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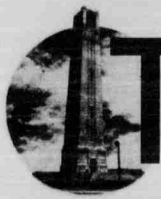
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## University, state leaders step up fight against cuts

New proposals in the state budget conference committee introduce even more severe cuts to the UNC System.

### Spaine Stephens

News Editor

The instability of the state budget has current N.C. State students wondering how budget reductions will alter the university as they know it. Alumni, too, fear that impending budget cuts for the UNC System will drastically change NCSU as they knew it.

Current considerations within the budget conference committee cut NCSU programs more severely than the House and Senate versions.

"This is an issue important to current students, but it's also important to everyone who loves N.C. State," said Tom Cabaniss, president of the N.C. State Alumni Association.

Cabaniss sent a letter to NCSU alumni making them aware of the magnitude of the budget situation and the severity to which the university could be affected, and urged them to contact their legislators.

In the letter, he outlined the additional reductions that the House and Senate are considering, including reductions that would "reduce N.C.

State's budget by more than \$15 million the first year while also increasing student tuition by more than 13 percent."

According to the letter, overhead receipts, external funding for research support, would be diverted to state coffers in the second year. If this happens, NCSU could lose some of its competitive scientific edge. "Cuts in the budget will seriously harm the university's ability to continue in the great research tradition that we have," said Cabaniss.

He stressed that if the university's research falters, NCSU will be limited on the ability to serve students.

"That hurts everyone," he said. "Whether we graduated 50 years ago or last year, if the university is not as great as it can be, it diminishes our diplomas."

In another letter to Gov. Mike Easley, Marc Basnight, General Pro Tempore of the President Assembly and James B. Black, Speaker of the House, state education leaders including Benjamin Ruffin, chair of the UNC Board of Governors, noted highlights of the importance of providing the necessary funds to state universities and community



Tom Cabaniss, president, N.C. State Alumni Association

colleges.

"It seems clear that the state's educational and other essential programs can be sustained

only by raising additional revenue," the letter reads. "...Enrollment on our public university campuses is expect-

ed to rise by 55,000 students during this decade."

With the budget override and problems still outstanding, state leaders and representatives of the UNC System are using the time to educate as many people as possible about the results of the budget reductions on university campuses and to try to convince the General Assembly that raising revenue may be the best answer to the state's budget crisis.

UNC System President Molly Broad issued a July 20 statement mapping out the key points concerning the budget situation for the System. The more extreme cuts proposed by the budget conference committee as of July 19 would weaken the economic powerhouses that are the universities in the UNC System.

"They would be unable to absorb the full array of cuts recommended in the House budget without lasting damage, much less the harsher cuts now being contemplated by the Conference Committee," said Broad in the statement.

One key point Broad focused on in the statement was to find support to fully fund salaries and student services.

"The House recommendation and conference proposal to fund UNC's salary base at only 98.5 percent would equate to an additional hard cut of more than \$23 million," said Broad in the statement.

"While such a reduction might have less impact on state agencies that revert unused salary funds, the impact would be far greater on the University, which uses such funds for academic needs that would otherwise go unmet, important student services and other high priorities not directly funded by the General Assembly."

While the state awaits the finalized budget, state and University leaders can only seek to educate citizens and legislators about what harsh cuts could mean for the future of NCSU and the other state schools.

Cabaniss said copies of the letter he sent to alumni are available in the NCSU Alumni Office for students who want to make others aware of the UNC System budget situation.

"This has a direct effect on students, but also has effects on everyone," he said.

## NCSU grad student wins fellowship

◆ Ondulla Foye has received prestigious recognition for her research.

### Diane Cordova

Staff Reporter

Ondulla Foye, an N.C. State graduate student, was awarded the 2001 GEM (the National Consortium for Graduate Degrees for Minorities in Engineering and Science, Inc.) Predoctoral Fellowship.

"I was extremely excited to have received the award," said Foye.

She has reason to be excited about receiving this fellow-

ship, considering her personal struggles to reach this pinnacle in her life.

Foye said that from 1998 to 2000, she worked on her Master of Science in physiology at NCSU; simultaneously, she supported herself by working as a teaching assistant for NCSU's Department of Zoology and worked as a research assistant at UNC-Chapel Hill's School of Nursing, all while in school full-time.

"It was extremely hard just trying to stay afloat financially," said Foye.

Presently, Foye is working on a Ph.D. in Nutrition. She

was awarded this fellowship by the GEM program, which recognizes and awards talented minority Masters and Doctoral students with funding and hands-on work experience said Foye.

Also, the "GEM program provides a network to assist in employment and post-doctoral opportunities," she said.

The GEM program's goal is to encourage and assist with the recruitment and placement of minority students into careers in science and technology. Foye will have her tuition paid and when she starts her doctoral program, she will obtain a stipend.

The government, universities, and Fortune 500 companies sponsor the GEM fellowship. Foye's corporate sponsor is Pharmacia in St. Louis, Missouri.

"These sponsors provide invaluable paid summer internships for the GEM fellows. This enables GEM fellows to create a network that will be invaluable in opening employment opportunities," said Foye.

As part of the fellowship, Foye will have a corporate mentor. A corporate mentor is "the corporate company that provides a paid summer

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## Student inventors put taste to the test

◆ A team of NCSU students scored big with their new food creation.

### Rachael Rogers

Staff Reporter

When you walk down a snack aisle in the grocery store, you probably don't even think about who invented those snack items. But 13 graduate students in N.C. State's Food Science Department knew exactly what went into making a snack food

that wowed consumers and judges in a recent Food Science competition.

Each year students are involved in the Institute of Food Technologists' (IFT) Student Association Product Development Competition. The Institute of Food Technologists is the largest trade organization for food science, and this year their competition drew 24 teams from across the nation.

The team's quest for creating a desirable snack food began in January, and the team "commit-

ted about six hours a week to the project," said project leader Amy Steiner.

Their first stage was marketing research to study consumer needs and wants. The team brainstormed hot trends in the food industry, commented Steiner, and decided that convenience foods and Mexican were extremely popular. Steiner stated that Mexican was no longer just an ethnic food but was becoming mainstream America.

Deciding what food they

wanted led them to creating Munchatas, which comes in packages of six tortilla bowls, filled with refried beans and beef, sprinkled with cheeses. What makes this product both satisfying and easy, says Steiner, is that it can be "taken from the freezer to the oven and then served on the same tray."

It takes about 10 minutes to cook.

To invent this food, the team worked on prototype develop-

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JASON KESTER/STAFF

Walt Turner, a Raleigh native and 1969 N.C. State graduate in botany, offers his last handful of corn to the geese at Lake Johnson Tuesday afternoon. Turner is a member of Carolina Animal Activists Together; he has been feeding wounded geese at Lake Johnson daily for the last two months.

## U. Texas seeking Hopwood ruling clarification

◆ The U.S. Supreme Court's refusal to hear the case leaves Hopwood in flux.

### Rachel Stone

Daily Texan (U. Texas-Austin)

(U-WIRE) AUSTIN, Texas -- Taking another step forward in the university's quest for a final ruling on affirmative action, the

attorneys representing the University of Texas in the Hopwood case asked U.S. District Judge Sam Sparks on Friday to issue a decision that conforms to the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals procedural rules.

This is the first step lawyers must take if they want the U.S. Supreme Court to hear the case. No formal order from the courts on whether the university can

use affirmative action is in place, said Doug Laycock, a member of the Hopwood legal team and UT law professor.

"It's complicated because the case is still in a strange procedural position," Laycock said. "We filed a proposed plan for dealing with the case, which starts with the judge telling the plaintiffs, basically, to put up or shut up."

In 1998, Sparks entered a for-

mal injunction implementing the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals' earlier opinion prohibiting all future consideration of race in admissions and financial aid.

However, the 5th Circuit dissolved the injunction because Sparks violated civil procedure by not holding a hearing or supporting his decision in writing.

In 1996, the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals made it illegal

for Texas public colleges and universities to use race as a factor in consideration for admission as a result of a 1992 lawsuit filed by four white law school applicants who claimed less qualified students were admitted because of their race.

The U.S. Supreme Court declined to hear the case June 25, sending it back to Sparks' court.

Earlier this month, Mike

Godfrey, UT System vice chancellor and general counsel, briefed the Board of Regents on the status of the 9-year-old case.

Godfrey, in conjunction with the Hopwood legal team and Texas Attorney General John Cornyn, recommended that the University continue pursuing the case.

Under the proposed plan, the

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## Dinosaurian World

**Joel Isaac Frady**  
Assistant Features Editor

As children, many of us wondered at one point or another what kind of toys other kids had before they discovered dinosaurs. This is said noting the simple fact that, for the last 100 years, dinosaurs have been the one thing that will keep kids everywhere occupied, and for a good reason. Dinosaurs are the one toy kids have that have a sense of mystery behind them, one of the only ones that allow children's imaginations to run wild.

Luckily, this imagination runs far past childhood. The toys are always outgrown by the preteen years, but the interest in dinosaurs keeps going throughout life. Some people go so far as to become paleontologists; others only watch those "When Dinosaurs Roamed the Earth" specials. Either way, the fascination with how these giants lived all that time ago makes any dinosaur-related continue to attract an audience; if human interaction can be tied in, that's icing on the cake.

So, with this in mind, we get to "Jurassic Park 3," the inevitable installment to one of the biggest franchises of all time. A lot has changed in the way of style and storytelling, after the method that worked so well in "Jurassic Park" failed in "The Lost World." This is due mainly to the change in director, with Steven Spielberg tapping out and Joe Johnston ("October Sky") jumping in (Spielberg has stayed on as executive producer). This also means that John Williams has stepped down as composer, and Don Davis ("The Matrix") has taken his spot, even though he does little more than use and re-use the themes that Williams wrote.

Again, there is an upside, as they were able to get a very impressive cast together for this outing (then again, so did the second film), led by Sam Neill, reprising his role as Alan Grant. Eight years after the events of Jurassic Park, Grant has become something of a celebrity. After giving a speech for a crowded auditorium, every hand goes



### Jurassic Park 3

★★★★

Director:  
*Joe Johnston*  
Starring:  
*Sam Neill*  
*William H. Macy*

(William H. Macy, "Fargo") and his wife Amanda (Tea Leoni, "Deep Impact") make him the proposition to simply fly with them over Isla Sorna (the second site) as a tour guide.

True motives are of course hidden from him, and (as we all expected) he finds himself landing on Isla Sorna, with a lot of chaos ensuing. Unlike the first two films, the scientific numbo-jumbo is kept to a minimum, and the dinosaur action is pumped up. With the pumping up come a lot of new dinosaurs, and the T-Rex and velociraptors have to give up a lot of screen time to the new attractions of the spinosaurs and pterodactyl (just like the second film, that cuddly little spitting dilophosaurus isn't even seen here). These new attractions make for a

lot of great action sequences (especially the well-crafted pterodactyl sequence), and director Johnston gives little room for breathing in between.

There is a downside to all of this, as this film is much shorter than its predecessors. Yes, it's more action-oriented than the others, but with the loss of lots of plot goes the length, and when this one ends it feels like there's a good 15 minutes left. Part of this is the amount of the dinosaurs the audience gets, and even though we get the new, cool spinosaurs, the filmmakers forget that we still want to see a least one big T-Rex sequence.

They also make a big mistake in the characters realm, and by the midpoint in the film there are no characters left to kill off, leaving the audience in less suspense because we know they're not going to die (and leaving others disappointed because we want them to die).

Overall, "Jurassic Park 3" does deliver the goods, providing enough good dinosaur action to tide us over until "Jurassic Park 4," which is also very likely, seeing as how this film provides no closure for the series at all. Maybe this was intentional, to keep people wanting more, for dinosaurs are the weak spot for most humans alive today.

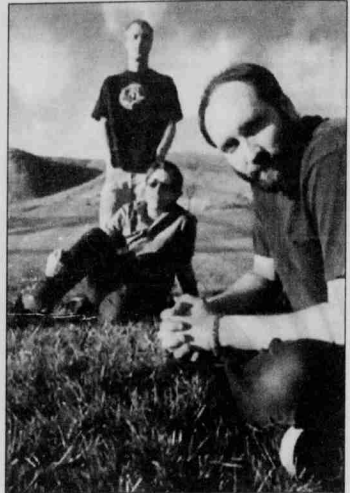
Then again, maybe it was kept open for Universal's bank account, but that's another article altogether.

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## Built to Last

**John Boles**  
Staff Writer

Mission of a "music reviewer": To provide an unbiased synopsis of a current release while engaging the reader with witty repartee and esoteric references (and all the while trying to seem cooler and more knowledgeable than he really is).



### Built to Spill Ancient Melodies of the Future

★★★★

The witty and esoteric part I can handle, at least marginally. But the unbiased part is much more difficult. Music should be a very personal thing, and one can spout on about the lyrical context, chord progressions, liner notes, instrumentation or whatever else for as long as they want, but if the music doesn't personally affect the listener, no amount of textual coaxing can convince someone to like a song.

Which brings us to "Ancient Melodies of the Future," the latest album by Idaho natives Built to Spill, of whom I'm a big fan. Feeling torn, like young William Miller in "Almost Famous," between being a faithful supporter of the band and being an objective writer, I must do this. Loving a band is almost like an addiction—after a while you can't really describe why it is you like the particular substance (or, in this case, band) past the fact that you just have to have more.

Trying to back away from your own biases can be difficult, but here it goes. Built to Spill's last three albums have seen them progress from indie-rock for the 13-year-old girl in all of us to a much darker kind of band that has much deeper songs about the afterlife and other such serious matters. With "Perfect From Now On" (their first major-label release) they showed that they could make a song that's longer than three minutes. And with their last album, "Keep It Like a Secret," they showed that they could make a deep song that can be condensed to three or four minutes.

So, with "Ancient Melodies of the Future," the average Built to Spill fan was waiting for yet another advance in the evolution of Built to Spill. The only advance that I could pinpoint is this one: they have discovered the slide guitar. This is not to say that their songs don't have the same positive qualities as their previous, just that their growth in sound is negligible.

Lyrical and instrumentally, the band has some gems that could rival any of their previous tracks. The track "In Your Mind" is one of the deepest and most philosophical of all their songs, with passages like:

*With magnifications explored,  
There slowly emerges a pattern.  
The details you normally ignored,  
You notice are really what matters.  
There isn't a time or a place,  
Only an ebb and a flowing.  
A permanent repeating space,  
Recurring, connecting and growing.*

They show that they can still write a kick-ass song that can make you think some, too.

Immediately following "In Your Mind" is "Alarmed," which opens exactly like an old (and not that good) Flaming Lips song, "Jesus Shootin' Heroin." But, in typical Built to Spill fashion, after molding this simple chord progression long enough, they finally find something that makes the song that I thought didn't have much hope into a masterpiece. This particular track morphs into a semi-melodic progression of sampled harmonies that gives one goose bumps just to listen to them.

By the end of this album, they revert back to some of their oldest fare with "Fly Around Pretty Little Miss," a thoroughly peppy little track that would have any 13-year-old girl throwing out her Britney Spears albums and dancing around like she missed her last dose of Ritalin.

By the end, Built to Spill shows that, while they didn't necessarily add any big new tricks to their arsenal of musical expression, they were able to coherently combine all the ones from previous records.

OK, I'm done with that... Now I can get back to tending my Built to Spill shrine and looking forward to September, when they'll be coming to the Cats Cradle in Chapel Hill.

IMAGE FROM [HTTP://WWW.BUILTTOSELL.COM](http://www.builttospill.com)

**Brian Schuch**  
Staff Writer

In a day and age where musical categories fail to properly describe the bands thrown into their genre, "Pop/Rock" fails to truly describe the Beta Band. But when you successfully combine elements of rock, pop, ambient and even rap, it's difficult to be categorized. The Beta Band's new release, "Hot Shots II," is the successful follow-up to their debut that they missed out on with their self-titled second release.

"The Three Eps," the band's first release, was a compilation of three EPs that they recorded in 1998. It was a stunning release that coupled slow, melodic sounds and upbeat, catchy tunes. The album got the band off to a successful start. It received great acclaim, and songs from it were featured in the film "High Fidelity" and a Levi jeans commercial.

Their second release and first actual album was something of a letdown after

the brilliance of "The Three Eps." The self-titled album generally lacked the catchy spark that made the first album so successful. While not a bad album, "The Beta Band" left me wanting more.

"Hot Shots II" is the follow-up to "The Three Eps" that "The Beta Band" failed to be. The band has re-caught those catchy tunes and fused them with mellow harmonies that many an ambient band strives for. In their third release, the Beta Band dances from genre to genre, borrowing elements from every one of them to create an enticing and unique sound.

The first single off the album, "Broke," is an incredible song that consists mainly of beats and rhythms, overlaid by the occasional harmonic chime or organ and all pulled together by the melody that is solely carried through by the vocals. It pulls from the great beats they had on "The

Three Eps" but shows true growth in the band.

Not all of the songs off the album are golden. "Won," the last track, could be lost and not missed. The main form is that of a rap song, but the whole composition of the song fails. The music is quite good, but the vocals, unlike most of the Beta Band's songs, tend to clash with the instrumental.

The main disappointment of the album is the lack of an instrumental piece. Their ability to combine various sounds and interweave them together is breathtaking. The instrumental tracks from "The Three Eps" and a stand-alone EP, "King Biscuit Time," have such a great beat and ability to grow and change; they get you into a make you move more than just a bit of

techno and dance music. Overall, the album is very pleasing. The band has grown substantially since their last release and are moving in an interesting direction. On a side note, The Beta Band will be around the United States opening for Radiohead this summer; check them out if you get a chance.

IMAGE FROM [HTTP://WWW.BETA-BAND.COM](http://www.beta-band.com)

### Beta Band Hot Shots II

★★★★



## U. Mich. docs develop laser scalpel

◆ The Michigan doctors' laser, already FDA-approved, works for all ophthalmology surgeries.

**Sarah Scott**

Michigan Daily (U. Michigan)

(U-WIRE) ANN ARBOR, Mich. — Doctors working at the University of Michigan have developed a laser scalpel that can be used in every type of ophthalmology surgery and is 10 times more accurate than traditional methods.

The laser, which was approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration this year and has been used in

more than 600 surgeries to date, has an accuracy of five micrometers, said Tibor Juhasz, one of the researchers.

In traditional surgery, doctors use a mechanical blade to cut a flap of the cornea, then a laser is used to reshape or remove a portion of the cornea, and the flap is repositioned. Now surgeons can use the new laser to make the initial incision.

"Recovery time of the patients is practically the same as with traditional methods, but safety and accuracy are the areas where we really add a lot. Out of 600 surgeries we didn't have any major complications," Juhasz

said.

The market for the laser scalpel is huge; not only can it be used in surgery, but the laser engineered and sold by Intralase TM Corporation — a company co-founded by Juhasz and fellow University researcher Ron Kurtz — works in a non-laboratory environment, as well as in the lab.

This fact may be one reason the Department of Defense gave a grant for the laser's development.

"The Department of Defense gave us a grant because they had a particular interest in the laser we were developing but, as they are the Department of Defense,

they didn't say why they were interested in this laser," explained Juhasz.

According to Kurtz, the first surgery performed with the laser was in Hungary in early 1993.

"We did not have the (FDA) approval, so we had to go to a site outside the U.S.," explained Juhasz.

Researchers are now exploring the possibility of extending this technique to other eye procedures, such as cornea transplants or glaucoma treatment.

"We have barely begun to explore the myriad of uses that the ... laser offers in the clinical management of glaucoma," Paul Lichter, direc-

tor of the Kellogg Eye Center, said in a written statement.

Currently Kellogg does not have one of the lasers but expects to get one, perhaps by the end of the year, according to Randy Wallach, executive editor at Kellogg.

Despite costing more than the traditional method, Juhasz said when given the choice, nearly everybody prefers to have the laser used in their surgery.

"We have slightly increased costs but we also feel that the added safety and accuracy are worthwhile to pay more money," Juhasz said.

## GEM

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internship to the GEM Predoctoral Fellows," said Foye.

For her summer internship, Foye is working with Lisa Olson, who is her supervisor and research mentor for the summer. Olson can be considered Foye's direct corporate mentor, although she is not associated with the GEM Predoctoral Fellowship.

"Dr. Olson serves as an advisor, but on the corporate level. She provides guidance for my summer research," said Foye.

Olson is helping Foye with her summer research project, which is named "The Effects of Synthetic Glucocorticoids on Osteoblastic and thymic apoptosis in vitro."

After Foye finishes her Doctoral Degree in Nutrition, she plans to "pursue a career in academia as a tenure track professor at a major research university."

Foye is originally from Selma, North Carolina. In 1990 she graduated from Smithfield Selma Senior High School. In 1994 she graduated from N.C. State with a B.S. in Biochemistry and a B.A. in Chemistry, and in 2000 with a M.S. in Physiology. Foye's degree of academic excellence is uncommon, but not impossible to achieve.

"I advise students to take advantage of summer internships, and the opportunities for scholarships and fellowships. They open the doors to greater things. Always strive for educational excellence, because education and knowledge are the keys to the doors of success in anything," said Foye.



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## TEXAS

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Hopwood plaintiffs would have to request an order from the district court.

"If they want an order, we can appeal again, and if not, the case will be dismissed," Laycock said.

If the case were dismissed, there would be no order against the University prohibiting affirmative action.

Steven Smith, an Austin-based attorney who represents two of the four Hopwood plaintiffs,

said the Hopwood case is effectively over.

"There's just no need for another round of appeals on essentially the same issue," Smith said.

He added that the plaintiffs are entitled to attorney's fees due to the extra work brought on by appeals, but "there's nothing left to litigate."

But Godfrey said Hopwood still has a way to go.

"The 5th Circuit instructed Judge Sparks to reconsider the matter and we have advised Judge Sparks that we are ready to proceed with that reconsideration," Godfrey said.

## TASTE

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ment to create the actual product Munchatas; then they had to work on getting over technical difficulties such as the tortilla being a bit too mushy at first. After the food was developed, the team worked on packaging by studying shelf-life schemes and then had focus groups come in and test out the product.

When it came to competition time, the team placed sixth out of the 24 teams. The final competition was held in New

Orleans June 23-27, and the team had to write a 20-page paper, present their food and make a poster presentation.

In the end, the NCSU team placed third and received a \$250 award. First and second went to the University of Wisconsin-Madison and Michigan State, respectively.

Other team members include Wendy Campbell, Mary Carunchia, Jack Davis, Amanda Dees, Dany Doucet, Jennifer Brown, Todd Katz, Michelle Leach, Kara Lochman, Matt McGuffey, Lacey McKlem and Noel Pollen.

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## TECHNICIAN'S VIEW

### Blaming TV no laughing matter

A NORTH CAROLINA WOMAN IS WRONGFULLY BLAMING PROFESSIONAL WRESTLING FOR THE DEATH OF HER SON, WHO WAS KILLED WHILE HE AND ANOTHER BOY WERE IMITATING WRESTLING MOVES.

The XFL was a joke. MTV's "Jackass" is a joke and is meant to be a joke. What is not funny (and is downright ridiculous), however, is the media and the general public repeatedly blaming television shows for children's name yet tragic acts.

The Associated Press reported Monday that Julie Garland, of Roaring River, is blaming professional wrestling for her son's death. Garland's son, 9-year-old Derek Garland, died last Tuesday from injuries he suffered from wrestling with 16-year-old Jason Crabb.

Garland said that her son was an avid wrestling fan, although she did not approve of his interest in it. Crabb, who weighs 225 pounds, told authorities he jumped off a bed onto Derek's back (Derek weighed 65 pounds). This is a matter of physics and horrible judgment, not the corruption of young children by professional wrestling. It is strange that in matters like these, words like "responsibility" or "common sense" are rarely used with regards to victims, perpetrators or the parents of the victim.

This occurrence would not be nearly as disturbing were it isolated. The AP article on Garland cited a Florida teenager convicted of the first-degree murder of a 6-year-old girl he killed while imitating a body slam. MTV's stunt/practical joke show "Jackass" was attacked after a 14-year-old boy

severely burned himself when emulating the show's "human barbecue" stunt.

If parents were able to turn back the clock on these incidents, they would need to focus on either teaching common sense to their children (Crabb's parents) or not allowing their children to associate with such reckless children (Garland's mom).

All of this discussion does not bring back the children killed in these incidents. Nothing will. It is truly tragic. Nevertheless, we cannot allow the media solely to bear the brunt of the blame. Accidents will happen. Children will be violent from time to time. Remember the childhood game encouraging all participants to "Smear the 'one who was different'?"

As children are raised more and more by television, video games and the Internet, it becomes more and more important that parents teach their children that television, video games and the Internet are not real life. "He didn't know any better" was never a valid excuse.

As a society need to make sure that children do know that, despite what they see on television, human life is a precious thing. Conversely, we (Mrs. Garland included) need to keep in mind that entertainment has its place as entertainment and should be protected as such.



Scientist performing stem cell research image from the Association of American Medical Colleges

## Stem cell research - harmful or helpful?

**Holly Bezant**  
STAFF COLUMNIST

human life. Forty-eight Democrats and 11 Republicans have signed a letter in support of federal funding for embryonic stem cell research.

Stem cells are the basis from which our body's cells come, so, through cultivation, scientists are able to duplicate specialized cells such as those of the brain or liver in order to perform disease research.

Many of the arguments regarding stem cell research parallel those about abortion. There are many points argued on both the pro-life and pro-choice sides. Pro-life advocates argue that since extracting stem cells from embryos kills the embryos, it is the same as taking a human life.

Pro-choice people argue back that the fertility clinics producing embryos for infertile couples merely destroy embryos that aren't used, and it would be in the pursuit of curing disease.

I see the points that both groups make, but I agree with the pro-life argument. It would be great for people who live with diseases to see advancements made in curing them. There are many debilitating diseases that I would love to see cured. Much of the population is affected through loved ones who may have problems with their spinal cords or have Parkinson's disease. Why

not use the embryos that would normally be destroyed for research?

Either way you are killing an embryo, the beginning of a human. Many people falsely argue that it is not yet developed enough to matter. That embryo could be your baby brother's best friend or girlfriend in college, just being discarded as if it were property.

Scientists have been making a lot of progress in disease research by using adult stem cells. They have also been using mice embryos. Scientists have been successful with the cells extracted from the mice embryos. However, inserting those cells into humans would put them at risk of contracting viruses from mice. The problem with switching this research from mice to humans is that the cells were extracted at a point in the mouse embryo's life when it was right before birth. This is well past the point that pro-choice advocates deem as an undeveloped human.

Right now scientists are experimenting on human embryos through private funding. In the past fertility clinics donated embryos that were at risk to be destroyed. The problem is that, with federal funding, scientists won't use only these donated embryos.

Scientists have started approaching men and women to obtain actual egg and sperm donations in order to destroy embryos through stem cell research. What's to stop them from continuing that — using only embryos made

specifically for research? Making our own human embryos is on the same level as cloning.

I believe there are too many people against this issue for President Bush to say yes to the bill. Pope John Paul II has expressed his opinions against using human embryos, stating that we Americans have the power to lead the world into a more humane future.

Scientists are already allowed to research on human embryos — just in private. Bush should say no. Both sides will still be satisfied, because pro-life advocates won't have to worry about an industry of embryo manufacturing popping up and pro-choice and diseased people will have made their points to sympathetic viewers, and even celebrities, thus bringing them more private funding.

We are willing ourselves to fall not only as a nation, but as an entire world, if we allow federal funding for embryonic stem cell research. We need to work on the diseases that people can live a full life with already. Our next step: fully cloning a human being. All right? Let's not only wipe out all disease and triple the population (or more) but go ahead and double it with weak manmade humans! Maybe we don't deserve top billing as the superior species.

Questions? Comments? Email Holly at [paz\\_rata@yahoo.com](mailto:paz_rata@yahoo.com).

## RULE OF THUMB

### Celebrity parenthood



Brad Pitt and Jennifer Aniston denied rumors this week that they were expecting, but did say they would like to have kids' someday. Please let them have their first child before Tom Green and Drew Barrymore.

### Carrot Top commercials



Whose bright idea was it to bring Carrot Top back via 1-800-CALL-ATT commercials? He's not the only one making a comeback in collect call commercials, but at least we liked Mr. T the first time around.

### Thai ingenuity



Reduce. Reuse. Recycle. An elephant park in Ayutthaya, Thailand, is raising money by selling paper made from elephant dung. Previously, park management had been making sculptures out of the dung that, while eye-catching and aesthetically pleasing, were not as practical as dung-derived paper.

### NBA pastimes



Former New York Knick Patrick Ewing testified Monday that he had sex with dancers twice at the Gold Club in Atlanta. The club is currently under investigation for many things, including a possible link to the Mafia. Oh Mr. Ewing! What big ... nostrils you have.

### Lance Armstrong



As a general rule of thumb, the French love their wine and their bread, but they hate our Lance Armstrong. The cancer-surviving Texan is on his way to winning an unprecedented third Tour de France. Technician will maintain its integrity by refraining from making a joke about calling it "Tour de Lance."

### Nike recall



Nike is recalling 425,000 pairs of Jordan Trunner cross-trainers after discovering that a metal piece can be exposed, cutting the wearer. Nike plans to give the shoes to their barefoot slave-laborers in Indonesia because, reportedly, shoes with dangerous metal in them are better than no shoes at all.

### Beatle not dying



George Harrison, the Beatle we all forgot ... until we heard he was dying, announced Monday that he is not dying from cancer as some reports quoted his former Beatles producer George Martin as saying. Harrison did, however, come fairly close to dying in 1999 when an intruder broke into his home and stabbed him, puncturing his lung.

### Conan O'Brien slur



Conan O'Brien, host of "Late Night with Conan O'Brien" apologized this week for allowing an ethnic slur to be used by one of his guests on July 11 to be aired. You'd have thought he'd have known better ... the dumb mick. So much for a Harvard education.

### Neil Diamond comeback



Good timing never felt so good. The Neil Diamond "Behind the Music" debuted on VH1 this week. And guess what ... his first album in over a decade hits shelves this week. What an incredibly convenient coincidence!

### Metallica's Hetfield in rehab



In a press conference this week, James Hetfield of Metallica announced he'll be entering rehab for an alcohol problem. He also added that no MP3's of his press conference were to be traded on the Internet, saying, "My alcohol addiction is my intellectual property. I didn't go out and become a drunk so you guys could get a free ride."

### Tommy Bakane

QUEST COLUMNIST

That the sensationalism of mass communication has gotten the best of America's youth. Media molded bad-boy replicas are being turned out in personality factories (better known as high schools) at an ever increasing rate. Everybody wants to be a rock star. I guess we all had our fantasies when we were little. But these kids are really missing out on a major part of life. No one is teaching them etiquette.

This is why there should be some level of manners taught in public elementary schools. The curriculum of this class should consist of a few key lessons in etiquette. I'm not talking about ballroom etiquette or which utensil is the salad fork. I'm talking about the basics that parents just aren't paying attention to anymore, like the terms "please" and "thank you." I guess these words just don't go with Timberlands, tattoos and bad ghetto jewelry. However, they are the foundations of just having an agreeable personality and should be lesson number one.

If you think that I'm tragically non-trendy with all this "manners talk," let me tell you what the words "please" and "thank you" have gotten me. When I was little, I was forced to say these words to any clerk, cashier or waiter when my parents were around, and now it just comes naturally. This general and involuntary politeness allows me to sweet talk just about anyone. It allowed me to skip an uncanny number of high school classes without penalty, get out of speeding tickets and schmooze my way to tons of free stuff. You would be amazed at what courteous speech, simple respect and eye contact can get you.

Another invaluable lesson should be that of restaurant etiquette. It's easy to understand that being polite to waiters and waitresses will get you better serv-

ice. Snapping your fingers, waving your hands or screaming at the waitress is no way to treat someone who handles your dinner and is bound to backfire. Your food will be more likely to be cold when you get it, or even worse, topped with random saliva. Gross.

This brings us to the ultimate point of restaurant etiquette: the tip. Tipping is an art form in modern society and should not be taken lightly. I won't argue percentages, but, when in doubt, over-tipping is better than under-tipping because they will remember you! Even toddlers need to be taught this as early as possible so it will stick with them all their lives. How cool would it be to see an eight-year-old tip a clerk at McDonald's with a big wad of cash? Okay, so it would probably be in quarters and dimes, but that would be one cool little kid!

This brings me to the next and most important reward for having good manners: public approval. The kids should be taught that respecting others will pay off big time if they play the cards right. Case number one — the world of love and dating. Chewing with your mouth open, swearing and being

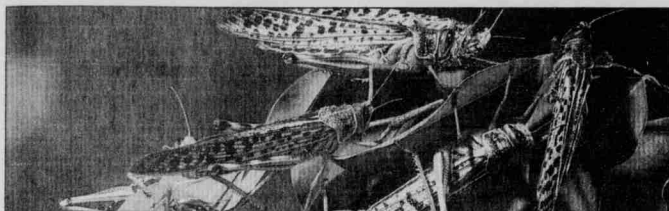
obnoxious will get you lots of love in trailer parks and tanning salons, but you'll look like an idiot where it really matters. How is any potential date going to respect you if you're spitting food in his/her face as you cuss and swear about the tug-life? (I wonder how Fred Durst gets away with it.) Case number two — the professional world: high-paying jobs aren't granted to you for your funky fresh jive-speak. All pop star emulators be forewarned that poor speech equals poor pay, no matter how cool Eminem says it is right now.

So maybe good manners aren't so dorky after all. As a matter of fact, they're a key ingredient to getting what you want. Teaching these things to kids as soon as they are able to learn anything is a great way to see them excel at an early age. Obviously, the parents aren't doing it, so someone has to teach them something. Is something wrong with this idea? Why hasn't anyone thought of it before?

Would you care to email Tommy with your kind words or praise or constructive criticism at [takabane@hotmail.com](mailto:takabane@hotmail.com)?

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## The dog days of summer

Joel Issac Frady

GUEST COLUMNIST

Youth, for the most part, have many dislikes when it comes to older people. The authority elders have over them, the money they have to get from them, and the car are only a few of the complaints they have when it comes to this relationship. With all of this already dividing the two groups, the youth are bound to complain, yet they get even madder when the response they get is, "When I was your age, we had to ride unicycles five miles just to get our date." And whether they like it or not, they wait a long time to be able to say those fateful words "When I was your age..." Believe me, all of you who have been waiting for that time to come, it finally has, and it's called "summer."

A few nights ago, my roommate and I couldn't sleep, so we decided to do what we always did on those sleepless nights: walk around for no apparent reason with no particular place in mind. As we turned down Brent Road, I noticed something strange in the window of a house on the right. It was a digital timer reading down the days, hours, minutes and seconds until school started back.

Suddenly it was all clear. We hate summer. As sad as it may sound, the exact same period of the year we used to look forward to is now the period of the year we dread. Why is this the case, you might ask. Why has this friend we used to wait nine

months to see suddenly become one of our greatest adversaries?

The answer is easy: people and responsibilities. "When I was eight..." all my friends lived either down the street or no further than Mom was willing to drive me. All those people that you know, those friends you made in school aren't all at the school by choice alone. The county tells them where they'll be in school. Summer hits, they're all still there.

College, on the other hand, is different. Most people choose to come to school here; there's only a few people that come because the county (err their parents) tell them that's where they'll be. Seeing as how all of these people make this decision from all kinds of random places, when summer arrives all your friends aren't as close as they used to be.

In a few fateful days, your friends are all three hours away in some little town where the barber (oh, I mean hair stylist, for all you politically correct people) cut their parents' hair too, your girlfriend is in Atlanta and all that time you used to spend going to classes and having fun is now spent waiting tables 40 hours a week.

Even bigger than that is the responsibility factor. Now that we have our own cars, we can get places faster, so two hours away to see some friends shouldn't be too big a deal. Then it hits you: rent (or dorm fees, if you're still on campus). Over the summer, there are no student loans to back you up if things are thin, and to pay for

rent, bills, books, etc. you have to work quite a bit more than usual. In fact, by the time that you're done working, you don't even feel like hanging out with people here in Raleigh, much less driving out of town to see people.

Even further away are those famous summer beach trips to the beach, the mountains, Carowinds... trips you'll end up making when school gets back in session and you can take five minutes to breathe. When the people that you really want to go with are able to go instead of your having to go with those drunks that annoy you in the first place.

Soon enough, the monotony of eat, sleep and work will be over and we'll have said, "When I was in college..." enough times to feel old. Just remember, you're not; the agony of day to day life shouldn't ever set in, especially not at this point in life. We're still Toys R Us kids! We should be having more fun and worrying a whole lot less.

What I'm trying to say, honestly, is this: Anyone want to go to the beach? I'm feeling next weekend. I really am, we can all pack into one hotel room to keep expenses down and pack our food in advance so we still have rent money. But I do at least call a spot on the bed.

Want to go to the beach with Joel? Email him at [jbfrady@unity.ncsu.edu](mailto:jbfrady@unity.ncsu.edu).

## Newer is not necessarily better

Shawn Barnes

STAFF COLUMNIST

I purchased my first new car this summer. It took lots of hard work, corner cutting, sacrifice and a loan from my parents to come up with money for a reasonable downpayment.

The purchase of my shiny new car didn't prompt a wild carefree joyride down some country road as might be depicted in some B-rated movie. No, not at all. My new car created one more thing, one really big thing, one really big expensive thing for which I am responsible.

This car has my name on the title, as well as the thick book of what seems like thousands of payment tickets.

But this is what I've always wanted. Now I can firmly say, "I'm going out to my car," as opposed to the previous, "I'm going out to the car."

Speaking of previous cars driven, I was once the proud driver of a 1988 Honda Prelude. It was white, super sporty with a sunroof and a metal strip across the lower part of each side with the word "Prelude" printed in bold letters. One day while driving to the library some guy rear ended me and totaled it. That tragedy led to the '92 Nissan Sentra. I was no longer the cool sports car driver. I was now the driver of a "little tin can," as my mother called it.

These cars shared one great feature - they were compact. Parking in crowded lots in between two huge SUV's posed no problem for me, never leaving a ding or scratch on a neighboring vehicle. I would toss my head back and laugh as my passenger would meekly ask, "Do you really think we can fit in there?" Of course we could... I was driving a compact car.

Now, let's fast forward to Summer Session 2001 at N.C. State. I'm driving my fresh-off-the-lot 2000 Sentra (my dad really likes Sentras). One of the changes moving from the '92 to the 2000 Sentra is that it's no longer compact. Compact is so passé. Think of the car commercial where they scratch out the word compact with a big red X - or

the one where the couple sits on their sofa as it turns into a car, suggesting the car is big and roomy just like their living room. The examples are endless, but the bottom line is that with the emergence of SUV's and the concept of needing personal space, cars are roomier, which equates to bigger.

Here's where summer session and my cool, new, roomy, adult-like car that I'm responsible for comes into play (for real this time). I'll explain what I call my four easy steps to devastation:

1. I drive to school and unload all my belongings for the next 10 weeks, which, by the way, are spilling out of all four doors and the trunk.

2. I then park my car in the clearly marked parking spaces in front of my dorm.

3. I return a few hours later to see a ding in the side of my car.

4. Repeat steps 2 and 3 until both the driver and passenger side are dinged up.

Actually, the word "ding" may be a little misleading. I'm not talking about a little tap. I'm talking about a "WHACK" causing paint chipping and paint transfer, which I'm sure was followed by maniacal laughter from the perpetrator.

Where does the madness end? There are currently 1,172 construction projects underway simultaneously on NCSU's main campus right now. I have yet to see white line removal crews removing the out-of-date, ridiculously small parking lines from the pavement to allow the white-line-drawing crews to replace them with lines people can not only park in, but also open their doors without first looking around to see if the owner of the neighboring car, or any potential witnesses, are around.

This story about my new car is just another way to say that NCSU Transportation needs to fix many parking problems on our campus.

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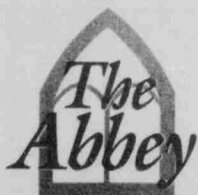
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## POLL

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media. Amato and his players realize that they won't be able to sneak up on anyone this time around.

"Six of the eight games we won were losing with five minutes left to go in the fourth quarter," Amato said. "I think that's a great tribute to our players and the assistant coaches."

## DEPTH

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whom are freshmen or transfers.

"Depth is a problem; it's going to be for a while," Amato said Monday at the Atlantic Coast Conference Football Kickoff.

The decline in numbers is partly due to a few academic casualties. Amato said that a pair of returning players, cornerback James Walker and safety Quenton Allen will not play this season due to trouble in the classroom. Offensive lineman Reggie Poole is currently taking classes during the summer session to try to bring his grades up, but Amato isn't sure if Poole will be able to reach the required marks.

"We have a question mark right now in Reggie Poole academically," Amato said. "I don't think he's going to make it. I'm not really counting on him to make it to be perfectly honest with you."

Walker played in every game for the Pack last season, starting eight of them at cornerback, including the MiconPC.com Bowl. He finished his freshman season with five pass breakups and 32 tackles. Meanwhile, Allen played in just four games, mostly on special teams.

Poole was a valuable addition to the Pack offensive line last year after transferring from Mississippi Gulf Coast Junior College, starting every game but one. If Poole is unable to play this season, State has to find a way to keep its already thin line healthy.

"We need everybody," Amato said. "We're going to have a big discussion this coming week about personnel and who we

We might have a better football team and not win as many games."

Virginia and head coach Al Groh took fifth in the rankings, leading a group of four teams with new coaches at the helm. North Carolina was voted into the sixth slot after a 6-5 season in 2000. Maryland followed in seventh place, while Wake Forest ended up eighth.

Duke brought up the rear of the poll after completing last season winless.

could possibly move from defense to offense that might help us this year, whether it be for a starter or a backup. Let's face it; if we can't protect that quarterback, then we've got a problem."

The Pack is also having trouble with a pair of recruits. Linebacker Kennie Covington did not qualify academically and will attend prep school next year to try to raise his grades.

In a somewhat stranger situation, wide receiver Tramain Hall's eligibility is in doubt. Hall, who enrolled at State during the spring semester, graduated from high school early and easily had the grades to qualify for college. According to a report in Saturday's Charlotte Observer, Hall discovered later that he needed to take Florida's exit exam. Given his grades in high school, Hall should pass, but the matter now rests in the hands of the NCAA, which could declare him a non-qualifier because he enrolled in college without officially graduating from high school.

"We're waiting to hear the final results from the clearinghouse," Amato said.

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Winston-Salem Journal sportswriter, is given to the top female student-athlete.

Battier recorded 54.5 votes and finished ahead of Georgia Tech guard Bryce Moldier who tallied 14.5 votes and Florida State football player Chris Weinke who received eight votes.

On the women's side, Adams finished with 44 votes while Clemson track and field performer Cydonie Mothersill received eight votes. North Carolina field hockey player Jana Toepel was third with seven votes, followed by N.C. State and Florida State basketball players Tynesha Lewis and Brooke Wyckoff who tallied five votes apiece.

Battier was the recipient of the 2001 Wooden and Naismith Awards as the nation's top college basketball player. He was the consensus National Player of the Year and the 2001 National Defensive Player of the Year for the third consecutive season.

In his final season, Battier led Duke to its third national title in basketball as well as the ACC regular season and tournament titles. He was tabbed the 2001 ACC Tournament MVP and the 2001 Final Four Most Valuable Player. In February, Battier became only the 10th player in Blue Devil history to have his jersey retired.

The National Player of the Year in women's lacrosse, Jen Adams led Maryland to the NCAA national championship, the ACC regular season title, a 23-0 overall record and a final ranking of No. 1. Adams was the 2001 ACC Player of the Year, Honda Award winner for lacrosse and selected an All-American by IWFLCA, US Lacrosse and 360 Lacrosse.

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# Back the Pack



# Wolfpack swimming inks more signees

◆ **N.C. State head coach Brooks Teal continues to reel in recruits for the 2001-02 season.**

Sports Staff Report

The N.C. State swimming and diving team has signed more athletes for the upcoming season, head coach Brooks Teal announced Tuesday.

Teal welcomes Rachel Bumgardner (Raleigh), Laura Cutler (Winston-Salem), Elizabeth Herron (Norcross, Ga.), Lindsay Holman (Victor, N.Y.), Erin Newell (Branford, Conn.), Erik Trau (Alpharetta, Ga.) and Christy Welch (Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.) to the mix.

Bumgardner, a graduate of Broughton High School, has

excelled in butterfly and backstroke events. Bumgardner boasts top times of 59.21 seconds (100-yard butterfly), 2:06.10 (200-yard butterfly) and 2:08.70 (200-yard backstroke).

Cutler, an R.J. Reynolds High School graduate, was named All-Central Piedmont Conference as a senior and was a member of the two-time national champion women's team. She was first in the 200-yard individual medley (2:09.35), the 400-yard IM (4:29.75), the 100 butterfly (58.20) and 200 butterfly (2:05.2).

Herron, a graduate of Norcross High School, was a Junior National qualifier. Her experience in the sprint freestyle and butterfly events should prove invaluable for the Wolfpack next season. She posted top times of 56.10 (100 butterfly), 2:41.13 (50-yard freestyle) and 52.45 (100-yard freestyle).

Holman, a 2001 Victor High School graduate, was a two-time high school All-American during her prep career. One of the top sprinters in the nation, Holman boasts top times of 23.80 (50 freestyle) and 52.36 (100 freestyle). She was coached by Michael Kennedy of FAST Fairport.

Newell, a Branford High School graduate, is an athlete on the track as well as the pool, earning all-state honors in the high jump and hurdles. She has top-ranked times the 100-yard backstroke (57.46), as well as the 50 freestyle (24.5) and the 50-yard backstroke (26.8). She was coached by

George Miles of the Branford Singrays.

Trau, a Milton High School graduate, will look to make her impact on the team in the breaststroke and IM events, where she has tremendous ability. Her top events include the 100-yard breaststroke (1:06.1) and 200-yard breaststroke (2:21.13). She was also coached by Tim O'Brien of Swim Atlanta.

Welch, a 2001 graduate of St. Thomas Aquinas High School, was a state finalist in diving all four years and should add to the already-powerful Pack diving contingent led by head diving coach John Candler. She was coached by Paul Brietfeller.

State will also welcome two transfers this upcoming season with the addition of Andy Seitz

(Taylor Mill, Ky.) and Caroline Curran (Wilmington).

Seitz comes to the Wolfpack from South Carolina. One of the top 200-yard freestylers nationally out of Scott High School, Seitz should contribute greatly to a young corps of middle-distance swimmers. Seitz also has experience in the backstroke events and could figure prominently there this season for State.

Curran, also from South Carolina, was a conference finalist in her first two seasons at USC. She should contribute immediately in the 100 and 200 freestyle events as well as relays. In high school, Curran was a state finalist in the 200 freestyle. She boasts top times of 52.6 (100 freestyle), 1:50.1 (200 freestyle) and 2:05.1 (200 IM).

# football New blood at the top

All it took was a quick look around Monday at the 2001 Atlantic Coast Conference Football Kickoff to realize the conference is going to be very different this year.

During the first session of coaches interviews, new Wake Forest head coach Jim Grobe sat in one corner of the room, introducing himself to the throng of media.

In another corner, Virginia's Al Groh attracted a large crowd, telling stories about the NFL and throwing out some of his favorite sayings.

An hour and a half later, Ralph Friedgen, Maryland's new head man, took a seat and began talking about his first opportunity as the leader of a program.

Meanwhile, North Carolina's John Bunting discussed his plans for the Tar Heels. The ACC's four new head coaches are at the forefront of one of the largest coaching turnovers in the league's history. Factor in the fact that eight of nine teams have new offensive coordinators (oddly enough, Duke, which ranked dead last in the ACC in total offense, is the only one not switching), and the upcoming season promises to be one of the wildest ever.

Aside from just being new faces, the quartet of Grobe, Friedgen and Bunting has brought a breath of fresh air into the conference, especially for their respective teams. When the players from Wake Forest, Virginia, Maryland and UNC talked to the media Sunday, they all had a gleam in their eye and looked excited about the upcoming season. It was the same look that N.C. State's players had before the 2000 season when Chuck Amato took over the Wolfpack program.

Just like Amato and Tommy Bowden at Clemson the year before, these four guys have stepped in and made their players believe they can win. All four seem to have an intensity about them. Georgia Tech head coach George O'Leary, who is now second in the conference in tenure behind Florida State's Bobby Bowden, believes that will ultimately help make the whole ACC better. "I've said before that I think the added coaches are going to bring a toughness to the conference that was somewhat lacking," O'Leary said.

Three of the new head coaches — Groh, Friedgen and Bunting — are alumni of their respective schools, bringing the total number of alumni coaches in the league up to five. The strong ties to those schools gives those guys added incentive to win. The four men collectively bring a world of experience into the ACC, as well. Groh has a Super Bowl ring in his possession from his days as an assistant with the New York Giants, and he was the head man with the New York Jets last year. Friedgen was the offensive coordinator with the San Diego Chargers during their run to the Super Bowl in 1996 and spent the last four years running the Tech offense. Bunting helped the St. Louis Rams to the big game in 1999 and helped take the New Orleans Saints to the NFL playoffs last year. Grobe is the only member of the group who hasn't coached in the NFL, but he did turn Ohio, a school with a sterling academic reputation like Wake, into a consistent winner in the Mid-American Conference.

Despite the credentials of their new coaches, the four teams that made changes at the top aren't guaranteed immediate success. But they will make life tougher on the rest of the ACC.

Jeremy Ashton wishes the ACC would host more events in Charleston. E-mail [jeremy@techniciansports.com](mailto:jeremy@techniciansports.com) or call 515-2411.



Jeremy Ashton

# FSU still on TOP



Florida State dominated the ACC preseason poll once again.

## N.C. State was picked fourth in the 2001 ACC preseason football poll.

Jeremy Ashton  
Sports Editor

CHARLESTON, S.C. — For the first time since it entered the Atlantic Coast Conference in football in 1992, Florida State may have some kinks in the armor.

The Seminoles lose 14 senior starters from last year's Orange Bowl team, including Heisman Trophy winner Chris Weinke. With all those players gone, the door could be open for another team to end FSU's dominance in the ACC. Or so Seminoles head coach Bobby Bowden would like everyone to believe.

"It hasn't been that way in so long. I'm kind of looking it," Bowden said Monday at the 2001 ACC Football Kickoff.

If the Seminoles' streak of conference titles is in jeopardy, very few in the ACC are ready to accept it. In a poll of 70 members of the media conducted at the Kickoff, FSU was once again picked as the clear-cut favorite to take the conference, picking up 64 first-place votes.

"Are you kidding?" N.C. State head coach and former FSU assistant Chuck Amato said when asked about the possibility of the Seminoles being vulnerable. "They have players; we all know that. Every year, they're in the top five in recruiting, and that's why they end up in the top four in playing because they coach those good kids."

The theme for the weekend at the Kickoff was trying to figure out what it would take to dethrone FSU. Since entering the conference, the Seminoles have compiled a 70-2 record, losing only to Virginia in 1995 and State in 1998. Bowden's team has won at least a share of the league title every year and has won two national titles during that time period.

The league's other coaches agreed this weekend that the drive to oust FSU from the top spot has made the entire conference stronger in football. Some of the most notable improvements can be seen in the changes being made in facilities, such as the renovations currently underway at State's Carter-Finley Stadium.

"The league has got a very bright future, and again, I think it goes back to what Florida State has done," Amato said. "Everybody wants to catch them, not just in our league, everywhere." Eventually, someone has to take down the Seminoles, and every coach in the league wants to be the one to do it, including Bowden's own son, Tommy.

"I'd like to simply for family vacations," Tommy Bowden said. "I'd like to walk in there and say, 'Hey, I'll pick up this tab, boys. Ya'll are struggling right now.'"

Georgia Tech, which returns 18 starters from last year's 9-3 squad, checked in second in the preseason rankings with five first-place votes. Tech is the team that most experts think stands the best chance of knocking off the Seminoles, something the Yellow Jackets have almost done two years in a row.

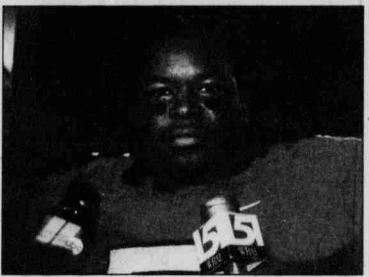
"It's no longer [a moral victory]," Tech head coach George O'Leary said of playing FSU close. "They were utterly disgusted and depressed after last year's game that they had a chance to get something done, and they didn't get it done."

Clemson received the other first-place vote and placed third in the poll. The Tigers also finished 9-3 in 2000 and bring back Heisman candidate Woodrow Dantzler.

The Wolfpack, the surprise team of the conference last year at 8-4, was ranked fourth by the

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## Depth creates concern for Amato



N.C. State running back Ray Robinson was one of several ACC players who showed up at the ACC Football Kickoff.

◆ **N.C. State will go into the 2001 season shorthanded on the depth chart again.**

Jeremy Ashton  
Sports Editor

CHARLESTON, S.C. — N.C. State head coach Chuck Amato knows what it takes to build a championship program, something he witnessed first-hand as an assistant at Florida State.

One of the key ingredients in the championship recipe that Amato frequently points to is quality depth. Like last season, however, depth is something that may plague the Wolfpack in 2001.

Amato said State went into last season with 82 players on its roster. According to the most recent count by his staff, the Pack only has 75 ready to suit up for the upcoming year, 30 of

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## Notes

### Holt added to Jim Thorpe watch list

Terrence Holt, a junior strong safety, has been named to the Jim Thorpe Award watch list for the 2001 season.

Holt, a Gibsonville native, earned second-team All-ACC honors last season after compiling 89 tackles, fourth highest on the squad. He also blocked three kicks last season for the Wolfpack. Holt was

also named the Pack's Most Improved Defensive Back for 2001 spring workouts.

The watch list is derived from a compilation of players named on All-America teams and honorable mention charts published by various preseason football magazines. It is not a list of final candidates, and players not listed may still receive consideration for the Jim Thorpe Award.

The progress of potential

winners is tracked throughout the season. A screening committee will narrow the field to 20 semifinalists, which will be announced in the first week of November. That list will be submitted to a national selection committee consisting of coaches, journalists and former players from around the nation.

Three finalists will be announced the Monday before Thanksgiving. They will be

invited to ESPN's College Football Awards Show at Disney World in Orlando where the winner will be announced Dec. 6.

### Battier and Adams named ACC Athletes of the Year

Duke basketball player Shane Battier and Maryland lacrosse player Jen Adams

have been named the Atlantic Coast Conference male and female Athletes of the Year for 2000-01, as voted on by the Atlantic Coast Sports Writers Association.

The Anthony J. McKeelin Award, named for a former sports editor of The News & Observer, is given to the ACC's top male student-athlete, while the Mary Garber Award, named for a retired

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