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## How you got into NCSU

◆The Admissions Department takes many things into account when considering applications for admission to NCSU.

**Cara Froedde**  
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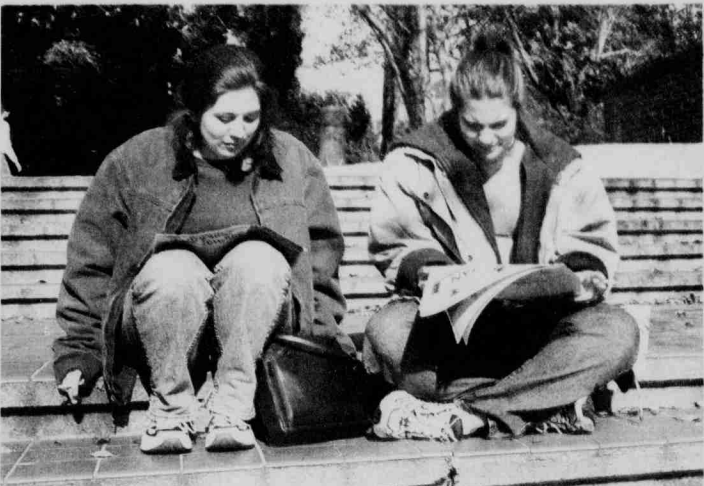
November brings a lot of things to N.C. State: snow, turkey and applications for undergraduate admissions. When looking at prospective students, said Tommy Griffin, senior associate director of the admissions department, they "choose the best academically to fill the freshman class. We base it on a certain number needed in each college."  
For example, some colleges, like the College of Design, are more selective than others, like the

College of Agriculture and Life Sciences. The Admissions Department looks at the number of spaces in each school and decides by those numbers which students should be admitted.

Some universities in the country, the University of Michigan for example, awards points to each part of the application. The more points a prospective student receives, the better the chances of admission to the university.

At NCSU this is not the case. Each application is looked over by an individual in the admissions department. They consider a number of things in the following order: courses in high school, performance in those courses (weighted and unweighted), class rank and standardized testing scores. After all this is reviewed,

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Abby Hastings, a sophomore in Biology (left), and Heather Monteith, a sophomore in English, spend Monday's lunch break reading the Technician.

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## ComTech maximizes campus services

◆A partnership between Finance Information Services and Information Technology Division has combined data networking operations into one convenient network.

**Spaine Stephens**  
News Editor

Two heads are better than one, especially in a technology-based institution like N.C. State. A partnership between NCSU's Finance and

Information Services (FIS) and Information Technology Division (ITD) has produced Communication Technologies (ComTech), a group with the sole purpose of implementing more efficient on-campus data networking.

"Now, people on campus have one place to call when they need wiring done, whether telephone or data," said Stephen Keto, vice chancellor for finance and business. "It's going pretty well. It eliminates confusion."

Keto said ComTech is bringing together telecommunications installations and data net-

working to simplify things. ComTech will make many campus services work more smoothly and efficiently with the help of its parent units. According to the group's Web page, "Communication Technologies plans, designs, builds and maintains the physical communications infrastructure supporting all voice, data and video services for the entire campus."

Jennifer Van Horn, director of ComTech, said FIS and ITD have had several duplicated duties that are now combined into ComTech. "It's a better way of doing

business," she said, "with both groups under the same organization."  
Van Horn said that before the partnership came about, one technician could not work with both data and telephone outlets. Now, technicians are able to "handle more issues right on the spot, with one person doing it," she said.

ComTech is expected to enact many improvements on campus, such as a joint business office that handles rates and billing for the partnership group and one place of contact for voice and data connection. ComTech also

plans to set up help desk services for both aspects of the group's domain and improve the quality of customer service.

"We've (FIS and ITD) been working very closely for a number of years," said Sam Averitt, vice provost for Information Technology.

Averitt said FIS and ITD looked at what they needed to do in order to improve service and efficiency. After working together, the two units found it necessary to unite into a partnership to acquire new skills and "merge and share functions." Averitt said ComTech, FIS and

ITD are looking toward implementing voice data integration in test environments, and are studying ways of doing this by "evaluating technology with several major industry players."

"We have to gauge at what point it's really feasible to switch over," said Averitt, who stressed the importance of assessing and using opportunities to make services better and more efficient with this new "dual system."

"Then we should be able to achieve some substantial cost savings," he said.

## Web site links students to wordly classrooms

◆Program officials just added courses taught in English for American students this year, but many courses are taught in the native language of the country.

**Nickie Paul**  
Northern Star (Northern Illinois U.)

(U-WIRE) DEKALB, Ill. - A new opportunity for U.S. students interested in studying in Western European countries is available on the Internet.

Nocostedu.com is a U.S. European-based organization that offers tuition-free universities in Denmark, France, Germany, Holland, Malta, Spain and Sweden. The program is a division of American Universities Admission Program, which assists students enrolling in U.S. colleges. The Web site offers U.S. students a cheaper alternative to study abroad trips.

"This is the first year for the U.S. students and nocostedu.com," said Jean Prade, chairman of the American Universities Admission Program. "It came about because people wanted something different from the study abroad program."  
While there is no tuition cost,

lodging, insurance, food and extras must be paid for by students.

"It differs from country to country, but the average cost is \$6,000 per year, including insurance, meals and out-of-pocket expenses," Prade said.

Nocostedu.com offers a 100-percent money-back guarantee should the program make a mistake. Prade said students won't get their money back if they enroll in this program and later decide they don't like it.

"The 100-percent guarantee is if we fail to have students accepted," he said. "If we fail, we reimburse."

According to a Northern Illinois University Study Abroad pamphlet, prices for NIU's semester programs range from \$4,800 to \$8,500, and for short-term programs, prices range from \$1,900 to \$5,300. Program costs differ by the location of study as well as time length.

"We have direct enrollment, and students pay NIU tuition and fees," marketing adviser Kathy-Lyn Binkowski said. "Each program has its own specific cost and its own specific description."

According to the site, all credits and diplomas will be recognized by American universities

and businesses and all European and International organizations.

"First thing is the financial aspect because it's cheaper," Prade said. "Second, these degrees are recognized in all European and American universities. Also, I think it's giving international exposure. We are more and more living in a global economy."

Program officials just added courses taught in English for American students this year, but many courses are taught in the native language of the country. To take a class taught in a foreign language, students are required to pass a language-aptitude test.

Most of the English-based classes are for graduate programs, but some are available for undergraduates.

"For non-English speaking courses, you must pass a test of proficiency," Prade said. "If you fail, especially in Germany, there are remedial courses offered to get you caught up." Prade said studying overseas offers students a chance to learn another language because of the



daily interactions with local residents.

Senior anthropology major Damian Plachinski, who is enrolled in an NIU study abroad program for next semester, said he recommends the opportunity, online or otherwise.

"It's like a different world," Plachinski said. "The culture is different, the people are different and it's just about meeting new people."

## Africa in NC

◆The ASU and UAB will host "An Evening in Africa" in order to bring a variety of NCSU students together to learn about other cultures.

**James Gorman**  
Staff Reporter

The African Student Union, in collaboration with the Union Activities Board, will host "An Evening in Africa," a cultural festival promoting a better understanding among N.C. State students of African society and traditions.

The event will be held November 28 at 7:00 p.m. in the multipurpose room in the Witherspoon student center.

Participants will sample African food, including several Kenyan dishes and banana fontaine, catered by "Downtown Palace" in Durham.

The ASU also plans to decorate the multipurpose room in an African motif. They will also feature performances of African music, storytelling and drums. "The goal is for students to see the culture and to see how so many different cultures come

together on one continent," said ASU president Julie Eledah.

The room will be decorated with carvings and paintings on loan from ASU club members, along with flags borrowed from the Talley Student Center.

As of 5 p.m. Tuesday the ASU still awaited confirmation of the two guest speakers. Eledah hopes that NCSU professor Dr. Ndaona Chokani and UNC-CH professor Dr. Julius Nyang'Oro will agree to speak at the event.

The ASU, assisted by the UAB's International Activities Council, has been planning "An Evening in Africa" for nearly two months. The International Activities Council has contributed around \$1,000 for the program.

"An Evening in Africa" is open to the general public and students of all ethnicities are encouraged to attend. Tickets are available at Ticket Central — \$5 for NC State students, \$7 for students from other colleges with ID, and \$10 for faculty/staff and others.



## Centennial Campus lot site of vandalism, theft

Four N.C. State students found their cars damaged and broken into in the Partners II Centennial Campus Lot last Friday.

Sophomore Jeffrey Omans parked his red 1998 Eagle Talon in the lot on Nov. 15. When he returned to it Friday morning, he found that someone had broken his driver's side window and stolen a Panasonic CD player from his car. His console was destroyed in the process.

Freshman Suzanne Coggins' burgundy 1988 Oldsmobile Eighty Eight had been in the Centennial Campus lot. Stolen from her car was a Sony cassette player with CD changer capabilities and a detachable face.

The left rear window of Coggins' car had been broken out and the fuse box opened, giving the impression that someone may have tried to hotwire the vehicle.

Sophomore Brandon Clark Parrish parked his car in the Partners II Lot on Nov. 13.

Though nothing was stolen from his red 1996 Eagle Talon, his driver's side window had been broken and his Panasonic CD player and console had been destroyed. The CD player was left in Parrish's car.

A maroon 1979 Honda Prelude belonging to sophomore Michael Durham was also the victim of a break-in over the weekend. Having parked the car on Nov. 13, Durham returned Friday to find his JVC CD player stolen and both of the hands on his vehicle's right-hand side broken.

The total value of the four cars' damages and stolen merchandise was \$2,550.

Public Safety Corporal D. Harris was unable to get fingerprints off any of the cars. He searched the rest of the parking lot and found no other cars or property damaged and left business cards with Omans, Coggins, Parrish and Durham.

the fraternity's flags at the Nov. 11 Duke-N.C. State football game and offered to help the suspects put them away.

Phi Gamma Delta President Lucas Sullivan reported the theft to Public Safety on Nov. 13. He said that two three-by-five-foot flags were taken from the Homecoming shade tent used by the fraternity at the football game. Damaged in the incident was a chair belonging to C and E Rentals.

Phi Gamma Delta brother Richard Yablonsky saw two stocky white males, estimated age 25, taking down the purple-and-white flags and loading them into a vehicle.

Thinking that the two were fraternity brothers, Yablonsky offered to help them. The two refused his assistance.

There are no definite suspects in the larceny.

## Bookstore suffers losses at Carter-Finley

Three folding tables belonging to NCSU Bookstores were stolen from Carter-Finley Stadium sometime between the

Oct. 28 home game against Florida State and the Nov. 11 Homecoming game against Duke.

Bookstores employee Renissa Jones told Sgt. Jon Barnwell that the three tables, valued at \$20 apiece, had been chained to a railing outside the Carter-Finley press box elevator.

Bookstore employees found the lock cut and the three tables missing when they began setting up for the Duke game.

## Ninja action, alias send man to magistrate

Throwing a Chinese throwing star at a tree landed Anthony King ... er, Alton Swinson Jr. in the magistrate's office.

On Nov. 7, Public Safety Officer R. Dudley responded to reports of a man throwing a Chinese throwing star at the busy intersection of Morrill Drive and Faucette Drive.

Dudley questioned a man calling himself Anthony King about the incident and confiscated the throwing star from "King." The man repeatedly told Dudley that his name was

"Anthony King" before eventually telling Dudley that his name was actually Alton Swinson Jr.

Swinson said that "Anthony King" was the name of a family member and that he used the name because he did not want to get into trouble.

Dudley arrested Swinson and took him to the magistrate's office.

## Car stolen from Pullen lot

A navy blue 1986 Oldsmobile Calais coupe belonging to Scott James Harris of Newport News, Va., was stolen from Pullen Lot on Nov. 5.

Freshman Kimberley Harris parked the car on the bricks just east of the Pullen lot at 12:30 a.m. Nov. 4. She told Ptl. J. Gray of Public Safety that she had forgotten to move the car later.

When she returned to the car at 3 p.m. Nov. 5, she found it missing. Gray found no signs of broken glass in the parking lot. He checked with three area towing companies; none had towed Harris' car.

## Woffline smooches lead to smashed window

Freshman Joshua Hunter Storie, 19, of 604C Carroll Hall, struck a window on a Woffline bus with his head Sunday, shattering the window.

According to police reports, Storie saw a friend of his kissing a girl outside the bus. Storie began making fun of his friend and proceeded to strike his own seat. He then struck the window with his head, shattering it.

Storie's forehead did \$300 in damage to the bus.

about his or her status and asked to write this essay.

Griffin said that every aspect of the application is reviewed and taken into consideration. There are no set guidelines for admitting a prospect.

"There are always different situations," said Griffin.

"If a student does not have a particularly high grade point average, they will look to see if the school the student is coming from is particularly difficult.

"There is a lot of professional judgment that goes into the decision," said Griffin. "Our system goes beyond basic numbers."

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then admissions will consider other factors like extracurricular activities. They also note if a student is from an underrepresented area of the state or a first-generation college attendee.

The essay part of the application is not even necessary, except in special circumstances when a student is considered borderline and an essay could play an essential role in determining the student's acceptance. In this case, the student will be notified

## Mistaken identity leaves fraternity flagless

A brother in Phi Gamma Delta witnessed the stealing of two of

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# Welcome to Whoville

Joel Isaac Frady  
Staff Writer

One of the most difficult things to do with a film adapted from a book is to capture the same feel of the book on the big screen. It's even harder to remake a work that is already considered perfection, and both of these are accomplished in Ron Howard's "How the Grinch Stole Christmas." Based on the beloved Dr. Seuss book and the 1966 animated film (that Seuss claimed to be perfect), the new "Grinch" has all of the charm of the Seuss work, plus the added comic energy of Jim Carrey. Add a few sets and some great make-up effects and the stage is set for one of the most magical films ever to grace the silver screen.

The plot is the first big surprise: sure, "most everyone has seen the 1966 film, but it's only 26 minutes long and covers the entire book. So in order to create a film that fills two hours, screenwriters Jeffrey Price and Peter S. Seaman (the team behind "Who Framed Roger Rabbit?") filled in the gaps. They do a great job of keeping the feel of a Seuss book while writing in a lot of Jim Carrey into the role as well.

Carrey is, of course, the only man alive who can pull off this character. Carrey, whose career has been a little off recently ("Me, Myself, & Irene" disappointed most) gets back on track here with "Grinch," giving a one-two punch of a comedic performance. While we're not able to see much Jim Carrey through all that makeup, his energy shines straight through. His



## How the Grinch Stole Christmas

★★★★

Director:  
Ron Howard  
Starring:  
Jim Carrey



"Grinch" is exactly what Seuss would have wanted, a mean old man with a soft heart.

Turning Carrey into the Grinch also involved one of the best make-up jobs ever seen on film, created by make-up effects wizard Rick Baker (who turned Eddie Murphy into Sherman Klump for "The Nutty Professor"). The suit is flawless and Carrey is still able to use his full range of facial and body movement. If it weren't for the amount of Jim Carrey allowed in the role, it would never notice it as Jim Carrey in the suit. The Whos (of Whoville) also required a great deal of makeup effects and once they hit a certain age they "get their nose" (it turns up). This rule does allow most of the Children in the film to get away without makeup, but the rest of the

townspeople still have those silly noses.

Another element of all Dr. Seuss works are the colorful places he takes us with all the inventive items (with strange name-a-loo-boos). The land of Whoville is captured here with a gigantic set; all the odd-shaped houses and walkways in their reds and greens make their way into this film. The mountaintop home of the Grinch is also in nice form, a filthy, rotten, damp, dark place that probably smells horrible and where everyone who sees this movie would love to live. None of these locals are quite right without those kooky Seuss inventions; from a rocket sled to a machine-gun used for putting up lights in those hard-to-reach places, they're all here.

What makes this film work as well as it does is the flavor and spirit of Seuss that is captured here. Seuss knew how to bring out the child in all of us; his silly books are read just as frequently by adults as by their children. Read any child a book by Dr. Seuss and the charm of his work is undeniable; whether it be "Green Eggs and Ham" or "The Lorax," a smile will rise from one ear to the other as people are taken to the magical world of Seuss. That feel is captured here, each member of the audience laughing and smiling as if they were children again. Dr. Seuss would be proud.

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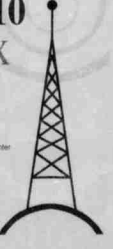


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## the old fashioned way

Zack Smith  
Senior Staff Writer

About halfway through "Bounce," I was mentally composing a drinking game for the movie based on taking a large gulp every time either a) a character uttered a clichéd line, b) being able to correctly predict the next plot twist or c) a melodramatic pop song began playing on the soundtrack. As I debated how to revise the rules so the participants wouldn't be passed out drunk by the thirty-minute mark, I noticed something funny: The person sitting next to me was crying. So, for that matter, was the person sitting in front of me, the person sitting behind me and the person sitting on the other side of me.

Maybe I'm just too cynical. But that's the kind of reaction you will likely have to "Bounce," you'll either be bored stiff or moved to tears. To its credit, "Bounce" doesn't completely embrace all the trappings of romantic drama; there's a fair amount of insight, intelligence and emotional reality to the story it tells. However, it still

falls into a fair number of traps. "Bounce" tells a story that could easily have been made fifty years ago in black and white with Rock Hudson and Doris Day in the leads. Adman Buddy (Ben Affleck) is stuck at an airport on Christmas, high from scoring a big advertising account with the airline he's flying home on. While there, he meets two people, Mimi (Natasha Henstridge of "Species" fame), an attractive woman, and Greg Janello (Tony Goldwyn, also on screen this week in "The Sixth Day"), an unsuccessful writer. Greg's flight is held over, but he wants to get home early and surprise his wife and kids; Mimi, for that matter, gives Buddy an indication that she wouldn't mind his being stuck overnight with her. So Buddy, in a moment of half-generosity/half-selfishness, gives Greg his plane ticket and goes off with Mimi. Unfortunately, the plane crashes, and Buddy is racked with guilt. Making matters worse is that his company is assigned to do a series of ads for the airline "mourning" the vic-

tims of the crash, leading to a well-staged breakdown scene for Buddy at an awards show. Meanwhile, Greg's wife Abby (Gwyneth Paltrow), unaware her husband was on the flight, slowly realizes the awful truth.

One year after the crash, Buddy is out of rehab and is trying to gain some closure, so he tracks down Abby, who's now an unsuccessful real estate agent. He throws some business her way, and tries to back out of her life, except Abby's a little attracted to him, and asks him out. Despite his best efforts, Buddy soon finds himself becoming involved with Abby... except he has a little trouble explaining the circumstances that led him to meet her. "Bounce" is based around the oldest kind of romantic complication: one lover has a secret they can't tell the other for fear of ruining everything. It's been the subject of endless books,

plays, movies and daytime dramas, but "Bounce" manages to take a closer, more effective look at the situation than most films do. This is a credit to writer/director Don Roos ("The Opposite of Sex"), whose characters have the unique quality about actually possessing some intelligence about their feelings and the situations they're in.

However, there is a downside to this; it makes the various plot contrivances of "Bounce" feel more forced and artificial than they already are. The trouble with "Bounce" is that it never quite seems to find the right bal-

ance between realistic drama and fantasy-romance.

The film does deserve credit for at least attempting to bring some reality to its story and for attempting to depict glamorous stars Affleck and Paltrow as real people (despite running a massive ad campaign based mainly around their looks). The acting is very credible, and Paltrow is very convincingly dressed down as the uncertain, tentative Abby.

Affleck's role is more complicated, and he doesn't always pull off the darker sides of Buddy's character (actually, his frequent collaborator and friend

Matt Damon might have been more effective here), but otherwise does a decent job. The supporting characters are fairly underwritten (almost all of them would play like they've had some big scene shot and then cut out of the finished film), but Johnny Galecki of TV's "Roseanne" is a revelation as Affleck's confrontational assistant. While "Bounce" doesn't always succeed as a convincing love story, it's the kind of film that will drive some moviegoers to tears. Four out of five moviegoers, anyway.

IMAGE FROM MIRAMAX FILMS



### Bounce

★★★

Director:

Don Roos

Starring:

Ben Affleck

Gwyneth Paltrow

cessful writer. Greg's flight is held over, but he wants to get home early and surprise his wife and kids; Mimi, for that matter, gives Buddy an indication that she wouldn't mind his being stuck overnight with her. So Buddy, in a moment of half-generosity/half-selfishness, gives Greg his plane ticket and goes off with Mimi. Unfortunately, the plane crashes, and Buddy is racked with guilt. Making matters worse is that his company is assigned to do a series of ads for the airline "mourning" the vic-

## A Night to Remember

Chandler Carriker  
Senior Staff Writer

Some crotchety old man somewhere once said, "Youth is wasted upon the young." After the performance delivered by Steve Earle, who must be pushing his late 40's, it's hard to imagine anyone having a good excuse for wasting youthful energy.

The night was started off by singer-songwriter Matthew Ryan, who suffered from the problem that most opening acts for legends such as Steve Earle suffer from: the crowd just wasn't there to see him. His recent album, *East Autumn Grin*, is awash with beautiful effects and sounds, but much of this was lost in the live setting as Ryan strummed away on his acoustic guitar and his rhythm section gracefully pounded away. Ryan finally began to win the crowd over with the beautiful "I Hear A Symphony" off his newest album, but by then his set was coming to a close. All he could do was gracefully step off to a polite chorus of cheers, and slide in a great dig at a heckler in the front ("You all take care, everybody except for... that guy").

As the lights dimmed for Earle's set, the sounds of a train pulling into a station filled the club. The crowd was kicking with excitement (and relief) considering most had been standing up waiting for at least an hour in what must be the most uncomfortable club in Raleigh, and with the appearance of Mr. Earle and his band on stage, they exploded. Kicking off with the title track to his latest album, *Transcendental Blues*, Steve built up the crowd's anticipation even more with droning psychedelic chords, and then stomped straight into "Everyone's In Love With You," off



the same record. Steve and his band were giving the crowd no time to get into the groove; it was full speed ahead on this train.

The night was a testimony not only to the stamina of Earle and his band, as their set clocked in at almost two and a half hours, but the diversity of his catalogue. The incredibly catchy "Hard-Core Troubadour," which Steve led off with a dedication to "all those highly impressionable young

girls out there," the Celtic romping of "Steve's Last Ramble" and "Galway Girl" and covers as diverse as "Time" by the Chambers and Nirvana, fit together perfectly in a set that never seemed to loose steam.

The entire team Earle has put together for this tour seemed to be having a blast. Guitarist Eric "Roscoe" Amble, who has stakes in Raleigh's Lakeside Lounge and was formerly a guitarist for

Joan Jetz, seemed to be constantly excited and surprised to be on stage, as he perfectly complemented Earle's songs with either nasty guitar solos or graceful flourishes. Drummer Will Rigby, formerly of the late, great Chapel Hill band, the DB's, went far and above the calling of keeping time, adding driving, reckless rhythm which reflected Earle's songs lawlessly. Even Earle's manager got in on the action, as he was called out for his skills on the penny whistle, which he added to the joyful "Galway Girl."

The evening was not without its poignant moments. Earle's delivery of "Goodbye," a ballad off 94's *Train A Comin'*, left the audience with a collective lump in their throats, as Earle proved he had the power to bring this train to a complete halt and deliver arguably one of the most beautiful songs ever written. Steve also took some time on his sobox, as he led into "Over Yonder (Jonathan's Song)" with a rant upon his opposition to the death penalty. Greeted with overwhelming agreement from the crowd, Earle delivered the haunting song, basked in deep red light, with the words of a man on his way to execution: "... all of them that hate me," sang Earle, "I hope my goin' brings em' peace."

The night was one of joy; joy in the power of music, joy in the energy of youth and joy in the face of the hardships of life. As the show was at its height, Earle released the reins to "Ain't Ever Satisfied" and the crowd carried the chorus of "Whoo... I ain't ever satisfied!" As the crowd cheered and Earle returned applause for their stellar performance, it was clear that nights like these are truly satisfying.

IMAGE FROM STEVEEARLE.COM

### CLIMB

Nikhil Kriplani  
Staff Writer

I stood in front of the misty mountain. Its peak I couldn't see, its height I couldn't fathom.

I was still at the summit, had a long way to climb.

The February cold was its coldest.

There were voices all around me. But not a single person I could see.

I looked around and thought I saw the abominable snowman.

Coming straight for me.

But then I blinked and it wasn't there anymore.

It seemed like I had been walking for so many hours.

But I hadn't gone too far, couldn't see my starting point.

When I came across a group of beggars.

Shivering in the cold with no teeth that could chatter.

No clothes that could protect and no sense that could direct.

As they looked at me with muted eyes that pleaded.

For a lot more than I could give them. Or so I thought.

I walked on and was at the summit.

With the mountain staring me in the face.

As it dared me to climb, as it grew colder.

Taller, higher, distant, then closer, and suddenly further away.

As it laughed in my face and called me weak, and feeble.

I turned back to go to those comfortable places that I knew.

Not so long ago, and I remembered the warmth.

But saw the abominable snowman behind me.

As he shook his head disapprovingly and wagged his finger.

I grimaced and began the climb.

I decided to beat the cold.

I fear my death, my failure, my gracelessness.

And some higher power who sits way above all those misty mountains.

And has a complicated plan that is never mindfully apparent and clear.

And sits above all those peaks around me, unfeeling to the cold and the suffering.

With eyes always closed and mind always alert.

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## A fifth of education

DO COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES OF HIGHER EDUCATION HAVE AN OBLIGATION TO GET THEIR STUDENTS IN AND OUT IN FOUR YEARS?

If you follow degree guidelines and still can't graduate in four years, your extra tuition is on the house, thanks to the Indiana University at Bloomington. After three years at the University of St. Francis, your senior-year tuition is free. One of the first colleges to offer a four-year degree guarantee was Hamline University in St. Paul, Minn. Since the program began in 1992, the liberal arts college with a student population of roughly 1,700 has not had to pay a single student's tuition.

Regardless of how effective or ineffective guaranteed degree programs are, the more important issue is whether or not they should exist at all. Do institutions of higher education really have an obligation to crank their students through educational machinations in as little time as possible?

If so, perhaps N.C. State should begin offering a degree in what really matters: Alumni Certification — because such programs are clearly a little more than commercial gimmicks that both cheapen and insult the educational experience, telling the world that universities are not

meant to produce talent; they are meant to produce alumni.

And maybe students could pay a small fee during their freshman year — say, in installments of \$19.95 — to guarantee a matching minor to go along with their guaranteed degree.

Or even a buffet model: pay for seven years of tuition and get all the degrees you want.

Four-year administrative myopia hinders not only a university's ability to offer a quality education but also unfairly and inappropriately pressures the student to cram as much in as possible to avoid that dreaded fifth year.

Degree guarantees reduce higher education diplomas to the confines of a large-scale drive-thru where education is dished out in pre-packaged formulas as if it were some spicy chicken combo. Such an analogy is not only applicable for the reflected view on time but also the shared notion of nutrition — or lack thereof.

## U.N. picks up Americas slack in China



Justin Greene

In the wake of Congress' approval of Permanent Normal Trade Relations with China and the refusal of our government to consistently and effectively monitor China's progress in human rights, it seems that the United Nations is serving as the last bastion of reason in dealing with China. While the U.N. serves many admirable purposes around the world, you would not find me arguing it is very effective in dealing with major international problems. The United States, like it or not, seems to be currently the most effective actor in the role of international police officer. When our legislators and our president agreed, however, to look the other way in regards to the Chinese government's very serious environmental and human rights abuses, who in the world was left to fill the diplomatic void?

It looks like the U.N. has decided to actually pursue the issue with China. On Monday, the U.N.'s top human rights officer and Chinese Vice Foreign Minister Wang Guangya signed a memorandum requiring China to abide by the human rights treaties it has previously signed and review current human rights abuses. China had previously ratified the U.N. Convention Against Torture in 1988, but compelling evidence exists to convince the free world that China is not up to par in the implementation of the treaty.

One of the most disturbing reports comes from Amnesty International and concerns the Xinjiang Uighur Autonomous Region (XUAR) in

China. The XUAR was once a predominantly Muslim area in China, but crackdowns on religious expression have reduced the active Muslim population. A popular dissent leader in the area was recently killed on Oct. 7th while being imprisoned for his "crimes." The XUAR region has a conspicuously low number of officially reported tortures, unlike other areas of China, suggesting that authorities at some level are intent on covering up the atrocities. The few reports that have escaped the region to groups like Amnesty tell of beatings, use of electric batons, exposure to extreme cold or heat, placing chili powder in the victim's mouth and nose and mutilation of genitals.

Incidents such as these lead me to hope that the U.N. memorandum will in some way help the people of China escape the very real threat of torture. Sure, torture can be avoided in China, but it comes at the expense of giving up rights to freedom of speech, freedom of religion and freedom of association.

There is concern in the international community that the pledge by China, like so many agreements before, will end up being a merely symbolic gesture intended to ease diplomatic pressures. A spokeswoman for Human Rights in China said, "What we hope doesn't happen is that China can make cosmetic changes without changing the substance to get critics in the international community to shut up. This sort of reform is unacceptable." While that is a possibility, at least one group in the world, unlike our current Congress, is even striving to make any symbolic gestures at all.

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## Take a Break



Patricia Crane

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break for another. Is there anything better than having a reason to not work down and just sit still for a few hours?

We're getting down to the end of the semester here, and the work is piling on big-time. I don't know about the rest of you, but I have several tests, papers and projects to worry about before exams start. This happens every semester: It gets to the point that it's overwhelming, and I don't even want to begin working.

Consequently, work just piles up higher until I'm holed up in my room or the library for hours on end, snarling at anyone who comes within five feet of me. I find myself deeply resenting people who have nothing to do. How can people be ordering pizza and watching "Dawson's Creek"? Don't they know their work is to be done? I find myself wondering if it would be that bad if I just gave it all up and worked at McDonald's for the rest of

my life; anything to avoid this paperless/homework/project.

Sometimes we get little reprieves. Days like this past Sunday are days to forget about your work. Kick back, grab some cocoa and watch the unexpected snowfall. It may be clichéd, but it's hard to argue the pleasure of sitting in a blanket with a hot drink, watching snow fall. If your studies homework happens to fall by the wayside, there are worse things that could happen.

But just as it gets to be at its worst and I think I can't take it anymore, I'm saved by a break. This week, we get a few days to ourselves for Thanksgiving. We can go home and visit our families, stay here and hang out with friends, or just retreat into bed, only getting out to put another movie in the VCR, grab another Coke or answer nature's call. It's gonna be sweet.

Too often in college we swing 180 degrees between Supreme Fun and Supreme Work. We're either working our butts off in the library or the lab, drinking coffee and taking Vivarin until we can actually feel our blood circulating, or we're out at a club or at someone's apartment having so much "fun" we sometimes puke. But our bodies are always going 100 mph.

Perhaps we need to learn to relax a little more effectively; someone should sponsor a workshop: "The College Student's Guide to Effective Use of Vacation Time." It could feature lectures on Channel Surfing and Proper Use of the Snooze Button. Students could collect pamphlets on "Computer

Solitaire, Instant Messenger, and Email: How to Waste Six Hours and Make It Feel Like Two." By combining some of these methods with the usual college relaxation techniques of excessive drinking and marathon movie-watching, perhaps we can take more stress out of the end of the semester.

But right now, we have Thanksgiving break to relax us.

So we should be thankful just to have Thanksgiving break, coming right at the breaking point as we almost buckle under our loads of schoolwork. Later this week, when you're doing whatever you do for Thanksgiving, remember the university and give thanks for being saved right at the end. Those few days of food and sleep and football will give us the strength to come back here and run those last few academic yards.

So please, don't bring homework with you — OK, maybe just a little reading to catch up. But you know you're not going to do it until late Sunday evening, so just keep that in mind if it makes you feel guilty. There will be time to work after the break. That's how I operate, anyway, even if it is more stress at one time. So if you see me in the library during "Dead Week" (ha!), don't come too close; I just might bite.

Patricia has never ever done statistics homework. And she's just kidding about the biting. Really. Email her at [pocrane@unity.ncsu.edu](mailto:pocrane@unity.ncsu.edu).

## Biblical prophecy deserves attention



Rhett Mclaughlin

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Many people esteem the Bible as a holy book. For them, these written words are from the mouth of God and contain supernatural, life-changing truths.

Some of these truths come in the form of prophecy, or more simply, predictions. These predictions range from details concerning the life of Jesus Christ to accounts of the rising and falling of kingdoms.

A few observations in respect to these prophecies can be made. First of all, it is obvious that the authors of Old Testament prophecies knew they were making bold claims about the future. The writings contain claims about specific situations and events. However, these prophecies are not as clear as some Christians would have you believe. If all Old Testament prophecies were presented with undeniable clarity and supported with obviously related historical events, then every person that read them would fall prostrate and worship the God of the Bible. Bear in mind, though, that these prophecies cannot be dismissed as easily as skeptics suggest they should be. Any person on a "spiritual journey" must stop and consider Biblical prophecy. In contemplating the Christian faith, one must study these so-called supernaturally induced predictions. You see, prophecy either serves to support the case for Christianity or it doesn't. An honest

consideration cannot consist of a simple dismissal of the Bible without examination, and it must not be a rushed acceptance based on emotions.

Consider this: Old Testament prophets foretold of the destruction of many specific places, the reigns of rulers and the rebuilding of cities. This is nothing special, however, considering that a cycle of rule, demolition, and rehabilitation is common throughout the world's history. Yet these ancient prophecies are clear as to which places are to be permanently destroyed and left desolate, just as they are vivid in describing the details of destruction and also the periods of influence of kings. This would be insignificant if the predictions were inaccurate, but this is not the case.

Take, for instance, prophecies unfolding the rise and fall of a great leader and the subsequent splitting of his kingdom (Daniel 11). These predictions accurately detail the rule of Alexander the Great. The details are not vague and must not be a result of coincidence. They are so overly on target, as is much of the book of Daniel, that naturalist critics have been forced to suggest that the prophecies were written after the fact. There is little evidence in support of this hypothesis. Furthermore, what can we expect from a critic that approaches the matter already convinced that there must be a natural explanation for prophecy?

Even more shocking are the messianic prophecies. They consist of a collection of Old Testament texts that seem to be foreshadowing the coming of a savior for humankind. Christians believe this savior to be Jesus Christ. Comparing the prophecies to Christ

reveals why they believe this so strongly. The Bible says that this savior is to be born in Bethlehem (Micah 5:2), enter Jerusalem riding on a donkey (Zechariah 9:9), be followed by the Gentiles (Isaiah 60:3), be betrayed for 30 pieces of silver which were to be used for the purchasing of a potter's field (Zechariah 11:12-13), be punished (Isaiah 53:5), have his hands and feet pierced (Zechariah 12:10), have his clothes divided and lots cast for them after his death (Psalm 22:18) and be with someone rich in his death (Isaiah 53:9). These prophecies represent only a handful of the many references to the Messiah to come. Jesus Christ fulfilled all of these predictions at some point in his life. The prophecies are so significant that some have made the assumption that Jesus engineered his life in order to fulfill them. However, it's quite difficult to control your place of birth and method of execution. Many Jews who hold to the Old Testament as God's word have come to believe in Jesus Christ as Messiah after examining the prophecies.

Many critics discount Biblical prophecies by chalking them up as being written during or after the events, coincidental, self-fulfilling or not nearly as decisive as Christians believe. You must make that decision for yourself. Don't formulate your opinion of Biblical prophecy based on your professor's lectures or your friend's emotional pleadings. Examine the individual cases personally. You just might be surprised.

Rhett predicts that someone will respond to this article. You can do that at [rjmclaugh@eos.ncsu.edu](mailto:rjmclaugh@eos.ncsu.edu).

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## Individuality tarnishes childhood 'sparkle'

**Jacquelyn Einsel**  
STAFF COLUMNIST

I heard the story of Mumby Pie and Junior for the very first time yesterday. It was a truly great story. Mumby Pie was the goof-ball, Junior the straight man; they were always together and the epitome of the perfect working relationship.

The boys — as they're sometimes referred to by those in the know — are a pair of nightstand lamps. Special nightstand lamps, obviously (not every pair can talk and take part in the lengthy stories documented in the relative safety of a five-year-old's evening bath). But this particular pair seemed to be fairly active in their daily activities, and it seems they had a lot to teach your basic indoor light fixtures. They knew about the best place to check for hid-

den Christmas presents and the importance of daily hygiene and the best way to sneak a whole jar of peanut butter outside (even if they did sometimes forget things like the importance of little things like bringing a spoon). Those boys were smart. Almost too smart, for a pair of nightstand lamps, which was probably the reason they eventually went back to clicking on and off and keeping their peace with the bedside table during the day. As time went by and the girl's birthday candles blew out, their sparkle died a slow but sure death.

Sometimes I wonder where, exactly, on the deafeningly slow transition from childhood to being a freestanding individual, we lose that sparkle. When does it become noticeably "not cool to be that way" anymore? At what point do folks decide,

"Well, that's enough of that! Time for a little maturity for a change?" And why is this such an acceptable, expected, fantastic thing? Maybe we're looking at life unnecessarily through a thin layer of cotton gauze — taking the sheen off the very best stuff and the tang out of the brightest.

Something makes us cut that midnight PBJ into squares instead of triangles — you know, the one nobody's up to see you eat. Are we gnawing on the parsley of the six-course meal of life? How do we know?

Watching my roommate make her fingers over the computer screen the other night, it occurred to me: That's WebAssign she's doing. Sure, it's the last submission she's got. Sure, she's been working on it for close to 90 minutes at this point. But that's definitely WebAssign. And she's definitely going to be dead pretty soon here. Oh, maybe not tomorrow — but a part of me wanted to take her by the shoulders, shake her and scream, "Wake up! You've only got 70 more years to live!" Now, I realize it's very important to get one's work done in a timely fashion. And I know neglecting one's academic pursuits is a ticket to a double-wide next to the tire factory and three snot-nosed kids and a big choice to make for Christmas: new tires for the house or new tires for the car? But at the same time, I know she won't get a chance to be 20 again. There's only so many Tuesdays in November, and only so many Novembers in a girl's life — and, well, at the risk of sounding alarmist, they're passing by awfully quick.

I'm equal opportunity. I want my roommate to shake me by the shoulders, too. To

look at me critically when I make comments about the "Things I Need To Do" and get furious that my last black pen fell down the elevator shaft. I want to spend less time thinking and more time sneaking into Thompson theatre, more time teaching the girl down the hall to drive a stick shift, more time thinking about where I'd go if USAir called me in 15 minutes with one ticket to anywhere in the continental U.S. for a whole week. I want to have more stories. I want to have so many that I forget some of the best ones.

I realize no one's put me in charge of making Public Service Announcements to the college age group. But maybe they should. I know some folks who could really stand to hear this stuff. There's a lot of childhood inventiveness lost somewhere during all these exer-

cises in Building Character, but we need it. Badly.

I hear that Mumby Pie and Junior now live above the garage, as they're too damn ugly to keep in the house, but my buddy's parents thought it a sound plan to hang onto them for her first place. I was really glad to hear that. I hope she looks at them sometimes and wonders if there's a check in the mail for her for a zillion trillion dollars. I hope they end up like that one piece of glitter in the carpet for her — a little sparkle that just plain won't come out, won't die or be sucked up in the vacuum.

*Jacquelyn wants you to be her Mumby Pie. Email her for an application at jeinsel@unity.ncsu.edu*

## C A M P U S F O R U M

### Electoral College 'undemocratic'

In the Nov. 17 issue of *Technician*, columnist Nathan Lintner and forum respondent Jean-Paul Garnett both sought to justify the existence of the Electoral College as a well-reasoned gift to the modern electoral process from our founding fathers that prevents the tyranny of mob rule.

Both writers are ignorant of history and the concept of democracy. The Electoral College was established as a tool of systematic disenfranchisement. The framers of our system of government established the Electoral College as a way of appeasing the very rich and powerful, but voting population poor plantation states, who would have easily been outvoted by the urban north if elections were by popular vote. The compromise was easily enough accomplished when one realizes the vast numbers of black people held in slavery in these regions. They were counted as population towards Electoral College votes, but then disenfranchised at the ballot box.

A system that is undemocratic at its outset, as this one was, simply cannot be anything but undemocratic two hundred years later. We as a population should have the right to decide for ourselves how we are best governed without government interference. I find it very odd that conservatives, the traditional champions of smaller, less invasive government, are for the most part the ones defending this incredibly invasive and undemocratic system.

Josh Humphrey  
Senior  
Animal Science

### ESA, student support both empty

Okay, I am irate. I am displeased with N.C. State's student body. What the heck were you guys thinking? Where was everyone? The ESA was empty. Oh, my mistake, apparently no one knew that we were supposed to have the best basketball team that Raleigh has seen in about 10 years.

There was no one there. The ESA was empty. The Wolfpack had no crowd support.

The only noise being made came from the dominantly victorious UNC-C crowd (that's right, a school that doesn't even have a football team). Their crowd was raucous. Their crowd traveled three and a half hours just to watch their team. Aaaaarrrggghhh!

Am I furious? What kind of question is that? What is going on here? I thought the fickle fans were over in Chapel Hill. Unlike those from Chapel Hill I will show my loyalty and support no matter what happens to our teams. I am going to be out at Carter-Finley supporting a first year coach with a first year quarterback and team that was supposed to go 3-8, maybe 4-7.

I can guarantee that when you look back at that guy who will not shut up about the Wolfpack's basketball supremacy it will be me in the stands backing the 'Pack. The biggest reason that the basketball team lost their game tonight, and the tournament title, was because there was no crowd to support them at their own house. Let's get it together student body. You can go on a date some other night and that movie is playing throughout the entire week. Get to the ESA, do not be like Carolina and back the 'Pack!

Patrick Stone  
Junior  
Computer Engineering

### Technician error: Winston-Salem, not Greensboro

In the Nov. 17th edition of *Technician*, you gave a "thumbs up" to the North Carolina School of the Arts and began with "The Greensboro school..." I would just like to inform you that the School of the Arts is located in Winston-Salem.

It's bad enough that many people thought the second presidential debate was in Greensboro, but at least give us credit for a college that has been in Winston for over thirty years. Winston-Salem may be a bar-

ren industrial hellscape, but it is still my hometown and I've got to represent.

Alex Wood  
Sophomore  
Computer Science

### Lintner just 'mouthpiece for GOP'

There is little I look forward to more than the daily *Technician* where I can search for Nathan Lintner's articles. In each, I am welcomed by an individual that clearly avoids thinking and considering his opinions in favor of simply serving as a mouthpiece for the GOP. I have not seen a unique article from him this fall, yet still I search.

Nathan, and possibly other right wing conservatives, should consider what they are saying if it were taken to be true. All Democrats are inherently "evil" individuals. Anybody that had any association with the amazingly moderate (supposedly liberal) Bill Clinton has been sinisterly brainwashed. Al Gore wants to bring the country to its knees to pad his own personal ego, nothing more. This country would be a better place if it were completely run by conservative republicans. I could go on, but you get the point.

A rational person would look to his own party for criticism. This could help the party evolve into a better organization. Unfortunately, this election has really shown how fanatical and dogmatic many within the Republican Party can be. Lintner implies through his endless whining that, in our two party system, one is clearly the better and all who disagree are either stupid or communist. By making such outrageous claims that no rational human being would even consider, Lintner distances himself from the truth. Even better, the more to the right his articles are, the less of a chance he can really influence anybody's opinion.

So, bravo, Mr. Lintner. Keep the GOP faith and continue to display the true ignorance of your scrawlings. Lintner would really benefit if he would refrain from claiming to

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utilize supporting facts in his rambles. Such use of "facts" lends absolutely no credit to his arguments; rather, it shows his selective use of the GOP's PR machine and a complete disregard for reality.

Both parties are corrupt, and ineffective. Save your dogma for religion!

Jeremy Bandini  
Senior  
Psychology, Sociology

### In defense of recounts

In response of people complaining about the punch hole ballot in Florida, saying if you can't follow the arrow to the correct hole to punch then don't vote. First off, many people voting in Florida counties that were having problems were the elderly, so therefore one could assume they cannot see as well. So perhaps they thought they were punching the correct hole. If you are farsighted then it makes it even more difficult to read. So if you thought you were voting for Gore why would you ask someone to help you? Just because you can read the ballot doesn't mean everyone else can. I wish some people would quit assuming people see things they way they see them.

Ivy Hill  
Freshman  
Textiles, Apparel Management

### 'Approach a woman without a preconceived notion'

As one of Ryan Galligan's "lady peers" ("once dazzling?" No. Always dazzling). I feel strongly inclined to respond to his article, "Winter ruins 'feminine ambience.'" I'll start with where he actually (finally) gets to the point: "the problem." His claim that "biologists and psychologists alike" appreciate it is entirely true — if they're misogynists (Does Galligan know what that means?).

Biologists (usually people who know a lot about biology) strongly disagree with Galligan's "theory"

that humans "predominantly rely" on physical appearance for "partner-selecting." He strongly underestimates the importance of pheromones and physical signals. I'm sure she's never noticed physical signals before because he's too busy with his navel fixation, so I'll explain them:

Physical signals are things like prolonged glances, smiles and winks... flirty body language in general. If a woman directs these signals at you it could mean she is actually attracted to you (it's a shame that Ryan didn't know that before he wrote the article... when he might have still had a chance).

Or here's another idea: Why not approach a woman *without* a preconceived notion of whether it will take one, three or five steps (or drinks) to get her to pity you enough to help you out with your "stress relieving activities?" Maybe then you would actually get to know some women and even — gasp! — understand that we are human beings and not sex objects around for "ambiance."

I can't really speak for the psychologists mentioned... why doesn't he talk with one of them about his "theory" sometime? Soon. And speaking of his theory — does it work when reversed? Would you be willing to sacrifice your comfort and health in order to wear the "latest spaghetti strapped and backless tanktops?" What about sacrificing your comfort the rest of the year for various other "latest" fashions? Stiletto heels perhaps? If Old Navy designed "a new breed of extra-curve and skintight polarate fleece" would you show off your beer belly for us? After all, we women here at N.C. State are just dying for a sign from Galligan himself (wink, wink).

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## WOMEN

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place. Stanford, Boston College and Georgetown took the third, fourth and fifth positions with 198, 214 and 247 points, respectively.

State entered this meet ranked 12th in the nation, and the Pack bettered this ranking by one place as they took 11th with 336 points. North Carolina, who had finished a close second at the ACC and District Championships, was a very close two points behind in 12th place. "As a team I think we did really well," said State's fifth runner Diana Henderson. "It's not as high as we hoped for. It definitely would have been nice to finish in the top 10, but I think if we could run this race again on another day, then we would be a top-10 team, but we're still happy with the way things worked out. It's been a while since we've had a finish that high, and we're happy with 11th place."

State's team consisted of two seniors, three juniors, and two freshmen. Nichols and Beyerkirch ran their last cross country races for the Wolfpack. Sabino, Fonner and Kraft all have one year of eligibility remaining, and Henderson and Swain are freshmen.

"We have a lot of young people who learned a lot in this meet," said Henes. "Diana Henderson learned a tremendous amount, and I think she will do a really good job for us in a couple of years. Erin Swain and Beth Fonner learned a lot. We would have liked to finish higher, and we're disappointed that we didn't crack the top 10, but we can generally be pretty happy with our finish."



Beth Fonner finished in 101st place for N.C. State.

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time in 17 years, placing all five scoring runners, between 11th and 34th place. Arkansas scored 83 points, narrowly escaping Colorado, who finished with 94.

Providence, Stanford and Wisconsin rounded out the top

five teams, scoring 121, 149 and 167 points, respectively.

Tenth place went to William and Mary, who defeated State last weekend at the Southeast District Finals. William and Mary finished 27 points ahead of the Pack with 363 points. ACC schools Wake Forest and Duke finished in 18th and 31st place.

Duke had defeated State for the ACC title on Oct. 28.

"With one junior, three sophomores and three freshmen, not only are they all new guys running, but they are all going to be back next year," said Geiger. "I'm really pleased and excited about what they did, and I'm looking forward to 2001. With a young team like this, then a meet like this is a good learning experience, and we should have a lot of fun next year."

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### Club sports

The N.C. State roller hockey team defeated archrival Elon by a commanding score of 11-3. The action took place Friday night at the Wayne Gretzky Roller Hockey Center in Cary. Game honors went to goalkeeper Andrew Thompson who allowed only three goals, the fewest allowed by any goalie in the league this year.

The leading Wolfpack goal scorers were Chris Hickman with three and Brian King with two. The win extends the team's record to 3-1 on the season. The Wolfpack's next game will be a rematch against Elon on Friday, Dec. 1, at 10 p.m. at the Wayne Gretzky Roller Hockey Center.

The club ice hockey team defeated Liberty twice over the weekend. Friday's score was 4-1 and Saturday's score was 6-1. The wins push the team's overall record to 12-0-1. The Pack finishes its season with home games on Friday, Dec. 1, and Saturday, Dec. 2, against Virginia at the Cary Ice House.

The women's club rugby team shut out Guilford College 47-0 Saturday at Miller Field in its last game of the fall semester.

The women's club volleyball team placed third overall at the N.C. State Volleyball Invitational this past Saturday at Carmichael Gym. The team came out of its round-robin pool in second to advancing to the quarterfinals. The team

then beat Georgia to advance to the semifinals, where it lost a close match to one of the North Carolina teams 27-25.

The third-place finish is the third consecutive strong showing for the Pack in tournaments. The team placed third at the Appalachian State Invitational on Oct. 29 and fourth at the Wolfpack Volleyball Shootout on Nov. 4.

### Informal recreation/fitness

The Qigong Relaxation Techniques will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 28, from 7 to 8 p.m. Message Techniques will be held right after Qigong from 8 to 9 p.m. Both workshops will be held in 1207 Carmichael Gymnasium. To register, come by 1000 Carmichael Gymnasium or call 515-5161.

### Outdoor adventures

The Backpacking Basics workshop 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, which is located at 1000 Carmichael Gymnasium.

### Job opportunities

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days is wins and losses. Alumni, fans and athletics departments want winners, and they don't have the patience to wait for them.

O'Carroll had ample time to build a solid program but just couldn't take State to the next level. UNC didn't give Torbush that kind of leeway. Granted, Brown left him with plenty talent, but at the same time, Torbush never really had the opportunity to make the Heels his team.

Vanderlinden's firing didn't draw the same attention Torbush's did, but it was an even greater injustice. Before Vanderlinden arrived, Maryland was a joke in ACC football. Now it's at least a somewhat respectable program. Athletics directors see the quick turnarounds made in places like South Carolina by Lou Holtz and Oregon State by Dennis Erickson, and they want that instant notoriety for their schools. Unfortunately, most success stories take time, a fact that a pretty good authority on the subject pointed out Monday.

"People want the fix, and they want it now," Amato said. "It takes a while."

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# A PAIR OF ELEVENS

## Men take 11th at NCAAs

## Women run to 11th in nation

◆ N.C. State's men's cross country team finished 11th at the NCAA Championships Monday at Iowa State.

**Todd Lion**  
Staff Writer

AMES, Iowa — After placing third at the national championships a year ago, N.C. State's men's cross country team had a lot to live up to.

The Wolfpack also had to do this with seven new runners who did not compete on the varsity team last year.

After a grueling 10 kilometers through flurrying snow and a wind chill factor of minus 19 degrees, this team finished in 11th place.

"From the seven that ran last year, this is a completely new team," said head coach Rollie Geiger. "To go from third in the country to 11th with all new guys really speaks something for the program. Most teams would have trouble qualifying for nationals with all new runners, much less finishing 11th."

The normal low temperature for Ames, Iowa, in mid-November is 29 degrees. Monday, however, the temperature never rose above 20 degrees. Added to this was constant wind, sometimes blowing in excess of 30 mph, creating a wind chill factor of almost 20 below zero at the beginning of the races.

"While these conditions obviously affected the times run by the athletes, some competitors saw no disadvantage to it."

"We're all going to start on the same starting line with the same temperature and the same wind, so it's going to come down to whoever trained the hardest," Colorado sophomore and third-place finisher Jorge Torres said before the race.

"No one is really used to this kind of cold no matter where they are from, and it certainly affected everyone out there," said State true freshman Andy Smith. "But you just have to come into the race like I did and say, 'Everyone is going to be running in this. Don't let it get to your head and just race like you do every weekend.'"

Smith led the Pack Monday with a 45th-place finish. That was good enough to earn him a spot on the All-America team, which is the top 30 runners discounting all foreign racers. Smith ran the 10-kilometer course in 31 minutes, 16 seconds. He was the fifth freshman to cross the finish line.

Junior Ryan Woods, State's top runner at the Atlantic Coast Conference Championships, finished two seconds behind Smith in 50th place.

Chad Pearson, another runner who has shared the lead position for the Wolfpack, finished third on the team in 93rd place with a time of 31:42.

David Christian was the fourth finisher for State at 148th place overall. Christian clocked 32:11 at the finish line. Dean Bowker rounded out State's top five with a 159th-place finish.

Devin Swann finished immediately behind him, and both were clocked at 32:16. David Patterson finished seventh for the Wolfpack, six seconds and 16 positions behind Bowker and Swann.

"We came into this race ranked 15th, so an 11th-place finish is really solid for us," said Bowker. "I think some of the teams folded under the weather, but we hung in there and finished up well. But negative 20 wind chill is really pushing the limits a little bit."

Christian was the surprise finisher for State. After never finishing higher than seventh on the team and sitting out last weekend as the team's eighth runner, Christian finished fourth for the Pack in

this race. "I was really happy," Christian said. "Not to make any excuses, but being as young as we are, and having everybody coming back, and adding Chris Dugan to the mix, we're ready for next year. This year I think everybody prepared right, and we were all mentally ready, so I'm really happy."

◆ N.C. State's women's cross country team improved on their finish at NCAA's last year by finishing 11th in the nation.

**Todd Lion**  
Staff Writer

AMES, Iowa — N.C. State's women's

certainly a lot better than the 19th. "It's not exactly where we wanted to be, but it's much better than what happened last year."

Then women's race began at 11:00 a.m. in windy 17 degrees weather. With the windchill factored into the temperature, it felt closer to minus 20.

"It was really just a game of survival out there," said Diana Henderson, State's fifth finisher. "That weather was really against us out there today. I'm glad to have made it through."

Katie Sabino was the top finisher for the Wolfpack with a 36th-place finish. Sabino, a junior, barely missed the cut for the All-America team as only four foreigners finished ahead of her, making the cut-off for All-American 34th place. She ran 21:25 for the six-kilometer course.

Christy Nichols finished second for State women's team in 61st place. She finished 12 seconds behind Sabino. Beth Fomer maintained her position at the front of the team with her 101st-place finish in 21:58.

Junior Beth Kraft and freshman Diana Henderson were the final scoring members on the State team, placing 117th and 141st. Kraft ran 22:06, and Henderson finished in 22 minutes and 19 seconds.

Amy Beykirch and Erin Swain rounded out the top seven for the Wolfpack. Beykirch finished in 163rd place, and Swain, a true freshman, finished in the 200th position.

"We are having difficulty finding a girl who really ran great on the team," said Henes, "but, as a whole, everybody ran very solid. Christy Nichols was giving a little speech on the bus after the meet and she pointed out that last year we had two All-Americans, and we finished 19th as a team. This year we didn't have any All-Americans, but we finished 11th. I think we would take the 11th over the 19th any day."

"Christy and I were talking about that, because last year both of us made All-American," Katie Sabino said. "This year we weren't, but it's amazing because we finished 11th, and that's what counts the most. It's certainly a team thing. This year we won ACC, we won districts, and we beat Carolina again at nationals, so it was a win in our book. It would have been nice to get that All-American certificate, but it's okay that I didn't. I'll take the team accomplishment over my personal one any day."

Colorado completed a sweep on the women's race by winning the individual and team championships. Kara Wheeler, a senior who won the 3,000 and 5,000 national titles in track last year, ran away from the field with half of a mile left in the race and won by a convincing seven seconds over Sabrina Monro, who was competing as an individual from Montana. Wheeler narrowly missed her own course record of 20:27 by running 20:30 over the 6,000-meter course.

Erica Palmer, last year's champion from Wisconsin, placed third in 20:39. Shalane Flanagan, the ACC and Southeast District champion from UNC finished two seconds behind Wheeler in fourth place. Flanagan is a true freshman. Sheela Agrawal, a sophomore from Duke, placed seventh in 20:50.

Colorado emerged as the national favorite by defeating BYU at its district championship last week. Brigham Young University had been ranked first before this defeat. At the NCAA Championships, Colorado finished first with 117 points. BYU finished a considerable 50 points behind them in second



Chad Pearson finished 93rd in the country Monday at the NCAA meet.

Keith Kelly, a senior from Providence University in Rhode Island, unleashed a furious kick over the last quarter mile of the race to move from fifth place to first. He won with a time of 30:14, two seconds ahead of Stephen Ondietke, who was competing as an individual. Colorado sophomore Jorge Torres finished third in 30:21. Fourth place went to last year's individual champion David Kimani. Torres beat Kimani by 0.2 seconds. Georgetown's freshman star Franklin Sanchez finished fifth, five seconds behind Kimani. Arkansas won the team title for the 11th

cross country team came into the NCAA Championships hoping for improvement over its 19th place finish last year.

Throughout the season, the Wolfpack saw improvement from the team the year before, most notably with wins at the Atlantic Coast Conference and Southeast District Championships, both of which it lost to North Carolina last year.

Now State can add to that list an 11th place finish at the NCAA Championships.

"We're pretty happy with the 11th," said assistant coach Laurie Henes. "It's

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football

## Nice guys get fired

Leo Durocher managed the Brooklyn Dodgers, New York Giants, Chicago Cubs, and Houston Astros in a Hall of Fame career that spanned 24 seasons.

Durocher collected more than 2,000 wins, guided the 1954 Giants with Willie Mays to a World Series title and got tossed out of plenty of games for his confrontations with umpires.



**Jeremy Ashton**

But Durocher's most enduring contribution to baseball and the world of sports was one phrase: "Nice guys finish last."

Durocher's words rang true yet again Monday when North Carolina announced that Carl Torbush's services as the Tar Heels' head football coach are no longer required.

Torbush was the second Atlantic Coast Conference head coach fired in the last two days. Maryland let Ron Vanderlinden go on Sunday, one day after his Terrapins finished their second consecutive 5-6 season. In four years with the Terps, Vanderlinden posted a 15-29 record.

"Torbush is universally considered a nice guy. His players loved him and were responsible for getting him promoted from defensive coordinator to head coach after Mack Brown abandoned them for Texas before the 1997 Gator Bowl. And they fought for Torbush last season when the Heels were 1-8 and his job was in jeopardy. The players' loyalty to Torbush apparently wasn't enough to sway the UNC athletics department to retain him as head coach. Through three full seasons as the Heels' head man, he was a modest 17-18. And, as we all know, mediocrity isn't tolerated in Chapel Hill.

In a way, Torbush was put in a horrible position. After Brown took the Heels from the depths of the ACC in the late 1980s to six consecutive bowl appearances and a 10-1 regular season in 1997, anything less was going to be considered unacceptable.

Last year at this time, Mike O'Can was cut loose as the Wolfpack's head coach. O'Can, like Torbush, has a reputation as a nice guy. O'Can, like Torbush, followed a coach with a track record of success. O'Can, like Torbush, lingered around 500 as a head coach, compiling a 41-40 record during his days at the helm in Raleigh.

Ironically listed to see O'Can leave State. Some of the program's biggest wins came during his tenure, including the Pack's 24-7 upset of No. 2 Florida State in 1998. And he is genuinely a nice guy.

But the time for change had come. O'Can was given seven years to prove himself and failed to consistently follow up on the work of his predecessor, Dick Sheridan. I think that most Pack fans would agree that the program under Chuck Amato is better; off than it was a year ago.

In contrast, Torbush had just three years to produce wins at UNC. The Heels went 6-5 this season and could still go to a bowl game, albeit a minor one like the Las Vegas Bowl or the Silicon Valley Classic. That makes the timing of Torbush's firing all the more curious.

UNC understandably wants time to conduct a thorough search for a new head coach. But the least the Heels' athletics department could have done was wait until the bowl invitations were handed out to pass final judgment on Torbush.

The bottom line is college football and basketball these

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### Breitenbach, Pryor lead wrestlers at Navy

Senior Zach Breitenbach won the individual championship at 197 pounds, and junior Pryor Pryor took second place at 157 as N.C. State competed in the Navy Duals, held at the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md., on Saturday. Wrestling without a heavy-weight because of injuries and entering just one wrestler at 197 pounds, the Wolfpack struggled to a seventh-place

finish in the eight-team tournament, but there were individual highlights.

In addition to Breitenbach and Pryor, sophomore George Cintron placed fourth at 125 pounds and sophomore Scott Garren took fifth place at 165. Redshirt freshman Adam Cox was sixth at 133, and redshirt freshman Dustin Kawa finished sixth at 174. The Wolfpack will return to action a week after the Thanksgiving break on Dec. 2 in the prestigious Las Vegas Tournament in Las Vegas.

### Rivers named Rookie of the Week

N.C. State freshman quarterback Philip Rivers was named the Atlantic Coast Conference Rookie of the Week for the eighth time this season, the league announced on Monday.

Rivers completed 25-of-45 passes for 266 yards in the Wolfpack's 24-17 loss at Virginia. It marked the eighth time in 10 games that Rivers had thrown for over 200 yards in a game. Rivers was also held without a touchdown pass for the first time all season.

The 6-foot-5, 221-pounder from Athens, Ala., has thrown for 2,915 yards, the second most in a single season in State history. Rivers also holds the school mark for completions and passing attempts in a season.

### Carmichael Gym hours

Carmichael Gym will be open from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Wednesday. It will be closed Thursday through Sunday before returning to its normal schedule Monday.

### Intramurals

Registration for spring basketball will begin on Monday, Dec. 4, and close on Wednesday, Jan. 17. For teams registering in the Men's Residence, Women's Residence/Sorority and Fraternity divisions, handball registration will also begin on Monday, Dec. 4.

Anyone interested in participating in intramural sports can call 315-3161 for more information.

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