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## Bill 169 passes in N.C. House

◆ The House of Representatives passed a bill in favor of giving the student member of the Board of Governors voting privileges.

Spaine Stephens

News Editor

The fight for voting privileges for the student member of the Board of Governors has gained substantial credibility. House Bill 169, which would grant the Association of Student Governments (ASG) president a vote in the BOG, passed in the House of Representatives Monday night 83-26.

The bill came up for the second reading Monday night and was introduced by its principal sponsor, Representative Alma Adams (D-Guilford County, District 26). Adams gave background on the bill and answered questions about it.

Two additional people spoke on behalf of the bill, and one voiced opposition.

The bill will now be sent on to the Senate, though the date for the introduction of the bill in the Senate is unknown.

"We're hoping that President Pro Tempore Marc Basnight will send it to the Committee on Education," said ASG President Andrew Payne, "to give it a fair chance to be heard.

"Hopefully, it will be discussed in committee," he said, and then put before the Senate for a full vote.

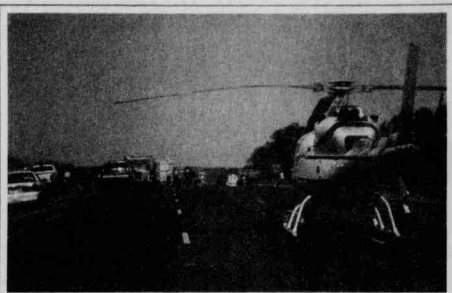
If the bill passes in the Senate in the same language as it did in the House, Bill 169 will go to the governor to be signed into law.

"Unfortunately, I think the bill will be sent to the Rules Committee and get killed," said N.C. State Student Senator Gary Palin.

Palin said the 26 members of the House who voted against the bill should consider the number of student voters who will remember this issue.

Natalie Duggins, ASG vice presi-

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A flipped truck stalled traffic for hours on Hwy 64 near the I-440 merge on Monday. The driver of the truck was airlifted to Duke Medical Center.

## Students represent NCSU in Energy Challenge

◆ Energy Challenge participants constructed sails from energy-efficient materials.

Susanna Smith

Senior Staff Reporter

Two N.C. State students, Brandon White and Stephanie Bogle, both juniors in materials science, recently competed in a sailboat racing contest at Lake Lanier in Gainesville, GA, with help from advisor Richard Spontak, associate professor of chemical engineering.

Neither student is an expert in sailing, yet Gabe Merrill, a senior in aerospace engineering and a member of the sailing club, captained the boat. So why were White and Bogle involved in the race?

The race was a part of a contest called the Energy Challenge, sponsored by the U.S. Department of Energy, the Institute of Paper Science and Technology, Vanguard Sailboats and Hercules, Inc., which challenges students to build a durable paper sail using low energy.

Universities nationwide submitted research proposals to be a part of the challenge; from the

proposals, five research teams were chosen to participate. The prize for first place was \$15,000, followed by \$10,000 for second place, and \$5,000 for third.

The contest is held as a promotion for "energy-efficient concepts in undergraduate and graduate education, and to stimulate interest in the pulp and paper industrial processes which promotes and encourages activities in the area of manufacturing design efficiency," as stated by the Institute of Paper Science and Technology.

Each of the chosen teams received \$2,000 in grant money and 100 pounds of wood chips to convert into paper through their own devices.

With eight months to design, experiment and build, the teams constructed sails that had to be 80 percent wood fiber by weight and approximately 13 feet by 8 feet to fit the 13-foot-long, Olympic-class boats. White said that a local company, Layline, offered them some background knowledge on sails and sailing.

The race for the fastest boat, in which the NCSU team placed

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◆ The winners of April's Student Government elections have begun the transition into their new positions.

Ayren Jackson

Assistant News Editor

After strong campaigning, a few very close races and a decent voter turnout, the elections are finally over. But although the elections themselves were a lot of hard work, many of the students involved would agree that the real work starts now that the elections are over.

"We are starting the transition process right now," said Student Body President-elect Darryl Willie. "We are getting started right away."

Willie said he has already begun working with Student Body President Harold Pettigrew in order to ensure a smooth transition. Willie defeated Pettigrew in the runoff election by a seven-vote margin, with Willie receiving 896 votes and Pettigrew receiving 889 votes.

"I still plan to help out and be involved with Student Government next year — I enjoy it," said Pettigrew. "I want to be a resource for Darryl, especially through his transition into the position."

Student Body Treasurer-elect Roberta Hansman, who defeated Shaunis Mercer 867 votes to 833 votes, has also already begun the transition into her new position.

"I am transitioning right now," she said. "I am already compiling statistics for the next Senate meeting [Wednesday night] and preparing to meet with the finance committee."

Despite losing to Hansman, Mercer plans to stay involved with Student Government. "All the new officers are motivated and concerned with students," said Mercer. "I

think it will turn out really well."

Although Elections Board Chair Tony Caravano said that he was pleased with the elections process this year, he expressed concern over the voter turnout.

"Overall the elections were a success," he said. "I would have liked to have seen a larger voter turnout for the main elections, but I am pleased with those who came out to vote in the run-off elections."

Willie attributed the low voter turnout of the first election to poor weather, and he said that the run-off election received a low turnout as a result of the three-day university break that immediately followed the run-off election.

"A lot of circumstances affected the turnout," he said.

Willie added that he plans to begin working on publicity for next year's elections well in advance in order to "make it a huge event on campus."

"There should be lines at the polls," he said.

Hansman also expressed disappointment over the relatively low turnout of this year's elections, as well as the fact that a run-off election had to be held.

"We can always improve voter turnout," she said. "I am disappointed about the run-off election because it was a lot of extra work."

"We all worked really hard, and all the candidates had high quality campaigning," she said.

Student Government plans to meet twice during this semester and also over the summer to get through the transition period and to get new positions established.

Michael Anthony, Student Senate President-elect and a three-year veteran of Student Government, said the transition period is not difficult.

"If everyone in student government works

together, the transition will run smoothly," he said.

Throughout the summer, Student Government will address its goals for next year, and they will become acquainted or reacquainted with their positions.

Caravano said that there are some things that could possibly improve the election process. "There are some elections rules that we would like to address and maybe modify."

"We would also like to see the Wolf Aides become more involved with the publicity aspect of the elections," he said.

The election's process is not the only thing that may see changes come next year.

"Student Government will be extremely, extremely visible," said Anthony. "We want the student body to know what we are doing and what they can do to be involved."

In addition to the Student Government positions, the Student Center positions were also on the ballot. Student Center President-elect Jamar Owens won the race with 1,710 votes. Vinney Kalra, who was not permitted on the ballot for Student Center President due to her late entry into the race, received 105 write-in votes.

Because the Student Center Board of Directors passed a resolution before the April elections in which they officially endorsed Owens and Kalra as the two Student Center President candidates, the results of the race were appealed to the Elections Board following the first election.

The Board's decision not to include Kalra on the ballot was upheld by the Judicial Board.

Additionally, Jamie Pendergrass, Elizabeth Sall, Amy Zellner and Ryan Hall were elected to the Student Center Board of Directors.

## Earth Day on Hillsborough Street

◆ The Hillsborough Street Partnership will use the event to gather the public's ideas for a redesigned Hillsborough Street.

Dominique Donato

Staff Reporter

Students in N.C. State's Environmental Ethics Class, MDS 2015, taught by Erin Malloy-Hanley and Patti Clayton, have been working with the Hillsborough Street Partnership (HSP) to plan an Earth Day celebration to take place in Compiegne Park (behind Kinko's on Hillsborough Street) on Saturday, April 21 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The purpose of the event is to involve the public in the planning of changes to Hillsborough Street. Brianna Brough, one of the MDS 2015 students, said, "[The HSP is] trying really hard to do things to benefit the whole community."

"I feel like the HSP is doing a

really positive thing for Raleigh and particularly Hillsborough Street. It would be great if the community would get involved, especially N.C. State students," he said.

The HSP is a conglomerate of many different groups in Raleigh, including the city of Raleigh, NCSU, the Hillsborough Street Merchants Association, the University Park Homeowners Association, the Triangle Area Transit Authority, the N.C. Department of Transportation and the Triangle J Council of Government.

The Earth Day celebration will be a product of the efforts of these groups, with the exception of the Triangle Area Transit Authority, the N.C. Department of Transportation and the Triangle J Council of Government.

One of the NCSU groups involved in the celebration is the Lorax Environmental Club, which will read the Dr. Seuss book "The Lorax" to the children attending the event.

The Lorax Club will also be

holding an Earth Day event in the brickyard on Friday, April 20, to kick-off the Earth Day weekend.

Scott Devine, a Lorax member for two years, explained that, "For me, Earth Day offers the opportunity to create a forum so that those not aware of environmental problems can begin to address them at a personal level. If I convince one person, for example, to give up their car for a bike by showing him the negative impacts cars have on our world, then I shall count this day as a success."

The Lorax Club and the HSP have similar goals in mind. The HSP's goal is to improve Hillsborough Street environmentally, economically and aesthetically. The proposed plan for Hillsborough Street itself is to change the street from a four-lane, congested street to a two-lane avenue with roundabouts, which would reduce vehicular emissions and create a more environmentally friendly, safe and "walkable" community.

Another part of the plan is to

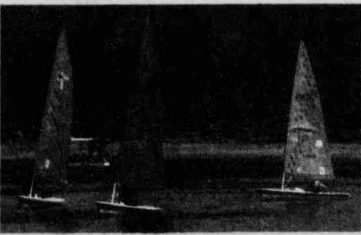
create bike paths and boost community morale, as well as generating more interest in the businesses that call Hillsborough Street home. Another Environmental Ethics student, Jennifer King, expressed that the HSP had given her a chance to learn things about Hillsborough Street she may never have known otherwise.

"I've learned that there is much more to Hillsborough Street than meets the eye," she said. "There are so many neat stores out there... it has so much potential."

Brianna Brough also spoke very positively of the opportunity that the Environmental Ethics class had given her. To her, as well as for King, the class has given her a chance to see how to create the policies surrounding a project such as this and how to get the community excited and involved.

The Earth Day celebration will be host to a variety of events

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MIKHAIL PUGH/STUDENT OF ENERGY CHALLENGE

Sailors from the University of Central Florida (left), N.C. State (center) and State University of New York (right) test their skills at Energy Challenge 2001 in Gainesville, GA.

## Student falls from bridge

◆ An unnamed student fell from a bridge on Centennial Campus Tuesday night.

News Staff Report

A female graduate student of Indian descent fell between 20 and 30 feet from a bridge on Centennial Campus Tuesday night, said Sgt. Jon Barnwell of Public Safety.

The unnamed student, a 21-year-old in computer engineering, was trying to balance herself on a bridge running behind the College of Textiles building on Centennial when she fell off the northeast side of the bridge.

Public Safety officers reported to the scene at 7:51 p.m. Barnwell could not comment on the extent of the student's injuries, though he did say that she was conscious and complaining of back pain when she was transported to WakeMed hospital.

The student's name is not available at this time, as Public Safety officials are attempting to contact her family. Barnwell said that process could take some time, as her family is in India.

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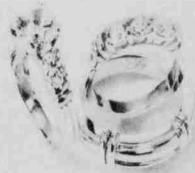
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second, was only a small part of the overall contest, which included judgment of the written reports, gross weight of the sail and the material used in construction. Tear and tensile strength, as well as the novelty of the design, were also considered.

Bogle and White did not place in the top three in the overall contest. Both teammates said that time and a lack of manpower were their biggest limiting factors in the project, stating that they spent 10-20 hours a week working on the project for which they will receive research credits.

The teams filling the top three

places, SUNY Syracuse, the University of Maine and University of Miami in Ohio, had from five to fifteen people per team, said Bogle and White.

"It was a lot to do with only four hands," lamented White. "The most frustrating thing was spending hours and hours in the lab. We had to do all the refining by hand. For a pound of pulp it took an hour, and we probably had 40 pounds of pulp."

Bogle seconded White, saying, "It would have helped to have more people working on the project, at least four people."

White also suggested having a student involved who was from the pulp and paper department at NCSU because neither White nor Bogle knew anything about paper processing before begin-

ning the project.

"While we were still figuring out how to pulp paper, other teams were working on energy consumption," said Bogle.

The outcome of the contest may not have been what White and Bogle had hoped for, but they both agreed that the project was worth the time.

"We were looking for a research project outside of our curriculum," explained White. "We learned a lot about the pulp and paper industry. We learned all the basics of pulp and paper and the technical stuff."

White also said that the research endeavor offered him the opportunity to hone his public speaking and project management skills.

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such as music by such bands as Grand Safari and E-Lucid, food, activities and mural painting.

King gladly expounded the details of the mural, which is going to be painted on the back of Kinoko's. "It's going to help the public envision what Hillsborough Street will look like. The mural is a culmination of the volunteer efforts and public input," she said.

The mural will feature silhouettes of volunteers and post-it notes with "phrases that were collected during the charrette process," said King.

During this charrette process, members of the community were invited to decide how Hillsborough Street should change.

Devine very aptly stated the essence of the Earth Day celebration. "There's no telling how much longer the Earth, as we currently know it, will be around," he said.

"Earth Day is a time to give thanks for what we have now, but more importantly, to offer solutions so that [our] grandchildren will also have a place to celebrate life."

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dent for public affairs, said legislators should be accountable for serving voters' interests.

She said the members of the House who voted against the bill "did not serve the interests of 164,000 students in the UNC system. I should hope they'll be accountable."

Duggins noted that Senate Bill 188, which was presented by Senator Ellie Kinnaird earlier in the legislative session, would have also given the ASG president voting privileges. That bill was sent to the Committee on Rules and Operations by Basnight, while House Bill 169 was referred to the Committee on Education.

"That disparity between the House and Senate proves that personal agendas are at work, not the will of North Carolinians," said Duggins.

Students remain hopeful that the bill will be given attention in the Senate. "I think the House's support adds credibility and strengthens the argument that students deserve a vote on the Board of Governors," said Payne.

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## TECHNICIAN'S VIEW

### Jury's prudence

#### IS THE LEGAL SYSTEM RACIST, OR IS IT JUST THE SOCIETY?

A study citing racism in North Carolina murder prosecution is noteworthy — but of equal note is the study's sponsorship.

According to a study of 502 homicides from 1993 to 1997, including every first-degree murder case, in North Carolina, the race of the murder victims — but not of the murderers themselves — often plays a role in affecting the severity of prosecution.

After factoring race, age, the defendant's record and the crime's degree of brutality, the study concluded murderers of whites are punished more severely than murders of blacks. Furthermore, "multiple killing has less of a chance of resulting in the death penalty than killing a single white person," the *News & Observer* reported. Interracial murders are punished the most severely, with the most Draconian punishment sent aside to nonwhite killers of whites and white killers of nonwhites.

"The evidence is clear," another sponsor told the *News & Observer*. "Our system values black lives less than white lives."

But who exactly are those sponsors? None other than the Common Sense Foundation, which is pressuring state legislators for a death penalty inaction, the N.C. Council of Churches, which is also largely opposed to the death penalty; and UNC-Chapel Hill law professor Jack Boger, a death-penalty opponent who also represented the defense in a landmark U.S. Supreme Court case based on a 1980s Georgia study that said factoring racism was relevant for lawmakers, but not federal courts.

The only sponsor or author of the

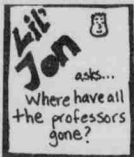
study who was in any sense impartial was UNC-CH political science professor Isaac Unah, who told the *News & Observer* he is "undecided about the death penalty but interested in the study's implication that capital punishment is carried out unfairly."

The study is not only flawed because of the ulterior motives of its sponsors, but also due to the fact that it overlooks the idea that capital punishment verdicts are guilty because the verdicts are delivered by racist juries — not because of an inherently racist legal system.

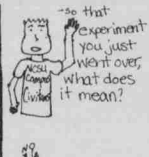
If juries are supposed to serve as microcosms of the society at large — and the society at large is undoubtedly still rife with racist manner — then, of course, the decisions of those juries are going to reflect the racism that exists and permeates within American society.

By arguing North Carolina's legal system as racist just because it has racist outcomes puts the cart before the horse and assumes law to be purely a matter of process and not at all a product of popular personality or personal prejudice.

If the Common Sense Foundation, et al., would come to its senses, it would play the Blame Game not with the legal system, the adaptation of which is as simple as the passage of referenda, but rather the society and its Gordian knot of racism, ethnic pride and ethnic prejudice. Racism will not end as a result of quick fix legislative punishment; it is a social ill whose only cure lies in a dedicated and unfortunately difficult pursuit of trust, in love with respect for humanity.



As for your projects due this Friday, you can turn them in early if you want to... But... be sure that you don't turn them into me. Give them to your TA's... They do the grades thing...



Read chapters 8-35 for tomorrow. Hmm... this doesn't seem to want to work. But I need it for class... Hey, can one of you TA's come up and fix this?



And here, the whole time professors want more money... For what? More TA's?



When will we be getting our tests back? Oh, well, I'm really not sure. Check with your TA on that.

## Right to ban violence



Josh Humphrey

Last Saturday, Cincinnati became the latest addition to a growing list of American cities in which the worst crime you can commit is to be an unarmed black man. Timothy Thomas was chased down an alley and killed because the officer chasing him thought he had a weapon, leading to a week of scantily reported-on unrest that has only just begun to abate. Most of the discussion of the event has centered on the fact that, yet again, a white cop has shot a black man armed with nothing but a wallet. This partisan argument neatly avoids the core of the issue, which is that we, as Americans, have created a culture of almost unimaginable gun violence based upon faulty logic and cowardice.

Looking for some fun on a Saturday afternoon? Track down your neighborhood conservative and tell him that the Constitution, as written, doesn't grant him the right to own firearms. Prior to doing this, memorize the phrase "A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to... shall not be infringed." Don't worry; he'll fill in the "keep and bear arms" portion for you, since, invariably, this will be the only part of it he knows. Then ask him which militia he belongs to, and tell him you'd love to see his uniform. Customarily, any discussion of arms reduction in the United States is met

with a barrage of "keep and bear arms" invectives. The Caucasian grapevine starts buzzing, and Charlton Heston gets called in to wave a flintlock rifle and grit his teeth at you. In all of this uproar, there is not much discussion about the lack of militias around at the moment. After all, anything other than "keep and bear arms" is not currently germane.

One of the greatest gifts granted to us by the framers of the Constitution is the ability to amend it. They had enough forethought and wisdom to see that no one document can guide a nation indefinitely, and that there would be an inherent danger in attempting to govern the future from the past. Even the amendments themselves can, over time, become outdated and unworkable. Imagine living in a nation whose ability to amend stopped at the end of the Bill of Rights; I would, as a white male, be allowed to own black men and women. My wife would not be allowed to vote, but then, neither would I, as I don't own property. The Electoral College (Amendment XII) and proportional representation (Amendment XIV) would not exist. It would be a world entirely different from the one in which we do live, which is why we need to give the ability to alter the methods of our governance to fit our needs.

Am I advocating that we amend the second amendment such that private ownership of firearms becomes illegal? No. Guns are tools, and when used properly can be of great benefit. However, the language of the second amendment is no longer functional. It was written after the American Revolution at a time when the writers could not envision that the country

would have a professional military. It was also written at a time when a firearm could, at most, fire a single shot three times a minute. It is reasonable to think that over two hundred years ago a law could be fashioned that could regulate both single shot flintlock rifles as well as fully automatic assault weapons loaded with armor-piercing bullets? Of course not. That's why we were granted the power to change the law. We are allowed to recognize the fact that there are gradations of firearms, and that banning private ownership of high-caliber assault weapons and handguns doesn't threaten the average citizen's right to plink at cans with a .22 rifle if we don't want it. Unfortunately, we have thus far elected politicians too cowardly to acknowledge this.

## CAMPUS FORUM

### Overcash 'under-handed, impersonal'

As a N.C. State senior I would like to respond to the article in the April 6 *Technician* entitled "Survey Targets Seniors." When this survey appeared, unsolicited in my inbox last week courtesy of the University Scholars Program, I was caught off guard. I thought this seemed like a no so clever attempt to plant the name "Rachel Overcash" in thousands of potential voters. I wanted to respond immediately but decided to give Overcash the benefit of the doubt. What would really make a candidate think that they could win voters of respect from the senior class through a maneuver such as this one? With the appearance of the article in Friday's paper I think it is appropriate to address this issue. Throughout the entire election process I think most candidates have done a good job campaigning without causing negative feeling among the student body. I say most candidates because most candidates did not send unsolicited, mass emails or use their position as a former *Technician* writer to campaign for themselves. Correct me if I'm wrong but I did not receive an unsolicited email from Darryl Willie or Shane Reese that invited me to visit a survey Web site but actually directed me to a campaign Web site. If I'm not mistaken both Darryl and Shane represented themselves and the University well. I wish I could say the same for part of the Senior Class Presidential race. This is one senior who did not complete the senior survey because I felt it was an underhanded, impersonal publicity stunt. Based on my own survey, which totals nearly 30 seniors as well, I was not alone in my boycott.

Ben Mead  
Senior  
Textile Chemistry

### Objectivity in a storm

I've seen a lot of finger-pointing lately with reference to the latest incident with China. So, before a flame war develops between Chinese and

American students, let's have a little objectivity. A Chinese fighter pilot is missing and presumed dead. One plane has been destroyed and another seriously damaged. All this could have been easily avoided with a little common sense on both sides. The obvious point is that should be made, is that two aircraft collided in international airspace off the coast of China. What has since happened because of it? The Chinese accused the U.S. spy plane of veering suddenly and I agree. If I had a pair of NGS tailing me, I'd want to perform evasive maneuvers, too. However, that cannot be the sole cause of the accident. Campus Forum writer Yi Li made the analogy of a large truck and a small sedan on the freeway. This idea has some merit but is deeply flawed. One reason is that the car has nowhere to go except forward and back (possibly off the road if there is room). In more cases than that, there is going to be an accident because the car simply cannot get out of the way. In the case of the fighter plane, there are no such constraints. The MIG has three dimensions to work with and a whole lot more maneuverability than an EP-3 turbo prop. The pilot could easily get out of the way if he has time to react. This brings my next point, time to react. The Chinese were too close to the EP-3 for there to be sufficient reaction time. Thus, the cause of the accident. Let's not point any blame at any particular group. The Chinese have every right to tail our recon aircraft, just as we have every right to fly them in international airspace. If the Chinese or whatever nation has the means to fly recon missions near the United States, let them. As long as it's in international airspace, anyone can do just about what they please. This is just an accident. Let's not let it blow it out of proportion. No one is to blame; no one was really at fault. Both sides were probably doing as they were trained, though it's not a good idea to fly that close to larger aircraft. Let's not add fuel to the fire with further pointing of the fingers, the real problem is bad enough.

Jeremy Marshall  
Junior  
Computer Science

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## This one's for my homies



Decker Ngongang

It sounds funny when you see it on television or hear about it in a song, but I never knew how real that feeling of losing a homie was until three years ago last week. One of my best friends died in a car accident in Charlotte, N.C. on the way to his grandmother's house. We played tennis together at West Charlotte and pretty much were the best and worst players on the team respectively; he was the best, and I sucked. I think that is why we bonded so well — there was no competition. The timing of his death was ironic because the very time he was going to his grandmother's I was preparing to embark on a trip to Cherry Grove to live it up with all the other high school spring breakers. My plans were halted about two days before I was to leave for the beach when Whitten was killed in the accident, and my world was turned upside down.

I had never known death, sure I had older relatives to die, but no one had really known like I knew Whitten. It was a wild time, for I didn't know what to think. I didn't know how to cry or even when to cry. I went to his house the next day to visit his folks and saw his little sister, who was almost my little sister. She was basically walking around smiling and greeting people as if her brother was downstairs. She tried her best to hide her emotions, as did I because I was a man and didn't do stuff like that. When I got to the door and saw Jordan, his little sister, I dropped to give her a hug, and we both cried, losing all sense of our egos. I didn't

know why I was crying and didn't even try to figure it out. It was death and loss; I now know what it feels like, and it hurt and she hurt, we hurt together. After the funeral, I started thinking about what Whitten meant to everyone and learned some things about him as a person. Because his death was a pretty high-profile thing in the Charlotte community and the high school athletic scene, we as a team were forced to grieve aloud, on the news and in the paper for the city to see. I became a different person at that point. I guess you could call it the "Decker Reaunance." I saw how much he had affected everyone around him with his openness, his extreme love for everyone and the fact that he didn't care — didn't care about the standards society put on him and didn't care about the stereotypes society placed on people. He was a goofy little white kid, and I was the big black "Arthur Ashe" wannabe. If I would have asked him, I bet he would have disregarded the differences in skin color among us, other friends and teammates. He saw that as a way of dividing people who should come together and unite with one thing in common — love. He never really used the word love, but everything about him said it. He loved everyone, even the people who are the hardest to love, and even those who hate you. I want to be like Whitten.

He cherished life. He didn't know he was going to die; no one ever knew. The thing that puzzled me is that he almost seemed to live his entire life like he was going to die the next day. He never missed a chance to say hello to someone new, which is something I struggle with today. I have friends now who tell me these are the best times of our lives, and we should have fun now while we can. I say, these might be the last days of our life, and we should

and love as many people as we can. I am not saying not to have fun, because Whitten did, and I still do. The thing I got from Whitten was passion. He kept it — it was his "mojo," feeling everything he did, said and acted. It is the thing I strive to keep and get everyday. I think for passion when I speak to someone, when I date a girl and when I go to class (try to at least). We are wasting our lives, people, by just living for our own satisfaction. What an empty life that is, and I know, for I knew a guy who lived his life to make others better; I have known no one else to have lived any life fuller than that of his eighteen years.

There is no real moral to this column, except "Appreciate life." Three years ago one of my best friends lost his life after eighteen years lived. He touched so many throughout those eighteen years that he will live long into the generations. Each May we have a tennis tournament, which is currently one of Charlotte's largest, in the honor of Whitten and the people who knew him. In his death came so much life: the scholarship fund that was set in his name awarded me its first scholarship. I owe him, not with my life, but with my living. He gave me a gift, a gift to share; be it in writing, talking, or even goofing around, I am here for so much more than the promotion of Decker Tanke' Ngongang. People, this place is about so much more than books and papers. It is about the people we see every day — the things we learn from them and they from us. "Keep a passion in all you do." This is printed on the back of my car and forever imprinted in my heart.

Can a brother get a hug? Let Decker know at [dngongang@university.edu](mailto:dngongang@university.edu)

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## FORUM

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### Space worth it

The space program and space exploration are essential to our society. For Miller Jones ("2001: A Space Apathy" April 5) to suggest it is futile is misguided. NASA's budget is \$14 billion per year. Approximately 0.7 percent of the annual federal budget. Compare this to total military spending of \$750 million per day or to an annual expenditure of \$2.4 billion on ice cream and yogurt by Americans. The Federal Aviation Administration in a recent report found that the commercial space industry contributes \$61 billion to the U.S. economy and aspects of 497,000 jobs were affected by commercial launches. Considering this, public and private dollars spent on space exploration and research is a worthwhile investment. Many technologies have been developed — or their development has been accelerated — by research conducted in this space program. Look no further than the cell phone in your backpack and you realize the benefits of miniaturization and satellite technology in your everyday life. Early detection of breast cancer using precise breast detection is now available, and came from research done at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory. When lunchtime rolls around and you are enjoying french fries, realize that NASA-based research has resulted in specialized growth chambers for the production of pathogen-free miniaturized, which will save millions of dollars in direct production costs. Research and development of these technologies and numerous others depends on a vibrant and forward-looking space program. And there will be more technological development. Jones predicts "we have presently reached the limits of our efforts" with respect to space exploration. He is wrong. Space excites people, especially school children. It is critical for the future of our country and the world that we not allow ourselves to become scientifically illiterate or complacent. Specifically, it is critical for the future of science funding of all types to have an informed populace with respect to the value of research. If space is the key to open the door to students' minds to a better understanding of science, then we should not discard it by suggesting that it is a poor way to spend our nation's resources. Yes indeed there have been missions that did not succeed as planned, as James pointed out with the recent Mars Climate Orbiter and the Mars Polar Lander. However, it must be stated that the majority of NASA missions do succeed, some well beyond their expectations (for example the Mars Sojourner which functioned well beyond its planned mission on the surface of Mars and the Galileo Probe which after 13 years in orbit around Jupiter continues to provide data on the Jovian moons). So let's keep looking forward and support our nation's and our world's efforts in space exploration. The discoveries that will be made (and they will be made), will have impacts on all of our lives, in both predictable and unforeseen ways. Who knows, maybe you will find out that the moon is not made of green cheese after all, but of yogurt!

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NCSU

### Leave smokers alone

I come from a tobacco farm where I make my living from the sale and distribution of tobacco products. I really don't appreciate Justin' Parisi's pessimistic attitude toward smokers ("Unholy smokers," April 5). Your column makes it sound like all smokers are set out to die in life is either the nonsmokers. This is not the case at all. Smokers smoke because they get satisfaction from it. People drink alcoholic beverages because they want to. If you don't like people drinking around you, why don't you just walk up and take a beer out of some guy's hand at a bar and see what he has in store for you? It is ludicrous to think that all smokers are inconsiderate. I have never once lit a cigarette up inside an elevator or a grocery store. Most smokers will politely ask a nonsmoker whether or not it smoke bothers them before lighting up. If it does, the smoker, 9 times out of 10 will wait until it is a good distance away from the nonsmoker before lighting up! Do you really think all smokers are inconsiderate? If you believe this, Mr. Parisi, you are living a lie!

If anything, smokers, not nonsmokers, are getting the shaft. Not too long ago, smokers had designated areas within the workplace where they could

go take a smoke break. Now smokers must step outside to entrances and exits of a building to enjoy their nicotine. Smokers are really the ones getting their "rights" taken away from them in the first place.

If a smoker infringes on your so-called "rights", walk away. If a smoker is, perchance, smoking in a nonsmoking area, by all means, call it to his attention immediately. If a smoker blew smoke in my face, I would be upset too, but this is indeed a rarity.

Lee Evans  
Junior  
Agriculture Extension Education

### A senator's view

Editor's Note: Due to the unique position of the writer, the word limit has been waived.

As a Student Senator I was deeply disheartened when Robert Jaial ("Student Government abuses," April 6) alleged SG was doing a "pitiful job." He lamented the disappointingly low voter turnout and petitioned students not to "participate in the elections of an organization that is largely inconsequential." SG is far from pitiful or inconsequential. I don't know of any student organization that works harder or tries to do more for the students of N.C. State than the Association of Student Governments hosted "Students Day at the Capitol" in order to lobby the General Assembly for a voting student representative on the UNC System Board of Governors and to prevent a tuition increase, despite our efforts to suggest uses for the new funds to the popular Central Campus Resident Advisor may be enough to qualify him as a Perot, but he's likely little more than a Nader."

In the words of Gomer Pyle, "Surprise, surprise, surprise!" Nader wins!

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No hard feelings though guys. *Technician's* Editorial Board is invited to Darryl's victory party on Thursday night at Kelly's along with the rest of the campus (MTV will be there!).

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affirmative action is wrong and diversity should not be a prime objective for the university. All those positive speakers and leaders that were present during Pan-African week and the university had to sponsor Alan Keyes. It's a disgrace to the school and the black students who attend it.

I am not wagging my little finger at *Technician's* or the University, and calling them racist. However, I believe they made poor choices when choosing which cultural events to cover when sent their final draft to the printing press. We need diversity on this campus, on all campuses throughout the country. We all need to take this to heart and find some meaning for ourselves.

Andrew Brown  
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Parks Recreation  
Student Senator

### 'Technician's' jackass comments'

In the week following Darryl Willie's close-but-glorious victory, I cannot help but remember *Technician's* jackass comments about the race for Student Body President before the elections. The Editorial Board declared that the SBP race was "clearly a toss-up between Pettigrew and Reese," and that "Darryl Willie comes across as fresh out of the last rejected batch of the MTV 'Wanna be a VJ' pool. While he could offer genuine surprise come Election Day, his campaign is overwhelmingly one of style over substance. His clout and influence as a popular Central Campus Resident Advisor may be enough to qualify him as a Perot, but he's likely little more than a Nader."

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### Losing 'a great man'

This June the UNC system Board of Governors will lose the leadership of a great man with an unparalleled track record of service to the 16-campus UNC system and the state of North Carolina as a whole. The level of informed thoughtfulness that John Sanders brings to the Board will be sorely missed and impossible to replace. John has served the UNC system and North Carolina in almost every capacity imaginable. He attended N.C. State and UNC-Chapel Hill as an undergraduate. At UNC-CH, he was elected Student Body President and was tapped into the Order of the Golden Fleece before receiving his B.A. in 1980. In 1984, he received his law degree from UNC-CH where he served as Associate Editor of the *North Carolina Law Review*. In 1986, John returned to UNC-CH as an instructor and Assistant Director of the Institute of Government. He was in charge of research for the Reorganization of State Government Commission. John went on leave from the Institute of Government to serve as secretary to Governor Sanford's Commission on Education Beyond the High School, which led to our renewed system of community colleges and helped develop institutions which later became part of the consolidated UNC system.

When the General Assembly met to redraft the Constitution in 1968, he served as staff advisor. Our state constitution as we know it today was essentially written by John Sanders. He served as director of the Institute of Government for 24 years (with a brief six-year hiatus to join UNC President William Friday as the first Vice President for Planning of the newly consolidated 16-campus University). During that span, John's accomplishments include development of a plan for UNC's integration and completion of its first long-range plan. Among other activities during his university career, John served as Chairman of UNC-CH's Buildings and Grounds Committee, President of the Faculty Assembly, and a member of the UNC Bicentennial Policy Committee. He retired from the faculty in 1994 but still has an office in the Institute from which he writes memoranda and papers advising public officials on issues of

## Exposé: NCSU Mafia



Richard Morgan  
STAFF COLUMNIST

My roommate's theurys of conveniently simplistic analogies defines "mafia" as "gangsters, thugs, criminals and black market agents." Join that information with the fact that our "Chancellor" is Mary Anne Fox (MAF) and just English for the German term, N.C. State's football program itself espouses its status as a Division I-A (IA) and it's plain to see that NCSU is just a Mary Anne Fox division I-A campus — or, for short, a MAFIA camp. Now, nowhere does it read that you have to say "mamma mia" to be a Mafioso, or that you have to "caisa the manicotti" ("whats maffia? you no like ah the manicotti?").

What maf means today is a state-run camp where students are taught certain "school spirit" chants. What mafia means today is government student housing, government student dining, government student media and government student studies. Mafia means an unquestioned police force operating "Public Safety," which is just English for the German term, "Sicherheitpolitik." What it means is, if someone talks too much about University corruption or the Wolves' Den's speakies, they are "divisive" and "criminal" themselves. I argue that NCSU is becoming increasingly run by gangland tactics of intimidation and Soviet totalitarianism. And, where NCSU goes, so goes *Technician*.

Now, in a farce of fairness, both NCSU and *Technician* do have legitimate fronts for their operations. Mafiosi don't wear gaudy rings and zoot suits anymore. But as long as the University and/or parent perpetuate *Propria* propaganda and continue to support arranged marriages designed to unify the political, economic and social power of rival families, then we are all oppressed.

Look at the Big Brother "Unity" system. We are all assigned "Unity" accounts" and only allowed access to computers through a "Unity Lab." What's next? Unity cigarettes? Unity gym? 1984 never seemed so close.

Furthermore, after exhaustive study of NCSU's state-run dining program, I've discovered that, though Fountain Hill claims it has increased its baked ziti portions by 12 percent over the past three weeks, baked ziti rations have actually decreased by 23 percent. Of course, no one in Dining Operations/"Candy production" will admit to this, but the truth must be known.

It's time the grim, ugly, untold history of this university was exposed. It's that students knew about the extensive marijuana fields and opium gardens that fill NCSU's greenhouses; the way Chancellor Fox usurped power by kidnapping former Chancellor Monteith, dipping him in bronze and parading him in a garden affron Withers Hall as a warning to anyone who would challenge her authority; the agents for the Ministry of Public Information who busily work in the lobby of the Talley Center for Students; the bootlegging C-store syndicate and the counterintelligence operations at the "College of Textiles."

We claim to support individual freedom and individual diversity, but we students are not even free to remove a simple apple from the cafeteria, thus depriving us of nourishment. This torture is no different than the systematic starvation endured by the Russian peasantry under Stalinist rule. Why do we tolerate it?

Every year, thousands of students apply for admission into our university. Outside of the disgust that students would actually desire to "gain" import to North Carolina. In 1995, the Board of Governors honored John with the University Award, the highest award bestowed by the University, for his years of service and accomplishment. Since elected in 1999, John has distinguished himself as one of the most conscientious and involved members of the Board of Governors. He has been an outspoken advocate for protecting the University's commitment to low tuition for access to education and helped lead efforts to pass the \$3.1 billion bond and community college capital facilities bond referendum last November. In addition to serving in these official roles, John has mentored and advised countless students of the University. The lives of these young people have been enriched not only by his vast knowledge and experience but also his boundless capacity for care and understanding. Those familiar with John Sanders know that, whatever his

entrance into this academic concentration camp, it is disturbingly elitist that anyone is denied entrance at all — let alone thousands.

Some may object to my reference to NCSU as a concentration camp, where millions of Jews, homosexuals and other minorities were cremated and experimented upon. Well, does our campus not have a smokesack behind the "laundry" building? And do we not force students to take non-credit, under-the-table "lab supplements" to classes? Do we not mandate "physical education" drills designed to enhance military readiness?

And *Technician*, the supposed bastion of the First Amendment, also has blood on its hands and horse heads in its archives. Do any of you remember the heart-stirring image of the unnamed drunk student proudly and defiantly standing alone as an entourage of merciless Raleigh police cars drove toward him? Did "campus cinema" ever show Steven Spielberg's gripping epic tale "Staffors's Law," which chronicled the underground efforts of the NCSU Resistance? No, of course not. The propaganda factory that is *Technician* was too busy serving as an obedient gatekeeping lackey/thumb-breaking goon.

Indeed, you see articles that continually refer to segregated "Greek" students who are, by and large, in fact American. *Technician* does not even report the atrocities of how these oppressed students are forced to wear "pledge pins," which are scarlet letters signifying their humiliating pledge to inherent inferiority; it is no different than the way Auschwitz forced its captives to wear yellow Stars of David or "Star of Life" patches. The university even forces these students into cramped, segregated housing.

As an admitted *Technician* operative for many years, I myself am risking my life by even writing this criticism of the Mother Paper. I do not expect it to see the light of publication, but I had to stand up. This is a tall, ornate — some say obscenely baroque — golden scepter which must be kissed upon entrance into the *Technician* family. From that day on, your allegiance to the staff becomes synonymous with your name: "Richard Morgan, Staff Columnist, Rob Godfrey, Staff Writer, etc." There are moments when the Chancellor herself calls *Technician's* offices, after these secret phone calls, the Editors-in-Chief conduct an elaborate ritual in which they claim the Staff has spoken to them in a transcendental moment of divination; the following day, a "Staff Report" is published.

The extent of NCSU's mafia activities has reached peaks of biological warfare — not even dreamed of by Saddam Hussein himself. Many of you have noticed a yellow dusting around campus recently; this is POLLEN (PennyOxLiLithium Lead-Ethyl Nitrate), a neurodegenerative neurotoxin that Pol Pot's scientists only theorized about as "mindspice." The drug was pioneered at NCSU by current Minister of Athletics and Eugenics Lee Fowler, of former "Dr. Mindbender" infamy.

Are the horrible, horrifying horrors of our blind, deaf and crippled attitude toward such Holocaust-like practices not painfully apparent? We must refuse to be spoon-fed the restrictive, metaphoric Braille, closed-captioning and Stephen Hawking wheelchairs. The University forces upon us in the words of acclaimed hip-hop artist Samantha Mumba, "I don't want to love you if you don't love me... I don't wanna tellya this now, but it wouldn't be right if I (if I) didn't tell you this tonight."

If you don't agree with Richard, you are Hitler — even if you're a woman. Persuade him. Write him at [ncsu\\_writer@yahoo.com](mailto:ncsu_writer@yahoo.com).

official title, he will continue to be an indispensable counselor to the present and future leaders of the University and our state. It is unfortunate, though, that he will no longer sit on the UNC system's highest governing body. John, please know that your tireless devotion to the UNC system and North Carolina is deeply and sincerely appreciated.

Jeff Nieman  
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## Clearly rocking the house

**Chandler Carriker**  
Senior Staff Writer

The alternative rock of the '90s is stumbling into the new millennium, with the rise of hip-hop and bubblegum pop and general apathy for rock to blame. Nevertheless, despite all this boo-hoosing by rock critics, there still are a lot of folks out there, young and old, who like to rock. This past Monday night at Raleigh's ESA was a testament to that as Matchbox Twenty (the artists formerly known as Everclear 20) pulled into town with Everclear and Lifehouse in tow.

With currently one of the few rock songs that have caught on with the MTV crowd in "Hanging By A Moment," the evening's opener Lifehouse was a big hit with the younger segments of the crowd, but for most it was nothing that hadn't been seen before from bands like Candlebox, Creed or Our Lady Peace. With big posturing rock anthems and ballads, these guys are holding tight to their fifteen minutes but really deserve little more than that.

As Everclear took the stage in complete darkness with a frowning yellow smiley face behind them (kind of sad irony a week after the inventor of the yellow smiley face died), the crowd erupted and it was clear that the market is still pretty big for teenage angst and aggression. As Bart Simpson once said, "Selling teenagers depressing rock is like shooting fish in a barrel." But there was something more to Everclear's set on this night. The snarling vocals from Art Alexakis and wildly overdriven guitars were all there in spades, but the most important factor of the night for



these Northwestern rockers was fun. "I love North Carolina," declared Alexakis, which turned out to be much more than pandering to the crowd as he and his band continued to deliver a blistering set with all the surprises rock is supposed to have. Before the band drove through "Rock Star," off their

latest disc, Alexakis invited nearly 20 or 30 audience members up on stage as the "Everclear dancers," and as they delivered a great rendition of "Heroine Girl," both Alexakis and bassist Craig Montoya raced around the audience on the floor to play back on the sound booth before running back to the stage.

Full-on energy was the order of the evening, and Alexakis and his band delivered that in full rock star fashion.

It was almost impossible to expect Matchbox Twenty, the tour's headliners, to come out and top the show put on by Everclear. As the band stepped out on stage with a dance beat coming

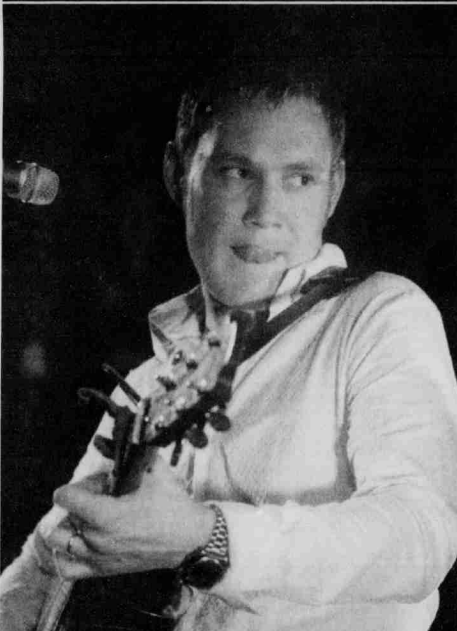
out of the speakers, pulsing lights and a giant white sheet hiding them from the audience, it was hard not to compare it to the stripped-down, straight-ahead rock show just put on by Everclear. Opening with "Crutch" and "Bent" brought the band out aggressively, but even then it was too little too late.

Touring behind their latest disc, *Mad Season*, it's becoming clear that the annoying catchy hooks that filled the band's first album were difficult to capture the second time around. Many of the songs seemed to blend together and become indecipherable from one another, changing only when the band reached back to singles off of *Yourself or Someone Like You*, like "3 a.m." or "Real World." A set of two piano-led songs in the middle of the set, which lead singer Rob Thomas referred to as the "cocktail lounge portion of the show," seemed just a bit too forced and contrived to be cool and an Eastern-flavored intro to a hard rocking number seemed a bit more than the band could handle.

In the end, it's the crowd that makes the final call in a band's career, and on this night the crowd members seemed to walk away with a smile on their faces. Everclear pumped them up like few rock bands are doing today, and Matchbox Twenty delivered the smooth, non-threatening rock that all came out to see. Sure, bands like Wilco or Coldplay should be the ones selling out coliseums, and the radio attention that these bands get is criminal, but arguments like this mean little to a happy fan walking away satisfied from this show.

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(FROM LEFT) LIFEHOUSE, MATCHBOX 20, EVERCLEAR

## Locked in the cellar



**Chandler Carriker**  
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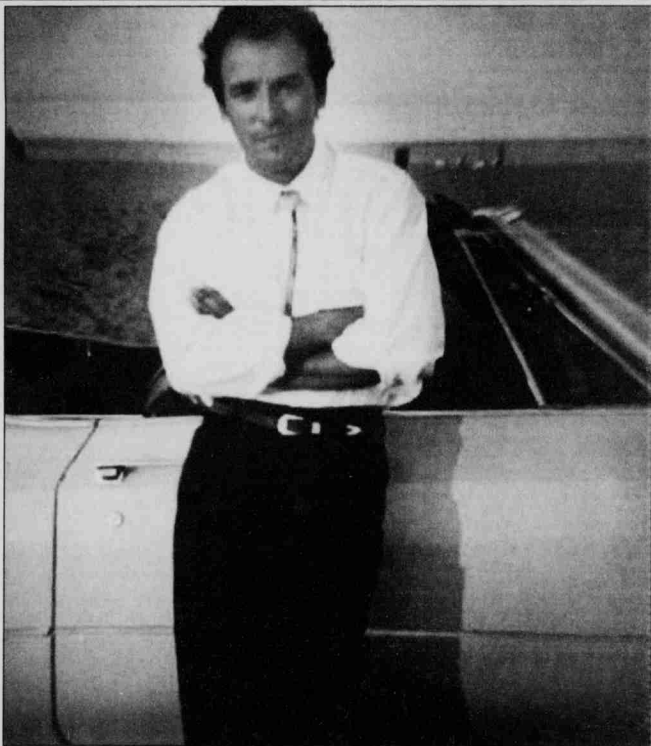
**David Gray**  
*Lost Songs*  
95-98  
★★★★

Gray has begun to make a bit of an impact on America after releasing scores of albums and becoming a major pop star in Ireland and the U.K. *White Ladder*, with its folksy songs bathed in electronic bleeps and bouncy rhythms, has been one of the most interesting albums to actually have taken hold in the U.S., thanks in part to the single "Babyfon." The cynical *Lost Songs* may seem to have been released at just the right moment to capitalize on Gray's current success, even though it has actually been released in the U.K. for almost a year now. It also marks a great shift from the sounds of *White Ladder*, a bold move for an artist who is just cementing himself in the States.

That's not to say that *Lost Songs* holds nothing in common with *White Ladder*. Gray's songwriting is the major star on both of these albums, and on *Lost Songs* One man's garbage is oftentimes another man's gold. It's very easy to imagine that some of the greatest pop songs ever written are probably still sitting on the shelves of their writers, who by some stroke of misfortune or misunderstanding were never able to release them. Take for example Bob Dylan and Bruce Springsteen; both have opened up their vaults to show the world the songs that weren't quite good enough to make it onto an album; songs that are millions of times greater than most of the stuff found drifting around on radio waves. David Gray's new release, *Lost Songs*, is not quite as dramatic an action as opening the doors on music lost for decades, but it does bring to the surface songs that have gone unknown for far too long.

With the help of Dave Matthews, David

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## Double Shifts

**Rob Schulze**

Massachusetts Daily Collegian  
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(U-WIRE) AMHERST, Mass. — Bruce Springsteen and the E Street Band's reunion tour that began in the summer of '99 was an orgy of joy and rock 'n roll that captured the nation for a few short months. Bruce's mammoth stands in the nation's grandest arenas — 15 shows at the Meadowlands in New Jersey, five in Boston, six in Philadelphia, 10 in New York — destroyed records and marked the return of a superstar who had faded from the public eye in the previous decade in full glory.

It can truly be said to have been one

of the greatest rock experiences in modern times. "Live in New York," recorded at the final nights of the tour, is a two-CD document of just why those shows were so magical.

The first disk of the album shows a band going at breakneck speed to simply get as much rock 'n roll out of their system as possible. Things start off with "My Love Will Not Let You Down" from the box set "Tracks," featuring Max Weinberg setting an accelerated beat while the Boss keeps up as best he can, belting out the lyrics from the bottom of his gut, and a listener just can't help but feel that Bruce's love really won't let them down.

After a slower, brooding "Prove It

All Night" and the poppy "Two Hearts," Bruce does the first of many re-inventions of his songs with a new version of "Atlantic City." Originally composed as a lament of hard times with only acoustic guitar, harmonica and vocals, the tune is rebuilt from the ground up, with the whole band utilized to give it a feel of hopefulness that was totally absent from the original.

Unfortunately, this reworking of old songs fails miserably on "The River." Stretched to literally over double its original length, slowed down to the speed of molasses and almost unrecognizable under the layers of accor-

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dion and organ, this classic tune is utterly ruined.

"Youngstown" follows and more than makes up for the disappointment of "The River." "Smokestacks reaching like the arms of God into a beautiful sky of soot and clay," grows Bruce with the most intensity of any song on the album before Nils Lofgren simply detonates with an amazing guitar solo.

Unrivaled in passion and scope, "Youngstown" is easily the best song on the album. The band then races through textbook versions of high-impact rock tunes "Murder Incorporated," "Badlands," "Out in the Street" and the

unlisted track "Born to Run" to close out the first disc with swiftness and bravado.

The second CD is markedly different from the first, more introspective and less hell-bent on rocking. "Tenth Avenue Freeze-Out" is ruined by the band introductions that were fun live, but simply take too long on a recording (particularly when Bruce repeatedly makes the point that he enjoys sex with his wife, backup singer Patty Scalfia).

Slow, heartfelt versions of "Land of Hope and Dreams," the controversial "American Skin (41 Shots)," and "Lost in the Flood" keep it low-key but intense. "American Skin" (Prompted by a police shooting in New York of an unarmed black man — 41 shots were fired) is especially spellbinding, as Bruce literally instructs the crowd to be quiet and listen.

"Born in the USA" is ruined during an acoustic performance with Bruce yelling the lyrics tunelessly, but "Jungleland" is truly majestic in all its epic, piano-heavy glory. "Ramrod" is the only really rocking song on the second CD, and then the whole album concludes with "If I Should Fall Behind," sweet and sincere. "I will wait for you ... if I fall behind, wait for me," sings every vocal member of the band in a show of unity and the familial power of rock.

What can I say? "Live in New York," despite its few experimental failures, is a deserving document of a great rock 'n' roll band. The truly magical moments — "Youngstown," "American Skin" — are supplemented by two CDs worth of solid material. It isn't as good as being there, but it's damned close.

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# GRAY

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it stands out even more. This album is composed of songs written while Gray was in limbo between labels and was primarily recorded with basically Gray's voice and guitar, his drummer Clume and pianist Tim Bradshaw factually backing him up on a few numbers. On the whole, Gray's songwriting is left out in the open, proving that it can stand alone without the bells and whistles which adorned it on *White Ladder*.

Unadorned beauty is the order of the day on *Lost Songs*. Starting off with "Flame Turns Blue," Gray sets the bar tremendously high for himself. With strong imagery ("So I ventured underneath the leaden sky/ See the freight train with its one fierce eye"), a passionate hook and melody and delicate touches of piano and drums, this opening track is easily the most beautiful song penned by Gray.

While the remainder may not match up to this first shot, they hardly steal from the grandeur. The tight, intimate feel of "Twilight," "Hold On" and "If Your Love Is Real" give this album a very private sound, as if the listener had indeed stum-

bled upon songs that Gray had thought would never see the light of day.

The only song to hold a candle to the opening is "As I'm Leaving," in which Gray constructs a hook which keeps the listener turning round and round, much like the indecision that Gray finds himself in. "And there's no meaning/ In clothes and coffee cups," sings Gray, leading into the pleading chorus begging for peace for a restless soul. In both sound and subject, this album often draws the listener to compare Gray with a young Van Morrison. Gray's restlessness and soul searching seem as genuine just as recorded as genuine and true as recorded music can deliver.

The only problem that arises during *Lost Songs* is a great testimony to Gray's songwriting. Two of the tracks are instrumentals, which are just as beautiful as the remainder of the album, but they are truly not interesting enough to stand on their own and leave the listener hoping that Gray's voice will pop up around the corner. Despite that, *Lost Songs* is a perfect taste of a horribly under-appreciated songwriter doing what he does best ... songwriting.

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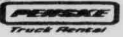
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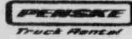
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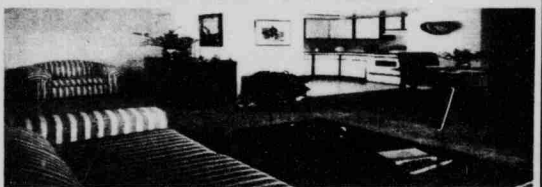
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stop David McKenna went 2-for-4 with a double for the Seahawks, who dropped to 2-7 in one-run games this season. The Wolfpack struck quickly when leadoff batter Jeremy Dutton slammed a 2-1 offering from Meadows over the right-centerfield wall. It was Dutton's second round tripper of the season.

UNCW answered, however, with a pair of runs in bottom half of the first to grab a 2-1 edge. Senior outfielder Justin Wishon started the rally with a single up the middle and moved to third on McKenna's double into the gap in left-centerfield. Wishon then scored UNCW's first run on a wild pitch and after Kevin Harr struck out, Matt Wright hit a sacrifice fly to bring McKenna home with the second run and a 2-1 lead.

N.C. State tied the game at 2-all with a single tally in the fourth inning. Jamey Shearin lined a base hit into centerfield and raced home on Colt Morton's double to rightfield. Morton was erased when Matt Butler lined into a double play and a Sean Walsh ground out ended the inning.

The Wolfpack took a 4-2 lead in the seventh inning on Riley's blast. Butler singled to open the rally and after Walsh grounded out to short, Riley sent a 1-0 pitch from Wray over the left-field wall for a two-run cushion.

UNCW sliced the deficit to 4-3 with a run in the eighth. With one out, Harr was hit by NCSU reliever David Hicks and stole second base. Magnus Pilegard then reached on an infield hit and Ange delivered an RBI single through the box off Caldwell. The Seahawks could do no more, however. State heads back to Doak Field on Wednesday for a 7 p.m. matchup against Old Dominion.

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## Outside N.C. State



**Hurricanes drop first ever NHL playoff game in Raleigh**

Following the lead of their captain, the New Jersey Devils are on the verge of knocking out the Carolina Hurricanes for good. Scott Stevens once again was a physical force and Martin Brodeur recorded his second straight shutout as the Devils grabbed a commanding three games to none lead in their Eastern Conference quarterfinal series with a 4-0 blanking of the Hurricanes.

In Game Two on Sunday, Stevens put his stamp of the series by sending Shane Willis sprawling with a patented open-ice hit late in the contest. Willis suffered a concussion and missed Tuesday's game.

It did not take Stevens long before he established his presence in Game Three, sending Hurricanes captain Ron Francis to the ice with a hit along the right boards less than three minutes into the contest. Francis staggered to the bench and returned briefly later in the period before leaving for good with what was described as a slight concussion.

The defending Stanley Cup champions have dominated this series from the outset, leading for 142 minutes, eight seconds. They could complete a sweep in the quarterfinal round for the second straight season Wednesday.

Brodeur stopped 11 shots over the first two periods and turned aside five in the third en route to his 10th career playoff shutout. Carolina has failed to post over 18 shots in any of the three games.

Scott Gomez scored once and set up two other goals for the Devils, who also continued to dominate away from home in the playoffs. Last season, New Jersey went 10-2 on the road in the postseason.

Showing their frustration in the third period, the Hurricanes took numerous runs at Stevens and the game turned into a chippy affair. Stevens also got the best of Hurricanes defenseman Sandis Ozolinsh in a fight 6 1/2 minutes into the third period.

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# Riley lifts Pack over UNCW



Eric Mosley and the Wolfpack pulled out the victory Tuesday night.

◆ A strong combined pitching performance by Ryan Combs and Daniel Caldwell kept N.C. State in the game, while Jason Riley provided the requisite offense needed to life State past the Seahawks.

Sports Staff Report

WILMINGTON — Sophomore first baseman Justin Riley clubbed a two-run homer in the top of the seventh inning to lift N.C. State to a 4-3 win over UNC-Wilmington, completing a regular-season sweep of the Seahawks. The Wolfpack improved to 22-18 on the season and trimmed the Seahawks by the identical score posted at Doak Field back on April 3. UNCW dropped its second straight at home and now stands 27-16 this spring. The teams played in 30-

degree temperatures, with a 20-mph wind out of the northwest. Junior Ryan Combs (3-1) registered the win, surrendering just two runs on five hits, walking two and fanning eight batters, in seven innings of work. He threw 101 pitches and allowed only eight base runners on the night, including just three over the last five innings. Sophomore Daniel Caldwell collected his first save of the season after retiring four batters out of the five he faced. UNCW starter Bryan Meadows worked six innings and allowed two earned runs on four hits, walking none and striking out four. Reliever Fred Wray (0-2) took the loss after giving up the deciding two runs in 2/3 innings on the mound. Seven different players had one hit apiece for N.C. State. Riley had two runs batted in and Colt Morton ripped an RBI double in the fourth inning. Senior third baseman David Aenge went 2-for-4 with one RBI and senior short-

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basketball

## Show him the money!

Sure, I'm a little envious. There are 20-year-old basketball players making more money this NBA season than I'll make in a lifetime as a successful journalist, attorney, professor or whatever I decide to do.

It's OK, though. Jonathan Bender, Darius Miles, they're not forcibly taking that money from me, or anyone else for that matter.

Bender and Miles play basketball better than 99 percent of 20-something-year olds. There is demand for their service, and they reap millions of dollars in benefits for fulfilling that service.

Some go for baseball's Alex Rodriguez.

This winter, when he held out for the deal that made him a quarter-billionaire Texas Ranger, I thought he was making a good business decision.

And when people pay millions of dollars for tickets to see Ranger ballgames and millions more for Rodriguez apparel, it's not just about some guy "playing for the love." It's about a guy, A-Rod, who is making already wealthy owners millions of dollars in a billion-dollar industry. And he deserves a cut of the money.

The legends. That lauded Rodriguez when he was a Mariner in Seattle, jeered him in his return to Safeco Park two nights ago. With a tone that was unambiguously self-righteous, fathers told their sons that Rodriguez is just another spoiled SOB athlete, oblivious to the feelings of the fans that "made" him, just in it for money.

Meanwhile, that same father will probably uproot his own family from Seattle to relocate somewhere hundreds of miles away in the name of a business promotion. But Rodriguez is an athlete, one held to a higher standard — a mentality that allows Rodriguez to garner millions, to the chagrin of the father, now a blatant hypocrite.

People are so cliché as they mean about overpaid athletes. They're cliché because people talk about exorbitant salaries as if there's some social trust fund from which owners can channel money taken in at the box office. From that fund, owners are, I suppose, to redistribute revenue to government programs, charity or a public pot from which fans who spend too long obsessing over their home team can borrow when they lose the job they neglected in favor of a postseason road trip to regional and national.

What is supposed to happen to the revenue that professional sports franchises make? Are owners just supposed to get richer?

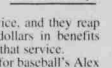
The underlying issue isn't that doctors, journalists, teachers and law enforcement officers are more valuable to society than athletes. Of course they are; no one disputes that. The fact is, though, that 50,000 people are willing to pay more than \$50 per ticket to see the New York Yankees play. Even more, 50,000 people would probably pay \$150 to see a Yankee game.

People aren't, however, willing to pay \$1 or \$2 for newspapers; therefore, journalists don't have leverage to demand high salaries. People want tax cuts; therefore, there isn't a way to gear substantial raises to state workers (read teachers, law enforcement officers).

So, if you really don't think athletes deserve the money they get, then you can simply find something else to do on Saturday afternoons, Sunday evenings, whenever you watch baseball, basketball or football. Don't tune into the game of the week. Don't buy baseball caps and jerseys.

If you stop paying rising ticket prices, then there won't be money to pay A-Rod or Derek Jeter or whenever the next time he demands a pay raise.

Rob Godfrey



# Robinson, Wilson prepare for draft day

◆ A pair of underclassmen from N.C. State is anxiously awaiting Saturday's NFL draft.

Jeremy Ashton  
Sports Editor

Koren Robinson has always dreamed about playing on Sundays and being the best wide receiver in the NFL. The former N.C. State star will get one step closer to that goal this weekend.

Robinson and safety Adrian Wilson, who both left school early to pursue their professional dreams, will spend Saturday with their families, waiting to hear their names called in this year's NFL draft.

For Robinson, a first-team All-Atlantic Coast Conference selection with the Wolfpack in 2000, that wait may not be very long.

"I've always dreamed about it," said Robinson, who declared himself eligible for the draft after his sophomore season. "It is a dream come true. The opportunity only comes once, and I had to take it." Some experts have projected Robinson to go as high as the top five in the draft. ESPN draft analyst Mel Kiper Jr. currently has Robinson rated as the No. 6 pick overall. Kiper's highest ranking for

any wide receiver.

"I knew, as far as making my decision, going into the draft I was one of the better athletes," Robinson said. "I didn't know if I'd be top five. I was hearing top 15, and then my stock just jumped up there to the top five."

Robinson has met with and visited several teams in the weeks leading up to the draft. Atlanta, Green Bay, Chicago and New Orleans are just a few of the franchises that have interviewed Robinson.

If Robinson ends up somewhere like Green Bay, he would have to deal with a much colder climate than what he's used to. Robinson said that he would just have to adjust to the situation. Right now, he's just enjoying the process — and thinking about dolphins after kissing one in a recent photo shoot for ESPN: The Magazine.

"I want some dolphins," Robinson said when asked if there was anything he wants to get after he signs his contract. "I want to buy three dolphins and keep them at an aquatic center or something like that."

While Robinson is a near lock to go in the first half of the first round, some questions have been raised over exactly when and where he'll go.

Robinson injured his hamstring during a private workout that he held for NFL



A happy Koren Robinson awaits being a high draft pick.

scouts on March 23. As a result, he was unable to complete the 40-yard dash, which is used to evaluate a player's speed.

Robinson held another workout with the hamstring still bothering him. His 40 time at that session was 4.6, which Robinson said is at least 3 seconds slower than what he knows he can run. "I had to go on the field in front of a lot of people as far as scouts," Robinson said. "A lot of people in my life were telling me that they think I need to run, so teams can have some numbers on me and just have to go with those numbers. I just let everybody know that I was like 75 percent going into the workout, and I still finished the workout."

There have also been grumblings about Robinson's attitude, which he thinks is partly due to his youth. Robinson said that wouldn't be a problem for whichever team drafts him.

"I'm just ready to play," Robinson said. "I feel there's a lot of questions out there about Koren Robinson, and I'm just ready to go in and contribute to the team right away. Just all the negativity and all the questions, I just want them to be answered, just to show everybody my passion for the game, my love for the game."

Robinson also has to contend with the fact that this year's draft is loaded with wide receivers. As many as eight wideouts could go in the first round, Michigan's David Terrell, Miami's Santana Moss and Clemson's Rob Gardner will push Robinson for the top wide receiver spot, but Robinson has complete trust in his abilities.

"I feel like I'm the best at that position and in the draft," Robinson said.

While Robinson has been on a whirlwind tour of the NFL over the past few weeks, Wilson, who gave up his final year of eligibility, has mainly remained in his hometown of High Point. Wilson said that he has spent the time leading up to the draft working out with his personal trainer in preparation for mini-camp.

Wilson's decision to leave school early was widely criticized, but his stock in the draft has increased since the annual talent combine in Indianapolis. As recently as Monday, Kiper tagged Wilson as the fourth-best safety in the entire draft.

"I think I'm a first-rounder," Wilson said. "I think I'll be gone in the first round."

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# Disc golf club invades the Wolfpack scene

◆ N.C. State's newest sport club, disc golf, has become a hit for many students across campus.

Matt Middleton  
Staff Writer

Editor's Note: Technician will be profiling some of the club sports at State in the coming weeks. The disc golf team is the focus today.

With the unseasonably warm weather the Triangle area has experienced over the past couple of weeks, the sport of disc golf has gotten an early start to its peak season.

One of the newest clubs at N.C. State, disc golf is currently requesting affiliation to become an official club sport. The club was formed in February of this year with a single goal in mind — promoting the game of disc golf within the State community.

A relatively young sport, disc golf

combines the rules of golf with the skill of throwing a flying disc (Frisbee). Sanctioned by its own governing body, the Professional Disc Golf Association, disc golf has grown in popularity of late. The rules of disc golf are fairly straightforward. The object of the game is to land the disc into a basket perched on a pole a certain distance away (akin to the hole in golf) in as few attempts as possible.

Much like golfers use different clubs for different types of shots, disc golfers often use different types of discs that serve specific purposes, such as putting. Playing the game with just a single disc, however, is not a problem.

"Some guys are out there with 25 discs doing very well, and some are out there with a single disc doing just as well," said president Dana Haake.

The course closest to the university is Kentwood Park off of Kaplan Dr., which is where the club meets every Friday to play. Other options include traveling to other area courses such as Cedar Hills Rotary Park in North Raleigh.

Kentwood, however, is the premier option — a full, 18-hole course that has hosted PDGA tournaments in the past.

Under president Haake, the club's membership has grown to 45 registered members. The club has held two official tournaments since its formation and has recently organized a tournament with North Carolina to be played on April 28 at Kentwood and the Tar Heels' home course in Chapel Hill.

"It's going to be one of the first collegiate events of its kind," said Haake. "No one has ever really heard of any schools playing other schools before [this tournament]."

Another project the club is undertaking is a proposal to construct a full 18-hole course on the State campus.

"We have plans to build a course off Sullivan drive across from Lee Hall," said vice president Steve Johnson. "We're already getting some pretty positive feedback on maybe being able to use that land to build our own course. The university won't have to do anything." The club only needs to raise money for

the construction of nine baskets, because the PDGA has pledged to match any funds that the club produces in an effort to further promote the sport.

Haake also hinted at the idea of promoting the game to other nearby universities, such as UNC-Wilmington and East Carolina to create an even larger tournament next fall.

An aspect of disc golf that appeals to many college students is how relatively inexpensive it is to play. Members of the disc golf club pay just a \$5 fee that is good for one semester.

"We're probably the cheapest club on campus," said Haake. "Disc golf is one of the cheapest sports I can think of. You don't need a uniform, you don't need to pay greens fees, you just buy a disk and go play."

The disc golf club openly welcomes new members to join. More information about the disc golf club can be found on the club's Web page at [www4.ncsu.edu/~manorris/discgolf](http://www4.ncsu.edu/~manorris/discgolf).