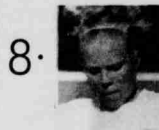




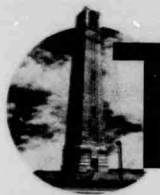
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Cross your fingers kids, and pray that marko is able to graduate this year...



**4. Stop the presses!**  
Grant Jones has written a novel, and you get a sneak preview in today's Opinion.



**8. Let the games begin**  
Men's and women's soccer and volleyball open their seasons this weekend.



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## College adjustment varies for N.C. State freshmen

◆ Freshmen share their reactions to life away from home.

**Carie Windham**  
Staff Reporter

For freshmen, the weeks before beginning college are a never-ending battle between staggering fears and uncontrollable excitement. The lure of life on their own is only dimmed by the dread of new classes, new teachers and an entirely new environment.

"I wasn't sure what to expect coming to one of the largest campuses in the state. I just knew that I would wander around lost for the first few days without knowing where I was," said freshman Charlie Bradley, an art and design major.

"I mean, think about it, there are over 30,000 people here, and I'm used to knowing everyone in my small town," said nuclear engineering freshman Daniel Long.

So how have the newest members of the Wolfpack family adjusted?

Most freshmen agree that one of the biggest changes was adjusting to dorm life. Yanked from the comfort of their parents and deposited in a small dorm room was a hard transition for many. For those students who met their roommate for the first time, the transition was even more difficult.

"It's hard living with a complete stranger. You just pray that they'll turn out to be someone you get along with.



Freshmen struggle with the hassles of moving onto a crowded campus.

Otherwise, it's going to be a long year," said Rachel Rosenberg, a freshman majoring in communication.

Besides dealing with roommate relations, freshmen are forced to deal with a loss of privacy, smaller living spaces, coordinating shower times and, of course, there are the stairs.

"The first day I was so gung-ho, I thought I could carry all my stuff up to my room on the stairs. I just ignored the elevators. But by the time I got to my floor, panting and sweating, I realized I was wrong," said landscape architecture freshman Stuart Shefter, a Lee Hall resident.

Trading family meals for campus dining came as another shock to incoming freshmen.

"I eat a lot less since I have to actually go somewhere to get it," said Jason Greene, a freshman in physics.

"The food is okay, better than I expected. I like all the options," added Bradley.

With options ranging from fast food to cafeteria dining, most agree that there is something for everyone.

Once the excitement of move-in subsided, there was still the reality of class to be dealt with.

"Finding my classes was easy, I just

mapped them out beforehand," said accounting freshman Lindsay Whitfield.

"The maps are easy to follow and all the people are really helpful. Of course, you end up looking like an obvious freshman with your map, but at least you can find your way," she said.

Many students were surprised at how much their college professors differed from their high school teachers.

"In high school, our teachers would lock the door if we were late. Now, you can just come in quietly without anyone saying a word. There's a lot more respect," said Mary Snipes, a freshman in chemistry.

The biggest adjustment for Greene was getting lost in classes with more than 200 students. "You lose the personal attention," he said.

Bradley added that although "there are stereotypical views of professors that they don't care, they're still willing to give you attention. They're more lenient, but they care about your education. It's misunderstood."

Many students also expressed concern about not standing-out as much in their college classes. While it is easier to be noticed in high school, many feel that they are more equal among their college peers.

The hardest adjustments vary from student to student.

"It's really hard to stay in your room and study when everyone else is having fun," said zoology freshman Anna Austin.

## Writing, speaking help available

◆ A new program focuses on improving individual writing and speaking skills.

**Diane Cordova**  
Staff Reporter

N.C. State's Writing and Speaking Tutorial Services offers assistance to undergraduates and faculty alike.

The service, which is open to all members of the NCSU community, works with those who are having difficulty with their writing and/or speaking, and it is free of charge. One-on-one consultations are provided to visitors on all writing and speaking projects.

Visitors can be assisted during any phase of the writing and/or speaking process including brainstorming, topic development, thesis construction, organization, drafting and revision. Editing and proofreading services, however, are not offered, said Amanda Granrud, coordinator of Writing and Speaking Tutorial Services.

"Our goal is to improve individual writers and speakers, not individual pieces of writing and speaking," said Granrud.

Most tutorial sessions last 30 minutes and begin with a discussion of the assignment or project. Visitors should bring their assignment sheets and/or project descriptions with them to the tutorial. In addition, they are asked to bring any work they have completed thus far.

Drop-in services are available at the Undergraduate Tutorial Center (146 Leazar Hall) and the Academic Enrichment Center (201 Witherspoon Student Center). At the Undergraduate Tutorial Center, drop-in services are offered Monday through Thursday, 2 p.m. to 7 p.m., and 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Fridays.

At the Academic Enrichment Center, drop-in services are offered from 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Mondays, and 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday.

The Campus Writing and Speaking Program began in 1997 in order to provide leadership to members of the faculty who were interested in the development of writing- and speaking-intensive courses within their disciplines.

While faculty had a resource for integrating writing and speaking in the classroom, students were left with limited support for the improvement of their writing and speaking skills.

Despite being in existence for about five years, the Writing Assistance Program was not sufficient in size to support the Campus Writing and Speaking Program's projects, nor was it large enough to serve the growing NCSU community.

The program also did not have many resources for providing assistance with speaking, said Granrud.

Thus, the Writing and

## Mountz building NCSU Greek pride



Director of Greek Life John Mountz will manage Fraternity Court and oversee the development of Greek life.

◆ The new director of Greek Life wants NCSU to be aware of the impact Greek organizations have.

**Cara Froedge**  
Assistant News Editor

Some say that people are products of their environments. If so, John Mountz could easily be mistaken for an N.C. State graduate student.

His youthful appearance with slightly-spoiled hair and wrap sunglasses is balanced by his blue and white striped shirt and patterned tie. Mountz looks much like an NCSU tradition: a fraternity member dressed up to attend a football game.

But it is no game that he is dressed for, though the fraternity part is correct.

Mountz is dressed for his new position as director of Greek Life, a position he took over in July, a little more than a year

minor, at the end of his sophomore year.

How does someone with a Bachelor of Arts degree in history become involved with a job that deals so much with the present?

One summer, he interned with Penn State's Berk campus in the student affairs department, "doing everything from financial aid to admissions," he said. "I really enjoyed the idea of working on a college campus."

After graduation, Mountz took a year off from school before heading to the University of Florida to earn master of arts degree in education, and at the end of the two-year program he was hired by UM.

The move to North Carolina, however, was abrupt. Mountz was hired in mid-May, and four weeks later he moved his wife and his now three-year-old daughter, Rebecca, to Raleigh.

Although Raleigh is much smaller than Ann Arbor, he said, "You can't beat being two hours from the beach."

But in the beginning of the school year it was difficult for Mountz to enjoy any of those things. "When you work in student affairs," he said, "August is just one long day."

"It's a busy job, but I always try to make time for my family," he said.

Since beginning his new position, Mountz has tried to work toward the same goals set by Sopher before she left, though his job description will change slightly.

He plans to manage Fraternity Court and all aspects that go along with it, as well as oversee the advising and development of Greek life at the university.

At NCSU, Greeks make up a little under 10 percent of the student body, or about "five to eight percent less than our peer

universities," he said.

"We want to develop fraternity and sorority life," he said. "That job will be taken up by the new assistant director of Greek life, who will be in the office in two weeks."

As a member of Phi Kappa Tau, a chapter on this campus, Mountz sees the importance of

Greek life and wants others to recognize its benefits in such areas as academics, leadership, philanthropic and social events.

"Our students need to recognize that fraternities and sororities are strong organizations, and we should be proud of them," he said.



Gustav Rydbeck, a senior in computer engineering, demonstrates his favorite way to spend a hot afternoon.



### DOUGHBOY

[YEAR 7]  
by marko

**dough · boy** (d'boi)  
**NOUN:** 1. A piece of bread dough that is rolled thin and fried in deep fat.  
2. An American infantryman in World War I.  
**ETYMOLOGY:** Sense 2, perhaps from the large buttons on American uniforms of the 1860s, said to resemble doughboys (sense 1).

ALL IN ALL, IT'S NO ONE'S FAULT.  
EXCUSES TURN TO CARBON WALLS.  
BLAME IT ALL ON CHEMICAL INTERCOURSE.  
THE SWALLOWED SEEDS OF ARROGANCE  
BREEDING IN THE THOUGHTS OF TEN  
THOUSAND FOOLS THAT FIGHT IRRELEVANCE.

THE FULL MOON IS DEAD SKIN,  
THE ONE DOWN HERE'S WEARING THIN.  
SO SET UP THE TEN PINS  
AS THE HUMAN TIDE ROLLS IN  
LIKE A BALL THAT'S SPINNING...

THE PLATES BEGAN TO SHIFT,  
PERFECT LEFTS COME ROLLING IN.  
I WAS ALONE AND FAR AWAY...

-E. VEDDER, *INSIGNIFICANCE*

**M**axine and the samurai cat **Matajuro** have left the safe quarters of **Mount Futara**, where the feline's master **Banzo** resides, always perfecting his meditations.

The venture some 300 miles southwest to the impact zone of the once bustling futuristic metropolis of **Achillia**.

They search for survivors of the city, as a doomsday comet has lain waste to the urban district.

But what have the two adventurers discovered in the massive concrete crater?



I DON'T KNOW FELINE... I'M NOT SURE I SEE ANYTHING...

...hmmm...



NOW THAT'S PRETTY ODD!



Jakah! Jakah!

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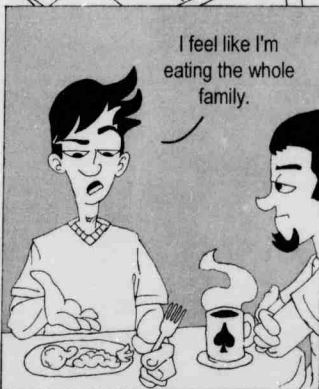
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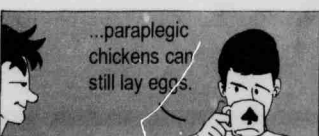
Something just seems morally wrong with eating chicken and eggs in the same meal.



I feel like I'm eating the whole family.



Nah, man, the legs and wings are cool...



...paraleptic chickens can still lay eggs.



hoop toons by matt tracey



MR. BOOP HAS TO GO BACK TO THE BOOKSTORE FOR MORE BOOKS

THIS DUDE LOOKS ABOUT 10-FOOT-10

HEY BOY, U KNOW WHERE I CAN FIND SOME HELP ROUND HERE?

I DON'T KNOW.



MR. BOOP LOOKS FOR HELP AND ASKS...

I'M ON BREAK RIGHT NOW - THE LADY UP FRONT CAN HELP YOU

I GOTTA PAY HOW MUCH FOR ALL THESE BOOKS?



OH - FORGET THIS! I'M DROPPIN THIS CLASS... AND HE CAN CLEAN THAT UP WHEN HE GETS OFF BREAK.

## Duke administrators struggle for research, teaching time

◆ Administrators come almost exclusively from strong scholarly backgrounds, and leaving that behind is not always easy.

Kevin Lees & Dave Ingram

The Chronicle (Duke U)

(U-WIRE) DURHAM, N.C. — Sometimes a dean needs a sanctuary from her administrative duties. So Kristina Johnson, dean of Duke University's Pratt School of Engineering, is building herself a lab.

"I didn't feel Duke hired me to do research but to be a dean," she said. "I view research as a way to keep my sanity."

Johnson's experience is not unique. Academic administrators come almost exclusively from strong scholarly backgrounds, and leaving that behind is not always easy.

Some of the school's other top administrators have even less time to keep up with their

research projects, especially with the University's capital campaign and the travel required by fund raising.

William Chafe, dean of the faculty of arts and sciences, spent the summer working on three different long-term projects.

"The good part about my summer is that when I'm away, I do [only] about five hours of Duke stuff," Chafe said. "I could not do that when I'm here."

He said that as an academic administrator, keeping up with a broad set of issues was an important part of his job. "It is important to keep] more in touch with the issues of intellectual excitement," he said. "Faculty members see us as colleagues as well as administrators."

Jim Siedow, vice provost for research, retained his biology lab when he took a job in the administration last year. He said that shutting his lab down to take a job as the top academic officer for research would send

a bad message to the faculty. He added that he stays on a number of editorial boards for academic publications.

"It takes a change in your outlook. You really do have to realize you've taken a full-time job as an administrator and that's going to take away from the time you have for research," he said.

Karla Holloway, dean of the humanities, is working on a book due out in February. She agreed that her research has helped to keep her in touch with the issues of her field, English.

"I feel most like myself when I'm writing," she said. "When you're a writer, you feel in touch with the ideas and questions and processes of the field that you're engaged in."

Administrators also miss teaching at Duke. Some, like Johnson, try to set an example and still find the time to teach a course or two. The engineering school dean will be teaching a graduate and senior course on photonics.

challenging work, but it's exactly what students need."

For more information, visit [http://www.ncsu.edu/tutorial\\_center/writespeak.html](http://www.ncsu.edu/tutorial_center/writespeak.html), or contact Granrud at 513-4187 or [amanda\\_granrud@ncsu.edu](mailto:amanda_granrud@ncsu.edu).

## National Scholarships and Fellowships Information Fair

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really great with Writing and Speaking Tutorial Services. Unlike our sister institutions, State is integrating writing and speaking in an academic support service that's both across the curriculum and discipline-specific," said Granrud. "It's

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## TECHNICIAN'S VIEW

### Gay contestant attacked

#### AN N.C. CITY MAYOR'S COMMENTS ABOUT HIS CONSTITUENT ON BIG BROTHER2 ARE INAPPROPRIATE.

In a town the size of Harrisburg, one would think the locals would welcome national coverage provided by having a resident on a popular, nationally televised reality TV show like Big Brother2. This, however, is not the case for Harrisburg's 4,493 residents, or, at the very least, one of them — the mayor. In an article by the Associated Press that was in response to comments made earlier in a television interview, Harrisburg Mayor Tim Hagler openly spoke out against Bill "Bunky" Miller, saying that Miller does not properly represent the town because he is a homosexual.

Bill Miller, as of press time, was one of four contestants remaining on the Big Brother2 show. The fan's online Web site at CBS.com shows Miller having the highest popularity (65 percent) of any of the contestants. Mayor Hagler was not so kind in describing his opinion of Miller to the AP: "I will continue to stand on the word of God and say that this lifestyle [homosexuality] is wrong."

Miller, as a mayor, but more so as an individual, is entitled to his own feelings and beliefs, but he has gone overboard in his criticism of Miller. Hagler frequently includes Christian messages in the column he writes for

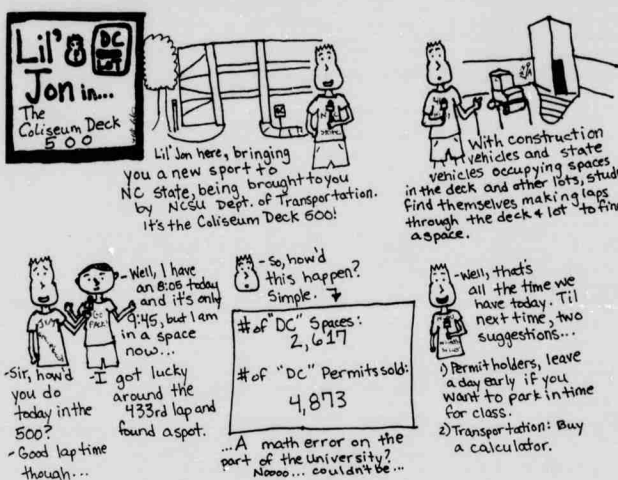
the town newsletter and assured the AP that all 4,493 residents of Harrisburg agree with him when he ostracizes Miller for his lifestyle.

Hagler clearly has trouble understanding the separation of church and state. He is using a public forum provided him by his office to denounce someone else's lifestyle based on his personal beliefs. Miller's partner, Gregg Ottman, even tried to contact the mayor since the invective was first issued. Hagler has not returned the calls.

Hagler considers it part of his Christian (not mayor, but Christian) duty to state that the Bible condemns homosexuality. His idea of his role is a matter of opinion. What is not a matter of opinion, however, and is very unethical and possibly illegal, is that a mayor should not demean one of his constituents as Hagler has Miller.

Hagler and his town are the reason this area of the Southeast is still called the Bible Belt. People are entitled to their own opinions. Towns, as well, are entitled to their own collective personalities and values.

And Bill Miller is entitled to the right to live in his town without being attacked by the Bible-thumping mayor.



# Finally a book that matters

## PETA wrong on cats-as-food

Robert Jones  
STAFF COLUMNIST

The eSiteProject's (a Website of multimedia off-color jokes and stories) usual dissemination of smut earned special media attention this week. People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals announced it is seeking legal action against the Website for the content recently posted on the Web page. PETA's protests are over a video clip showing a cat being struck on the head, decapitated and cooked.

PETA intends to leverage a recent law that forbids the depiction of animal cruelty for profit to prosecute the person responsible for SiteProject. PETA is using its war chest and relative fame to move the Department of Justice against the Web site's operator.

PETA aims to shut down the Web site and punish the owner for posting the video. In line with their traditional rhetoric, PETA called the footage cruel, violent and illegal. Presumably, it is for these reasons and its general devotion to animal welfare that PETA has taken these actions.

However, reason does not seem to be a motivating factor for here. PETA's choice of whom to prosecute, their motivation for it and their desired resolution all appear ridiculous to anyone without a jaded devotion to animals (this includes at least anyone who eats meat).

The person responsible for SiteProject did not actually produce the violent footage; he only posted a nonfiction piece of footage he received, most likely from another country. Thus, PETA seeks to punish an American for publishing "objectionable" content from a foreign country.

In addition, PETA is "going after" other groups for creating and publishing similar content. Nature shows, like those of National Geographic, "entertainment" videos like "Faces of Death," and PETA's own anti-meat-eating propaganda all depict similar acts of violence.

PETA also seems ignore that similar, if not worse, treatment of animals is carried out in order to feed the meat-loving population of America. It's quite clear how PETA wants people to feel about eating meat, but they do also want people to think it is illegal (or that showing how that food is prepared is illegal).

The law in question, though, makes

exceptions for educational or political videos; it is unlikely that National Geographic or PETA will be pursued for their violent material. Therefore, it isn't the violence that upsets PETA, it's the person (the individual running a lowbrow, somewhat obscure Web site) using the objectionable content. The only real advantage PETA gains in taking action is to show that the ordinary person cannot appear to be opposed to PETA's views on animal rights.

Undoubtedly, PETA would love it if all acts of animal cruelty were outlawed (especially the ones that serve millions and millions of Americans). However, PETA's use of the law banning depictions of animal cruelty is only a tool in its war — the law probably does not represent PETA's ideology because of what it omits. Thus, PETA intends to use any means necessary to force people to conform to its belief system. This is laughable, because it does nothing to make people more sympathetic to animal rights. PETA is only acting as a tyrant, trying to suppress opposing thought by suppressing opposing action.

PETA wants to prevent the ideas of another culture from being spread to America. This is not unlike dictators in China, Iran and Afghanistan also trying to prevent the other cultures' ideas from infiltrating their respective societies.

Lastly, it is significant to note why PETA has any legal power in this incident — because of the law passed by Congress and the President (Clinton, though this isn't really a partisan issue). Although the actions lawmakers ultimately sought to outlaw were not really against anything in the spirit of the Constitution, lawmakers felt it needed to sign into law their offense to certain depictions of animals (depictions which are not at all uncommon, are even practical, and are not justifiably wrong).

As this case shows, the power-wielding bodies in Washington and the cash-wielding bodies (PETA) are able to legislate their personal morality and, at the same time, violate free speech and freedoms of the average citizen.

Robert's cat has a bull's-eye on it, all the easier to strike, decapitate, and cook for food. Email comments to [evilb0hNCSU@yahoo.com](mailto:evilb0hNCSU@yahoo.com).

Grant Jones  
STAFF COLUMNIST

What have you done lately N.C. State students? Nothing much? Ha, I wrote a novel! That's right, I am no longer just a columnist/Feng Shui expert. I am a novelist/columnist/Feng Shui expert. From now on, people will be referring to me as "Mr. Jones."

So what is the novel? Well, above all, it is a success! I have not sent it to publishers yet, but I have shown it to my mom (she is an avid reader), and she loves it. It is entitled "Faux Pas in the Straw." It is the story of two lovers who are separated by culture, economics, geography and tax brackets. It is a sensual story of passion, intensity and tender yet firm calenture. It is the story of love.

It is an unlikely love between Xiu Wang, a woman who lives on a farm in Oregon and raises oxen, and Mr. Johnny Bishop, an Arab sheik from Oman, who sells humus from a street cart and, in his spare time, gives advice on 401-K retirement plans.

The two meet on the shores of Argentina while attending a conference on new breakthroughs in the privatization of oxygen. Both are high-risk investors and, when their passion for privatizing oxygen collides, everyone feels the heat. The first date is a grand success, and Xiu finds herself helpless in the humus-strengthened arms of Mr. Bishop.

But as my plots often twist unpredictably, so does the flame between Xiu and Mr. Bishop. On their second date, Xiu suggests they see a local cabaret show. At first sight, Xiu falls in love with the opening act, a ventriloquist. A love-trapezoid develops, and hearts break in the process. Xiu loves Ivan Ivanovich, Argentina's greatest ventriloquist, who, coincidentally, is being hunted for game by the kings of Denmark and Zaire for having affairs with their respective daughters. Ivan in turn loves Mr. Bishop. Mr. Bishop loves Dujo, Ivan's puppet, and Dujo just wants to go home and get some rest.

Things really get stupid crazy when Dujo discovers a million dollars cash that has been left in a restaurant bathroom. How will the thrones of love ever be sorted out, especially when Canadian Mounty Donald Trump (unrelated) and his brother, a local beer fanatic, decide to avenge their mother's tragic sewer-related death by kidnapping Xiu? Buy the novel to find out!

Although the entire setting of "Faux Pas in the Straw" is contained within a quarter-mile radius of a sandcastle located on the picturesque shoreline of Argentina, the novel experiments greatly with time. The first three chapters are set in the present time — the next three in the summer of 1254, followed by eight chapters in the autumn of 1893. The next 16 chapters and a

few straggling sentences are set on April 30, 823 BC. The final seven chapters explore what the outcome might be if the story was set in 5064 AD.

"Faux Pas in the Straw" holds true to my traditional writing forms (Harlequin Romance novels and 1987 Ford Escort owner's manual) while integrating experimental forms such as the "pretty page" in which all the dirty words are replaced by streaks of colored glitter glue and the "never-ending sentence" in which all punctuation is removed to speed up the pace. The novel's 1,700 lustrous pages are balanced by thoughtful passages from the author that interrupt the most carnal scenes to remind the reader that such lust is only socially acceptable if mixed with true love, alcohol or atheism.

My novel is engrossing, entrancing, educational, inedible and intellectual. The themes "Faux Pas in the Straw" explores range from questioning the sincerity of love as a human emotion to advise on how to make a great Quiche Lorraine.

Those who desire a copy should contact Grant at [gjones@unity.ncsu.edu](mailto:gjones@unity.ncsu.edu). (Must be willing to supply your own paper and ink cartridge, and you will need to use your printer).

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

### Transportation responds

The crowding that you are experiencing in the DC area is somewhat normal for this time of year. We are taking some measures to reduce the crowding by vigorously ticketing non-permit holders, offering staff in that area already on the B permit waitlist temporary "B" permits, and offering students who may find the Dan Allen Deck just as convenient the ability to switch to a DD permit. We fully expect these measures to minimize the overcrowding at peak times in the Coliseum Deck. And as always, your DC permit allows you the flexibility to flow into the E area, and so the overflow E area. If you do not find this to be satisfactory, please call me or come by the office, and we will try to work with a solution that suits your needs. Thanks for taking the time to make us aware your concerns. I apologize for the inconvenience you have suffered as a result of overcrowding in the parking areas.

Melissa Harden  
Assistant Director for Parking

### Overcrowded parking frustrating

I am a senior majoring and have purchased a DC parking permit. However, every class day so far this semester, with the exception of one instance, the DC permit area has been full at my arrival for class/work. I have had to park in the E or S (when E is full) lots or drive in circles for half an hour in a pack of cars waiting for someone to leave a space. I would not call this a convenient or reliable means of parking. \$6.01 2001-2002 PARKING & TRANSPORTATION POLICIES says: "1.2.2 The Director of Transportation, acting pursuant to the authority vested by this Ordinance and the Board of Trustees, will exercise discretion and authority in a manner as to assure the proper conduct of the necessary business of the University and the effective utilization and control of the available parking areas and facilities on the campus of the University for the benefit and maximum convenience of visitors, students and employees. This would imply to me a failing of our Department of Transportation under their general provisions. My permit suddenly seems a poor value. Perhaps fewer permits should be sold or parking areas better enforced. What recourse do I have if I desire to park with "maximum convenience"?"

Mike Showalter  
Winston-Salem

### Vote in the City Council election

I am responding to your article about Thomas Croom's bid for City Council.

Albert Hopping  
Math, Physics  
Senior

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## Summer fun with Dubya

**Chris Hickling**  
STAFF COLUMNIST

Summer vacation is gone. It has been gone for a few weeks now, and most of us are slowly but surely getting out of vacation mode. Everyone is getting back to work. Everyone, except our commander in chief. While we are getting reacquainted with our books, President Bush will be getting reacquainted with his favorite fishing hole.

Bush has taken a one-month "working vacation." It seems that Bush is working on his golf game and his tan almost as much as he is really working for our country. What this trip has been about is image. Instead of vacationing in more traditional presidential vacation spots like Martha's Vineyard or Kennebunkport, Bush has chosen his Crawford, Texas, ranch. He has established his "Western White House" to prove to the public that he is not part of the Washington establishment. It isn't fooling anyone. When he asked second graders in Albuquerque, N.M., where he was from, the kids responded, "Washington D.C.!" Give it up Dubya, you can't fool 7-year-olds, much less the rest of the country.

He really isn't lying when he says that he isn't a belline insider. When he gets back from this vacation, he will have spent over 40 percent of his

time outside of the White House. The last time a president took a vacation this long, Nixon was in the White House and the Beatles were still together. If, during his four-year term, Bush continues to leave Washington as much as he has in the past seven months, he will spend over 600 days outside of the Nation's capital.

Pondering this fact, one must ask, "Do any other Americans take month-long vacations?" In the three months between the end of one school year and the start of another, the majority of college students are either in summer school, working at a job or both. Many students skip summer school and a job in favor of doing something for someone else.

One of our fellow students also took a trip out west to admire the heartlands. Over 63 days, 4,085 miles and 18 flat tires, Eric Hayden rode his bicycle around the country raising money for PUSH America. PUSH America, the national charity of the Pi Kappa Phi fraternity, helps raise money and awareness for disabled children. Two teams of 35 brothers set out on the annual "Journey of Hope" from San Francisco to Washington, D.C. This year, the teams raised over \$400,000. But more than that, they made an impact on the people that they met.

In each of the 55 cities they stopped

in, the team shared time with local kids. These "friendship visits" were what stand out in Hayden's mind as the meaningful moments of his trip. Hayden's mantra during the trip reflects this: "I decided that this day was going to be the greatest day of my life, and I want to help make this day the greatest day for someone else." Whether in the Northern California Special Olympics, where he helped lead a team into the stadium, or in Roswell, where he assisted kids with cerebral palsy in therapeutic horseback riding, Hayden provided and received that personal contact that can make a day the greatest day ever.

If Bush really wants to prove that he isn't just like any other politician, he should act like the public that he is trying to court — he shouldn't take a one-month vacation. Bush should consider doing something more than vacationing on his vacation. He is a person who can make someone's day by his mere presence. President Bush was supposed to meet the riders when they came to Washington D.C., but he was ... on vacation.

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## RULE OF THUMB

### The loaves and the lobster



An amazed chef for the Kaspia Restaurant in London found a gargantuan, three-foot-long lobster in Wednesday's seafood delivery. Experts estimate that the lobster could be 60 years old, and could feed anywhere from one-third to one-half of a Third-World nation.

### A duce of DUIs



You can never have too much of a bad thing. A man from Wordsworth, Ohio, received two, that's right, two citations for driving under the influence ... within a two-hour period on Tuesday. After the second incident, police were somewhat sympathetic, assuming the man was obviously mentally handicapped. He wasn't.

### D. Bowie & P. Diddy



P. Diddy, aka Puff Daddy, aka Sean "Puffy" Combs, announced that he plans to give David Bowie, the glam-rock icon, a "hip-hop" makeover. This will be different from Bowie's usual androgynous makeover. The rap mogul commented "P. Diddy, Diddy, that cat [Bowie] gonna look priddy, you know what I'm sayin'?" Uh!

### G-spot fictitious



Utterly invigorating years of remarkably convincing method-acting by many porn stars, scientists concluded, once and for all, that the G-spot does not exist. And for what reason? Simply that there is no "factual scientific evidence" to back it up.

### Dennis Miller decoder



ESPN, recognizing that the majority of the public, especially the football watching public, has no idea what the hell Dennis Miller is talking about on Monday Night Football, established an online guide to interpreting his high-browed commentary.

### West Nile virus in New Jersey



The first reported incident of the West Nile Virus this year surfaced in a New Jersey woman this week. The 72-year-old woman was from a densely populated part of Trenton. Wow, that's a triple whammy for poor Jersey — they've got the virus, Newark and Springsteen.

### Natl. Air and Space Museum and McDonald's



The two giants of their industries (interactive exhibits and fast "food," respectively) signed a 10-year contract to do business with each other. The contract states that Mickie D's will be sold inside the museum and that Ronald McDonald will be attributed with the first flight — not the brothers Wright.

### MSN care package



The American Medical Association scolded the MSN Internet service for its online offering of a college care package including a book of beer-drinking games and a microbrewery kit. Evidently the AMA thought the package would in some way encourage underage drinking.

### Bush rested and ready



Dubya returns, hopefully well-rested and ready to go, from his month-long vacation this week. As many people do, the President spent much of his vacation reading leisurely. In addition to completing several Hardy Boys classics, Bush perused as many as two magazines and three newspapers — all with small printing.

### Bad beef



IBP Inc., a leading producer of beef, recalled about 500,000 pounds of beef Thursday. The beef may be tainted with the E. coli bacteria, but none has been found yet in the recall. Speaking of being "found," has anyone seen the grinding plant watchdog, Archie? Direct responses to IBP's PR department.

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North Carolina at Maryland	Maryland	Maryland	UNC	Maryland	UNC	UNC	Maryland	Maryland
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Wake Forest at East Carolina	ECU	ECU	ECU	ECU	ECU	ECU	ECU	ECU
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Miami at Penn State	Penn State	Miami	Miami	Miami	Penn State	Penn State	Miami	Miami
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West Virginia at Boston College	BC	BC	W. Virginia	BC	W. Virginia	W. Virginia	W. Virginia	BC



## AROUND THE ACC

### Standings:

Team	ACC Record	Overall
Georgia Tech	0-0	1-0
Clemson	0-0	0-0
Duke	0-0	0-0
Florida State	0-0	0-0
Maryland	0-0	0-0
N.C. State	0-0	0-0
Wake Forest	0-0	0-0
North Carolina	0-0	0-1
Virginia	0-0	0-1

### Saturday's games:

**North Carolina at Maryland, Noon, ABC**  
In a confrontation of first-year head coaches, Jim Bunting of the Tar Heels and Ralph Friedgen of the Terrapins will square off in the shadow of Maryland's giant, inflated turtle mascot, Testudo.

**Central Florida at Clemson, 1 p.m.**  
Woody Danzler's Heisman bid officially begins at Death Valley, and UCF's former candidate (and current Viking) Dante Culpepper won't be available to help the Golden Knights.

**Richmond at Virginia, 4:30 p.m.**  
The Cavaliers might need some bug spray to go along with their sabres as the Spiders invade Charlottesville, Va.

**Florida State at Duke, 6 p.m.**  
At least the Blue Devils will get the spanking out of the way early this season.

**The Citadel at Georgia Tech, 6 p.m.**  
The Yellow Jackets labored in their opener against Syracuse and have fallen out of the top 10.

**Wake Forest at East Carolina, 7 p.m.**  
Hopes are high in Greenville as Steve Logan's senior-laden team welcomes the Deacons and their new head man, Jim Grobe.

### THE WOLFPACK

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27	28	29	30	31	1	2
				WS v High Pt., 5:00	MS v N.East., 1:00 V @ ILUPI Tour.	MS v Mass., 1:00 V @ ILUPI Tour.
V @ Butler	WS v UMG, 7:00	5	6 FB v Indiana, 7:30	7 MS @ addidas Tour. WS @ JMU Invt. V v Marshall, 7:00	8 MS @ addidas Tour. V v High Pt., 2:00 V v Campbell, 7:00	9 WS @ JMU Invt.

1 Student Football Ticket Giveaway for Indiana Game  
2 at WRAL Soccer Complex

### VOLLEYBALL

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State on Saturday, followed by an early Sunday afternoon game against Eastern Michigan and then the host IUPUI Jaguars Sunday night. Finally, while the student body is enjoying the Labor Day holiday, the Pack will take on Butler before coming back home to Raleigh.

"I think Butler is the

strongest of the teams we will be matched up against this weekend," said Byrne. "Jacksonville State and Eastern Michigan have been very similar to what N.C. State has looked like in the past. But we are a different team now than what we were in the past and so they might be different as well. "We'll just have to see. But we do get the opportunity to scout out Eastern Michigan and IUPUI before playing them, so we will definitely look to take advantage of that."

### WOMEN

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tion of the Panthers is picked to finish near the bottom of the Big South Conference.

High Point returns 10 of its starters from a club that finished 4-11-2, including leading scorers sophomore Emily Lanham and junior Megan Moore.

Panther goalkeeper Cindy Warts started every game for

High Point in the 2000 season while recording 91 saves.

However, Kerrigan knows the Panthers are more than capable of coming into Raleigh and escaping with a win.

"High Point is one of those teams that if you're not on your game, they can beat you," said Kerrigan. "If we play well, we'll win the game."

Kickoff is set for 5 p.m. at Method Road Soccer Stadium.

### FSU

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caller, but Rix won't be the job by default when Boldin was switched back to receiver because of injuries to other players. Just days after the switch, Boldin was lost for the season with a knee injury, depriving FSU of its top returning receiver and its backup quarterback.

The offense will also have to replace four-year starter Travis Minor at tailback. Junior Nick Maddox, who has only carried the ball 36 times for 181 yards in his collegiate career, will get the first shot, but senior Davy Ford and sophomore Greg Jones are ready if he falters.

On defense, only four starters return from the second-ranked scoring defense in the nation. Senior safety Chris Hope will lead the secondary after garnering second-team All-ACC honors last year. Up front, the Seminoles have sophomore Darnell Dockett, who was a

first-team Freshman All-American in 2000.

The Seminoles' streak of 14 consecutive 10-win seasons is definitely in jeopardy. Tech and Clemson could provide viable challenges in the conference, and FSU has its usual in-state showdowns with Miami and Florida.

"The guys before you laid out all this tradition for you, and you've got to step it up," junior offensive tackle Brett Williams said. "You just get the feeling that you don't want to let anybody down."

Something else the players will have on their minds this year is the possibility of Bowden overtaking the legendary Paul "Bear" Bryant on the career list for Division I-A coaching victories. The team needs just nine wins to push Bowden past the great Alabama coach.

"It would definitely be special for me to be part of the team that helped him go over Bear Bryant," Hope said.





## Pack women kick off against High Point

◆ The N.C. State women's soccer team will debut its new attacking style.

**Matt Middleton**  
Staff Writer

Last year, early season non-conference losses by the N.C. State women's soccer team ultimately cost it a spot in the NCAA Tournament draw. Fast forward to this year, and you will find a more focused Wolfpack women's team that vows not to let history repeat itself.

**WHAT:** W. SOCCER VS. HIGH POINT  
**WHEN:** TODAY, 5:00 P.M.  
**WHERE:** METHOD ROAD STADIUM

“Our record in the ACC last year would have gotten us into the NCAA Tournament if we hadn't been upset a couple times in the first weeks of the season,” said head coach Laura Kerrigan about early season losses a year ago to East Carolina, Davidson and Furman. “[This year] we're going to use a more attack-oriented style of play against those [non-conference] teams.”

That attacking style of play will feature the offensive tandem of sophomores Lindsey Underwood and Katherine Warman. Underwood is the leading returning scorer from last year's team, recording six goals in 2000. Last season, Warman was the first Pack player to earn a spot on the all-conference team since Stephanie Sanders in 1996.

Even though the team is more focused on scoring goals this time around, that doesn't necessarily imply that the defense will fall off from the stellar season it had a year ago. The Pack's defense figures to be just as good as last year's version that was third in the conference in scoring defense.

Returning to anchor that defense will be junior goalkeeper Gretchen Lear. Lear led the ACC in save percentage a year ago, recording 63 saves in just 11 games.

Team co-captain Erin Bushey and Lauren Bendaiah lead a tough defense that Lear will count on heavily to keep the ball out of her area.

Today's contest will also feature the first-time players from the Pack's nationally ranked recruiting class. Among those who could see action today are Annika Schmidt, Lydia Bojcum and Nicole Blume. Warman attributed last year's inconsistency in non-conference affairs to youth, something that will not be a valid excuse this year with the added year of experience the team has under its belts.



The Pack will try to avoid the upset bug.

“I know we took our out-of-conference games a bit too lightly last year,” said Warman. “We were a young team, and some of us didn't know how much each game meant. This year, we're more experienced, and we won't have that excuse.”

One non-conference opponent that the Pack did defeat last season was High Point. This year's edi-

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## Volleyball faces full weekend

◆ The N.C. State volleyball team is ready to start earning respect with four matches in three days.

**Justin Sellers**  
Staff Writer

The time has come. The moment when a team finally gets to see what it is made of, to see if all the hard work and effort during the off-season will pay off.

For the N.C. State volleyball team, that time is now. Not only will this weekend's IUPUI Tournament in Indianapolis mark the beginning of the 2001 season for the Pack, but it will also be the start of a new era.

Under new head coach Mary Byrne, State hopes to overcome last season's disappointments and start this season off right.

**WHAT:** IUPUI  
**TOURNAMENT** WHEN: THIS WEEKEND  
**WHERE:** INDIANAPOLIS

Byrne, the former head coach at South Dakota State, didn't waste any time getting down to business. After recruiting some talented freshmen, Byrne and her assistants began working with the team.

Her emphasis on basic fundamentals of the game, reducing unforced errors, speed and strength defensively has the Pack looking toward the future.

“We're very excited about this weekend,” said Byrne. “I think our team is looking forward to the IUPUI Tourney.”

“After fall practice, the main thing now is to see how we look out there on the court, to see what things we are good at and what things we need to work on. But our attitude is strong, and I'd say we are definitely ready to compete this weekend.”

Being Byrne's first season at State, she will look to some strong senior leadership from Charece Williams and Alison Kraeger.

Williams, who led the Pack with 498 kills last season, has worked on more aspects of her game, and should be a fearful force as an outside hitter. Meanwhile, Kraeger had the best hitting percentage (.251) and total blocks (124) a year ago. She, along with freshman Sarah Ensminger, will start in the middle.

“Right now, our whole program is going through a transition,” said Byrne. “Both Charece and Alison are very solid players. They've both shown strong leadership for us, and we will definitely rely on them to play well consistently. Charece, I think, has shown great improvement with her overall game. Alison is just so quick. She's not very tall, but is very dependable.”

“But we are a team. We've got many players on this team and we have to remember that. We've got to work as a team if we want to win. We can't just rely on one or two people to pull us through the season.”

While teamwork is necessary, no position on the court is more important than setter. Going into the weekend, Byrne has decided to go with freshman Lindi Sheppard as the starter with sophomore Crystal Shannon backing her up, as well as playing some time defensively for the Pack.

Sheppard was an all-district, all-region and all-state selection her senior year at Clover Hills High School in Midlothian, Va. Shannon, last year's starting setter, finished the 2000 season with 1,238 assists, the seventh most in a single season in school history.

“Lindi will be our starter, and we're looking forward to seeing how she does with that role,” said Byrne. “So far, she has done very well. Crystal has a great work ethic and has been very understanding and supportive of Lindi. She [Shannon] will be a big help backing Lindi and also playing on the back line defensively.”

“I think that it's our advantage to utilize every player's strengths on the team, and that's what we are looking at doing here.”

The Pack has four matches scheduled over the next three days. It will open against Jacksonville

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## Men's soccer ready for classic weekend



The men's soccer team takes on Northeastern and Massachusetts this weekend in the Wolfpack Classic.

◆ N.C. State welcomes Northeastern, UMass and Duke for the opening weekend of the season.

**Andrew B. Carter**  
Staff Writer

The N.C. State men's soccer team will finally have the opportunity to erase the old and begin anew on Saturday, when it welcomes the Northeastern Huskies to Method Road Soccer Stadium in the opening game of the Fifth Annual adidas/Wolfpack Classic.

The 1 p.m. kickoff at Method Road Soccer Stadium cannot come soon enough for the Pack, who is looking forward to recovering from one of its

worst seasons in recent memory in 2000. Last season, State won just three games while dropping 12 contests, but as veteran coach George Tarantini and his players well know, last season is gone forever.

“Last season is the past,” Tarantini said. “And this season, I believe, is the beginning of something special for our soccer program.”

After an off season in which it lost top goal scorer and point producer

Nick Olivencia to graduation, the Pack will feature an extremely young, yet talented squad in its inaugural game of the 2001 season. The Pack will carry a total of 12 freshman — 10 true and two redshirt — into its contest on Saturday.

Youth and inexperience, however, are hardly State's toughest challenges as it prepares for this weekend's games. That supertalent goes to the Wolfpack's opening opponent, Northeastern. The Huskies, coached by Ed Matz, return all of their key players from a team that finished 10-8 last season en route to capturing the America East Conference Championship.

Northeastern, which was picked to finish third in its conference this season, is a talented and seasoned squad

that boasts the services of 10 seniors.

While Northeastern certainly is an older, more experienced team than State, the Pack boasts excellent veteran leadership of its own. Senior fullback Damon Butler and fellow team captain, junior goalkeeper Mitchell Watson, are doing an outstanding job of leading the Pack early.

“A good team begins with its leadership,” said Tarantini. “And those guys [Butler and Watson] are doing a great job.”

Following its date with Northeastern on Saturday afternoon, State will have less than 24 hours before kicking off against another New England soccer opponent in Massachusetts at 1 p.m. Sunday. UMass, which will face Duke in the second game of the Classic on Saturday afternoon, will represent a tough test for the Pack. In 2000, the Minutemen finished with a 13-6-2 mark while capturing the Atlantic 10 regular season championship.

Like Northeastern, UMass returns several key components from last season. In all, the Minutemen will have 14 juniors and seniors on their roster. In an exhibition game earlier this week, UMass lost to North Carolina 2-0.

In spite of the formidable challenges it faces to open its season, State remains confident that the new season will bring renewed hope and faith to the men's soccer program. With an abundance of new players, however, Tarantini knows that building confidence early in the season is crucial.

“Sometimes, there is a tendency to panic early if things don't go your way,” Tarantini said. “We can't do that. We need to stay positive and be supportive of each other.”

Perhaps one weakness that State may exhibit this weekend is a lack of cohesiveness. For a team comprised of so many new faces, developing team chemistry could take time.

“It will take time and patience,” said Tarantini. “But we will come together. I expect to have a great season.”

## FSU's perch not looking secure

◆ The Seminoles are favored to win the conference again, but they could have a tougher time doing it this year.

**Jeremy Ashton**  
Sports Editor

When Florida State entered the ACC in 1992, the rest of the conference knew that it was getting a football powerhouse. Still, the other eight teams in the league probably weren't counting on the run of dominance that followed.

Nine years and nine conference titles later, the Seminoles have a 70-2 conference record, losing only to Virginia in 1995 and N.C. State in 1998. The rest of the ACC has poured all its resources into figuring out how to knock off the Seminoles. Even FSU head coach Bobby Bowden is having a difficult time explaining his team's continued

reign over the conference.

“I could not have foreseen it,” Bowden said. “My thinking coming into the conference reflects back on what happened to us our first year. That's the way I saw it — a year when we could have lost to Clemson and Georgia Tech, and they left us off the hook.”

Last season, the Seminoles breezed through the ACC schedule, getting their only challenge from Georgia Tech in a 26-21 win. For once, FSU may not have it so easy.

The Seminoles must replace 14 starters from last year's national runners-up, including quarterback Chris Weinke, the Heisman Trophy winner. Bowden's team will feature a talented but younger group of players, and FSU actually looks vulnerable. Bowden seemingly wouldn't have it any other way.

“It hasn't been that way in so long. I'm kind of liking it,” Bowden said.

The other coaches in the conference, however, aren't feeling any pity for Bowden.

“Are you kidding?” N.C. State head coach Chuck Amato said. “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 Seminoles do have several concerns, beginning with Weinke's successor at quarterback. Redshirt freshman Chris Rix and junior Anquan Boldin, who played wide receiver the last two years, were supposed to compete for the starting job.

Either way, FSU was going to enter the season with an inexperienced signal

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2001 ACC Preseason POLL

1. Florida State (65)
2. Georgia Tech (5)
3. Clemson (1)
4. N.C. State
5. Virginia
6. North Carolina
7. Maryland
8. Wake Forest
9. Duke