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## NCSU professor paves way for wireless communications

◆ Jay Baliga has patented a radio frequency transistor that will change the world of wireless technology.

Trey Godwin

Senior Staff Reporter

For someone who has developed more than 100 patents, N.C. State Director of the Power Semiconductor Research Center Jay Baliga certainly speaks in a tranquil tone. It's a safe bet that the students in his Principles of Electrical Engineering class don't have a clue that they are

taking a course from a man who is about to revolutionize wireless technology with one simple tool - radio frequency semiconductors.

It wasn't an easy process for Baliga to develop the RF semiconductors. Just like most major developments, it took years of hard work. Besides his frequent research with semiconductors over the past 25 years, Baliga also had to obtain funding and find partners to commercialize his new technology.

While there has been an increase in the amount of wireless data from devices such as cellular phones, digital phones

and Palm Pilots, the cellular base stations that handle the signals are experiencing overcrowded traffic.

Baliga's invention will unite all brands of wireless systems - such as AT&T, Nextel and Nortel devices - regardless of the minute differences between each particular technology.

Currently, cellular base stations use Lateral Double Diffused Metal Oxide Semiconductor Field Effect Transistors. Yet, Baliga said, "My transistors are vastly superior in gain and linearity."

Baliga describes the gain as the amplification of how the in-

coming signal is boosted. Once the signal is boosted it results in less distortion with subsequent signals, therefore resulting in much less interference, or crosstalk.

Consumers will benefit whether they use cellular or digital technology.

In Baliga's opinion, the influx in digital technology can be attributed to one simple fact: It allows for six times as much simultaneous traffic than cellular products.

"In some parts of the country, cellular phones won't work because there is so much digital traffic," said Baliga.

The basis behind Baliga's work is to prevent a similar kind of problem that is occurring with high-definition television. Companies such as Philips-Magnavox, Sony and General Electric have produced distinct variations of HDTVs, much like the incongruous products of wireless companies. The problem is that the broadcast stations must buy equipment that may be compatible with only one brand of HDTV.

Likewise, in the wireless world, the relay stations pick up signals from certain types of products better than others. If a consumer buys an HDTV that

isn't compatible with a broadcast station, the HDTV would not be able to receive that station's programming. The same thing can occur with the relay stations - not all products exhibit the same success, which causes some products to experience distortion or to not work at all.

Although the wireless problem isn't as severe as the HDTV wars, there is a resemblance. Entertainment and technology companies want to get ahead of their competitors. However, Baliga said that the beauty of his RF transistor is that it doesn't

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## On the crown of Africa

◆ An N.C. State vice chancellor and a NCSU graduate were members of a climbing group that ventured to reach the summit of Africa's 19,340-foot Mt. Kilimanjaro over the semester break.

Spaine Stephens

News Editor

They left the United States keeping promises. They went lugging memorabilia from their everyday lives that seemed so far away. They went equipped with bodies ready for anything. They arrived in Africa bearing curiosity about what lay ahead.

The eight-member climbing group, containing two members of the N.C. State community, took on a much-anticipated climb up Africa's 19,340-foot Mt. Kilimanjaro over the Christmas break. Tom Stafford, vice chancellor for student affairs, and Suzanne Knighton, a December 2000 NCSU graduate, were invited to go on the trip and both accepted, though their reasons varied.

Stafford, a fitness buff whom students often see working out at Carmichael Gym, was ready for an adventure and more world travel. The trip appealed to him because of the challenge it presented and the chance to be part of a team whose goals were to "support each other and get everybody up together," he said.

Knighton would not have gone on the trip if not for the support and urgings of her mother. At first, she did not want to accept the trip, a graduation gift from her father, but instead wished to remain close to her mother, who had been ill. On the last day to turn in the money for the trip, Knighton relented when her mother made her promise that she would go.

"If anything, do it for me," Knighton's mother had told her.

Soon, she was convinced to take advantage of the opportunity. Knighton figured the climb would be "the best way to start a mountaineering career," as well as the best way to begin the rest of her life.

"I just have this thing about life," said Knighton, talking with her hands as if trying to capture the world in her arms. "Education isn't in a textbook," she added, voicing a desire to get out and learn about life from experience.

Knighton began preparing mentally and physically for the trek.

"It will be a challenge," she said. "That in itself is what intrigues me." This, too, drew Stafford to accept the challenge. Both acknowledged the possibility of falling ill from altitude sickness as they ascended the mountain, but were resigned to the fact that they would have to maintain a slow and steady pace and monitor their conditions.

Stafford was slightly anxious about "exactly how my body will respond to the high altitude. Almost everyone [climbing the mountain] gets headaches and nausea."

"If I get sick, I get sick," said



Top: The climbers get a view of the other side of the clouds on Mt. Kilimanjaro.

Bottom: Stafford visits some African citizens during his trip.

PHOTOS COURTESY OF TOM STAFFORD

Knighton. "This will be a good test to see how I can do with altitudes."

Stafford said the group would have to drink at least four quarts of water daily, progress at a slow pace, break every hour and be mindful of other issues. The temperature at the base of Mt. Kilimanjaro is 85 degrees Fahrenheit; the temperature at the summit is around zero.

"We'll have to be very cautious about keeping our bodies covered," said Stafford, who said the weather on the mountain could bring anything from rain to snow storms, and Stafford said that sunburn affliction would occur faster at the higher altitudes.

Knighton considered the trip a form of self-expression, and a chance to practice what she said is a normal thing for her to do.

"I never want to be ordinary," she said.

The trip was anything but.

### The Anticipation

Being avid athletes, Stafford and Knighton began the physical preparation for the climb well in advance.

"I had to get permission [to go] from my wife, my doctor and my boss,"

laughed Stafford, who said NCSU Chancellor Marye Anne Fox made sure he had the plans for the new ticket distribution policy finalized before he left.

Stafford said the hike would require no technical climbing skills, but that the climbers would need to be in top physical condition. Stafford's regimen included a near-daily aerobic class at the gym every day, treadmill workouts and various leg strengthening exercises. He ran up and down stairs and even hiked in Unstead Park wearing his backpack to get used to the weight and break in his boots.

Knighton practiced similar training, swimming five miles a week and going on long bicycle trips to strengthen her legs. She too carried a backpack while hiking at Unstead and ran up and down stairs. She swam "no-breathers" in the pool to expand her lung capacity, hoping to lessen the chances of being affected by altitude sickness.

"That's all you can do," said Knighton about attempting to gear her body up for very different conditions. "You never can get truly ready. We'll just wait and see."

### The Ascent

After flying to Africa, the group traveled five hours from Nairobi to the lodge, getting a taste of the Kenyan culture and countryside on the way.

They spent the night at the lodge, their anticipation growing all the while. At one point, the clouds in front of the mountain cleared just enough for the group to see the top. They cheered and took pictures as the reality of what they were about to do hit them.

It took three hours to drive up to the trailhead where they would begin their adventure, but at a particularly muddy spot, the vehicle got stuck in the mire and would not move.

Automatically, several African children "emerged from the woods and cut branches to lay in the road" to help free the vehicle, said Stafford.

Everyone pushed for a while, but to no avail. The group hiked the rest of the way to the trailhead and found about 55 African men waiting there for them. This was the group's support team, which consisted of four guides, eight cooks and porters who would carry the heavy equipment up the mountain on their backs and heads and set up and break down camp each day.

They would cook and serve food like fresh fruit, pasta, soup, porridge, vegetables, eggs and bacon.

"We were amazed at how many people it took," said Stafford.

The first two days of the ascent went easily, but at the end of the second day, Stafford, who had too much weight in his pack, had changed his mind about the ease of the journey.

The first leg of the climb took the group through a rain forest, which soon gave way to lots of boulders, rocks and small vegetation. By the third day, the team was at 12,000 feet, with pleasant terrain.

Stafford said it was a unique experience to stand and look out over the clouds that covered the ground.

"We were looking down on the clouds, on the roof of Africa," he said. "The African sky and clouds are really gorgeous."

The high spirits were dashed when the group leader came down with an intestinal sickness and had to go back down the mountain, accompanied by another member of the group who was not feeling well.

"It was a significant psychological setback to the group," said Stafford. "He had worked out the plans for the trip."

The group continued for the next two days and reached 16,000 feet, where the land was snow-covered. The group camped and had dimer, holding their soup bowls to warm their hands before drinking it down. Then they retired for the night.

That night, four climbers, including Stafford and Knighton, fell ill with violent intestinal illness possibly from contaminated food. The next day, weak and queasy, they did not feel like they could go any further.

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## New blood research at CMU

◆ Under the same strategy as the oxygen affinity studies, researchers now hopes to design hemoglobin with different biological characteristics.

Cynthia Kos

The Tartan (Carnegie Mellon U.)

(U-WIRE) PITTSBURGH - The scientific revolution over the past decade has not only enabled the complete genetic mapping of human beings, but has also inspired us to finagle with the notion of artificially creating the most finite particles of our existence. Carnegie Mellon University biologists are now performing breakthrough research with human hemoglobin - the vital component that carries life-supporting oxygen throughout the body - that may soon lead to the creation of artificial blood.

Dr. Chien Ho, a structural biologist in the Department of Biological Sciences, and his research team have designed and produced almost one hundred different forms of hemoglobin, to date. In 1997, Ho was able to clone the human hemoglobin gene and put it into *E. coli*. By cloning the gene, the team was able to make mutations in its genetic sequence that would enable the production of various forms of the hemoglobin protein.

Through subsequent oxygen affinity and cooperation studies funded by the National Institutes of Health, Ho was able to determine that each mutation allowed for the protein to carry as much as 30 percent more oxygen from the lungs to oxygen-craving tissues than normal hemoglobin. The newly designed proteins, called "super-hemoglobins," are all more stable and will release more oxygen more quickly to the tissues in need.

Under the same strategy as the oxygen affinity studies, Ho now hopes to design hemoglobin with different biological characteristics, perhaps allowing physicians to tailor a blood substitute specific to each patient's needs. "We hope to design hemoglobin mutants that will uniquely meet the oxygen needs of medical conditions such as sickle-cell anemia, heart disease, and other blood-related disorders," said Ho. "Essentially, there will be a stable and efficient mutant made specifically for each disorder." This sort of made-to-order design scheme, called "hemoglobin therapeutics,"

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## TECHNICIAN'S VIEW

### Mission aborted

BUSH'S EARLY ATTEMPTS TO FIGHT ABORTION BETRAY HIS UNITY AND COULD HINDER HIS FOUR YEARS.

On the third day in office of his second elected position, Bush embraced perhaps the single most divisive issue in this country: abortion. He moved to reinstate a ban on federal funds to international family planning groups that offer abortion or abortion counseling. The ban began in 1984 under President Reagan and was lifted in 1993 by President Clinton.

In a written statement read by New Jersey Rep. Chris Smith, Bush said the Declaration of Independence applies to "everyone, including unborn children." Furthermore, "we share a great goal, to work toward a day when every child is welcomed in life and protected in law. We know this will not come easily, or all at once. But the goal leads us onward: to build a culture of life, affirming that every person, at every stage and season of life, is created equal in God's image."

Bush openly identifies himself with pro-life advocates, but supports abortion in cases of rape, incest and pain to the mother.

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control estimate that at least 1.2 million abortions are performed nationally each year; the Alan Guttmacher Institute estimates 1.37 million. Of all abortions, 88 percent occur in the first 12 weeks of pregnancy. According to the Journal of the American Medical Association, 350,500 controversial late-term abortions are performed annually.

Bush's decision betrays his hollow rhetoric of unity and bipartisanship. After his appointments of anti-abortion advocates Missouri Sen. John Ashcroft for Attorney General and Wisconsin

Gov. Tommy Thompson for Secretary of Health and Human Services, Bush is driving a wedge into an already frail balance between members of a divided Congress and the equally divided citizenry.

Ironically, Bush is following in Clinton's footsteps. When Clinton took office, he proposed solutions to the issue of gays in the military and tried to conquer the healthcare struggle; he failed miserably on both fronts and lost much of his early political capital, ultimately ceding the 1994 elections to the Gingrich Revolution of Republicans.

More disturbing than Bush's actions, however, is the mentality behind them. Bush is acting as if he entered the White House on the tide of a sweeping national mandate. He needs to face the reality of the divided state of this nation. Only half of the voting population voted in the election; those less than half voted for Bush — and more voted for Gore. Bush is already literally unpopular; the ignorant, insensitive and potentially politically suicidal efforts of his first days in office are serving to do nothing more but ingrain that unpopularity on a more widespread, perhaps irreversible social level.

Bush is not uniting Washington. And he is acting with neither honor nor dignity in respect to his campaign centerpiece of compassionate conservatism. This pro-life advocate may end up pushing abortion after all — not of unborn people, but rather of unborn policy shifts that will inevitably be terminated in the political backlash.



I do solemnly swear to faithfully execute... so help me God.

### The day democracy (almost) died



Larisa Yasinovskaya STAFF COLUMNIST

The day was Jan. 20, 2001, the most controversial inauguration in recent history took place. It was a grim and solemn day, and I'm not just talking about the weather, symbolic as it was. For the second time in our nation's history the popular candidate was not taking office. The last time an occurrence similar to this took place was during the Compromise of 1877 with Rutherford Hayes taking the election from Samuel Tilden in return for ending Reconstruction. That ended civil rights and disenfranchised blacks until almost some 100 years later they regained some of those rights with the Civil Rights movements of the sixties.

And with this election the question emerges: "How far back has it set us? I would say at least couple hundred years when we were ruled by tyrants who took office regardless of what the majority of the populous wanted. And that is what is most astonishing to me about this election. The issue here is not that the Republican took office, it's how he took office. If a Democrat, or anyone else, would have done this I would be just as outraged; and regardless your political affiliation you ought to be as well. The issue here is that the majority of the population in this country did not vote for the current presi-

dent, nor did the majority of the people in Florida vote for him. But what's more is that the majority of the country knows that he is not the rightful president. Yet he took office.

Realizing that it becomes clear that we have a tyrannical government, or at least we're headed in that direction. You may think me cynical, but what else would an unelected "leader" be?

Well, why then isn't everyone rising one must wonder. Because of "comfort." They say, "I have a median salary and nice car. I don't really want to get flustered over a petty election; I just want to be comfortable." Well, what about principle? Whatever happened to the very principle this country was founded upon: democracy, a system in which the majority rules, has apparently become just an option, and majority vote just a suggestion.

I said it was the day democracy almost died because it's not quite dead. For all those people who, after the inauguration of the elected president, said, "It's over," they were simply wrong. This is just beginning. I was actually in D.C. this weekend and, no, not to revel in the joy of the newly elected nincompoop to the presidency. I was there to see history in the making, to watch all the protests and maybe even participate in a few. It was the most heartwarming experience that renewed my faith in humanity and the will of the people that I have ever had. There were people to protest everything from the death penalty to our foreign policies, from the election to animal rights. What was amazing is that all those

people were all there together, to stand up for what they believe, to say out loud what they believe is right and what should be done. It was raw democracy in its purest form.

However, what horrified me most about Saturday is the far-reaching power that the media had and chose to use for evil, focusing on the few violent protests they could find in a sea of peaceful assembly. Remember, what you see on TV is not always the truth; in fact, it rarely is.

The collective progressive movement is here and if the government does not respond to the will of the majority, the majority will yield its will through other means. Also keep in mind that the majority is not comprised of elite white males who you see on TV speaking for the "majority."

So whether you're Republican, Democrat or anything else, speak up and be heard or lay down and allow yourself to be ruled by tyrants. The choice is ultimately yours, but so is the future.

"This country, with its institutions, belongs to the people who inhabit it. Whenever they shall grow weary of the existing government, they can exercise their constitutional right of amending it, or exercise their revolutionary right to overthrow it."  
-Abraham Lincoln

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### Praise Jesus, yo



Greg Volk STAFF COLUMNIST

Ever since the popularization and commercialization of Gospel music in the middle of the 20th century, Christian music has been making headway into mainstream American culture. My guess is that one would be hard pressed to find someone who has at least not considered purchasing Andy Griffith's Gospel music anthology from the comfort of his armchair. However, I have grown a little skeptical of Christian music. Many Christian musical acts have been held to sub-par standards simply because they are Christian. Some have suffered as less than mediocre musical talents as a result of preaching God in the music industry, music is what should matter.

The best example of this is DC Talk, the band who changed their musical style multiple times, in unsuccessful attempts to gain more support. You may remember their mid-nineties hit "Jesus Freak." Don't get me wrong, I am all for Jesus and all of that, but I think that many Christian bands lack efficacy because they lack musical and lyrical prowess. Most avid listeners of Christian music are devout Christians already. So, if the intent of Christian bands is to bring more people into the faith, then, on the whole, they are currently failing. Non-Christians are no more receptive to being preached at in a song than by someone with a sign on a street corner. I know there are some good Christian bands out there. I would congratulate and commend them. They just can't "TRL" anytime soon.

But even more curious than their Christian rock, is the current Christian rap industry. Many times while flipping channels on the campus television station I have come across Christian rap videos on MTV. Occasionally, I will take in a little bit of the video, expecting it to be the latest release from 504 Boyz or Ja Rule (as an upper-middle class white male, how else will I keep abreast of current rap trends if not through videos?). But then, finding the bounc-

ing cars, scantily clad ladies, edited profanities and blocked-out marijuana references noticeably absent, I am prompted to resume my channel surfing.

All this makes me even more curious about the Christian rap industry, which until recently — did not really know existed. Christian rap is almost as much of an oxymoron as "soft rock." The mental pictures conjured up by "rap" and "Christian" are quite contrasting. After all, we all know that what makes rap music most attractive is the fact that it's all about the "cash-money and hoes." So what exactly are you left with when you take away those treasured hallmarks of rap music and its videos? Simply a hyphen and an "and," which are no fun at all. Mainstream rap videos are a completely unique medium, serving as soft-porn, a cop show and a "Lifestyles of the Rich and Famous" episode all rolled into one. It's no secret that the classic rap videos such as "Rump Shaker" and "Baby Got Back" were not popular for their creativity. Because Christianity emphasizes chastity, humility and the rejection of worldly possessions, Christian rap is immediately placed at a disadvantage. Christian rap artists can't even use many of the good samples that make mainstream rap so catchy: "When I get that feelin', I want...um...spiritual healin'." Yeah, that's it."

Rap music videos make an archetypal appeal to our dark side, to the aspiring figure in us all. Rap music stars are living the alluring life of forbidden fruit many of us secretly yearn to at least experience. Have you seen Jay-Z's latest video? Who would complain about multiple half-naked, well endowed women "kicking it" at your mansion? In the battle for rap music influence, mainstream rap is not unlike the Anakin Skywalker white Christian rap remains the Luke Skywalker. Only Luke and his well-intentioned rebel friends never quite succeed in triumphant destruction of the Death Star and the conquering of the Dark Side. In a nutshell, thanks for trying, guys (Christian rappers), but don't quit your day job, yo.

If you got a problem, Greg will solve it. Check out the hook, while the DJ revolves it: [emvolk@unity.ncsu.edu](mailto:emvolk@unity.ncsu.edu)

### Setting the record straight



Justin Greene STAFF COLUMNIST

The Bush presidency is now a reality. The new administration is picking up steam as Bush and Cheney have been meeting with congressional leaders and the new cabinet members are being confirmed. Most notably in this whole process has been the confirmation of retired General Colin Powell as the nation's first black Secretary of State. This has truly been a major step forward in the continuing struggle for racial justice in our once segregated land.

Other Bush appointees, however, have not been as fortunate as General Powell. Certain Democrats on the Senate Judiciary Committee, specifically Diane Feinstein and Edward Kennedy, have mounted a vigorous and vicious attack against former Missouri Senator John Ashcroft. Ashcroft has been labeled in the media as a radical, right wing extremist, a racist and a Confederate-apologetic with a dirty pool for a heart.

It all sounds kind of strange for a man who is the son of an Assessor of God minister and a professor born-again Christian. My question, then, is what exactly has Ashcroft done to merit such character assassination? There is a lot floating around the mainstream press about the evils of this man, but there doesn't seem to be much factual evidence accompanying the charges. The answer seems to be in his opposition to the promotion of Missouri judge Ronnie White, a black man. On the Senate floor, Ashcroft vigorously opposed the promotion of White, citing his record as being "too lenient" and "pro-criminal." The same people who have in public calls Ashcroft a vitriolic racist, a slimy politician and a treasonous extremist are the people who accuse him of being a prejudicial character assassin for saying that White is too soft on crime. By the way, every other Republican senator voted against White for the same reason. An old friend of mine, himself a for-

mer minister, knows John Ashcroft personally and attests to his personal honesty and integrity. With this knowledge in hand and in the wake of such allegations, I feel it is only proper to set the record straight. After all, most of the media is only going to repeat itself without bothering to check the facts.

As far as being anti-minority, John Ashcroft co-sponsored the Violence Against Women Act, supported 26 of 28 blacks nominated to the federal bench, was commended by one of the oldest black bar associations for his record of appointing minorities, became one of the first governors to create the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday, created an award honoring George Washington Carver and helped save historically black Lincoln University.

If that doesn't satisfy you, listen to the words of his Democratic senate colleagues. In the Jan. 4th congressional record, Senator Robert Torricelli said, "I think it represents a very good choice...the only things people want in an attorney general are good management, sound judgment and high integrity. They're not easy to find in one individual, but I think John Ashcroft has all of them."

In the Dec. 15 congressional record, Senator Kent Conrad stated, "I use to pay tribute to Senator John Ashcroft as

he prepares to leave the Senate...Senator Ashcroft has been a man of his word who served his state and country with distinction. I join my colleagues on both sides of the aisle in wishing him well in his future endeavors."

I think those words by Democrats serve to show how extremely far left Senator Kennedy and his scandal-chasing friends in the media have swung. Instead of honoring the entrusted mantle of leadership, those who have pelleted Ashcroft with baseless and irresponsible charges of racism have done a great disservice to our country and to the cause of reconciliation.

I encourage all of you to skip the hollow editorials in the major papers and scrutinize Ashcroft's record during his two terms as Missouri's attorney general. Two terms as governor and six years in the Senate. Every Republican and many Democratic senators will confirm Senator Ashcroft because they see him without the media-applied stains of slander and vice. They know him personally and they want him to be their attorney general.

What do you think about Ashcroft? Tell Justin at [jgreenejustin@hotmail.com](mailto:jgreenejustin@hotmail.com)

### POLL POSITION

#### Generally, NCSU teachers and administrators are

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"It was snowing like crazy," said Stafford.

The team had come this far, though, and had proven something to themselves.

### A graduation with high honors

When it was decided that the four people who had been sick would stop at 16,000 feet, Stafford gathered the group around and said he had a special presentation to make.

With assistance from the NCSU registrar's office, Stafford had obtained Knighton's real diploma, which she would not have ordinarily received until the end of January.

He presented it to her, saying that she would be able to tell her friends and her grandchildren that she is the first—and possibly the only—NCSU student ever to receive her diploma at 16,000 feet on Mt. Kilimanjaro.

"She didn't believe it was the real thing, but I assured her it was," said Stafford.

Two members of the team continued climbing and eventually made it to the top. The others headed back down, spent the night at 14,000 feet and were back at the base of the mountain nine days after they began.

### After the climb

Stafford reflected on the conditions and the outcome of the climb.

"It was very different than what we expected," he said. "There was a lot of weather that I didn't expect. It rained, sleeted and snowed."

The amount of physical exertion needed to make the hike



PHOTO COURTESY OF TOM STAFFORD  
Suzanne Knighton holds her diploma with Stafford after the climb.

also surprised him. Climbers must be in top physical shape, and the trip as a whole was extremely challenging, though rewarding.

What struck Stafford the most about the trip was the group of people that went, and "what happened to us."

Stafford said the experience was like a metaphor of life: some things go the way you

want them to, and other situations produce disappointment. Though things didn't go as planned, Stafford remained optimistic.

"It's not what happens to you, it's how you respond," he said. "I think everyone would have gotten to the top if no one had gotten sick."

He said the group was able to deal with what happened to them and react quickly to factors that they had not anticipated and could not predict.

The group reunited at the bottom of the mountain, and had one last night together before they split up and went their own ways. They were served a dinner of fresh fish, potatoes and salad, and recalled how they had supported each other and worked together.

The next day, Knighton went on to tour other parts of the world, and Stafford returned to Nairobi with the group leader to unwind.

He was deeply affected by what he found in Nairobi. The city jutted above the horizon and contrasted with the soft folds of the fields, forests and countryside of Tanzania.

Stafford said the living conditions were shocking, and that the sub-standard conditions experienced by some Americans are what the majority of the population in Nairobi experiences on a daily basis.

"There's no significant way to earn a living," said Stafford, adding that the job of the

porters who helped them up the mountain was a highly competitive position.

The people he encountered had sunny dispositions despite their plight, and the Kenyans "almost pleaded with us to tell other Americans to come visit," since tourism is their primary economic source, said Stafford.

Stafford visited with the natives and had dinner at The Carnivore, a favorite restaurant of the team leader, where Stafford ate crocodile tail, zebra and impala, adding the finishing touch to an already exotic adventure.

On a tour of a game park, Stafford witnessed two male lions come out of the bush merely 15 feet away and walk down the road away from their vehicle, a sight that struck him as a lasting image.

Stafford's time on the mountain and in the surrounding countries had a deep impact on him.

"For me, it was just a really unique experience to be on a mountain that size," he said. "It's easy to understand how [the natives] view the mountain as sacred. It has a mystical quality to it; you can almost feel it."

Along with everything else the group carried, Stafford took about 20 NCSU T-shirts and gave them to the porters, who eagerly accepted them.

"I spread the Wolfpack to Mt. Kilimanjaro," he said. "There should be a Wolfpack presence on the mountain."

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favor any one brand over another. Therefore, every wireless company is on even terms.

One of Baliga's most challenging obstacles with his invention was the commercialization process.

According to the Office of Technology Transfer's mission statement, NCSU is dedicated to the transfer of its research and technology to the public sector for the benefit of North Carolina. In order to accomplish this mission, Centennial Ventures Partners Fund, a seed and early stage venture fund created by NCSU to invest time and support services in start-up firms, was created.

CVPF, along with help from the Longleaf Venture fund, funded the creation of Baliga's Silicon Wireless Corp.

Glenn Kline, senior managing director of Centennial Venture Programs and interim Silicon Wireless CEO, said that his role is to get the business off the ground and to eventually—hopefully in the next 6 months—hire a CEO.

"It's tough to start-up a company. We need additional funding to hire the people that have the experience and knowledge to make this a well-run company," he added.

After careful deliberation with Kline and several others, Baliga decided to sign a deal with Fairchild Semiconductor International. While some companies are skeptical when forming partnerships, Michael Bataglia, associate director of technology transfer, said that Baliga's judgement is never to be doubted.

"He's one of the finest men I know. He knows how the technology transfer process works. He goes through all the research. By being prolific, he's honed his skills."

Fairchild gave Silicon Wireless a \$10 million invest-

ment, and in exchange they hold the rights to manufacture and market amplifiers in which the transistors will be placed.

Baliga said several other companies were in the running, but Fairchild has the credentials to make the transistors a success. "They had already developed some of my earlier patents, so I knew they had the right technology."

Once Silicon Wireless begins making profit, it will hire approximately 20 employees by mid-year. The company will also expand in location. San Diego will house the packaging part of the business, while Salt Lake City will be home to the processing plant.

"The complexion of the business will change, but our goal will remain the same," said Baliga.

Another of Baliga's most famous patents was the Insulated Gate Bi-Polar Transistor. It is used in all heat pumps, robots in factories, bullet trains in Japan and even in portable defibrillators. The defibrillators, stowed on airplanes for emergency situations, save over 100,000 lives per year.

Baliga received his undergraduate degree at the Indian Institute of Technology before coming to the United States and earning his master's and doctorate at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, N.Y.

In 1998 Baliga was the recipient of the prestigious O. Max Gardner Award. According to Baliga, the Gardner Award is given annually to a member of the faculties of the University of North Carolina System who makes the greatest contribution to the welfare of mankind. Besides racking up the accolades, Baliga is also thrilled that he has helped 25 people obtain their doctorates in engineering.

## BLOOD

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may eventually be utilized in the formation of an artificially created blood substitute that will provide a stable, disease-free, no-risk supply for patients of all blood types.

Some four million Americans

receive transfusions of whole blood annually, including an estimated three million surgery patients, according to the American Association of Blood Banks. Approximately 13 million units of blood are donated each year, according to 2000 statistics compiled by the association. There is an increasing demand for blood to be used in surgeries, transfusions, and blood disorder treatments.

Currently artificial blood or blood component substitutes are not yet available, although several clinical trials are underway. The trials are investigating substitutes made from chemicals called perfluorocarbons and also from modified human hemoglobin from expired blood. The new hemoglobin developed in Ho's lab bind and deliver more oxygen than both, and will most likely

be useful for short-term needs such as in emergency or surgery.

"Our work provides us with an opportunity to understand the structures and workings of hemoglobin and I am very excited about its use in a blood substitute system" said Ho. "This achievement is only a step towards artificial blood, but it is an important one."

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# One to Snatch on to

Ryan Hill  
Features Editor

**O** HENRY'S STORIES MAY HAVE ALL BEEN DIFFERENT, BUT THEY ALL CENTERED AROUND ONE THING: PLOT TWISTS. WHETHER THEY WERE LARGE OR SMALL, O. HENRY BECAME LEGENDARY FOR HIS PLOT TWISTS. GUY RITCHEE, THE WRITER AND DIRECTOR OF "SNATCH" MAY BE NO O. HENRY, BUT HE IS QUICKLY GAINING A REPUTATION FOR HAVING AMAZING PLOT TWISTS.

## Snatch

★★★

Director:

Guy Ritchie

Starring:

Brad Pitt

Benicio Del Toro

"Snatch" is his second film, but it really feels like a different version of his breakout debut film "Lock, Stock and Two Smoking Barrels." This one centers around an 84-karat diamond stolen by Frankie Four Fingers (Benicio Del Toro, awesome as usual) who has to bring it back to New York for Uncle Avi (Dennis Farina), but on the way he has to make a stop in London, where Boris the Blade (Rade Sherbedgia) is planning to steal the diamond from Frankie.

Included in the labyrinthine plot is Brad Pitt as Mickey, a fast-talking gypsy with a mean right hook, Vinnie Jones as a hit man and Jason Statham as a small-time boxing promoter. As with "Lock, Stock and Two Smoking Barrels" all of these characters clash in surprising and hilarious ways.

Pitt is excellent as Mickey, even though you can only understand about 65% of what he says (the characters on-screen have just as hard a time). He looks worse than he did in "12 Monkeys," which is truly a feat indeed. Vinnie Jones (England's equivalent to Dennis Rodman) is as tough as they come, but he still draws the laughs as his favorite song in the film is Madonna's "Lucky Star." Everybody in the film does a good job, especially the gypsy dog, which is the funniest character in the movie.

Ritchie is also known for making noir films with a "Gap" commercial flare. The opening shot of "Snatch" follows a group of rabbis going up to a room from security cameras. Everything is shot normally until they enter the room and the leon rabbi (Del Toro) takes off his shirt to reveal an arsenal. From then on you know you're in a Guy Ritchie film because of all the wild pans, super slow motion shots and hyper-kinetic editing.

"Snatch" isn't quite as fun as Ritchie's debut, nor are the plot twists as believable. There aren't as many truly evil characters, yet the action in "Snatch" is more evil. "Lock, Stock and Two Smoking Barrels" constantly had a feel of childish fun to it, even when the good guys were in grave danger. They went through everything around them as if nothing would harm them. In "Snatch" nobody is safe, and the good guys are all vulnerable to bad guys.

It's going to be a lot of fun watching Ritchie evolve as a filmmaker. As he starts to experiment with different genres and styles he should become the front-runner for a new generation of films that adheres to the MTV viewing style of super-fast cuts and wild directing styles. So long as the stories can stay on this level, it should all be worth it in the end.

IMAGE FROM SCREEN GEMS

## Not The Gift you asked for

Zack Smith  
Senior Staff Writer

The opening shots of Sam Raimi's new film, "The Gift," drift through the swamps of rural Georgia. Given this, plus the fact that the title implies that psychic powers will play a major role in the story, we start to suspect that this will end up being an all-white version of "Eve's Bayou." "The Gift" is not as creatively bankrupt as that, but it's hardly representative of the talents involved in its production.

"The Gift" concerns Annie Wilson (Cate Blanchett, doing a credible job with an American accent yet again), a widow in a small town who makes extra money doing psychic readings. This proves to be a problem when one of her clients, Valerie Barksdale ("Boys Don't Cry" star Hilary Swank) is concerned. Valerie's husband, Donnie (a surprisingly effective Keanu Reeves), physically abuses her, and Annie's advice to Valerie about leaving him rubs Donnie the wrong way. Also involved in Annie's life is Buddy (Giovanni Ribisi) a mentally disturbed mechanic who knew her late husband and may be abused by his father.

Donnie Barksdale's threats to Annie and her children go unchecked by the law (the sheriff's deputy is Donnie's "squirrel-hunting buddy") and things



only get stranger following the disappearance of Jessica King (Katie Holmes), the local vixen. With no leads to go on, Jessica's fiancée Wayne Collins (Greg Kinnear) implores the reluctant sheriff (J.K. Simmons) to ask Annie for help. Soon, Annie finds herself experiencing mysterious dreams and visions that might lead her to the killer... or to her own death.

"The Gift" is not a bad movie. It is well made, well written and well acted, but it just doesn't go anywhere. This is particularly disappointing given the level of talent involved in the film; aside from Oscar winner Swank, there are also nominees Blanchett and Kinnear in the cast, along with talented per-

formers like Holmes, Ribisi, Gary Cole, Michael Jeter, Rosemary Harris and Reeves, who turns in some chilling work as the satanic Donnie. The script was also written by actor Billy Bob Thornton and Tom Epperson, who together wrote 1992's "One False Move," one of the best modern film noirs (not to mention Thornton's writing Oscar for "Sling Blade").

Despite all these talents, "The Gift" never really comes to life, and spends most of its time falling into the old horror-movie clichés (Who's the real killer? Who's in the house? Oh look, she's about to turn around and see someone's standing right behind her! Uh-oh, they're

going to the murder scene in the middle of the night!). Even more annoying than the clichés are how frequently "The Gift" swipes from the superior 1973 thriller "Don't Look Now," down to its constant use of water and drowned corpses as imagery. Raimi has said in interviews that he had the writers add in a great deal of the water imagery, and it comes across as over-the-top and intrusive, given the otherwise quiet, laid-back tone of the film. For that matter, this imagery barely manages to disguise the large number of plot holes and loose ends left by the film's story; the script contains some excellent character moments, but leaves a number of the characters' fates in question.

Sam Raimi is a very talented director, and he has made some very good films in the past (and is currently shooting the film version of "Spider-Man" next year), but "The Gift" is a film that is beneath his talent, and the talents of the film's writers and actors. For a good Sam Raimi film that accomplishes what "The Gift" doesn't, try 1998's "A Simple Plan," a smart, tense thriller with an excellent performance by Thornton. Otherwise, this "Gift" is one you should return.

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## A PLACE

Nikhil Kriplani  
Staff Writer

All that emotion, all that hope,  
All that felt right in the warmth of the sun.

The happiness and the joy,  
The beauty of enjoying the moment,  
The purity of being alone in victory,  
Oh, it all feels so fake.

You said you climbed your misty mountain,

You said you planted a tree,  
You gave water to the thirsty traveler,  
You healed the wounds of the war-torn soldier.

You answered your call,  
From your mother calling you from far away,

I'm just trying to plant my roots in this place.

While all you ever do is fly away,  
So where do we go from here,

To a place where there are no more questions.

And trees,  
Joy, and fulfillment,  
And cool weather and peace and where all you need is yourself.

Where there aren't any answers,  
Maybe that place lies deep within,  
In that complex vortex of our minds and the pressure of our expectations,

Just like the eye of the storm,  
Where we don't break down anymore.

## Student Writers,

this is your chance!

Joel Isaac Frady  
Assistant Features Editor

This April, Thompson Theater and Alpha Psi Omega will sponsor the third installment in the "Short Shorts" series, and much like "Short Shorts II" in April 2010 this will be an entirely student-driven performance. Like the performance, the plays that are produced will all be written by students and locals who submit their plays into Thompson Theatre by Thu., Feb. 1 as part of this year's writing contest.

Like the first two "Short Shorts," the show will consist of between four and six short plays all performed on the same evening in the Studio Theatre. The first "Shorts," in fall of 1999 and consisted of four fairly popular shorts from famous writers. When it was a much larger success than anticipated, the decision was made to have a second "Shorts," but to have it be an entirely student run production, and the writing contest came about when other difficulties rose up.

"It started when [during 'Short Shorts II'] we didn't have enough money to afford the royalties for another evening of One-Acts, so we figured the best way to do it was to have all the shows student written," states Laura Basset, senior in Mass Communication and secretary for Alpha Psi Omega. "Last year was sort of an experiment, and it worked out famously... we had positive reviews from everyone that came to see it."

The plays will be chosen by a committee of APO brothers once all the plays are turned in, and while variety in plays is a plus they will be looking for the following basic requirements in the plays. The play must be no longer than 15 minutes when performed, they don't have a large cast (between two and four is best) and there are minimal technical requirements and props, so a rule of thumb is to keep it simple. The winners will receive two tickets to a chosen performance of "Short Shorts III" in addition to a University Theatre T-Shirt.

"For writers, this is a great opportunity for two reasons," says Adrian P. Dunston, a junior in Computer Science. "First, it's a way for writers to get their work out there and seen. When you're sending those plays off to writing and stage competitions, it helps a lot to have a noted production of the play. Second, it's neat to see your play come to life on stage, hearing actors say the lines that you have written, and how the play changes with the interpretations of the director and actors."

The contest is open to all students at N.C. State, who still have about two weeks to either write a play or turn in a play that they have previously written. Once the plays and directors are chosen, auditions for this show will be held on March 19 and 20 in Thompson Theatre. The show will open in late April.

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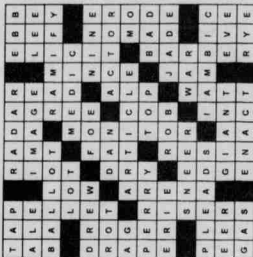
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### My name is Thomas Allen

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## Florida \$119

## ASHTON

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Titans may not be all that appealing, the Brenda Warner-for-Angie Harmon switch is definitely an improvement.

### 2. Shannon Sharpe's trash talking

Normally, I don't like trash talking, but when done properly, it can be quite entertaining.

Charles Barkley was a master at it when he played in the NBA. Barkley was different

from other trash talkers because he was creative and witty. He played a great game, but he talked an even better one.

The same can be said of the Ravens' Shannon Sharpe, who, aside from being the best tight end in the NFL, has turned trash talking into an art form.

Two years ago, before Super Bowl XXXIII when Sharpe was with the Broncos, Falcons cornerback Ray Buchanan made the mistake of saying that Sharpe looks "like a horse." That led to this response from Sharpe:

"Is he [Buchanan] my friend? No. Did I ever view him as a friend? No. Did I ever view him

as an acquaintance? No. Do I like him? No. If I see him in a snowstorm and his truck is broke down [and] mine is going perfectly ... would I pick him up? No."

And that was just the beginning. Then Sharpe decided to discuss the four-year, \$13 million contract that Buchanan signed with the Falcons:

"What he should've done last year [after] he got all that money to sign, he should've gone back in there and given half of it back because he stole last year's salary. He backed up to the window with a mask and a hood and said, 'Give me my check.'"

Anyone can talk about someone's moon, but trash talking like that takes creativity.

**1. The commercials**  
From the Budweiser Frogs to "Whassup," the Super Bowl broadcast has turned out some classic ads. The game itself might not be great every year, but at least we can rely on the commercials.

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



## AROUND THE ACC

### Standings:

Team	ACC Record	Overall
Duke	6-1	18-1
Clemson	6-2	15-4
Virginia	4-3	13-7
North Carolina	4-3	10-7
Maryland	3-4	12-6
Florida State	3-4	11-6
N.C. State	2-5	11-7
Wake Forest	2-5	10-7
Georgia Tech	2-5	10-7

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Recreational Sports office at 515-3161 in 1000 Carmichael Gymnasium, or visit our Web site at [www.fis.ncsu.edu/pe/im/impors/tscw.html](http://www.fis.ncsu.edu/pe/im/impors/tscw.html).

The club water polo team will hold a beginner's clinic on Feb. 3. Anyone interested in learning to play water polo is welcome to come. The team will start by teaching the basic rules, skills and ideas behind the game. After spending the morning doing drills and demonstrations, participants will divide into teams for some fun and exciting scrimmages. The clinic will start at 10:30 a.m. in the 50-meter pool in Carmichael Gym.

### Fitness

All aerobics classes are drop-in, so come out and join us. Stop by the Intramural-Recreational Sports office or call 515-3161 for more information.

Registration for upcoming fitness workshops is ongoing. The future workshops are Weight Training Basics on Thursday, Nutrition: Food Pyramid: Helping You Eat Healthier on Monday, Anxiety: Part I on Jan. 31, Qigong Relaxation Techniques on Feb. 6 and

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**Informal recreation**  
Table tennis will be held on courts E5-6, E8 and E10 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. on Friday. For more information, contact the Intramural-Recreational Sports office at 515-3161.

### Outdoor adventures

Registration begins on Monday for Mountain Biking and Camping on March 3-4 in the Uwharrie National Forest. Come ride over twenty miles of single-track in this beautiful National Forest. To register, visit 1000 Carmichael Gymnasium.

Registration is also going on now for Outdoor Adventure workshops. Upcoming workshops are Winter Camping on Thursday, Rockclimbing Basics on Feb. 9, and Map/Compass on Feb. 22.

### Job opportunities

Intramural-Recreational Sports is hiring marketing personnel along with a Web designer. For more information, call 515-3161 or stop by 1000 Carmichael Gymnasium to complete an application.

more George Cintron made it 13-4 by handing Joe Guzzio a 4-2 defeat at 125.

York began Maryland's comeback with a 6-1 decision over Ryan McCollum. Mansueto made it 13-10 with his first dual-match victory of the season, an 8-7 decision over Oraefo Brown at 141.

Davis, a senior who has never lost as many as three matches in a row in his career, then came to the mat with a two-match losing streak on the line and easily defeated Robinovitz to give the Wolfpack a 17-10 lead. Pryor iced the team win with his major decision over Booth.

Maryland's Josh Weideman finished the team competition by handing State's Scott Garren, ranked No. 13 at 165, his first loss since Jan. 7 with a 7-2 decision.

State goes back on the road Saturday with matches at Virginia and James Madison.

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## NC State Women's Basketball Excellence Together

Have lunch at The Wolves on Thursday and receive a FREE stadium cup with the purchase of a soft drink. And head over to Reynold's Coliseum Thursday night to cheer on the Wolfpack Women as they battle the Maryland Terrapins at 7:00 p.m.



Talley Student Center Basement



# Midseason report card

◆ The women's basketball team approaches the second half of the season with a 2-5 record in the ACC.

**Rob Godfrey**  
Assistant Sports Editor

It began with a selection as the third best in the Atlantic Coast Conference by the media. But injuries have hampered the season for head coach Kay Yow's 26th N.C. State basketball team.

Almost halfway through the season, the squad is 11-5 overall, though only 2-5 in the conference. Close road losses to North Carolina (83-77 in overtime) and Duke (72-69) have been disappointments, but with one of the top-five scoring defenses nationally, home rematches with those teams are hardly discouraging. "Defense is what we win with," Yow said. "We have to give a tremendous effort on that end to really be able to compete."

**Frontcourt**

Carsue Moody has been productive in the post for the Pack, having to play center in the wake of Kaayla Chones' season-ending injury. The 6-foot-1 sophomore is underzoned for an ACC center but is scoring 13.6 points per game and pulling down 6.7 rebounds.

Talisha Scates, a 6-foot-1 junior forward, also starts in the post. Her 6.1 points per game in conference play are fourth on the team, while Monica Bates, a 6-foot-2 senior, is contributing 3.2 points per game.

With Chones, the State frontcourt is significantly bigger, stronger and more productive on offense. In Chones' absence, Moody has been consistent, though not dominant. As the season winds down, fatigue could be an issue with Moody.

Amy Simpson, a sophomore guard/forward, is third on the team in scoring. Her three-point marksmanship continues to make her the go-to player in clutch situations, a la the final shot in State's 72-69 loss at No. 5 Duke.

Grade: C

**Backcourt**

One would be remiss in evaluating the State backcourt if one overlooks the leadership, offense and explosiveness of senior guard Tynesha Lewis. The Macesfield native is the Pack's leading scorer (15.1 ppg in ACC games) and second on the team in steals (25). Lewis single-handedly keeps the State backcourt competitive in one of the nation's toughest conferences with her speed and athleticism.

Sophomore Daphne Hutcherson has been pulling time at the point, starting 12 games, but her turnovers — 39 compared to only 43 assists — stand out on her stat line. Recently, Amelia Labrador has seen playing time. On the season, Labrador has six starts, averaging four points an outing. She, too, turns the ball over (22 times this season), but luckily, Yow is patient with her fledgling point guards, reminding her players and reporters alike that experience leads to sound ball handling.

Grade: B



Adeola Olanrewaju is among the State players who have seen increased playing time due to injuries.

**Coaching**

Yow continues to enjoy success at the helm of the State women's basketball program, an athletic institution she fortifies with integrity. A season after celebrating 25 years as Pack head coach, she won game No. 600 71-64 when Temple visited Reynolds Coliseum.

Yow is certain that defense is the greatest strength of this year's team.

"We can compete with teams, but we have to do what our strength is," she said. "We have to remember what our strengths are, defense especially. We can't pretend they're something else."

Grade: A

**Freshmen**

Nanna Rivers and Adeola Olanrewaju are the two freshmen on what is an exceedingly young team (the Pack has but two seniors). Rivers, a guard, has played about 14 minutes per game, committing as many turnovers as she has collected assists. Still, Yow praises her freshmen for their intensity and work ethic.

"Our freshmen are great," she said. "They are hard workers and are adjusting to the college game."

Olanrewaju, a forward, is efficient on the boards, pulling down nearly five a game, and is seeing about three more minutes of action than Rivers.

Grade: B

**Overall**

State women's basketball, wrought with injuries and inconsistent from three-point land, is still a NCAA Tournament bubble team.

Injuries account for the difficulty in finding a starting five, but in the second half of the ACC season, the team has to mesh or settle for a WNIT bid.

"The team has a hard time adjusting," Yow said. "Quite honestly, if we change anything in the course of a game, it throws us off."

Grade: C

## Not-so-Super Sunday

That American tradition called the Super Bowl takes place Sunday, and I can't really get excited about it. This usually isn't a problem for me, even when my favorite

teams are long gone from the playoff picture, which happens quite often. The Panthers have hovered around the .500 mark since going to the NFC Championship game in 1997, and the Bengals, well, I'd rather not get into that. But I'm having trouble getting used to the idea of a Ravens-Giants Super Bowl. I need a few good reasons to watch the game, and here's what I came up with:



**Jeremy Ashton**

**5. The first Super Bowl overtime**

Let's face facts; there aren't going to be a lot of points scored Sunday.

The Giants aren't going to score on the Ravens' record-setting defense. Yeah, they hung 41 on Minnesota in the NFC Championship, but the Vikings don't conger up images of legendary defenses of the past the way the Ravens do.

And the Ravens just can't score. During the middle of the season, Baltimore went more than five games without scoring a touchdown. Most of that streak occurred with Tony Banks at quarterback, but Trent Dilfer hasn't exactly set the tone for the offense.

So if no one can score, who's going to win the game? Well, that's simple — the Ravens. 2-0. In three overtimes.

**4. Ray Lewis' "fairy tale"**

Ray Lewis just went through a pretty amazing 12 months.

At last year's Super Bowl, the Ravens linebacker was arrested on murder charges when two men were stabbed to death outside of a party he was attending with his entourage. Lewis was eventually acquitted of murder, returned to the Ravens and had such a great season that he was named the NFL's Defensive Player of the Year.

But Lewis' season isn't a "fairy tale"; as he's been fond of calling it. People forget that Lewis pleaded guilty to a crime, obstruction of justice, because of the incident at last year's Super Bowl. The NFL fined him \$250,000 for the incident, and Lewis was incredibly lucky the league didn't suspend him.

Lewis deserves to be applauded for the monster season that he put together on the field, but to portray him as a victim is wrong. At least this year, he'll be making news at the Super Bowl for the right reasons.

**3. Brenda Warner vs. Angie Harmon**

A real fairy tale story was the rise of Kurt Warner last season. In one year, Warner went from an anonymous Arena League quarterback to NFL and Super Bowl MVP.

The only drawback to Warner's success was the fact that his wife, who isn't exactly a movie star, got so much TV face time during the Super Bowl. Fortunately, Giants cornerback Jason Sehorn, who should be one of this year's featured players, does have a movie star for a fiancée, Angie Harmon of "Law and Order."

While trading the Giants-Ravens matchup for last year's classic between the Rams and

## IM/RecNotes

**Intramurals**

Basketball begins this week. To find out your playing schedule, visit our Web site at [www.fis.ncsu.edu/pe/im/mpsor](http://www.fis.ncsu.edu/pe/im/mpsor) or visit 1000 Carmichael Gymnasium.

Registration for the upcoming swim meet will close on Monday for the Men's Residence, Women's Residence/Sorority, Fraternity, Men's Open and Women's Open divisions. Anyone interested in participating in intramural sports can call 515-3161 for more information.

**Club sports - results**

The club roller hockey team improved its record to 6-2 on the season Friday night with a 16-7 win against Duke. Leading scorers for the Wolfpack were Chris Hickman with five goals and Jerome Miller with three goals. The team's next games will be Friday night at 10 p.m. vs. East Carolina and Saturday

night at 10:00 p.m. vs. North Carolina at the Wayne Gretzky Roller Hockey Center in Cary.

The league-leading club ice hockey team started its week-end strong by shutting out second-place Maryland 4-0 on Friday night at the Cary Ice House behind stellar play from goalie Will Roumains and the Pack defense. However, the weekend took a turn for the worse, as the previously undefeated Pack lost 3-1 on Saturday night at the Entertainment and Sports Arena to an upstart Liberty squad. The team travels to College Park, Md., on Friday for a rematch with Maryland followed by a Saturday game in Richmond, Va., vs. Virginia Commonwealth.

**Club sports - upcoming events**

Initial organization meetings for club sports began Thursday and will last through Jan. 31. Contact the Intramural-

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## Davis, Pryor push wrestlers past Terps

◆ The N.C. State wrestling team downed Maryland 21-13 on the road Saturday.

Sports Staff Report

With three matches remaining and N.C. State nursing a slim 13-10 lead in the team scoring

Wrestling	Saturday afternoon,
NCSU 21	Tommy Davis and Pierre Pryor scored major decisions to clinch the Wolfpack's 21-13 Atlantic Coast Conference victory over Maryland.
MARY. 13	The Wolfpack (5-6, 1-1 ACC) jumped to a quick 13-4 lead by winning four of the first five matches. But the Terrapins (1-2, 0-1), battled back behind decisions from 20th-ranked Brandon York at 133 pounds and senior Mark Mansueto at 141, cutting State's team lead to three points with three matches remaining.

As the luck of the draw would have it, however, those three matches featured three of the



The wrestling team defeated Maryland for its first ACC win.

Wolfpack's top four performers. Davis, a two-time defending ACC champion, made quick work of Bryan Robinovits 17-7, and Pryor, an ACC champion two years ago, whipped Rob Booth 12-2 to lock up the victory for the Pack.

Redshirt freshman Dustin Kawa got the match started for the Wolfpack, overcoming a pair of first-period takedowns by Sal Aquia to win 10-9. Maryland's Jake Stork then gave the Terps a

4-3 team lead with a 15-5 major decision over State's Jason Gore at 184. Senior Zach Breitenbach, ranked No. 12 nationally, got the major decision back with a 12-3 win over Maryland's Bob Vorhies.

Freshman heavyweight Ricky Taylor then earned his second collegiate victory with a 4-2 win over James Taylor to give the Pack a 10-4 lead, and sopho-

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