outside of the conference," said Williams. "One of our goals this season was to beat Florida State in Tallahassee, so we not only have the goal to win an ACC match, but the added goal of beating Florida State."

The team hopes to work on its weaknesses and capitalize on that desire to get its first win in the ACC this season.

"We have to just go back to the very fundamentals, how you score points and how you stop other teams from scoring points against you," said Hall.



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lot in a soccer game, and I have confidence that if we play like that Wednesday, we can win."

Wednesday's game will be a test for the Pack because UNCC has already played two Atlantic Coast Conference teams—Clemson beat the 49ers 1-0 and Wake Forest edged them 2-1.

Additionally, the teams share other common opponents. Davidson nipped the Pack 1-0 earlier in the year, only to fall to UNCC 3-2, while UNCC played State to a scoreless tie, but went on to defeat UNCC 3-2.

UNCC is a young team. Its goalkeeper, Jennifer Howell, is a sophomore. She was the Conference USA Defensive Player of the Week last week after she shutout St. Louis and Houston. Her goals-against average is 0.49 in 368 minutes of conference play.

The 49ers' roster includes just two seniors, one of whom is Jill Currie.

Currie has started 11 games for UNCC, scoring five goals off 25 shots.

"We are familiar with a lot of UNCC's players," Kerrigan said. "We remember them from last year. We also watched a lot of them come up through the club ranks."

In 1999, UNCC beat State in overtime 3-2.

"We are looking forward to the game Wednesday," Kerrigan said. "They got us in OT last year, so we kind of feel like we owe them."

Back the Pack

GODFREY

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there seemed to be a good number of soccer enthusiasts from around the area who were interested in Pack soccer.

Also in attendance were young soccer players, ones who might one day fill Kerrigan's roster.

The impression the Pack made on these girls was undoubtedly good, as it displayed an exciting, potent offense. And just like when a blue-chip basketball recruit signs with a Kentucky or a UCLA because that team provided him with his first college basketball memory, those girls will keep State soccer in mind as they strive to make international playing pools and all-state teams.

Then, over the weekend, State played in the Clemson Invitational against Furman, a 1999 NCAA Tournament team. The fact that Clemson, the No. 2 team in the nation, invited the Pack to play speaks to the fact that the Tiger coaching staff, which includes a coach participating in the Olympics, sees State's potential, too.

ACC women's soccer is the best in the nation. With seven of eight teams nationally ranked, there is no other comparable conference.

It would be presumptuous to say that all eight ACC teams could make the NCAA field this year since there are only 48 teams in the entire tournament. Accordingly, North Carolina, Clemson and Duke are the only tourney locks.

Three conference wins and a strong ACC Tournament showing should secure an ACC team a NCAA tournament berth.

For the Pack, the field of 48 is reachable.

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close together," Olivencia said. "We just have mental lapses and they will score two or three quick goals."

"The games are a lot closer than what the score is showing. We're not finishing all of their. It's looking a lot more lopsided than it really is."

The team should receive a break against the less-imposing Eagles, who do not possess the talent seen in the vaunted attacks of Maryland and Clemson. Georgia Southern will enter with confidence, however, after seeing how similar teams have triumphed over the Pack.

Georgia Southern is in the middle of a four-game winless streak of its own. It is led offensively by Tony Brown and Jeff Russell, who have combined for over 40 percent of the team's goals.

If the Wolfpack is to be successful, it will most likely need to strike first. The team has not led since the first game of the season and has lost every game in which the other team scored first.

The Eagles tend to be more vulnerable in the early portion of the game. Of the 12 goals Georgia Southern has allowed in regulation, eight of them have come in the initial 45 minutes.

The Eagle offense also needs a half to warm up, as the majority of its goals have come in the second half.

In Georgia Southern's last game against Georgia

Washington, freshman Tony Moffat scored a 41st-minute goal to seal a draw on the road. The dangerous second-half offense of the Eagles will force the Pack's defense to play smart for the full 90 minutes.

With games against nationally ranked Virginia, Wake Forest and Duke in the near future, wins will come at a premium. With post-season hopes fading with each additional loss, this non-conference match is a "must-win" for the team's confidence.

"I believe in this team," said head coach George Tarantini. "I believe we are going to make a run. And [today] is maybe the beginning."

Game-time is set for a 3:30 p.m. *Jack Daly contributed to this report.*

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soccer
Women on the rise

So Chuck Amato appears to have the football team ready to re-stake a claim to a bowl berth. And Herb Sendek's basketball team should be of national notoriety this season.

After all, these are the sports most N.C. State students and fans care the most about.

State students and fans care the most about. Some of us, however, are suckers for those variety (non-revenue) teams in which the coaches have the same charisma as the big-time sports, but players are more personable, and the setting isn't so commercialized.

Some of us want to see the soccer teams at State back in the NCAA Tournament as bad as we want to see the basketball team back.

For this reason, it's necessary to point out that thanks to Laura Kerrigan, two solid recruiting classes and good exposure, the Pack women's soccer team will be a NCAA Tournament team sooner than the basketball team, and, possibly, sooner than football makes a New Year's Day Bowl.

At 5-4-1 and ready to play UNC-Charlotte tonight, the soccer team has made noticeable progress over the past few games and over the past year.

In the midfield last year, Pack touchers didn't create enough offensive opportunities. Opposing players muscled State off of 50-50 balls. And although there were players who could run the line well, there wasn't great cohesion between them and the forwards who needed to finish.

This season, Pack attackers took 36 shots in one game against UNC-Asheville, netting three goals.

And in the midfield, Kelly Blaggie, along with flanks Rachel Durr, Melissa Presley and Amy Bary, control the ball. When one of the flanks looks to cross a ball down low, Shannon Tully or Laura Scott is there to shoot it — and finish.

Kerrigan is a State alumna who played soccer on back-to-back Final Four teams. When she came back to Raleigh, following stints as an assistant at William and Mary and Colorado College, the program had suffered its first losing season (1997). And recruiting, essentially, had been forgotten, according to Kerrigan.

"Before we got here, there wasn't a lot of recruiting done. I don't think," the coach said in a press-conference interview.

Needless to say, the coaches have been working to make up for recruiting mishaps.

This season, three freshmen boast international playing experience. Several of the freshmen were all-state players in high school.

The national reputation that the Pack coaching staff can establish if players like Kristin Skinner, of Yorba Linda, Calif., and Katherine Warman, of British Columbia, continue to commit will make recruiting even easier for the team.

With a firm recruiting foundation come wins. Kerrigan has worked to get her team exposure — something difficult to get when a team plays in the obscurity of Method Road Soccer Complex.

Last week, the team defeated UNC-Wilmington at WRAL Soccer Stadium. Granted, the location isn't student-friendly — there were a half dozen State students, maybe — but

Men's soccer looks for first victory

◆ N.C. State takes a break from the rigors of the ACC and hosts Georgia Southern.

Steve Thompson
Staff Writer

After suffering two lopsided defeats in Atlantic Coast Conference play, the N.C. State men's soccer team hopes to take out its frustrations on Georgia Southern.

The Wolfpack (0-5-2, 0-2 ACC) will attempt to break out of a three-game losing streak, not to mention a season-long winless streak, against the Eagles (3-4-1,

0-1 Southern Conference) this afternoon at the Method Road Soccer Complex.
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Inconsistent play has haunted the Pack in its first seven games, as the team has been unable to get all facets of the

game in sync. During the early season non-conference schedule, State's woes would generally be localized either in attacking or defending. With the advent of ACC play, the Pack has had problems both scoring goals and keeping other teams from doing so.

The first two ACC games for the Pack both resulted in five-goal defeats. Against Clemson on Sunday, State's Lee Baldwin score the first goal for the team in over 300 minutes, a stretch that spanned four games.

"If you check the box scores, you see the goals are coming



The men's soccer team gets another chance to break out of its slump with a match against Georgia Southern.

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Rob Godfrey

Pack falls in down performance



N.C. State was swept in a little more than an hour Tuesday by the Tar Heels.

◆ The volleyball team took a step back with its 3-0 loss to North Carolina.

Justin Sellers
Staff Writer

The N.C. State volleyball team lost to a powerful North Carolina squad 15-2, 15-3, 15-10 Tuesday night at Reynolds Coliseum.

The Pack (5-9, 0-3 Atlantic Coast Conference), coming off of two consecutive losses to Clemson and Georgia Tech this past weekend, needed a big match from everyone if it wanted to pull an upset over the Tar Heels (13-2, 3-0).

What they got instead was anything but a big match.

"I don't know if I have ever seen my entire team not show up," said N.C. State head coach Kim Hall. "We didn't have one position that performed well. None of our quick-hitters performed well, our power-hitters were nonexistent, our setter was not up to par."

The Pack showed little signs of life during the first two games, losing to Carolina 15-2, 15-3, respectively. Hall said State didn't play with the enthusiasm that it had over the weekend, especially in the game against Georgia Tech.

From the beginning, the Heels made their presence felt on the court. Led by senior Casey Simpson's 14 kills and 375 percentage hitting, UNC easily picked apart the Pack.

For the first two games, the Pack didn't have anything go its way, but State didn't go unnoticed by the Heels for the whole match.

In the third game, the Pack started out the same way it did in the first two. The Heels, up 12-4, looked poised to finish off the Wolfpack. However, someone turned on a switch for the home side.

State began to show signs of a team that wanted to win; a team that wasn't going to go out like it started. The Pack managed to score three points in a row to decrease the deficit to only five points, causing UNC to call a time out.

The 743 fans in attendance rallied behind State in hopes that its team had finally woken up from its funk at the beginning of the match. Despite the rally, however, the Heels held on at the end to win games three 15-10.

"We obviously didn't have our strongest performance tonight," said junior outside hitter Charcee Williams. "We had an unusually slow start this evening, which allowed them to get ahead of us. Just all around, it was a frustrating match."

Williams was one of the few bright spots for the Pack with 11 kills for a 375 hitting percentage. Freshman setter Crystal Shannon also contributed two kills for a .200 percentage hitting and 26 assists.

Overall, Hall felt that it was State's own play that hurt its chances of pulling the upset. As a team, the Pack only hit .055 for the match and committed a total of 27 errors, while the Heels hit .270 overall and only committed 13 errors.

"It was just a frustrating match," senior Meredith Price said. "I think the team that was not there playing was nothing we've ever seen in practice or in matches. It was really frustrating

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Rivalry match with Tar Heels falls short

◆ The volleyball team's anticipated showdown with North Carolina didn't quite live up to the Wolfpack's expectations.

Jeremy Ashton
Sports Editor

After playing close against two of the Atlantic Coast Conference's tougher teams this weekend, the N.C. State volleyball team seemed ready Tuesday to challenge first-place North Carolina.

Instead, the Wolfpack came out with a flat performance and was subsequently swept in three games. Head coach Kim Hall

expressed her disappointment with the team's effort against its rival following the game.

"You never would wish that, especially against Carolina," Hall said. "Some days your team just, for whatever reason, fatigue or overexcitement, doesn't show up to play."

The rivalry between the Pack and the Tar Heels made this match one that the team was looking forward to. State easily attracted its largest crowd of the season for the match in Reynolds Coliseum. And the players were anxious to get on the court to compete against UNC.

"There's always a rivalry with UNC," senior captain Meredith Price said. "We were excited to play them, maybe a little too excited to play them."

State was especially ready for the match following a productive weekend against Clemson and Georgia Tech. The Pack went five games Friday with the Tigers, the defending ACC regular season champions. State won the first game of Saturday's four-game loss to Tech and played the Yellow Jackets close in every game.

Hall had every reason to believe her team could hang with UNC, especially after the match with Tech. Earlier in the week, she mentioned that the Heels and Jackets are comparable teams, a theory that was given further credence considering the fact that Tech took UNC to the brink in Chapel Hill on Friday.

For some reason, the thriller that the Pack hoped for never materialized. Hall was not sure what led to the quick victory for the Tar Heels, but she didn't believe State was overwhelmed by UNC's credentials.

"I don't know why we would ever be intimidated," Hall said. "We've got nothing to lose."

The loss was a setback for a team that appeared to be beginning to find its way. But the Pack realizes that this is a week of time left in the year to recover from Tuesday's loss.

"We're together, and we're a tight team. This year, so we'll rebound," Price said. "We're going through this match together, and we'll start winning together."



WRAL Soccer Stadium will host three Pack games this year.

Women's soccer back at WRAL

◆ The Wolfpack entertains UNC-Charlotte at WRAL Soccer Stadium tonight.

Rob Godfrey
Assistant Sports Editor

Gretchen Lear could return to action Wednesday night at WRAL Soccer Stadium when N.C. State plays UNC-Charlotte at 7 p.m.

Lear, a sophomore goalkeeper, separated her shoulder on Sept. 3 in warm-ups before a game against the College of Charleston and hasn't played since. She began training again this week, and her status is day-to-day.

"Gretchen has been training, and may get the start," head coach Laura Kerrigan said. "We

aren't going to rush anything." Kristin Skinner, a freshman, took over for the injured Lear. She posted three shutouts in her first three collegiate starts.

Over the weekend, the Pack participated in the Clemson Invitational in Clemson, S.C.

Kerrigan said her team was satisfied with the Saturday win over UNC-Asheville though Friday's 3-1 loss to No. 23 Furman was disheartening.

The Paladins scored twice before Laura Scott put State on

the board to collect her team-leading fourth goal of the season.

"People felt good about the game Saturday," she said. "We were able to build a lot of confidence in front of the game because we finished. The loss to Furman was disappointing because it was a game we felt like we should have won."

In an offensive fashion similar to the one that shut down the UNC-Wilmington Seahawks, State fired 36 shots on goal in its match-up with UNCC. If Pack forwards take that many shots tonight, UNCC could find itself trying to overcome an early deficit.

"UNCC is a tough team," Kerrigan said. "But 36 shots is a

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