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Motorcycle, bus collide on corner of Dan Allen, Sullivan

◆ An N.C. State student appears to have averted major injury after his motorcycle collided with a Wolfline bus Tuesday.

Jimmy Ryals
Staff Reporter

A motorcycle crashed into a Wolfline bus Tuesday in an accident that appears to have looked worse than it was.

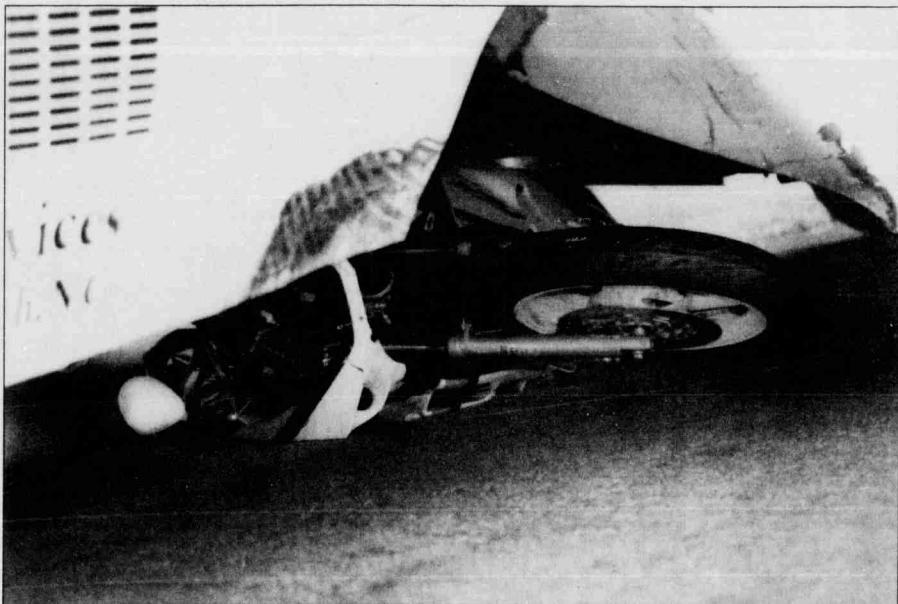
According to Sgt. Jon Barnwell of Public Safety, an unidentified student driving a 1992 Yamaha motorcycle south down Dan Allen Drive collided with a Wolfline bus turning left onto Dan Allen from Sullivan Drive.

Public Safety officers responded to the accident at 3:40 p.m. to find the motorcycle trapped underneath the bus and its rider alert and conscious. The motorcyclist complained of shortness of breath and was transported to WakeMed Hospital for observation.

The driver of the motorcycle was an 18-year-old male N.C. State freshman. His name was unavailable, as no relatives had been notified about the accident at press time.

Barnwell said the motorcycle "T-boned" the bus, hitting it at the connecting point of two metal pieces, busting the connecting rivets and lodging itself between the pieces.

The bus dragged the motorcycle approximately 10 to 15 feet before coming to a stop. Investigators are still trying to determine how fast the motorcycle was going at the time of the accident.



A motorcycle was pinned beneath a Wolfline bus in an accident on the corner of Dan Allen Drive and Sullivan Drive Tuesday.

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Joy, some wariness in Afghan capital after Taliban routed

◆ While Kabul was rejoicing in its liberation, there was for many a sense of wariness about the Northern Alliance and its intentions.

Keith B. Richburg
The Washington Post

KABUL, Afghanistan — Afghanistan's capital awakened cautiously Tuesday to a new life without the oppressive rule of the Taliban, whose strict interpretation of Islam banned music, kept girls from school, prohibited women from working, shut theaters and forced all men to grow beards. Many here said seeing the Taliban depart — hastily in the night, belongings piled high on trucks — was like having a heavy veil lifted after five years of darkness.

"We just died in this country," said Sayed Ali, 21. "Nothing is left. We just pray to God to eliminate those Taliban as soon as possible. Everybody has gotten tired of this life, this constant changing of regime. ... If you look at my face, I look 35 or 40. Since the Taliban took over, we haven't understood the pleasure of life."

"I feel like I've just been born — it's



Northern Alliance troops head toward Taloqan. Their officers reportedly remind them to "be careful ... take care with civilians ... do not harm the people."

my second life!" cried Ahmed Farid, 27, a shopkeeper. "On the first day the

Taliban took over, we were happy because we thought there would be

security. Then we realized that these were not Afghans; they were Arabs and

Pakistanis and others." Farid recalled how in the early days of Taliban rule, he trimmed his beard to attend a wedding party — an offense that ran afoul of the Taliban's religious police and landed him seven days in jail. Now he said he looks forward to going to the barbershop. "For trimming, trimming."

"They were controlling every part of our life," said Hassibullah, 19, a student. "We weren't allowed to play football. We weren't allowed to go to sports clubs. We weren't allowed to feel like other human beings."

For women, especially, Taliban rule was exceptionally harsh. Women were forced into the traditional burkas, they were prohibited from working or attending school, and they could not go outside their homes without the company of a male relative. Now, women said, they are hoping their rights will be restored.

"I'm happy because I believe now the doors of the schools will be open for girls," said Nabillah Hassimi, 32, a teacher. She said she continued teaching children secretly, risking imprisonment by going from house to house to meet with about 15 girls. Now, she

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Celebrated science writer talks genetics at NCSU

◆ Jeff Lyon, a Pulitzer Prize winner and an editor at The Chicago Tribune, visited campus Monday.

Carlton Newsome
Staff Reporter

The science of genetics is advancing faster than anyone dreamed possible. The speed at which advances are occurring is leading to strong discussion over ethical issues related to genetics.

Jeff Lyon, Pulitzer Prize winner and editor for The Chicago Tribune, visited and spoke at N.C. State Monday about some of these genetics issues. Sponsored by the Center for Student Leadership, Ethics and Public Service (CSLEPS), Lyon met with representatives from the student media to answer questions about journalism, genetics and the NCSU Public Affairs Office. He had dinner with the Caldwell Fellows as part of their dinner series and gave a lecture in Witherspoon Cinema on Monday.



Jeff Lyon spoke at Witherspoon Cinema Monday.

analist for 30 years and for the Chicago Tribune for the last 20 years. He is also a professor at Columbia College in Chicago. He has taught there for 12 years and serves as the director of the

Science Writing Program. He teaches courses in both features writing and science writing.

Before Lyon's Monday night speech, Mike Giancola, interim director of CSLEPS, said that Lyon's lecture fits perfectly into his program because of the ethical issues that come with discussions of genetics.

"Lyon's lecture is ideal for students who are interested in learning about genetics, particularly human genetics," said Wendell H. McKenzie, alumni distinguished professor of genetics.

Jessica Hook, a major junior in biology and minoring in genetics, introduced Lyon to the audience.

During his lecture, Lyon discussed ethical issues about genetics that are raised from religious, political, medical and financial viewpoints. He said that progress in genetics research is "not an unmitigated blessing."

If genetics technology is used properly, he said, it can have many positive applications. Issues that serve favorably for genetics include the medical improvements that come about because of it. Certain diseases can be treated

and possibly cured by gene therapy, but in order to accomplish this, research is needed. Gene therapy can be used to repair or completely replace the genes causing the disease; in addition, a number of promising cancer treatments are on the horizon, said Lyon.

Lyon said that soon, people will be able to detect diseases that people are likely to be susceptible to, and doctors can educate patients on how to prevent specific diseases and can be very specific about instructions. This technology, though, could be misused, and solutions to this would also have to be found.

Another possibility that Lyon mentioned is the ability to make better food. Adding a frost gene to a potato will make the potato able to grow in harsher climates or have a longer growth period, for example. This raises many environmental concerns that are still in need of research.

Ethical issues that raise the most concern are the potential to engineer smarter and healthier human beings,

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Wednesday, Nov. 14 Capture the Flag, Tarlington IRC office, 6-10 p.m.
Wear Red, Get Fed, Brickyard, Free Expression Tunnel, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Thursday, Nov. 15 Wear Red, Get Fed, Brickyard, Free Expression Tunnel, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Friday, Nov. 16 HyParade, Reynolds Coliseum Lot to Harris Field, 3:30 p.m.
Hype Rally, Harris Field directly after HyParade
Ultimate AllNight Bash, Talley Student Center, 9 p.m. - 3 a.m.
Karaoke, Bragaw Activity Room, after the Hype Rally
Saturday, Nov. 17 Football game vs. Maryland
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TECHNICIAN'S VIEW

Agreement needed between Bush, Putin

BUSH SHOULD DROP A MISSILE DEFENSE SYSTEM IF IT WILL YIELD AN ARMS AGREEMENT WITH PUTIN.

The saying goes that a man is as good as his word. Yesterday, President Bush's word as reported by the Associated Press was that he pledges to reduce the United States' long-range nuclear weaponry by at least two-thirds over the next decade. This announcement comes out of meetings between Bush and Russian President Vladimir Putin taking place this week. Putin echoed Bush's desire to reduce nuclear arsenals but was less aggressive about it, saying he would "try to respond in kind."

The United States currently has about 7,000 intercontinental nuclear warheads, Russia roughly 5,800. Holding back the progress of this arms reduction is a disagreement between the leaders over a 1972 treaty that bans nuclear missile defense. Bush wants to reduce overall nuclear arms but to enact a missile defense system.

This system is not only holding back a final agreement, but it is also implausible and would be a waste of money. There is little proof that such a missile defense system would be effective. It would, however, be costly and increase weaponry in this sector.

It is promising that both Bush and Putin wish to decrease their respective nuclear arsenals but discouraging that Bush's missile defense system is hindering the process and that Bush thinks an agreement can essentially be reached

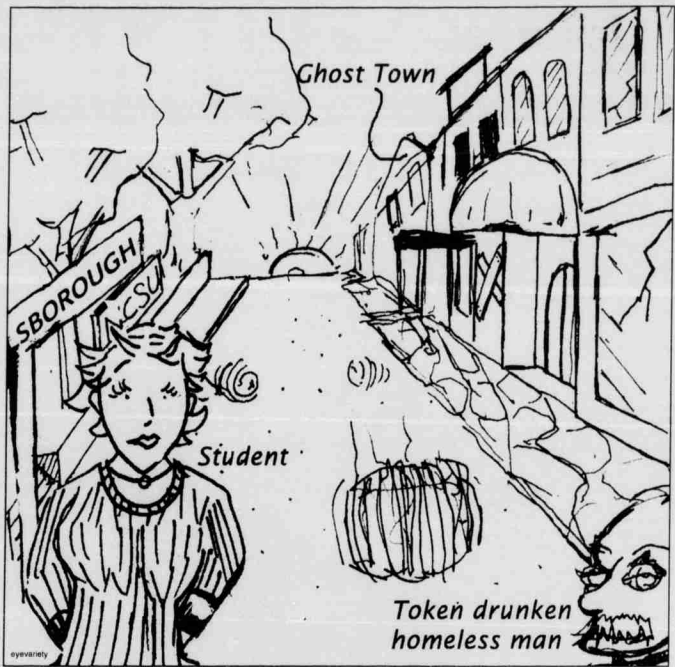
and carried out by "trust."

Bush is heralding the meetings with Putin as a "new day in the long history of Russian-American relations, a day of progress and a day of hope." These amicable, post-Cold War talks may be the dawn of a new day, but not the day in which treaties are no longer necessary.

Bush is too reluctant to hash out a new treaty to sign that would expedite the arms reduction process. "I looked the man [Putin] in the eye and shook his hand. But if you need to write it down on a piece of paper, I'll be glad to do that," said Bush. "We don't need arms control negotiations to reduce our weaponry in a significant way."

Actually, that piece of paper to which Bush referred is of the utmost importance. Although one would like to think the word of good men does not change, the positions and governments of countries do. Bush should soon discover whether Putin will participate in an arms reduction agreement if the United States carries out its missile defense system plans. If not, Bush should drop the missile defense plans for the more urgent reduction of nuclear weaponry.

As long as the United States remains a capable, military world power, fewer nuclear weapons are safer than more.



N.C. State's eyesore

Greg Volk
STAFF COLUMNIST

Today, this Wednesday after we beat Florida State at home for the first time in decades and before what promises to be the best homecoming in several years, I turn my attention to the blemish of N.C. State. This blemish of which I speak is not the appalling number of bricks on our campus. Nor is it the fact that it's easier to find a math professor who speaks English well than any sign of true support for the arts and humanities on this campus. No, this blemish, this scar, is Hillsborough Street, something that once made NCSU uniquely great, but now makes us typically sub-par.

This is going to sound terribly repetitive, especially to those of you who have been here for a while, but even though we all know Hillsborough Street sucks, we are doing little about it. This thought hit me over the head like a ton of bricks (said bricks do not necessarily have to be from N.C. State's campus, but for semantics' sake, let's say they are).

Friday afternoon I was in search of a haircut. I knew it was time when I could put my pencil behind my ear for handy access and then forgot was there. So, head off down Hillsborough, starting near School Kids Records (one of the few highlights) in search of a hair cutter. As I walked west, I passed a homeless man playing a violin underneath the old movie theater.

Herein lie two problems: the homelessness, which can be seen throughout downtown Raleigh, and the vacancy that plagues Hillsborough Street buildings. I don't have a problem with the homeless man for being there. This is a problem throughout Raleigh. In fact, it was nice to see a departure from the traditional guitar or sax playing that many resort to. Then, after the moment of admiration for the pandarning fiddler had passed, I remembered the movie theater had been occupied by a

McDonald's for a short time in the early to mid nineties, only to go out of business later.

What could be a more poignant sign of the problems of Hillsborough than the fact that a McDonald's can't make it there? I thought Mickie D's could make it anywhere—evidently I was wrong. As I continued down the street, I passed the old Caribou coffee building, which, after going vacante for a while, has been filled by Global Village Café. I carried on passed the old Manhattan Bagel place, but then came the kicker—Jersey Mike's closed down. I love Jersey Mike's. Living closer to Subconscious, which, admittedly, I love more, I hadn't been there in a while. I've since been informed that Jersey Mike's (whose commercials I hear on the radio all the time and seems to be doing great) has been gone from Hillsborough for a while.

I finally ended up at Cutting Edge, essentially having traveled the length of the once-thriving Hillsborough area. Hillsborough is the black hole of all business locations, indiscriminately sucking the life out of whatever unsuspecting venture sets foot in its domain.

The main problems with Hillsborough can be traced to three things: crime, homelessness and lack of business. It's one, big sorry Nine Inch Nails album. Patrons avoid coming to Hillsborough St. at night because of the homelessness (which is also a problem during the day) and crime. So, most of Hillsborough's business comes from us students during the day. This causes the businesses that are there to close early.

Students often say they would go up to Hillsborough more often if there were more people or if the atmosphere were better. Well kids, I've got a tip for you: it's not going to get better until we start going up there.

I will confess right here, right now that I envy UNC students (here comes the repetition again). I envy them

because (and only because) they can, at any point in time any day, stroll up to Franklin Street and end up meeting by chance a group of friends. Why can't we have this? The immediate and cop-out answers are "they have all those cool bars" and "there are always so many people (read: hot girls) up there." Well, we have some good bars but they won't get better, and others most certainly will not move in unless the people are there.

My most fond memory of Hillsborough thus far was taking place in the Hillsborough Hike last spring. The Hike occurs on the Friday of each Dead Week, the goal being to drink a beer from every alcohol-vending establishment (including the two "Marts"), usually starting at Player's Retreat. I, being underage, decided only to sneak into one, anonymous bar and wait to meet others along the way. There were seemingly thousands of people on Hillsborough, all enjoying a night at NCSU together. It's sad that the one event that brings that many people together is a night whose main goal is forgetting that night. There were non-drinkers out to see the spectacle, but they were few and far between.

Hillsborough Street sucks now and won't get better until we students take an active role in all the problems, including homelessness and crime. There are campus service organizations that focus on these problems. Benson Kirkman, the city councilman from our district, is championing a Hillsborough Street revitalization effort. For now, let's take pride in our school, try to revive Hillsborough through participation and all attend this week's homecoming festivities. Go Pack!

Greg's favorite smoothie is a Yo Adrienne. Email him yours at diehusn@hotmail.com.

The art of procrastination

Shawn Barnes
STAFF COLUMNIST

Procrastination is an art not to be taken lightly. Like any other art, procrastination must be practiced, practiced, practiced, because as we all know, practice makes perfect. I began studying the art of procrastination a very long time ago.

I began by accident. Here's how it happened: One night around 10:30ish a little something just popped into my head. That little something was a midterm exam to be taken the following day.

I had no choice for the life I saw it. I had to read, study, learn, cram, whatever, in hopes of passing my midterm. So I called Mike at Pizza Hut to order a medium Veggie Lover's pizza and a 2-liter Sprite because there is no way a person can stay up all night on an empty stomach.

The pizza arrived around midnight, and I began to study. First, of course, I had to identify what the textbook for the class looked like, and then I had to

figure out what chapters we were working on. Most importantly, I had to call someone in my class in hopes of finding out the midterm had been postponed (no luck).

After all the preliminary work was out of the way, I began to study and doze and doze and study and doze, and then I just went to sleep. The amazing thing was that in the morning, I knew a thing or two about the subject matter.

I admit I didn't have a complete understanding of the material, but I knew enough to wing it through my midterm (I ended up with a B-) and extreme fatigue the following day from staying up so late.

That lesson taught me something very important. It taught me that procrastination isn't bad (it's not exactly good either). Now after many years of practicing I consider myself a professional procrastinator. I will sternly stare a clock in the face and laugh as time winds down. The less time I have, the more creative I become.

With an hour before a paper is due, I

write like the wind. The day before a test, I can speed-read like no one else. These are skills I feel one must learn in college because extensions are just not always an option. And time is definitely not often on a college student's side.

Procrastination may be the most valuable lesson I've learned in the last ten years of my life. Nothing gets your mojo flowing like knowing it has to be done and that it has to be done right now. Wait until 7:30 in the morning and remember you have a big presentation to give at 8:05. Will you break under pressure, or will you whip up a PowerPoint presentation in 10 minutes, run to class and act as if you've been preparing for that moment all week?

Understand what I tell you; if you've never procrastinated before, don't just jump into procrastinating feet first because this is not a game. This is an art to be studied and, hopefully, one day mastered.

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

CAMPUS FORUM

SOA not terrorism at all

On Monday, Chris Hickling wrote in "Terrorism in Our Backyard" about the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation (WHISC) which, prior to January was known as the U.S. Army School of the Americas (SOA). Now it's time for some truth. Hickling ranted about the school being a "school of assassins" and a training ground for Latin-American terrorists and dictators. Did anyone notice that his source was the Web site of SOA Watch, a frequently criminal organization founded by Father Roy Bourgeois, a member of the left-wing Maryknoll Order which has supported Castro and other communist madmen? So much for journalism. The facts paint a much different picture than the one Hickling wants you to believe. First of all, do you honestly think that the U.S. government would continue funding a terrorist training school for over 50 years?

The school has trained over 61,000 Latin-American military, police and civilian personnel since it first opened in Panama in 1946. Less than one percent of the graduates were ever involved in any human rights abuses. In fact, a 1996 GAO report on the school found that "foreign students from other regions receive basically the same courses at their Army training locations, with the exception of the School's emphasis on human rights." The school's emphasis on human rights! Does this mean that all the other Army schools that train foreigners are even worse? That Hickling would try to pass this off as journalism is an embarrassment to Technician. As to the human rights abuses that just happen to be committed by WHISC graduates, that is hardly something to attribute to any American training. Human rights abuses, corruption and subordination of civilian authority to the military has been the norm in Latin America for 500 years. As Lawrence E. Harrison of Harvard notes, the school has "for more than 50 years promoted professionalism, respect for civil authority, respect for the law and commitment to democratic institutions in a region his-

torically bereft of these ideas." I'm saddened to see that in this time of war when our troops are risking their lives and possibly dying in the effort to eradicate the terrorists that have slaughtered so many of our innocent countrymen. Hickling would make the absurd claim that our government trains such murderers. Left-wing radicals like Hickling and the people who constantly feed them the causes about which they are supposed to protest will never become respectable journalists, or respected period, until they stop regurgitating their tired blame-America-first rants that were discredited back when their parents were protesting Vietnam.

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[Editor's note: The following Campus Forums submissions, due to space limitations, were run online Friday November 9 but appear in print for the first time today.]

Cancel Thanksgiving break!

Upon reading Monday morning's issue of Technician, I was rather troubled to read the headline proclaiming that the Registration, Records and Calendar Committee of our university is considering the removal of Good Friday as a campus holiday from the academic calendar. Though the "Technician's View" pointed out a few valid benefits for removing the holiday, I am more concerned with the seemingly stronger motive of the committee to eliminate the holiday based on its religious origins in Christianity. It seems to me that university officials have a deeper desire to embrace political correctness and celebrate our "campus diversity," than to support the overwhelming requests of the students in acknowledging this holiday in a nation originally sewn together by the threads of a Christian heritage. Now of course, there is no disputing the fact that Good Friday is specifically a Christian holiday, for it remembers the sacrificial death of Jesus Christ. However, let's

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Idealistic terror

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The recent attacks on America's economic and military infrastructure have raised new and complicated questions in the public mind. Perhaps the most contentious question being asked, aside from who should be done about it all, is "what could make someone do something so desperate, so horrible?" Indeed, as we go about our day-to-day business in a world far removed from that which encapsulates a suicide bomber, it is hard to relate to anything that would drive someone to knowingly kill thousands of innocent people.

The argument has been made that the underlying motivation behind the September 11th massacres is comprised of a reaction to bad U.S. foreign policy decisions, perceived socio-economic injustices and the neo-colonial imperialism of present day American culture and values. It is thought that if the United States would only pull back its support of Israel, stop meddling in Middle Eastern affairs, and work to pour its humanitarian and financial resources into poverty stricken countries, the threat of international terrorism would soon diminish.

It is important to view arguments such as these with the agenda of the speaker in mind. For example, the United States has been consistently chastised by countries like Saudi Arabia for its support of the democratic nation of Israel, and many who point to that support as a motivation for terrorism would very much like to see American support of Israel withdrawn completely. Many of those who say that socio-economic injustices and the so-called imperialism of American culture around the world are the root cause of terrorism subscribe to neo-Marxist ideologies and would just as soon support the complete socialization of America's market economy.

While it is true that many thinkers explore such possibilities with an open mind and an absence of agenda, objective students of history cannot ignore the surfeit of historical evidence for the motivational power of pure idealism. It was pure political idealism (not solely religious, as is often taught) that caused European kings to mobilize thousands of ignorant peasants to recapture the Holy Lands in the Crusades. It was pure social idealism that led to the Russian Revolution and resulted in the hanging of the iron curtain across Eastern Europe. It was also purely twisted racial idealism that led to the slaughter of six million Jews during the Holocaust.

It is often difficult for those on the far left and the far right to consider pure idealism as a suspect in terror because the trail of logical succession passes too closely by their front door. Many American groups on the left and the right have used pure idealism as a basis for domestic terrorism. Idealism is what caused the Earth Liberation Front to carry out more than 100 acts of destruction costing over \$37 million in damage over the last five years, all in the name of protesting environmental abuses and urban sprawl. That same idealism causes the Animal Liberation Front to post detailed guidelines for burning down restaurants and damaging vehicles on their website because of the supposed moral outrage of eating meat and wearing leather.

On the right, political and moral idealism causes people like Eric Rudolph to plant a bomb that will spray innocent citizens with nails and shrapnel in a supposed protest of legalized abortion and government excess. It also causes people to create websites like the Nuremberg Files, which blatantly advocates the murder of abortion providers. Abortion is as morally corrupt as any practice known to man, but the answer does not lie in an idealized notion of ridding the country of those people who support abortion.

With those examples in sight, it is not unreasonable to suspect that idealism alone could be a reason for the September 11th attacks and all other like. The Taliban themselves have provided the best and most condemning evidence against idealism in the way they treat their own people. Only religious idealism would force every man in the nation to wear a beard and turban and every woman to wear excessive traditional coverings. While the Taliban may point to Israel or American influence or economic imbalances in an effort to further their agenda, their idealism would push them to continue to murder and maim innocent people even if their goals were met.

While economics, politics, and sociology are often pointed to by self-proclaimed experts as the driving force behind every thing, don't rule out, and don't forget, the ultimate evil that lies in the Taliban's religious idealism, the same evil that killed thousands of Afghans before American planes ever took off.

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look at another holiday — one that is just around the corner in fact. Thanksgiving, which will be our next official university break, has its original foundations in Christianity. America's first Thanksgiving festival was held in 1621 in Plymouth, Massachusetts, for the sole purpose of thanking God for their bountiful food supply and friendship with the Indians. The event was widely recognized, but it was not made a national holiday until Abraham Lincoln declared these profound words in his Proclamation of Thanksgiving in 1863: "I do therefore invite my fellow-citizens in every part of the United States, and also those who are at sea and those who are sojourning in foreign lands, to set apart and observe the last Thursday of November next as a day of thanksgiving and praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the heavens." These were the very words that soon led to the congressional establishment of Thanksgiving as a national holiday in 1941. But my goodness! This holiday too has origins in, yes, Christian principles and tradition! Perhaps we as students should cancel our plane flights home next weekend to attend class during this Christian holiday! Furthermore, I scarcely have to mention the holiday Christmas, for in its very title is implied the real "reason for the season" — the celebration of a birth that of Jesus himself, the very founder of Christianity. Perhaps we should not get that long three-week Christmas break either! Now there is of course a distinct difference between Christmas, Thanksgiving and Good Friday. And that very difference is the sad, secularization of the former two. Christmas is no longer viewed as celebrating the entrance of God into the world, but has become a farcical game of wild spending, prancing reindeer and old fat elves. Thanksgiving too, is rarely used as a day to truly thank the Lord for his blessings on us as His people and nation, but has become instead a time to glutton ourselves with shopping and football. This, I say, is shameful, and disgraceful. A little over two months ago, when our nation was horrendously devastated by the evil, hateful acts of 19 Islamic

terrorists, many skeptics and critics pointed at Christians and said: "Where was God on Sept. 11?" And to this question, I answer with the words of Ann Graham Lotz (daughter of renowned evangelist Billy Graham): "Right where we asked him to be." You see friends; we've asked God to get out of our schools, out of our governments, and now out of even our most sacred of holidays. And God, being holy and loving as He is, does not pester or hover around, but instead respectfully leaves and takes with him the shelter and protection of His people. Perhaps when our attitude as people transitions to become "America will Bless God," instead of the resounding cry heard over and over "God Bless America," then we will be able to "walk through the valley of the shadow of death," hand in hand with the Great Shepherd. But as long as we persist in showing Him away and out of even the holiday perhaps most sacred of all, then we should not be surprised to think He is far, far away.

Rudolph Giuliani became mayor a few years ago, New York has really become a beautiful place. Steve, why don't you take a trip up there so you can have something to base your writings on? And, by the way, Giants Stadium is in New Jersey...kudos on that one. He later goes on to say that he is, in fact, not even a sports fan... go figure. If you get your rocks off by writing an article slamming one of the world's greatest cities, then more power to you, but next time, you should get your facts straight, and maybe use a little more creativity. While you're at it, turn on ESPN, and watch a baseball game.

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Why hate NYC?

In the Tuesday, Nov. 6 edition of Technician, I read an article written by Steve Thompson that really caught my attention. The story was called "Damn Yankees." Basically, Steve wrote about how people tell him he should be a Yankee fan because of the Sept. 11 tragedy. Who told him that? I haven't met a single person in North Carolina who even remotely cares about the Yankees. But the thing that I thought was interesting was how he degraded the city of New York. He wrote "...let's just mention some New York things that are eternally despicable: 2-foot-long sewer rats, dirty and crowded subways, trash-covered sidewalks, Giants Stadium — and the Yankees." Who is this guy, John Rucker? First of all, if you stand outside Owen residence hall around 11 p.m. every night, you are bound to see a monster of a sewer rat, clearly not native to NYC. And as for being dirty, since

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said, "I'm waiting for normal life, for security to return."

Another woman, Torpaki, 28, recalled how she was forced to leave her job in a government ministry, even though she was a widow with four children to feed. "First we were told not to leave our homes. If we did, we would be lashed by the Taliban. On the street, in public," she said.

While Kabul was rejoicing in its liberation, there was for many a sense of wariness about the Northern Alliance and its intentions. Many here remember the last time the same diverse group seized power in 1992, and how it led to a tumultuous period of factional infighting, instability and violence in the capital. It is an experience many here are anxious to avoid repeating.

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transgenic experimentation, biological warfare, cloning of animals and humans and stem cell research, said Lyon.

He explained each of these issues. The ability to engineer smarter and healthier human beings comes from knowing the gene code for humans. Two groups discovered that the human being had a genetic makeup of about 45,000 genes. Most scientists take this to be true because the groups came to this number at about the same time independently. One group was made of a worldwide effort that included the United States. The other group was a private company named Celera. Celera also experimented with trying to create life from scratch using gene therapy.

Transgenic experimentation is combining genes from two dif-

"For the time being, I'm happy, but I'm afraid of 1992," said Abdul Sabar, a shopkeeper. "I still have that picture in my mind... In '92, we were happy. The mujahideen were good people. But they started looting and raping and having factions fighting with each other."

"Send a message all over the world — Afghanistan and especially Kabul need an international peacekeeping force," said Temor Shah, 35, who works in the civil aviation department of the government. "Look," he said, pointing to a truckload of boisterous soldiers driving by in the back of a truck, shouting with their rifles thrust in the air. "We have all these different armed people all over the city."

For the most part, the Northern Alliance's entry was more orderly Tuesday than nine years ago when the same factions attained power after defeating the Soviet-installed Najibullah regime. Soldiers took up positions around government buildings, tanks moved into position

at the presidential palace, and checkpoints were thrown up at intersections, where troops in camouflage uniforms searched cars.

A leaflet was distributed in the central marketplace, signed by a new "Kabul Security Commission," telling citizens that the Northern Alliance "with the grace of God has the honor to conquer Kabul city from the Taliban and the foreign invaders."

And perhaps to allay concerns here that Kabul's new rulers may seek reprisal against those who cooperated with the Taliban, the leaflet says, "Everybody is forgiven, Taliban or anyone else, as long as he doesn't resist the mujahideen."

In the morning crowds in the streets cheered the truckloads of soldiers, and shouted "thank you" to the foreign journalists. Later in the day, there were some signs of a return to normalcy. The marketplace came to life in the late afternoon. Traffic returned to city streets.

Lyons also believes the answer is an international understanding.

"What we need, desperately, is a worldwide process, probably established by the United Nations, similar to the process that brought about the Kyoto Pact, and hopefully the United States will sign the pact," he said.

McKenzie said that as of now, there are six undergraduate courses in genetics at state. There are both master's programs and a Ph.D. program and a minor for undergraduates in genetics offered at NCSU.

There is currently a task force that is considering and studying the possibility of offering genetics as an undergraduate major. NCSU would be the first school in the state to offer an undergraduate major in genetics. It is still being considered, but there is strong support from students and administration alike.

CYCLE

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"From the looks of it, you'd think there was a lot more injury than there appears to be," Barnwell said.

It is still uncertain, however, whether the rider suffered any internal injuries.

The accident created traffic delays along Dan Allen until about 5 p.m. Public Safety officers directed traffic at the Dan Allen-Sullivan and Dan Allen-Cates Avenue intersections to alleviate the slowdown. Responding agencies in addition to Public Safety were Emergency Medical Services and the Raleigh Fire Department.

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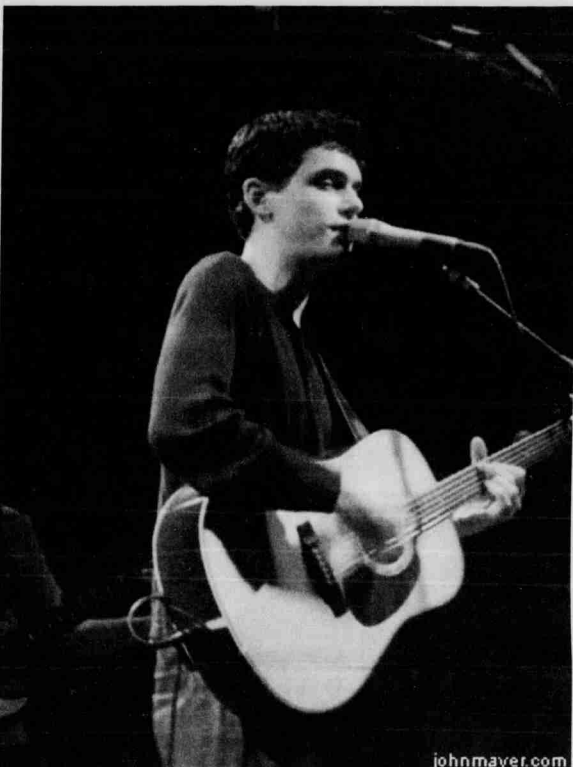
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In Tuesday's Technician, Lindsay Sallach was inadvertently omitted from the list of organizers of Celebrate State. Erin Powell, who was listed as one of the three organizers of the event, was actually a committee head.

Every indication of greatness



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Grayson Currin This is part 2 of 2 of *Technician's look at musician* **John Mayer.**
Staff Writer

It has been noted several times that when a musician has the talent to become popular and draw legions of fans, his career will go through several conspicuous phases while rising to stardom. For some artists, those phases take years. Yet it seems others possess a force that cannot be stopped. They, as well as the people around them, seem to be aware of the fact that their career is headed somewhere special and that time is too transient and feeble to stop that march.

An artist that, in five months time, goes from having his tour manager selling a few T-shirts after a show to having record-label representatives sell an abundance of T-shirts, sweatshirts, hats and CDs before, during and after the show fits the bill.

A strong indication of a rising star is a nightly audience of 700 fans who know every word to every song, instead of 300 people who are hearing the songs for the first time.

When an already sold-out show has a waiting list for tickets longer than 10

pages, and droves of people stand crowded in the confines of a bar outside of a theater just so they can hear the occasional note drifting out from the show going on inside, a master of music has to be playing.

All of the above conditions are quickly becoming a part of John Mayer's life and career. Mayer is a seeming aquifer of talent; his guitar style is unbelievably good. He is a true improviser, throwing new intros into songs each night. Mayer smoothly adds the songs of others into the midsection of his own to provide his own work with definition.

The song "83" often finds at least five songs from the '80s stuck somewhere between verses.

Of this technique, John remarks, "You can get people to feel and to remember it. The best way to do that is to give them the melodies of" the day.

He draws people in with this barrage of melody and keeps them hooked, winning new fans with each song and each show. He is a veritable catalogue of cover songs. He can cover Hendrix, Lovett, Marley, Radiohead and a score of others, giving to each song a truly unique perspective. This reveals to his audience that he is a true

effectively, taking the audience on a six-string roller coaster while at the same time not letting them dismiss the actual song. The band has grown, just as the crowds continue to do the same.

An artist with an abundance of talent and visions for stardom such as Mayer needs to be aware of two things that have ended the careers of those before him: sellout and burnout. With his boyish good looks and a voice that seems to sweep college girls off their feet, it would be easy for John to make rock that focuses more on radio play than originality.

As an artist, he can't let this path become the course of his career if he is to fulfill his enormous potential. He must also be wary of putting out a single that becomes a mega-hit and then fading quietly into the musical garbage heap of one-hit wonders who become content with their sound. He has a platform and great room for musical creativity and expansion.

A star is on the rise, and he can either be one of the pioneers we will hear about for years to come, or he will be another guy who should have made it but never did. With his drive, beaming personality and signature sound, let us all hope John Mayer will be around a long time.

Brad Mehldau Trio jazzes up Stewart Theatre

Chad Butterworth The Brad Mehldau Trio showed its virtuoso skill and explored the boundaries of improvisational jazz
Staff Writer

Saturday, Nov. 10 in Stewart Theatre. Mehldau and company put their impeccable skills to best use in the latter part of their set when they improvised on songs by Nick Drake and Lehner and Lowe. These songs were evocative to start with, having bitter-sweet chord progressions that made you feel like you were falling in or out of love. The trio's dynamics and improvisation added even more depth and emotion to these songs.

Before that point, they spent most of the set improvising on untitled, original works in progress. Although these originals didn't pack the same emotional punch as the cover songs they played later, they gave the band a chance to show their well-developed skills. Brad Mehldau's piano solo on one of his

untitled originals was an example of the skill with which he is able to mix his classical influence with the characteristic musical exploration of jazz.

His solo was as complex as any classical solo and then became even more complex as he began changing keys and rhythms. Soon he was changing keys and time signatures so often that it wasn't clear if he was still playing by any recognizable rhythmic or tonal rules or if he had made up his own.

Throughout most of the performance, Jorge Rossy's sparse, unobtrusive drumming style showed that he could do more with less. When opportunity arose, however, Rossy would do more with more, amazing the audience with his speed and technical ability.

Larry Grenadier is a very capable bassist, who complements the rest of the band well and carries the songs so well that Mehldau is free to improvise. Grenadier showed his proficiency on bass, as he took several bass

solos.

Generally, the bass is considered the glue of any band, the unsung hero who binds the rhythm to the melody. A bass solo therefore tends to put the brakes on a song, as the rest of the band waits until the bass is ready to get back to its job of steering them. On the other hand, any musician who puts that much effort into developing that much skill deserves a round of applause, so let the bassist solo.

The Brad Mehldau Trio's concert provided some impressive musicianship and some heartbreakingly beautiful musical moments. It also raised some questions of structure versus improvisation. While improvisation inevitably makes for some moments in a concert that won't be as exciting as others, it all seems worthwhile when performers can bring new depth to an already-existing work in front of a live audience.

TECH IT TO THE LIMIT

Jon Morgan
Staff Writer

RECIPE FOR ONE AMERICAN SPY CAT

Ingredients:

- 1 cat
- 1 radio antenna
- 2 AA batteries
- 1 microphone
- 1 big rock



Directions

First, hit the cat on the head with the big rock until it reaches a state of unconsciousness. Then, take a pair of scientific cat scissors and make an incision along the middle of the belly. Scientifically place batteries, antenna and microphone inside the cat. Suture the cat with scientific cat thread.

Voilà! One American spy cat, at your disposal. Despite what the average reader must be thinking, this procedure is actually possible. Not only is it possible, but it has been done in the past by the U.S. government, according to a recently declassified federal document.

The CIA did this very thing while working on new and arousing ways to spy on the Soviet Union in the '60s. And while the directions seem simple, they ended up spending over \$14 million of taxpayers' money.

The idea was to take your American spy cat and place him (or her, for the '60s was a hot bed of equal rights movements) outside the Kremlin. Krushchev begins making idle conversation with the cat. Inevitably, he'll start hitting the vodka pretty hard.

Next, he reveals the details of his intimate love life. Within an hour, he's spilled the beans of the communist conspiracy to overthrow the capital-

ists of the world. Knowing the opponent's strategy, the United States gains the upper hand and wins the Cold War.

It made sense at the time.

A snag came along when they realized that cats get hungry. The scientists, who obviously weren't accustomed to working with the living, found that when the cat got hungry, it would go look for food. This could possibly destroy an important mission or jeopardize the security of other feline agent in the field.

The solution? Rewire the cat's brain so it'll starve to death before it gets the slightest hunger pain.

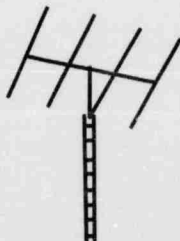
Technology at its best? You'd better believe it.

So, when it finally came time to test out the program, named (no joke) "Project Acoustic Kitty," they released the cat, and within five minutes it had been run over by a taxi.

Fourteen million dollars, five years of research, and what did they have to show for it? One dead cat with a lot of protruding wires.

If nothing else, one has to respect the tenacity of the scientists. They worked with the material that they had. The boss said make an Acoustic Kitty; they tried as hard as they could. Despite eventual snags like traffic, they did an amazing job considering the circumstances.

But, as with all things, we must find the relevance to the present. In response to that, there is only one thing to say: Project Acoustic Camel. If anybody can do it, we can.



Dispatch: visionary music from a visionary band



Grayson Currin Staff Writer Today, there is a band steadily traversing one of America's interstate highways in search of their next stop, their home for the night.

They are a self-described trio of "washed-up athletes" that happen to double as alarmingly good musicians and clever songwriters that have yet to hit the mainstream, land radio play or ink a record deal. Don't, however, feel sorry for them.

This trio, called Dispatch, consists of three best friends, Brad Corrigan (Braddigan), Pete Heimbold (Repete) and Chad Urmost (Chetro). Together, they form one of the best bands around, pumping an utterly original sound of eclecticism rooted in a daring combination of reggae, hard-nosed rock 'n' roll, free-flowing rap and acoustic folk.

It all started at Vermont's Middlebury College in the cramped dorm rooms of music lovers searching for something different.

"Pete and I had a band, and then we broke off from other projects and focused on the three of us," Urmost told Technician.

An abundance of musical ideas emanated from each member, resulting in an unparalleled blend of musical ideas. Local performances abounded under the name One Fell Swoop.

The band recorded the tracks for its first album, *Silent Steeples*, in Denver during the summer of 1996. Every year since then, with the exception of 1999, the band (legally forced to drop the name One Fell Swoop by a country group endemic to the Midwest) has put out an album.

"We're on a mission," shouts the band, in perfect harmony, during the fist-pumping tune "Mission." They have been on such a quest for quite a while, and it brought them and their unique, contagious music to the Ritz on Saturday, Nov. 10.

To review just one Dispatch show, however, is a bit of an insult to their talent. They are a band that plays each night with the assumption that they are recording their next album — that they are fighting for their existence.

Dispatch believes that it is their duty to go out each night of a tour and present a wonderfully singular experience for each crowd. Set list variation, freestyle rap, instrumental heroics and free banter onstage are just a few of the ways they go about this.

Change is something that the band seems to relish. They strive for it not only on stage, but also in their own band and in the straightjacket mentality of the music industry.

Of the time of Dispatch's conception, drummer/guitarist/singer Corrigan remarks, "We all were writing songs ... We all had different ideas for the different instruments."

In his contemplative tone that is at once witty and intelligent, bassist/guitarist/singer Heimbold throws in, "You never run out of material ... You never run out of spontaneity, stage juce."

The two are making reference to the complete group-unity concept that Dispatch champions. The unique concept of a band of equals is showcased in liner notes, with all members getting credit for many numbers. The pen of just one member doesn't dominate the remaining tunes.

While the ominous, riveting "Lightning" is attributed to Heimbold, the lyrics of one of the band's trademark numbers, "The General," are attributed to singer/guitarist/bassist/percussionist Urmost. Braddigan is not at a loss for words, either. The acoustic jolt of his "Steeples" is in sharp contrast with the brooding power of "Blood," which adroitly stretches a tumult of distorted guitars and drums across a funk groove.

The band is not a dictatorship when it comes to guitars, bass or percussion. At the start of a show, customarily Heimbold mans the left side of the stage with his bass guitar, while Urmost stands, electric guitar in hand, at stage right amongst an array of pedals and amplifiers.

Corrigan, temporarily ensconced behind a sizeable drum kit, sits three feet behind the band. The microphone that stands at center stage will belong to him after a few numbers.

Songs such as "Steeples" find Urmost leaning over a conga, banging away while he harmonizes alongside an electric-guitar-wailing Heimbold. Braddigan picks at his acoustic Taylor diligently, laying out an almost-Flamenco tune with two hands and six strings.

Harder tunes are quick to remind one of Rage Against the Machine, as the growl of a wah-wah pedal rises to meet the smooth rap of Urmost. There is a distinct difference, however. Where Zach de la

Rocha once spouted rhymes with the spiteful vengeance of a malcontent, the members of Dispatch insist on rays of hope and love for society not only with their lyrics, but also with their proud vocals and daring harmonies.

This is a band that has three front men. It is a reminder that the days of Crosby, Stills and Nash are not dead. A band that is actually a group of peers can still exist, despite corporate America's insistence upon finding one front man that has the power to captivate America with his own whims. The band has been forced to be brutally honest with one another so they can consistently put forth music that is worthy of their exponentially growing fan base.

Of this group approach and its necessary bluntness, Corrigan says, "It's our greatest strength but can be our greatest weakness if you don't remain open."

Thankfully for Dispatch, there is life outside of their magnificent trio. This life only serves to breathe creative fire into the band itself. Heimbold, for instance, recorded a beautiful album (under the name Pete Francis and entitled *So They Say*) of mellow songs infused with the deep thought and deep skill consistent with the nature of the skilled songwriter that he is.

Urmost is a film maker. His documentary "How's Your News?" just finished its run in Tribeca.

"I've been working at a summer camp for a while, and it's just a sprout of that. We took some of our campers and went cross country, and we filmed it," Urmost remarked.

He maintains that for him the camp and the movie are personal pleasures. Although he is pleased that his work may change the views of some people and make them more cognizant of the abilities of the disabled, his motives are not political. The film was a true creative release through which he found joy and inspiration.

It has been said that record companies are sinister juggernauts that inevitably change the character and music of a freshly signed band by flashing big bucks and big dreams into the young minds of musicians.

"We've had those meetings [with record labels], and we've always been real protective of our unit," the band agrees.

Dispatch is the only unsigned band to ever play Boston's Fleet Pavilion. This feat stands alongside dates at legendary clubs and theaters such as Fillmore's, Roseland Ballroom, the Orpheum and the Los Angeles House of Blues.

Dispatch realizes that they have come far in a few years; they admit that playing packed venues of 2,000 seats night after night is a long-standing dream. They have accomplished that. Each show is host to a long line of people hoping to buy the newest, or all, of the Dispatch albums.

"We don't need to mess with something that's working, and we don't think [the record companies] can step it up as much as they think they can," Corrigan said.

Producer Rick Parasher (of Pearl Jam fame) came into the studio for their latest studio album, entitled "Who Are We Living For?" Once again, the three, persistently protective of each morsel of their music, did not buy the hype that society seemed to send along with a legend like Parasher.

Heimbold insists that people felt that if they landed a Pearl Jam producer or a Beastie Boys producer, Dispatch would almost become those inveterate legends. People seemed to think that overnight success would hit them after working with Parasher. Dispatch, however, decided to return to longtime producer and collaborator Jack Gauthier after cutting just four tracks with Parasher.

"We didn't see his passion in music," Dispatch says.

Once again, this dynamic trio, comfortable with their own vision for their own music, marched to the beat of a very different drummer.

The mission that Dispatch raps about is one that has no close end in sight. New material is presented constantly on tour, and bonds between these three musicians and friends seem indelible. Taking an innovative route, Dispatch is marching toward superstardom — not necessarily because they seek it, but because every once in a while, the home-grown band of three nice guys that seem to never falter with their creative energy and wondrous musicianship needs to win.

These guys are a magnet, drawing dozens, perhaps hundreds, of converts at every show. Their creativity seems to present the opposite pole from those unmercifully subjected to years of negative musical banality. Persistent promotion, self-confidence, and word-of-mouth is slowly, but oh so surely, paving the way for the band of the future.

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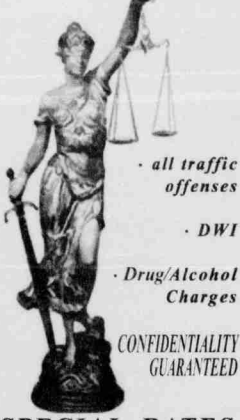
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Wolfpack/IM-Rec Notes

Robinson garners weekly award

N.C. State tailback Ray Robinson has been named ACC Offensive Back of the Week after helping State to a 34-28 victory over Florida State in Tallahassee on Saturday.

Robinson carried the ball 21 times for 106 yards and two touchdowns. The senior also caught eight passes for 39 yards.

It was the third straight game that Robinson has rushed for over 100 yards and the 10th time in his career. Robinson is fourth on State's all-time rushing list with 2,708 yards.

Cross country moves up in rankings

The N.C. State men's cross country squad moved up one spot this week to fifth in the MONDO Men's Cross Country Poll.

The men are coming off a stellar performance at the District III Championships where the Wolfpack posted 30 points, just one off its score of 29 points at the ACC Championships.

The Wolfpack women are currently fourth in the FinishLynx Women's Cross Country Poll. The women also took first in the regional meet this weekend. The Wolfpack posted a score of 45 points, four better than North Carolina.

Special events

Registration is going on now for the Intramural-Recreational Sports 5K Fun Run, "Run Away From Finals," which will be hosted on Dec. 1 at 8:30 a.m. on Centennial Campus. To register, stop by 1000 Carmichael Gymnasium or visit the Web site at www.ncsu.edu/imrec.

The Intramural-Recreational Sports department will NOT be providing transportation to

Centennial Campus. All participants will need to meet at Centennial Campus on race day.

Intramural-Recreational Sports will be hosting the first annual Job Fair on Nov. 27 from 6-8 p.m. in Carmichael Gymnasium. All divisions of Intramural-Recreational Sports will be represented and distributing information on all programs. For more information, please visit the Web site or call 515-3161.

Intramural sports

Congratulations to all the flag football champions. Co-recreation began this week. All schedules and results for soccer playoffs, volleyball and co-recreation basketball are posted in the Intramural-Recreational Sports office and on the Web site. For additional information on Intramural-Recreational Sports, visit the Web site or stop the office.

Fitness

New classes are being offered this fall. Drop in for one of our group fitness classes: Advanced Step, Athletic Conditioning, Awesome Abs, Box-N-Sculpt, Cardioboxing, Get on the Ball, Hi/Lo, Hip Hop, Step 101, Step-N-Sculpt and Water Works. For a schedule of classes, stop by the office or visit the Web site.

If you are interested in participating in fall workshops, registration has already begun for Introduction to Yoga Breathing Practice, Nutrition: Cooking Demonstration, Eating Out and Handling the Holidays, Qi Gong Relaxation Techniques, Massage Techniques, Stress Management, Time Management and Weight Training Basics.

To register, visit the office of Intramural-Recreational Sports. For more information on upcoming fitness/wellness workshops, visit the Web site.

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Teal.

Joining the Wolfpack at the TCI will be men and women's teams from Teal's former school James Madison, Old Dominion and Maryland. Illinois will send only its women's team.

The Pack has been training during its meets, maintaining its long-term focus, and this meet will not be any different.

"This is a real important time to stay focused on our long-term goals, where we want to be in February at ACCs and in March at the NCAAs," said Teal.

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teams," Butler said. "A lot of our games this year have come down to us only losing by one goal. We're pretty confident going into the tournament."

State coach George Tarantini still believes in his team, as he has all season long. The coach, however, is still waiting for his team to find its offense, something that he knows the Wolfpack is capable of doing.

"I would hate to play against this team," Tarantini said last week before playing Maryland. "This team is ready to do some-

Teal believes the women's team will fare better than they did earlier in the season against Maryland, a 152-81 loss. With the Championship format, depth plays a much stronger role than a few strong individuals.

"In a dual meet, a few strong individuals can carry a team," Teal said. "In a championship meet you need more depth. And we've got a whole lot more depth on the women's team than we did last year. Hopefully, that'll put us in good position to be one of the top teams."

As usual, the State teams will count on the diving contingent to provide an extra boost.

"Divers, as always, will be big points for us," Teal said. "[They are] something that we count on and rely on."

thing big. I see that everyday in practice."

The Wolfpack would love to see it on the field during games, too. Should State pull the upset, the careers of Butler, midfielder Lee Baldwin and back Eric Kaufman, who are all seniors, would be extended at least for one more game.

"All the seniors on this team are going to go out and give 100 percent, just everything they have," Butler said. "I think it's important for the other players to do the same thing, and think they're gonna play for us, too."

But another exciting aspect of this meet will be the addition of the 800 free relay, an event in which the Pack hasn't competed in this season. In all, there will be a total of five relay events.

"It's also an important meet for our relays," Teal said. "Relays are huge in a championship meet. There are a lot of points to be scored there."

Teal thinks State will perform consistently in each event, with the exception of that powerful boost driving provides.

"We're trying to build a championship team, and a championship team does not have weak events, so we're looking to score points in every single event," Teal said. "Other than diving, we're looking to be consistent across the board in all our events."

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expanding too quickly. At least the owners and Commissioner Bud Selig are willing to admit their mistakes now.

I'd cast vote for a salary cap and revenue sharing, but because the players and owners are about as likely to agree on that as they are on pizza toppings, I'll settle for contraction.

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ONE LAST CHANCE

Pack, Heels meet in ACC Tourney



The men's soccer team will face North Carolina in the opening round of the ACC Tournament.

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Andrew B. Carter

Staff Writer

The season started with a 2-0 defeat at home to Northeastern, and it was a sign of things to come for the N.C. State men's soccer team.

Close losses, good defense, little offense and absolutely no breaks at all. It ended, somewhat ironically, in exactly the same manner with a 3-0

loss at Maryland.

But thankfully for State (4-14, 0-6 in ACC), the regular season is over. Starting Thursday afternoon, a new one will begin in Clemson, S.C., as the Wolfpack will meet North Carolina (15-3, 4-2) in the opening round of the ACC Tournament.

The tournament, which will be played on Riggs Field on the campus of Clemson, gives the Wolfpack a chance at a new beginning.

"We've dominated half-games, parts of games before," said senior fullback and co-captain Damon Butler. "But we know that we have to put it all together."

Putting it all together against a talented and overpowering UNC team will be a severe test for the Pack. The Tar Heels are the defending ACC Tournament champions and will be gunning for not only another title, but also a better seeding in the upcoming NCAA tournament.

The Heels enter Clemson as one of the nation's hottest teams, having won 11 of their last 12 matches. After beating Clemson and South Carolina in back-to-back performances, UNC is now ranked 7th in the country.

"We know their strengths and their weaknesses," Butler said. "And we hope we can exploit those on Thursday."

Strengths, as Butler knows, are many for this UNC team.

The Heels' most dangerous weapon is its defense and goalkeeper, UNC, which is coming off two back-to-back 1-0 victories, has blanked the opponent an amazing 10 times this season. During a five-game stretch in mid-October, the Heels outscored their foes 21-0. One of those games came against the Wolfpack, which was defeated 4-0.

UNC also has its share of gifted offensive players who have no problem finding the back of the net. David Testo and Ryan Kneipper share the team lead in goals with nine apiece, and Marcus Storey has racked up eight goals and eight assists this season.

If State is to have any chance of springing the upset, its defense, led by Butler and goalkeeper Mitchell

Watson, must find a way to test Testo and crew, something it didn't do earlier in the year when the two teams met.

The winner of the State-UNC match will face off Friday at 8 p.m. against the team that emerges from the No. 3 Clemson vs. No. 6 Maryland contest.

In the other quarterfinal, No. 4 Wake Forest will tangle with No. 5 Duke. Top-seeded Virginia has a bye to the semifinals.

The focus for State, however, is on UNC.

"We know we can play with better

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The 2001 Men's Soccer ACC Tournament will begin tomorrow in Clemson, S.C.

BASEBALL

Contraction reaction

Killing Major League Baseball franchises is serious business.

Last week the league's owners, citing financial concerns, voted to eliminate a pair of teams before next season. Ironically, the decision was made less than 48 hours after the conclusion of the best World Series in recent memory.

Right off the bat, this seems like a horrible idea. Professional sports leagues should be expanding and should leave the contracting to birthing mothers.



Jerry Moore

Both major and minor-league players will lose their jobs, not to mention the thousands of franchise support-staff and stadium employees. Fans in two cities will no longer be able to enjoy a summer afternoon at the ballpark.

It's a black eye for the sport, as baseball, America's once-hallowed pastime, openly admits it can't survive in at least two places.

It has not yet been determined which franchises will soon go the way of the dodo bird, woolly mammoth and Spice Girls.

Montreal is the leading candidate because of its location, small-market status and dwindling fan support. The 2001 Expos drew an average home crowd of only 7,648, which was less than three Class A clubs. Apparently Montreal *n'est pas une ville de baseball*.

Either Minnesota or Florida, teams that won World Series Championships in the last decade and weren't terrible last year, is likely to be the other victim.

Players' Union head Donald Fehr and even members of the U.S. Senate have set out to foil the owners' plan. The legal bondjocke could take months to sort through, although spring training is fewer than 100 days away.

If two teams are chopped in the end, however, it won't be a horrible thing. Sure, it will hurt at first, but you have to cut a few sunflower seeds to have a competitive spitting contest.

Because baseball doesn't have a salary cap, and Montreal, Minnesota and Florida are among the poor sisters of the league, the teams can't be expected to regularly compete for the pennant. Eliminating two bottom-feeding franchises will level the playing field to a certain extent.

The star players from the teams that get Paul-Bunyaned will be scattered throughout the rest of the league. As long as the mega-market, high-payroll squads aren't allowed to gobble them all up, it will make Major League Baseball more competitive.

The level of play should rise, and although it may not be noticeable at first, it will benefit the game. The available talent, especially on the pitcher's mound, will no longer be spread thinner than Terry Bradshaw's hair.

Admittedly, many baseball fans like to watch homer-happy games that end with football-like scores. But there's something to be said for a 1-0 pitching duel every once in a while — and that's because crafty left-handers are as much a part of the game as creatine-infused slugers.

Spectators in other cities will have a greater chance to watch their teams compete for playoff positions, and more franchises should have a real shot to succeed. Fans of the teams that eventually get the axe will need to be consoled, so Major League Baseball is working on a plan to print commemorative tissues emblazoned with the insignias of the defunct franchises.

Baseball added two teams in 1993 and two more in 1998, obviously

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2001 ACC Men's Soccer Tournament November 15, 16 & 18 at Clemson, S.C.

RECORD (Seed): 16-0-1, 6-0 ACC (1st)
 Key stats: Since a 2-2 tie to UCLA early in the season, the Cavaliers have reeled off 15 straight wins. They are ranked No. 2 nationally by the NSCAA.
 Key players: Virginia keeper David Comfort has allowed only eight goals all season, shutting out opponents on 10 occasions. Alekko Eskansarian and Ryan Gibbs are among league leaders in goals and points.

RECORD (Seed): 8-10, 2-4 ACC (5th)
 Key stats: Duke was hurt by the loss of five seniors from last year's 15-6 team, including former Hermann Trophy winner Ali Curtis.
 Key players: Sophomore Jordan Cline emerged as the top Duke threat this year, scoring eight goals. Keeper Scott Maslin is allowing fewer than one goal per game.

RECORD (Seed): 13-4-1, 3-2-1 ACC (4th)
 Key stats: The Demon Deacons had their 11-match unbeaten streak broken with a loss to Clemson in their final regular season match.
 Key players: Jeremiah White leads the league in goals scored (14) and points (34). Assisting on many of his goals has been the talented trio of Vicente Bastidas, Christian Lonteen and Aaron Thomas.

RECORD (Seed): 10-7-1, 1-4-1 ACC (8th)
 Key stats: Maryland scored only one goal in its four 1-0 losses. In its other two ACC games, the Terps had five goals.
 Key players: Sumed Ibrahim leads the league in assists and leads the Terps in goals. J.J. Herrera was named ACC player of the Week last week.

RECORD (Seed): 14-4, 4-2 ACC (3rd)
 Key stats: The Tigers started the season slowly with losses to Fullerton and Georgia State but have won 13-of-15 matches to close the season.
 Key players: 2000 All-ACC keeper Doug Warren has allowed only 0.86 goals per game this season. The Tigers have a balanced scoring attack, with Dimelon Westfield, Steven Rhyne and Ian Fuller leading the charge.

RECORD (Seed): 4-14, 0-6 ACC (7th)
 Key stats: The Wolfpack has not won an ACC contest since defeating Virginia 2-1 in 1999 — a span of 18 games.
 Key players: For the second straight season, keeper Mitchell Watson can't let an ACC in saves. Senior Damon Butler anchors the Wolfpack's defense, which has been under constant pressure all season.

RECORD (Seed): 15-3, 4-2 ACC (2nd)
 Key stats: The Tar Heels are first in the conference in scoring offense (2.94 goals per game) and second in scoring defense (0.70 goals allowed per game).
 Key players: UNC has a trio of players near the top of the ACC in goals scored. Ryan Kneipper, David Testo and Marcus Storey have combined to score 25 goals for the Heels.

State competes at Terrapin Cup Invitational

◆ N.C. State swimming and diving travels to Maryland to take on a number of schools in an early season meet.

Billy Freeman

Staff Writer

When the men's and women's swimming and diving squads from N.C. State finish the Terrapin Cup Invitational, it won't matter if they're at the top. Although each team has a great chance at claiming victories, the meet is more about gaining experience.

"We're more looking at it as experience [rather] than the final score being the most important thing," said head coach Brooks Teal. "But the score will be something for them to get excited and motivated about. Make it more

fun; just get up and race and bring home a championship."

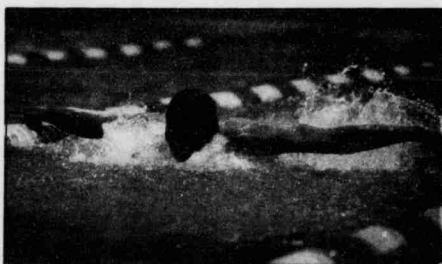
The TCL held Nov. 15-17 in College Park, Md., is scored in championship format. This will be the first taste of that format at the college level for the freshmen — helping them gain needed experience for the ACC Championships.

WHAT: SWIMMING AND DIVING AT MARYLAND

WHEN: NOV 15-17

WHERE: PARK, MD.

COLLEGE: "It's also the same format as ACC's as in they swim prelims in the morning, and only the fastest people get to come back at night to see who scores points," said



The swimming and diving teams will compete in the Terrapin Cup Invitational starting Thursday.

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