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Wolfline bus gets stuck on new route

◆ A solution is still in the works to the problem that is affecting several bus routes.

Dominique Donato

Staff Reporter

Passing by Hillsborough Street last Friday afternoon around 2 p.m., one may have wondered why one of the Wolfline buses was stuck on a speed bump.

But in fact, there was no speed bump; the bus simply could not pass over a section of pavement too high for the bottom of the bus. After months of construction on Founders Drive, the street still could not accommodate the bus.

Last Friday at about 2 p.m., the bus blocked two lanes of traffic on Hillsborough Street at the Gardner Street intersection. The bus was test-driving the new route on Founders Drive designed to create a better central location for the buses at the library as well as keeping buses off Hillsborough Street.

"I didn't take any bus out of service," said Claire Kane, the N.C. State transportation planner. The bus was not picking up passengers. Luckily, the bus was only stuck for five minutes, and some construction crewmembers quickly dislodged it.

"The grade constructed at the intersection with Gardner Street was too steep, and

the bus bottomed out," said Kane.

Fixing the problem seems to be up in the air at the moment.

"There is a possibility that a good solution can be found in a relatively short period of time; however, the university's position is that a sound solution has to be found for the sake of the users of the facility," she said.

As far as cost goes, the price tag is currently unknown, but Kane added that "all parties involved are in agreement to move forward to a solution to it and worry about who will pay for it later."

Despite these setbacks, almost all routes are currently functional except for the Varsity Express, Route 5A and the Veterinary School Route 6, whose schedule has changed a bit. All other buses are utilizing the new bus lanes on Founders Drive and are keeping Hillsborough Street free of Wolfline buses from Dan Allen Drive to Home Street.

As of now, the buses are coming into the station at D.H. Hill library at a rate of 24 buses an hour, six bus routes per hour.

In order to stay up to date on schedule and route changes due to the problems at the Gardner Road intersection, construction and other events, Kane strongly suggests that students join the listserv and check out the transportation Website at www2.acs.ncsu.edu/trans/transit/transit_info.html.



The new Wolfline route that runs in front of DH Hill Library has already had a setback with the first bus getting stuck.

Helms done in 2003

◆ Sen. Jesse Helms will not seek reelection.

Jimmy Ryals

Staff Reporter

The expiration date has been set on an era in North Carolina's political history.

North Carolina Sen. Jesse Helms announced Wednesday in a videotaped address shown on WRAL-TV that he will not seek reelection to the U.S. Senate when his term ends in 2002.

Quoting former North Carolina Sen. Sam Ervin Jr., Helms said that "time takes a terrific toll" in announcing his intention not to run for a sixth term.

"I would be 88 if I ran in 2002 - and was elected and lived to finish a sixth term," Helms said. "This, my family and I have decided, unanimously, I should not do, and I shall not. That is my formal announcement."

Helms devoted much of his 1,148-word statement to thanking the many young people who have worked inside his office during his 30 years in the Senate.

"I often shared a commitment with young people - a commitment I made to myself on Election Night 1972," Helms said. "My commitment that night was



COURTESY SENATOR HELMS' HOMEPAGE

Senator Jesse Helms will not run for re-election.

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It's all Greek

◆ Greek Life aims to increase its numbers.

News Staff Report

Greek organizations at N.C. State comprise almost 10 percent of the student body.

These 30 fraternities and 13 sororities provide outlets for students who are interested in activities ranging from community service to intramural sports, or who want to focus on leadership and scholarship development.

While not as large an organization as on other North Carolina campuses such as UNC-CH, this year the NCSU Greek system is aiming to improve their membership.

One way they began doing this was helping with move-in on Saturday. Members of various fraternities and sororities made themselves available for the day, offering free water or even a hand with heavy items.

"I think it was a very positive thing because it really got everyone involved," said Brent Rowe, vice president of recruitment for the Interfraternity Council, the governing body for 13 of NCSU's fraternities.

Tonight, the IFC is sponsoring a cookout at 5:30 at Tucker Beach for anyone interested in fraternity life.

"We encourage everyone to come out," said Rowe.

This is the first year that all IFC fraternities are holding a recruitment event together.

"I don't think people realize how positive Greek organizations are on this campus. We volunteer a lot of our time to help the community, maintain high GPA's among all student organizations and many campus leaders are Greek. I think people underestimate us," said Whitney Young, vice president of membership for the Panhellenic Association, the governing body for six of the sororities on campus.

The NCSU Greek community consists of four organizations: the aforementioned PA and IFC, the National Pan-Hellenic association, which governs the nine, traditionally though not limited to, African-American sororities and fraternities and the Collaborative Greek Council, which is comprised of other fraternities and sororities not yet associated with a larger organization.

The members who make up these organizations aim to have a very productive recruitment this year through the many new programs and ideas.

One of the biggest differences is the switch from use of the term "rush" to the use of the term "recruitment."

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MATT HURFMAN/STAFF
Megan Barrett, a senior in psychology, makes a produce sale for the Marketing Club in the Brickyard.

Pesky insects resist, geneticist fights back

◆ An N.C. State geneticist discovers how insects survive toxins that are developed to keep them away from crops.

News Staff Report

A geneticist at N.C. State, along with geneticists from Clemson University and the University of Melbourne in Australia, have recently made great leaps in preventing agricultural pests from developing resistance to the built-in insecticides in genetically engineered crops.

Fred L. Gould, a William Neal Reynolds professor of entomology, stated that he and the team, led by David Heckel from Australia, "discovered how insects can modify their genes to become resistant to a genetically engineered form of cotton, which produces a protein toxin derived from a bacteria."

A lot of work was put into this discovery. Gould said that first, the "lab selected a strain of cotton insect that could survive on the genetically engineered cotton."

The team conducted genetic crosses in order to locate where the gene resided on the chromosomes. After the gene was located, molecular techniques were "used to sequence the gene and determine how the gene in the resistant insects differed from the gene in typical insects."

This discovery is extremely important to the future of all crops, said Gould. The knowledge gained enables people to detect early signs of the pests gaining resistance to the engineered plants. Having such knowledge will allow people to modify plants so that they will be defended against the new pest.

If resistance could not be monitored, the entire insect population could

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I went down to the Crossroads



Crossroads Promises to be Bigger and Better

Nicolette Allen
Staff Writer

Before the papers, math problem sets and lab write-ups pile up, it's time to go out and celebrate back-to-school and your last moments of workless freedom.

The Union Activities Board (UAB) has, of course, responded to the students' need for fun by organizing the second annual Crossroads event. The on-campus party is to take place on Saturday, Aug. 25, from noon until 2 a.m.

The first Crossroads event attracted about 3,500 N.C. State students, with a concert lineup that included popular artists

Jump Little Children and Tonic. This year, the UAB is shooting for 5,000 students and to make Crossroads THE back to school event.

"We anticipate that Crossroads will be even bigger and better than last year," UAB President Jamar Owens, said. "We are proud to help make this a new NCSU tradition."

While some had doubts that the UAB could top last year's successful, alcohol-free campus block party and concert, those doubts were quickly erased after talking to Owens. Games and inflatable games this year will include an obstacle course, laser tag and bouncy boxing.

However, the real kicker that will make Crossroads a great success is the concert line-up. The concert will feature regional recording artists **Yahzarrah** and **Far Too Jones**, and national recording artists **Beatsnuts** and **Naughty By Nature**. Headlined by hip-hop group **De La Soul**, Crossroads promises to blow last year's event away.

Tickets are a little more expensive this year, at \$7 in advance with a NCSU student ID and \$10 the day of (any student ID \$10-\$15, general public \$15-\$20).

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CROUCHING TIGER, HIDDEN CALENDAR



ON CAMPUS EVENTS

The Campus Arts Council is presenting a Painting Class Exhibition, called "Cultural Explorations," at the Gallery of Art and Design's Foundation Gallery. The work being exhibited is by students of Professors Chandra Cox and Susan Topilakar and was based upon examinations of in-depth color studies incorporating a series of cultural references. The exhibit opened last Thursday, Aug. 16, and runs through August 30.

Also, the Cannon Gallery features an exhibition of the work of Daniel Jozy. Featuring over 20-years of his jewelry, the exhibit incorporates aspects of architecture, sculpture, painting and decorative arts. This exhibit runs from August 16 to September 30, and there is also a slide show presented by Jozy on September 6 at 7 p.m. in the Bryan Room.

University Theatre will be presenting the final weekend of its musical, "She Loves Me," from Thursday, Aug. 23 to Saturday, Aug. 25 at 8 p.m. This hilarious and touching musical was based on the same premise as the recent motion picture "You've Got Mail." For those interested in being backstage as much as in the audience, auditions for University Theatre and Black Repertory Theatre's production of Lorraine Hansberry's "A Raisin in the Sun" will be held on Monday and Tuesday, Sept. 4 and 5, at Thompson Theatre. Each audition will be held at 7 p.m., and all students are welcome. Scripts are available in Thompson Theatre's main office for perusal.

OFF-CAMPUS EVENTS

The North Carolina Museum of Art will be presenting a martial arts demonstration this Saturday, Aug. 25 at the Joseph M. Bryan, Jr. Theater in the Museum Park. Hu Jianqiang, a Chinese *Wushu* Master, along with apprentices, will be demonstrating his skills prior to a screening of last year's Academy Award Winner "Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon." The fight moves in the film were drawn from the venerable Chinese martial arts tradition of *wushu*. In addition to this, there will be an introduction to tai chi with audience participation offered by Hu's wife, Zong Jianmei, at 7:30 p.m.

On October 12, the annual North Carolina State Fair will begin at the N.C. State Fairgrounds. It's sure to be full of carnival rides and games, concerts and all the farm animals one could ever hope for. Among those in concert will be Diamond Rio and the Village People. This big event runs through October 21.

In concert news, the Cat's Cradle in Chapel Hill will be hosting Hobex on Friday, Aug. 24, and a Special Show (with a special guest) on Saturday. Also at the Cradle there will be "Flicker," a local film festival, Monday, Aug. 27 at 8:30 p.m.

The Brewery will be presenting a WolfWeb.com concert on Thursday, featuring Loman and Be Less People. On Friday, Smooth Finger and Slave Machine will play this venue, followed by the Athens, Ga., band Swimming Pool Q's on Saturday.

The Duke University Union Visual Arts Committee will be presenting the work of Aristides Logothetsis from September 4-28 in the Louise Jones Brown Gallery. The Gallery is located in the Bryan Center on the University's West Campus.

Raleigh Little Theatre will be presenting "Smoke on the Mountain," which opens this Friday, downtown at the A.J. Fletcher Opera Theatre of the BTL Center for the Performing Arts. The show plays August 24-26, 30-31 and September 1.

For those of you interested in a different type of theater, there are five big films being released this Friday. First off is the comedy "John Carpenter's Ghost of Mars," followed by the horror film "Bubble Boy," "Summer Catch," Woody Allen's "The Curse of the Jade Scorpion" and Kevin Smith's "Jay and Silent Bob Strike Back." At the Campus Cinema this Thursday, there will be an advance screening of Tim Blake Nelson's "O," with Julia Stiles and Josh Hartnett. Admission to this event is free. On Friday, they will be showing the summer hit "Pearl Harbor" at 6:45 and 10 p.m. for a cost of \$1.50 to students, but the Cinema will be closed on Saturday because of the Crossroads Event.

IMAGE FROM N.C. MUSEUM OF ART

Wonder Boy

Joel Isaac Frady
Assistant Features Editor

There's something to be said about people who just don't care about the rules. Rules of formula, rules of etiquette, rules of things not to say and do. In the real world, people like this are either criminals (which isn't commendable) or revolutionaries. When a filmmaker breaks the rules, paying no attention to whom he offends or how crazy his film is, there are two ways it can be taken.

People might see it as gutsy and give the director accolades for it, or see it as stupid and immature (which won't get them very far).

Whether "Bubble Boy" is an example of guts or stupidity is still an unanswered question; it all depends on who's looking and whether the chances they took are more valuable than the people they offended in the process. Yes, it's funny, very funny at parts, but at times, the attempts to be funny aren't, and instead they are cheap shots at a group of people.

Unlike the terrible TV spots that made everyone expect the absolute worst from this film (another childish Disney comedy), there is little in "Bubble Boy" that anyone could ever have expected. Other than being a road-trip movie about Jimmy (Jake Gyllenhaal, "October Sky") trying to stop the woman he



Bubble Boy

★ ★ ★

Director:

Blair Hays

Starring:

Jake Gyllenhaal

Marley Shelton

loves from marrying a jerk, everything else here is as off-the-wall as it can get.

The kinds of people he meets along the way are diverse and original, which says something for a road-trip movie. Other than Jimmy (the "Bubble Boy") and Chloe (the woman he loves), there is nothing normal about any of the other characters here. Whether it's Jimmy's highly religious mom (who has a "sign of the fish" cookie cutter), a tough biker named Slim (Danny Trejo, "From Dusk Till Dawn"), or a bus full of cult members, led by Fabio. Yes, Fabio.

Unfortunately, among the characters are people from many ethnic groups and religions that are not going to look too favorably upon the way they're portrayed. For a movie about someone as clean as the Bubble Boy, they take every offensive pot-shot they can here; the worst of which features a man crying as his sacred animal gets ran over again ... and again ... and again in a rather gruesome manner. The cast, however, is something to speak

very highly of, as many lesser-known yet talented people give comical and charming performances.

Jake Gyllenhaal, who did a stunning job in "Sky," plays this role with the innocence and charm needed, but there's something about him that has a way of taking any scene and making it enjoyable. Chloe is played by Marley Shelton, who not only has the good looks needed for the role, but the intelligence and old-fashioned charm to make the character someone that you want

Jimmy to chase after. Trejo also steals scenes as Slim, who is closer to Jimmy than he thinks.

The only complaint is the absolutely annoying mother, played by Swoosie Kurtz ("Liar, Liar"), who was meant to be annoying, but comes off painfully loud and obnoxious.

Now is the part in a typical review where the writer sums up final thoughts, pulls a "go see it" or a "wait for cable access." Problem is, "Bubble Boy" is one of those few films that has somehow landed on the thin, thin line between recommendable and non-recommendable.

At points, it's likable; at others, terrible. Gyllenhaal makes it almost worth seeing, but Kurtz makes you wish you hadn't seen it.

So, instead of making the judgment call, it's probably safest to say that the audience was laughing, and laughing more than one would have expected, so at least part of this effort falls into that respectable "gutsy" category.

IMAGE FROM TOUCHSTONE PICTURES

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which connotes a less intimidating and more inviting process, said Young.

They also pushed the recruitment process back this year in order to allow more time for new students to become oriented with the university.

The Department of Greek Life has also hired John Mounze as the new director to replace Mindy Sopher, who left last year due to medical reasons. Mounze was unavailable for comment.

Although recruitment events vary, fraternities and societies use the designated times to get to know potential new members and to educate them about the positives of belonging to the Greek community.

Young explained that although sorority recruitment is much more structured and formal than fraternity recruitment, both of their goals are the same.

The IFC recruitment schedule is as follows: Aug. 23, IFC Recruitment Kickoff Event, Tucker Beach, 5:30 p.m.; Aug. 25, The Crossroads Festival, Bragaw lawn, afternoon; and Aug. 27, Chapter Recruitment Event begins, various times and places. Intensive Dry Recruitment ends Sept. 7 and is scheduled for various times and places.

The Panhellenic Recruitment registration for Formal Recruitment goes through Sept. 7, on which date Getting Oriented to Formal Recruitment will be held at the Talley Student Center.

For more information about recruitment events and NPCH or CGC events, contact Greek Life at 513-2910.

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become resistant and no longer be controlled by the engineered cotton.

"Such an occurrence would lead to a return to conventional insecticides," commented Gould.

"It is important to know that the toxin produced by the transgenic cotton is much less toxic to the environment and humans than are conventional insecticides," he said.

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that I would never, ever fail to meet with a young person or a group of young people who wanted to meet me.

"Having been the beneficiary of more than 100,000 young visitors during the past 29 years, I can assure you that the future leadership of our state and nation is in good hands."

Helms also stated a commitment to finishing the work he's started in the Senate before leaving; he highlighted renewing the Farm Bill, continuing to push through United Nations reforms he and Sen. Joseph Biden (R-Del.) have drafted, and continued work with the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

Helms and his wife, Dorothy, also still intend to work with the Jesse Helms Center in Wingate, which houses papers and memorabilia from Helms' term in the Senate.

"I don't know precisely how to say this, but Dot and I hope that, one way or another, we can continue as private citizens, to be helpful to the great people of North Carolina," said Helms.

Born in Monroe in 1921, Helms never completed college and worked for The News & Observer and the Raleigh Times before joining the Navy and serving as a recruiter in North Carolina during World War II.

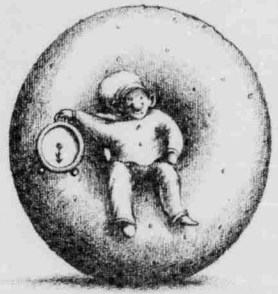
After the war, Helms began a career in broadcast journalism, where he made his pre-politics mark. Helms also served as a strategist for Willis Smith during Smith's controversial 1950 U.S. Senate victory over Franklin Porter Graham.

Helms' congressional career began with his first successful run for the Senate in 1972. He won reelection four times and, upon retiring, will have served 30 years, longer than any Senator in North Carolina history.

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TECHNICIAN'S VIEW A long time coming

JESSE HELMS' RETIREMENT IS NECESSARY AND PAST DUE.

Yesterday, Sen. Jesse Helms announced plans to retire after his current term. The senator is nearing his 80th birthday and is riddled with a history of health problems, including prostate cancer. This is the right decision for Helms; however, it is way past due.

The perennial conservative from North Carolina has been in the United States Senate since 1972, yet has 16 months left to serve. Unfortunately, Helms plans on finishing the remaining portion of his term. Helms' politics and views have always been very conservative. This much has been blatantly obvious. The big problem here occurs when times change while a long-time politician's views remain exactly the same. The face and environment of American politics have drastically changed, mostly for the better, since Helms took office.

Gone are the days of the Red Scare, Cold War, Vietnam War and Iran Contra fiasco. Helms has made a career out of his perpetual personal vendetta to oppose communist governments and to critique the United Nations and U.S. foreign policy. He is infamous for his

hatred of Cuba. The "Me against Communism" battle Helms has fought for over a quarter of a century in the Senate is darn near irrelevant today.

When Helms first delved into North Carolinian politics, it was to help elect a segregationist, Willis Smith, to the Senate in 1950. He was a conservative democrat then. Later, in 1970 Helms changed the democrat part but kept the conservative when he jumped ship to join a Republican takeover under Richard Nixon. Helms has always been too conservative and closed-minded, whether hailing the elephant or the donkey. Some experts say Helms has seemed to relax in his recent years, which might have something to do with the aging process.

Helms owes it to the citizens of North Carolina to step down. Yesterday, that decision became official. He is past his prime and has done all the good he will do for our government. Perhaps the most redeeming quality of Helms is that he has always been completely honest and consistent about his strict conservative nature. We say to you Sen. Helms, "Honestly, it's been time to retire for a long time."



image from Senator Helms' homepage

Expectations abound

Shawn Barnes

STAFF COLUMNIST

For new students and returning students like me, this year presents itself with the possibility for improvement. Personal expectations are through the roof at the beginning of the year. Late August is New Year's resolution time for most students. We set goals for ourselves. We say we'll go to class every day — even if we have a fever of 104 degrees. We say we'll only party on the weekends, and that we won't stare out of the window during lectures.

We make these promises to ourselves and, for the most part, start out strong. The first week of school we show up relatively on time for class, rather alert and focused. We peruse our syllabi, mentally noting how many papers, tests and projects are expected, the grading system that will be utilized, and, arguably the most important aspect, when class will not be held.

Depending on the type of student you choose to be, you can either use this knowledge for good, by figuring out the weeks you need to buckle down and this study, or, in the wrong hands, this newly found information can be used to determine what classes can be blown off until the last week of the semester.

Right now, clubs and organizations are also gung-ho about improvement. Every organization I signed up for last year has emailed me promoting that all-important initial meeting where new leaders will be elected to shape and improve policy.

Promises of exciting trips and engaging guest lecturers fill my inbox.

An organization is only as strong as its weakest link. If you don't support your own clubs and activities, who will? If there are no "watchdogs" out there to keep salaried student leaders in line, it is really their fault? It's free money — what do you expect?

Current expectations are indeed great, but what will amount from all of these good intentions? Nothing, if you let nothing happen. You will once again fail to make the dean's list if you skip class so often that, by the end of the

semester, you can't even vaguely describe what your professor looks like. The potato club will never raise enough money for that trip to Idaho if members never show up for fundraisers.

Expectations, we should have learned from Charles Dickens' novel that expectations are only what we make of them. Did I really expect to become a gentleman? Did Ms. Havisham expect to die a bitter widow? Did my professor really expect me to read the novel?

Reaching goals will only be achieved by putting forth the effort. Different people have opposing ideas of the meaning of success. Expectations can be reached in a variety of ways. But expectations cannot be reached through inactivity.

Would you like to discuss "Great Expectations"? Email Shawn at shawn_barnes@hotmail.com.

Justin Greene

STAFF COLUMNIST

The quiet casualties of America's cultural war between secular humanists and religious traditionalists are beginning to trudge back from the front lines of the nation's public school systems with a dismal report on the condition of the Constitution. Freedom of religion is resuming its role as a controversial topic with respect to what role the state believes religion should play in the lives of employees and what freedoms employees apparently lose when they draw a paycheck from the government. An ongoing case in Minnesota illuminates this battle and the intolerant tactics being used to promote one religion at the expense of others.

As reported in World Magazine, veteran teacher Rod LeVake accepted a position teaching high school biology in Fairbault, Minnesota, a small agricultural city near Minneapolis. Possessing a Master's degree in biology, LeVake was excited at the prospect of teaching the subject he was passionate about. In fact, LeVake told his students on the first day of class that his "life-long dream of teaching biology had come true."

Only four months later, LeVake stood in front of the same students explaining why he had to leave. Without any warning and no complaints from students or parents, LeVake, who is an obvious and uncompromising Christian, was pulled from his class into a two-hour meeting with the principal and other administrators. At issue was the fact that LeVake had shared with other faculty members his intentions to point out textbook errors about

evolution, specifically a set of drawings known as Haeckel's Embryos that purport to prove evolution by showing similarities between the embryos of different species. The only problem is that the drawings are way out of date, and the actual photographing of embryos has cast significant doubt on Haeckel's theories.

Since the textbook treated the theories as indisputable fact and was embarrassingly out-of-date, LeVake intended not to disprove evolution but to let his students know the truth. Science, after all, is built around the search for truth based on facts, is it not?

The administrators apparently didn't think so. LeVake spent hours being questioned about his religious beliefs and whether or not he had ever mentioned that he was a Christian or if any of the students knew that he was a believer. LeVake eventually confessed to the inquisitors that he believed in creationism and was quickly summoned to another insidious and humiliating meeting.

Scaled in front of the entire science department, LeVake was peppered with questions from all sides about his personal beliefs regarding God, creation and evolution. At the end of the meeting, the school principal informed Mr. LeVake that he would be required to submit a position paper on evolution and how he intended to teach the theory.

In his patently unacceptable and radical position paper, Mr. LeVake stated, "I don't believe an unquestioning faith in the theory of evolution is foundational to the goals I have stated in teaching my students about themselves, their responsibilities and gaining a

sense of awe for what they see around them... I will teach, should the department decide that it is appropriate, the theory of evolution. I will also accompany that treatment of evolution with an honest look at the difficulties and inconsistencies of the theory without turning my class into a religious one. Anything less than this constitutes poor science."

For this honest approach to science and his willingness to teach fact and not fiction, LeVake was hounded to teaching chemistry in spite of the fact that he is the only teacher at the school with a master's in biology. He was told directly that his position on the issue (i.e. his personal beliefs) made it clear that he could not teach the curriculum.

What this situation amounts to, as Mr. LeVake's lawyers are now arguing, is a new and unprecedented level of religious discrimination in our public schools. The secular humanists who seek to establish complete freedom from religion instead of freedom of religion are using their power to indoctrinate students with secular ideals without regard to the scientific method or logical thought. Saying that Christians are unfit to teach is a dangerous escalation of intellectual bigotry beyond the mere exclusion of competing ideas. When this happens, it not only adversely affects the teachers, parents and students, but it casts a shadow across our nation that only tolerates secular unity, not freedom or equality. (Source: World Magazine)

Questions? Comments? Email Justin at jngreenejustin@hotmail.com.

Humanists employ persecution at school

Holly Bezat

STAFF COLUMNIST

School is under-whelming, the weather is growing cooler, and NCSU football is on everyone's mind. Well, maybe not everyone, but most. Everyone is ready for another win against Carolina.

We have a better football team than UNC-Chapel Hill does. I mean, c'mon — we have Chuck. He's been training and working our team out the whole of the past two summers to get them in shape and to build endurance and stamina. This workout proved itself worthy during last football season.

Chuck's presence here at N.C. State also has top recruits around the nation clamoring to get on our football team. Actually, they may not be clamoring, but close. Many recruits have shown interest in NCSU football, even ones that are just now seniors in high school. We need to do our part as students to show that we not only have the better team, but the better school altogether.

What do I mean? How do we do this? I have a proposition for not only my fellow classmates and me, but from alumni

members as well (some of them do actually care about the university as a whole and about every football game).

It's really quite simple. When we beat UNC, we do not rush the field.

"What?! Traveesty!" You may all be thinking. You may also be thinking that bringing down the goal post and carrying it down to the Warfile House (if the police will even allow it to travel that far) is a tradition, and that it absolutely must be continued. It might be considered even more important since we are not allowed to camp out anymore for basketball tickets (the insert huge disappointed sigh here).

The logic behind the proposition is that, by not rushing the field after we beat Carolina, we are showing that it was no big deal. We would be saying to them that they sucked and that we beat them... and badly. We would be saying that we don't need to tear up our field over a silly game against them, a fart in the wind, and that we are instead saving it for a truly big game.

Rushing the field and tearing down the goal posts is a tradition, and I am not proposing to totally do away with it. We will be playing Ohio State University in a

year. A win in that game would be worthy of rushing the field. A more recent game to honor the tradition with is the Florida State game. After the hype that we went through last year, and then the downer of losing horribly to them, we need to be focused on winning that game as our big achievement.

We beat UNC last year, and found out that it was not as difficult as we had feared. People stormed the field then. That was the turning point in NCSU football because it ended the hold that UNC had over us for years. This year though, we need to show those "Tartoles" that the Pack is back and that we are going to stomp them as though they were flies.

This we shall do by watching our team win, and cheering and carousing in the stands and our respective places of celebration, or by just standing there with smug smiles on our faces as the once-heralded UNC football team slinks off the field.

What you think about goal posts and Tartoles? Email Holly at holly_bezat@yahoo.com.

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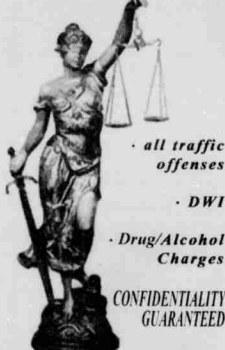
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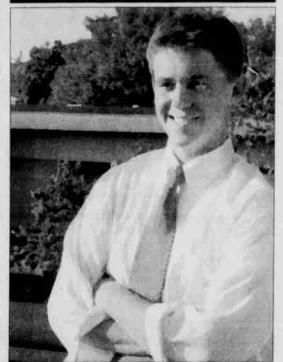
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WOMEN

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view the Deacons to be in rebuilding mode this season. Most notably, Wake lost their best runner from a year ago, Sara Day, to graduation.

The Deacs will be without a single senior on their roster this season, but they are still likely to compete for the league title. A talented foursome of Kara Mullin, Nikeya Green, Becca Veestra and Risa Rutland will pace Wake Forest.

Duke, a perennially tough squad, will likely round out the top of the conference. Looking to

build on last season's fourth-place ACC finish, the Devils will turn to junior Sheila Agrawal for stability and leadership. Agrawal, one of the league's most talented runners last season, finished third in the ACC Championships last year.

Virginia and Florida State are the only other two ACC programs that are returning All-Conference runners from last year. Senior Sarah Folse will be Virginia's top threat once again this season as the Cavaliers hope to improve on their fifth-place showing from a year ago. If all goes well, though, Virginia could find itself as high as third in the conference.

The Seminoles return sophomore Amy Plekaitis from a squad that finished sixth in the ACC in 2000. She should help

meter run and the 3,000-meter stepphase. Combs also competed in the stepphase at the U.S. National Championships and gained valuable experience.

Providing some competition for the top spots on the team will be last year's redshirting freshmen. Sara Graybill, Janelle Vadnais, and Josianne Lauber all posted impressive times during track season and should be a force during the season.

Luckily for the Pack, it will run all of its races in the Carolinas. The runners see this as a small advantage.

"It would be cool to do more traveling," Sabino said, "but hopefully this means that we will get a lot more people coming to

pace FSU past the lower tier of the conference; however, the Seminoles are not expected to challenge for the conference title.

For cross country fans at Georgia Tech, Clemson and Maryland, it may be a long season. All three of those schools finished well behind the Pack in last year's championships and will likely finish at the bottom of the conference once again.

Though State, which returns three All-ACC runners, is the hands-down favorite to win the league once again, competition will be fierce among the conference's top five teams. If State should falter, UNC, Wake Forest, Duke or even Virginia may have the opportunity to dethrone the Wolfpack.

our meets to cheer for us. There should be a lot of parents and graduated runners there to watch.

"We lost Christy and Amy last year, but you always lose somebody," Sabino continued, "but the people we have returning really make up for them. All the runners from last year, the redshirted freshmen, and the Price sisters will really take our team to a whole new level. I think. We have a lot of motivation to train and race hard this season. The UNC girls have already been talking a little about taking their conference title back, so we use that as motivation to really work hard during practice. We are not going to let them have it."

down passes last season.

Placekicker Tyler Ashe returns to handle both kickoff and field goal duties, while Matt Brennie will resume his job as punter.

Wake will open the season with three non-conference foes before entering its slate of eight conference games. Highlighting the non-conference schedule is Division I-AA nemesis Appalachian State. The Mountaineers defeated the Deacs last year 24-16.

However, his first year may unfold. Grobe plans to follow the same blueprint that was successful for him at Ohio.

"I think after winning at Ohio, we feel like if we can do the same thing at Wake that we were able to do at Ohio, we might have a chance to get this one turned around," said Grobe.

"Megan Coombs also ran there, and I think we both gained very valuable experience from that race."

"Her experience at U.S. Nationals has really helped her," agreed State Associate Head Coach Laurie Henes. "Now she knows that she can go out there and run with anybody in the nation."

The stepphase is a very strength oriented event, much like cross country. Sabino sees her experience in the stepphase as beneficial to her as a cross country runner.

"I did a lot of strength work when I was training for the stepphase," she said. "I didn't do the hills on a cross country course. My season ended really late last spring because of U.S. Nationals. I was doing a lot of work up until near the end of June, so hopefully I can keep some of that strength that I worked up then and carry it through the cross country season."

Chuck's very much aware of that.

Just like North Carolina, he made some comments about they do have different entrance requirements to let kids into schools, whether that's a positive or a negative remains to be seen. But we play other schools that have those same kind of entrance requirements. He knows it's something that's important to the state. It's important politically to the state; it's important to a lot of fans in the state. Out of the top 10 attended games we've had, I think five of them are ECU games.

And I've been on the other side of the issue, too. I've been on ECU's side of the issue where teams wouldn't play me. I've heard a lot of the horror stories that happened in '87 or whatever. Hopefully, we're all bigger people than that now, and those type of things won't happen.

I think that one thing that helps you if the stadium is sold out, then ECU's only going to get 5,000 tickets. So it's not like it has been in the past that they got half the stadium because we weren't selling tickets. I think they're going to

REPEAT

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Henderson were also great performers last year. Henderson didn't have a great race at ACC's, but she ran really well at nationals. In the spring she posted provisional marks in the 10,000 and got third at the ACC finals. She should be a big factor.

Megan Coombs will also compete for a spot on the top seven this year. Coombs redshirted last year and made significant improvements over the last track season.

She concentrated on the 5,000-

GROBE

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will have the luxury of having a solid trio of experienced receivers to throw to. Senior Ira Williams and junior Fabian Davis led the Deacs in receptions and receiving yards respectively last season. Speedy senior John Stone, who also is an extremely dangerous kickoff return man, is more than capable of spelling either Williams or Davis.

Joining either MacPherson or Young in the backfield will be returning starters Tarence Williams and fullback Ovie Maghelli. Williams led the Deacs in rushing a year ago with 661 yards and seven touchdowns.

SABINO

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petition for Sabino, as she qualified for the NCAA Championship in the 3,000 and placed seventh in her heat.

As a junior, Sabino challenged Nichols for the position of State's top cross country runner. She finished seventh at the ACC finals and 36th at the NCAA finals, barely missing the All-American cutoff.

"I'm a little disappointed with my performances at the last two ACC finals," Sabino said. "I didn't run very well there last year or the year before, so I'm really hoping to do well this year. We have a lot of good individuals in our conference, but I think I should be up in the top five at ACCs. I am also shooting at making All-American again this year and placing higher than I have for the last two years."

During the outdoor track sea-

FOWLER

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sports in the works?" Fowler: Originally, the gender equity plan said that we'd either add lacrosse or field hockey. I just got a call [Monday] that they think the emerging sport is bowling, which of course, facility-wise, would be pretty simple with the bowling alleys in town, just to buy the lane times.

"We'll look at crew, we'll look at bowling, we'll look at equestrian. Really, softball will make us a good situation with gender equity numbers, and then we'll start looking at what is really the next best thing to add."

Technician: How are the gender equity numbers set up at State right now?

Fowler: It's pretty good because males were 58-to-42, 59-to-41, and we're within two percentage points of that, which is pretty good.

Softball will take us over where we're about good. So we're really

close, but we're lucky because we're one of the only schools in the state that actually has more men on campus than we have women, where other schools are the reverse of that. Most of them are 60 percent women, 40 percent men. So proportionality is going to be a lot tougher for other schools in our system to get there.

Technician: Switching gears a little bit, I know one of the things that has been a big issue for State fans over the past few weeks is the ECU series. Chuck Amato mentioned in Charleston [at the ACC Football Kickoff] that he had a little bit of a problem with playing them. What's the rationale with getting the series going again, and why do you think it's a good idea?"

Fowler: I think it's important; I think it's a good rivalry in the state. They're a top-25 program. I said that when I was interviewed by the paper.

We're still talking to them. We've basically come to an agreement. We're talking about playing every three or four years. We play in '04, so we're looking at '07, '10, '13 and '16 to continue the



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Oct. 27	ACC Championships (Clemson, S.C.)
Nov. 10	District III Championships (Greenville, S.C.)
Nov. 19	NCAA Championships (Greenville, S.C.)

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in the coming years?

Fowler: Well, I think facilities. I think from the time I got here it was facilities. But I can see the light at the end of the tunnel, and I don't think it's a train, so I'm excited about it.

[Wolfpack Club Executive Director] Bobby [Purcell] and them have done a good job with football. When we get the football built, the other things I think we can get done. They've already committed \$4 million to the baseball and tennis. I think we can do that rather rapidly, so I'm excited. I can see that we can have a way to finance and get these facilities built, which will really move N.C. State to the next level as far as facilities.

Everything else is here to be a top-20, top-10 program. I think as soon as we start getting the facilities, the coaches that we've hired of late and the coaches that we have here are fully capable to have top-20 teams.

So I'm excited about the future with the programs we have, the conference we're in and the facilities we'll have. I think year in and year out we'll be a top-20 team.

Technician: From your position, what do you see as the biggest challenge facing N.C. State athletes



Football vs. Indiana, 9/6, 7:30
W. soccer vs. High Point, 8/31, 5:00
M. soccer, Wolfpack Classic, 9/1-2
Volleyball, IUPUI Tournament, 9/1-2
Cross country, Wolfpack Invit., 9/15

Women to face tough ACC competition

◆ North Carolina, Wake and Duke to provide main challenges.

Andrew B. Carter
Staff Writer

Women's cross country teams from around the Atlantic Coast Conference will all have their eyes on N.C. State. Out of 23 total ACC titles, the Wolfpack has captured 18 cross country championships. But don't be fooled, ACC competition is no cakewalk.

Looking to dethrone the Wolfpack this season will be the usual suspects: North Carolina, Wake Forest and Duke.

The Tar Heels, which narrowly missed defeating State in last season's ACC Championships, return a strong core of talent led by sophomore Shalane Flanagan. Flanagan, who was named to the All-ACC team a year ago, was also Freshman of the Year in the ACC.

Joining Flanagan will be a young but capable squad. UNC returns six sophomores as well as one of the best cross country recruits in the country, Erin Donahue. Donahue, from Haddonfield, N.J., is coming off two All-State performances in high school and a senior season that landed her on the All-American team.

Wake Forest lost many key players off last year's third-place team, and many



The women's cross country team works on conditioning to prepare for a rigorous regular season.

Looking to repeat

◆ The women's cross country team will look to many new faces this year to bring home a familiar title.

Todd Lion
Staff Writer

The N.C. State's women's cross country team may be facing its biggest challenge in several years this season, but the Pack is up to the challenge.

The loss of many key performers off of last year's team leaves the Pack with many holes to fill and questions to answer if State is to repeat as ACC Champions.

The Wolfpack's second and sixth runners from last year's team, Christy Nichols and Amy Beykirch, both graduated. Nichols was a former All-American, and Beykirch made the All-ACC team on several occasions.

In addition to those losses, Lindsey Rogers, one of State's top runners last season, currently has mononucleosis and will likely miss a lot of training leading to the national championships. Rogers missed last year's NCAA finals with an injury.

This year's team has to deal with the loss of some of its best runners, as well as strong competition from rival schools in the conference. UNC boasts one of the best recruiting classes in the nation and will provide significant competition for the Wolfpack.

Last year, State won the conference title over UNC by a close nine points. The previous year, UNC defeated the Wolfpack. At the district finals, State and UNC again took the top two spots, with State winning by another close margin of 11 points.

The rivalry continued into the NCAA Championships, where the Wolfpack and the Tar Heels finished in their closest finish of the season. Two points separated State's 11th place and UNC's 12th place finishes.

"Christy and Amy will definitely be missed," said Women's Cross Country Coach Laurie Henes. "But we still have a strong

group of runners that have had experience who are returning, and we have Kristin Price who just transferred here from Virginia Tech.

"She and Lindsey Rogers could fill up where those two left off because Lindsey didn't run at nationals last year, but she also has mono right now, so we don't know how much to expect out of her. She probably won't be racing until October at least, but hopefully she will be ready to go by the post-season."

Price will likely make an immediate impact on the State team. As a freshman at Virginia Tech last year, she earned two All-American certificates with her fourth place finish in the indoor 3,000-meter run and 10th place in the outdoor 5,000-meter finals. Her personal best time of 15:56 in the 5,000 is the best on the Wolfpack team.

Joining Price at the front of the pack will be last year's top runner Katie Sabino. Sabino is a senior this year and hopes to make her last cross country season a good one.

"Kristin and Kara, her sister, are definitely going to make an impact on the team," said Sabino. "I've only practiced with them for a few days, and I can already tell that they are going to push us in practice. They are really hard workers, and they will really help the team race well this year."

Last year, Sabino finished 36th at the NCAA Cross Country Championships, falling from her 35th place finish the year before. During outdoor track, she racked up several impressive finishes in the 5,000-meter run and the 3,000-meter steeplechase, an event in which she was new. She placed eighth at the NCAA Championships in the steeplechase and fifth at the U.S. Nationals in the same event.

Also returning from last year's team are seniors Beth Fonner and Beth Kraft and sophomores Diana Henderson and Erin Swain. Fonner, Kraft and Henderson finished as State's third, fourth and fifth runners at the national championships.

"I think we return a really solid nucleus on this team," said Henes. "Beth Fonner was All-Conference. Beth Kraft and Diana



Women's cross country working out.

Senior Sabino looks to lead Pack

◆ Sabino will aim at being an All-American while being the top runner for the women's cross country team this year.

Todd Lion
Staff Writer

Katie Sabino is entering her final cross country season at N.C. State with high hopes.

Two years ago she placed All-American at the NCAA Championships, while the team finished relatively poorly. Last year, however, she did not make All-American, but the team finished well.

"This year she wants both. Two years ago I finished 35th and got All-American," said Sabino, "but the team got 19th. Last year I finished 36th, missed All-American, and the team got 11th. I am much more happy with the high team finish and no All-American than I was about the low team finish with

an All-American, but this year I want to improve on both of those accomplishments.

"I want to finish better than I have the last two years as well as have the team do better. I think those two things go hand-in-hand, and I also think we have a team capable of doing that this year."

Four other returnees from last year's 11th place team will join Sabino in seeking the Wolfpack's quest. In addition to those experienced runners, Virginia Tech transfer and two-time All-American Kristin Price should help her accomplish these goals.

"Katie and Kristin are two runners who you expect to be able to run with anybody," said Women's Coach Laurie Henes. "These two will be great leaders for the team."

As a freshman, Sabino made little impact on the Wolfpack team, not making the top seven that year.

"That fact in itself makes Katie a great leader on the team," said Henes. "Whenever a freshman is having trouble

with her season, Katie will always help me out by pulling her aside and talking to her about how her freshman season didn't go at all as she hoped it would. But now she is an All-American. Talking to younger runners about that really helps them out. She is just a natural leader in team situations."

Sabino started her rise to the top during the 1999 track season, where she finished fifth in both the 3,000-meter and the 1,500-meter runs.

Her sophomore cross country season showed the improvements that came from the past year of hard work. She finished eighth at the ACC Championship and 35th at the NCAA finals. She finished second for the Wolfpack at both of these meets, trailing only All-American and ACC champion Christy Nichols.

She continued this success through her sophomore year by qualifying for the NCAA's in the indoor 3,000-meter run and placing 13th in the finals. That outdoor season brought more quality com-



Katie Sabino is one devilishly good runner.

Fowler takes on facilities

◆ Lee Fowler touches on the planned improvements for N.C. State's athletics facilities during an interview Monday with Technician.

Jeremy Ashton
Sports Editor

Editor's Note: This is the second part of a two-part interview with N.C. State Athletics Director Lee Fowler that began in Tuesday's Technician. In this portion of the interview, Fowler discusses facilities, gender equity and the renewal of the football series with East Carolina.

Technician: With the improvements at Carter-Finley [Stadium] well on their way, what are the plans for some of the other facilities on campus like the tennis complex and Doak Field?

Lee Fowler: We've got a lot of plans. We're actually in the design stages of Doak Field and also the tennis facility. We hope to break ground on that as soon as baseball is over this year; to build an indoor tennis facility with four courts and a fieldhouse for tennis where they have locker rooms over there and then a baseball fieldhouse; level the field of Doak and then also move it out and actually put the fans closer to the field. They'll actually go from where the level is now down to the field. We'll have 2,500 seats with 500-1,000 chairbacks, new press box, all that sort of stuff. Hopefully, we can get it done between when this next season ends and the following season opens up. And that's on the drawing board.

Now after we move out of Weisiger-Brown on the third, then we'll start renovating that, moving administrative offices over there, moving women's soccer, men's soccer, and wrestling will stay and then all the track and fields will stay. But we'll take over the locker room space over there and create new locker room space for all those sports.

We hope to build a softball complex down here next to the track. The track will be redone. It'll be more of an oval track, like a world-class track, and it'll have a soccer field in the middle. Then men's and women's soccer can have their games at night down here instead of playing in the afternoon out at Method Road. And then the softball field will be built on that far end.

We're hiring a softball coach, hopefully in the next couple of months when the chancellor approves of us having that program. They'll be here for almost a year before they actually start bringing players in.

[Case Athletics Center] will become the student-athlete building — feed them downstairs, tutors and the academic people will be on [the] main floor and then the whole upstairs will be kind of gutted and made a study hall with tutoring rooms around the outside walls.

It's pretty exciting. And Reynolds will be turned into basically a women's area where volleyball and women's basketball will be housed there, along with a lot of other sports. The softball locker room will be in there, and it'll be across the street to their field.

We've got about \$16 million on the drawing board for the next five years that'll start with baseball and tennis. When Weisiger-Brown, when they go out to the fieldhouse out at the stadium, the new football operations building, we'll take over Weisiger-Brown, and it'll start the chain reaction. Men's basketball will move to Weisiger-Brown also, and they'll actually make the indoor facility over there a basketball practice facility.

Technician: You mentioned that softball is going to be added. Are there any other

Deacs enter Grobe era

◆ Jim Grobe will take over a team that had just one winning season under Jim Caldwell.

Matt Middleton
Staff Writer

A daunting rebuilding task awaits first-year head coach Jim Grobe in Winston-Salem on the campus of Wake Forest.

One of the four teams in the ACC that will be breaking in a new head man, the Demon Deacons are a program that has achieved just 10 winning seasons in its almost 50-year membership in the ACC.

Rebuilding a program is nothing new to Grobe, who most recently transformed a one-horrid program at Ohio into a perennial force in the often-under-rated Mid-American Conference.

At Wake Forest, Grobe inherits a team coming off a 2-9 season whose lone victories were over Duke and Navy. A majority of its starting offensive and defensive units return to help Grobe kick-start his rebuilding efforts.

As head coach of the Bobcats, Grobe installed a triple-option wishbone offense that he learned from his 11 years as an assistant to Air Force head coach Fisher DeBerry. Mum's the word on whether or not he will install that type of offense in the 2001 version of the Deacs.

"Right now, I don't know how much triple option we're really going to be running," said Grobe.

How much triple option to expect from the Deacs this season remains a question that will be answered come Sept. 1, when Wake opens the season against the Pirates of East Carolina. With the transfer of prized recruit C.J. Leak

to Tennessee, an ongoing quarterback battle is being waged for the starting position between sophomore Anthony Young and junior James MacPherson.

Young, who started five games last year as a true freshman, is the more agile of the two and will surely garner the majority of the playing time if the triple option becomes the weapon of choice for Wake. MacPherson started the final three games of the 2000 campaign and is the better thrower of the two. Grobe hinted that the idea of a two-quarterback system was not out of the question.

"We would like to settle on one guy," said Grobe. "I'm not totally against playing two quarterbacks, but my comfort zone tells me I'd rather have one."

The quarterback that wins the starting job

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2. Georgia Tech (57)
3. Clemson (7)
4. N.C. State
5. Virginia
6. North Carolina
7. Maryland
8. Wake Forest
9. Duke