



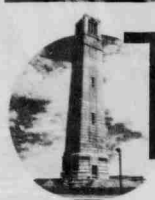
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NCSU, IBM, Red Hat form computing partnerships

◆N.C. State has established a partnership with IBM and Red Hat in open source computing, which will enhance academic computing on campus.

Spaine Stephens
News Editor

N.C. State officials announced Wednesday the unity between the university and IBM in developing open source computing on mainframe computers. Also announced was a partnership between NCSU and Red Hat to enhance the applications on campus of open source software, including the integration of the Linux open source system into the Eos program.

"[Open source computing] embraces the best of what is good in academia," said Chancellor Marye Anne Fox during a briefing at which the

partnerships were announced.

Open source computing makes the program instructions for computer software available for hands-on changes and improvements by the software users, instead of withholding this type of information within the companies. The new strategy "opens a level of exchange" between software users and the material, provides "intellectual stimulation," and a computing system which is "better aligned with academic goals," said Fox.

Representatives from IBM, which Fox described as a "giant in the field," stressed the importance of open source computing in preparing students to take on computer-related jobs.

"There is a great shortage of computer-skilled folks these days," said Barry Eveland, IBM Vice President and NCSU partnership executive.

Eveland pointed out that the era of open source computing is continuing to surface, and its

use on college campuses will help students build skills in the information technology industry that are vital to success and competition in the field.

Eveland discussed the increased use of Linux and the expanding library of resources to become available for hands-on research for students and faculty. This research could produce better material and applications in the future.

"Together, the three of us, N.C. State, IBM and Red Hat, will be successful in this particular project," said Eveland.

Open source computing has been mistaken in the past for an offer of free software. While there is some free material involved in the concept, this is not the main focus of the initiative.

"The openness creates opportunity, empowers innovation and allows us to avoid monolithic solutions," said Sam Averitt, NCSU vice provost for

Information Technology. "It allows us to be masters of our own fate."

Averitt went on to say that open source computing is taking the software industry to another level, and that it "reflects the culture of the university."

Fox referred to Red Hat as an "entrepreneurial business" that is quickly expanding. Matthew Szulik, Red Hat President and CEO, expressed his pleasure at being involved in the partnership with NCSU.

NCSU has close ties with Red Hat, and can provide assistance with the open source computing. The company also provides support for useful technologies on campus.

Fox said the university has been working alongside Red Hat to "provide the background that will make open source computing familiar" to users on campus.

An Honors seminar focused on Red Hat/Linux operations and

outlined the goals of the system, including expansion of service and software, the improvement of productivity applications and software development tools, said John Stone, a representative from the NCSU Honors Program.

The partnerships are working to the advantage of everyone involved. IBM and Red Hat employee NCSU graduates and the companies help the university turn initiatives into reality.

"[The College of Engineering] has turned out a tremendous number of employees," said Nino Masnari, dean of the College of Engineering. "It has worked both ways very successfully."

Masnari said recent NCSU graduates have had key parts in the partnerships, and that the College of Engineering is "doing what we can to provide the work force."

Averitt said the partnerships NCSU has formed are necessary

for the university to remain in a competitive position in the future. He stressed the importance of working with peers to reach the university's potential, saying that competitive solutions in the computing field cannot be found without additional outside resources.

Fox said open source computing will let NCSU students reach out to opportunities that may not be available without open source systems. Fox said open source computing is a "combination of curiosity and critical thinking that will allow us to aspire" to the next level.

The partnerships will give students hands-on experience with material they learned about in computer science classes and may find themselves using in future careers.

"The partnerships provide a marriage of a mature corporation, an entrepreneurial business and the best of the work force," said Fox.

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Students return from fall break to find a "Bob Rossian" mural of a mountain scene painted in the Free Expression Tunnel.

Area coaches serve Jimmy V Foundation

◆Kay Yow has been appointed to serve on the Jimmy V Foundation's board of directors, making NCSU closer to the former coach's organization.

Trey Godwin
Staff Writer

Jim Valvano was a legend to many who passionately follow N.C. State basketball. Jimmy V, as he was called by the NCSU community, brought a second national title to NCSU in 1983 as the head coach of the "Cardiac Pack." Valvano, who was twice named Atlantic Coast Conference Coach of the Year, died April 28, 1993 after a year-long battle with cancer.

However, a month before his death, Jimmy V announced that, with ESPN's assistance, he was starting the V Foundation for Cancer Research. After seven strong years of research, the foundation has raised \$16 million dollars to fight cancer.

Recently, the V Foundation announced that Kay Yow, the head women's basketball coach at NCSU, will join its board of directors. She joins Derek Whitenberg and Pam Valvano as the only members with direct ties to NCSU.

Yow comes to the V Foundation with the same amount of courage and determination that Jimmy V demonstrated during his entire coaching career and short stint with ESPN as a basketball analyst.

Mike Krzyzewski, head basketball coach at Duke, said Yow is the perfect addition to the Foundation's team.

"Yow is a stellar coach who has faced cancer and beaten it. She can provide great empathy to the programs of the V Foundation because of her incredible

of Valvano and is grateful that someone from NCSU is now on the board.

"It is vital that we always have someone from State to serve on the board because it reflects the love that Jimmy had for his school and, in particular, the basketball tradition," he said.

Yow, who could not be reached for comment on this story, will perform various duties while serving on the board through education, advocacy and fundraising.

Krzyzewski understands the importance of working with Yow to promote cancer awareness in the Triangle, headquarters of the V Foundation.

"Because we are both great competitors who have a strong commitment to our respective schools, we will do all we can to fight the disease that Jimmy V relentlessly tried to beat. We both love the area and I'm sure Kay will bring valuable suggestions to the table," he said.

Krzyzewski said he and Yow have many similarities which will further their friendship and make it easier to get things done. "Both of us aren't the type of people who will go off on tangents by ourselves. She has been at State for 25 years and I've been here for 21 years."

"Through coaching, we have shown the ability to work with different people and fight through adversity. It will carry over into our work with the V Foundation," he added.

Krzyzewski joked, "Evidently, we have done something right to remain at our jobs for this long."

Yow could not be reached for comment for this story.



Kay Yow

insight and organizational skills," added Krzyzewski.

Coach Krzyzewski, who is entering his 21st season and also serves on the foundation's board of directors, was a close friend

Lefties are all right

Jennifer Cioffi
The Daily Free Press (Boston, U.)

(U-WIRE) BOSTON — One out of every 10 people is left-handed, and for those living in this minority, life can be more difficult than for people who favor the right.

But does this include a shorter life span?

Recently, science has disproved the theory that left-handed people die earlier than right-handed people. As it turns out, the original study was flawed and a retraction had to be published.

According to a study conducted by Clare Porac, a professor of psychology and director of the School of Humanities and Social Sciences at Pennsylvania State University at Erie, there is no linkage between left-handedness and an early death, even though the percentage of left-handed people over age 60 is lower than the number of right-handed people.

There are tasks, however, that leave the left-handed person at a disadvantage. The use of carrot peelers, scissors, can openers, jigsaws and drills is difficult, if not dangerous, for lefties. Ink is smeared across their pages as they write, ring binders jab into their wrists, and left-handed writing desks

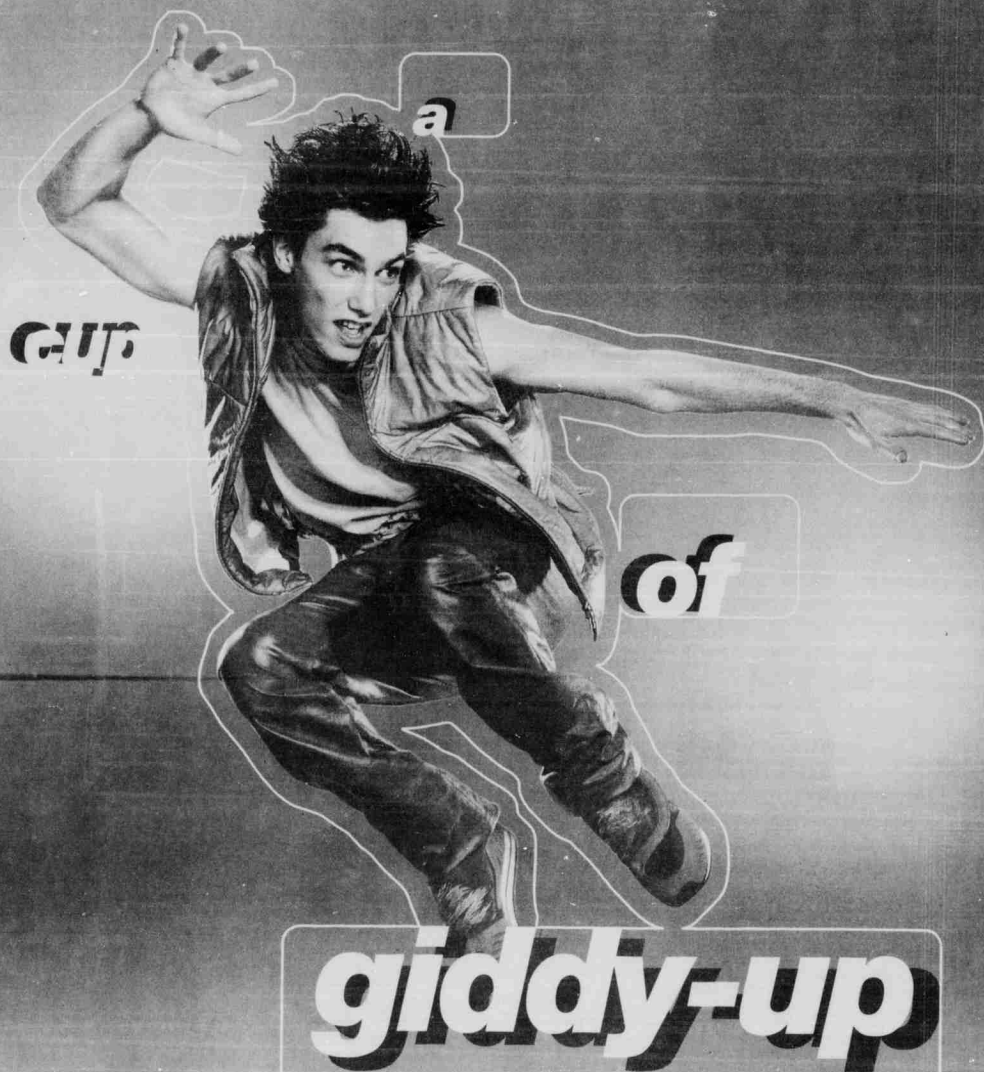
in lecture halls are few and far to be found.

Scientists have tried to determine what contributes to the development of left- or right-handedness. Many people believe that handedness is genetically linked, but studies have shown that this is not the only factor.

The tools used by Neanderthals, such as digging or scraping instruments, were found to be ambidextrous. In medieval times, weapons developed were also ambidextrous, including the crossbow, mace and flail.

In 1992, Porac conducted a study on identical twins to determine whether handedness was purely genetic. The reasoning behind the theory was that identical twins have identical genes, and therefore they must always be both right-handed or both left-handed. Surprisingly, only 76 percent of the twins had same handedness. In addition, if both parents are right-handed, there is only a 2 percent chance that their child will be left-handed. If both parents are left-handed the chance of the child being left-handed is half.

It becomes obvious that handedness determination is much more complicated than the random toss of the genetic dice.



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'I am psychologically maladjusted'

Kelly Marks
Staff Columnist

"The greatest love of all is easy to achieve. Learning to love yourself, it is the greatest love of all..."

People who are already predisposed to neurotic tendencies should stay away from psychology classes. Case in point: me.

I've found that while these classes teach lots of fascinating things, they also provide a whole list of mental conditions with which one can suddenly begin identifying. I spend the majority of my adolescent psych class thinking, "Oh, so that's what's wrong with me."

During a recent lecture on the self and identity, however, I had something resembling an epiphany. We were discussing the real and the ideal — how, as we grow, we have the self that we know we are and the self that we hope to be. If there's a huge discrepancy between the two, psychological maladjustment is just a hop, skip and a jump away. And that's when it hit me:

I am psychologically maladjusted. And it's all because of Whitney Houston.

When I was little, I wanted to be Whitney Houston. If you will take a moment to glance at the photo that's probably somewhere up around my name, please notice that I'm a ways away from my goal.

And yet, as a child it seemed like a logical aspiration. I had her self-titled debut and later the more informally named *Whitney!* When I was seven and subscribed to *Bop*, I got a free pin-up of my choice: Kirk Cameron, Corey Haim, Sean Astin — as tempting as it was, the promise of an \$8.10 glossy of any hunky (yet, clean cut) young male I could desire — there was no choice to make. It was Whitney all the way.

She was just so funky. The way she belted those big T-shirts and, later, the sparkly tanks and wild hair. I did more than just admire her. I wanted to be her. I wanted to dance with

somebody. I wanted to be every woman.

I was very disappointed when I realized that a number of factors stood in my way. The first, of course, being that Whitney was already Whitney — darn

Thus it follows that I get so emotional (bawly) because I'm hungry to come to terms with the fact that I will never shimmy on stage in a sequined dress or sing a soulful rendition of "Saving All My Love for You"

with when I left for fall break. Not "much" that I couldn't be Whitney, but that I was being someone I didn't like.

It was a random chance event that made me see this. I was sitting in a diner and they were gearing up for an evening of karaoke. One of the staff started playing around with the machine and the next thing I know, "I Wanna Dance with Somebody" filled the air. And the girl behind the microphone wasn't Whitney. But she was having fun not being Whitney. I found myself singing along. I was happy. And that's when it hit me.

The ideal is not Whitney. In reality, I do not want tabloids hinting that I've got a habit nor do I want to be trapped in a marriage to Bobby "It's My Prerogative" Brown. No, the ideal me is something else — the wide-eyed little girl who thought she could be a diva in the first place. She had dreams, drive, fun. It's the discrepancy between her and me that's been making me nuts. And that's the gap I want to close.

There are some things that you have to figure out on your own. For me, this was one of them. People always say "you have to like yourself," but exposure to countless motivational wall hangings and after-school special sentiments didn't get the point across. The real answer came from, but of course, Whitney Houston. In her pivotal ballad of the early eighties, she told us all to "let the children's laughter remind us how we used to be." At the risk of sounding incredibly sapid and stupid, I'm trying to do just that.

And because I can't resist the urge I'll close with another line, knowing that I'm not quite to this point yet, but working at it everyday: I've found the greatest love of all, inside of me.

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And her mother said, 'Sue, Heather Sue, sue'

Justin Parisi
Staff Columnist

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Heather said, I have to cheer for State and tear Carolina to pieces every chance I get. The generalizations make it easier; the rationalizations make any savage comment OK. It's my duty as a student at this university to bash Carolina. No real reason, just because we're cool and

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TECHNICIAN'S VIEW AIDS patience

Under current national policy, healthcare workers are required by law to reveal their own HIV or Hepatitis B (HBV) status to patients.

As of July 1999, however, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) have not documented a case in which a single case of HIV transmission to protect the privacy of healthcare workers.

Healthcare workers to any of their 22,000-plus patients.

Furthermore, apart from some anomalous cases in 1992, no HBV doctor-to-patient transmission has been documented in the United States.

Both statistics are printed in an article written by law professor Lawrence O. Gostin, from Georgetown University Law Center in Washington, D.C., in the Oct. 18 issue of the esteemed Journal of the American Medical Association (JAMA).

Gostin asserts in his piece that though "the risks to the patients are negligible, the burdens on HIV-infected healthcare workers are disproportionately high. Healthcare workers face employment discrimination, invasion of privacy and loss of their professional status."

Gostin's JAMA article sits a

political hornet's nest; namely, the issue of whether how a patient's right to be informed should meet a healthcare provider's right to privacy.

Unfortunately, AIDS, still a four-letter word in our culture, has not yet conquered a five-syllable problem: hypochondria. Despite AZT and its open bar of drug cocktail treatments, the eighties

view of AIDS as a "plague" is still a prevalent notion.

In that vein, AIDS victims are still second-class citizens and national policy reflects that mentality.

Ultimately, an HIV/HBV-free citizen's right to avoid contracting the disease overweighs an HIV/HBV-infected citizen's right to protect their own private medical history.

However un-American — in the most appalling McCarthyist HIV — is the national policy towards HIV/HBV-infected healthcare workers and the general infected citizenry is, specially speaking, a necessary evil.

The HIV and HBV — although, admittedly more the society's able to deal with in any rational, scientific manner.

'Tradition, grandeur and sheer hatred'

Patricia Crane
Staff Columnist

If you didn't watch it, shame on you. It was beautiful. We came, we saw, we kicked some Tarheel a— and on their home turf!

I wasn't there; I was at home in Virginia for Fall Break, chilling in my pajamas and being really lazy. But I was up on Saturday and wearing Wolfpack red, glued to ABC for the most important game of the season.

Sure, other games might be tougher; other teams might be ranked higher and it may appear to the outside observer that more rides on a bowl game, but any real State fan knows that the Carolina game is the one that really matters deep in our hearts. We want to beat Florida State again. We want to play in the post-season, but most of all, we want to beat Carolina. It is our calling, the beauty of an ancient rivalry.

I've seen many great sports rivalries. In Indiana, it's basketball; life revolves around Purdue vs. Indiana University. In our quarterback-god's home state of Alabama, the world stops for the Bama-Auburn football game. I once watched that game uncomfortably in a living room full of Auburn fans; I think Bama lost that year.

In my most recent home state of Virginia, it's the UVA against Virginia Tech in a classic football rivalry that closely parallels our own with Carolina. The (rich, snooty) liberal arts uni-

versity founded at the dawn of time versus the (laid-back, less exclusive) agricultural and engineering school that has cows somewhere on campus.

It's the tradition, grandeur and sheer hatred that make these teams equals on the field no matter what their conferences or records or ranks.

Does the average dedicated State fan know why he hates Carolina? Does it have any basis in any actual affront suffered at the pastel blue hands of the rival? Rational reasons are not on the mind of the average State fan screaming for Tarheel blood at the annual game. He hates Carolina because they're Carolina; they're everything we're not and mostly don't want to be anyway.

Don't get me started on Carolina fans, calmly waving their pom-poms and occasionally singing a fight song (but always seated), while the State fans jump and scream and occasionally fall off bleachers in their enthusiasm. We believe we can affect the outcome if only we yell until we can't anymore; Carolina fans think if they jump they might wrinkle their khakis.

But for some reason, we just haven't been able to beat Carolina in football for the past seven years, no matter how much they sucked. My friend Doug is fond of saying that you could put Girl Scouts on the field in Carolina blue uniforms and our team would lose; it's a mental block. But it's gone now and it's all due to skill, talent and maybe even Divine Right.

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Staff Writer

There are two ways to approach a classic horror such as "Dracula": the first way is to create a dark, intense atmosphere and play each part seriously, shooting totally for scares. The second and more enjoyable way is to play the parts with wit and to build the play with humor, bringing the audience in and surprising them with the scares. This is how the director, Haskell Fitz-Simmons, approaches the material. What he achieves is a production with outlandish performances from a diverse and fitting cast that brings as many laughs as they do scares to the material, the product being a very fun show.

The plot is well known by all: a Transylvanian vampire comes to England and begins to prey on the daughter of a rich Doctor (John Adams), looking for a bride to join him in an eternal curse. The vampire, played by Jonathan Demers (who really sinks his teeth into this role, pun intended), is an ideal antihero; he is evil, stalks innocent girls, dresses all in black and speaks with an unnaturally strange accent. To say the least, everyone loves the guy! Demers captures the style of the vampire, walking in and out with that nice little smile on his face and you know he's enjoying it.

As he moves in on Lucy (Corie Berkemeyer), the doctor and his vampire hunter Helsing (Eric DeVitt, also a scene stealer) plot to kill Dracula. The material is played to a good median; the actors play it all very straight,

but the humor found in the outrageous set of rules that vampires have to live by (is there anything that doesn't hurt a vampire?) is captured. There is also the part of the insane man, Renfield (Jack Prather), who lives in a room in the upper part of the house and keeps escaping. Prather holds nothing back in his performance; his spitting madman and DeVitt's Helsing making the stage a showcase for strange characters.

The play does capture some scares though and the second and third acts are very fast-paced and well timed. The set has about five different entrances, at least for the vampire and the suspense builds, the audience not knowing when or where Dracula will appear. In the third act, Dracula makes one daring escape that is staged incredibly well; the audience is as surprised as the hunters that he evades them.

There are a few technical bits that spoiled the atmosphere of the play a bit. Throughout the play there are bats flying around the stage and outside the windows, this being scary because Dracula can turn into a bat. On more than one occasion, when the bat is flying around the window, a pole holding the bat up is not hidden at all, diverting the attention away from the tension to the blunder.

The costumes also go very well with the play. Dracula is in his normal black cape and tuxedo, making all entrances with the strut to accompany his flashiness. The costume change for Lucy makes her transition easier to follow, her flowing white dress being traded for a shorter red one as the third act begins. The only question one might wonder is where the mental

patient's clothes come from and how they stay so clean with him jumping out of windows and crawling on the floor the way he does.

The actors' performances are what bring this production to life. Each member is energetic and adds small quirks to make this a cast of characters fun to watch. The play unfolds in almost perfect timing, plus the laughter and the tension are brought to a

nice median. No one's winning any awards here, but it is a great way to spend an evening.

Also, they are featuring a showing on Halloween, a discount being given to the people that arrive in a costume. This play runs at the Raleigh Little Theatre through Oct. 31 and tickets range from \$13 to \$18.

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TRINOC-CON: Not as weird as you'd think

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Senior Staff Writer

If you ask most people what a science fiction convention is, they'll respond by telling you about those Trek Conventions held at the fairgrounds where people dress up like Klingons and stand in line for three hours to meet an obscure TV star.

This wasn't the case with Trinoc-Con.

"A writer for the Daily Tar Heel (UNC's student newspaper) showed up for the day to scope us out and write a story," reports Laura Haywood-Cory, president of the convention's staff. "He registered, then wandered off."

"Thirty minutes later he was back at Registration, asking politely for a refund. He said the con wasn't what he was expecting and his original story idea wasn't going to work. Seems there weren't enough denuded people in wacky costumes for him to hang his 'SF fans are phreaks' story onto..."

Trinoc-Con is the premiere "Speculative Fiction" convention for the Triangle, which has been over two years in the making. It is held as a non-profit convention, with proceeds going toward programs like the Wake County Literary Council and the Comic Book Legal Defense Fund.

"I haven't been to a gathering like this in some time," admits Dru Blair, an aviation artist and New Bern native, who has done the covers for over 80 "Star Trek" novels, "but this really makes me want to attend more gatherings like this, get out more. The people in charge are terrific, and the fans are friendly. For a first-time convention, it's excellent."

Blair was only one of many guests who attended Trinoc-Con. A wide variety of authors and artists were in attendance, including World Fantasy

Award-winning comics artist Charles Vess, 3rd Edition "Dungeons and Dragons" designer Skip Williams and Nebula Award winner Michael Bishop.

"It's a very impressive lineup," says Mike Weirings, artist of the fantasy comic "Tollens," from Image Comics. "There's a lot of creators I'm familiar with, and a lot of people I'm now interested in getting more information on."

Attendance at the convention numbered 570, a good number for a first time convention.

"There's been a lot more people showing up than we thought there'd be," says Rick McGee, the conference chairman and owner of Hillsborough Street comics shop Foundation's Edge. "I'm really happy with the turnout."

The convention offered a wide variety of activities, including an art show, a charity auction, Live Action Role Playing (LARP) games, performances by the Shadow Players (a group that stages realistic battles with medieval overtones) and a number of panels concerning both science fiction and comics. One of the highlights of these was an interview by Literary Guest of Honor Michael Swanwick, an award-winning author whose most recent work is the short story collection "Tales of Old Earth." In the interview, conducted by author and NCSU alum Andy Duncan, Swanwick discussed growing up in the South and his early years as a writer.

"I started out at 17, then finished my first story 12 years later," said Swanwick. "It did me a favor, though, because I got all my bad, incompetent writing out of the way early - my first two published stories got on the Nebula ballot."

Swanwick also discussed his process as a writer. "I like to follow, to an extent, [late author A.E.] Van Vogt's 'every two words' rule, or putting in a

new idea every 200 words. If you have a lot of ideas, use them all now, because you can always get new ideas, but if you keep them around, they'll just get old fast." Swanwick also mentioned he has just completed his latest novel, "The Feasible Dinosaur," a time-travel adventure dealing with extinction.

The con also offered a few surprises as well. One of the biggest happened to N.C. State professor John Kessel, who was one of the guests. Sunday, Kessel was to appear on a panel called "Retrospective on the Cyberpunk-Humanist Debate" with several other authors. However, that turned out not to be the case.

"[Writer and occasional collaborator] Jim Kelly, who was moderating the event, goes 'I've already done this before, who wants to do something else?' I had no idea what he was talking about."

What Kelly was talking about was a surprise roast for Kessel, who had just turned 50. A variety of authors in attendance (and several who couldn't make it, but sent notes in their stead) then stood up one by one and proceeded to bombard Kessel with good-natured jokes about his writing and mentoring.

"It was a real treat," says Kessel. "They've been trying to get a really good SF convention up in the Triangle for years now, and this was a real success. And this was the icing on the cake."

For more information about Trinoc-Con, including information about next year's convention, check out its Web site at <http://www.trinoc-con.org>. The Technician would also like to thank the convention's staff, especially Dan Reid, for their help in providing convention information.

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underground



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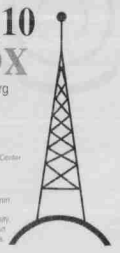
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have fun this weekend

Chris Ragone
Staff Writer

Graduation from college offers a person many different possibilities. For some, it means finding a job; for others, continuing one they already have. For the members of the now Raleigh-based band Weekend Excursion, it means turning their dreams into reality.

Since graduating from college in May, the band has been focusing their efforts on touring and becoming a better band overall. Drummer Cas Edmunds says, "Now we realize this is our full time job. When I wake up on a Monday morning, I'm not thinking 'man what do I have to do about class' ... I'm thinking 'what can I do to make the band better, what can I do today to progress my musical career'."

Since expanding their touring schedule, the band has become involved in some high profile events as well as staying true to the small venues and colleges that gave the band its start. One of these events has been the Lucky Strike band competition. Last month, the band competed against several local bands in Charlotte and won going away. "We had a lot of people come out and support us and that's what it was all about," Edmunds said. The second round of the competition is coming up at the end of the month, and if the band is victorious, it will mean a trip to the finals held in Miami, Fla. and Atlanta, Ga.

Another large event was playing with Cowboy Mouth and Days of the New at the House of Blues in Myrtle Beach, S.C. This gave the band an opportunity to expose their sound to a group of people that may not have had

a chance to experience Weekend Excursion before. As well as playing in South Carolina, the band has also been expanding their tours into Virginia, playing in towns such as Blacksburg, Charlottesville and Richmond.

When asked for his opinion on touring in general, Edmunds said, "Man, it's a lot of fun, I love it. We're still at that time in our career where we pretty much do everything. We're the ones that drive ourselves to the show ... we're the ones who soundcheck. It kinda keeps you [involved] so you know exactly what's going on at all times. Yeah, it's hard a lot when you have four or five shows in a row ... but it's a blast. It's one of those things where if you didn't love it, there'd be no way you could do it."

Recently, the band has been featured on a compilation album put out by Best Buy called "Best of the Newest From North and South Carolina." This collection will feature nationally known bands such as Gran Torino and Far Too Jones as well as local bands such as Five Way Friday and Weekend Excursion.

As far as the future goes, Edmunds says, "I feel good about this next year. I see us succeeding, I see us doing well. We're doing our own thing and letting people hear about us. We're just actively improving ourselves as a band."

Next up for the guys will be a big show at Five Points Pub in Raleigh on Sat., Oct. 21. Then after a trip through the Cat's Cradle in Chapel Hill and through other parts of North and South Carolina as well as Virginia, the band will return to Five Points on Dec. 2.

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The Weekend

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FUZZY NAVE



Chandler Carrier

Senior Staff Writer

Athens, Ga., has been the stomping grounds for many a great band: from fathers of college rock REM to jam band Widespread Panic, and now an equally eclectic Athens offspring makes its way towards Raleigh as Fuzzy Sprouts plays at Raleigh's Berkley Cafe on Thursday.

The Fuzzy Sprouts are well landed in their hometown, having been christened "Best R&B/Soul/Funk Band" and "Best Groove Rock/Funk Band" by Athens' Flagpole Magazine in 1999 and 2000, respectively. Most folks though just consider them Athens' "Best Party Band." Their show has been described as apocalyptic funk, with some nights breaking out into a giant group hipe roller disco, or a karaoke night in which the band served as the backing for its fans. Sprouts' guitarist Tim Conley says, "We love to play fresh, exciting music, taking a chance with every song at every show, making things up on the fly and letting it get silly." Half the fun of checking them out at the Brewery will be wondering what might end up happening this evening.

On their release *Liquid Light*, the Sprouts (consisting of Conley on vocals/guitar, Dave Domizi on vocals/bass and Seth Hendershot on drums) give a good taste of their soul/funk/R&B/rock menagerie. The carefree attitude found on this disc can be multiplied to the tenth power tonight when the Sprouts take the stage at the Berkley Cafe in hopes of delivering the funk to Raleigh. From the pleasure-seeking tunes like "Get Up!" "I Got It" and "Curves of Your Body," which exist for the sole purpose of getting you to move your behind, to those like "The More U Smooch Em The More They Pop Up" and "My Girlfriend Flipped Her Finger At The Man" which match Conley's erratic prose with equally danceable rhythms, this band covers nearly the entire supernatural musical map. Fans of Beck, the P-Funk, Phish and everyone in between will not be disappointed.

So if you're looking for a good time, a fan of the funk or booty shaking in general, or just a good excuse to get out on a Thursday night, check out the Fuzzy Sprouts at Raleigh's Berkley Cafe tonight.

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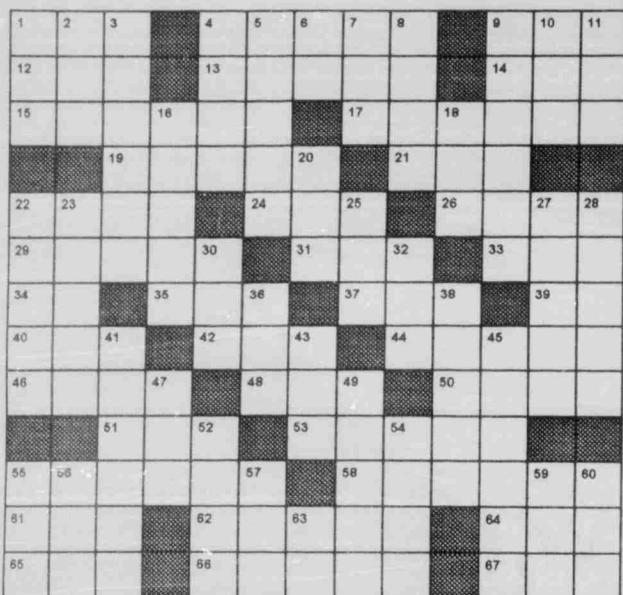
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the Seminoles' first corner kick since the first half of the game, and only their second of the night, senior April Murphy sent a ball into the box that was cleared to Meredith Jones. Jones ripped a shot from 25 yards out that caught the inside corner of the far post and ricocheted to freshman Kristin Boyce, who knocked the ball home for her first-ever collegiate goal.

"When Halter took the set piece, I had a feeling we were going to win the game at that moment," said Baker. "My heart just sank for our seniors when that goal was disallowed. The way we came back after that was just fantastic. For Boyce to score her first college goal against North Carolina is something she will never forget."

The win probably locked up Florida State's first-ever NCAA Tournament bid and also marked only the second time in FSU soccer history that the team will finish outside of the eighth slot in the standings in the nation's premier soccer conference.

"This win makes a very powerful point in the eyes of the NCAA rankings committee," said Baker. "I thought we needed four big wins to get into the tourney and we already had three (Florida, Texas A&M and Wake Forest). I didn't really anticipate the fourth one coming against North Carolina."

**Back
the
Pack**

DALY

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throw at someone's head (say Mike Piazza) when you don't have to bat. It will be interesting to see if any of the Mets' hurlers retaliate for the June beating.

Here's also hoping there is

never another Subway Series. Having the Yankees in the World Series every year is bad enough.

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V-BALL

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Pack allowed the Terps to tie the game 9-9. This, in turn, gave Maryland the momentum and, eventually, the match.

"There is absolutely no way possible that we should ever lose a game five at home," Hall said.

"And this is even more of the case when we were up 6-0. I find it very hard to believe."

Although the Pack was unable to finish off the Terps and secure victory, the players left everything they had on the court during this heartbreaking defeat.

"I was pleased with our effort tonight," Hall said. "Our effort wasn't the reason why we lost the match."

UPSET

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season that we were going to have to beat some top-20 teams, and this definitely falls into that category."

State will be at home on Sunday when the Wolfpack takes on No. 5 Clemson at Method Road Soccer Stadium at 1 p.m.



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Football vs. FSU, 10/14, 3:30
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Men's soccer @ UNC, 10/22
Volleyball vs. Virginia, 10/23, 7:30
Cross country, ACC's, 10/28

athletics Around N.C. State

Ill admit it: when Chancellor Marye Anne Fox and athletics director Les Robinson first called coach Mike O'Cam last November, I was skeptical that they would find a replacement who would do a better job at N.C. State.

So were many in the local media.

It seemed there were too many obstacles preventing success in the short term. Namely, Carter-Finley Stadium, non-existent practice facilities and an area that usually looks at football as a way to pass time until the basketball season arrives.

Almost a year later, however, it appears Fox and Robinson knew what they were doing. A 5-1 record and a win against hated North Carolina will prevent any second-guessing. So will a budding star at quarterback. Ditto with wide receiver.

Saturday against the Tar Heels, it seemed obvious that State had the superior coaching staff. Then again, when a team fakes a punt on its own 30-yard line down by 10 points, it's pretty easy to criticize.

As for Fox's guarantee that State will win a national championship eventually, well, stranger things have happened. Like this season.

N.C. State's women's soccer team picked up an absolutely huge win over No. 11 Duke Tuesday night. Lindsey Underwood scored two goals in the final 15 minutes as the Pack overcame a 1-0 deficit.

Couple the win with a tie against No. 19 Florida State Saturday afternoon (FSU turned around and beat UNC Tuesday night 3-2 in overtime) and State's NCAA Tournament chances are looking pretty good.

State will be helped by the fact it is at the 500 mark and fourth in a conference that has seen seven of its eight team ranked nationally (the Pack is the exception). Coach Laura Kerrigan has done a great job building the program in her three years at State.

If the Pack (9-5-2, 2-2-1 Atlantic Coast Conference) can beat Wake Forest or pick up a tie against Clemson, it should all but guarantee itself a postseason spot. A win against Campbell and a good showing in the ACC Tournament will also help.

Luckily, State students will have the chance to see all three of the remaining home games. As opposed to the UNC, UNC-Wilmington and UNC-Charlotte contests, which were held at the WRAL Soccer Complex, the Wake Forest, Clemson and Campbell games will be held at Method Road.

Good thing, too. It's asking too much of students to drive 20 miles to practically Wake Forest (the town) to watch a college soccer game. Students deserve to have the game against perennial power UNC on campus, no matter if Method Road has lights or not.

The atmosphere for all three games at WRAL was fine if you enjoy 4-year-old girls shrieking for UNC at State home games. But the number of college students could be counted on one hand.

The soccer programs obviously need a facilities upgrade (and soon), but State should play its home matches on its home field.

Here's hoping that Roger Clemens pitches at Shea Stadium. It's a lot easier to



Jack Daly

Volleyball victimized by Maryland comeback



The Wolfpack lost two out of three over fall break.

◆ The Wolfpack suffered a heartbreaking five-game loss to Maryland Tuesday.

David Hobgood
Staff Writer

Talk about a tough pill to swallow. The N.C. State volleyball team, leading 6-0 in the fifth and deciding game Tuesday night vs. Maryland, was unable to hold onto the lead as they fell to the Terrapins (15-10, 13-15, 15-12, 10-15, 13-15). Coming off of a week-end split, a win against Duke (15-13, 15-11, 15-12) and a loss to Wake Forest (15-3, 8-15, 7-15, 0-15), the

Wolfpack (7-14, 1-8) was looking to gain momentum down the backstretch of conference play. However, the Terps had other plans.

The first game was filled with tons of action, including a great amount of hustle from the Pack. After falling behind 9-6 against the Pack, Maryland was forced to take a timeout, with the hopes of regaining its composure. Instead, the Pack maintained the pressure and, despite a few questionable calls from the officials, was able to take the first game of the match.

The second game could best be described as a roller coaster, with a back and forth pace that led to three drastic runs. The first run was made by the Terps, who jumped out to a 9-5 lead. The Pack responded with a rally of its own to take a 13-11 lead. Unfortunately,

the final surge of the game was delivered by the Terps, who scored the final four points to take even the match.

In the third game, the Pack rallied from a 7-6 deficit to take the game and the momentum heading into the fourth game.

"The first and third games were easy for us to finish," head coach Kim Hall said. "I think it was due to us being comfortable in our rotation."

With the opportunity to put the match away and secure its second conference victory of the extended weekend, the Pack was unable to take advantage. After falling behind 13-6, the Pack was never able to make up the stagger, forcing a pivotal fifth game.

After losing its large lead in the fifth, the

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Pack uses OT to beat Seahawks

◆ The men's soccer team picked up its second victory of the season with a 1-0 overtime win against UNC-Wilmington.

Steve Thompson
Staff Writer

The N.C. State men's soccer team has not had too many second chances this season; however, on Wednesday afternoon against UNC-Wilmington, the team was able to capitalize on one and emerge victorious.

After 90 minutes of scoreless play, senior forward Nick Olivencia chipped down a long ball from

Mills into the right panel to provide the game-winning golden goal.

"I don't say that we played well," said coach George Tarantini, "but we never gave up."

The Pack (2-8-3, 0-5 Atlantic Coast Conference) seemed to have the game in its hands in the 75th minute. Israel Mejia beat his defender to the sideline and looked to cross. As he entered the penalty area, however, a Seahawk defender pushed him down, resulting in a penalty kick.

Olivencia, the Pack's leading



Marcus Johnson plays keep away with a UNCW player.



Scott MacNeill and the Wolfpack earned a hard-fought 1-0 victory over UNC-Wilmington at Method Road Soccer Stadium.

goal scorer, lined up to take the kick. His shot went to the dead center of the goal, where the keeper w-s there to make an easy save.

For Olivencia, State's team captain, the shot was his third straight penalty kick misfire. "He's a senior who has scored so many goals, and now he's having problems on a penalty kick," said Tarantini. "I will put him there no matter what, and I know he will score and win the game."

The Wolfpack began the game by pressuring the Seahawks (3-9-1). In the opening 20 minutes, State attackers had five golden opportunities on goal, yet were unable to capitalize.

In the sixth minute, Lee Baldwin received a through pass from Olivencia, yet an errant

final touch ended that chance. Minutes later, freshman Scott MacNeill nailed a shot from the edge of the 18-yard box, but Mills made the save. Later, MacNeill had a shot stopped from point-blank range.

In the 13th minute, confusion among the UNC-W defense resulted in Matt Tabor receiving the ball at the edge of the penalty box undefended, yet his shot whizzed to the right of the goal.

Perhaps the best opportunity of the first half came just after the 20-minute mark when Baldwin's long-range shot deflected off of Mills' hands and ricocheted off the crossbar instead of finding the back of the net.

When the first half ended, the Pack had outshot UNC-W by five shots, yet the game remained knotted in a scoreless

tie.

Early in the second half, the Wolfpack had its final attempt before Olivencia's late-game dramatics. After settling a pass from Marcus Johnson, MacNeill flicked the ball past his defender and hit a volley that just missed wide right.

After its surge was unable to produce a goal, the Pack began to show signs of fatigue.

Playing without sweeper Eric Kaufman, who is likely out for the season with a torn hamstring, State was left with Hiroki Kawase as its only productive bench player.

"It's tough to play without Eric and some other players," said Tarantini.

Sensing that the State team was losing its legs, the Seahawks began to break out of

their defensive shell.

Many of UNC-W's chances came on counterattacks off of poorly taken Wolfpack corner kicks. On two occasions, Seahawk forward Alfredo Moreno had an unadulterated path to the goal. Each time, however, Wolfpack keeper Mitch Watson rose to the occasion.

With five minutes left in the game, the Seahawks had a final opportunity on a free kick just outside the penalty box. Seahawk long-range specialist Charles Brooks struck the ball well, yet Watson was once again up to the challenge.

The team will travel to Chapel Hill on Sunday to take on the No. 4 North Carolina squad in its final ACC match of the season.

State upsets No. 11 Duke

◆ The women's soccer team knocked off the Blue Devils 3-1 in Durham.

Sports Staff Report

Freshman forward Lindsey Underwood scored two goals in the final 14-47 to lift N.C. State past 11th-ranked Duke 3-1 on Tuesday.

The win catapults State to 9-5-2 (2-2-1 Atlantic Coast Conference) and drops Duke to 11-4 (4-2).

Duke opened the scoring in the first half when sophomore forward Bridget Bowdell took a pass from sophomore midfielder Carly Fuller and scored at the 33:07 mark of the first half.

State, ranked eighth in the Southeast, finally broke through when Underwood found her way past the Blue Devil defense and blasted a shot past Duke goalkeeper Thora Helgadóttir to tie the match at the 75:13 mark. The Wolfpack added a second goal

two minutes and 41 seconds later when senior forward Shannon Tully beat Duke's off-sides trap again with an assist from sophomore midfielder Colette Seville. Underwood put the game away at the 85:56 mark when she beat Helgadóttir once more on a feed from sophomore midfielder Rachel Dunn.

State goalkeeper Gretchen Lear saved eight Blue Devil shots, including a diving stab of a shot by Dukes Sarah Pickens at the 28:20 mark of the first half. Lear also received help from freshman defender Tara Knass, who made a crucial backsave in the 35th minute to keep the score 1-0. Helgadóttir, who entered the week 18th nationally in goals against average, saved two in the loss.

"What a win for this program," said Wolfpack head coach Laura Kerrigan. "We kept telling them how to beat that type of defense and we eventually figured it out. We started going for balls over the top of the defense because that is what you must do to score. I said at the beginning of the

Women's soccerNotes

Seminoles upset No. 2 North Carolina 3-2 in overtime

The No. 13 Florida State soccer team (11-4-1) recorded the most important victory in the history of the program when it defeated the second-ranked North Carolina Tar Heels (12-2) 3-2 in overtime Tuesday night in front of a record crowd of 1,582 fans.

The victory is the Seminoles fourth win over a ranked opponent this season. FSU now becomes only the third Atlantic Coast Conference team to ever defeat the Tar Heels.

"It's hard to believe we are only the third ACC team that has ever beaten North Carolina," said head coach Patrick Baker. "This was just an awesome night. We knew certain things were going to have to happen for us to

get a win and we never stopped believing."

FSU thought it had won the game in overtime when Ashley Halter sent a free kick into senior Rachel Watkins. Watkins knocked in what many thought was the game-winning goal, but it was waved off due to a tripping call against UNC goalkeeper Jenni Bramant. That was the second goal of the game that was waved off. The Tar Heels also had an apparent goal disallowed during the first half.

"I felt confident that we would eventually get the game-winner," said Watkins. "I was upset when the goal was waved off but I knew it didn't count since I heard the whistle before the ball went in."

FSU didn't have to wait much longer to get the game-winner that was disallowed in the first overtime period. On

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