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## Election 2000

### Presidential race in a 'dead heat' one week before election

◆ According to N.C. State experts, the presidential election hinges on outcomes in several key states and the influence of third party candidate Ralph Nader.

Andrew Buchert

Assistant News Editor

The outcome of next Tuesday's presidential election will be very close and largely dependent upon several key states, namely Florida, Wisconsin, Michigan, Pennsylvania, Oregon, Washington and California, according to four N.C. State political scientists.

"Next Tuesday, either [Texas Governor and republican candidate George] Bush or [U.S. Vice President and democratic candidate Al] Gore will carry two or more of the large swing states and win with a very close popular vote and a majority of the electoral votes," said Oliver Williams, NCSU political science professor and expert in contemporary politics.

One week before the nation casts its votes for President, all polls and scientific surveys show the race to be very close, said Williams.

"With the race so close, anywhere between eight and 12 states will determine the outcome [of the election]," said Andrew Taylor, NCSU assistant professor of political science. "The most important of those,

because they are the biggest with the most electoral votes, are Florida and Michigan, and then states like Missouri, Wisconsin, and Washington."

"Right now we are in a dead heat with Bush slightly ahead in the polls and the electoral college," said NCSU Provost Kermit Hall, who is also a professor of history and an expert on U.S. constitutional law and history.

"If Bush wins California, he wins the election," Hall predicted.

"This election could yield one of the closest election outcomes in maybe 60 years," said Williams.

The nature of the Electoral College, Bush's and Gore's strengths and deficiencies in each of the key states, in addition to the effects of third-party candidates Ralph Nader and Pat Buchanan, will prove to be the critical factors in determining the outcome of the presidential race, said Michael Vasu, NCSU associate professor of political science and public administration and director of the Social Science Research Laboratory.

"The most important factor is the Nader factor," said Vasu. "Nader is taking more likely voters from Gore than Bush, and it appears that the west coast states of Oregon, Washington and California have a higher proportion of Nader voters."

Although Nader and Buchanan

### Poll finds students misinformed

◆ A poll conducted by N.C. State Professor Michael Cobb found many students misinformed about issues in the upcoming presidential elections.

Lee Robertson

Staff Reporter

A recent poll reports that misinformation among students about the upcoming election is widespread.

N.C. State Political Science Professor Michael Cobb's PS 302 class has spent the last six weeks polling the NCSU student body.

The second of the class's polls was aimed at determining the feelings of students and reactions toward the issues and the election, after having viewed at least one presidential debate.

According to the results from the survey, at least 57 percent of the students surveyed viewed one of the debates. As a large percentage of the respondents had seen at least one debate, Cobb and his students expected "an increase in the awareness of the issues and the stance of candidates on those issues," according to the course Web page.

Voter misinformation about the stances of Texas Gov. George W.

Bush and Vice President Al Gore on capital punishment is most rampant. According to the results, 39 percent of the students polled are unaware that Bush supports the death penalty, and 56 percent did not know that Gore supports it as well.

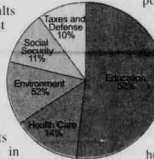
"Misinformation is a pernicious bias," said Cobb.

Gore led Bush 59 percent to 40 percent among students polled who identified him as favoring the death penalty. Gore trailed Bush 64 percent to 35 percent among those students who believe Gore is opposed to the death penalty.

Students are also misinformed about the candidates' stances on education. Sixteen percent of students polled believe that Bush opposes school vouchers; Bush supports vouchers as one of the key components of his education reform plan.

Among those students who correctly identified Bush as supporting school vouchers, he led 51.2 percent to 47.9 percent. His lead jumped to 64.7 percent among those students who believed that he was opposed to school vouchers.

"If you are uninformed, it's tough to figure out which candidates are likely to enact policies that you favor and



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### NCSU faculty, staff send donations to charities

◆ Members of the N.C. State faculty and staff participate in the State Employees Combined Campaign.

Ayren Jackson

Staff Reporter

The faculty and staff at N.C. State ensure that students get the highest level of education through teaching, counseling and mentoring. Now, though, employees can be found doing even more than that. Many individuals at NCSU are reaching out to help others in the community, seeing that charities receive the funds required to help those in need.

The North Carolina State Employees Combined Campaign was created in 1984 to allow state employees the opportunity to donate to charitable organizations in a convenient and consistent method. Organized by and for state employees, the SECC is still run by state employees.

Every year, hundreds of NCSU employees contribute time to coordinate the campaign, while many more contribute financial aid to the program. NCSU's contributions have more than doubled in the past six years. During the 1999 campaign, NCSU raised \$434,600.

Many NCSU employees participate through a simple payroll deduction. A one-time pledge form allows employees to decide the amount of their contribution. The SECC committee invites all employees to donate. The committee stresses that even a small donation adds up to a significant amount in the end.

NCSU's SECC Coordinator/Chair, Ed Erickson, is excited about this year's campaign. SECC hopes to exceed its goal of \$469,500 for this year.

SECC provides its contributors with the

chance to impact the lives of those in need. State employees who otherwise were not able to because of time or convenience now have the opportunity to make a meaningful contribution to their community.

"SECC is a good way of securing a large base of support for a wide range of important programs," said Stephen Wiley, assistant professor in the Department of Communication. "Charitable giving, though not the only answer, is an important way of improving our society."

The SECC continually helps hundreds of different charities. Some of these charities include the Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention Coalition of NC, 4-H, Africare, the American Red Cross, the World Wildlife Fund, Shriners Hospitals for Children, the Cancer Research Foundation of America and the Literacy Council.

"SECC is demonstrable proof to the surrounding areas that N.C. State employees are contributors to the life of this region," stated Alton Banks, professor of chemistry. "Since employees can, if they wish, specify the manner in which their contributions are distributed, employees can direct their contributions to support particular groups that are a part of this campaign."

An "Early Bird" program has been implemented for those employees who contribute before the contribution deadlines. These individuals are enter in drawings for prizes like football and basketball tickets, a free faculty parking space, airline tickets or a trip to the beach.

"One of the traditions we treasure as employees at N.C. State University is our willingness to serve the people of North Carolina," said NCSU Chancellor Mary Anne Fox. "I value the work of the campaign because the resources we donate go to organizations most responsive to the needs in North Carolina."



Charlie Pennell (left) and his bluegrass friends perform some toe-tappin' tunes in the Caldwell Lounge as part of the Arts on the Porch series.

### Student Health has 'no plans to give out RU-486'

◆ The N.C. State Student Health Center does not plan to offer the recently approved abortion-inducing pill RU-486.

Susanna Smith

Staff Reporter

The N.C. State Student Health Center does not currently offer the newly-approved abortion pill, RU-486. Student Health officials declined to comment on future plans to offer the drug.

"It is absolutely not offered," said Student Health nurse practitioner Elaine Goodson.

The Student Health Center has "no plans to give out RU-486," added

Mary Bengtson, Student Health medical director.

Approved for distribution by the Food and Drug Administration on Sept. 28, RU-486 is the first non-surgical abortion option offered in the United States. It is yet unclear how widely available the pill will be to NCSU students desiring this method of abortion.

Planned Parenthood in Raleigh has not yet decided whether to offer the drug, although Planned Parenthood in Durham and Orange counties intend to make the drug available next year.

Invented by French scientist Etienne-Emile Baulieu in 1980, RU-486, also known as mifepristone, offers women the option of avoiding abortion clinics with lines of poten-

tially hostile protesters because physicians who do not perform abortions may prescribe the abortion pill.

The drug also permits abortion at an earlier stage in pregnancy with a less-invasive procedure, giving women a greater sense of control.

The new drug does have its limitations. It may be offered only seven weeks after the women's last menstrual period. In 4 to 8 percent of the cases, the pill-induced abortions are not successful. Women who opt to use this method of abortion must agree to a surgical abortion procedure in the case that the RU-486 does not induce abortion.

An RU-486 induced abortion

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## X-FACTOR

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are not registering much support in the polls, with Nader showing between 3 and 4 percent and Buchanan boasting a mere one percent, their presence on the ballot may prove critical to the outcome of the election, said Taylor.

"Because Nader is getting more of the third party vote than Buchanan, and because he takes almost exclusively from the Democratic party vote, Nader is going to cause a problem for Gore," he said.

"Nader will receive no electoral college votes, but in some pivotal states he could take enough of the Gore vote to give those states to Bush."

Nader is also receiving indirect Republican support, as several of his television advertisements are financed by non-partisan groups that are partial to Bush, said Hall.

As the clock continues to count down to election day, it is unlikely that there will be an external event to shake things up and cause a break toward one candidate or the other, said Taylor. But there are, in his opinion, several things that each candidate should focus on

in order to swing the election in his favor.

"Bush needs to portray himself as a winner and be confident of victory so that people will think of him as a winner," said Taylor.

Taylor added that Gore needs to appeal to the conservatism of the American public in a non-ideological sense by suggesting that change is not a good idea at the moment, as well as suggesting that he would be the best steward of the economy because of Bush's inexperience and seemingly radical plans, such as his tax plan and social security plan, that could very well upset

things.

Gore has the trump card of the prosperity of the last eight years, which he may have played too late," added Vasu. "It is plausible that we might see a break one way or the other in this last week," said Taylor, "but it is equally plausible that we'll go into election day in a knife edge as we are currently."

Regardless of the outcome of the election, there will more than likely be little or no drastic policy changes, because whoever wins the election will have won by a very slim margin and will, therefore, have little mandate from the public

to implement his plan, said Taylor.

"What would make the next two years productive is not really dependent upon the outcome of this election, but could be dependent upon something like if the economy tanks or a considerable amount of public pressure for some kind of government action," he said.

But the outcome will have an important effect on the U.S. court system, particularly the Supreme Court, said Hall, as it is very likely that the next president will have between two and four Supreme Court vacancies to fill within the next four years.

"[The election] will have a significant and profound influence on the court," he said. "Issues such as federalism, abortion and gun control could be seriously challenged by whomever is appointed."

Williams said it is important to believe the polls. "Usually they are accurate, and this time, all the polls are producing very similar results--an election that is a dead heat," said Williams.

"One week out from the election, everyone has his or her best guess, but in reality no one knows for sure," he said. "My best guess: Bush."

## POLL

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think are right for America," said Cobb about the misinformation of students.

The latest poll also looked at what affects voting more among students, party affiliation or stances on issues.

"Polls also showed that students voted along party lines more than on the issues," said Sophomore Amanda Poole, a student in the PS 302 class.

Students reflected strong opinions about the issues affecting the American people. One of the questions asked students to list what they thought to be the most important issue of the 2000 elections. Fifty-two percent

listed education as the most important issue. Fourteen percent of students polled listed health care as the most important issue, while only 13 percent listed the environment as the most important issue.

Overall, the PS 302 poll has Bush leading Gore by a large margin. Cobb believes that this is because Bush presents himself as a "nice guy."

According to the poll, most of the issues that students feel strongly about are those that Gore favors, and most students believe that Gore is more intelligent. Bush's personality, however, outshines Gore's.

Cobb and his PS 302 class encourage all students who are registered to cast their vote next Tuesday and elect their leaders.

## ABORTION

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requires a minimum of three trips to the doctor as opposed to a single trip for a surgical procedure. Common side effects include bleeding and nausea.

In the 200,000 administrations of RU-486, in conjunction with the hormone prostaglandin, a single death was recorded, which is comparable to the death rate for vacuum aspiration abortions. Death in childbirth is reported as 1 in 14,300, while illegal abortions cause 1 death in 3,000 procedures.

The United States was slow to approve the use of RU-486 in comparison with France

where it has been available since 1989, and Britain, who approved it in 1991.

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## Editor's note:

For the last week, *Technician* opinion has been publishing responses to an Oct. 23 column on Islamic fundamentalism. Because of the need to address newer issues, however, today is the last day *Technician* will print responses to the Oct. 23 column.

## Say 'yes' to bond

How could any student oppose the university bonds? Do they oppose education? Well, no. I'll vote no on the bonds because I believe they will result in higher tuition. North Carolina residents who attend public universities are currently denied the free education the N.C. Constitution mandates (Article 9, Section 9). The state pays about 75 percent of the cost for in-state students, but the percentage has been declining. I expect the subsidy to decrease and tuition to increase if the bonds pass.

In recent years, tuition has far outpaced inflation when legislators have had plenty to revenue. Imagine what will happen to tuition during a budget crunch. If the bonds pass, their proceeds will be used over the course of several years. Thus, many projects will be completed after today's students graduate. I predict that tuition will be boosted substantially next year and in subsequent years to pay for projects that won't necessarily benefit current students.

Bond supporters say bonds are needed due to an expected 50 percent increase in the number of students over the next ten years. An increased student population is not necessarily a good thing for students. Do you believe that having more students will make it easier to register for classes, find a book in the library, park a car, find an affordable place to live, etc.? We all know students who don't have the proverbial snowball's chance of ever graduating. I think it's better for the state to provide free tuition for all in-state students and make the admissions process more competitive than to charge all students more tuition so that facilities can be expanded to accommodate students who will not graduate. Students who were initially excluded from admission to public colleges due to low grades or low SATs could demonstrate their ability to succeed by attending another college and transferring or by taking classes in the summer or as a special student and earning the grades.

Defeat of the bonds need not imply that deferred maintenance does not get done. Those needs are acute. The legislature can fund them from current revenues if the bonds fail. Ask yourself who benefits most if the bonds pass. Politically connected contractors and empire building administrators. Future students will benefit, but students will pay disproportionately. If you favor dramatically higher tuition next year, vote "yes."

Andy Smith  
Graduate Student  
Computer Science

## Ignorance of Islam a serious problem

Editor's note: due to the nature of the content, the word limit has been waived.

Any open-minded person embarking on a study of Islam, especially if using books written in European languages, should be aware of the seemingly inherent distortions that permeate almost all non-Muslim writings on Islam. At least since the Middle Ages, Islam has been much maligned and severely misunderstood in the West. In the last years of the twentieth century, a great deal of attention in the media has been given to the threat of Islamic fundamentalism. Unfortunately, the word "Islam" has become almost synonymous with "terrorism." However, when one analyzes the situation, the question that should come to mind is: Do the teachings of Islam encourage terrorism? The answer: Certainly not! Whenever a Muslim commits a heinous act, he is labeled a "Muslim terrorist." However, when Serbs murder and rape innocent women in Bosnia, they are not called "Christian terrorists," nor are the activities in Northern Ireland labeled "Christian terrorism." Also, when right-wing Christians in the U.S. bomb abortion clinics, they are not called "Christian terrorists." Reflecting on these facts, one could certainly conclude that there is a double standard!

Although religious feelings play a significant role in the previously mentioned "Christian" conflicts, the media do not apply religious labels because they assume that such barbarous acts have nothing to do with the teachings

of Christianity.

Certainly, Islamic Law allows war — any religion or civilization that did not would never survive, but it certainly does not condone attacks against innocent people, women or children. The Arabic word "jihad," which is often translated as "Holy War," simply means "to struggle." The word for "war" in Arabic is "harb," not "jihad." "Struggling," i.e. "making jihad," to defend Islam, Muslims or to liberate a land where Muslims are oppressed is certainly allowed in Islam. However, any such activities must be done according to the teachings of Islam. Islam also clearly forbids "taking the law into your own hands," which means that individual Muslims cannot go around deciding who they want to kill, punish or torture. A lawful authority and a knowledgeable judge must carry out trial and punishment. Also, when looking at events in the Muslim World, it should be kept in mind that a long period of colonialism ended fairly recently in most Muslim countries. During this time, the peoples in these countries were culturally, materially and religiously exploited. This painful period has not really come to an end in many Muslim countries, where people are still under the control of foreign powers or puppet regimes supported by foreign powers. Also people are made to believe that tyrants like Saddam Hussein in Iraq and Moammar Qaddafi in Libya are "Islamic" leaders, just the opposite is true. Neither of these rulers even profess Islam as an ideology, but only use Islamic slogans to manipulate their powerless populations. They have about as much to do with Islam as Hitler had to do with Christianity! In reality, many Middle Eastern regimes which people think of as being "Islamic" oppress the practice of Islam in their countries. So suffice it to say that "terrorism" and killing innocent people directly contradicts the teachings of Islam.

Tarek El-Sadek  
Junior  
Computer Engineering

## Disappointed in debate

I'm sure many North Carolina citizens were as disappointed as I was by the debate performance on Oct. 26 of the Democratic and Republican gubernatorial candidates, Mike Easley and Richard Vintroot. With all their arm-grepping and *ad hominem* attacks, I was frankly embarrassed at the prospect that one of these men will very likely become our governor. While these prebent antics were being acted out in the state Capitol, the Libertarian candidate Barbara Howe was online in WNCN-NBC17's chat room, answering the concerns of real North Carolina citizens. So, NCSU voters, I ask you this: Who do you want crafting North Carolina's public policy? I want Barbara Howe, not two ill-tempered mental juveniles, which is who Vintroot and Easley demonstrated they were Thursday night.

David Williams

## 'Blatant violation' of Student Conduct

For four years I have tolerated blatant violations of N.C. State policy throughout the stadium that always seem to go unnoticed and unaddressed by Public Safety.

From the Code of Student Conduct, "7.5 Alcohol in any form is prohibited within the athletic facilities of North Carolina State University." The athletic facilities are defined as "the inside environs of the William Neal Reynolds Coliseum, the various gymnasiums and playing fields and the Carter-Finley Stadium." From Appendix F of the NCSU Handbook for Advising and Teaching adopted on July 1, 1993: "Areas where smoking is permitted will be designated, clearly marked and stocked with ashtrays."

When you walk into any entrance to Carter-Finley, you see the signs stating that alcohol and smoking are not permitted within the stadium — clearly marked. Unless I've missed something, I've never noticed ashtrays conveniently placed in the stands. Yet at every single game I have ever been to, I have been surrounded by students drinking alcohol and smoking. These students make no attempt to conceal their activities. It is blatant and intentional, and they continue to do it game after game because they know nothing will be done about it.

This season at the first game of the year, Arkansas State, I watched several people get hit by glass bottles thrown from above. This continued throughout the game. I felt very grateful for

receiving tickets at the top of the lower deck, under the shelter of the upper deck — I would not be hit. Yet, I stood behind cigarette after cigarette. When one "friendly smoker" was very politely asked to stop by a friend of mine, because the policy was "no smoking in the stands," "friendly smoker" threatened my friend. Another friend had to step in to quell Smoker's anger; however, he did not stop smoking. I saw beer cans, beer bottles and other various types of alcohol all around me. For this entire game, I did not see one Public Safety officer merely walk down the aisle. This is out of control.

At the Florida - a game, some friends decided to dismiss the great loss by attempting to toss pistachio shells into a stray cup. A uniformed Public Safety officer approached my friends, reminding them for "throwing the shells" and threatened to throw them out of the stadium. This officer threatened my friends for tossing shells into a cup five rows away into empty stands.

I am disappointed in the university. We have a right to go to our own college's football game and enjoy it. Silently waiting and leaving every game disappointed is not going to fix this problem.

Carey Beaver  
Senior  
Chemical Engineering

## FSU 'superb'

For anyone that missed the game, Florida State gave a superb demonstration of the future of college football. The Seminoles demonstrated their superb playing skills by beating our Wolfpack by a score of 58-14. Their offensive strength was highlighted by a scoring drive late in the 4th quarter to increase their lead from a lofty 37 points to an astonishing 44. The "Noles special teams even showed us their dancing skills before one of their three 4th quarter kickoffs.

One must also give credit to the FSU band for supporting their team for all three-and-a-half hours of Saturday's game. They played for nearly every successful FSU play, as well as the few unsuccessful ones. In the rare event that the NCSU band played a song, the FSU band was kind enough to accompany them (though they never seemed to find the right notes). And when the FSU special teams wanted to dance on the field, they could count on their faithful band to provide the soundtrack.

However, this devotion to their team did not stop with the players or the band; the FSU fans and parents showed a similar level of support for their Seminoles. NC State's few successful plays of the second half were met with no lack of boos from the FSU section; NCSU's failures were also met with no lack of laughter. And when the FSU fans seated in the Student Wolfpack Club section began to cheer for their team, the NCSU fans began to ask for a Public Safety escort as they continued to show their support of their team.

Many probably account the FSU "celebration" by FSU to the 24-7 defeat 2 years ago. But does anyone remember FSU's 42-11 win last year in Tallahassee? Or what about comparing it to the NCSU win two weeks ago against UNC? Unlike FSU, the Wolfpack hadn't won that match-up in SEVEN years; and again, unlike FSU, the Wolfpack refrained from any bad sportsmanship like that seen on Saturday. Thumbs-down to you Florida State. I hope Clemson leaves you nothing to cheer about.

James Proctor  
Freshman  
Mechanical Engineering

## Reflection on sexual assault

Editor's note: due to the nature of the content, the word limit has been waived.

Oct. 26 I saw and felt for the first time what I was told was obvious to I heard various speakers talk about their experiences with sexual assault. I was in the library studying and heard them, and for some reason came outside. I never went back to study. I want to apologize. I am sorry for the ignorance I have displayed as a male for the nineteen years I have lived. I saw first hand the struggle women go through. I saw the product of that pain. I saw who I was and what my role is, and how exactly I hurt women.

"Take Back the Night" was more than a rally about rape. It was about respect, it was about trust, and it was about forgiveness. I in the two hours I was out there I realized how sad most of us as males are. Bryan Proffitt took time to speak to the men. I was glad to hear what he said. Rape and sexual assault have nothing to do with the women.

They only realize that which is within us men. I realized that it is everyone's battle. I didn't have a dad around all the time I was growing up. I learned everything I know from my mom. To even fathom that she or my little sister are potential victims is sickening. To hear females tell of the years and lifetimes of pain they endured because of some guy's carnal deed troubled me. I am sorry. I can't create the words to make up for this male society's disrespect for women. I look at media showing women as sex objects, tools for male pleasure, and as the world's maid. Women are our life, our beginning, our end. Women deserve the treatment of a goddess for that is who they are. I know I sound corny, but sometimes it is that which we hesitate to say that is most strongly felt. I made a pledge tonight to become more aware of the way I treat my heavenly counterparts and it will be my constant goal from now on.

As a black male I challenge my fellow brothers to stop treating our women as tools of sexual pleasure. They have supported us through years of slavery, the civil rights movement, and continue to fight for us today. Yet the only thing we want them to do is shake it fast, give us some lovin', and show me something. Men they are for more than that, and once you as men realize that as queens, beauty or "boozie" is only a droplet in the ocean of qualities that make them a goddess. So from this day forward I challenge women, all women, to hold us to a higher standard. It won't come in perfection ladies, but the constant struggle for it. We are equal beings each complementing each other. I pledge from this day forward black, white, Hispanic, or Indian to honor, respect and appreciate you.

Decker Ngongang  
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## Bond has 'shameless self-promotion'

At North Carolina's shameless self-promotion of the \$3.1 billion dollar UNC-bond, James R. Talton, Raleigh Chamber of Commerce guru, said naively (or deceptively), "I don't know how many times you have to tell ill-informed people that there are no new taxes associated with this bond."

The audacity! Does Talton not realize that he is speaking before the enlightened students of NCSU and not the misguided students of UNC? What an insult to our intelligence!

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\$3.1 billion dollars is a lot of money, folks. And while North Carolina government is getting bigger and bigger every year, not only can we forget about tax cuts upon passage of this bond, but we must face the fact that taxes will increase for ourselves and our posterity.

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## Thumbs down to Technician

In response to Oct. 27's "Thumbs Down" to "Monday Morning at Reynolds," let me just say that the statement, "the ticket disclaimer proves that the administration has absolutely no cares about any of the student body's feelings in any way, shape, or form...except when they're begging us to vote for their bond referendum" is one of the most irresponsible things that I've seen in *Technician* (and that says plenty). I think that the improvements sought in our bond referendum and the status of scientific and artistic programs and NCSU are of much higher concern than big guys hitting each other and, more specifically, the specifics of people attempting to watch big guys hit each other. In fact, the whole "problem" would not have ever existed if the people complaining about the ticket distribution had not been hoodlums in the first place! If you want to point a finger, student body, point one at yourself for allowing this to happen at all. Better yet, why not worry about your education and the opportunities that the bond represents instead of a football game?

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## Palestinian perspective

In *Technician* issues (Oct. 10, Oct. 23) two articles were published under the titles "Same Israel, same Arafat, different stakes" and "Islamic fundamentalism a serious problem," respectively. They expressed similar opinions regarding the Palestinian-Israeli conflict, the current violence in the Middle East and its relation to Islam. The first article blamed the Palestinians and Arafat for the violence in Palestine, pictured Israel as the peaceful neighbor looking for peace while the surrounding "hostile" nations backing him into the corner, he shouted to support Israel by all means, and finally he concluded with a threat that Israel will not back from any day.

The second article was completely biased against Islam to the extent that made him conclude by warning the world of this "dangerous enemy" according to his article and he called for "a severe military, diplomatic and economic efforts to quell Islam before it requires a third world war to eliminate it once and for all!"

He started by connecting Islam "the peace religion" to terrorism, he pointed out that Muslims are major cause of the violence in Palestine, Kashmir, Chechnya along with Indonesia, Bosnia, Kosovo, Afghanistan and many other countries and regions. While we all know that all of those countries have Muslims majority suffering killings and abuse under the occupation of similar barbarian and racist systems. The United Nations condemned all of those occupiers, and even used force to establish peace and help Muslim civilians.

He also justified killings in the Palestinian state: "There are more Palestinians casualties than Israeli because Palestinians are fighting with stones and Israelis with guys." I wonder how did he figure this fact? That was smart.

He even went further and justified the use of live ammunition against civilians: "If live ammunition has not deterred the Palestinian mobs from attacking the Israeli soldiers, what good will rubber bullets do?" Well, I agree with him and I suggest that they use nuclear weapons they are more efficient. I guess the truth reveals itself: it is obvious that both articles are directed against Islam.

What is Islam? Islam literally means submission, is derived from the root word, "salam," meaning peace.

What does Islam say about war? Like Christianity and most of the other religions, Islam permits fighting in self-defense, in defense of religion, or on the part of those who have been expelled forcibly from their homes. It lays down strict rules of combat that include prohibitions against harming civilians and against destroying crops and trees! As Muslims see it, injustice would be triumphant in the world, if good people were not prepared to risk their lives in the righteous cause, and I guess the U.S. tried to demonstrate this principle in several occasions during the past decade.

The Palestinian and Arabic leaderships as well as the Israeli counterparts took a historical decision and sat on the negotiations table to stop the bloodshed and establish the independent Palestinian state on their own land, based on the United Nations resolution 242 (issued in 1967) which requests clearly "the withdrawal of Israeli forces from territories occupied in the recent conflict."

Nobody can ignore that a considerable progress has been achieved, but the continuing Israeli aggression on the Palestinian people disturbed the peace process many times during the last 7 years. The latest was the visit of the ancient general Ariel Sharon visited the sacred "Haram Al Sharif" accompanied with about 1,000 policemen! The Palestinians went out to the streets to express their anger, and the Israeli responded by live immolation killing women, aged and children. What kind of a peace that gives the Israelis the right to infringe on Palestinian controlled areas! Fortunately the whole world witnessed the truth this time, and no body can conceal the truth.

Finally, literally terrorism is "the unlawful use or threatened use of force or violence by a person or an organized group against people or property with the intention of intimidating or coercing societies or governments, often for ideological or political reasons." That's what the state of terrorism is resembling!

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# Barenaked Expectations

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Staff Writer

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Over the years, the Barenaked Ladies have become known for being one of the greatest live bands in the country. Their wit and humor while on stage combined with a lot of crowd involvement really make BNL's shows one of a kind.

However, their most recent show in Chapel Hill was lacking in all these areas as BNL put on a show that was somewhat uninspired and definitely the least energetic of any of the shows I have seen them play.

After a unique performance by opening band Guster, the lights

dimmed and BNL came out to an elaborate stage setup. The band had a large clown's head and, when the band came onstage, they entered through its mouth.

The stage was complete with four large video screens and complex lighting giving the band a big-time feel not usually experienced with BNL's shows.

The band opened by playing a mix of old and new starting with "Too Little Too Late," following it up with "Alcohol," "Late in a Nuthell" and "Falling for the First Time." It wasn't until after these songs that the crowd got a taste of what BNL is famous for, with lead vocalist Steven Page and guitarist Ed Robertson poking fun at Franklin Street and the seriousness of the rivalries of the local universities.

After that, the band launched into "Pinch Me," their latest single off their album *Marron*, which really got the crowd going. Following "Pinch Me," the band played their first big hit, "Old Apartment" followed by "It's All Been Done" off their album *Yont*.

The band members then got a chance to show off their individual talents with bassist Jim Creeggan and drummer Tyler Stewart getting the spotlight to themselves. After the solos, Page announced that, since the band gets so many requests to play certain songs while on the road and they often can't fit them all into the show, BNL was going to play every song they have ever written. They kept their word, playing a medley of every one of their songs to the crowd's delight and getting the somewhat sedate crowd back into the show.

Following "One Week" and "Brian Wilson," the band played the most popular songs right now, covering artists ranging from DMX to Britney Spears to Eminem.

Although this is usually one of the funniest parts of their show, the act seemed tired and rehearsed and was virtually the same act with a different set of songs from the ones they played at Walnut Creek more than a year ago.

The last song of the main set was the

crowd favorite "If I Had A Million Dollars." This traditionally has been one of the last songs they play and left the crowd wanting more as the band left the stage. The band then came out and played two encores, consisting of "When I Fall" and "Go Home" for the first and an amazing rendition of "Call and Answer" as the closing number.

All in all, the show was not one of the best ones BNL has performed. There was the feeling they were going through the motions, just another concert in another city on another night. This can easily happen while playing a major tour like the 2000 Maroon tour, but the spontaneity and improvisations that happen on stage when the energy is there are what make a BNL show a great event to attend. While even the worst BNL show is usually better than most other



concerts, they left the Smith Center longing for more and hoping that the next time BNL comes to town, they put on a show that really lives up to their abilities as one of the best live bands in the country.



## THE WINNING NUMBERS

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There are two sides to director Nora Ephron. The first (and most popular) side makes romantic comedies and has seen huge success with "Sleepless in Seattle" and "You've Got Mail." The other side is her darker side, first shown with the dark comedy "Mixed Nuts" in 1994 (ring a bell?) which hasn't been as prosperous as her light-hearted side, but she nonetheless returns to it with "Lucky Numbers."

The film reunites Ephron with John Travolta (whom she first directed in "Michael"), who plays Russ Richards, the successful local weatherman who is adored by his fans and has his own parking spot at Denny's. The first signs of danger come when a stranger who hands in his notice of foreclosure approaches Richards at Denny's.

From this point on, the film plays the way that most black comedies do, an approach to comedy that scares many viewers away. These films play much like morality tales, as the audience sees the morals of the lead character slowly dissipate as he gives in to his lusts and greed (the best recent example of this was Sam Raimi's "A Simple Plan"), a film that painfully showed how a man's greed could destroy the life he has. When played for comedy, the lead character's morals dissipate in plans that go terribly wrong, leading to situations that are as horrifying as they are funny.

Arguably the best dark comedy ever made is the



Lucky Numbers

★★

Director:

Nora Ephron

Starring:

John Travolta

Lisa Kudrow

Coen Brothers' 1996 "Fargo," a film noted by many critics as the best film that year. From the scheme for money to the thugs they hire to do their dirty work, Jerry Lundegaard (William H. Macy's character in "Fargo") and Russ Richards have everything in common.

"Lucky Numbers" does a lot of the things that "Fargo" did right as well, and there's really only one big difference—"Fargo" was funny.

Why "Lucky Numbers" fails to get the laughs is a

ance as a man who is on the edge. Lisa Kudrow is his partner in the deal that goes down, and she plays the same character she plays in everything, but she still manages to steal a few scenes.

Rounding out the cast are Ed O'Neill (better known as Al Bundy from TV's "Married with Children") as the deejay-ball manager of the television studio that much of the film takes place in and Bill Pullman ("Independence Day") who gives the funniest performance of the film (meaning that he actually got a laugh).

The film also times each of its jokes impeccably, not delivering the punch line too soon or too late. With this in mind, the real question is "Why is it that this film fails to get laughs?" The answer is simple: the jokes just aren't that funny. With dark comedies we expect big, mean, outrageous jokes; we want to turn around a corner and see a man in a wood chipper. Here, we get John Travolta crashing snowmobiles. This is still a comical visual, but it lacks the sheer horror that leads to comedy when the viewer gets a mean twist thrown at him.

Much like the actual lottery, which "Lucky Numbers" is about, this isn't a film that you're going to want to go out and spend seven dollars on tickets; by the time the final moment comes you may feel like you've just blown some good money. On the other hand, a smaller wager (of one to four dollars) and you never know, you may just think you saw a winner.

that are timed just right. The cast, which consists of a dozen A-list actors, works together to create the town just this side of Pleasantville and that side of hell. John Travolta, who's having a rough year so far ("Battlefield: Earth" is the year's biggest flop to date), gives a great perform-

Zack Smith  
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Admittedly, college is not always a place for reading for pleasure that you usually have too much required reading to finish. But here are some recent books that are well worth checking out if you have the time.

"The Amazing Adventures of Kavalier and Clay" by Michael Chabon (Random House, \$26.95) is the latest effort from the author of "The Mysteries of Pittsburgh" and "Wonder Boys," which was a film with Michael Douglas released earlier this year. In this new work, Chabon chronicles the misadventures of Sammy Klayman and Jose Kevlar, two cousins who become a cartooning team during the height of World War II. With their creation, "The Escapist," they manage to, in their own way, combat the Nazis.

But soon Joe's desire to help his family escape from Europe leads to more and more bizarre situations. Chabon, who did his homework when writing this book (which included interviewing such legendary comics writers as Stan Lee and Will Eisner), weaves an elaborate tale that is hilarious, heart-breaking and epic. Well worth picking up.

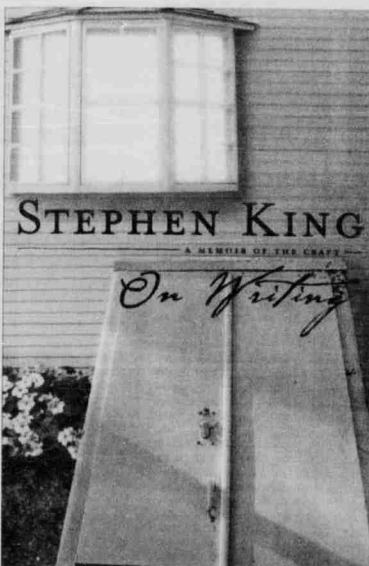
"The Ambler Spyglass" by Philip Pullman (Random House, \$19.95) is the conclusion of Pullman's

fantasy trilogy "His Dark Materials," which can best be described as Harry Potter with teeth.

The story, which is almost impossible to summarize, involves a parallel Earth where everyone has an alternate animal-spirit called a "daemon." Other features include the kidnapping of children for insidious purposes, various other worlds, armored polar bears, zeppelin flyers from Texas, witches, deserted cities, otherworldly creatures, monstrous mothers and a conspiracy that stretches up to Heaven itself. Rest

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Remember Books?







## JUST ANOTHER MORNING

**Nikhil Kriplani**

Staff Writer

She opened the door one morning.  
Allowed in some fresh air.  
Just as she was turning her face away,  
She saw a little baby lying there.

It was wrapped up in a little shawl,  
With stripes colored white and red.  
It lay with its eyes shut in a wicker basket,  
That peace to her, so much it said.

A voice inside her told her,  
To bring the little beauty in,  
But as she was about to do so,  
She heard a voice calling her from within.

She ran towards the voice quickly,  
It was her little boy crying out in pain,  
She held her little boy in her arms,  
Until his pain would go away.

Then she remembered the baby at the door.  
Waiting for her to show some care,  
But as she reached the door downstairs,  
She saw it wasn't there.

She sat down on the doorstep,  
And then cried the mother's cry.  
Of the mother who had lost her child,  
Of the mother who has stopped to care,  
Of the mother who couldn't do anymore,  
Of the mother who had given all her love,  
Of the mother who couldn't be everywhere,  
Of the mother who couldn't be alone anymore,  
Of the mother who longed for how it had been before.

Then she heard the laughter of a little girl,  
As she walked by the steel gate.  
She wore a pure white dress, white rose in hand,  
As she skipped happily away.  
She looked up at the sky and saw the rainbow,  
In all its colors and all its glory,  
With all that beauty came hope and courage,  
And the strength to carry on her story.

## BOOKS

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assured it all makes sense if you read it. This is fantasy at its most epic, and Pullman's protagonist Lyra is one of the most compelling and three-dimensional heroines in literature.

"The Amber Spyglass" wraps up the trilogy in an immensely satisfying way, but if you haven't read the other books in the series, "The Golden Compass" and "The Subtle Knife," go back and read them first. You won't be sorry.

Over a decade ago, Stephen King wrote "Dune Macabre," detailing his thoughts on what made something scary. Now he revisits that territory in "On Writing: A Memoir of the Craft" (Scribner, \$25.00), a book that is part how-to manual, part autobiography and completely absorbing. King provides numerous examples of writing style, his own mistakes and how to revise material, along with anecdotes from his own life, which prove to be wonderfully dismy the admits to not even remember writing "Cujo" and admits that "Insomnia" and "Rose Madder" aren't very good.

He also goes into detail about

the accident that nearly killed him last summer, in a section that is both haunting and darkly funny.

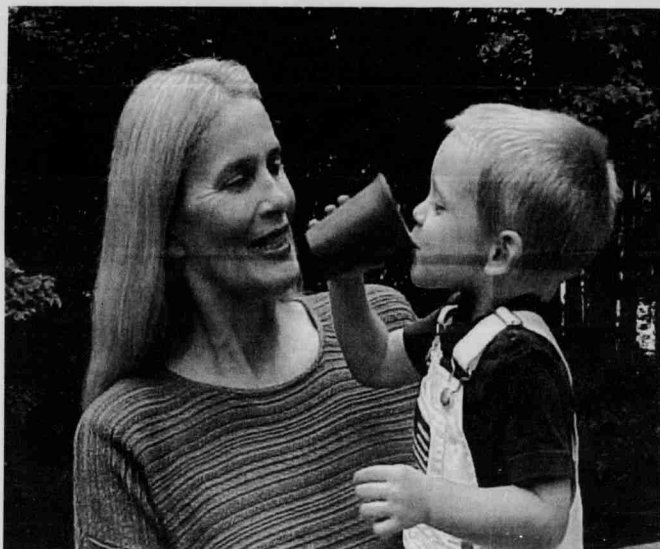
King's writing is best when he invests it with a level of intimacy and reading this book is like having a long conversation with the man. A great read and not just for Stephen King fans.

Steve Martin isn't just an actor and comedian, he's also an occasional writer, whose works show up in places like the "New Yorker" and "Talk." His collections "Cruel Shoes" and 1998's "Pure Drivel" were devoted to his shorter works, but now he's written a full-out novella in the form of "Shopgirl" (Hyperion, \$17.95). This is a darker, more straightforward work than his other writings, but it is still compelling.

Mirabelle, a worker at Neiman's, finds herself involved with the older, richer Ray Porter, who wants a relationship with no strings attached. Funny, yes—but also an oddly sad, honest, insightful piece. A quick-but-memorable read, "Shopgirl" is a different turn for Martin, but it may prove to be the beginning of a new direction for him as a writer, and it's an interesting one.

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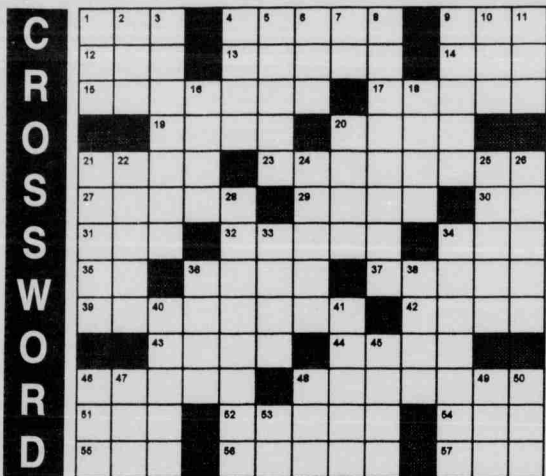
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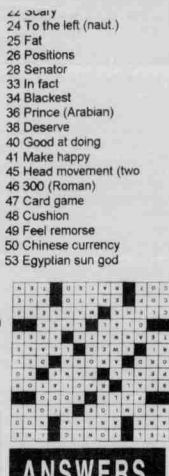
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- 14 Give approval
- 15 Sedative
- 17 Correct
- 19 Wan
- 20 Taro plant
- 21 Aquatic animal
- 23 Engine cooling device
- 27 Danger
- 29 Window
- 30 Box Office (abbr.)
- 31 Order (abbr.)
- 32 Smell
- 34 Second smallest U.S. state (abbr.)
- 35 Southern New England state (abbr.)
- 36 Wide-mouthed pitcher
- 37 Rent
- 39 On the same team
- 42 Gr. god of war

- 43 Clock face
- 44 Melodious song bird
- 46 Record keeper
- 48 Behaviors
- 51 Policeman (slang)
- 52 Muse of lyric poetry
- 54 Bring action against
- 55 Small bed
- 56 Measured
- 57 Number

## DOWN

- 1 Flap
- 2 Mistake
- 3 Spotted animal
- 4 End
- 5 Arrangement
- 6 Bone
- 7 Not out
- 8 Red bird
- 9 Melodious metal
- 10 Variant of (Japanese)
- 11 Time standard (abbr.)
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So coaches believe that facilities equal recruits?

And I do too. If we want to compete in the ACC, we're competing against the best teams in the country. So you're recruiting kids that are used to looking at schools that have the best facilities in the country. So it's really hard, unless they grew up around here and love the Wolfpack, for them to make a decision to come here when they could go somewhere else that has the same academics, the same coaching staff.

I don't think you can automatically get a kid because of facilities, but if you're way low on facilities, it may hurt you to get a kid. That's why we want to be competitive. We don't want to build a Taj Mahal.

Getting off facilities a little bit, the Damon Thornton situation, how much autonomy do you give Herb Sendek in a situation like that? Is it his call or do you give him advice? How does that work?

Pretty much in any situation like that, any kind of thing that becomes such a public issue, I've always believed in letting coaches coach their team, do things with their teams. But in an instance where it's a public issue, and it's breaking of the law and that sort of thing, I'm heavily involved in it, but it will be a decision that Herb and I will make together for the right reasons.

Most of the press have felt that we are holding back, that we already know. We really don't. We're kind of waiting on the professionals to tell us what they think and what they recommend, and then we'll have a decision to make.

Students, it will be resolved number one with the student situation with Damon. Let's say

that the worst scenario happens and they suspend him, well, we don't have much of a say about that. There's no reason for us to make a decision right now until all of those processes are carried out.

We want what's best for him. I try and make the decision. "What would I want done for my child?"

It's a privilege to play for N.C. State or any other university. He's kind of given up his privilege at this point. So if we feel like he's earned his privilege back, then we'll make that decision.

So it's a collaborative effort.

Yes.

Let's put it this way, it's collaborative as long as I feel like it's good [for the university]. The public, of course, feels like you'll do it at any cost to win. I don't want a decision done to win or lose a game. I want it to be made for the right reasons.

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"Our freshman have a great way about them," he said. "They are really good people. Our program has really benefited from the character infusion they have given us. Our future bodies very well as this group matriculates."

But to someone on the outside, performances like those during Red-White introductions indicate a desire for individual attention over team recognition.

Rob Godfrey's columns appear on Wednesdays. He can be reached at 515-2411 or [diewhirlie@aol.com](mailto:diewhirlie@aol.com).

## IM/RecNotes

### Intramurals

For those teams who have signed up for Dixie Classic Basketball, there will be a mandatory meeting today at 5 p.m. in 104 Carmichael Gymnasium.

Anyone interested in participating in intramural sports can call 515-3161 for more information.

### Club sports — results

The club cricket team had a successful weekend capturing the championship at the annual six-a-side charity tournament at the Shiloh Grounds in Morrisville. The tournament featured four other teams — Durham Cricket Club, Triangle Cricket Club, Commonwealth United (North Carolina) and the Carolina Anzacs. After finishing the round robin play with a 3-1 record, including a resounding defeat of the UNC squad, the Pack defeated the Durham Cricket Club in the semifinals and thrashed the Carolina Anzacs in the finals to take the crown. Sabir Minhas was voted the MVP of the tournament.

The women's club basketball team hosted a successful round-robin tournament over the weekend at Carmichael Gym. The Pack posted a 2-1 record

with victories over Maryland and Richmond. Virginia won the tournament with a 3-0 record.

### Club sports — upcoming events

The N.C. State Cricket Club will host a cricket tournament this weekend at the University Miller Fields. Matches will be held from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on Friday and from 1 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on both Saturday and Sunday. Matches will be fast paced with each game is not expected to last more than an hour.

The rules of cricket have been bent around to make it easier for newcomers to pick up the game. One such innovation is the introduction of two separate teams for batting and for bowling. State will enter two teams in the tournament.

The objective of this tournament is to help popularize the game of cricket in America, and everyone is encouraged to attend. For more information contact Sudeep at 395-4140 or send an email to [tsudeep@hotmail.com](mailto:tsudeep@hotmail.com).

The club wrestling team will compete in its first match of the season Saturday at 3 p.m. at North Carolina's Carmichael Gymnasium. The match will be a tri-meet that will feature State, UNC and Appalachian State.

The club rowing team will travel to Gainesville, Fla., this weekend to participate in the "Head of the Hooch" Regatta. Fifty-three team members will make the trip as the Pack competes against varsity and club teams from all over the East Coast.

The club softball team hosts a round-robin tournament this weekend at Pullen Park with Duke, UNC, Maryland and William and Mary. Games start at 10 a.m. on both Saturday and Sunday. The Pack will play at 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. on Saturday and at 1:30 p.m. and 4 p.m. on Sunday.

The club bowling team travels to Akron, Ohio, this weekend to participate in an intercollegiate tournament sanctioned by College Bowl USA.

### Informal recreation and fitness

Informal table tennis will be held on courts E5-6, E8 and E10 on Friday from 5:15 p.m. to 7 p.m.

The Swimming Stroke Clinic will take place at the 50-meter pool in Carmichael Gymnasium on Monday from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Stress Management Part II occurs on Wednesday, Nov. 8, from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. in Room 125 of Carmichael Gymnasium. Registration for both workshops is open now in

1000 Carmichael Gymnasium.

### 5K Fun Run/Walk

Registration for the Intramural-Recreational Sports 5K Fun Run/Walk is in its final week. Come by 1000 Carmichael Gymnasium to sign up. There is a \$5 fee for registration. The race will be held on Centennial Campus on Saturday. Race day registration will begin at 7:30 a.m., and the race will begin at 8:30 a.m.

Note: The Intramural-Recreational Sports department will NOT be providing transportation to Centennial Campus. All participants will need to meet at Centennial Campus on race day.

### Officials

If you would like to become a basketball official, clinics are being held today from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. in Room 127 of Carmichael Gymnasium. For more information, call 515-3161.

### Job opportunities

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Swimming @ Pitt, 11/3

◆ N.C. State's new athletics director shares his thoughts on facilities, Demon Thornton, and facilities.

Jack Daly

Sports Editor

Lee Fowler has been athletics director at N.C. State for all of a month.

Yet, he has been a busy man. There's been the Demon Thornton situation, the way the football team has been playing and Fowler was named the chair of the NCAA selection committee for men's basketball.

Last Thursday, Fowler sat down for an interview with *Technician*.

*Technician: Will changes be made in the ticket policy for football games?*

Lee Fowler: Well, of course, ticket policy is the student's, it comes out of the students. But, I hope there is a difference because I think any system that promotes lining up first gets the best tickets is not a good system. It promotes someone getting hurt and really unruly situations.

So yes, I hope there is a change. For big games especially, I don't think you should get more than one ticket per ID. We have 8,800 seats for football. If every one of those tickets went to a student, then we think that would be almost one-third of our population on campus. That would take care of most of the kids that want to go to football games.

*One of the overarching themes with athletics at N.C. State for the past year or two has been the need to upgrade facilities. Where do you stand on that and what do you anticipate happening in the next year or two?*

This may change but my general philosophy is number one, I want to make sure all of our athletes have facilities that they need, not just one sport. Of course, basketball has a great facility right now to play in and we're looking at football and starting the process there in the next month or so, getting that process actually started and off paper and getting it actually started at Carter-Finley.

The one thing that does, it kind of gets a domino effect because when football moves out of Weisiger-Brown, then we'll move other sports into Weisiger-Brown. We want to create an atmosphere where soccer, number one, can play on-campus and can play at night and where students can go to games. Right now, they're having to play in daylight. It's kind of tough to play when students can't really go.

My plan and hopes are to enlarge the track and make sure the soccer field, right now it's not big enough to be a competitive size, so we hope to enlarge the track. Of course, none of this can happen until football moves out of Weisiger-Brown.

When we do that, we think we will move men's basketball over there in the green room, which used to be an indoor football facility. What we want to do is turn the third floor of Case (Athletics Center) into an academic center for all athletes. You really want the training facility, food and study at the same place.

With baseball and tennis, we are going to have to build facilities out at their complexes. We hope to cover six courts with a bubble and with baseball, we will build a fieldhouse and try to level the field. Get the seating out there with concession stands and restrooms.

*So, would it be accurate to say that you hope to have soccer on campus three to four years from now?*

Football, if we can make this tight deadline, would move off in July of 2002. I don't know, we may be able to do this (restructure the track) before the winter sets in that year and have track and soccer out here—in not two years from now, three years from now.

When you say July of 2002 for foot-



Lee Fowler has already begun to address various issues, such as facilities, at N.C. State.

*ball, what do you anticipate having done at Carter-Finley?*

There's a phase one and a phase two. Some of the seating in the grass end we're supposed to have finished for next

*So phase one is?*

Is putting seats in, building the football building, and then the three practice fields.

*Is that football building where the current hill is?*

Yeah, it's opposite the arena. It's actually going to be all up in the air. We're going to be above ground with all of it. We're going to move it back 50 feet. That way we can keep building when there are football games.

*And then phase two would be enclosing the other end?*

And putting in the boxes. Most of the other end and the boxes will be done with box sales and that kind of thing. So it won't be a \$100 million fundraising effort. This first part will be a fundraising effort, but the second part

will be done with leases on suites.

*Do you think facilities so far have been one of the biggest priorities you've had to deal with?*

Yeah, the student-athletes here are as happy as can be, which is great. They feel like they're well cared for. They're cared about, they travel well, they have plenty of tutoring help, all those sort of

things.

But the issues are pretty much facilities and it's really kind of surprising, the coaches were really kind of shocked when I met individually with these students, that the students were that interested in facilities. I guess you don't really gripe to your coach about facilities. They didn't ask me about facilities. I offered. I kind of told each team what we're planning on doing.

After I would leave, they were really excited. They would open to the coaches. Talking about, 'Well, I was told this when I came here four years ago, it's going to be great that they're actually going to do something about it now.' The coaches are kind of proud they haven't gripped about it, haven't made any excuses about not having facilities, but all of the athletes are excited about having better facilities. They feel like it will really make a difference in the program.

*You said you've talked to all of the coaches here and about half of the athletes, what were the concerns they've expressed to you? Maybe not so much the athletes, but the coaches. And what are they really happy with?*

Well, they are all happy with their budgets, they are all happy with the amount of scholarships they have, the amount of money they have to travel. So budget issues aren't really the issue. Really, truly, it's facilities with all of them. They feel that if we had competitive facilities, we could be a lot better in all sports.

Now, we're getting beaten out by the East Carolinas of the world and those people that have better facilities and are using it against us. 'They tell you they're going to do facilities, but they have been telling people that for 10 years.' It's kind of turned into a negative about not building them.

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## basketball

### Red-White lessons

What can one really take from an intrasquad scrimmage?

Not a whole lot, I thought before I took my seat Saturday at the Entertainment and Sports Arena.

And as I left, I maintained my position. The N.C. State men's basketball team still con-

founds me heading into the 2000-01 season. But two things were clear when the afternoon of preseason basketball concluded.

First, no school he's visited could offer recruiting gem Julius Hodge what State offers him (we are speaking in basketball terms, here). And Hodge has visited some pretty high-profile programs (Florida, Maryland and Syracuse).

Brand new basketball facilities await Hodge in Raleigh. The ESA is a posh home for a team of 20-year-olds, complete with amenities professional athletes enjoy. A recently finished player's lounge and a helpful academic support staff will be at Hodge's disposal, too.

Now, Maryland, a school Hodge visited, should have a new arena come 2002, an arena nestled within the College Park, Md., campus no less. But faulty construction and inadequate funding can delay such a project. In Raleigh, improvements have already been made.

Atlantic Coast Conference tradition and Wolfpack tradition are what Hodge would represent in a State uniform. Certainly, the tradition at Maryland, Florida and Syracuse is better than average, but the only tradition comparable to Pack tradition lies within the heritage of the three other Tobacco Road schools.

This tradition should be fresh on Hodge's mind in the wake of the Saturday ceremony where Tom Burleson's No. 24 rose to the ESA rafters to hang with the jerseys of David Thompson, Ron Shavlik and other players who have contributed to 10 ACC championships and two NCAA crowns. Florida and Syracuse are former Final Four participants; neither team has been a national champion.

Hodge can be a part of a rich tradition. He won't, however, be bigger than that tradition, which ties into the second certainty from the Red-White game.

After the jersey ceremony, the ESA's lights went out, and thousands of attendees rose to their feet. In reverse order of seniority, introductions let fans get to know freshmen players first.

Judging by the entrances three freshmen made, someone may need to remind them that they signed on to be part of the rich tradition. They may enhance the tradition. But they aren't bigger than the tradition.

The three freshmen aren't wholly at fault, either. At least one upperclassman decided to dramatize his introduction at mid-court, flexing his arms and giving his best impression of a mythological Olympian.

Head coach Herb Sendek assured media at ACC Operation Basketball that his freshmen were making great progress in preseason practice. He said they are great basketball players and good people.

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Lee Fowler (left) and Chuck Amato have a discussion.

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## Volleyball falls in five to Tar Heels

◆ The Wolfpack took North Carolina the distance on Halloween night but couldn't quite pull off the upset.

Sports Staff Report

N.C. State fell in five games to North Carolina 15-12, 15-8, 17-15, 14-16, 16-7 in a Halloween match Tuesday night at Cameron Hall Gymnasium in Chapel Hill. The loss dropped the Wolfpack to 7-19

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for the year and 1-13 in the Atlantic Coast Conference. The Tar Heels, who were playing their final home match of the year, advanced to 22-5 overall and 12-2 in ACC action.

State jumped out to a 4-0 lead in the first game, but the Heels came back to tie the game at eight. The Pack answered with four points, but UNC would hold State to 12 points, as the Heels scored seven unanswered points to take the game 15-12.

In game two, the Heels jumped to an early lead, but with the score at 13-4, the Pack rallied for four points. This was not enough, however, as the Heels kept State to a negative hitting percentage to win the

game 15-8.

Game three saw a seemingly renewed Pack team jump to a 9-4 lead on the Heels. State out hit UNC, 367 to .034 and took the game 15-7. Game four was a battle throughout, as both teams exchanged side outs. State went up 12-6 when the Heels went on an 8-2 run led by Laura Greene's six kills. But State held on to take the game 16-14 and force a deciding fifth game.

UNC pounded the ball in game five and defensively outlooked State 4-0, keeping the Pack to a negative hitting percentage again. The Heels surged to a 15-7 win to take the match.

State was led by Charece Williams, who had a match-high 27 kills and 21 digs. Stephanie Stambaugh also posted a double-double with 17 kills and 16 digs, while Meredith Price recorded a match-high 34 digs and six kills.

UNC had three players with double-digit kills led by Greene's 20. Krista Buchholz and Casey Simpson registered 13 and 11, respectively. Malaika Underwood tallied 19 digs, and Eve Rackham and Liz Feldman added 11 each.

After a three-match road trip, State returns to Reynolds Coliseum to take on Virginia Tech on Saturday at 5 p.m.