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## Life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness after 50

◆ N.C. State's Encore Center for Lifelong Enrichment brings education and enrichment to those over 50.

Ayren Jackson  
Assistant News Editor

Who ever said that the second half of a person's life shouldn't be just as exciting and enriching — or more exciting and enriching, for that matter — as the first half?

With help from NCSU's Encore Center for Lifelong Enrichment, many area adults over 50 are living out their dreams and enriching their lives through various non-credit courses, computer classes, study trips and lectures sponsored by NCSU's Division of Continuing Studies.

"Encore serves several purposes in the lives of older adults," said Tricia Inlow, associate director of Encore. "For new retirees, it can ease the transition into retirement. And it helps keep the mind and body active."

Inlow added that many Encore participants have reported that the courses and activities offered by Encore help them discover new interests or allow them to pursue areas that they didn't have time to explore while working or raising families.

Ages of Encore participants have ranged from 50 to 93. And according to Inlow, many of the members are in their 60s and 70s, with several of the current participants in their 80s. Encore participants also come from all walks of life, from the grandparent in need of social connections to the retired engineer or businessperson who, now after retirement, is able to indulge in his or her love of poetry or history.

With courses like "How to Get Published," "The Effects of Middle Eastern History on Americans Today," "The Mysteries of Poetry," "Genealogy Searches via the Internet," "Travel Planning on the Internet" and "Parlez-vous Français," Encore has already opened its registration for the Spring 2002 semester.

In addition to these types of courses, Encore does an international study trip during the spring break. The trip is preceded by a six-week course that focuses on a particular aspect of the trip's destination. An NCSU faculty member teaches the course and accompanies the group on the trip.

This spring, Sofus Simonsen, professor emeritus, will teach a course on the history and culture of Berlin and Copenhagen, which will be followed by a trip to the two cities. Examples of study trips and special events held within the past year include a four-day environmental study trip to the Albemarle Sound, a three-day trip focusing on the colonial and revolutionary history of Jamestown, Williamsburg and Yorktown, a day trip to the N.C. Zoo and the Carnivore Preservation Trust and a trip to the Airborne Museum in Fayetteville.

"We occasionally will repeat some classes and special events that prove to be particularly popular," said Inlow. "But we strive to provide varied and fresh programming."

According to Inlow, all Encore instructors — Encore members, professors from NCSU and other colleges, emeriti faculty and community experts — volunteer their time to the program. Inlow said that NCSU faculty, both current and emeriti, have been critical to the success of the program. During last year's program, 63 NCSU current and emeriti faculty and staff donated their time and expertise to the program.

"Faculty find it rewarding to be in class with such lively and engaged learners," said Inlow. "Several of them [NCSU faculty] have been involved with the program since its inception [in 1991]."

Inlow added that when NCSU faculty and staff retire, they are eligible for one year of complimentary membership in Encore.

Students are invited to participate with Encore in volunteer activities.

"Each year, Encore members volunteer to help with Operation Big Sweep, the streams and lakes cleanup project held in the fall," said Inlow. "This past September, Encore members and students enrolled in Dr. Patti Clayton's 'Humans and the Environment' course worked together at the Lake Johnson site."

And in the past, NCSU students from other countries were guest speakers with the Encore Center.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, there are nearly 70 million people 50 years of age and older in the United States today. This statistic makes those efforts pursued by the Encore Center that much more important for the growth of individuals over 50.

For more information on the Encore Center, visit its Web site at [www.ncsu.edu/encore](http://www.ncsu.edu/encore) or call 515-5782.



Olivia Winslow, 5, of Zebulon, demonstrated her skill at the bean bag toss at "Breakfast with Santa" last Saturday. The event, designed for kids with disabilities, hosted an array of games, food, and of course Santa Clause. The event was held at Kirk of Kildaire Presbyterian in Cary.

## Online faculty evaluation site, up and running

◆ Students can check the site for comments about potential professors.

Carie Windham  
Assistant News Editor

Many students would like a different way to express their opinions of their professors other than a questionnaire and a bubble sheet.

Other students would like to know how a potential professor compares with others. As helpful as grade distribution is, it doesn't tell how much work professors assign, how fairly they grade or the overall enjoyment of the class.

Jeremy Leipzig, a computer science graduate student at N.C. State, has the answer to these concerns. He has brought back a popular Internet site, the Wolfram, which includes an online faculty evaluation forum. This forum currently boasts over 600 evaluations on almost 300 professors, and as the semester concludes, Leipzig is soliciting students for new evaluations.

The idea behind the Wolfram is nothing new. It is a renovation of an older Web site, the Fab Forum, which was constructed by Fabrice Daguet and Mehlih Gunay in 1996.

Leipzig came across the site during an Internet search and realized that while the site was down, it was "something that still needs to be out there." He contacted Fabrice Daguet and began working on a way to revive the system.

While many of the evaluations were retained, the new site features improvements such as the ability to search for a professor by name, course and department, making searches much more efficient.

In addition, the Wolfram will use an automated system for receiving responses rather than receiving them over e-mail as the original creators did. This will make submissions available sooner and eliminate the painstaking task of sorting through each of them.

"Although the system is automated, it does not allow inappropriate content to filter in. All submissions are reviewed before being posted, but honesty is encouraged."

"These are the same discussions that students have with each other on campus; it's just a wider forum, and it's anonymous," he explained.

Professors are not obligated to participate and can withdraw at any time. If they would not like to participate, their evaluations and ratings are hidden from the public at the professor's request.

Most of the comments, however, are surprisingly positive.

"Actually, I'm surprised to see as many positive comments as I have. I figured the first things students would want to do would be to trash their old professors, if only because they could do so anonymously," Leipzig recalled. "They are mostly positive, and students say a lot of good things. N.C. State does a good job of finding professors. A much better job than most research institutions."

Many of the evaluations focus on grading, workload and overall personality of the teacher. Some, however, give other comments.

According to Leipzig, work on the Wolfram is not done. In the future, he hopes to find a way to integrate grade distribution with the evaluations given by students.

"I would like to see if there are any links, because [grades] are a big part of what people say. I want to see if there are professors who gave bad grades but got good ratings and vice versa."

Leipzig also stresses that he is open to any suggestions since the forum is a resource for the entire campus.

You can browse the forum or submit evaluations of your own at [www.thewolfram.com](http://www.thewolfram.com).

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## Despite lifting of ban, Duke Chapel hosts no same-sex unions

◆ Last December, President Nan Keohane and Dean of the Chapel Will Williamson announced their decision to lift the ban in a letter to the Committee to Explore the Blessing of Same-Sex Unions in the Chapel.

Matt Bradley  
The Chronicle (Duke U)

(U-WIRE) DURHAM, N.C. — The chapel doors opened for same-sex unions last year, but no gay couples have chosen to be married there yet. Almost a year after Duke Chapel lifted its ban on same-sex unions, the University community has yet to see a gay couple married on its altar.

Last December, President Nan Keohane and Dean of the Chapel Will Williamson announced their decision to lift the ban in a letter to the Committee to Explore the Blessing of Same-Sex Unions in the Chapel. The committee

was appointed by Keohane and Williamson to debate and make recommendations on the issue.

"There had been people in the past who had requested a service and been denied," said the Rev. Mark Rutledge, a United Church of Christ minister at the University. Rutledge wrote an article in Out-Lines, the newsletter for Duke's Center for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Life, that outlined possible reasons gay couples have not taken advantage of the Chapel's new "open and affirming" policy.

According to Rutledge's article, gay couples in Duke's community may have trepidations about "1) the question of who at the Chapel would perform such a ceremony; 2) the current conflicted status of this issue in most churches; 3) the current atmosphere on campus; 4) the legal and ecclesiastical status of such unions; and 5) uncertainty about what to expect from a potential officiant about the process of preparing for a ceremony."

Rutledge said he hoped that by writing the article, he would relieve gay couples of their reservations about getting married in the Chapel. As one of the only ordained ministers on the Religious Life staff whose denomination allows him to preside over gay unions, Rutledge assumed he would be approached frequently to perform marriage rites for gay couples. When no gay couples came to him, Rutledge said he wondered why no one was taking advantage of the Chapel's policy.

Scott Harmon, a member of the Duke University Chapel Choir, said time is the only thing standing in the way of his union with his partner David Helwig.

"We have some personal things we want to get done. We're renovating a house before the ceremony because we want it to be a big party," Harmon said.

Harmon added that others have not taken advantage of union rights because of timing and coincidence.

"Let's say that 10 percent of the congregation is homosexual. What per-

centage of that number is ready for a marriage?" Harmon said. "Some of them may have already been married at other chapels."

The initiative was started last fall by then-Duke Student Government President Jordan Bazzytsky. Under Bazzytsky's charge, DSG raised a resolution requesting that the Chapel allow same-sex unions. The Board of Trustees subsequently passed the issue to Keohane and Williamson.

"It was more of an issue of policy and justice than particular people going forward," Rutledge said. "There were two reasons for changing it. One was the non-discrimination policy, and the second was the Chapel's policy of hospitality to multiple faith groups."

Keohane and Williamson's final letter highlighted the ban's inconsistency with the Chapel's non-discrimination policy.

As a member of the Chapel's congregation, Harmon said he has felt a greater sense of support among the Chapel community since the ban was

lifted. Despite this sense of support, Duke's gay community may be waiting for a pioneer.

"If there's any one thing, it's waiting for someone to do it first," Harmon said. "I think big things don't happen suddenly."

Although there are members of the Chapel's ministerial staff whose faiths are "open and affirming" toward gay unions, most members of the Religious Life staff would be unable to perform such a rite.

### ATTENTION

Theft has increased over the past week at D.H. Hill library. Students are encouraged not to sleep or otherwise leave valuables unattended.

## Canadian evidence OK to use in U.S. case

### U.S. PROSECUTORS SHOULD USE CANADIAN EVIDENCE IN U.S. SMUGGLING CASE

In what could become a landmark case, the Associated Press reported yesterday that federal court officials in Charlotte, N.C. are debating about whether to use evidence collected by Canadian intelligence officials in the trying of people suspected of terrorism in the United States. The evidence should be used and will set a convenient and necessary precedent.

The case involves what is being called "Operation Smokescreen," an investigation into an alleged cigarette-smuggling ring that is suspected of providing financial support for a terrorist organization. Prosecutors want to use pieces of 81 reports of intercepted conversations, 20 surveillance photographs and 30 cassettes about the operations of the accused, businessman Said Mohammad Harb, given to them by Canadian intelligence officials.

If this evidence strengthens the case against the suspected terrorist and was collected in such a way that the United States' civil rights laws were not violated, then, most definitely, it should be used. Harb, a Lebanese native, is one of nine defendants involved in the Charlotte-based ring, which is said to have been buying cheap cigarettes locally, selling them in areas where they are more expensive and giving the profits to Hezbollah, a militant anti-Israeli group.

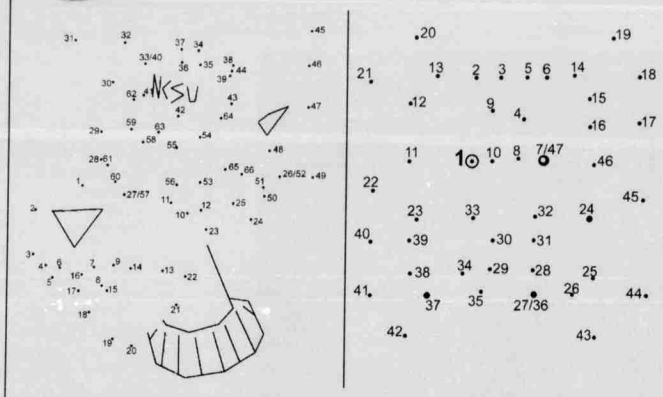
This case provides insight into the need for an evidence-swapping program among allied nations. Under such an agreement, nations fighting the same causes by the same protocols (Canada and the United States in this case) would be able to swap intelligence if either had something useful for the other.

If anything, the past months have taught us that we are fighting a worldwide "us against them" war on terrorism, the "us" being Canada and the United States, the "them" being terrorism in general. We have seen through governmental and emotional support that Canada is an ally; we should use the information they have provided us. If a neighboring country is confronting problems with terrorists, odds are that we are as well. We should work together to eradicate these infestations.

It should be made clear, however, that governments collecting intelligence for the prosecutors of another government is not desirable. On the other hand, if it can be proven after the fact that another nation has intelligence pertinent and useful to us in certain situations, then this information should be exchanged and used. Prosecutors using evidence from foreign intelligence would expedite the process in the future when similar situations arise, and they most certainly will.



Connect the dots and color these classic dot to dots!



## "R" is for relationships



Kate Lingerfelt  
STAFF COLUMNIST

College is a completely bizarre and confusing time. I know you are now thinking, "Well, thank you for that information, Captain Obvious." That statement is not meant to be terribly profound or deep. It is merely an observation.

My time here has been spent debating between majors, switching classes and figuring out what the heck I want to do with the rest of my life. The most confusing part of college is all the relationships that are formed or lost during this time. Family, friends and significant-other relationships all seem more complicated now than they used to be.

I feel that my family relationships, for the most part, have actually become stronger since I have been at college. My parents are not so much my parents anymore, but they are closer to friends. When something big happens in my life, they are the first I tell, and when something bad happens, I go to them for advice much more than I used to. Of course,

they are always going to be my parents and check up on my eating habits, my grades and my life, but now, I am more willing to talk about these things without so much prodding.

So, family probably isn't as complicated as I thought, but my friendships in college have been some of the best and the worst in my entire life. Friends drift in and out more than they did in high school, which is good because you meet more people, but it also makes it harder to stay in touch. I had two very good friends when I first arrived at N.C. State, and, unfortunately, I am no longer friends with one and I lost touch with the other. It's funny how people you think you will know for the rest of your life suddenly disappear.

There are people here who I know, no matter what, will be a part of my life forever. We'll see each other through weddings, families and tragedies. However, there will be those others that will never be heard from again, the ones whose whereabouts will be unknown (kind of like D-Day from "Animal House").

The latter kind of relationship is the hardest to understand and confuses the hell out of me. A significant-other relationship can be the greatest relationship a person will ever have,

or it can be a heartbreaking sadness. Some people go to college trying to find that one person with whom they want to share the rest of their lives. As for others, including myself, they just hang around until that person shows up.

In college, these relationships are affected by so much. It's a wonder that anyone actually stays together until graduation. You want to be serious; you don't want to be serious; you're in love, and, just as easily, you fall out of love. Honestly, I don't know what I want because I thought I did, but now, I'm not so sure. Right now, I'm just going to enjoy what time I have left before I settle down.

I haven't simplified any of these three relationship types for you, but I can't. Families, friends, boyfriends and girlfriends are too complicated to explain in 600 words or less, and I doubt I could do it even in the length of a book. At any given time, you will hate and love the relationships in your life. Some relationships should be let go, but others are worth preserving. Just make that decision before it's too late.

Questions? Comments? Email Kate at [jklinger@cntry.ncsu.edu](mailto:jklinger@cntry.ncsu.edu).

## Home safety tips for holiday travelers



Greg Volk  
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Well, it's that time of the year again. The time when we are bombarded by crappy music on the radio 24/7 (Well, I guess that's all the time, but right now it's that crappy Christmas music). We are all putting up the decorations and

packing away the valuables, preparing for a possible visit from the "Cousin Eddie" in each of our families. And people have been saying to me, "Greg, I'm going out of town this holiday season. How can I keep my house safe while I'm gone?"

For those of you who still believe that reindeer can fly and that Santa is a great guy (he actually operates a multi-national conglomerate of eleven sweatshops), all this talk of thieves during the holidays may astound you. But even during the season of peace, joy, goodwill and commercialism, people insist on taking from others.

Well, after pondering this conundrum at length over numerous cups of eggnog and pieces of delicious fruitcake (which, by the way, doubles as a doorknob), this is what I've come up with. The following are tips to keep your home and precious material belongings safe while you are out accumulating more of said belongings for yourself and giving a few to others:

**Break a window in front of your house.** This one gives criminals the impression that someone else has already beaten them to the punch. The petty thief won't think that you were smart enough to break your own window.

He'll simply pass up your house and go on to the Johnsons' (plus, people named "the Johnsons" usually have nicer things anyway). In the rare event that the criminal mind deceivers your broken window ruse, when he steps into your house through the window he'll be foiled by the broken glass you left lying there. The timeless holiday classic "Home Alone" informed us that all criminals are barefoot. This will send him running and screaming off down the street.

**Post "DO NOT BEWARE OF DOG" sign.**

We've all seen the "Beware of Dog" signs used to deter possible intruders from breaking into homes. These signs usually imply that there is no dog and

that the homeowner was just too cheap to get a step further and buy the "This home protected by \_\_\_\_\_ Security stickers." If someone actually has one of these signs and has a dog worthy being ware of, then odds are, a criminal doesn't want anything in the house anyway. But, if you have nice things, the "DO NOT BEWARE OF DOG" sign will make the criminal think twice about your reverse psychology. "Those signs usually mean they don't have a dog. Does this mean they don't?" After thinking hard for at least 10 seconds, the criminal will move on to a less confusing house.

**Leave car running in driveway.**

This is one of my favorites. It goes like this: leave a car running in the driveway (you can lock the doors or not. It really doesn't matter). This will leave the impression that you have just run in to get something and will be coming back out at any moment. Again, seeing that someone must be inside because their car is running outside, the average burglar will shy away from the heist. Of course, this only works for trips of shorter duration, usually a weekend or less, depending on your car's model, make and gas tank size.

**Get plastic Santa yard art.**

This one is closely akin to the sign. No one will want to risk getting arrested for stealing anything that would be inside a house that has plastic Santa yard art in the front lawn. If that kind of crap is outside where everyone can see it, just imagine the junk that is hiding inside. If there is anything good inside, it's probably hidden in the gun case, and criminals don't want to mess with guns-they're dangerous for Pete's sake!

**Don't go anywhere. Traveling will suck this year.**

Having just gotten a taste of ensuing holiday traveling fun over Thanksgiving, I would rather sit at home and talk to my relatives on my new digital phone (hint, hint. Mom and Dad) than spend hours in a car on a plane going to see them. Staying at home is cheaper, safer, and you can do it in your underwear. If you choose to travel this holiday season, I wish you a safe journey and hope you find my advice helpful. If you do plan to stay at home, do you have lots of pies (I like cherry)? And can I come over?

All Greg wants for Christmas is a 4.0. Well that's not all, but it's high on the list. Email your Christmas wish list to [gregat\\_dieshus@hotmail.com](mailto:gregat_dieshus@hotmail.com).

## The Maine Campus

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ORONO, Maine  
Last week, American officials effectively quelled a Taliban-led prisoner uprising at a jail controlled by the Northern Alliance near Mazra'eh Sharaf in northern Afghanistan. The revolt, which began on Nov. 25 and claimed the life of an American CIA operative, ended when U.S. Special Forces flooded the building's cellar Friday night.

Among the surrendering Taliban forces was a tall, thin young man named John Walker who had been shot in the upper thigh. Walker's subsequent treatment by Red Cross workers in the area would never have been newsworthy, save one exception.

Walker, 20, was born in Columbia Women's Hospital in Washington and grew up in the San Francisco area.

Walker is an American. At a time when President George W. Bush is calling on Americans to internalize and consolidate support

against enemies overseas, Walker's surrender has prompted widespread concern as to the real identity of the "enemy."

For Bush and his war hawk Republican cronies, it would be far more convenient to pass off blame for the Sept. 11 attacks on a source far overseas, than a people comfortably foreign to our values.

Indeed, U.S. citizens need only to turn on the television or flip through the newspaper to find evidence of a vicious cycle of racial profiling aimed in the direction of the Middle Eastern immigrant population. Hundreds of immigrants are being detained in cells across the country, Attorney General Ashcroft has authorized the extended use of wiretaps and additional surveillance for use against "suspected" terrorists and FBI officials have begun a mass interview of males of Eastern descent in several major cities.

Speaking at a news conference last week, Ashcroft told Americans that disapproval of government methods is un-American, citizens should sup-

port and aid U.S. efforts against terrorism overseas and at home and feel patriotic.

With traces of the early American Alien and Sedition Acts, Ashcroft promised that his office would root internally through recent immigrant pools for traces of "foreign" terrorism.

But by his very surrender, John Walker may draw attention to a truth that many Americans choose to ignore: the identity of the terrorist our government urges us to combat.

Although the recent round of attacks has been mostly proven to have been perpetrated by terrorists of Middle Eastern descent, terrorism and anti-American sentiment is by no means confined to the East.

Admittedly, Walker is only one man and the only recent evidence of individual American involvement in Taliban operations. But a brief his surrender will prompt a prius -- but needed -- eye-opener for the American people.

What do we do when the enemy is one of our own?

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# The White Octave go out with a bang

Staff Writer **Jon Morgan**

**It was a shot in the foot for the local music scene, the end of an era.** Seconds before the Accident 2 Electric Boogaloo. Call it what you want. The White Octave is no more.

Group founder Steve Pederson, who recently remembered that he was supposed to be attending law school, decided that it was time to move on. The two final performances, shared with locals Sorry About Dresden and Prospekt, took place in a very packed *Go! Studios* in Carrboro, N.C. on Friday night.

A lot of people who've heard The White Octave's albums have been less than impressed. The White Octave exists in a limbo between demographics that couldn't do them justice: they're heavier than many local acts, but way too soft to be called metal. Give their albums a listen — the flat sound alone is enough to turn a listener off. But their albums are only half of the story.

There was this girl that attended my high school, and she was hot. Now, I'm not talking about the regular kind of

hot. I'm talking about an unnatural degree of physical perfection that just makes you say "D—! That girl is hot!" Look at a picture, however, and she's just another girl. She blends in with the sea of other faces in her high school yearbook. The fact is, there's just some unquantifiable energy about her that makes the whole experience entirely different in person.

The same kind of paradox surrounds The White Octave. Recorded, they are at best average. Seeing them live, however, is an entirely different story. The sheer energy of their performances — or, as they call it, "menergy" — is so powerful that it has been known to impregnate women. It's a proven fact, and the situation was no different for their last performance.

The menergy was in the air that night; palpable, a veritable entity of heat, sweat and animosity toward ex-girl-

friends. The excitement was forming visible clouds near the ceiling, as the band known best for their live performances was playing a live show for the very last time ... and everybody knew it.

There's not much one can say about the concert other than it was everything everybody had hoped it would be. The only fault to be found was in the utter sense of finality, but that really couldn't have been avoided.

In the end, The White Octave went out with a bang. The performance was energetic, emotional and amazing. In one word: fantastic, or as the band would say, *mantastic*.

And *mantastic* it was. A great band has given a great farewell, and everybody who was there will remember it for a long time.

Goodbye Steve, Robert, Lincoln and Finn. You truly will be missed.

**men·er·gy** (men'ur-jee) *n.* 1. The power found inside of each and every man. 2. A source of manly power. 3. The atmosphere surrounding a White Octave performance.

# Ted Nugent returns in the third millenium

Mr. Metallurgy **Brent Upton**

## Kid Rock

Cocky

No Stars

**Finally, a new album by the so-called "Pimp of the Nation" Kid Rock has been released. "Cocky" is his third major label debut, with its predecessors being "Devil Without a Cause" and "History of Rock." It's been three years since Kid Rock blew onto the scene with his like "Bawitdaba," "Cowboy," "I am the Bulldog" and "Only God Knows Why," but those days are over. The seven-time platinum "Devil**

Without a Cause" is an original, one-of-a-kind album, but this cannot be said about "Cocky."

"Cocky" is a huge release that has the music world excited because the return of Kid Rock is here. The man who mixes southern rock, metal and hip-hop fails to deliver on this album. The songs are just boring and dull, with many of the same lyrics used from previous Rock songs. The first single, "Forever,"

is probably the best song on the album, and it is poorly written, with lyrics like "I make southern rock, and I mix it with the hip-hop." Kid claims to have such good rhymes, but none are impressive on any of the songs. The one good rock song on the album is "I'm Wrong, but You ain't Right," but it still fails to live up to his past rock anthems.

Kid Rock did get some big-name talents to collaborate with him on the album to try and attract new fans. But, just as the rest of the songs, these songs are also horrible. His collaboration with Sheryl Crow, "Picture," is an abomination, and many of his fans are just going to listen to it and say, "What?" Snoop Dogg is also featured on a bonus song called "WCSR," but it is also a bust. Fans of Snoop may want to check this track out, but anyone other than that should stay away, far away. David Spade drops by in "Midnight Train to Memphis" just to make fun of Kid Rock on the radio.

The record is mainly too inconsistent, but that is not the reason it's so bad. Many bands and artists have a wide variety of song types, and this makes their music so much better. You cannot say the same for Kid Rock. On "Drunk in the Morning," he claims to want someone who "wants for him at home," but then on the next track he is talking about how easy he can get women and how he loves it. The audience will not be able to "feel" his songs because they are so hypocritical.

Kid Rock claims people think he is cocky, but after people get their hands on his new album, he is going to have no more reasons to be cocky. If you are looking for a new album to buy, do not buy this one because it may be the worst one of the year.

One final thought for Kid Rock: Instead of always saying you are "straight up pimpin'," how about working a little harder on the music, and do not produce this garbage ever again.



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# Jamiroquai goes sci-fi with 'Funk Odyssey'

**Brittany Jerlinga**

The Bradley Scout (Bradley U.)

(U-WIRE) PEORIA, ILL. —

Jamiroquai's newest release, "A Funk Odyssey," is filled to the brim with intergalactic travel set to a beat that'll make you want to stomp and shake it. The CD starts simple with "Feel So Good" and ends the journey with the beautiful yet serene "Picture of My Life." Jamiroquai covers not only space-traveling themes but also the general direction of life on earth.

But if you are expecting another song like "Virtual Insanity," you will be disappointed. Replacing the gray sliding floor and oversized top hat of that song's album cover is an image of checkerboard light-up tiles and platform shoes.

But this isn't necessarily a bad thing. Track four, "Corner of the Earth," is by far the best track on the CD. With soaring French horn riffs, a breathtaking string arrangement, a subtle but perfect maraca beat and a tip-toeing guitar melody, this song reminds the listener of the Middle East.

Mixed with layered vocals, a silky smooth trumpet solo and a dramatic ending that creates a picture of the sunset over the Sahara Desert, this song is sure to astound you.

Of course, the fact that lead singer Jason Kay is implying that he is similar

to this exotic corner of the earth is quite comical. He may be a diamond in the rough, but he's also a skinny, white British guy.

Another track worth mentioning is "Black Crow." While it isn't as strong musically, its lyrics read like poetry: "He sees the stormy anger of the world and wants no part of it/all and as the weeping leaves of autumn curl, he feels the savage winter call."

Going on to predict "icy prophecies of war" and children losing their souls to ragged armies, one can only hope that Jamiroquai's portrayal of the withering world stays a song and doesn't become a full-fledged reality.

The Beck-enriched "Stop Don't Panic," disco-groovin' "Little L" and string-enhanced "Main Vein" are all infectious tunes that harbor simple melodies. With lyrics like "What are you gonna do to stop me this time baby/you been trying to funk around my mind lately," it's hard not to crack a smile and chime in.

Like most of the songs on this album, "Twenty Zero One" has a beat well suited for dancing. However, this song differs in that it shocks the listener with a blast of reality.

As it speaks of the vast amounts of inappropriate images on the Internet, illegal substances, Viagra and semi-automatic weapons, Jamiroquai makes it clear that the year 2001 isn't one of space travel. There are too many issues

here on earth.

"A Funk Odyssey" is equal parts sugar-sweet nectar and bitter-sweet realism. Tackling both serious international issues and heartbreak, there is something for everyone to identify with.

Die-hard Jamiroquai fans probably will have mixed feelings about this album. On one hand, the change in emphasis to more of a disco-funk sound is a nice new pace. Also, Kay's vocals are smooth, clear and sweet as ever.

But the jazzy beat that interlaced previous albums is missing in action, as is the full-band feeling — this album is much more synthesized and electronic. And while some of the lyrics are strong and poetic, others are clichéd and easily could be mistaken for something by O-Town or other groups of the teenybopper genre.

If you search for a CD to bring out the dancin' fool in you, then this album is the flavor you've been looking for. With it in your possession, the only thing that could stop you from being a funky-diva-princess is the lack of a neon, pink feather boa.

Although stylistically different from albums in the past, Jamiroquai's newest album is a whole truckload of fun. Even though it can be simple and cheesy at times, its high excitement and pulsating beats make this CD well worth your money.

It's just a shame that it doesn't come with a complimentary disco ball.

# Fans mourn Harrison at Strawberry Fields

**Roger Thoman**

Washington Square News (New York U.)

(U-WIRE) NEW YORK — Hundreds of mourners gathered in Central Park on Friday night at an impromptu memorial to grieve the passing of music legend and former Beatle George Harrison.

Harrison died quietly at a friend's home last Thursday with his wife and son at his side. He was 58.

Harrison, the legendary Beatles' guitarist and composer of some of the group's most popular songs, such as "Here Comes the Sun," was famously known as "the spiritual Beatle." Harrison rarely performed after the band's breakup in 1970, although he did release a number of solo recordings.

Following Harrison's death, the outpouring of grief from multiple generations shows the Beatles' massive popularity with all age groups, 31 years after the band's breakup.

Many of these fans gathered in the park at the John Lennon memorial, known as Strawberry Fields, to light candles, place flowers, sing some of the group's songs with an impromptu band and shed tears. Throughout the memorial, screams of "God bless George," and "George lives" could be heard echoing throughout the park.

"It's amazing that people of all age groups still love this group," one New York City resident who asked not to be named said. "The Beatles brought us a spirit of life and freedom and a possibility that change could happen. Everyone has a special moment when they heard their first Beatles song, and their popularity remains today, even with the younger generations."

Harrison is the second Beatles member to pass away. Lennon, a founding member of the group, was shot to death in New York in 1980 outside of his apartment building across from Central Park.

Following his death, Lennon's wife, Yoko Ono, dedicated Strawberry Fields in the park as a memorial to Lennon. The site subsequently earned a reputation as a holy place of sorts for Beatles fans.

Harrison lived with several health problems later in life, including diagnoses for lung cancer and a brain tumor

earlier this year. He also suffered complications from a stabbing attack in his home by an intruder in December 1989 and from throat cancer surgery in 1988. "I was deeply saddened when I heard about his death, but it didn't really shock me because of his ailing health," city resident and long-time Beatles fan Neil Borg said as he placed flowers on Strawberry Fields' "Imagine" memorial. "One could only hope that George died in the Krishna bliss that he searched for in spirituality."

Belief in Indian philosophy and Hinduism drove much of Harrison's life, and it strongly influenced his contributions to the Beatles' later work. Harrison's faith in "Krishna Consciousness" was strong throughout his life, according to a Harrison biography.

"In the end, you're trying to find God," Harrison once said in an interview. "That's the result of not being satisfied. And it doesn't matter how much money or property or whatever you've got, unless you're happy in your heart, then that's it. And unfortunately, you can never gain perfect happiness unless you've got that state of consciousness that enables that."

Upon hearing the news of Harrison's death, former bandmate Ringo Starr said, "We will miss George for his sense of love, his sense of music and his sense of laughter."

The other surviving member of the "fab four," Paul McCartney, made brief statements to reporters from his London home on Friday.

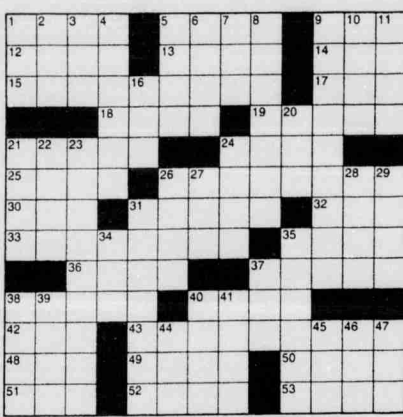
"He was a lovely guy and a very brave man and had a wonderful sense of humor. He is really just my baby brother," McCartney said.

Harrison was the youngest member of the legendary band — only 19 when the group made its first recording in his later years. Harrison kept the world at a distance, rarely granting interviews and showing impatience when faced with reporters and fans requesting autographs, preferring a simpler lifestyle.

In an interview in his later years, Harrison said, "It may seem like a funny thing to say. It's just like, I write lyrics and I make up songs, but I'm not a great lyricist or songwriter or producer. It's when you put all these things together — that makes me."



# Crossword



- ACROSS**
- 1 Jagger's trademark
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  - 9 Upper bound
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  - 14 Future aces
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  - 37 Bel cheese
  - 38 Lily variety
  - 40 Cupid's forte
  - 42 Expert
  - 43 "Stop that!"
  - 48 Campaign promises?
  - 50 Desire
  - 51 D.C.
  - 52 "Born Free" heroine
  - 53 Exemplar
  - 23 Fess up
  - 24 "Constant Craving" singer
  - 26 Edge
  - 27 Diamond score
  - 28 December
  - 24 and 31
  - 29 Actress
  - 31 Dal
  - 32 Classes
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  - 35 Cramming
  - 37 Nanking —
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## DIARY

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2 a.m. in an effort to try to finish a lab write-up or complete a four-page homework assignment. I also had weeks where I may have averaged maybe four and a half hours of sleep per night and had to compete in a game that Saturday.

When we played Carolina, I may have gotten 13 hours of sleep that entire week and tried to make up for it Friday night in the hotel. Due to a lack of sleep and a fatigued body, I was forced to get three IVs to make it through the game because of severe cramping.

During the off-season, it gets no better. My day starts at 5:20 a.m. I have to be dressed and ready to go at 5:45 a.m. We have

several different strenuous drills that we have to endure, which last until 7:20.

Now I am off to class for the remainder of the day. Following class, I have to go work out, which takes another hour out of my day. Now, I have to get started on my homework.

This goes on from the middle of January to the end of February. After spring break, spring ball starts, and it is back

to the same schedule as the fall.

All in all, it was not a bad experience, and there was never a dull moment. For the last four and half years, I have been challenged from every angle there is. I can say that my college experiences have made me a much stronger and a better people person.

Athletics has taught me never to quit and hard work does pay off. Even though it has been an

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## RUN

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its 19th ACC Championship by placing all five of its scoring runners in the top 12.

Senior Katie Sabino led four runners onto the All-ACC team with her fourth-place finish. Coombs, Price and Fonner joined her in the top 10.

"Winning ACCs was great," said Sabino. "There were four of us seniors on this year's team, and we have spent a long time getting the team up to the level where we wanted it as far as how unified we are as a team, and capping it off with a win at ACCs was awesome."

State, still holding its No. 4 ranking, faced the same competition at the Southeastern District finals. Most of the top teams and individuals in the district were also from the ACC.

State, once again lining up without Nichols, had a much more difficult time winning this title. They defeated No. 9 UNC by a slim margin, 45-49. Price was State's top runner this race, improving on her seventh-place finish at the ACC finals by crossing the line in second.

"Having Christy Nichols in the lineup seemed to greatly improve the mental aspect of the team," said assistant coach Laurie Henes. "A lot of the time, if you take her out of the results, we would still finish where we did. We would have won ACCs without her, and we would have finished second at nationals without her."

"But you can't measure her impact on the team's attitude going into races. Pre-nationals and districts were our two 'down' races of the year, and I don't think that it's coincidental that Christy wasn't running in them."

Nine days later and with Nichols back in the lineup, the Wolfpack ran its best race of the season and finished second at the NCAA Championships, a feat the team last accomplished in 1987.

"Getting second was incredible," said Coombs. "It was just unreal."

Three State runners were named All-Americans. Price, Coombs, and Sabino led the Wolfpack by finishing fourth, 13th and 21st, respectively.

Nichols, who suffered through injuries during her sixth season with State, was overjoyed.

"This completely makes up for the many times I've cursed this day of eligibility because of injuries," Nichols said after the race. "I have never been happier. It was completely worth it."

Nichols and Fonner were State's fourth and fifth runners, placing 50th and 94th.

Price, a transfer from Virginia

there are always teams left out that believe they should be involved. At the very least, however, a playoff would minimize the headaches.

Jeremy is looking forward to December in Orlando. He can be reached at 515-2411 or [jeremy@techniciansports.com](mailto:jeremy@techniciansports.com).

Tech, had nothing but praise for her teammates over the season. "This year has been incredible," she said. "Coming from having practically no team last year to a team as close as this one this year has been great. It really showed me how cross country is really a team sport."

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## JEREMY

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just one loss, such as Oregon, Illinois and Maryland, will be on the outside looking in.

Scenarios like these only make a stronger case for a playoff sys-

tem. The NCAA could create an eight-team playoff that would include the six power conference champions and the top two at-large teams as determined by the BCS formula.

A playoff system wouldn't completely eliminate controversy. As the men's and women's basketball tournaments show,

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This spring, there will be a Monday through Thursday, 6:15 a.m. group fitness class. See the Web site for a class schedule.

### Club sports — results

The Table Tennis Club traveled to Chapel Hill on Saturday for a match with North Carolina and Duke. The matches were played at Chase Hall on UNC's campus.

The Wolfpack trounced the Tar Heels 5-0 but was tripped up by the Blue Devils 3-2. The team currently sits in second place in its division heading into the spring semester.

The Cross-Country Club wrapped up its season this past weekend with the Raleigh 5K, half marathon and marathon. A group entered the 5K, one member did the half marathon and two members entered the marathon.

Jamie Alford and Jonah Jurs

were first-time marathoners. Jamie ran the marathon in a time of 3 hours, 15 minutes, and Jonah completed the 26.2 miles in 3:38.

The Men's Club Ultimate team traveled to Greenville this weekend for the 15th Annual Ultimax tournament on East Carolina's campus. The team reached the quarterfinals of the 16-team mixed tournament after wins over a Greensboro club team 13-0 and the UNC-Wilmington reunion team 12-11.

### Club sports — upcoming

The Men's Club Ultimate team will travel to Athens, Ga., for the sixth annual Classic City Classic hosted by Georgia. This 16-team, collegiate-only tournament will feature heavyweights California-Berkeley, Colorado and Oregon.

The Squash Club will travel to Chapel Hill for a match against UNC on Thursday. The team is traveling after having defeated the Heels 5-3 earlier this semester at Carmichael Gymnasium. Matches will start at 7 p.m. at Fetzer Gymnasium on UNC's campus.

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# Tuesday Sports



Football vs. Pittsburgh, 12/20, 7:30  
M. Basketball vs. Wofford, 12/5, 7:30  
W. Basketball @ Wisconsin, 12/8  
Wrestling, State Duals, 12/8, 11 a.m.

FOOTBALL

## Bowl rants

Way back in July, the ACC held its annual preseason football conference in Charleston, S.C., giving members of the media a chance to talk to the league's coaches and make their predictions for the year. The general consensus at the meeting was that Florida State was still the conference favorite, despite losing several key players to graduation and injury. Most people agreed, however, that the gap between the Seminoles and the rest of the league was beginning to shrink, with Georgia Tech and Clemson offering the stiffest opposition.



Jeremy Ashton

No mention was made of Maryland as a contender for the ACC title. The Terrapins were thought to be a better team under new head coach Ralph Friedgen, but they were coming off a 5-6 season and hadn't been to a bowl game since 1990. The pollsters picked Friedgen's team to finish seventh. Four months later, FSU has been dethroned as the ACC champion. Tech, which was supposed to be a national title contender, is headed to the Seattle Bowl and looks like one of the biggest disappointments in the country. The same can be said of Clemson, which still has yet to find out if it will be bowling this year.

Meanwhile, Maryland is headed to the Orange Bowl as the ACC's representative in the Bowl Championship Series.

The Terps have been the biggest surprise in the nation this season, and Friedgen, the ACC Coach of the Year, has been the driving force. He took over a decently talented group of players and convinced them that they could win.

On paper, Maryland might be over-matched in a bowl game against Florida or Nebraska, but Friedgen will have this team believing it can play with anyone.

Immediately after North Carolina beat Southern Methodist Saturday to become bowl-eligible, officials from the Peach Bowl took to the field to formally invite the Tar Heels to Atlanta for the New Year's Eve game.

This seemed a little odd since officials from the Peach maintained as late as Friday that they hadn't decided who they were going to take from the ACC yet and that their decision would be between Carolina, N.C. State and Clemson. No one from the Peach publicly acknowledged that the Heels were the top choice until Saturday morning. The people in charge of the Peach Bowl were placed in a rather difficult position. The team they wanted, Carolina, wasn't officially eligible yet. If they offered the invitation to the Heels, released State and Clemson and then watched Carolina lose, the Peach would have been stuck with leftovers when it was supposed to get the third pick from the ACC.

The fact that the Peach wouldn't release the Wolfpack didn't bother me as much as the reason given for not doing it. The bowl officials made it sound like State still had a legitimate shot at going to Atlanta when, in reality, the team was simply a backup plan.

By making their intentions clear, the Peach representatives wouldn't have improved the Pack's postseason situation, but they would have at least stopped giving State and its fans false hope.

If Tennessee loses to LSU Saturday in the SEC Championship game, there is a reasonable chance that Nebraska will be top-ranked Miami's opponent in the Rose Bowl.

In the last couple of weeks, it's not as if the other top contenders in the country — Florida, Texas, Oregon and Oklahoma — have proven that they deserve to play in Pasadena, Calif. But there seems to be something inherently wrong with having a team like Nebraska play for the national title when it couldn't even qualify for the Big XII Championship game.

Depending on how the rankings shape up, Colorado could overtake the Cornhuskers in the BCS standings and play Miami in the event of a Tennessee loss. That would put the Buffaloes in the Rose Bowl with two losses, while teams from power conferences with



**THE N.C. STATE WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY TEAM REFLECTS ON ITS SEASON, WHICH RECENTLY ENDED WITH A SECOND-PLACE FINISH AT THE NCAA CHAMPIONSHIPS.**



(Top) The women's cross country team finished the 2001 season with a second-place finish at the NCAA Championships. (Bottom) The men's cross country team also managed a top-10 finish at the NCAA Championships.

**Todd Lion**  
Staff Writer

One of the most successful seasons in N.C. State cross country history came to a close two weeks ago with a stellar performance at the NCAA Championships.

After placing 11th at the event in 2000, the Wolfpack women returned a strong team with high hopes for the 2001 season. In five meets, all stacked with some of the toughest competition in the country, the Pack never finished below third, bringing home three first-place trophies and a second-place finish at the NCAA Championships.

"It was a great season, and finishing second at nationals was incredible," said senior Beth Fommer. "It was an exceptional season for all of us."

The Wolfpack entered the season ranked ninth in the nation, behind ACC rival North Carolina,

which started at No. 6. State faced an early season test against UNC and No. 4 Brigham Young at the Great American Cross Country Festival in September. Twelfth-ranked Arkansas was also competing in Charlotte.

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The Wolfpack exceeded everyone's expectations by placing all five scorers in the top 15 and winning over BYU, 41-59. "We thought we were better than a ninth-place ranking, but we were happy with it," said sophomore Kristin Price, who finished the season with a fourth-place finish at nationals. "I liked the ranking because it didn't really put much pressure on us to win. After winning Great American, we moved up in the rankings, and I thought that was the first stepping stone to get better and better throughout the season."

Following that victory, the Pack found itself in the center of the national spotlight with a No. 3 ranking, a spot it would get very accustomed to by the end of the season.

"After beating BYU, we realized that we did have a good shot at placing in the top four at nationals," said Megan Coombs, a sophomore. "That race was a real confidence booster for the team."

The next challenge was an even tougher one for State. The pre-national invitational featured No. 2 Stanford and a rematch with No. 4 BYU, which had suffered the loss to the Pack while competing without some top runners. State, running without top-five runner Christy Nichols, who returned for a sixth season of eligibility, finished third behind these two teams and was bumped to fourth in the rankings.

Two weeks later, the Wolfpack faced off for the second time against the rival Tar Heels, this time at the ACC championships.

Two years earlier, UNC defeated State to take the ACC title, and the Wolfpack regained the crown in 2000. Both teams had the same mantra heading into the October meet — keep the title where it belongs.

In an impressive showing against three other top-25 teams, State defended its title and won

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William Brown in action vs. Ohio.

## ENGINEERING AND THE OFFENSIVE LINE

William Brown is a senior offensive guard on the football team from Richmond, Va. Brown has started all but two games in the last two years for the Wolfpack. He will play in his final collegiate game Dec. 20 against Pittsburgh in the Tangerine Bowl.

**William Brown**  
Football

My experience here at North Carolina State University has been without a dull moment for the entire four and a half years.

Playing football and majoring in electrical engineering has been no easy task. I decided to major in electrical

engineering because I wanted something that would challenge me outside of football. I am not saying that playing football at a major Division I school is not challenging, but I wanted to be challenged in the classroom as well. I must admit I got what I asked for.

During the season, my day starts at 6:30 a.m. I have to get up and get ready for an 8 a.m. class. Following my class I have to go lift weights, which takes about 45 minutes. Next, I am off to my 11:20 class.

Following my 11:20, which lets out at 12:30, I have an hour and a half to get dressed and eat lunch. Then I am off to my position meeting where we, as a group, study practice film and go over some of the tendencies of our next

opponent. We usually get on the practice field around 3:30 every day, where we do a number of different drills and scrimmaging each other to get better. After practice we have conditioning and then we are allowed to leave. By now, it is around 6:40.

By the time I shower and eat, it is around 7:30, and I am beat. Now comes the fun part of my day — I get to do homework. I usually have about five hours worth of work to do on a nightly basis, which allows me to get in the bed around 12:30 or 1 a.m. Then my day starts all over again.

There have been many times where I had no choice but to stay up until 1 or

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