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## Thornton serving sentence

◆Basketball player Damon Thornton has expressed interest in addressing Student Senate.

### News Staff Report

N.C. State basketball player Damon Thornton is "very much on schedule" in completing his community service and his alcohol counseling classes, according to his attorney, Lee Turner.

Turner said that, as of last week, Thornton had completed all but nine of the 24 hours he was sentenced to after pleading guilty to charges of driving while impaired, leaving the scene of an accident, failure to stop for a blue light and siren and unsafe movement in a motor vehicle.

The charges stem from an Oct. 11 accident involving Thornton.

Turner also said that Thornton is regularly attending alcohol counseling sessions three times a week.

Thornton has had an administrative meeting with officials from the Office of Student Conduct; Head of Student Conduct Paul Cousins has declined comment on Thornton's case.

Turner could offer no definite information on the results of the meeting, saying only that Thornton "is a continuing student at N.C. State."

Thornton has been suspended indefinitely from the men's basketball team, but he did begin individual practice sessions with a coach last week. As of last Friday, Turner said that he had not begun practicing with the team.

Thornton had been scheduled to address Student Senate last week. A conflict arose, however, and he was unable to appear.

Student Senate President Conen Morgan said that Thornton has expressed interest in rescheduling a time to address the senate. Morgan said that would be no problem.

"Any student can come and speak to senate," Morgan said.

## NCSU student killed

◆An N.C. State sophomore died after an automobile accident on Avent Ferry Road.

Spaine Stephens  
News Editor

Kara Ruth Medlin, a sophomore in communications at N.C. State, died yesterday from injuries sustained in an automobile accident on Saturday, Nov. 4. The accident happened at approximately 2:27 a.m. when two vehicles collided head-on in the turn lane in front of Crest Road, according to an official with the Raleigh Police Department.

Timothy James Armstrong, a sophomore in chemical engineering at NCSU, was slowing down in the turn lane to turn left onto Crest Road. Kyle Bryant Smith, a sophomore in biology and the driver of the car in which Medlin was a passenger, was driving in the center lane "for an unknown reason," according to a police report. The two cars hit head-on.

Armstrong and Medlin sustained type A injuries, or "disabling injuries." The other passengers in Smith's vehicle, Jason Roy-Old, a senior in Spanish at NCSU, and Dallas Caroline Stull, received type C injuries, or "possible injuries."

Smith faces charges of DWI, DWI with a provisional license, and careless and reckless driving.

Medlin was taken to Wake Medical Center, where she was reportedly on life support. According to the RPD representative, she died yesterday afternoon.

A Morrisville native, Medlin was a 1997 graduate of Cary High School. After high school, Medlin went to East Carolina University, where she was a member of Alpha Delta Pi sorority. Medlin's father, Thomas, said that she loved NCSU and was doing very well here.

"She was very athletic and outgoing," Thomas Medlin said. "She had a ton of friends." Medlin's father said that one of

her professors, having heard about the accident, called the family Monday afternoon.

"That shows just how much the professors at N.C. State care about their students," he said.

"This is another terrible tragedy," said Tom Stafford, vice chancellor for student affairs. "My heartfelt sympathy goes out to her family and friends."

"This is another loss of life probably related to the use of alcohol," said Stafford.

Services for Medlin will be held at Cary First Baptist Church on Thursday. No definite time has been set, but Medlin's father said the funeral will be open to the public.

There will also be a visitation Wednesday from 7 to 9 p.m. at Brown-Wynne Funeral Home in Cary.

Staff reporters Cara Frowe and Jimmy Ryals also contributed to this article.



Edward Randolph, a Facilities Management Groundskeeper, blows the leaves out of a campus flower bed.

## Students protest jails bond

◆A hybrid group of N.C. State students and community activists protest Wake County's \$20 million jails bond Monday.

Jimmy Ryals  
News Editor

Members of Citizens for Safety, a newly formed group composed of students and general community members, gathered in front of the Wake County Courthouse Monday morning to protest the Wake County jails bond referendum.

Speakers Bryan Proffitt, a senior in microbiology; Meg Hensley, a freshman in political science; and John Dillahunty, a member of the Black Workers for Justice, outlined both ethical and economic objections to the jails bond.

If the county jails bond referendum passes, Wake County will borrow \$20 million to create more bed space at the county jail on Hammond Road.

Dillahunty believes the passage of the bond would continue a trend in law enforcement of increasing the number of people incarcerated as the violent crime rate decreases.

Ninety-one percent of the crimes committed in Wake County in 1998 were non-violent, according to the Wake County Sheriff's Crime Index.

Dillahunty believes the money would be better spent on education programs and job training that could prevent people from committing crimes in the first place.

"We want an emphasis on prevention," said Dillahunty. "And we don't mean 'Just say no' programs."

Dillahunty also railed at the lack of racial balance in incarceration. He called the number of blacks among incarcerated people "mind-boggling and criminal in and of itself."

Proffitt, the organization's outreach coordinator, found economic faults in the jails bond package. Bond proponents have said that the passage of the jails bond will not lead to an increase in county taxes. Proffitt believes, however, that passage of the bond will leave with more than \$50.3 million in building and maintenance for new facilities over the next 15 years.

All three speakers echoed the need for education, not incarceration, in preventing crime in North Carolina.

Dillahunty sees college students as natural allies in the fight to reform the prison system in North Carolina.

"We've got a common interest [with the students] in incarceration," Dillahunty said.

Hensley said that college students should be concerned about the jails bond because students are among the ones being imprisoned. She has been concerned with the prison issue and saw the formation last week of Citizens for Safety as an opportunity to become actively involved in prison reform.

The group's goal, as Proffitt sees it, is to increase awareness of what it perceives to be problems in law enforcement.

"The main thing is just educating the public about [the jails bond], because most of them don't know," Proffitt said.

Citizens for Safety formed last week in an effort to combat the jails bond.

Citizens for Safety was also present at a rally in the Brickyard Monday for a moratorium on the death penalty in North Carolina.



## Bonds on Raleigh ballots

◆Polls are open all day and Raleigh voters will decide state, county and city bonds.

### News Staff Report

Polling stations are open from 6:30 a.m. until 7:30 p.m. today, and there are five bond referendums on the ballot in Raleigh.

First off is the state higher education bond referendum. This is a plan to borrow \$3.1 billion for construction and repair of NC's 16 universities and 59 community colleges. If approved, approximately half of the UNC system's share, \$2.5 billion, will be spent on new construction, a third on renovations and the remainder on land purchases and improving electrical systems, roads and heating and cooling systems. Community colleges will

spend the remaining \$499 million on new buildings and \$101 million on repairs.

This breakdown was calculated in accordance to university enrollment. Some counties will be forced to match money to receive bond proceeds. During the next six years, investors will be able to purchase these bonds, which will finance the construction boom. The state will then repay the bonds, plus interest, over the next century, which will cost approximately \$5.5 billion.

The Wake County Commissioners have put to a referendum three bonds. The first is a \$500 million bond to build and renovate schools, which will fund 14 new schools and improve 96.

Wake County voters will also decide the fate of a \$20 million bond to expand county jails, which will also pay for the first part of the new county

jail on Hammond Road.

The final Wake County bond is worth \$15 million, and, if passed, it will provide for the county to buy land and designate it as open greenspace.

City of Raleigh voters will vote on a \$75 million bond referendum to improve city roads, develop parks and help build affordable housing.

Of that \$75 million, 45 million will be spent on widening road and improving sidewalks, bicycle lanes and drainage systems.

There are two other Raleigh bonds. The first is the parks bond, worth approximately \$16 million, and it will fund projects in east Raleigh areas along the Neuse River. The Raleigh housing bond, worth approximately \$14 million, will provide low-interest loans.

## TECHNICIAN'S VIEW

### Bond servants?

IS THE \$3.1 BILLION HIGHER EDUCATION BOND REFERENDUM SOMETHING THE STUDENTS AND CITIZENS OF NORTH CAROLINA SHOULD SUPPORT?

Election Day will not only involve votes for Bush or Gore but also votes for or against a \$3.1 billion bond referendum for the University of North Carolina public university system.

The bond would give the 16 universities and 59 community colleges a total of \$3.1 billion, with a little over a full billion of that going to just two schools: the system's flagship, UNC-Chapel Hill, and N.C. State.

Money is planned — highlight: planned — for use to renovate and expand the state's troubled educational facilities — dormitories, libraries, parking, gymnasiums, etc. The money is compensation for an expected 30 percent rise in North Carolina's high school graduation rate and a 100-100-plus increase of the UNC System student population over the next few years.

N.C. State Treasurer Harlan Boyles assures taxpayers will not suffer raised taxes. And the N.C. Association of County Commissioners confirms that view.

But a bond is ultimately borrowed money. The higher education bond would double North Carolina's debt and strain an already tight annual budget. Is it worth the trouble just to a nicer research lab can be put on such-and-such campus?

Yes, but reluctantly so. When lump sums of \$500 million are being dropped in UNC-CH's and NCSU's laps, the word "need" suddenly becomes very inclusive.

Does this university need more classroom space, lab equipment and dormitory space? Absolutely. But again, this is the same administration whose plan for Centennial Campus emphasizes a

"need" for a hotel/conference center and a golf course.

While a well-manicured par three might be, to say the least, an innovative solution to overcrowded classrooms and underequipped departments, it requires a total redefinition of the word "need."

The bond gives us money. And we all want money. We all want to go through the Christmas morning pageantry of ribbon-cutting opening ceremonies and exciting new building names that are able to thrust us into a brave new world of elches (select from: "rise up to the challenges of the 21st century," "initiate innovative, proactive solutions to a dynamic world," or "restore honor and dignity to the White House"). OK, scratch that last one, but you get the point.

The question is whether the various universities will actually do what they're currently saying they will do with the bond money. The way the bond money distribution is set up, there's an overwhelming and frightening danger of wasteful spending. Accountability needs to ensure we don't end up paying for \$50 staplers and \$1,000 desks.

Sure, we all want the billions and billions of possibilities the bond money offers, but, in the words of Mick Jagger, "you can't always get what you want. But, if you try sometimes, you just may find you get what you need."



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### Jesus' claims 'audacious and preposterous'



Rhett McLaughlin  
STAFF COLUMNIST

Jesus Christ has had a considerable impact throughout the world. Whether or not you believe he was myth or reality, magician or miracle worker, an exaggerated religious figure or God in the flesh, you must agree that he has indeed exerted a noticeable influence on humankind. This influence alone warrants a thoughtful investigation of his claims, teachings and significance in history. A reasonable person should actively seek to establish just what that influence is. Anything less would be quite irresponsible.

Ask someone on the street what they think about Jesus, and they'll likely say, "He was a great moral teacher." This is undoubtedly the popular opinion. But when you take a more precise look at the factors surrounding the life of Christ, this proposal seems quite nonsensical.

The claims of Christ himself serve as a starting point for coming to a conclusion about him. We find these claims in the Bible. Obviously, to critique Christ according to what is written within the Bible assumes that the Bible itself is historically reliable. That matter deserves a book in itself. When the Bible is examined in light of a number of parameters, including time elapsed between composition and copies, number of manuscripts, extrabiblical literary confirmation of New Testament events, archeological confirmation of New Testament events and the nature of the accounts themselves (in that they were from contemporaries and witnesses), it can be concluded that its writings concerning the life of Christ, at the very least, reasonably reliable. Still, if you believe Jesus to be a legendary hero blown grossly out of proportion by his followers and the authors of the gospels, you will disagree.

If, however, Christ was exaggerated by selfish promoters of non-truths, how can we explain the willingness of his closest companions to die for the cause, holding

stubbornly to their personal accounts of his life in the presence of severe persecution? It is unlikely that these men would die for a lie, and if they had firsthand knowledge of this carpenter from Nazareth, then it follows that they could have exposed fallacies regarding the life of Jesus.

You may think that touting the New Testament as "divinely inspired" is laughable, but you can still assume that these writings capture the essence of Jesus' message during his period of influence.

Well, what did Jesus say? He claimed equality with God (John 10:25-33). He claimed he could forgive sins (Mark 2:5-7). He claimed to be the only way by which we can connect with God (John 14:6). He was worshipped as God by his contemporaries, and he accepted this worship (John 1:1-14, 9:35-39). He claimed to be God himself (John 8:58, when considered with Exodus 3:14). There is much, much more. Read the Gospels yourself to see. The claims of Christ were audacious and preposterous, to put it mildly.

In light of his claims, it is foolishness to conclude that Christ was simply a great moral teacher. I believe we are left with three plausible options: either he was lying, he should be disregarded along with the likes of cult leaders Jim Jones and David Koresh, and Christians should stop elevating the madman to godly levels. But, if he was telling the truth, then we have no choice but to fall on our faces and worship him.

Rational humans must put a halt to this philosophy that Christ was simply a great moral teacher. Just as C.S. Lewis wrote, "He has not left us that option." It is our responsibility to answer the question that Christ posed himself in Matthew 16: 15: "But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?"

Who is Jesus? Tell Rhett at [rjmclau@eos.ncsu.edu](mailto:rjmclau@eos.ncsu.edu).

### "Political Musings"

## 10 reasons Bush will win



Justin Greene  
STAFF COLUMNIST

The big day is here. Time to head to the polls and cast our votes for the future leader of the free world. For the last few weeks, political pundits and armchair analysts have stated that this will be the closest presidential election since JFK squeaked by Nixon in 1960. I happen to think that while it will be closer than the Clinton-Dole election of 1996, George W. Bush will end up winning by a larger margin than has been predicted. I know many of my Democratic friends think I'm saying this simply because I'm an outspoken Bush fan. While that fact may indeed cloud some of my judgment, I don't think it would be a good reason to skip my neck out and try to predict an election that all the "experts" say is too close to call. I don't relish making a fool of myself. It is then with the greatest of caution that I have come up with 10 reasons why Bush will pull it off. The competitive side of me simply couldn't resist taking a shot at being able to say, "I told you so" on Wednesday if California's million-plus absentee ballots are counted by then.

1) Turnout. Last week, Wake County recorded about 23,000 early voting ballots. This turnout was 10% of the entire turnout for the county in 1996. Precincts all around the country have been reporting a record number of requests for absentee ballots and record numbers of new voter registration. Despite what Al Gore says, this can only benefit the Republicans, which brings me to my next reason:  
2) Energy. Unlike 1996, when conservatives stayed home for the most part and Democrats turned out in droves, this election will be the opposite. Every Republican I know can't wait to vote for George Bush and get the Clinton/Gore administration out of there. On the other

side, Al Gore's attempts at attracting undecided moderates have left his liberal base disillusioned. I have seen hundreds and hundreds of Bush/Cheney stickers on cars around Raleigh, but I've literally only seen two Gore/Lieberman stickers. Translation: Republicans are hyped and proud of their candidate; Democrats are not.  
3) Democrats. It infuriates the party faithful, but many longtime Democrats are attracted to Bush's approach to education, Social Security and the military, and when they combine those leanings with their embarrassment over the Clinton/Gore administration, it's enough to put another vote in the Bush camp. If you can find a Republican voting for Gore anywhere, hang on to him/her, because they'll be more rare than diamonds.  
4) Lies. Democrats, Republicans and undecideds alike are fed up with Al Gore's constant lies, exaggerations and half-truths. Whether it's acting like Bush is going to give your money to Bill Gates, telling African Americans that a Bush presidency will take us back to a Jim Crow mentality, ignoring bipartisan investigations of illegal fundraising at a non-profit Buddhist temple, saying he took the initiative in creating the Internet, etc. Americans know they won't be able to rely on Gore for the truth.  
5) Minorities. This election will see Bush receiving a larger percentage of black and Hispanic votes than any Republican candidate in recent history. Bush established the precedent in Texas with strong support in both communities and he will build that consensus nationwide.  
6) Nader's raiders. The big news of this election isn't that Ralph Nader will get some votes, like he has almost every election I've been alive. The news is that there is no Nader counterpart to take away votes on the conservative side. Pat Buchanan hasn't mobilized his normal constituency and will probably get less than 1 percent. Nader may draw up to 7 or 8 percent, and that could be a huge blow to Gore.

7) Unions. While Democrats rely on the big unions to activate a lot of their voting base, word has it that this time around, union members en masse are shirking the exhortations of their die-collecting bug-lab bosses. Blue Collar workers are realizing that Bush isn't just for the rich and they can't rely on Gore.  
8) Military. If anyone had any doubts during the debates about which candidate really had the military vote, 64 percent of officers are registered Republicans, compared to only 8 percent Democrats. In addition, voter registration on some bases is up 14 percent from 4 years ago. The military puts great stock in sound leadership, and a bi-partisan group of 11 former secretaries of state and defense and national security officials, including Henry Kissinger, James Baker, Caspar Weinberger and Brent Scowcroft, recently issued a statement condemning Gore's secret and possibly illegal agreement with Russian Premier Victor Chernomyrdin to ignore Russia's arms sales to Iran and keep Congress in the dark. The military knows what four years of Gore will mean.  
9) Undecideds. Some research has shown that when undecided or wavering people step into the voting booth, they will instinctively vote for the challenger, since the incumbent's (theoretically: Gore) shortcomings are fresh on the mind.  
10) The Billy Graham Factor. Billy Graham, the beloved evangelist who has counseled every President since Eisenhower, has never endorsed a candidate. After meeting with George W. Bush on Sunday, however, Graham said he came as close to endorsing a candidate as he ever would and that he believed Bush to be a sincere and forthright man.  
Only time will tell, I suppose, but I wanted to get my prediction in print. If Gore ends up winning, I give everyone the right to email me with mocking laughter. God bless and everyone go out and vote!

Justin's thinking about voting for Bush? Let him know what you think. Email [jmgreenc@jstn.com](mailto:jmgreenc@jstn.com)

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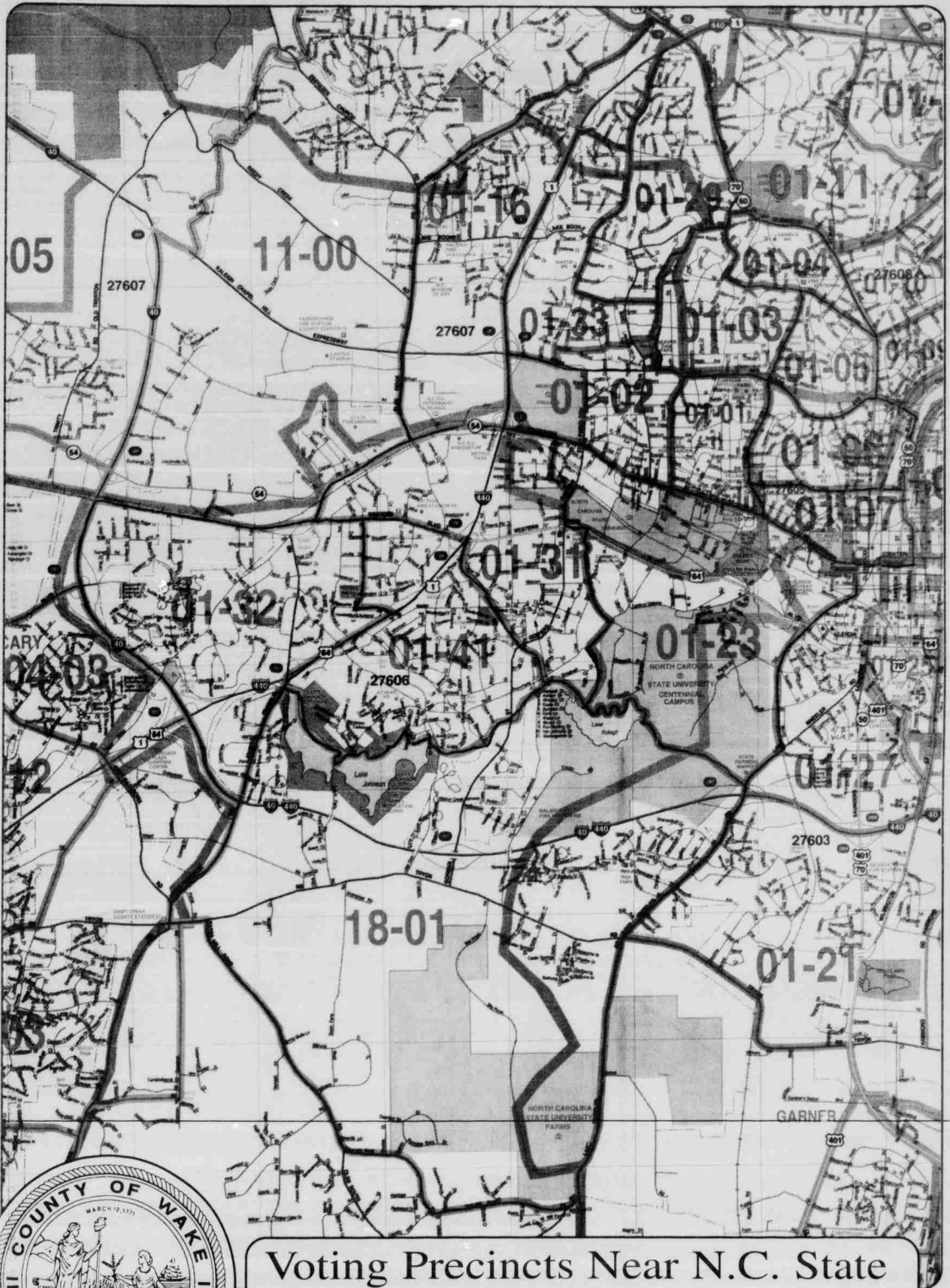
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## Voting Precincts Near N.C. State

01-01 Brooks Avenue Church of Christ	700 Brooks Ave.	01-21 Fire Station No. 2	263 Pecan Rd.
01-02 Forest Hills Baptist Church	201 Dixie Trail	01-29 Lacy Elementary	1820 Ridge Rd
01-03 Raleigh Fire Station No. 6	2601 Fairview Rd.	01-31 Method Comm. Ctr.	514 Method P.
01-04 Daniels Middle School	2816 Oberlin Rd.	01-32 Powell Dr. Comm. Ctr.	740 Powell Dr.
01-05 White Memorial Pres. Church	2010 McDonald Ln.	01-33 Martin Middle School	1701 Ridge Rd.
01-06 Fletcher Park	820 Clay St.	01-41 Combs Elementary	2001 Lorimer Rd.
01-07 Fire Station No. 5	300 Oberlin Rd.	01-18 Fire Station No. 20	1721 Trailwood Rd.
01-16 Glen Eden Pilot Park Comm. Ctr.	1500 Glen Eden Dr.	01-23 Witherspoon Student Ctr.	NCSU

# VOTER GUIDE

## President

**George W. Bush**  
**Party:** Republican  
**Born:** July 6, 1946, in New Haven, Conn.  
**Current job:** Governor of Texas since 1994  
**Running mate:** Dick Cheney, former secretary of defense

**Abortion:** supports policies that reduce abortions; believes that the FDA approval of the abortion drug RU-486 was wrong

**Death penalty:** supports death penalty; confident that everyone put to death under his tenure was guilty and had full access to both state and federal courts

**Education:** Low performing public school districts with high proportions of low income families would have three years to improve test scores before their federal funds would be divided up and given to low-income parents for tutoring or private school

**Defense:** must have effective missile defense system to protect all 50 states as well as allies, territories, and overseas forces

**Prescription drugs:** federal funds to help poorest elderly citizens pay for drugs; establish broader national program; redesign Medicare to offer a choice of insurance plans, including plans offering drug coverage

**Taxes:** cut income tax rates for all taxpayers; increase tax credit for each child in family from \$500 to \$1,000

**Al Gore**  
**Party:** Democrat  
**Born:** March 31, 1948, in Carthage, Tenn.  
**Current job:** Vice president for President Clinton

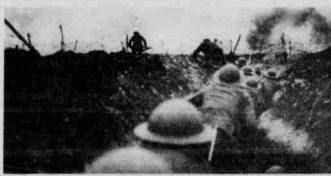
**Running mate:** Sen. Joe Lieberman, D-Conn.

**Abortion:** supported a measure in 1984 defining unborn children as persons protected under civil rights laws and referred to abortion as the taking of a human life; supports a woman's right to choose; supported FDA's approval of abortion drug RU-486

**Death penalty:** supports death penalty, although acknowledges that errors can happen; does not support nationwide moratorium on death penalty

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## THE MEMORIAL BELL TOWER



Rachael Rogers  
Staff Writer

ON EACH COLLEGE CAMPUS THERE IS ALWAYS SOME BUILDING, MEMORIAL OR GARDEN THAT SERVES AS A SYMBOL OF THAT INSTITUTION.

IT SERVES AS A UNIFYING ASPECT FOR THE SCHOOL. AT CAROLINA, IT'S THE WELL. HERE AT STATE, OUR SYMBOL DOESN'T SPEW WATER. INSTEAD, IT CHIMES EACH HOUR, ON THE HOUR.

The Bell Tower, on Pullen Road, represents N.C. State on numerous postcards, brochures, Web sites, calendars and even pictures. It's the one thing that everyone knows about, whether they go here or not. It's arguably one of the more important structures on campus, though no expansion of knowledge takes place in it day-in and day out. It chimes in a friendly and comforting manner at each hour and shines brilliant red when our football team brings home yet another win.

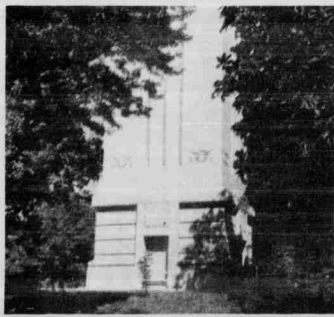
The Bell Tower, or Memorial Tower, acts a symbol of our school because it was erected in such a way that displays the spirit of humanity, collectiveness and co-operation, something that, hopefully, our university embraces. So, in a sense, this Memorial Tower represents the values and traditions that we should strive for as a body of people all pursuing the same goal: the furthering of knowledge.

The Bell Tower signifies persistence on the part of students, faculty and outsiders alike. Twenty years passed between the time a memorial committee was appointed and when the tower reached its height of 115 feet. Another 10 years beyond the previous 20 were dedicated to details of clock apparatus, carillon bells, shrine room and memorial plaque.

The first cornerstone was laid in 1921. This "legend in stone" had 40 of its 115 feet completed when construction was halted due to lack of funds. Why? The Great Depression. This is where the unity of student body, faculty and outsiders came into the picture. Students contributed money to the Bell Tower and gave up their right of attending the Davidson-State basketball game so that tickets could be sold to the general public. The students even continued to pay for the tickets, rather than receive them for free. These funds were donated to the memorial fund to finish building the tower. The WPA also contributed money to aid in this construction. \$151,000 and 21 tons later, the tower was completed.

The dedication was on Armistice Day, Nov. 11, 1949. This tower honors 33 sons of N.C. State who died in World War I. The memorial plaque, however, contains 34 names. G.L. Jeffers was wrongly reported killed in action when the memorial plaque was completed. A decision was made to alter the name beyond recognition. It was changed to G.E. Jefferson — a symbol of unknown soldiers from State and elsewhere.

[TOP] DOUGHBOYS FIGHT IN THE TRENCHES DURING THE GREAT WAR  
[BOTTOM] THE UNCOMPLETED BELL TOWER IN 1929



# Angels

get some action



Joel Isaac Frady  
Staff Writer

"Charlie's Angels" is to secret agent films what "Scream" was to horror films: it obeys every rule of the genre while at the same time making fun of it. The end result is a stylish, hilarious film that pokes fun at as many films as it possibly can in a 95-minute movie. "Mission: Impossible," "The Matrix," "Rushmore," and even "The Great Escape" are just a few of the films that "Angels" pokes fun at.

The film opens with a very familiar action sequence involving LL Cool J, a bomb on an airplane and an action sequence a la "Eraser." It then keeps the comedy flowing, the title sequence introducing the Angels by showing their most embarrassing teenage moment then cutting to Dylan (Drew Barrymore), who is on the boat with her lover, Tom Green. The other Angel's boyfriends aren't any more serious, played by funnymen Matt LeBlanc ("Friends") and Luke Wilson ("Bottle

Rocket"). The film never slacks off on the comic pace, and that's why the film works as well as it does.

The three leads are all perfect in their roles, hitting the notes as three women who function at about a seventh grade level mentally, but can take on Navy Seals. The rest of the cast is excellent, as even the minor roles cast some of the best in the business. Bill Murray is Bosley, the man who serves as a link between Charlie and his Angels. His charm and unique form of comedy match well with the Angels, his scenes being some of the film's best. Sam Rockwell, who we all remember as "Wild Bill" in "The Green Mile," steals many scenes as Knox, the computer software genius who hires the Angels to get the software that he believes Roger Corwin (Tim Curry, a

sleaze as always) has stolen. The film is also carried a long way by the sense of style that is brought to the project by the director.

McG, who makes his transition to film after directing (surprise!) many music videos including the OFFspring's "Pretty Fly (for a White Guy)" and Sugar Ray's "Every Morning." Most of the credit goes to the editor, who cuts this film almost as one would cut a music video, getting all the action from

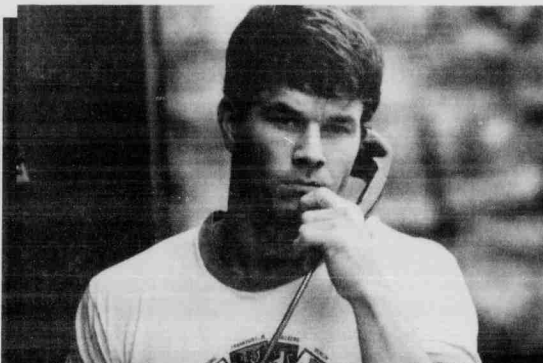
many sides. There's also a lot of slow motion, fast-motion and the two being mixed in one shot. This style is rarely successful, but looks great when it is the best examples being "The Matrix" and the 1996 version of "Romeo + Juliet." The fight and action sequences in "Angels" are also comparable to the best, even

though they have Crispin Glover (George McFly in "Back to the Future") yelling as the Angels land flying kicks.

To add to all of these elements, the film shoots and lands many funny sight gags and one-liners. The best of these are the sequence in which Tim Curry is testing Bill Murray's strengths and the racecar chase between Natalie (Diaz) and George McFly ("It's a round track, he's not going anywhere!"). You wonder just what kind of heroes you have when they stop to fix the drive-through speaker at a fast-food restaurant (much nicer than Wayne Campbell and Garth Algar).

This film is in many ways like a really good fast food meal: you're not going to get much out of it, but it's light-hearted fun that everyone can enjoy. This is the most fun there's been at the theatres in a while.

IMAGE FROM COLUMBIA PICTURES



Joel Isaac Frady  
Staff Writer

**While growing up, no other experience was more dreaded than going to church.** For the first few years, my family went to a small Methodist church in the country, and somehow every Sunday morning they could take the 60 minutes that the service ran and make it feel like five hours. It's not that nothing happened: we sang, stood up, sat

down, read the Good Book, and got yelled at, but even with all this it was still the slowest, most boring moment of the week. Now, ten years later, James Gray's "The Yards" has captured that feel again, making a film that runs 115 minutes feel like "Titanic"; it could have been shown twice in the amount of time spent while viewing it.



This problem isn't caused by a lack of plot twists: this film has that down. There are many great twists throughout this film, but there's not much happening in the down time. There are literally scenes that roll a minute before anything happens they may just be sitting at the dining table and they'll show the scene from a hundred different angles before someone breaks the silence. Even scenes

### The Yards

★ ★  
Director: James Gray  
Starring: Mark Wahlberg, Jaqueline Phoenix

## MARKY MARK

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that would be intense elsewhere seem bland and boring. The film's two most emotional scenes, both involving murder, are unexciting and frankly dull, easily shrugged off and then its on to the next boring scene.

This is one of those films that makes you wonder if it was better on paper. The film boasts an impressive cast, including Mark Wahlberg (a.k.a. Marky Mark, "Three Kings"), Joaquin

Phoenix (the evil emperor in "Gladiator") and Charlize Theron ("The Cider House Rules"). All of these talented people have been in good movies, and will be in more good movies. What attracted such a cast to this slow, dull film almost makes one desire to find out how the screenplay read. If the same material ran about 95 minutes (and I mean the same material, all dialogue intact) maybe the film would've had a pace that kept the audience watching. This film literally spends that much time doing absolutely nothing.

With the pace as slow as it is, they

still find other ways to put the audience to sleep. The entire film is shot in darker grays and blacks, with very grainy film, as if the filmmakers were trying to catch that gritty and hopeless tone. What they get instead is a tone that doesn't grab the attention, and since the plot doesn't either there were quite a few people catching a nice nap while the film played.

The music is also slow and monotonous as it can possibly be. The score, composed by Howard Shore ("The Silence of the Lambs," "Se7en"), consists of low string instruments and synthesizers playing

as slowly as possible. The same music could be played very easily at hospitals or while meditating, being very soothing and very calming. When Marky Mark is beating up someone, this contradicts the feel on screen, and the audience member is literally fighting between the urges to either A) get worried, Mark's about to get into big trouble or B) go to sleep.

To sum this experience up in one sentence, this is the slowest film I've seen in a long, long time. There were points when the thought "Is this ever going to end?" ran through my mind, and the thought of never getting away

from this boring film was actually scaring me. I'd much recommend going to see one of the other two films that are out right now that also star Charlize Theron, "The Legend of Bagger Vance" or "Men of Honor." Don't waste your time on this one, unless you're worried that life is going by too fast and you'd like a reminder of just how slow it can be.

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## VOTER

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**Education:** opposes school choice vouchers; give taxpayer-funded \$10,000 salary increase to designated master teachers; urges faster removal of incompetent teachers from public school classrooms

**Defense:** says a missile defense system would have dangerous consequences; favors changes to 1972 ABM treaty with Russia that would prevent a nuclear attack

**Prescription drugs:** make universal prescription drug insurance part of Medicare; provide free drugs to poor elderly

**Taxes:** "targeted" tax cuts; expansion of child care tax credit for low- and middle-income parents working outside of home; tax break for stay-at-home parents of children under age of 1

Patrick Buchanan

Party: Reform

Born Nov. 2, 1938, in Washington, D.C.

Current job: Syndicated columnist, television commentator

Running mate: Ezola Foster

**Abortion:** life begins at conception; "Human Life Amendment" to constitution; defend rights of unborn

**Taxes:** scrap existing tax code for one that exempts first \$35,000 of income and then reduce taxes on remainder of income to a flat 16 percent; use revenue from tariffs on foreign imports to offset tax proposals

Ralph Nader

Born Feb. 27, 1934

Current job: Author-consumer advocate since 1963

**Abortion:** supports a woman's right to choose; not government's place to regulate abortion; prevent necessity of abortion

**Social Security:** mistake to privatize Social Security

**Health Care:** universal health care coverage, based on Canadian model

**U.S. House of Representatives District 2**

Bob Etheridge

Party: Democrat

Age: 59

Home: Lillington, Harnett County

Current job: U.S. House District 2 Representative

**Platform:** Etheridge's platform includes improving health care, building new schools, reducing class size, protecting social security, and increasing the safety of communities.

Doug Haynes

Party: Republican

Age: 41

Home: Rocky Mount

**Platform:** Haynes' platform includes moving education directly from federal to local levels, supporting tobacco farming, fighting bureaucratic processes of HMOs, and supporting across-the-board tax cuts for Americans.

Mark Daniel Jackson

Party: Libertarian

Age: 45

**Platform:** Jackson's platform supports legislation to reduce U.S. force projection capabilities, eliminating the U.S. Department of Education, and rolling back regulation of trade, commerce, industry, and elimination of the federal income tax.

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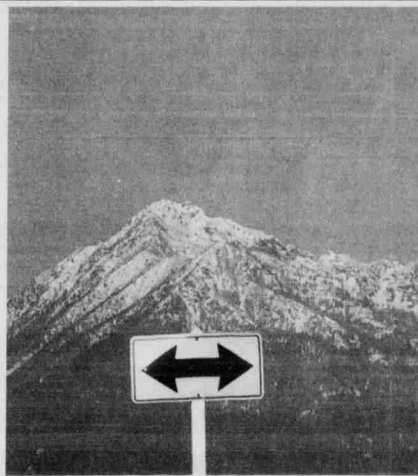
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Nikhil Kriplani

Staff Writer

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Somehow my anger I could suppress.  
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I was hanging there until last fall,  
Till the colors had faded away,  
Replaced by a new one the next day.  
My fortune, it ebbs and flows,  
My insecurities keep getting exposed.  
Lying on the grass my eyes I close,  
Dream the picture of the perfect rose.  
I get up and start to walk,  
Between the mountains lies a valley path.  
I have to get to the other side,  
Before it gets dark.  
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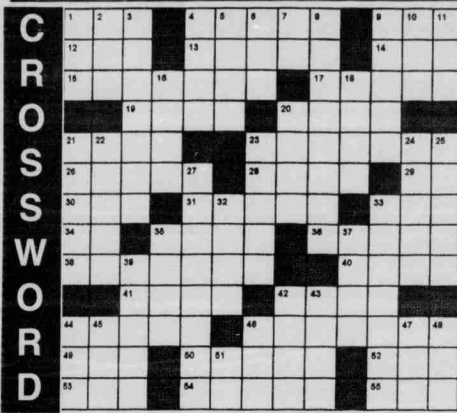
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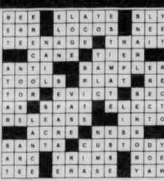
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  - 4 Make happy
  - 9 Smart
  - 12 Make a mistake
  - 13 Those poisoned with loocweed
  - 14 Born
  - 15 Over 12 and under 20
  - 17 Habit
  - 19 Walking stick
  - 20 Layer
  - 21 Against
  - 23 Embroidered design
  - 26 Screwdrivers, for example
  - 28 Braid
  - 29 Concerning
  - 30 Rocks on top of hill
  - 31 Throw out
  - 33 Dry, as in wine
  - 34 Equally
  - 35 Split (p.t.)
  - 36 Put in office
  - 38 Let go
  - 40 Inside
- DOWN**
- 1 Wager
  - 2 Before (poetic)
  - 3 Building set
  - 4 Dash
  - 5 Theater box
  - 6 High card
  - 7 Near
  - 8 Calculate
  - 9 Grow
  - 10 Hawaiian garland
  - 11 At this time
  - 16 Pointed piece of metal

- 18 Receipt (abbr.)
- 20 Powder
- 21 Fragrant oil
- 22 Rope
- 23 Malicious ill will
- 24 Build
- 25 Right-hand page of book
- 27 Cut away from
- 32 Flower receptacle
- 33 Pertaining to the senses
- 35 Religious body
- 37 Iterize
- 39 Thrusting weapon
- 42 Numbers (abbr.)
- 43 Feminine suffix
- 44 Day of week (abbr.)
- 45 Is (p.t.)
- 46 Government spies (abbr.)
- 47 Not alive upon arrival (abbr.)
- 48 Evergreen tree
- 51 Railroad (abbr.)

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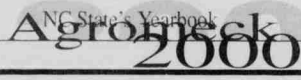
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## ASHTON

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humming along with no problems until that upset two weeks ago. Saturday's embarrassing loss to FSU and the Tigers' weak schedule only make their position worse.

State's thrilling 30-23 overtime win over Tech on Sept. 21 keeps looking better as the weeks pass, but its loss to Maryland almost nullifies that victory. The Pack is quickly sliding down the ACC's pecking order, and Philip Rivers' injury, no matter how minor it is, won't help.

Despite the current standings, nothing in the ACC's two, three and four spots is set in stone. Tech still has three tough games left against UVA, Maryland and Georgia—three

teams that are either fighting for a bowl or have already qualified for one. The Jackets could take all three, but envisioning them losing any of those games isn't too difficult.

Clemson has one game left on its schedule, a Nov. 18 meeting with its in-state rival, No. 21 South Carolina. Regardless of the outcome of this one, the Tigers have pretty much locked up a trip to the Gator or the Peach. Which one they play in could depend entirely on this game.

After Saturday's double-overtime loss to the Terrapins, State has an outside shot at the Gator at best, unless something radical happens to Tech and Clemson. The Pack is more likely to end up in the Peach or the Micron.pc.com.

State should beat Duke and Wake with no trouble, even if Rivers doesn't play in either

game. If by some chance the Pack doesn't win both these games, then in all honesty, it doesn't belong in a bowl.

Whether State spends the holidays in Atlanta or Miami depends largely on its game at UVA on Nov. 18. Another quality win on the road would make the representatives from the Peach think long and hard. The Cavs could be a desperate team, however, if they lose to Tech with a trip to Blacksburg, Va., looming.

The UVA game will be the difference between 7-4 and 8-3 for State. Either way, that's not a bad season for a team picked to finish seventh in the ACC.

*Jeremy Ashton's columns appear on Tuesdays. He can be reached at 515-2411 or jash-ton@unity.ncsu.edu.*

## KREAGER

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tioning and development of greater skills. We have to do much more running and lifting here than I did in high school. Also, in high school, I was able to rely on sheer raw ability. I learned quickly that I was in great need of enhancing my actual skills."

Kreager came out in her freshman season and showed the Pack glimpses of what she was going to provide for the next four years. She was second to none in her consistency and reliability by being the only member of the team that played in all 108 games. Kreager scored double-figure kills in 11 matches.

Her unfreshman-like maturity and consistency didn't go

unnoticed, as she attained various accolades. She was named ACC Rookie of the Week in the third week of the season, as well as being named to the All-Tournament team in the N.C. State Wyndham Garden Invitational. By season's end, Kreager had an impressive 273 kills and 197 digs.

Her sophomore season was even more impressive, as Kreager played in all 35 matches and all but two games. This is the type of reliability that coaches dream of.

"Alison is so dependable and valuable to this team," head coach Kim Hall said. "To put all in perspective, she doesn't even have a substitute. That is how much we rely on her."

Kreager went on to compile a monstrous 419 kills and 276 digs in her second year. She also earned MVP honors at the Wolfpack Invitational. Well, so

much for a sophomore slump.

And, now, 27 matches into her junior season, she is continuing to be a rock of stability for the Pack. After being named co-captain at the beginning of the year, Kreager has lived up to her billing while putting up remarkable statistics. She is third on the team with 260 kills and 261 digs.

While putting up impressive statistics and providing such leadership, it is easy to see why Kreager would be such a pleasure to coach.

"I have just loved having Alison as a player," Hall said. "I can't ever remember going into a match hoping that she would play well, because I know that she will every single match. She does an excellent job leading by example and is extremely knowledgeable of this sport."

## IM/RecNotes

### Intramurals

Becton won the men's residence team championship in pitch and putt golf with a 63, while Alpha Phi took the women's residence/sorority title with the same score. Travis Graves of Becton and William Johnson of Metcalf tied for the men's residence individual title with 30s. Lauri J. Griffin won the women's residence/sorority individual championship with a 31.

In the fraternity golf tournament, Sigma Chi won the team title, shooting a 70. Eric Kuester of Sigma Chi was crowned the individual champ with a 34.

In men's open golf, the team of Thomas Glasgow and Craig Nowell won the two-player captain's choice stroke title with a 68. The duo of Heck Garrett and Brad Morris took the two-player captain's choice handicap tournament with a 67.

In the annual intramural cross country meet, Metcalf took the men's residence division in a time of 32 minutes, 50 seconds. Chi Omega won the women's residence/sorority title in 43:47. And Delta Sigma grabbed the fraternity title in 54:57.

Individual champions for the meet were Jeff Donchess in the men's residence division (10:41), Katie Hans in the women's residence/sorority division (13:10) and Patrick Minton in the fraternity division (10:55). Jeffrey Boyd and Tommy Boles finished in a dead heat for the men's open title (10:13), while Andrea Medford won the women's open race (12:34).

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### 5K Fun Run/Walk

The Intramural-Recreational

Sports program congratulates those who participated in the 5K Fun Run/Walk this past weekend. A special congratulations go to Ted Kenyon, the winner of the men's division in 18 minutes, 51.26 seconds, and Katie Hans, who won the women's race in 21:54.47.

### Informal recreation and fitness

Squash will be held Wednesday from 5:15 to 6:30 p.m. on courts E11-E15.

On Friday from 6 to 8:30 p.m., informal badminton will be on courts 4, 6 and 8.

The Stress Management workshop will be held in 125 Carmichael Gymnasium on Wednesday from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Qigong Relaxation Techniques will meet on Tuesday, Nov. 14, from 7 to 8 p.m. Massage Techniques will follow Qigong from 8 to 9 p.m. Both work-

shops will be held in 1207 Carmichael Gymnasium. To register, come by 1000 Carmichael Gymnasium or call 515-3161.

### Outdoor adventures

A workshop in Backpacking Basics will be held on Thursday, Nov. 30 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Registration is going on now in the Intramural-Recreational Sports office at 1000 Carmichael Gymnasium.

### Job opportunities

Anyone interested in working for Intramural-Recreational Sports can call 515-3161 or visit 1000 Carmichael Gymnasium and complete an application.

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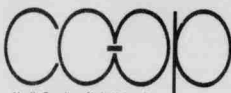
winning the first game 17-15. Williams' 22 kills, 13 digs, and a block assist led the Pack. Senior captain Meredith Price led State with 16 digs and freshman Shannon had a match-high 70 assists with two service aces and 11 digs.

However, in the end, the Tigers were too much for the Pack to handle and went on to win the match 3-2.



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## Rivers could miss homecoming game

◆ N.C. State's freshman quarterback suffered a minor shoulder separation during Saturday's loss to Maryland.

**Jeremy Ashton**  
Sports Editor

N.C. State may have to snap its two-game losing streak Saturday against Duke without the services of freshman quarterback Philip Rivers.

Head coach Chuck Amato

announced Monday at a press conference that Rivers suffered a grade one AC separation of his throwing shoulder, the least severe of this type of injury, during Saturday's 35-28 double-overtime loss at Maryland. The injury occurred in the first quarter when Rivers was hit by Terrapin linebacker E.J. Henderson after scrambling for 11 yards.

Amato said that Rivers is "questionable" for Saturday's game. The coaching staff will re-evaluate the six-time Atlantic

Coast Conference Rookie of the Week on Wednesday, after giving him a couple of days to rest his throwing arm.

Rivers played the entire game against Maryland, throwing for 183 yards and three touchdowns. Amato said the coaches asked Rivers after every series whether or not he was able to continue to play. Rivers told them that his arm was sore, but he felt it was nothing that would keep him from playing.

"I wish we had 85 people that loved to play the game like

him," Amato said.

The injury obviously caused some discomfort for Rivers, however. He completed just 16-of-35 passes and appeared to have problems throwing deep.

"The deep ones were the ones that were getting tipped," Amato said. "There wasn't the zing in it or whatever."

If Rivers can't play Saturday, junior college transfer Olin Hannum will get the nod at quarterback. Hannum has seen limited action in three games, completing just 1-of-4 passes for 22

yards with one interception.

"The one thing about Olin is that, at the junior college he was at, the terminology was very similar," Amato said.

In other State football news Monday, junior linebacker Levar Fisher was named the ACC's Defensive Lineman of the Week for the second time this season. Fisher recorded a career-high 21 tackles against the Terps, five of which were for a loss. He currently leads the ACC in tackles, averaging 15.4 per game.

## football Sorting out the mess

Two weeks ago, the bowl picture in the Atlantic Coast Conference seemed crystal clear.

Florida State and Clemson were set to meet with spotless ACC records and the conference title on the line. The winner was bound for a spot in the Bowl Championship Series, while the loser was likely headed to the Gator Bowl.

N.C. State was clearly the No. 3 team in the conference and was on its way to the Peach Bowl. Georgia Tech seemed destined for a showing in the Micron.pc.com Bowl as the ACC's fourth seed, and Virginia was ready to round out the group with a trip to the Aloha Bowl.

Instead, absolute chaos ensued. The only certainty now is that FSU is still eight years ahead of the rest of the conference after winning its ninth consecutive ACC title.

Before it could make its way to Saturday's showdown with the Seminoles, Clemson was upset 31-28 at home by Tech. The Tigers then limped into Tallahassee, Fla., over the weekend and got creamed 54-7.

UVA beat North Carolina two weekends ago, boosting its own bowl hopes and seemingly ending the Tar Heels'. UNC turned right around and beat Pittsburgh, who nearly upset their second-ranked Virginia Tech the previous weekend, to keep its postseason dreams going.

That brings us to State's game at Maryland this weekend. The Wolfpack entered the match-up needing one win to become bowl eligible. State appeared well on its way with a 21-6 lead at halftime but got victimized by a Terrapin comeback and lost 35-28 in double overtime.

With three weeks remaining in the regular season, the only bowl slot not up for grabs is the BCS bid owned by the Noles (9-1, 7-0 ACC). These teams — FSU, Clemson and Tech — have already qualified for postseason play, while four others — State, Maryland, UNC and UVA — can still make their way in.

Of the four teams still on the outside, State (5-3, 2-3) easily has the best shot of getting in. Two of the Pack's final three games are at home against Wake Forest and Duke, and two squads that only seem capable of beating each other.

UVA (5-3, 4-2) also need just one win, but it faces an extremely tough schedule. The Cavaliers — play Tech on Thursday night, host State and finish at Virginia Tech.

UNC (4-5, 1-5) has to win out in the regular season to get the necessary six wins. That means beating Maryland (5-4, 3-3), which is just one win away from going to its first bowl since 1990, and then downing Duke.

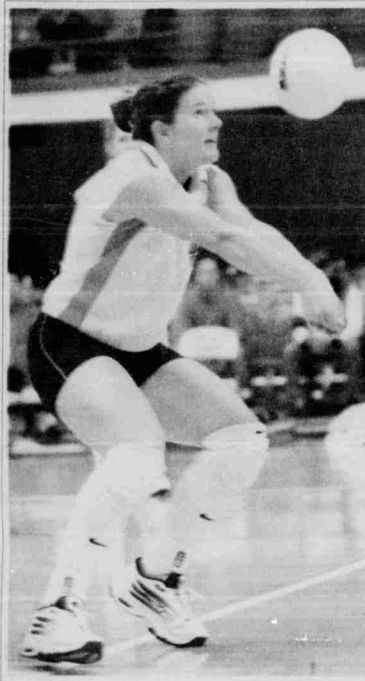
The situation at the top isn't much simpler beyond the Noles. Tech, Clemson and State all have realistic shots of playing in the Gator on New Year's Day.

At the moment, Tech (6-2, 4-2), which just might be the most underrated team in the country, has to be considered the frontrunner for the Gator. The Yellow Jackets are the only ACC team that has kept FSU's attention for the better part of four quarters, and their upset win at Clemson pushed them over the top.

The Tigers (8-2, 6-2) were



**Jeremy Ashton**



Alison Kreager and the Pack will travel to Georgia Tech.

## Perfecting Techniques

◆ After beating Virginia Tech at Reynolds, the Pack heads to Georgia Tech.

**Justin Sellers**  
Staff Writer

It was a gloomy Saturday for Virginia Tech athletes. In addition to its football team's poor execution against Miami, N.C. State's volleyball team handed the Hokies a defeat on the court.

The Wolfpack (8-19, 2-12 Atlantic Coast Conference) returned home after a long and disappointing road trip that saw the Pack lose three ACC away games in a row.

State started the match out winning the first game 15-12. However, the Hokies (12-16) came back to tie it 1-1 with a 13-15 win in game two. From that point on it was all Wolfpack, which won games three and four 15-7 and 15-9 respectively.

Junior outside hitter Charcee Williams led the Pack with 26 kills, increasing her total on the season to 432. Also, junior middle blocker Alison Kreager made her presence felt. Kreager had 13 kills, 15 digs, and 5 blocks for the match.

The out-of-conference win snapped a five match-losing streak for State.

The Wolfpack has to pack its bags immediately, however, leaving the friendly confines of Reynolds Coliseum again for another road trip.

**WHAT:**

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**AT GT**

**WHEN:**

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**WHERE:**

**GEORGIA**

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are coming off a recent loss to the Virginia 3-2. Tech features some talented players of its own. Junior middle blocker Kyleen Bell is a positive force both on offense and defense. Bell leads the Yellow Jackets in kills with 357 total and defensively has 221 digs on the season.

Along with Bell, freshman setter Kele Eveland and junior outside hitter Maja Pachale prove to be a hard task to handle for the Wolfpack defense.

Eveland, who like State setter Crystal Shannon, has made her name known in only her first year. Already, Eveland is averaging 12.55 assists a game for a total of 1104. Pachale was selected to the 1999 1st team

all-ACC. She is a powerful player who is currently leading the team in digs with 255.

Earlier in the season, the Pack played host to the Yellow Jackets. In that match, State took game one 16-14, but that would be the only Wolfpack highlight of the evening. Tech went on to win the following three games, sealing the match win 3-1. The terrible twosome of Tara Greene and Williams led the Pack. Greene had 24 kills, 12 digs and four assisted blocks, while Williams added 22 kills, 17 digs, and five blocks, one of which was recorded as a solo.

After its match with the Yellow Jackets, the Pack will then travel down to Clemson to take on the Tigers at Jervy Gym Friday.

The Tigers (12-15, 5-8 ACC) are led by junior right-side hitter Jodi Steffes, who is averaging 4.4 kills a game and has a total of 400 kills on the year. Steffes along with junior outside hitter Meredith Kirtland lead the team with 295 digs apiece. Sophomore setter Jessi Betcher has had a strong season so far, leading the Tigers in assists with 1091 overall and averaging 11.73 assists a game.

The last time these two teams met, the match went down to the wire. State played hard,

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Alison Kreager.

## Kreager a model of consistency

◆ Alison Kreager continues to thrive for the Wolfpack.

**David Hobgood**  
Staff Writer

In her third year at N.C. State, Alison Kreager is once again making quite an impact for the Wolfpack.

While watching her handuff her Atlantic Coast Conference counterparts, it's hard to imagine that she hasn't always faced high-caliber competition.

At West Noble High in Ligonier, Ind., Kreager was the standard for success. In her four years, she was a four-time all-conference performer, four-time conference MVP and two-time

all-state in volleyball. Kreager also received all-conference and all-area honors on three occasions in basketball.

"High school was a very fun time for me," Kreager said. "I learned so much from my coach [Kim Martin]. He really helped teach me how to become a leader."

One would think that the transition to the big-time, up-tempo environment of an ACC school hundreds of miles away from a small, country setting in Indiana would be too much to handle. This was not the case for Kreager, however.

"The transition was not bad at all," Kreager said. "The environment around here is very

nice and friendly. Also by being on a team made the transition much easier, because you immediately had 12 or 13 friends from the very beginning. I also had an older roommate who showed me the ropes in the beginning."

While Kreager's social transi-

tion may have gone smoothly, her transition on the court was a little more complex.

"There were two great transitions that I had to make in terms of volleyball," Kreager said. "These adjustments were condi-

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**ALISON KREAGER...**

**VOTED TEAM CAPTAIN FOR THE 2000 SEASON... LAST SEASON, HAD 419 KILLS TO RANK SECOND ON THE TEAM... WON TOURNEY MVP HONORS IN THE WOLFPACK INVOLUTIONAL IN 1998, WAS THE ONLY STATE PLAYER TO SEE ACTION IN ALL 108 GAMES.**

## Six ACC teams head to the NCAAs

◆ No. 3 Clemson and No. 5 North Carolina lead the Atlantic Coast Conference into the 2000 NCAA women's soccer tournament.

**Rob Godfrey**  
Assistant Sports Editor

North Carolina head coach Anson Dorrance said he would be "irritated" if fewer than six Atlantic Coast Conference women's soccer teams qualified for the NCAA Tournament. By ACC Tournament weekend, Dorrance had upped his prediction of NCAA teams from the ACC to seven.

Unfortunately for N.C. State, only six ACC teams made the field of 48 for the 2000 NCAA Women's Soccer Tournament, with the Wolfpack and Maryland excluded from the pairings released Sunday night. Only the Pacific-10 sent more teams to the tournament, with seven entrants, including No. 2 Washington, No. 6 UCLA and No. 8 California.

The Pack presented the selection committee with a strong case for inclusion based on a 2-3-2 conference (sixth place) record in the strongest league in the country. Wins over Duke and Maryland plus ties with Clemson and Florida State overshadowed mishaps at Virginia and against UNC and

a double-overtime loss to Wake Forest.

But the committee spurred them for ACC seventh-place finisher FSU.

The Seminoles were 2-4-1 in conference and beat North Carolina 3-2 in overtime. FSU plays Jacksonville, with the winner playing Florida (16-7) in the next round.

No. 3 Clemson, No. 5 UNC and Virginia secured first-round NCAA bids.

Clemson (17-2-1, 5-1-1) plays the winner of the Duke-Furman match-up. The Tigers lost twice to the Blue Devils, once in the regular season 1-0 and once in the ACC Tournament 1-0.

Virginia (10-7-1, 4-3) faces

the winner of the William and Mary-UNC-Greensboro game. UNC-Greensboro led State 0-0 earlier in the season whereas the Cavaliers defeated the Pack 4-1.

The Tar Heels (16-3) won their 12th consecutive ACC Tournament title Sunday. And they did so in the face of doubters who thought their 4-3 conference record meant an end to the baby blue reign over women's soccer.

Against the Wake Forest-Liberty winner, UNC could face a team that beat them in the regular-season finale in Wake.

The first round of the NCAA Tournament begins Wednesday.



Jenny Pearce and State are done for the season.

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