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'City doctor' Svvara to be honored

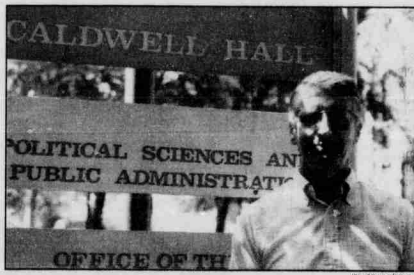
◆ The N.C. State political scientist will receive an honorary membership to an international association.

Kara Rowland
Staff Reporter

On Sept. 26, N.C. State's James Svvara will join just three other North Carolinians in the privilege of receiving an honorary membership to the International City/Council Management Association (ICMA). Svvara is being recognized for his role as a "city doctor" in addressing problems in local governments across the country.

"I think government at all levels is interesting," said Svvara. "But local government is close at hand, you can observe it directly — it's not distant and abstract. You may even know some of the people involved."

Svvara earned his Ph.D. in political science from Yale University in 1972 and has been teaching for nearly 30 years. He has been a professor at NCSU since 1989 and directed the public administration program from 1990-1998. Currently, Svvara is the head of the Department of Political



Many city and county governments nationwide have sought the expertise of NCSU political scientist James Svvara.

Science and Public Administration. The ICMA is an organization of professional members of local governments who meet annually to share ideas and information. Although the association is worldwide, it is concentrated in the United States, Canada and Australia. Founded in 1914, the ICMA has

only awarded honorary memberships to 61 researchers or people not professionally affiliated with the thousands of official members.

Over the years, many city governments have sought Svvara's expertise when considering changing structures in order to perform better. Through his consulting experiences

and extensive research of local government, Svvara has illustrated the constant interactions and collaboration necessary to shaping policies and delivering services in a given city.

"Each local government and city is different," stressed Svvara, who speaks with officials and occasionally citizens' commissions to assess what is working well and what isn't in that particular city. He then attempts to identify the causes of problems and works with members of city councils to determine their goals.

According to Svvara, some frequent problems that may arise are that people in the city don't feel like there is enough leadership, the city isn't doing a good job of delivering services or the officials within the city fight with each other all the time.

Recently, Svvara served on the Charter Review Commission in Kansas City, Missouri to analyze the mayor's proposal of switching from the council-manager form of government to the "strong-mayor" form. Svvara, however, was able to recommend additional powers for the mayor within the council-manager

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Adults should discuss attacks with children

◆ An NCSU child development specialist said adults should reassure children of their safety after last week's terrorist attacks.

Blair Parker
Staff Reporter

Adults are not the only ones having trouble comprehending last Tuesday's tragic events that occurred in New York City and Washington, D.C. It is strongly evident that America's children and even teenagers are having fears, concerns and questions in relation to the terrorist attacks.

Karen DeBord, an N.C. State child development specialist, offered her suggestions on how adults should approach this topic with children.

DeBord stressed that the first and most important conversation should commence with assuring the child of his or her safety.

"Adults shouldn't make no promises [that terrorist attacks will never happen again], but rather a promise stating they will do their best to keep them safe," she said.

Discussing Tuesday's incident with children, however, is expected and encouraged, so parents should allow discussion without refusal.

Kyle Pruett, a professor in the school of medicine at Yale University, answered questions and offered advice to children and teens on an ABC special, "Answering Children's Questions", last Sunday morning.

Pruett explained to both adults and children that it is not the talking that makes one upset, but rather the event. Therefore, he said, the talking through of the matter is what will lead to the path of healing.

Pruett said that "silence destructs the self and does not help in understanding."

Pruett also lended his advice to parents. "Fear from children is expected, accepted and normal," he said.

When beginning to talk to children, experts all agree that they cannot handle an adult discussion over something as tragic and complicated as the attacks on America.

DeBord said adults should make careful use of their word choice. Words that are too difficult to understand, or too vivid and shocking should be avoided.

"Remember, children have the tendency to misconstrue things," she said.

Adults must also be reminded that children and teenagers are not ignorant, but live in the same world as adults. Therefore, they, too, see and hear the news in America.

DeBord, in conjunction with Pruett, stressed the important point that adults should not impose their feeling on the subject onto a child. Instead, whatever the child is feeling should be communicated to him or her as okay.

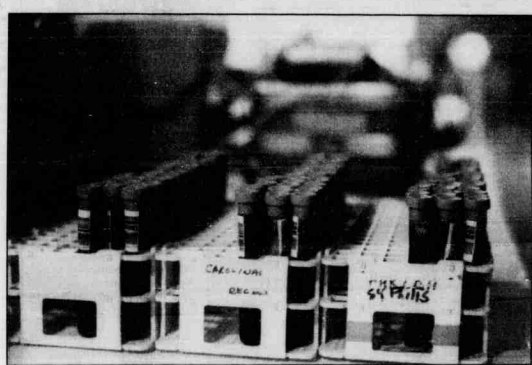
DeBord recommended reinforcing the positive images of what kids are seeing on television and in the newspapers, such as concentrating on the rescue efforts.

DeBord is an extension specialist in child development and is in charge of distributing current information in relation to children to every county in North Carolina.

Wednesday, DeBord immediately wired anger management information to teachers, aware of the fact that some children may resort to anger or attacks on children of a different race due to their reaction to Tuesday's attacks.

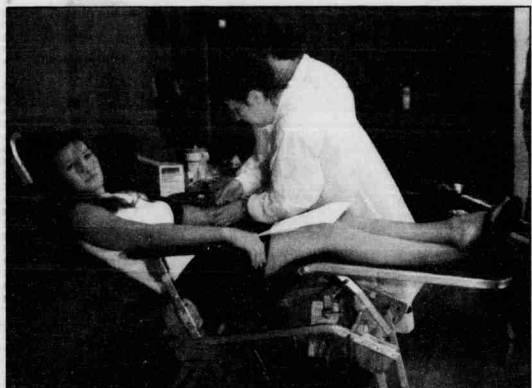
Carson Daly, an MTV host in New York City, addressed this concern while on the ABC special "Answering Children's Questions."

"Every American student has the forefront right of continuing their education," he said. "They should be confident and unite with other students because right now America needs to bond together."



Sophomore Sallie Beam (right) and junior Jen Ernest (below) contributed to the approximately 108 units of blood (above) that NCSU students donated at the IRC blood drive in Talley Student Center Tuesday.

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BE CAREFUL WHEN DONATING MONEY THIS WEEK

There are reportedly students impersonating charity collectors for the 911 Relief student group. Don't be fooled.

Members of 911 are collecting money in jugs with neon Union Activities Board bands

across the top. 911 students will collect money this week in Talley Student Center, the Free Expression Tunnel, Bragaw Hall, the Brickyard and along Engineering Row.

Biggest NCSU fan to be VIP at Carolina game

◆ The contest winner will attend the Sept. 29 game vs. UNC-Chapel Hill alongside the student body president and the chancellor.

News Staff Report

A contest initiated by Student Body President Darryl Willie is calling for the "reddest, furrtest, tallgatin'est, whoopin' hollerin'est, face paintin'est, Tar Heel booin'est State fan," according to a letter from Willie to the university community.

The contest winner, judged on a 500-word essay explaining why he or she is the biggest N.C. State fan, will attend the Sept. 29 NCSU vs. UNC-Chapel Hill football game at Carter-Finley Stadium accompanied by Willie and Chancellor Marjorie Anne Fox, and they will watch the game from the Field House.

The essay should be creative and tell why you should be selected to be a special guest at the game.

"We don't have any guidelines on what should be written," said Willie. "We just want people to be creative. We want to know how unique their story is and why they're the biggest fan."

Willie said he feels strongly about the contest because it will hopefully invoke more pride in the student body through the competition, and it will give students a chance to be in a unique spot on game day.

Entries should be submitted by Saturday, Sept. 22 at 5 p.m. on the Student Government Web site at students.ncsu.edu. Entrants should include a phone number where they may be reached for notification about the contest.

"We're glad your first diapers were Wolfpack red," said Willie in the letter, "but we need to know how far you would go (or have gone) for your team!"



Kirk Oldham of the Chaplain's Cooperative Ministry and the Raleigh Wesley Foundation leads a prayer vigil on the Brickyard Tuesday afternoon.

MATT HUFFMAN/STAFF

Making the first step

More important than the first move, talking to someone for the first time is the deal-breaker.

Joe Partin
The Love Doctor

Relationships are tough. Keeping one can be almost as hard as initiating that first encounter with someone. Both can be places of triumph and conversely failure, but regardless each of these places has their separate learning experience.

Dating, like many things in our lives, has its ups and downs. Here, we'll go through your initial encounter with someone, making your relationship last beyond a one-night stand. This is neither definitive nor entirely foolproof; it is merely about relationships that have been witnessed, sort of a "what seems to work and what doesn't."

The initial encounter with someone is hardest for people to deal with. We spend too much time critiquing ourselves when we should really just swallow our pride and approach the person we are interested in. Here are some rumors that should probably be explained now. First of all, no one is out of your league. Second, everyone is not interested in hearing you talk about yourself the whole time. Finally, being turned down by someone is not the end of the world.

Beginning with the first point, it's amazing how many people feel that they're not good enough for someone else (not to be too preachy, because we all do it). Of course you are going to be your worst critic, but

inevitably you're just going to have to bite the bullet and go for it (a sense of humor helps with this). Don't go into a situation with the intention of getting some action, because it will be written all over your face, just talk and have a good time with them.

This brings us to the second point. No one is going to want to listen to someone who is arrogant and cocky go on and on about themselves. Instead, speak when the time is appropriate. Ask questions instead of making statements the whole time. No one is going to be interested in you if you don't show interest in them as well.

Finally, if you get turned down, don't let it ruin your evening. Move on and try not to mope about, no matter how hard your friends may nag you about it, because you probably had more courage than they did anyway.

OK, say you have successfully completed the initial phases of a relationship, and you are ready to move on to more serious things. It's always important to keep things original and surprising, whether it be where you go on dates or how you interact. Keeping a relationship can be extremely difficult at times but very rewarding at others. Make sure you and your significant other keep things lively and prevent things from becoming mundane.

For example, go out to nice romantic dinners every once in a while. Surprise each other with gifts like



exotic flowers (purple roses, especially) or chocolates. Cook for one another, or sit out under the stars by the lake, and hold each other. Love is very powerful, and nothing is more gratifying than being with someone you love.

If you want to check out some really good movies on dating and relationships to get some pointers, then check out "High Fidelity,"

"Swingers" and "Say Anything." Remember, a good relationship can bring you much happiness, and a superficial one can bring heartbreak.

The love doctor can be reached at jdpartin@univ.ncsu.edu if you need a prescription filled out.

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TECH IT TO THE LIMIT

Senator Judd Gregg has a plan to stop terrorism ... or does he?

Jon Morgan
Staff Writer

After the tragedies of last Tuesday, Senator Judd Gregg got to thinking about the situation. He decided that if whoever committed these vile acts hadn't had encryption technology, this whole fiasco would never have happened. If we had some way of breaking through the perpetrator's encryption, we would have known about all this beforehand.

So, the obvious conclusion to draw from this, according to Senator Gregg, is to require that all encryption products have a backdoor for government surveillance. This would be an international requirement somehow — although it really isn't possible for the U.S. Senate to make whatever country they want follow American law.

A brief list of the uses of this type of encryption include personal communication, e-commerce, transmission of passwords and, yes, spying. The problem with the idea of a backdoor, among other things, is that if you put one type of communication at risk, you put them all at risk. If all encryption products have a back door in them, you can monitor foreign agents.

But you can also monitor our agents. And, as the time-tested theory goes, if somebody can break into a system, anybody can break into a system. If we can monitor Bin Laden's communications, he can probably monitor our communication and, of the same token, some 15-year-old kid can probably monitor your communication.

The same technology that would make it possible to stop illegal activity would facilitate a different kind of illegal activity. Another problem with a concept such as this is making software comply. Here is an example: unlicensed software that plays DVD videos is illegal. Did the government stop the sound of DeCSS, a program that does just that? No. After a series of threats, injunctions and court orders, a cursory glance at a number of sites will show you that DeCSS is still alive and well.

An interesting fact is that DeCSS can be written in seven lines of Perl. The type of encryption Senator Gregg would like to ban can be written in two. So, even if the government can say, "You can't write these two lines of code," can they possibly hope to enforce it? Of course not.

On top of the fact that hundreds of variations on RSA encryption exist, or that there are thousands of programs that facilitate the usage, nothing can stop people from writing their own encryption software.

Does Senator Gregg really think that Osama Bin Laden, one of the greatest terrorists in the world, will refrain from writing a PCP chant because the United States Senate thinks it's a bad idea? It's probably illegal to drive a plane into a 110-story building, but that didn't really come into play on Tuesday, did it?

This is like making it illegal to whisper to stop the Mafia from planning things. Doesn't make much sense, does it? And neither does this. Once we start to take away from our civil liberties, it's hard to know when to stop. Before long, we'll wonder how we got to where we are. And when we lose our freedoms, the terrorists truly have won.



Coffee Shop

Brian Schuch
The Mail Smeeteer

Sitting in this coffee square
I watch people go here and there
Such busy bees
Doing as they please

"Excuse me miss
May I have another cup?"
"I'm not a waitress!"
"You fill it up."
"Sorry for the mistake,
Would you like to go on a date?"

Now my face is in pain
Isn't this a dirty shame?
If only I weren't such a pig
Then I might be the type of guy chicks dig

Pearl Jam's guitarist flies solo with BAYLEAF



Andrew Shaw
Daily Nebraskan (Lin. Nebraska)

(U-WIRE) LINCOLN, Neb. — Maybe Stone Gossard's debut album, *Bayleaf*, should have been called *I Don't Need Eddie Vedder Really*. The Pearl Jam guitarist breaks out solo style on *Bayleaf* without a song of quality that can be considered a "single." Gossard's album seems more like an attempt to prove that he can make music without being overshadowed by Eddie Vedder than a well-planned album of personal exposition.

The tracks range from Stone Temple Pilots-type rock (heavy on the guitar, light on the energy) to Luke warm blues. There isn't one sound or feel to bring the album together, leaving *Bayleaf* sounding more like a compilation than an entire piece.

Gossard wrote the title song in 1997, according to a statement on his official Web site, which may be why the album seems so detached — 10 tracks coming off four years of song writing.

And although Gossard does step out from the stereotypes and limits of Pearl Jam, he steps into the shade of Pete Dinklage, the producer of *Bayleaf*. Dinklage plays more instruments and has a greater hand in the sound of *Bayleaf* than Gossard himself. Gossard sings only seven songs, giving lead vocal credits to Ty Wilmon on the other three, and his guitar is the one thing that seems to place him within the context of the album at all. Being this distanced from his own musical creation looks like Gossard simply set up his own heavy-rock boy band. He is the

sole credited songwriter, but he passed his music to a handful of other musicians to play. This is a common practice for pop or classical musicians, of course, but alt-rock was always about expressing thoughts, feelings and experiences for yourself, not simply about producing a handful of ineffectual tunes.

That is where Gossard drops the ball. He reaches for the sound of the early-'90s Seattle rock scene but has become too separated from the emotion of that era, just like every other rock band on the planet.

When Pearl Jam, Nirvana, Smashing Pumpkins and Soundgarden first produced the sound that first forever define alternative rock, it was filled with raw, splintered energy, mainly because the albums were recorded on a limited budget with limited time.

But as the years have passed, these musicians have lost the feelings that they had in 1993. Some bands, like the Foo Fighters or the Pumpkins, embraced this change and altered their sound in an effort to fit the times. Others, like Soundgarden, were crushed under their own unwillingness to change.

But Pearl Jam, and Gossard's resulting spin-off album, continue to trudge through with the mindset that they can reproduce the hysteria of teen-age apathy, but allow their advanced recording equipment and production techniques to finish between their desires and the stranded product.

Gossard's album is sanded down to the point where it will not snag an interested audience. *Bayleaf* may serve as background music to a dreary day, but songs by these faltering musicians will never again be a backdrop for our maturing generation.

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News

Bush's approval rating takes leap

◆ A Gallup poll shows that Bush's job approval rating has risen 35 percent since last Tuesday's terrorist attacks.

Brandi Dean
The Lariat (Baylor U.)

(U-WIRE) WACO, Texas — One of the points of contention during the November 2000 presidential elections was whether George W. Bush had the experience necessary to deal effectively with foreign relations. The terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, coming just nine months into his presidency, have given him a trial-by-fire chance to answer that question.

A poll of 1,032 people taken Sept. 14 and 15 by the Gallup Organization shows that Bush's job approval rating has risen by 35 percent since the attacks. The Gallup Web site said the jump from 51-percent approval to 86 percent in a week's time was "faster than any comparable 'rally' event in Gallup polling history."

But while almost nine out of 10 Americans may approve of

Bush's actions during the aftermath of the attack, Dr. James M. SoRelle, chairman of the history department, said he believed it was too soon form a judgement.

"He's done kind of a public-relations handling — appearing presidential, taking charge — which he has to do," SoRelle said. "But it doesn't guarantee that he's going to be able to deliver what he's promising."

Dr. Paul T. Armitstead, a history department professor who teaches a course on the history of the American presidency, said that although he has reservations about how Bush will handle the coming financial issues, he still felt Bush was doing a good job.

"I would say, overall so far, he's handled it quite well," Armitstead said. "I was a little concerned at first — most of the opinion of the public was 'nuke 'em.' I am pleased that he's [shown] understanding of the public's feelings, but he's been careful to caution us to be patient."

Bush's plea for patience was one thing that pleased SoRelle. He said it was early to be making definite military plans for

exactly what retaliation for the attacks would involve.

"I think it's a little bit premature to stake out plans as to what he's going to do," SoRelle said.

"He's playing it close to the vest. The fact that he has not really said what he plans to do — I think that's smart because he doesn't even know whom he's dealing with. He's not promising immediate action, but definitely that something is going to be done."

Armitstead said that patience was one thing that had been modeled for Bush by at least one past president. While he said he has not agreed with most of the comparisons drawn between Bush and former presidents, he saw some similarities in Abraham Lincoln's reaction to the Civil War.

"The nearest you could come to an analogy," Armitstead said, "was Abraham Lincoln and the problem that he had to contend with — the de facto breakup of the American union. One thing Lincoln did have, and many Americans did not, was patience all the way through it. And that may be a lesson for Bush, too."

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form.

The ICMA meetings are constructive because city managers (who, unlike elected officials, are appointed by the city council) can "compare information with each other," said Svava.

"Based on their education and experience in different places and meeting with each other frequently to compare notes, they are in a good position to advise the officials and the citizens about things the government might do."

At the ICMA or even state

association meetings, discussion is focused on such common issues as housing problems and economic growth.

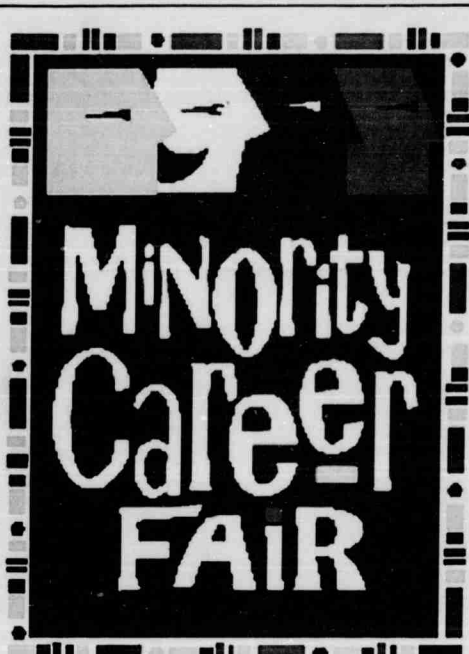
In light of the recent terrorist attack, Svava acknowledged that next week's annual ICMA meeting in Salt Lake City, Utah will discuss how to protect cities against terrorism.

Presently at NCSU, Svava is teaching a master's level course on ethics of public administration and a doctoral course on foundations of public administration. Next semester he will teach a 200-level course on state and local government.

Svava is a fellow of the National Academy of Public Administration and chair-elect

of the Section on Intergovernmental Administration and Management of the American Society for Public Administration.

He is also the author of several books including: "Official Leadership in the City: Patterns of Conflict and Cooperation," "Facilitative Leadership in Local Government" and his newest book, a result of a comparative study among 14 countries, "Leadership at the Apex: Political-Administrative Relations in Western Local Governments," will soon be published in a book co-authored by Poul Erik Mouritzen of Denmark.



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Students, unite

HERE'S A LIST OF THINGS YOU CAN DO TO HELP, IF NOT IN NEW YORK, AT LEAST AT N.C. STATE.

It's been more than one week since the attacks on New York City and Washington, D.C. There are daily reports coming about the number of dead, the likelihood that there were more attacks planned... the probability of war.

The information barrage can be overwhelming. It can be enough to make you want to avert your eyes.

So do it.

Turn your head for a moment, walk away from your television or your Internet connection and help. Here are five ways, right here at N.C. State.

1.) Attend Students Unite, a spiritual gathering in the Brickyard today at 12:25 p.m. Islamic, Christian, Hindu and Jewish speakers will be accompanied by Student Body President Darryl Willie and Union Activities Board President Jamar Owens.

2.) Give money (if you can). 911 Relief, an ad hoc student organization seeking to help with rescue/relief efforts in New York City and Washington, D.C., has collectors in the Brickyard, Talley Student Center, Bragaw Hall, at the Free Expression Tunnel and on Engineering Row all week. The goal:

\$28,000, \$1 per student. It's possible. Through Sunday, 911 had raised some \$6,000.

3.) Grab an armband. Also sponsored by 911 Relief, white armbands will be distributed later in the week for students who align themselves with the cause of unity and non-retaliation toward our fellow students or any member of the N.C. State community. The armband is a promise: "This armband signifies my pledge to accept all members of the N.C. State community, to not accept intolerance of others in my presence and to aid anyone who feels endangered."

4.) Pick up the phone. 1-800-HELP-NOW (American Red Cross). (253) 274-0424 (the New York Firefighter's Fund). 1-800-710-8002 (the United Way Sept. 11 Fund). Call your parents.

5.) Pray. Meditate. Think. Care. Secular or religious, give time to the thousands who have died as a result of last week's assaults. Don't believe anyone sitting in the World Trade Centers or on one of those four planes had it coming.

And don't ever forget.



No excuse for persecution

Greg Volk

STAFF COLUMNIST

You've been hearing about it from your friends and in the news. You've thought about it. Hell, you may have even done it. It is the senseless attack on and persecution of people supposedly of Arab descent or Muslims in the wake of what happened last week. This sickens me and, more than anything else, goes to show that we have made little progress in the way of discrimination and prejudice against our own people.

Many of our "freedom fighters" who think they have a responsibility to "get the towelheads" by spitting on them, cursing at them, or worse, forget that the people they are hurting are Americans too. They may not be "just like you," but they are "like you" in the fact that they reside within the borders of the United States.

This calls for all of us to examine the seeds of discrimination, prejudice and hate within ourselves and in our society abroad. Arabs, Muslims and any nationalities living in America are Americans. They may have migrated here more recently than you or I, but nevertheless, they are our brothers and sisters.

What ever happened to the so-called cornerstone of the American justice system: innocent until proven guilty? It is irrelevant if it is proven, without a doubt, that Osama bin Laden and hundreds of Afghan accomplices, even in the United States, committed the atrocities last week. This does not give any-

one the right to jump to the conclusion that people around us who may look like they're from Afghanistan, talk like they're from Afghanistan, or may even be from Afghanistan the right to attempt to punish them like a terrorist.

Thousands of Afghans are fleeing the country as we speak. They know that what bin Laden has done is inexcusable and, wisely, are leaving the country because they do not want to go down with the guilty parties and the Taliban, who defends them.

A stereotype of any kind has never done any good except perhaps to evoke a prejudiced laugh. This does not even have to be as blatant as in the form of "A _____ man, a _____ man and a _____ man walk into a bar ..."

I am guilty of this too. We all are. I laugh when Conan O'Brien jokes about his extremely large Irish Catholic family and when Jon Stewart ties his newly acquired wealth and success to "his people's" ability to manage money. However, here I laugh because the intent is that, through blatant, intended stereotyping, people will see the inherent evil in it. But what happens when people are too ignorant or enraged to see the light?

Now, more than ever, we all need to be "Americans." We are not African-Americans. We are not Indian-Americans. We are not Asian-Americans. We are not Scotch-Irish Americans. We live within the same borders for the same reasons — this is supposedly the land of the free.

We need to take every precaution to prevent another attack like we had but not at the cost of sacrificing our founding beliefs. What we have on our hands is a situation that could very well start something, whether it be another Red Scare, with Arabs being accosted when trying to cash a check or, worse, a reincarnation of the Japanese concentration camps of WWII.

It is worrisome to see prejudicial acts on the news, but it's even worse when they are on our own campus. I will no longer buy the "It's the way I/he/she was raised" argument. It is utter crap. This is only pertinent when your world consists entirely of people just like you (or so you may think — this never happens; people are always different). Everyone on this college campus is not alike. Everyone in this country is not definitely not alike.

By the time you get to this campus, regardless of where you've come from, it's time to start making an effort to live harmoniously in the society that is only growing more diverse.

There is no excuse for malicious stereotyping. Those who think we should "round them up and lock them up" ("them," most likely being innocent people) are the ones, if any, who should be restrained. There is no excuse for persecution.

Greg hopes that this will make some people think long and hard. E-mail your thoughts to him at dieshus@hotmail.com

School shoes

Shawn Barnes

STAFF COLUMNIST

A couple of days ago, I was telling my friend I was going to have to find yet another part-time job to make ends meet. We joked about the cell phone I've been carrying around for months (it has never been activated), we brainstormed all of the free and enormously discounted parties we could go to this week, and then I casually pointed that I didn't even have sneakers to wear in the coming winter.

My friend's initial response was, "What, somebody stole all of your sneakers?" Well, of course they didn't. What I had meant was that at the beginning of the school year I did not have enough money to do my traditional back-to-school shopping. Back-to-school shopping has been a ritual event in my family since, well, forever. In August everyone of school age goes shopping and stocks up on jeans, sweaters, jackets and school shoes.

Of course I still have (and wear) my last year's school shoes and even the shoes from the year before. The thing is, I've been conditioned to believe that, in August, I must buy new shoes. In August back to school sale promotions fill the Sunday paper, TV and radio commercials give each listener the inside scoop on where to get the hottest deals. Back to school shopping is big; it's huge — it's Christmas in August.

If someone had asked me, when I was in fourth grade, if school could start without having already purchased a winter coat, I would have said "of course it could." If I had been asked, when I was in fourth grade, if school could start without at least one new pair of sneakers, I would firmly have said "no" and believed it.

Things have changed since the fourth grade. This year I started my senior year in college. This year, for the first time, I started school without my school shoes. Admittedly, things were a little weird at first. I didn't have boxes of Nike, Adidas or my new favorite Sketchers to stack in the bottom of my closet (it made move-in that much easier). I didn't have to debate with myself whether it was safer to throw the little packs of gel slip-away in the garbage or flush them in the toilet. And the best thing about not buying new school shoes: I didn't have to watch my bank account dwindle down to negative numbers.

The idea here is that things change. Our ideas of what is necessary, what has to be and what is normal change with time and experience. Since the national tragedy on last week, we've heard the President, chancellor and others say something along the lines of returning to normalcy.

As one of the people who were stunned into numbness as the events of last Tuesday unfolded, my ideas have changed. As one of the people who never considered that an act of war would occur on American soil, my ideas have changed. As one of the people who thought Bush would completely falter under presidential pressure, my ideas have changed (slightly).

Normal for me before the terrorist attack will never be normal for me now. Things will never be as they were, but things will be better. When I started this year without my school shoes I felt a little unprepared and vulnerable, but I made it, and, similarly, America will prevail.

Questions? Comments? Email Shawn at shawn_barnes@hotmail.com

Justin Greene

STAFF COLUMNIST

A friend recently told me that the Chinese character for crisis is composed of two other symbols, the characters representing danger and opportunity. I don't think the parameters of America's current crisis can be summed up any better than those two words — we are facing great danger yet possess a wealth of opportunity for good.

There are many signs of hope that have sprung up along the side of the nation's road to redemption. We have seen the unity of races, creeds and economic strata in the recovery effort, the sudden realization of the exalted throne of greed and material goods in our life and the urges to tell loved ones how we feel about them before it's too late. As Robin Williams said in "Dead Poet's Society," "Seize the day, make your lives extraordinary."

One such aspect of recovery that has filled me with pride and joy is seeing American flags all around me. Flags are flickering on car antennas, are bracketed firmly on front porches, are formed out of construction paper by school children, and red, white and blue pins are adorning lapels and sweatshirts everywhere you look. The star spangled banner doesn't make me proud because of some ultra-nationalistic arrogance, as has been instituted in some of our classrooms for far too long; the flag I see fill me with pride because they represent a rebirth of virtues that have carried our nation through perilous times.

The reborn virtues of the American story are painted in the unmistakable can-

vas of our flag. The brilliant red is a stark remembrance of our dead, the billowing white is a memorial to purity and freedom, and the bright stars of each state unify in a blue field of purpose and equality. I stumbled across a poem by Charles Evans Hughes on the Internet about the flag that is fitting to show to you in its entirety.

National Symbol

The flag is the symbol of our national unity, our national endeavor, our national aspiration.

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It means America first; it means an undivided allegiance.

It means America strong and efficient, equal to her tasks.

It means that you cannot be saved by the valor and devotion of your ancestors, that to each generation comes its patriotic duty;

and that upon your willingness to sacrifice and endure as those before you have sacrificed and endured rests the national hope.

It speaks of equal rights, of the inspiration of free institutions exemplified and vindicated, of liberty under law intelligently conceived and impartially administered. There is not a thread in it but scans self-indulgence, weakness, and rapacity.

It is eloquent of our community interests, outweighing all divergences of

ion, and of our common destiny.

Yesterday, news sources reported an incident in Boca Raton, Florida where a financial securities company ordered employees not to display the American flag in their cubicles for fear of offending someone. One woman was even sent home for refusing to take her flag down. At Lehigh University, a bus driver was ordered to take down his American flag waving proudly because it might be offensive. Officials at the company and the university later apologized after being bombarded with messages from rightfully outraged citizens.

I cannot even express in words my disgust with people who are so incredibly ungrateful for the hard-fought freedoms that are granted to them in this country that they would succumb to the now obviously petty and twisted demands of political correctness. In no other country in the world do people give the slightest thought to their flag being offensive. This is America. It is our flag, and we will display it with pride and determination, mustering the valor and determination needed to press forward and answer the call of our patriotic duty.

In a short moment on Sept. 11, 2001, we passed from being a nation in which people debated the necessity of the pledge of allegiance in schools to a nation decked with the red, white and blue from sea to shining sea. I urge you all to fly your flag high. (Source: www.usflag.org/)

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CAMPUS FORUM

Prejudice at NCSU

As I was pulling out of a parking space at the Coliseum Deck with my windows down, a guy in a blue shirt walking to his car called out to me "fahv dollah fahv dollah," imitating an exaggerated Asian accent. I am of Asian descent but have lived in the United States for almost nine years. I also have no Asian accent and, in fact, have been told that I have a Southern accent. This incident jarred me from my NCSU dream world where diverse cultures are celebrated. I had already driven from one end of the deck to the other before this guy's ignorance hit me. Mulling over the incident, I realized I should have stepped out of my car and told the guy how completely stereotypical and racist his comments were (instead of using my middle finger muscle). In the wake of the World Trade Center and Pentagon hijackings, numerous students of Arab descent at NCSU have been discriminated against because of their origin. The NCSU community should inform those who stereotype that this is the ignorant way of dealing with this situation and should make these people more aware of the different cultures that exist at NCSU.

Allissa Aungvibool
Mechanical Engineering
Senior

from the DH Hill library bus stop. Over the summer, I saw a huge amount of money being put toward the building of the new Wolfline bus route that brings us crowded. This is something the North Carolina politicians wanted more than the students. Since our money is going to be put toward all this development, why is it going to something that makes the campus less accessible and the bus routes less helpful to us? There was no good reason to eliminate the stop near Ricks except to appease NC legislators. And if they are going to spend all this money on building a road, it is extremely foolish to get rid of the drop-off point that is closest to our engineering section of campus and the post office. Although many people are probably pleased with the new road to some extent (except for the disgruntlement over the loss of so many parking spaces), I'm sure many of them would prefer the old system rather than this new one. If nothing else, I believe it's time for Transportation to start taking the students into account and to figure out a way to restore a spot for the bus route to stop near that area.

Lisa Carter
Botany
Junior

Reply to Bakane

Thomas Bakane said in a column, "I Can't Deny It," that there is video of Pakistani men firing AK-47s — nothing could be further from the truth. No such video has been shown on any network. At the time of the savage terrorist attack on WTC, there were 1200 to 1500 Pakistanis working in the WTC, some 300 of whom have been confirmed dead, and the condition of the others is still unknown. Just like every other community, regardless of race, religion or nationality, the Pakistani community has been hit hard by this disgusting attack committed by a group of evil cowards. No cause or religion supports an action this evil. This is not an attack on America, but an attack on all humanity.

Tariq Khan
Business Management
Senior

NCSU tuition, improvements questioned

I'm writing about an issue that bothers me and a large percentage of the student population. For the past three years I have watched tuition rates increase and then be spent toward so-called campus "improvements." My complaint is on the change in the Wolfline route(s). In years past, there has always been a stop near Ricks Hall, right next to Daniels and Withers. This has always been a very popular stop along Hillsborough Street due to the fact that a large percentage of the engineering buildings are closest to this stop. However, now that this drop-off point is gone, it's much harder for many students to reach it as quickly

Are we at war?

Indiana Daily Student

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People keep asking the same question: Are we at war? Most will say, "No, not yet." But what we think of as "war" is a relic of the past, because war has evolved to take on a new face. Indeed, we are at war, but a war unlike any we've known. Unlike after Pearl Harbor, we do not know the enemy. The enemy "lives in the shadows" and does not show its face. Worse, no amount of airport metal detectors will protect us.

Why will warfare be so drastically different? History offers a great lesson. In 1097, Pope Urban II outlawed the use of the crossbow in Catholic nations. Forty years later the Catholic Church forbade "under penalty of anathema" not just the use of crossbows ("the dastard's weapon"), but the entire "deadly and God-detested art of slingers and archers." Later Conrad III, the Holy Roman Emperor, banned the use of the crossbow in his army and his realm.

Essentially, the major "civilized" countries were outlawing it everywhere. With a crossbow a peasant

could kill a knight while staying clear of the knight's sword. Obviously, knights were better armed and generally in better health than the average peasant. Their military superiority only reinforced the aristocracy's sense of divine entitlement.

But the crossbow leveled the playing field. Peasants could equal knights in strength and challenge the state. In fact, it was a democratizing force. It destabilized the old social order and reduced the ability of knights to ride pompously through peasant villages. Because one could kill from a safe distance, many saw the crossbow as morally suspect, and rightly so. It defied the chivalric code, which said you must face your enemy and make your intentions clear — that is, declare war.

On Sept. 11, Osama Bin Laden (or whomever is responsible) introduced the world to a modern equivalent of the crossbow. Just as fighting on horseback, standing in lines in front of one another (picture the Revolutionary War) and using crossbows, our old style of warfare is gone.

No longer will foes openly declare war, use traditional ground forces and

tanks or even surrender. The old order is over. America has long been the knight, and our military is capable of being eluded by a determined suicide bomber. What is our defense now?

In this case, we cannot fight fire with fire. But terrorists like Osama Bin Laden do not act alone. They require geographical and often financial protection. To use our historical analogy, peasants could not afford crossbows on their own. Rebel nations and tyrants had to supply them with the weapon.

Our only proactive defense is to let every nation, rebel and tyrant know there will be a tremendous price to pay for aiding and assisting terrorists. Swift and sure action must be taken against anyone who helped in these attacks.

Governments that desire to keep their power and position, like Afghanistan, will think twice about helping terrorists in the future.

When you ask me if we're at war, I say we are. Now we must send a clear message to the world that is harboring terrorists, they will be treated as a terrorist themselves. The world must understand such brutality will not be tolerated.

As we move on, we need to fight complacency

Northern Star

NORTHERN ILLINOIS U.

(U-WIRE) DEKALB, Ill.

The United States will see some strong military action against Osama bin Laden, the prime suspect in Tuesday's terrorist attacks, within the next three days.

Just a few days before, we all watched in horror as the World Trade Center's twin towers collapsed and then again as a portion of the Pentagon crumbled. We could not believe that an attack of this magnitude would be focused on our country.

As rescue efforts continue, we remain glued to our TV sets, anticipating survivor rescues or some explanation as to why we were targeted. Even though emergency personnel and U.S. officials are working 850 miles away, we still feel the pain of a torn country here at NIU. But what can we do so far away? We can fight complacency and stop thinking

that foreign affairs don't affect us. Maybe your favorite soap opera will return to regular programming today. Maybe you are so tired of Tom Brokaw's face that you prefer watching the TV Guide channel just to escape.

But we cannot forget what happened on Sept. 11 or how many people lost their lives in little more than an instant. President George W. Bush is urging Americans to refocus their thoughts and go back to work this week, carrying on as we did before Tuesday. While Bush has a point, it is important to keep a patriotic spirit alive here at NIU.

Students and faculty should keep talking openly about the recent developments both here and abroad. Within the next three days, Afghanistan's ruling Taliban is being encouraged to hand over bin Laden to the United States. No shortage of discussion topics there.

At the same time, we have to agree to disagree. In terms of our government and the decisions made during the next few days, people should expect to butt heads. Just do it peacefully.

And faculty members should be sensitive to students' emotional needs. This is the biggest event most of us have ever lived through, or at least that we can remember.

Finally, please continue to donate time to rescue and clean-up efforts. Campus Activities Board will collect donations all this week and local organizations will continue to hold blood drives to help the wounded. Call CAB at 753-1580 to help collect money at the King Memorial Commons or find out how you can help. As an American, don't forget your responsibility to your country. As a student, help fight the complacent college stereotype and donate your time.

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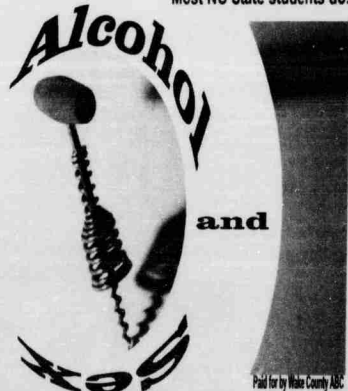
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without starting goalkeeper Gretchen Lear who was nursing a shoulder injury.

The Pack offense was shut out in that game for the third

consecutive week and will need to come alive tonight to have a shot at obtaining what would be an early key conference win.

A tough task for the State offense will be moving the ball quickly against a solid Virginia defense.

"We're starting the ACC games now, so we're just

going to go all out," junior forward Adrienne Barnes said. "Against Virginia we want to go in there and play really quick balls because they put a lot of pressure on everyone. Playing quickly will be our focus."

Game time is 7 p.m. at the WRAL Soccer Complex.



Lindsey Underwood will lead the Pack offense against the Cavaliers.

WYLE ROBERTS/SPORTS

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Maryland. Coach Daniel Allen's Bucs are, in some ways, similar to the Wolfpack. Both squads are very young — CSU has 11 freshmen, State has 12 — and both teams have had their troubles in creating scoring chances.

In State's last match, a 3-1 loss to Richmond, the Pack only had four shots. Still, Tarantini shows a steadfast belief in his troops.

"I think there are a lot of great possibilities here," said Tarantini of his team's youth. "It can be tough when you've lost four games straight, but think about how we lost and the opportunities we had."

A win today would be huge for State, who will next face Clemson and Virginia in two tough ACC matches. But it must be careful not to look past the Buccaneers. Last season, Charleston Southern placed fourth in the Big South and was upset by Elon in the Big South Tournament semifinals.

This season, CSU was tabbed as the preseason No. 7 team in the Big South. The Bucs are eager to improve on their success last season and prove their critics wrong.

Being so young, Allen believes his squad must play

with fire and determination to be victorious.

"We've got a lot of new faces here," the coach said on CSU's athletic Web site. "[And] as young as we are this year, we're going to have to play with passion."

On the field, the Bucs are led by senior goalkeeper Adam Laney and junior forward Ryan Sacko. Sacko gave his team its second win of the season with an overtime goal against Campbell.

State, however, is poised for its first victory of the year. Amid last week's horrific terrorist attacks, senior captain Damon Butler knew the importance of staying focused on the task at hand.

"We have to focus on playing and training," said Butler. "We have to keep on improving."

Though the Pack may be down right now, Tarantini and his players are very confident that good things will happen.

"This is about commitment, about hard work," Tarantini said. "In practice, we're working on our weakness, going back to the basics. The only people who can do anything about this is our players and coaches. We don't use excuses."

"Everyone wants to be a part of winning program, and we have great players right now... but people want results. I think we will turn everything around; we have a great attitude. I think it's time to win games."

JERRY

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Is this theoretical? Yes. Is this impossible? Not at all. Imagine what the buzz (both positive and negative) would be like around baseball right now if Bonds had already eclipsed McGwire's record and reached 73 homers with three weeks left in the season.

As it stands, Bonds has a realistic shot at breaking the single-season home run record, and maybe more importantly, the Giants are fighting for a spot in the playoffs. Obviously, Bonds would like to hit 71 home runs and set a new standard, but he has repeatedly said that the success of his team is more important to him than any individual accomplishment. Based on the statistics, it appears he's telling the truth.

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'Hungry' men's soccer hosts Charleston Southern

◆ N.C. State will go all out for that elusive first win when it welcomes the Buccaneers today.

Andrew B. Carter
Staff Writer

After a long week off, the N.C. State men's soccer team is ready to resume its schedule.

The Wolfpack welcomes Charleston Southern to Method Road Soccer Stadium today at 4. More importantly for the Pack, it is prepared to turn this season's adversity into winning soccer.

"My team is extremely hungry," said coach George Tarantini. "You have to understand that when you lose, you grow. We have two great leaders, and this is just the beginning. We will have the success we deserve." For the Pack, success has

been elusive in the early season. State has dropped four straight to open its campaign, and in all four of those

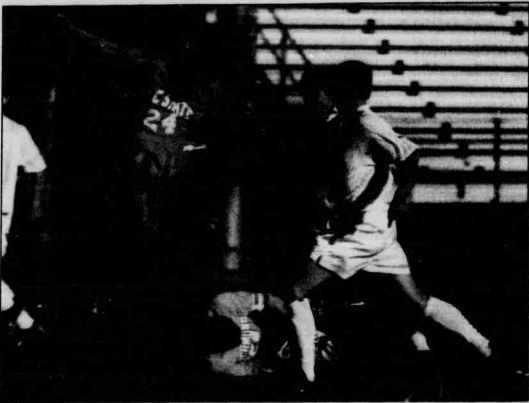
WHAT: defeats, the Wolfpack could very easily have won.

WHEN: Today, State will have the opportunity to

TODAY, 4:00 P.M. reverse its fortunes and gain confidence

WHERE: when it welcomes Charleston Southern from the Big South Conference. The Buccaneers stand at 2-1 but are coming off a 1-0 defeat at the hands of Jacksonville on Sept. 8.

METHOD ROAD CSU's weekend match with Wake Forest was postponed, as was State's visit to



Men's soccer goes for its first win against Charleston Southern today at Method Road.

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BASEBALL

Bonds walks to win

ESPN interrupts its late-night sports newscast to provide viewers with a live look-in of a San Francisco Giants' game as Barry Bonds comes to the plate.

The 37-year-old slugger steps into the batter's box and swings and misses at the first curveball. Then he patiently watches four pitches, some of them just off the corners and certainly close enough to take a hack at, called balls by the umpire.



Jerry Moore

Bonds removes the large, black protective sleeve from his right elbow and trots down to first base.

Half of the baseball fans watching this scene unfold grumble because Bonds failed to knock one out of the park, and they didn't get a chance to witness a part of history.

The other half — mostly people who think the Giants' left fielder is a surly, self-centered jerk — breathe a sign of relief, knowing that Bonds has not inched closer to Mark McGwire's single-season record of 70 home runs.

Bonds can't win — but his team can. Overlooked in all the grumbling and sighing is the fact that Bonds has reached base yet again, and that he can't do anything but help the Giants.

Bonds has already hit 63 home runs this season and needs eight more in his team's last 18 games to break the record. But unlike McGwire's Cardinals in 1998, the Giants are contending in their division and currently lead the National League Wild Card race.

Bonds' home runs have certainly contributed to San Francisco's success, but his value is amplified because of his refusal to flail away for the fences in each at-bat.

The home runs inevitably find their way onto the highlight reels, and Bonds has produced plenty of television-worthy material this season. In April, he became the 17th player in baseball history to hit 500 career home runs. Since then, he has moved up to No. 8 on the all-time list and now stands at 557. During the course of this season, Bonds also set the single-season record for home runs by a left-handed hitter and became the oldest player ever to hit 50 (and obviously 60) homers.

Remarkably, Bonds has only hit 42 singles this season. That means he has hit 1.5 home runs for every single. It might be logical to assume that he either hits a homer or strikes out and therefore doesn't reach base too often. Wrong. Bonds leads the majors with an on-base percentage of .499, meaning that he reaches safely in roughly half of his plate appearances. Considering the relatively low number of singles Bonds has hit, this seems a little off.

Bonds has drawn 149 bases on balls in 135 games this season, leading the major leagues by more than 20. Pitches have also hit him seven times.

Officially, 28 of Bonds' 149 walks have been intentional passes, and often, opposing pitchers don't give him anything near the plate, so frequently he doesn't even get a chance to launch one over the wall.

Suppose, however, that at least 70 of Bonds' plate appearances that ultimately resulted in walks provided the Giants' slugger a chance to swing for the fences. Bonds has hit one home run every 6.8 official at-bats this season, so with 70 more chances it's reasonable to assume that he could have hit 10 more round-trippers.

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Pack clashes with Cavs at WRAL

◆ The N.C. State women's soccer team will open its ACC season with Virginia.

Matt Middleton
Staff Writer

One of the first N.C. State athletic teams to resume its normal schedule will be the Wolfpack women's soccer team.

State (2-2) will jump back into action against nationally ranked Virginia (2-1) tonight at WRAL Soccer Complex in what will be the ACC opener for both squads.

Because of the national tragedy that took place last Tuesday, all State athletic events were canceled through the weekend. The Pack was scheduled to take on Colgate and Brown in the ECAC Tournament in Cape Cod, Mass.

Having played only four games, taking on a

team the caliber of Virginia this early in the season is certainly no easy task for the Pack.

"We're getting into our ACC schedule already, and we'd like to have a couple more games under our belt, but then again, so would Virginia," said head coach Laura Kerrigan.

It has been over a week since the Pack defeated James Madison 2-1 in overtime. The win snapped a two-game losing streak that saw the usually reliable Pack defense uncharacteristically give up five goals in losses to Rutgers and UNC-Greensboro.

Pack freshman Anika Schmidt scored the game winner against the Dukes, as the Pack was able to bounce back from a 3-0 defeat at the hands of Rutgers.

WHAT: The defense will be tested again tonight by a Virginia team that features the 2000 ACC Player of the Year, Lori Lindsey. The senior midfielder has already notched three goals in three games for the Cavaliers.

WHERE: "Virginia is an awesome team," Kerrigan said. "They play the ball quickly, so it will be up to us to organize our defense quickly."

Virginia's most recent game was a surprising 1-0 loss to Auburn on their home field in the Virginia Soccer Classic. The Cavs are ranked No. 13 in the country according to the latest rankings from SoccerBuzz.

After netting three goals in the opening game of the season, the State offense has managed to tally just three in the last three matches. Leading goal scorer Katherine Warman suffered an injury to her right leg during the James Madison contest but recovered quicker than expected. The sophomore midfielder is expected to play tonight.

The offense could be bolstered by the addition of freshman Nicole Blume, who could see her first action of the season after recovering from a preseason knee injury.

"[Blume] was obviously in that recruiting class that was ranked pretty highly, and we haven't had the use of her all year because she's been coming back from a knee injury," said Kerrigan. "She's been training full-out in the last few training sessions, and hopefully we'll be able to utilize some of her strengths in the games as we go forward through the season."

In last season's contest in Charlottesville, Va., which was also the ACC opener for both teams, Virginia used goals from three different players to defeat the Pack 3-0. State played that match

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Lindsey Rosen (8) and the rest of the women's soccer team take on Virginia in their ACC opener Wednesday at WRAL Soccer Complex.

Golf teams complete first tournament of season

◆ The Wolfpack men placed fourth and the women finished 13th.

Sports Staff Report

N.C. State's men's and women's golf teams competed in the Mason Rudolph Collegiate Tournament hosted by Vanderbilt this weekend.

The Wolfpack men finished fourth after leading in the first two rounds. The women's squad placed 13th in the event.

After firing opening rounds of 277 and 276 on Monday, the men's team dropped to a 292 in the final round and fell into fourth place with a 54-

hole total of 5-over-par 845.

Jason Moon, a junior from Australia, led the Pack with a three-round total of 2-under-par 208 to finish in a tie for fifth. It marks Moon's highest collegiate career finish.

Garth Mulroy tied for 16th with a 2-over 212, while Justin Walters and Fernando Machareffe each carded a 5-over 215 to tie for 22nd. Rodney Thomas finished in a tie for 28th with a 216.

Alabama won the men's title in the 12-team field with a one-under par 839.

The Crimson Tide also won the overall title as its women's team

placed fourth with a three-round total of 899.

Mississippi State's Codie Mudd won the individual title in a playoff with Steve Marino of Virginia. Both golfers completed 54 holes at 10-under-par.

In the women's competition, the Pack shot a 314 in the final round of competition for a 54-hole score of 939 to land in 13th.

Gwen Watson, a freshman from Greenville, led the Pack with a three-round total of 232 (16-over-par) to finish in a tie for 37th. Sophomore Malin Claesson and freshman Erica Wein followed with 234 and 235

respectively. Rookie Leslie Stubblefield carded a 238, and Rebecca Randolph posted a 243.

Ohio State's women's squad placed three golfers in the top five to claim the team title with a three-under-par 861. Host Vanderbilt was runner-up, 16 shots off the lead. Furman's Jennifer Perri claimed individual top honors with a six-under 210.

The Wolfpack women's next competition will be the ACC/SEC Shootout Sept. 28-30 in San Destin, Fla. The men's squad will travel to Georgia for the Farm Invitational on Oct. 5-7.