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“Lots of roads, lots of driving”: defining urban sprawl

◆ An NCSU researcher and a team studied the phenomenon of urban sprawl and its causes.

Ayren Jackson
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You are already five minutes late for your first class. Your car is doing this funny thing where it starts to overheat every time it is stopped for more than 10 seconds. What will be the quickest route to get you to your class on time and your car parked before the engine decides to quit?

Maybe Dan Allen Drive, the connection between Western Blvd and Hillsborough Street.

After creeping along Dan Allen Drive, missing your first class and having your car's engine die as soon as you pull into a parking space, you come to the conclusion that maybe Dan Allen Drive was not the quickest route.

It is no secret that traffic has become a problem in Raleigh and across the state. Some are attributing traffic jams and other social and envi-

ronmental problems including expensive housing, loss of open space, the destruction of some U.S. cities, isolated lives, racial segregation, destruction of wetlands and parks, higher taxes, unemployment and even asthma among children, to a phenomenon called suburban sprawl.

“Sprawl can be measured in so many ways,” said George Hess, an N.C. State assistant professor of forestry. “In a sense, it really is in the eye of the beholder, and it's often difficult to differentiate sprawl from just plain growth.”

Hess, along with a team of graduate students and faculty members from N.C. State and Duke University, questioned the causes and effects of suburban sprawl during a semester-long research class. The findings of this research team were recently published in *Carolina Planning: The City and Regional Planning Journal of the Southeast*.

Though its effects are assumed numerous, Hess admits that it can be difficult to pinpoint the exact causes of suburban sprawl. The research team did, however, find that there are two key characteristics that help to

define suburban sprawl, one of which is using more land per person in the development process.

“This is another way of saying spread out, low density development — lots of roads and lots of driving,” said Hess.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau in 1950, for every 1,000 people living in the Triangle, about 120 acres of land were considered built-up or developed. But in 1990 the figure increased to about 330 acres per 1,000 people. It's no surprise that we are using more land.

The second characteristic Hess says causes sprawl is something city planners like to call “separation of land uses.”

“What that means is that where you live, where you work and where you get services — groceries, supplies, haircuts — are not in the same place, but instead spread out all over,” said Hess. “So you have to travel a lot to meet your needs.”

According to Hess, one visible consequence of the combination of these two characteristics — using more land per person and separation of land uses, especially in the absence of

transportation alternatives — is more traffic on the roads. And this is what people really see every day and are now starting to react to.

Hess said the research class, also known as “Measuring Suburban Sprawl,” included a diverse group of members with major areas of interest including economics, park management, geographic information systems, zoology, forestry, conservation biology, environmental policy and transportation planning. The participants included Sharon Lubkin (NCSU Biomathematics program faculty member), Faith Rarke (head, NCSU Architecture Department), five students from NCSU and four students from Duke.

“That's one of the things that made the course so much fun — and, I think, so successful. There was such a variety of viewpoints and abilities,” said Hess.

Hess admits that the team barely completed their research when the semester ended, but what this diverse team did conclude was that some cities were more sprawling than others in terms of distinct characteristics.

“It was impossible to draw a line and say ‘on this side you're sprawled; on this side you're not,’” said Hess.

Hess said that going back to the 1950s, where everything was more or less spread out, may or may not solve the problems associated with growth, and it might even create more problems.

“We can reduce separation of land use by having more services near where people live or work, but then you hear complaints about a shopping center on every corner,” said Hess. “Traffic seems to be the thing most people find most offensive about our current lifestyle. I think if there wasn't so much traffic and there were other ways to get around, few people would complain about the spread-out style of living.”

Hess said that several of the team members wound up feeling that sprawl was just not a useful concept and that what it really came down to was growth.

Panel to promote knowledge of Islam

◆ Panel discussion will focus on clearing up misconceptions about Islam and its connection to terrorism.

News Staff Report

Misconceptions and rumors surrounding the Muslim religion in connection with terrorism will be put to rest tonight at a panel discussion in the Talley Student Center Ballroom.

Sponsored by the International Activities Council, the Muslim Student Association and the Park Scholars program, “Understanding Islam” will focus on three areas: the meaning of the religion, the role of women in Islam and contemporary views of Islam.

The panel will consist of three speakers who will each add their own expertise and experience to the discussion. Two students will be featured, as well as Akram Khater, professor of history and Islamic studies at N.C. State.

The speakers will each be given an opportunity to speak about their specialized area and the current situation. Following these comments, students and community members will have the opportunity to ask questions to gain further information.

The motivation for the discussion springs from current misconceptions surrounding the religion and its values following the Sept. 11 attacks on the World Trade Centers and the Pentagon.

The main goal is “to educate students on campus and clear any misconceptions they may have about Islam,” said Anuj Dhawan, chair of the International Activities Council.

“Islam does not stand for terrorism,” he said. “It is a religion like any other. It is just that a small percentage have distorted it.”

Dhawan also hopes the discussion will serve as a positive way for students, faculty and community members to sit down and evaluate the current situation. He believes that discussion panels like tonight's will have positive results as our country struggles to adapt to a new time in the face of terrorism.

This event is free and open to the public. The discussion will begin at 7 p.m. in the Ballroom at Talley Student Center.



Ed Stephenson and the Paco Band will be playing today at 2:35 in the Campus Cinema for the University Scholars Program forum. Stephenson will also provide commentary to the songs as well as their significance in the world of music.

Some immigrants fear prejudice, tighter restrictions

◆ Every customer applying for a driver's license must now provide one document showing proof of residency in North Carolina.

Ruth Carlitz
The Chronicle (Duke U)

(U-WIRE) DURHAM, N.C. - The Latino Credit Union in El Centro Hispano offers services for local Latino residents, many of whom say they are disappointed that a proposal to give illegal Mexican immigrants amnesty now seems unlikely.

Earlier this year, President George W. Bush talked of granting amnesty to illegal Mexican immigrants — a prospect upon which many members of the large and steadily growing Latino population looked fondly. But the events of Sept. 11 created a shift in national priorities that has worried some Mexican immigrants in Durham.

“There's two sides of the coin,” said Ivan Parra, director of El Centro Hispano in Durham. “There [is] concern and solidarity with the U.S. community for what has happened on

Sept. 11 and after that, but also there's a sense of worry and preoccupation that those conversations [about amnesty] have stopped.”

Parra said he has heard that many local Mexicans are considering moving back home, though the suspension of amnesty talks is not their primary motivation.

“They're coming here usually to escape from those very same situations of violence in their communities,” Parra said. “For some people, it's not worth it to be here if there's going to be a threat of more violence, more terrorism.”

North Carolina's Mexican immigrant population numbered a quarter million people last year, roughly half of whom are illegal immigrants, according to *The News & Observer*.

In addition to the suspension of amnesty talks and the threat of terrorism, some local Mexicans expressed fear of increased prejudice.

“The worst thing is that some people, even here in the United States, can take advantage of these things in order to exacerbate the racism against minorities,” said an illegal immigrant from Mexico, who works for a local housekeeping service and spoke on

condition of anonymity.

Many Mexicans come to Durham in order to find work in construction, at restaurants and other businesses, but now, these jobs may not be enough to keep them here.

“It is not worth it here in this time of war,” the housekeeping service worker continued.

Some of the women at the housekeeping service expressed concern and said they have heard of people wanting to return to Mexico. One woman, an illegal immigrant, specifically pointed to bioterrorism as a reason for her fear. She also said it is now going to be harder to get a job, a house or a driver's license.

Prior to Nov. 1, North Carolina was considered one of the easiest places for illegal immigrants to get driver's licenses, but a new law, which originally was not supposed to go into effect until Jan. 1, has put in place stricter guidelines for proving residency.

In addition to requiring two forms of identification, every customer applying for a driver's license must now provide one document showing proof of residency in North Carolina, unless one of the required identification docu-

ments has the applicant's residence address on it. As of Jan. 1, anybody applying for a driver's license must have either a Social Security number or an Individual Taxpayer Identification Number.

Some local residents said stricter licensing laws are a step in the right direction toward tighter immigration control. Ron Woodward, president of North Carolinians for Lowering Immigration to Save the Environment Now, cited the need to restrict immigration, which he said currently accounts for 70 percent of all population growth in the United States. He said the population is currently growing too rapidly, creating stress on the environment and government services.

“People who support mass immigration are more concerned with what's good for the immigrant rather than what's good for Americans,” he said.

Woodward also opposes amnesty for illegal immigrants, which he sees as a reward for bad behavior. He added that after Sept. 11, an amnesty policy for Mexican immigrants might amount to racial profiling, as it would apply to only one ethnicity.

TECHNICIAN'S VIEW

Cloning legislation needed soon

IN LIGHT OF THE REPORTED CLONING OF A HUMAN EMBRYO, LEGISLATION THAT LIMITS CLONING RESEARCH IS NEEDED.

It all started with Molly, the Scottish sheep. But this week, the cloning debate struck closer to home when researchers at Advanced Cell Technology announced that they had successfully cloned a human embryo. This development begs the consideration of legislation restricting unlimited human cloning research. The across-the-board ban proposed by Bush may be the way to go but could, at the same time, be premature.

The debate sparked by the cloning of the embryo parallels much of what went on with stem cell research not even a year ago. Research on stem cells that would normally be disposed of is currently permitted. Researchers promoting stem cell research and cloning research both champion their causes in the name of finding new cures for diseases and possibly being able to replace faulty human organs.

One might suggest that a similar policy would be warranted here; however, at some point, a line must be drawn. As we allow more and more research that blurs the current line between scientific advancement and tinkering with humanity, we must consider each new issue with an ever more watchful eye.

The scientists at Advanced Cell Technology say they have no intention of human cloning and are not even sure

if their cloned embryos would support such a process. Although the current goal with this research does not include cloning human beings, each additional step in this direction yields a relativist rationalization that could eventually lead to a dangerous approval of cloning human beings (although the science making this possible is a long way away).

Once we begin to accept the cloning of human organs, we may be more inclined then to embrace the cloning of entire human beings. According to an ABC News/Beliefnet poll conducted in August, the American public opposed cloning human embryos for the purpose of medical research at a ratio of two to one.

Because of the praised medical breakthroughs in medicine cloning may bring, it is difficult to discount the issue completely. Perhaps Bush should call for a temporary moratorium on cloning embryos. This would give him time to consult with religious and scientific leaders and allow him to evaluate more carefully the situation before he starts drawing up legislation.

In any event, our country's policy on cloning human embryos should become more restrictive before becoming more conducive.

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Poor timing, good policy

Los Angeles Times

"University admissions" are fighting words in California any time of year. But the University of California (UC) regents could have chosen a better month to adopt a new admissions policy than November, when applications are due, and students and their parents are already frantic. The policy itself, thankfully, is better than the regents' timing.

All applicants who take the prescribed high school courses and meet UC grade and test score requirements or graduates in the top 4 percent of their class continue to be guaranteed admission to at least one UC campus.

What changes is how the system's flagship universities choose students from this pool. Under the new "comprehensive review" policy, campuses with more qualified applicants than spaces available will be allowed to consider special talent, leadership skills or hardships overcome, in addition to grades and test scores. Although all applicants are required to write personal essays listing achievements, the top universities until now had to base 50 percent to 75 percent of admissions on academics alone.

Critics immediately charged that comprehensive review would lower standards at UC Berkeley and UCLA, the system's star campuses. Others complained that the new policy set too high a standard, requiring extraordinary accomplishments from middle-class adolescents who grew up without hardships to surmount. Some labeled it a move to revive the race-based preferences banned by California voters five years ago.

UC Berkeley indeed began experimenting with comprehensive review in 1998, the year the regents' ban on affirmative action went into effect for undergraduates. (The regents in May rescinded the ban, a largely symbolic gesture given the 1996 passage of statewide Proposition 209.) But the Berkeley faculty had been discussing the more comprehensive approach before the ban.

Politics aside — and yes, state legislators have pressured UC to reverse a drop in minority enrollment — supporters mount a sound argument for an admissions policy that is after all used

by Harvard, Yale, Stanford and other top universities.

UC President Richard C. Atkinson, a cognitive psychologist who has spent a lifetime studying learning and testing, argues that academic measures such as grades and test scores, while important, are not the sole gauge of who will become a successful student or a leader in science, business, politics or the arts. Motivation, discipline, tenacity and intellectual curiosity are among the traits the broader admissions policy seeks. That the idea of looking for people who are well-rounded as well as good scholars would anger some students and parents has to do with how few slots there are at the top schools. For its fall 2001 freshman class, UC Berkeley accepted only a quarter of more than 35,000 applicants, even though almost half made straight A's. With increased competition come complaints about who didn't make the cut, particularly from parents who grew up in a less crowded California where good students were all but entitled to admission to their school of choice.

Those who believe that comprehensive review is fuzzy and subjective can take some comfort from UC Berkeley's four-year experiment. Admission officers rated every application using 10 academic and four supplemental criteria but until now were required to base 50 percent of admission offers solely on academics. A recent review showed that of 1,000 students admitted under the 10 academic criteria, 96 percent would also have been admitted using the full 14, hardly a wholesale abandonment of grades and test scores. Another study showed that the freshman classes admitted under comprehensive review did better than previous classes by such traditional measures as grade point averages and continued enrollment.

If these studies are not reassuring enough, the regents also asked for yearly reports on the new policy. This being California, they can expect the toughest scrutiny. UC's revised admissions criteria — controversial, to be sure — are based on solid ground.



Hardly entertaining



Kate Lingerfelt
STAFF COLUMNIST

First off, I am a girl. Just thought I'd let you know,

in case you couldn't tell by my picture or my name. Second of all, I dislike most "chick flicks," Lifetime television and girly magazines. All of these things are full of boring story lines, useless information and contribute very little to society.

This isn't a kind of femi-Nazi viewpoint, nor am I being sexist. I am just fed up with movies where the girl is abused by her boyfriend or husband, leaves him with a little help from her girl (friends) and finds out that good friends are all you need in life... until you find a ridiculously nice guy to marry. Now that you know the plot, you never need watch another Lifetime again.

I am also tired of the countless magazines that teach you how to love who you are on one page and then show how to hide your flaws on the next. In one widely read woman's magazine, I even found an article that told what CDs will impress a guy. For the record,

you should impress a guy with who you are not what you own.

Of course, not all of these movies or magazines are completely pointless, and I know that somewhere out there a girl was probably touched by some of the stories presented. Also, I do find some information in these movies and magazines very humorous (such as the embarrassing stories). I don't think we should get rid of these magazines or all of these movies, although weeding out a few couldn't hurt. Instead, I am proposing an alternative.

I would like a network for women that has nothing to do with made-for-TV movies. Lifetime does have something going for it with the WNBA, and better networks, like Oxygen, are popping up. Women's entertainment, however, pretty much consists of all made-for-TV movies. My network would have sports, politics, news and shows that do not consist of just style and fashion.

The magazine, however, will be the cornerstone of my entire plan. It will be a cross between Cosmopolitan and Maxim, taking the best from both sexes. Instead of sporting an anorexic female supermodel on the front, there will be a picture of some extremely attractive male wearing a pair of jeans and nothing else.

The contents inside will have little to

do with makeup, fashion or changing who you are to attract a significant other. There will be useful articles that explain the rules of football, the best way to do a keg stand and how to change your oil. I am aware that there are some girls out there who already know how to do this stuff, but there are still way too many out there who are completely clueless. Face it, beauty and a keen fashion sense might take you far in life, but nothing beats practicality and common sense.

So I have my network and my magazine, now on to the "chick flicks." Yes, there are some movies labeled by this stereotype that are more than just pointless fluff. These movies can stay. As for the fairy tale romances and the overdone storylines, they can all be thrown into the compost heap.

Of course, this is only one side of an issue, but one side that can be tackled. Also, just because I hate "chick flicks," Lifetime and girly magazines does not mean I support all stereotypical guy movies. "The Man Show" or Playboy. However, that is a topic for another time.

If you would like to join Kate in practicing keg stands, email her at klinger@unlv.nyu.edu

\$17-the price of charity



Greg Volk
STAFF COLUMNIST

You might be appalled to find out that Zion's Hope, a nonprofit Christian organization, was denied tax-exemption in Orange County, Florida. You might be even more interested to hear that this was because the group was forced to pay property taxes on their new "Holy Land Experience" theme park. Zion's Hope filed a lawsuit in a circuit court Nov. 19. Although much cheaper than the cost of a trip to the real Holy Land, the \$17 dollar entrance fee to the park is outrageous and contradicts their tax-exempt claim.

I have no doubt that Zion's Hope is intending on maintaining their nonprofit status and does not wish to make money from the "Holy Land Experience." However, I do not think theme parks, whatever kind, should come under tax-exempt status.

Non-profit or charity organizations are often allowed to be exempt from property and various other taxes, but this is under the assumption that what the organization provides is, essentially, free and charitable. I'm sure the "Holy Land Experience" is good and all. The Jim Hendrix Experience rocked, and their names are kinda similar. But is the park really worth \$17 per visit and deserving of tax-exempt status?

Perhaps Zion's Hope was put in the red by the expense of the Temple of the Great King and the Quoran Dead Sea Caves recreations. Or, perhaps, it's not easy to find people willing to volunteer to recount stories from the Great Book and sing religious songs while donning biblical garb.

Charitable organizations are granted tax-exempt status because they provide a charitable, free service — usually, although the Holy Land Experience may be a great concept, it remains that

it is a sort of museum whose price of admission, at \$17, is far from free.

Pat Robertson's legal advocacy group, the American Center for Law and Justice, is handling the lawsuit for the park. Attorneys for the Holy Land believe they have a viable case. "We have run it by three significant law firms... and all of them were, quite frankly, shocked this would even get by the property appraiser's desk," Mary Rosenthal, executive director of Holy Land, told the Associated Press.

The situation currently stands that Holy Land will be taxed this year for their land but not their buildings. The \$1.4 million value of the property will warrant about a \$28,000 fee this year. If the \$16 million facilities are taxed next year, taxes could amount to \$348,000.

The Holy Land would only be worthy of tax-exempt status if it could provide free admission to those who cannot afford it or whom they believe would benefit as a result of visiting the park. Theme parks, biblical or non, are expensive, and, as we all know, theme parks don't grow on trees. However, it is not right for an organization that wants to be granted charitable status to pass the burden of paying for their so-called charity on to those who will receive it.

When was the last time you paid to go to church? Sure, you might have put some pocket lint and that Benjamin that got stuck in the depths of your pocket in the collection plate last week, but it was your choice. Churches give without demanding, or even expecting, to receive back.

That Holy Land wants to charge \$17 for admission undermines their very own argument of being deserving of tax-exempt status. My advice to you, should you ever be in Orlando with a hankerin' for church, is to visit the Holy Land Experience (it's a lot safer than the real thing these days as well), and pay their \$17 if you believe they are deserving of tax-exempt status. If you do not support their claim as a tax-exempt organization, then do not visit the Holy Land Experience, and do not give them \$17. Give your \$17 to a local charity, and go experience the Holy Land the cheaper, old-fashioned way by reading your Bible.

Greg thinks the Holy Land officials misinterpreted the parable of leas and the tax collectors under the temple. Email him your take on it at dieshus@hotmail.com.

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I spy a great movie

Assistant Features Editor **Joel Isaac Frady**
Spy Game
 ★★★½
 Starring **Robert Redford**
Brad Pitt
 Directed by **Tony Scott**

Mission Statement

Make a stylish, exciting, high-tech movie about spies without sacrificing plot and artistic merit in the process.

Objectives

A. A plot that has lots of thrills... but stays intelligent. Even though it's told mainly in flashbacks, "Spy Game" has the best mix of action and smart dialogue that has been seen in a while. It takes place in 1991, and Tom Bishop (Pitt) gets caught by the Chinese government in the middle of an operation and is imprisoned with 24 hours to live.

Nathan Muir (Redford), who is literally a day away from retirement, finds out that his protegee Bishop has been captured and doesn't have much time to find a way around the government officials to break into China and save Bishop's life. The U.S. government, of course, has already told the media that Bishop's been dead for over a year.

B. Visuals that are fun and exciting. Creative and fun movies like this have to remember that they are still action movies and that people are expecting big thrills out of them. Even though "Spy Game" is much smarter than the average action picture, it still has the fast editing and diverse camera angles to keep the pace fast and flowing. It's loud when needed, but not so loud that you hear it from the lobby the entire time.

They also go for the dark, blue look that a lot of action pictures go for. Many action films try to pack in as many colors as possible into each frame (take "Con Air" for example), but this one looks like it's cloudy outside all the time, which matches the tone of the characters.

C. Performers with both talent and sex appeal. Again, it's an action movie, so unless they're in supporting, comical roles, people don't want to see ugly people. Everyone has to be stylish, sexy and confident, and "Spy Game" satisfies everyone with Robert Redford and Brad Pitt.



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Redford is older, but still in the game, and he's still able to bring in and satisfy the older crowd members, even though the box-office returns for "The Last Castle" told us otherwise. Pitt has the younger crowds in his hand, and looking at his track record, he has better taste in choosing his projects than most of his contemporaries.

Together they have great chemistry, playing off each other with just the right level of emotion. It's hard to explain how they come off other than they seem like two spies shooting the s--- about how they play the game they're good at.

The only strange choice is Catherine McCormack as the woman that stands between Pitt and his loyalties. She's best known as the wife in "Braveheart," and

earlier this year she played Pierce Brosnan's love interest in "The Tailor of Panama." She doesn't look like someone Pitt would be after at all, with an older sense about her and wrinkles on her way to match Redford's. Strange thing is, she's 28 in reality... but looks 40.

D. When put together, it needs to be fun and exciting. "Spy Game" has the right mix of things, with action scenes placed at the right spots, tense scenes of dialogue that run just long enough and a bit of comical relief precisely when necessary. It's smart humor, too; no body-fluid jokes are found anywhere near this movie.

The performers are fun to watch; the movie's full of suspense and fun. Other

than being a little too talky a time or two, they hit everything just right.

Mission Summary

With theatres full of movies aimed at the younger crowds, it's nice to have a smart actioner like "Spy Game."

Even more comforting is the thought that Oscar season hasn't quite started yet because the studios save their Award-children for December. Right now, the theatres have a better array of good movies than they have had in a while, so if things are going to get better, we may be in for a nice December.

For the here and now though, a lot of you are ready for something more mature than "Monsters, Inc." or "Harry Potter," and "Spy Game" is just what you're looking for.

"Harry Potter" great for fans, not so great for new ones

Staff Writer **Joe Partin**

Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone

★★★★ for fans

★★½ for newcomers

Starring **Daniel Radcliffe**

Emma Watson

Rupert Grint

Robbie Coltrane

Directed by **Chris Columbus**

Author J.K. Rowling has arguably created one of the greatest fantasy series in our generation. Harry Potter has become a symbol of our pop-culture; it is one of the few examples of a series that has been able to attract readers both young and old, so of course a film is inevitable. For many years Rowling turned down many offers for Potter to appear on the silver screen, but finally the books have made their way to Hollywood.

But how do you capture the magic of the books without displeasing the fans?

And how do you make a film that doesn't alienate others? Unfortunately, Harry Potter settles with pleasing the fans of the books, but who can blame the filmmakers... the books have an enormous following, and the film has already grossed an astounding \$90 million in its opening weekend alone.

But for the rest of us, Harry Potter is just another movie. I went into this film knowing very little about Harry Potter, and after leaving the theater at the film's conclusion, I felt a bit jaded. The filmmakers take us for granted, they're

accepting that everyone who sees the film is a fan of Potter already, so they believe that cramming every aspect of the book into 2.5 hours will please us.

Well it doesn't, and non-fans are left in the dark. There isn't enough time spent on key events, one thing happens after another without substantial explanations of what's going on. While fans are excited that "it's just like the book," everyone else is left scratching their head and wondering what all the hype was about.

Perhaps the movie suffers from the "first in the series syndrome" (don't worry — there are going to be six more Potter films), where we are bombarded with 50 characters that we will know little about until later films.

The film revolves around young Harry Potter (Daniel Radcliffe), who is destined to become the greatest wizard of all time. Abandoned at a young age, Harry grows up with his psychotic aunt and uncle until he is rescued by a friendly giant named Hagrid (Robbie Coltrane), who prepares Potter for his journey to Hogwarts' School. Here Potter learns magic and wizardry. Potter is faced with bullies, mean teachers, and even the dark Lord Voldemort.

There is much more covered in the 2.5 hours of the film, and at times the

viewer is left alienated and wondering if some things could have been explained more or even left out. The film relies heavily on exposition rather than explanation, but there are several redeeming qualities.

The Quidditch match (a kind of Lacrosse meets Cricket while flying) between rival Hogwarts' groups is astounding but a bit short. The sets for the film are extraordinary; the viewers actually feel as though they are part of this fantasy world.

The supporting characters were incredibly interesting; Professor Dumbledore (Richard Harris) has a kind of Gandalf from "The Lord of the Rings" feel, and Professor Snape (played by the excellent Alan Rickman), whose ulterior motives are questioned right up until the climax, are both excellent in their roles.

The film is not a complete bust for people who haven't read the book; it is important to look at the film in respect to the question posed earlier: Who are we really trying to please? Fans will love it while the rest of us will look at it as just Hollywood escapism. However, Rowling may have succeeded in reaching in those who haven't read the books because it makes you want to go back and read the series to see what all the fuss is about.



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Top 10 reasons to watch "Blind Date" every night

Senior Staff Writer **John Boles**

10. Harley Tat. Check the credits, yes, with a producer with a name like Harley Tat, how could the show go wrong? Having produced such noteworthy shows as "Hard Copy," his next logical step was obviously "Blind Date," his crowning achievement in the television industry.

9. Better than the alternatives. What else would you be doing at 11:30 on a weeknight? It's not like you have a social life or do your homework. And let's be honest, Letterman and Leno have been on the decline for a while. You can even do this while eating junk food and talking on Instant Messenger.

8. Roger Lodge. This host's coldness toward the dates is infectious. You can tell that Lodge hasn't been on a date in years. And judging from the dates he's seen on his very own show, he's probably the smart one.

7. The Porn Factor. After the crash and burn of nearly every file-sharing

medium out there these days, finding good porn takes effort. "Blind Date" is perhaps the closest thing to soft-core porn on broadcast television. With a hot tub scene in nearly every episode, "Blind Date" is sure to satisfy everyone's need for hassle-free porno.

6. Animations. Every date is full of animations to poke fun at the dates. As the years have gone on, these animations have become more advanced and sometimes downright mean, whether they shoot laser beams from the man's eyes to his date's chest or just show a clever picture to cover up the surprisingly frequent times when a woman is flashing traffic.

5. To feel better about yourself. The people on these dates will make anyone feel good about themselves. Some of these people (especially the guys) are the most pathetic souls to walk the earth. From money-grabbing women to men who haven't left the

house in years, you get them all on "Blind Date."

4. To see what not to do on a date. Blind daters seem to break every rule in the book. The cardinal sinest they all make is when the date is obviously going awfully. Their tongues hanging sadly in the air, the men are left in perhaps the most awkward position they can be in. People sing (awfully) to their dates, go to lingerie stores or just paint each other topless. While some of these ideas seem cute or creative, they almost always end with one, if not both, bored and seriously weirded out.

3. The Hall of Shame. These are the worst of the worst. Every time you think you've seen the worst thing possible on a date, a guy will ask if he can make out with a girl's cat. Or a man will bring three strippers along with him to a hot tub when a date isn't going well, so he can see some skin anyway.

2. Commercials. The commercials

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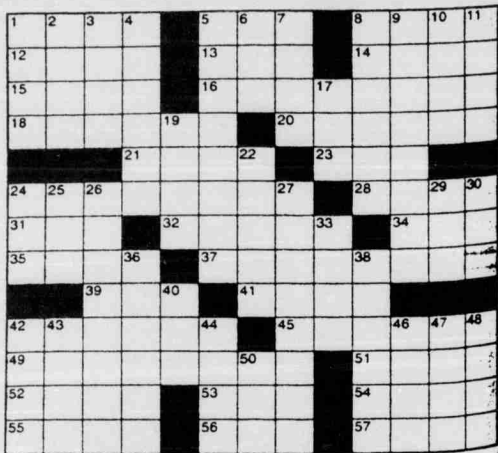
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Illinois traveling to Maryland and N.C. State facing Ohio State in today's 7 p.m. games. The nightcap will feature Duke facing Iowa in Chicago and Minnesota traveling to Wake Forest.

The Illinois-Maryland game is one of the more highly anticipated games of the pre-season. In last year's Maui Invitational, the two teams squared off with Illinois winning 90-80.

This year, both teams enter the contest ranked in the top five. Illinois (5-0) is currently second in the Associated Press poll, while Maryland (3-1) is ranked fifth.

The Fighting Illini sport one of the top backcourt duos in the nation with Frank Williams and Cory Bradford. Williams came on strong last

year to win the Big Ten Player of the Year award. Bradford is a four-year starter for Illinois who possesses a lethal three-point shot when his game is clicking.

Maryland is a solid team throughout its entire lineup. While All-ACC performers Juan Dixon and Lonny Baxter get much of the press for the Terrapins, perhaps the most important player for Maryland is point guard Steve Blake, who runs the show and is once again among the ACC leaders in assists.

The other intriguing matchup tonight is Duke (4-0) vs. Iowa (4-1).

Duke had a solid start to its season by winning the Maui Invitational and then dismantling Portland with its C-game. The talent level of the Blue Devils has been well documented, as they are the defending national champions and consensus top team in the nation.

Iowa, however, is a new addition to the national picture. The Hawkeyes have had a resurgence under head coach Steve Alford and are currently ranked seventh in the nation. Iowa returns the embattled combo of Reggie Evans and Indiana transfer Luke Recker.

Evans is a rebounding machine in a Charles Barkley-esque body. His tenacity around the basket led to numerous free-throw attempts. He led the nation in both free-throw attempts and free throws made last season. Recker is Iowa's leading scorer and one of the top three-point shooters in the nation.

While the first day provides many of the bigger names for this season, Wednesday's action features two of the most storied programs in college basketball history.

North Carolina (0-2) and Indiana (3-1) meet in Chapel Hill in the Hoosiers' first ACC/Big Ten Challenge

appearance. Indiana will enter as a considerable favorite, as the Hoosiers are hitting their stride under the coaching of Mike Davis and the play of super sophomore Jared Jeffries.

North Carolina, however, is struggling with a young team. The departure of Brendan Haywood and Joseph Forte has hurt the Tar Heels. UNC has lost its first two games of the season to Hampton and Davidson and needs a big performance against Indiana to turn its season around.

Other games scheduled for Wednesday night include Wisconsin at Georgia Tech, Michigan State vs. Virginia, Clemson at Penn State and Florida State at Northwestern.

Because the Big Ten has two more members than the ACC, two teams are excluded. This year, Michigan and Purdue are the teams left out of the challenge.

CHALLENGE

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ment. Savovic is a lanky guard who connected on 48 percent of his three-point attempts last year, while Brown was voted to third-team All-Big Ten last year and is serving his second consecutive

season as team co-captain.

That duo combines with Brent Darby to form the Buckeyes' starting backcourt, which possesses a deadly shooting touch from the perimeter.

"They have some outstanding older guards, and they really shoot the ball exceptionally well," said Sendek. "We're going to have our hands full

[with them] Tuesday night."

Like the Pack, the Buckeyes are searching for replacements to their frontcourt, particularly center Ken Johnson, who departed last season as the Big Ten's all-time leader in blocked shots.

Tonight's game at the Value City Arena tips off at 7:30 p.m. and will be shown on ESPN2.



Archie Miller dives to take the ball away from Citadel player.

WOMEN'S

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offense didn't cool down. Center Kaayla Chomes, who took only one shot and failed to score in the first half, connected on 5-of-7 shots underneath and finished with 10 points.

Amelia Labador chipped in with nine as State went on another run, this time 13-2, as the lead ballooned to 25 at 74-49. The Pack made 16-of-28 shots for 57.1 percent after the half.

State's defense also clamped down in the second half, holding the Monarchs to a season-low 58 points and 28.9 percent shooting after the break.

"It was a combination," Yow

said. "If we had just had our defense, maybe we could have maintained a smaller lead, or maybe if we had just had the offense. But when you combine the way we shot the ball the second half and the way we played defense, it allowed us to build a considerable lead."

Both teams started the game slowly on the offensive end, and State didn't get on the board until Scates made a layup almost three minutes after the tip-off. Scates and Adesola Olanrewaju came off the bench to lead the team in the first half with 10 and seven points, respectively.

"I thought I could give us a spark by going out and playing hard, especially on defense," Scates said.

ODU pulled ahead 16-10 when Okiesha Howard, who led

the Monarchs with 19 points for the game, scored on a fast break at the 11:20 mark.

The Pack responded with a 9-0 run bookended by a sweeping hook and two free throws from Carrise Moody. ODU held State's leading scorer to eight points in the game, her lowest total of the year.

The offensive production for both sides picked up considerably in the last five minutes of the half as both teams found their shooting touch. The State defense did force 10 turnovers, and although the Monarchs shot 45.8 percent from the floor, they made only one of their first six free-throw attempts.

The Pack will next host Charleston Southern on Wednesday at 7 p.m. in Reynolds Coliseum.

BLUME

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next game of a student-athlete seminar. Among these activities, I have to attend class and find time to eat while the dining hall is open.

I also have to fit in six hours of

mandatory study hall per week. It is not an astonishing number of hours to obtain while studying, but if you are on the road traveling and missing classes, it is extremely difficult to manage.

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Talisha Scates gave State much needed offense in the first half.

Gardner lights up Monarchs

◆ The N.C. State women's basketball teams used a pair of big runs to clobber Old Dominion 74-58.

Jerry Moore
Assistant Sports Editor

When N.C. State's Talisha Scates made two free throws with 37 seconds left in the first half, it didn't seem like a momentous event.

The No. 10 Wolfpack (5-0) held a slim 32-30 edge over No. 17 Old Dominion (2-2), and State thought it was in for another close struggle with a quality opponent.

But Scates' free throws and a driving, left-handed layup by Nanna Rivers at

the halftime buzzer kick-started a 17-1 Pack run that spanned the final minute of the first half and the opening eight minutes of the second. State never looked back and cruised to a 74-58 win in Reynolds Coliseum.

"I really liked what I saw out there tonight," said State head coach Kay Yow. "All of the players were so unselfish, they all moved well, they were all making contributions and helping each other on defense... The execution we had on both ends of the court was the best we've had this year, particularly the second half."

Guard Ivy Gardner started her first game since undergoing knee surgery earlier this month and led the Pack with 18 points, 16 of which came as State pulled away in the second frame.

"She was doing things to keep us in the game with defense in the first half,"

Yow said. "Then in the second half, she started unleashing those three pointers. It was her first game starting and playing a major role, so it felt good to have her back on the court."

Gardner made 7-of-10 shots from the field, including 3-of-4 from behind the three-point line, and reeled in a team-high eight rebounds. State now holds an 18-13 advantage in the all-time series with ODU.

"Coach warned us that [ODU] would be very fired-up coming in here," Gardner said. "It's not a consistent rivalry, but it's a rivalry nonetheless. Everybody got a little fired up; this is our home court, and we don't like losing here. We just wanted to show that we are a top-10 team."

Even after the Pack had used its initial spurt to pull out to a big lead, the

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FOOTBALL

Monday afternoon live

The regular season has come to an end for the N.C. State football team, and I couldn't be more disappointed.

Oh, the team had a solid season with a 7-4 record, which will likely earn the Wolfpack a trip to the Peach or Tangerine Bowl.

A couple of weeks ago, State grabbed one of the biggest wins in school history, defeating Florida State on the road. Several of the players, including Levar Fisher, Philip Rivers, Ray Robinson and Willie Wright, should make an appearance on the All-ACC team — at least they did on my ballot.

I can't shake this feeling of disappointment, though. It's like I'm losing something. Maybe it's the thought of going several months (or more depending on what I end up doing after I graduate) without experiencing the Chuck Amato press conference.

If you've never witnessed Amato in action at a press conference, then you're truly missing out. Press conferences can be dull, drab affairs. Reporter A might ask Coach B or Player C a question and get a brief, canned response littered with clichés. All the information might be there, but it can take on the feel of a witness interrogation.

With an Amato press conference, it's the complete opposite. Imagine a standard question-and-answer session revolving around football mixed with a stand-up comedy routine.

In some ways, he's a dream interview. A journalist might ask one question and get the answer to the next five that were going to be asked, making the job infinitely easier.

But the beauty of the Amato press conference lies in the entertainment value. In the past two years, I honestly can't remember a time when I went to one of those media gatherings and didn't laugh at least once. On a couple of the Mondays that I was able to make it to Reynolds Coliseum for his weekly press conference this year, I might have gone in thinking about everything I would have to do for school or the newspaper, and I left with a smile on my face.

The good vibes have a lot to do with Amato's optimistic outlook. I distinctly remember walking into the A.E. Finley Fieldhouse last year after the Pack got waxed by FSU, looking around the room at the Raleigh press corps and seeing a bunch of people expecting the worst. Amato simply walked into the room, took the podium and said "the funeral's over," immediately easing any tension.

Amato won't restrict himself when he's trying to find the right way to describe something, either.

Last year before the Pack played Clemson, the discussion focused on how the defense would contain Woodrow Dantzler. Remembering Amato was an assistant with the Seminoles when they played Michael Vick and Virginia Tech in the Sugar Bowl, the reporters asked him to compare Dantzler to Vick and to describe FSU's plan for stopping the future No. 1 draft pick. The response was a little off the beaten path.

"I wanted to get one of the relatives to come down with a daggone baseball bat and go down to Bourbon Street and see if they could find him down there one night and hit him across the knees," he said.

Amato's press conferences are also fully interactive. The reporters won't hesitate to joke with him about his work choice. In turn, Amato won't hesitate to poke a little fun at a reporter's clothing or to encourage him or her to join the team for a workout.

I have treasured so many of the opportunities that I've gotten by working at this newspaper over the last few years. Not many of them rate higher than watching Amato hold court.

Jeremy is ready for the bowls to make a decision so he can make his plans for winter break. He can be reached at 515-2411 or jeremy@techniciansports.com.

Jeremy Ashton



PACK READY FOR CHALLENGE

Guard-oriented Buckeyes will threaten State's undefeated record.

Matt Middleton
Staff Writer

One glance at the early season schedule of the N.C. State men's basketball team and one would see it sprinkled with opponents from the Big South, Southwestern Athletic and Western Athletic Conferences — hardly the elite leagues of the college basketball world. Consequently, even though it sports a perfect 5-0 record, State is still ranked No. 97 in the country in the latest edition of the Ratings Percentage Index, according to www.collegerpi.com.

So after cruising through its first five games with a mild challenge from a pesky Citadel squad, State will get an arduous challenge — and an increase in its strength of schedule — when it travels to Columbus, Ohio, to take on the ACC/Big Ten Challenge.

The ACC/Big Ten Challenge, which is in its third year, pits nine teams from the ACC against nine teams from the Big Ten in a battle for college basketball bragging rights. State has played a key role in the first two years of the challenge, clinching the 5-4 win both times for the ACC, with wins on the road against Purdue and at home in the last year against Penn State.

State has opened the season with five straight home contests, and Pack head coach Herb Sendek believes a road game is just what his team needs.

"I think it's coming at a good time for us — it's what we need," said Sendek. "What we need right now is a good, stiff road test and we're certainly going to get that."

The Pack got a mild test last Friday against the Citadel, which used a 2-3 zone defense to stymie State's outside shooting. Freshmen Josh Powell rescued the Pack with a 16-point, eight-rebound performance.

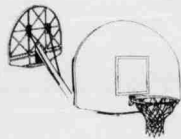
Powell and the rest of the State freshman are looking forward to their first road trip as members of the Wolfpack. "I'm looking forward to it," said Powell. "It's going to be a big challenge, but I think we're going to be able to step it up and go from there."

The Buckeyes bring in a three-guard offense that has been very successful under head coach Jim O'Brien, who led OSU to a Final Four berth in 1999 behind the guard tandem of Scoonie Penn and Michael Redd.

Senior guards Brian Brown and Boban Savovic are the only remaining members of that Final Four team that garnered playing time in the 1999 tour-

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ACC/ Big Ten Challenge

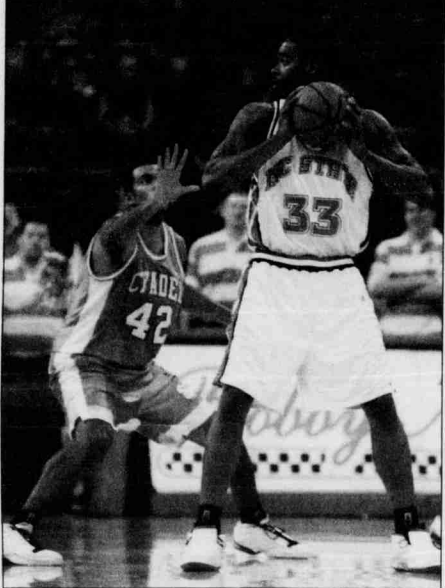


TUESDAY, NOV. 27

ILLINOIS AT MARYLAND, 7 P.M. (ESPN)
N.C. STATE AT OHIO STATE, 7:30 P.M. (ESPN2)
DUKE VS. IOWA (CHICAGO, ILL.), 9 P.M. (ESPN)
MINNESOTA AT WAKE FOREST, 9:30 P.M. (ESPN2)

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 28

WISCONSIN AT GEORGIA TECH, 7 P.M. (ESPN)
MICHIGAN STATE VS. VIRGINIA (RICHMOND, VA.), 7:30 P.M. (ESPN2)
CLEMSON AT PENN STATE, 8 P.M. (ESPN PLUS)
INDIANA AT NORTH CAROLINA, 9 P.M. (ESPN)
FLORIDA STATE AT NORTHWESTERN, 9:30 P.M. (ESPN2)



Josh Powell has been one of the top contributors for State thus far.

ACC seeking another win against Big Ten

◆ The ACC enters this year's ACC/Big Ten Challenge as the two-time defending champion.

Steve Thompson
Assistant Sports Editor

Times are changing in the ACC and Big Ten.

In the past, teams such as North Carolina and Michigan were the dominant programs in the league. Currently, the marquee teams include Maryland, Illinois and Iowa.

One thing that remains constant, however, is the strength of both

leagues. In the past two years, the conferences have accounted for both national champions and six out of the eight Final Four teams.

During each of those years, the ACC/Big Ten Challenge has been a highlight of the preseason schedule, as the conferences have squared off head to head for bragging rights.

Both years, the ACC has prevailed 5-4. The competition should be tight again this year. The games are set for tonight and Wednesday night and will be broadcast on ESPN and ESPN2.

The competition will tip off with

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The Athlete's Diary. Nicole Blume

ADJUSTING FROM THE SIDELINE



Nicole Blume is a freshman midfielder/forward on the women's soccer team from Springfield, Va. Blume was an all-Virginia player during her senior year of high school. She sat out the 2001 season at N.C. State after tearing the ACL and MCL in both knees.

Nicole Blume
Women's Soccer

As a freshman at North Carolina State University, along with many other student-athletes, the gradual adjustment to college life is not an option.

Reporting to school a week and a half early for preseason and not getting to

go home for days off and breaks makes college life a harder adjustment to face. Most students who are freshmen have a normal course load of 15-17 credit hours; well, I am taking 16 credits along with my sport being in season this semester.

Next semester, I will be taking 20 credit hours. I plan to graduate in four years while majoring in business management and getting minors in both communications and Spanish.

Playing at a Division I collegiate school means that one does not rely on sheer talent anymore. It is up to the athlete's mental and physical dedication to the specified sport. Thus, most student-

athletes spend extra time in the weight room or study lounge while others enjoy sunny days on Tucker Beach.

My average day usually consists of four to five hours of rehab in the training room with strength and conditioning workouts on top of that. Why the four to five hours of rehab and conditioning? Well, as a freshman, I have ruptured both ACLs and MCLs along with other cartilage and bone damage in less than a year.

Even though I am not cleared to practice, I am still part of the team and attend two hours of practices that usually are preceded by a chalk talk for the

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Blume sat out the 2001 season.