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Wolfline driver arrested

A Wolfline driver was arrested Wednesday after allegedly pulling a gun on a group of N.C. State students on Fraternity Court.

Jimmy Ryals
Staff Reporter

A Wolfline driver has been arrested after allegedly brandishing a weapon in the presence of a group of N.C. State students earlier this week.

Public Safety Capt. Moody swore out and served a warrant Wednesday for the arrest of Matthew Silver after members of the Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity reported that Silver had pulled a gun on them in front of their house on Fraternity Court Tuesday evening.

Silver was charged with a misdemeanor count of possessing a weapon on educational property and trespassed from campus. He is not currently driving Wolfline buses.

Public Safety Sgt. Jon Barnwell and Wolfline Director Claire Kane both characterized the incident as a "he-said, she-said" situation, wherein exactly what happened is still uncertain. Apparently, Silver ran over a watermelon placed in the street and, on his next cycle through Fraternity Court, stopped to see what he had hit, as directed by

his dispatcher, according to Kane.

According to Andy Biddle, a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon, he and a group of approximately 15 other people were sitting on a bench in front of the house when Silver returned. Silver saw the smashed watermelon and approached the group seated on the bench.

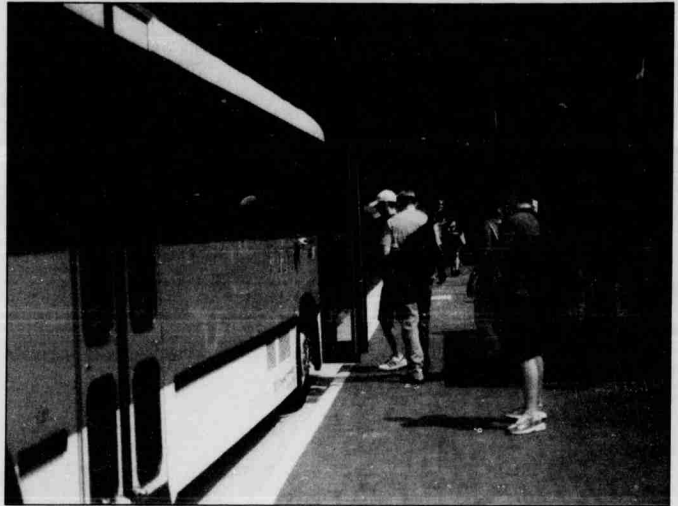
Biddle said that Silver then said, "What, do you think this is a game?" He then lifted his shirt, pulled out a gun and cocked it. Public Safety officers later came to the house to question the witnesses.

Barnwell said Moody believed that the student witness' accounts of the incident were strong enough to make an arrest.

According to Kane, Silver has not been a problem employee.

"He, in our experience, has been the kind of employee that does what he's told," Kane said.

Kane also said that Transportation, TCT Transit Services, the company that provides NCSU's Wolfline buses, and Silver are all cooperating with Public Safety in the investigation of the incident.



A Wolfline driver allegedly pulled a gun while on Fraternity Court.

TECHNICIAN FILE PHOTO

New professors react to the N.C. State experience

◆ Freshmen are not the only members of the NCSU community new to campus.

Dominique Donato
Staff Reporter

As N.C. State is seeing an influx of students from diverse backgrounds, a much smaller but equally diverse group of faculty is coming to NCSU for the first time.

Among the new faculty hired by the university are Vita Plume, a visiting assistant professor in the Department of Art and Design; Detris Honora, an assistant professor in the Department of Educational Research and Leadership and Counselor Education; and Bill Osteen, an assistant professor of education.

VITA PLUME

Plume's accent may be the first thing that draws one in. It is not thick or obtrusive, but hints at cultural roots made more evident by her art.

Plume's family emigrated from Latvia to Montreal, Quebec shortly before she

was born. Her background has influenced her art through a medium not usually associated with the fine arts — weaving.

"Art has been done traditionally as painting, sculpture, et cetera, but all those traditional categories are being undermined by new materials," she said.

These new materials and ideas of art are what brought Plume to NCSU from her previous position as the head of the textile studio at the New Brunswick College of Craft and Design.

"I'm interested in digital weaving — weaving where one uses computers not only to create images but in the weaving process itself," she said.

Through the College of Art and Design and the College of Textiles, Plume will teach studios in weaving, as well as a course in digital weaving.

"With a computer loom, you can weave any shape — it's very liberating. [But], while it's liberating, it's still very much a challenge," Plume said with a little smile.

"The textiles and arts and design departments developed a program where students could take courses in both

schools," said Plume.

This is called the Anni Albers Program. On coming to Raleigh, and the U.S. as well, she said she "had apprehensions definitely, but I think more a sense of adventure to see what this culture is all about."

A lack of bike paths and other small things baffled Plume, but she says that people have generally been very nice.

"I'm open to see what I learn and I think I'll learn a lot — both about the U.S. and textiles," she said.

DETRIS HONORA

Detris Honora has been working in the field of educational psychology for some time. Completing a degree in human development and psychology at the Harvard School of Education and doing post-doctoral work at Teacher's College, Columbia, she said her role at NCSU is "to strengthen the college in terms of educational psychology."

"In my research, I look at factors that influence school achievement among low income and minority adolescents," she said.

She will teach a course in educational psychology for undergraduates this semester and will expand her curriculum to include graduate students in the spring.

As is fitting with a Research I university, Honora emphasized the importance of research not only for graduate students, but undergraduates, as well.

"I'm definitely looking for undergraduates who want to improve their research skills and work on a project that could improve school achievement in lower income students," she said.

Honora has worked at several different types of universities, including smaller private schools, Ivy League and Research I universities like NCSU.

"What is impressive about NCSU is the amount of overlap and collaboration between departments," she said.

As for life in Raleigh, Honora seemed enthusiastic, saying she was excited about the many cultural events between the different schools in the area.

Moreover, Honora said, "Although it is a large urban campus, there is still a sense of community on the campus."

To contact Honora about the possibility

of undergraduate research, email her at detris_honora@ncsu.edu.

BILL OSTEN

Coming to NCSU might have been a shock of its own for Osteen, formerly an English professor at Lake Tahoe Community College in California, a school with only 1,500 students.

"The thing that has stood out to me the most, even though it's a large university, [is] that there are both opportunities and places where faculty and students can make it a smaller, more manageable community," he said.

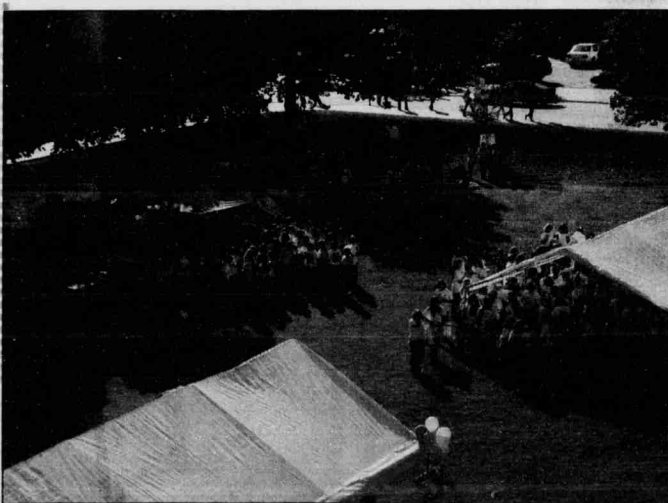
Still, Osteen is no stranger to large universities — he received his doctorate from the University of Virginia.

Osteen works with NCSU students going into middle school education, where because of the small size of the department, he has not had to deal with large lecture halls.

"There are 10 students who are seniors right now," he said.

There are over 60 in the middle school

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Sunday was Bid Day for NCSU sororities. New members filled Harris field next to Witherspoon Student Center.

JASON HESTER/STAFF

IRC blood drive to replenish supply

◆ Students are encouraged to donate blood tomorrow to balance out the blood needed in wake of the terrorist attacks.

News Staff Report

The annual IRC blood drive falls at an opportune time this year, helping to replace the 8,100 units of blood North Carolina sent to New York in wake of the World Trade Center bombing.

The blood drive will take place tomorrow from 2 p.m. - 7 p.m. in the Talley Student Center Ball Room. According to Vermin Hunt, IRC Vice President for Programs, the blood drive had been set for this date before the terrorist attacks but falls at a convenient time, helping to restore the state's blood supply.

"It's going to be crowded, so please

be patient," said Hunt. "We only have a certain number of people working, and students' patience will be appreciated."

Qualifications for donating include weighing more than 110 pounds and being at least 17 years of age.

Students unable to qualify for blood donation can help out in other ways. The IRC is soliciting volunteers to help man computers and register people for donation, said Hunt.

Project 911 will also be present at the blood drive collecting monetary donations for the Red Cross, and there will be a car wash on Friday, Sept. 28 to help raise money for the Red Cross.

The IRC encourages students to help in any way they can and emphasizes the need for patience among students at the blood drive.

Students interested in helping with the blood drive can contact the IRC office at 515-3238 or IRC@ncsu.edu, detailing the times they can work.



NEWS BRIEFS

Discussion on three major faiths to be held

Tuesday, Sept. 18 "Three Women — Three Faiths — One City" will take place at 1 p.m. in the Walnut Room in Talley Student Center. Three women, representing the three major faiths of Jerusalem — Judaism, Christianity and Islam — will be discussing various issues. The discussion is sponsored by the N.C. State Women's Center and Women and Gender Studies.

Heritage lecture to highlight progression

Monday, Sept. 24 "Historical Progressions: African Americans in North Carolina," a lecture by Jeffrey Crow, will be presented in the Multipurpose Room of the African American Cultural Center, Witherspoon Student Center, at 7 p.m. Crow is with the N.C. Archives, and the lecture is the kick-off of an annual lecture series.

Study Abroad fair to reach out to students

Tuesday, Sept. 25 There will be a Study Abroad Fair on the Brickyard from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Interested students will have a chance to ask questions about N.C. State's Study Abroad program and find out what opportunities are available.

Nettie W. Douglass to visit NCSU

Friday, Sept. 28
Nettie Washington Douglass

will be giving a talk in Witherspoon Cinema at 9 a.m. She is the great-granddaughter of Frederick Douglass and the great-granddaughter of Booker T. Washington, the founder of Tuskegee Institute.

The lecture is intended to be a history lesson for students of Kyrn Anderson Academy, and members of the NCSU community are invited to attend. Douglass will present the audience with information about her descendants from a personal perspective. The program will be hosted by the Office of Multicultural Affairs in the College of Physical and Mathematical Sciences.

Graduate work-study positions available

The African American Cultural Center is looking to fill two graduate student work-study positions. Interested graduate students who have received work-study awards are encouraged to apply to M.I. Moses, 355 Witherspoon Student Center, 515-5210, iyailu_moses@ncsu.edu.

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program. "It's also nice that they're mostly seniors, so they've already learned the ropes and are teaching me as well," he said.

"The parts of education that I've researched in the past are the experiential approach — such as Outward Bound! — and service learning and utilizing your community as your classroom," he said.

Osteen has had experience in education beyond working at universities.

"Prior to getting a Ph.D., I started and ran a middle school whose curriculum was both based in community service and field experience. It was a middle school that was an extension from a Montessori elementary school," he said.

Osteen, along with Plume and Honora, has an innovative outlook on the way that education and arts are changing. Perhaps they, as well as the rest of the new faculty, will bring to NCSU exactly what it needs to lead its students into the 21st century.

U. Arizona Muslims concerned about racism after attacks

Harassment continues despite pleas from the U.S. Government and the Muslim community.

By Marianne Green
Arizona Daily Wildcat (U. Arizona)

(U-WIRE) TUCSON, Ariz. — Muslims in the University of Arizona community fear the terrorist attacks on America will result in racism against them and wish to remind fellow students that their religion does not support these acts.

Authorities are speculating that the terrorists who attacked the World Trade Center and the Pentagon Tuesday morning are Muslim supporters of Osama bin Laden, an international terrorist from Afghanistan.

Reports of violence against

Arab-Americans have filtered through the news in the U.S.

Mosques have been vandalized, rocks thrown at Arab school buses and threatening telephone calls made, said Sgt. Marco Balboa of the Tucson Police Department. He reported that people have called in claiming they have been threatened due to their nationality, though no specific nationality was mentioned in those reports.

"We definitely have received more calls than usual for threats," Balboa said.

Back on campus, Muslim students said they still worry that they will be discriminated against.

"I fear that people are going to look at me differently because I am Muslim," said Talal Al-Nassar, a computer engineering sophomore.

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Rescue workers wait to find someone alive

♦ Thousands still lay buried under the rubble of the World Trade Center.

By Lisa Livermore
The Daily Iowan (U. Iowa)

(U-WIRE) NEW YORK -- Anthony Spinelli's 4-year-old son knows his daddy is in danger.

My son called me up and said, "Daddy, be careful," the 24-year-old Red Cross Volunteer said. "He knows I'm going to dead people."

Spinelli said he has seen 50 corpses in the last two days. He has pulled 11 bodies out of what's left of the World Trade Center following what many say is the most brutal attack on U.S. soil in history.

He is one of the many volunteers in downtown New York Thursday. The majority of volunteers distribute bottled water and cookies to rescue workers.

Spinelli chose to confront the smell of death. The Manhattan native said he's waiting to find one of his friends. He's waiting to find someone alive.

"Twenty-five of my friends were killed on the 25th floor [of the World Trade Center]," he said. "I have 25 funerals next week."

On Wednesday, Spinelli said, he shimmied through a 3-foot-wide crawl space 40 feet below the World Trade Center only to find a corpse he was unable to recover because the body was covered in too much rubble.

He said his heart leaped into his throat after coming on the scene of two firefighters and three civilians who were trapped in an elevator in a downtown building near the trade center.

A small fire burned below as they screamed for help. When Spinelli and rescue workers pulled them out with a crane, oxygen was released and the fire erupted in a tall blaze.

Since then, he said he braces himself and waits to find someone alive. "I took a man out in 12 pieces and no head," he said.

The makeshift lighting of downtown shined on his neck tattoo -- a Chinese symbol that means "destruction."

This is the first time he has confronted dismembered bodies, grieving families, and a U.S. government that, he said, should take action to stop the madness.

Every minute he's not in the building searching for bodies, more are dying, Spinelli said. Volunteers were evacuated from buildings numerous times Thursday while the Millennium

building tilted, its structure weak from the fires burning in the days before.

"We want to be there," he said. "We want to pull bodies. The longer we are away, we can't save them."

"NOT A SPECTATOR SPORT"

Members of the press and New York residents crowded a bridge where they could see the Millennium building tilting Thursday afternoon. Many waiting for the third New York building to fall had been there to see Tuesday's destruction.

"This is catastrophic," said Salvation Army Volunteer Barry Bateman of Tuesday's attack. "This is devastating."

He said he worked in the one of the trade-center buildings when it was bombed in 1993. He left two years later. He has been volunteering all week.

"I had 40 friends call me worried I was in the building [on Tuesday]," he said.

New York police created a blockade and urged those on the bridge to leave, as the building appeared more unstable.

A voice over a bullhorn said: "You got to keep moving folks. This isn't a spectator sport."

"We should stand together against these terrorists," Shahin said at a prayer service on campus Wednesday. "(The terrorists) just want to kill. Muslims do not kill."

A press release from the Islamic Center emphasized the importance of not stereotyping the Muslim community.

"We would like to remind all that victims of this horrific act include people from all faiths and backgrounds, and urge all to exercise restraint and not to rush to judgment," the press release said.

Muslims from all over the world have condemned the terrorist attacks on the United States. Afghanistan, Libya and Pakistan are just a few of the countries whose citizens have expressed their grief.

Many UA students said they support the Muslim community on campus.

"The Muslims (at UA) had nothing to do with this," said Daniel Paek, a media arts freshman. "I do not blame them at all."

Another UA freshman agreed.

"There is something wrong with society if they accuse a whole community for one person's acts," said philosophy freshman Gary Brandt. Even though many support the Muslims at UA, they are still worried.

"Every human is worried," Al-nassar added. Bin Laden is Muslim, and he (may) be responsible for all of this," -- and that makes all Muslims a target, Al-nassar said.

The Muslim faith should not be held responsible because of one Muslim's acts, Al-nassar said. He is concerned about the racism that may occur.

"May God grant them the wisdom to not accuse a person because of their religion," he said.

MUSLIMS

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UA President Peter Likins made a statement Thursday condemning the harassment that has taken place against Muslims on campus.

"I have been receiving reports that my fears of irrational retribution against members of our community are being realized in the form of death threats and harassment of Islamic students," he said in a press release. "This behavior is a disgrace to our university and will not be tolerated."

Likins added that the police should be notified immediately if any threats against the Muslim community are made.

"I must also rely on every responsible member of the campus community to speak out against this misdirection of anger that is properly focused on the specific villains who committed these atrocities," he said.

Those working at nearby restaurants said they have also experienced due to the attacks. Sinbad's, a Middle Eastern restaurant owned and operated by Muslims located at 810 E. University Blvd., received a phone call Tuesday afternoon warning the owners to "be careful."

The restaurant's manager knew the caller could have been threatening the restaurant, but took it as a "friendly warning."

"We closed the restaurant early, but not because of the (phone) call - because we felt we should pay our condolences to those who lost their lives," said Khaleel Bamveh, the kitchen manager at Sinbad's.

Bamveh added that he hopes that the Tucson community will not blame the Muslims for the attacks.

"We are Americans too," Bamveh said. "This is a tough time for Muslims everywhere."

Muslims at the UA discussed their concerns about their religion being targeted in the attacks.

One student condemned the attack for its violence and for the claim that it was done for "jihad."

"Jihad means to fight for the sake of God," said Heithem Shwehdi, an interdisciplinary studies senior. "This is not jihad."

Shwehdi expressed that the attacks were not representative of the Muslim religion.

"The Muslim religion does not say go kill innocent people," he said. "This is not our religion, we are not a part of this. Islam comes from a word meaning 'peace' and the religion tells us to love the neighbor and respect the law. Islam condemns this act."

Omar Shahin, Imam and director of the Islamic Center of Tucson, 901 E. First St., also declared that the acts were not supported by any Muslims.



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Convenience is price of air safety

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After last Tuesday, many things have changed and will change. One of these things is the airline industry in the United States. Already in financial trouble amid a sliding economy, U.S. airlines will be required to implement newer and stricter safety regulations to prevent future dangers. If passengers desire this aspirated safety in light of what happened last week, they must be willing to sacrifice convenience in many significant ways.

One day the days when you could arrive at the airport 45 minutes before your flight, check in at the gate with your e-ticket, answer a couple of trivial questions and be on your way. New safety measures and restrictions implemented by the FAA last week will revolutionize the flight process from start to finish. Tom Parsons, CEO of Bestflares.com, told CNN that the airlines are asking passengers to arrive at the airport a minimum of two hours prior to the departure of a domestic flight. In addition, no curbside checking of bags or check-ins will be allowed... anywhere.

You can forget having your sweetie kiss you goodbye at the gate—terminals and boarding areas will be open only to people who have the tickets and photo identification necessary to pass through airport security barriers. The random searching of luggage will be even more concentrated than that of the strictest international flights. An industry expert told CNN that passengers should have photo identification on their person at all times and be prepared to have luggage searched if requested.

In response to last week's hijackings

involving knives, no knives, metal or non, will be allowed on board (this includes metal knives for food services). Another regulation holds airlines responsible for airport security screeners. In addition to logistical inconvenience, these measures will probably hit passengers' wallets.

Industry officials say that this may include new machines that screen for other materials other than just metal. Parsons said that he expects an increase in ticket prices, especially in international flights (this is in addition to a reduction in the total number of flights offered). "I think the international airlines are going to be worried... I wouldn't be surprised that... we don't see airfares, especially to London, under \$200 round-trip."

Transportation Secretary Norman Y. Mineta had wanted to place federal air marshals on some commercial flights, but this will not happen due to the extremely high cost in manpower. The Associated Press reported that Mineta has appointed two non-government task forces of experts to present detailed plans by Oct. 1 on how to improve security in the airline industry.

The bottom line is that, if people think flying was a headache before, they better take several aspirin before flying anytime in the near future. In order make the necessary improvements in our nation's airplane flights and in our airports, we must be willing to pay a price in convenience (both in time and cooperation, and in increased costs in the industry). The cooperation and patience of airline passengers is needed now more than ever.



The price of retaliation

Chris Hickling
STAFF COLUMNIST

Tomorrow is the week anniversary of the event that will forever change America. I don't need to rehash all the events that happened last Tuesday; I don't need to tell you where I was. You know what happened, and I am sure that you could care less where I was when this happened. Recounting the images is unnecessary. Those images were burned into your mind and into the collective consciousness the moment they occurred.

In a flash of a moment, life turned into confusion. All of my emotions over the past six days have been conflicting. Everything, right down to whether to write this column or not. It is in cases just like this one where the double-edged sword of journalism cuts its deepest. My job as a journalist is to write about what is going on, but by offering up this column, I am adding to the media frenzy that has engulfed this horror. The all-day, every day coverage drives many first to apathy and then to simply not caring. I hate to think I am contributing to the abundance of media that will cause people not to care about this tragedy.

I have been inspired by stories of long lines to give blood and stores being sold out of American flags. I have been sickened by reports of violence towards Muslims or Arabs. But all that is in the past. While I continue to grieve with our nation, I tremble when I think of the future. I am standing by my President. In the midst of this crisis, our President is the pillar of our strength. In coming days, weeks and months, he will decide how to respond to this heinous act. It seems that he, along with many Americans, wants to retaliate. Though I stand by him, I don't have to agree with his decisions. I think retaliation is not a response that we should take. Think of how shattered you felt last Tuesday.

Do you think that most other humans... on this planet will feel differently if we go to some country and destroy their buildings, kill their citizens? Will it somehow ease the pain of the mothers, fathers, sisters, brothers, wives, husbands and children who have lost loved ones? We cannot solve violence with violence. We cannot heal pain by giving pain to others. We must overcome hate with love.

Fighting aggression with aggression brings with it disastrous results. Many have compared this tragedy to the bombing of Pearl Harbor. That day, 2,323 American servicemen died. Our "retaliation" for the loss of life at Pearl Harbor came when we dropped atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki. While

December 7, 1941 and September 11, 2001 are days that are etched into American history, August 6 and August 9, 1945 will be remembered in Japan as days where 130,000 and 75,000 people, respectively, died because of American aggression.

Please don't misconstrue my statements. The decisions President Bush will have to make are the toughest he will have during his term. Sending American troops anywhere in the world is a decision that is not and should not be taken lightly. What the American people and our commander in chief must consider is how badly we want retaliation and at what price will we take it.

More importantly, we must ask ourselves why we want retaliation. Americans are understandably angry, but decisions made now, while the anger still dominates our thinking, are destined to bring results that will not make the anger subside. Please know that I want the people behind the attacks to be brought to justice as much as the rest of our country. On the other hand, I don't think that "justice" has to involve death. We have seen too much of that already.

Instead of emailing Chris at chwickling@unity.ncsu.edu, email the people that you love, and tell them that you love them.

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Refine leadership to face war

Minnesota Daily

(U-WIRE) MINNEAPOLIS -- The

three men in Tulsa, Okla.

"Our nation must be mindful that there are thousands of Arab-Americans that live in New York City who love the flag just as much" as other Americans, Bush told New York's mayor, Rudy Giuliani, and governor, George Pataki, on Thursday.

But the president must be more inspiring if he is to keep this country away from the mob mentality and direct America into an uncertain future. Minute by minute, America marches ever closer to war. And as we do, the depth and breadth of what such a war would entail becomes clearer. Thursday, Deputy Secretary of Defense Paul Wolfowitz said the United States will engage in a sustained military campaign in response to the terrorist attacks. "One thing that is clear is you don't do it with just a single military strike, no matter how dramatic," he said. "We're going to keep after these people and the people who support them until this stops."

If Osama bin Laden planned the attacks -- which the Pentagon seems intent on not denying -- and the U.S. military invades Afghanistan, we will be engaged in the war the likes of which America has never seen. A cross between World War II and Vietnam, it will be devastating. Hidden in the mountains, air attacks will not eradicate bin Laden and those with him. Ground assaults on those entrenched positions will cost many American lives. And what of bin Laden's organization, which, including others with which it is connected, spans nearly the entire Middle East and is reputed to have factions across the globe? Ignoring terrorist caches outside the Arab world, we are still faced with an enemy that doesn't need to disguise itself as part of the civilian population; it is actually a part of that population. This is terrorism's greatest strength. After striking, they can recede back into a city, an apartment, a home. They are safe because, to get all of them, a nation would have to exterminate innocent civilians. Killing innocents is wrong. That's why we are so shocked and angry at Tuesday's attacks and that's why, if the nation is going to support Bush in a war against terrorists, we will have to have faith in him.

There is no middle ground on this. If America goes to war against terrorists and if we do so intending to actually end the threat, we had better be prepared for deaths not only of American soldiers but of thousands of innocents as well. Bush must make the American people believe in him if he expects long-standing dedication to the atrocity of war.

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Booty-full black women

Decker Ngongang
STAFF COLUMNIST

Taking a break from constant thoughts of last Tuesday, today I reflect and acknowledge a group of society that has long been overlooked in history books and in our heart -- the black woman. This is entitled "Booty-full black women" for this is often the context in which we reference them as a group. Today I honor the black women who played a significant role in making me who I am today.

They are much more than the curvy specimens we often hear or see them portrayed as. They are the backbone of the African American community; they are the heroes of slavery and the civil rights movement, and most importantly, they are people like you and me.

Part of my inspiration for writing this came from a meeting last week on the future of our African American Cultural Center, where I realized how many intelligent and beautiful, yet little recognized, black females we have at this school. They took chances when no one else would and showed how large their hearts were -- they will never give up.

I know many African American women who are as eloquent as any males I have seen but maintain a level of unique and effortless passion. I can always trust these women to keep me in check, challenging my values -- this has shown throughout history. Martin Luther King Jr. wouldn't have been the man he was without those powerful women in his life.

It might be that they find no comfort in social groups. The history of the black female has been one of patriarchal abuse and degradation by popular society. Not only were they the glue that held together the African American community during slavery and the civil rights movement, but they also endured the lack of respect of all females until the '60s and '70s, continuing even today.

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Jemimas," able to do little but cook, clean and take care of children. Today they are the curvy specimens we want to sing us a tune or dance like in the videos. They are the ghetto girls with attitudes who, by society's standards, still hate white people and still can't understand the black male. Media representations don't help the black female -- TV shows throw them back into the poor grammar, man-chasing, booty-shaking stereotypes. The media do this because it's what sells and makes people watch.

My mother would tell me, "Deck, an educated black female is boring. One who shakes her large ass and goes through men is entertaining such as a captured lion is. So much power but useless when under control of captivity." This isn't a racial issue but a respect issue.

This is for my grandmother who probably won't be around for long. She birthed 10 children, raised four of my cousins and managed to take care of me whenever needed. She never learned to read, something she wasn't allowed to do, but stressed education more than anyone. She was my family's rock, providing us an image of a strong black female. The woman, regardless of race, is as strong as any male on earth; her history is one of tri-

umph, leadership and tremendous sacrifice. I choose to highlight black females because, as an African American male, this is my family, my history and my future.

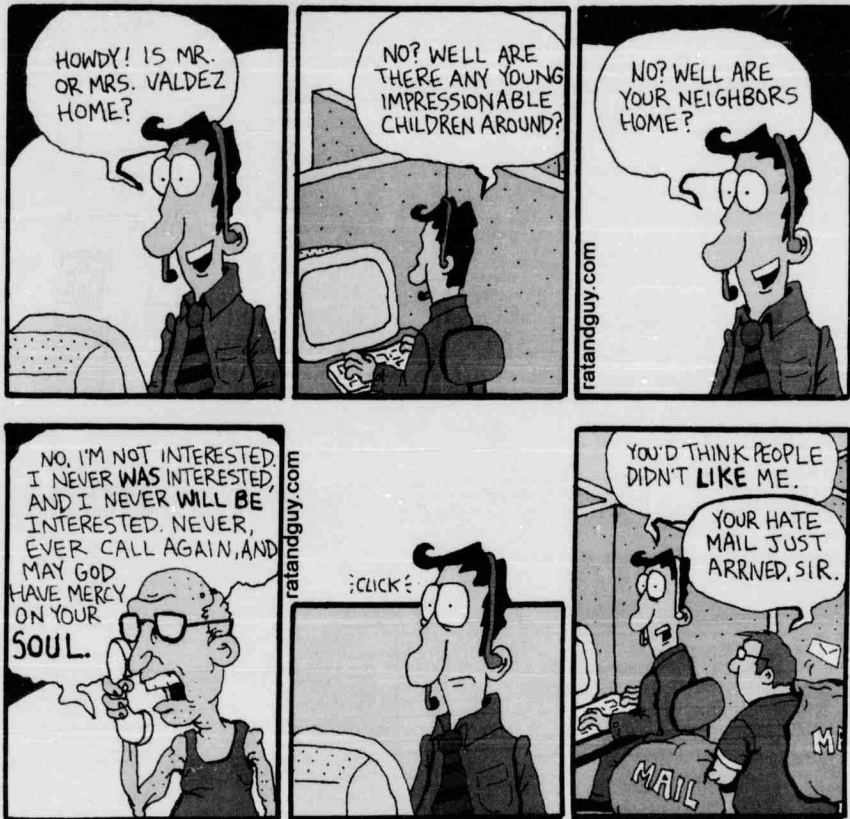
Through the constant struggles throughout history, from slavery to the Jim Crow era to the indirect racism many face today, one thing has been constant in our communities: The black female has allowed us the comfort when we come home, sometimes the meals when we finish work and, more importantly, the cleaners who pick up after our messes.

They are a combination of tenacity, strength and the intelligence of their forebearers, making for beautiful beings little appreciated in our world. As I continue to write, I strive to actually live that which I put forth in my writing. I am the product of three generations of single female parents, who all gave me more than I could ever ask for. I write this in tribute to their achievements and intelligence, and the hope that we all will recognize that which I have always known.

Pray for my grandmother and those who are hurt or hurting after the tragic Tuesday. Peace and love... Email Decker at dngongang@unity.ncsu.edu.

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"I have a TV in my office I've been watching off and on," he said. "It's kind of putting faces with people who didn't make it, so this has really been a tougher day for me. I've had to turn off the TV a couple of times. It's personal now because you start seeing families and kids of the people who died there. I think this is going to be tough for a lot of people, and I sure don't think we should be playing sporting events during this mourning period."

Events postponed due to Tuesday's events included the State-Ohio football game, which was to be played on Thursday night, a volleyball match, men's and women's soccer matches, men's and women's cross-country meets and a women's tennis match.

The Pack rescheduled the Ohio game for Nov. 24, and the men's soccer team moved its date at Maryland, which was to be played this weekend, to Nov. 11. Other events have yet to be rescheduled.

In spite of Tuesday's ghastly attacks, many in the sporting world felt that staying on schedule would help the nation heal. The NFL waited until

Thursday to postpone its weekend games, and many colleges, including those in the SEC, didn't postpone games until Friday. Fowler said no reason to even consider playing sports.

"Some people said that we ought to get back to normal and do business as usual," he said. "And I think we are. We're not playing those events because that's not the business of universities; educating is, and we're still having classes. But I don't think that sporting events should go during this type of tragedy."

Tarantini was one of many who admired Fowler for making the right decision.

"Lee Fowler was one of the first ADs in the ACC to put everything in perspective," said Tarantini. "Sports have to come second, and we have to have time to feel sorrow and not lose perspective in who we are and what we're doing."

Presently, all athletic events starting today are to be played as scheduled. That includes the State-SMU football game in Dallas this Saturday.

"I assume it will go on [as planned]," Fowler said. "As long as the airplanes get back up and get going normally and charters are flying, I'm not speculating, at this point, they'll be any trouble for next weekend."

Travel and security

For student-athletes, traveling on airplanes is an accepted part of life. After Tuesday's events, that way of life has been completely rocked.

"I think all Americans wonder about it when you see four planes in the same day hijacked like that, so I'm sure there'll be some nervous situations," Fowler said.

The wave of cancellations that took place across the country this weekend in collegiate and professional sports was due in part to logistical issues.

The Ohio football team would have had to travel eight hours on a bus just to get to Raleigh in time for Thursday night's scheduled game against State. Since they had just played the previous Saturday, the Bobcats were on a limited practice schedule anyway and likely would not have been physically prepared for the game.

In the Pac-10, Washington was supposed to travel across the country to Miami in a match-up of nationally ranked teams, and California was slated to visit Rutgers. Before most other major conferences made the decision to cancel their games, Pac-10 Commissioner Tom Hansen announced those teams would not make their scheduled trips.

"The safety and welfare of

our student-athletes is our first priority, along with the safety of our fans," Hansen said in a statement released by the conference.

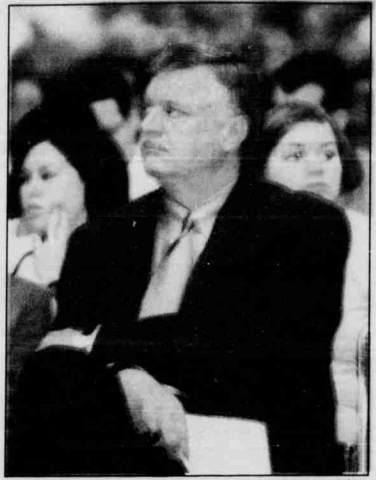
Despite Tuesday's events, many actually feel reassured about boarding airplanes.

"I think anyone flying will be anxious, but on the other side of the coin, I think the FAA is in the process of putting a security system in place that we should have had prior to Sept. 11," cross country head coach Rollie Geiger said. "People are going to be anxious, but security should be improved."

The athletics department also has security issues to face in the aftermath of Tuesday's tragedy. College football and basketball games are played in stadiums and coliseums filled with thousands of people and are often broadcast nationally on television, making them potential terrorist targets.

At State, the immediate security concerns are focused on Carter-Finley Stadium, where the Pack hosts its next game Sept. 29 against archrival North Carolina.

"We'll look at some security situations where our security people tell us we need to do some things," Fowler said. "We're going to meet next week, and then of course, we don't play [at home this weekend]."



N.C. State Athletics Director Lee Fowler canceled all Wolfpack athletics events through Sunday in respect of the victims of Tuesday's terrorist attacks.

While no changes have been implemented yet, Fowler said the athletics department has already had preliminary discussions about how to make games safer. One measure that has been suggested is going away with "pass outs" at football games. Under the current system, fans are allowed to leave and re-enter the stadium at halftime.

As Fowler points out, however, stadiums can never be made

completely safe. "We're looking at some things, not that we'll automatically change anything, but we definitely will look at certain things and realize what we can and can't do," Fowler said. "I don't know how you would ever be secure from an airplane coming into a stadium."

Todd Lion and Jerry Moore also contributed to this story.

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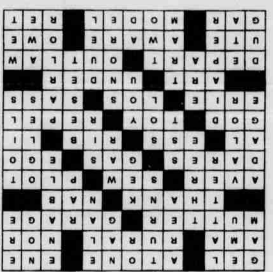
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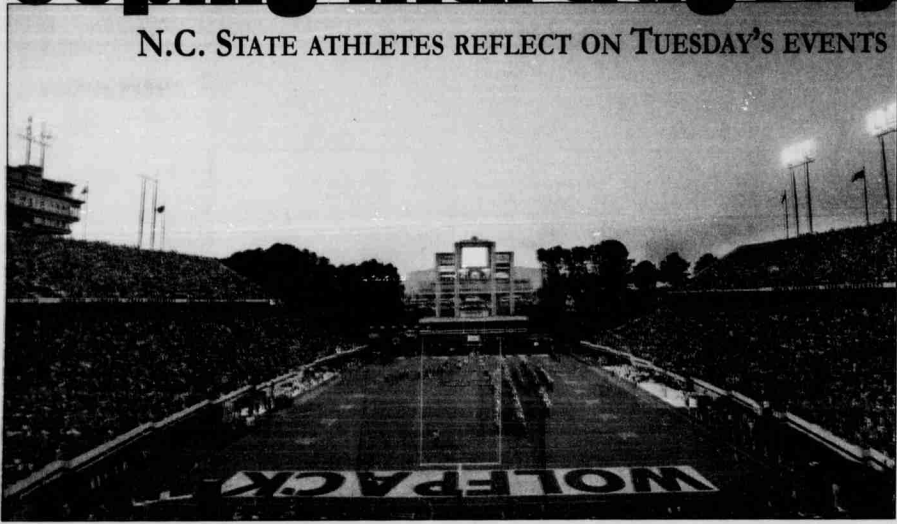
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N.C. STATE ATHLETES REFLECT ON TUESDAY'S EVENTS



Carter-Finley Stadium, which seats over 50,000, faces new security concerns following Tuesday's terrorist attacks in New York and Washington, D.C.

ATHLETICS

Shattered worlds

I love writing about sports.

That's a ridiculous statement to make. I know. After all, I wouldn't be writing for the sports section of the N.C. State student newspaper if I didn't like doing it. But there are plenty of other things I could write about.

I choose sports because, let's face it, there isn't really anything overly serious about them. The worst thing I ever have to face is going into a losing locker room after a game. That's tough enough for me.



Jeremy Ashton

It's a fun job, a nice little fantasy world, and if I end up making a career out of it, I'll consider myself lucky. Unfortunately, the real world has been intruding on my perfectly good fantasy world a lot recently.

In January, a plane carrying 10 people associated with the Oklahoma State basketball team, including two players, crashed in Colorado. I wrote a column about it and pointed out the obvious — basketball isn't really life and death. Somehow, it just felt inadequate.

Weeks later, Dale Earnhardt died on the final lap of the Daytona 500. I can't say that I'm a racing fan, but it's hard not to know the name Dale Earnhardt. When I heard the news, I was completely shocked.

Last month, Korys Stringer, an offensive lineman for the Minnesota Vikings, collapsed from heat stroke during a practice and later died. I again decided to write something about it. I went home that night, and I cried because I didn't think I had done the man justice.

I couldn't find the right words for those events, so I don't believe I'm equipped to sum up the tragic loss of life that occurred Tuesday in New York, Washington, D.C., and rural Pennsylvania. I guess that's what this column is supposed to be about, talking about what happened Tuesday and putting it into the context of something utterly meaningless by comparison.

I could sit here and tell you how we've overused the word "hero" in our culture, particularly in relation to sports. My dad always told me a hero is an ordinary person who does extraordinary things. The people who fought with the hijackers on Flight 93 over Pennsylvania and possibly saved the White House are heroes. The rescue workers in New York who lost their lives trying to save others are heroes. Athletes aren't heroes; they're simply people with extraordinary talents who play ordinary games.

I could talk about how college and professional sports made the right decision by canceling their games through the weekend. This country needs to take time to grieve. Then again, sports will play an important role in the healing process, as they did during World War II.

I could say these things and more, but they've already been said. And nothing I could write would be eloquent enough to fully express all the emotions being felt across the country right now anyway.

I love writing about sports, and I'm supposed to fly to Dallas on Saturday with Jason Ivester, one of the best photographers and people I know, to watch the State-SMU football game and do just that. If the game is played as scheduled and if flights are running out of RDU, we agreed that we are going.

I will not let my life be dictated by fear. To me, that's a better tribute to the people who died Tuesday than anything I could ever put on this piece of newspaper.

Jeremy Ashton will be at Talley Student Center on Tuesday to give blood. His columns regularly appear on Tuesdays, and he can be reached at 515-2411 or jeremy@technicians-sports.com.

Last week's terrorist attacks affected sporting events at N.C. State and around the country.

Jeremy Ashton, Andrew B. Carter and Justin Sellers

Staff Writers

Tuesday's tragedy affected everyone, everywhere. Sometimes it takes catastrophic disasters to put life's pieces in proper perspective.

Last week, the nation learned the importance of unity, family and life. The American people witnessed firsthand the destruction of thousands of lives and three epic U.S. landmarks.

They saw, for the first time in the history of this country, a mass terrorist assault brought to the U.S. mainland. Amid the anguish and pain, the anger and loss, America learned that some aspects of life are trivial — and those that aren't should never be taken for granted.

The world of athletics learned this lesson as did the rest of the nation last week as hundreds of sporting events across the country were canceled or postponed.

In a time of national crisis, sorrow and mourning, sports just don't seem important. Instead of watching pseudo-heroes plow into end zones on fall afternoons, Americans watched the images of real heroes pulling victims from the World Trade Center's rubble.

Effects on the athletics department

Just like the rest of the student body, the tragic events that occurred Tuesday upset and saddened N.C. State's coaches and athletes.

Some people in the sporting world voiced opinions that games should continue as scheduled, but in the end,



Amy Bary and Lindsey Rosen, both members of the N.C. State women's soccer team, attended the prayer vigil held in Reynolds Coliseum on Wednesday.

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— Women's soccer coach Laura Kerrigan

the cries of America's heart were the deciding factor to postpone play. A week full of Wolfpack events — football, men's and women's soccer and volleyball — were canceled one by one.

Instead of Tuesday's practices starting off with normal warm-up exercises, coaches pulled their teams into groups and discussed the devastation and torment the terrorist acts against the country had caused.

"I don't think anyone on our campus was thinking about football today," football head coach Chuck Amato said. "We called the team together and prayed together. I think that's all we needed to do today."

"On the day that it happened, we all sat down and talked about it a little bit," said volleyball head coach Mary Byrne. "Basically, we just needed to give [the players] a chance to get some things out in the open. We, as a team, are saddened by what happened and will remain supportive of each other under these circumstances. The biggest thing is for our players to know that they have the whole team supporting them."

Many of the thoughts that were expressed were similar, ranging from the shock that everyone immediately felt to terror and fear. While some remained quiet, others weren't as hesitant to speak out about their feelings on what some may label as "America's darkest day."

"The first thing that comes to my mind is the devastation and the pain,"

Scheduled Date	Event	Rescheduled Date
Sept. 11	Volleyball vs. Appalachian State	TBA
Sept. 13	Football vs. Ohio	Nov. 24, 1 p.m.
Sept. 14-15	Volleyball at Florida Atlantic Tournament	TBA
Sept. 15-16	Women's soccer at ECAC Tournament	TBA
Sept. 14-16	Women's tennis in N.C. State Fall Invitational	TBA
Sept. 15	Cross country in Wolfpack Invitational	Canceled
Sept. 16	Men's soccer at Maryland	Nov. 11, 2 p.m.



Chuck Amato (middle) and Tom Stafford (left) joined hands Wednesday at Reynolds Coliseum during the singing of "God Bless America."

said men's soccer head coach George Tarantini. "It's hard for me to express the amount of terror I saw through that TV. Sometimes I think that it's not real. ... My feeling is that when you see tragedies like this, you understand how blessed we've been here."

"We talked about it, and we did a few things. And Sunday will be the day where we will reflect more. For us, it has been devastating, because we feel that a lot of families have been destroyed. And for what? What is the point? I think our team is very touched by this."

For head coach Laura Kerrigan and the women's soccer team, however, the attacks on New York and Washington, D.C., did a little more than just cancel a weekend tournament. For them, Tuesday's events hit closer to home, with four of the players doing all they could to find out if family members were safe.

"We have four players on our team who have close family members who work at the Pentagon," said Kerrigan. "It was a tough couple hours for them until they heard from their families and knew they were safe. But everyone's fine, and as America has come together, so has everyone else."

"It was good that they had the other members of their team to comfort them during that time period. I think all of us here and at the school and everywhere have said, 'Wow, there are some things that are bigger than us and bigger than games.' That's what we saw this week. Obviously, our

hearts go out to all of those who were directly affected by the tragedy."

Cancellations and rescheduling

After Tuesday's attack on America, every professional sports league in the nation postponed scheduled games. Major League Baseball teams have not seen action since a week ago today. The NHL didn't play its exhibition matches and the NFL canceled its second week of games. Colleges and universities across the United States followed suit. Every Division I-A football game was postponed, and many colleges and universities postponed all of last week's athletic events.

State was among the institutions that decided not to play any game or match on or after last Tuesday.

For State Athletics Director Lee Fowler, the decision not to play was an easy one.

"It wasn't hard at all," he said. "I thought it was the right thing to do. I feel like the big thing is we ought to honor what went on in New York and Washington."

Fowler, like many Americans, spent a lot of the past week in front of the television, starting in disbelief at what he saw. The emotions he felt led him to his decision to postpone all of State's athletic events.