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New Web page a resource for diversity issues

◆ The Web page for the Office of Diversity and African American Affairs is another step in the diversity movement on campus.

Spaine Stephens
News Editor

Faces of many colors gaze out of a Norman Rockwell painting that is the background for the new Web page of the Office of Diversity and African American Affairs. The faces, like those that make up the N.C. State community, are different, yet hauntingly similar.

The new Web page, www.ncsu.edu/provost/offices/diversity/, is another step toward recognizing those similarities while celebrating the differences. It is also connected to the Office of the Provost Web page, and was designed by the efforts of Nacoste and Arnav Jhala.

"The Web page gives people a view of a different way of defining diversity," said Rupert Nacoste, vice provost for diversity and African American affairs, "a definition connected to what the university does and the way we think about it here at the university."

According to the Web page, "diversity will exist when the mix of people from a wide variety of niches of society is such that the occurrence of a conflict of ideas is inescapable."

Nacoste said the page is geared toward all members of the NCSU community and offers a wide variety of resources.

"Clearly there are campus issues on here," he said.

The page includes a link to initiatives and current projects within the office, as well as updates on those projects and the work of the office. In addition, the page includes calendars of religious holidays, calendars of various cultures and religions, an office calendar and a listing of past and upcoming events, such as November's Native American Heritage Month and this month's observance of Kwanzaa.

Nacoste stressed that members of the community are welcome to send in items for the calendar that promote a diverse environment.

"It will be useful for us to have one calendar and find a variety of things," he said.

The information on the page can be used as a resource across campus. There are links to the African

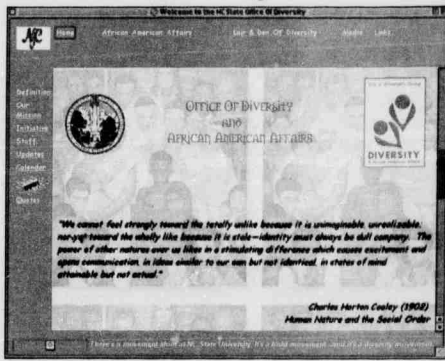
American Cultural Center, African American Student Affairs and the Lair and Den of Diversity.

"We're building this database and making it a public database," said Nacoste.

The page also has links to ethnic and social student organizations as well as political and religious student organizations. It contains a link to other campus diversity pages that "show what other people are doing in terms of diversity," said Nacoste.

The Web page, which has been up and running for about two weeks, is a resource for anyone interested in finding out more about NCSU's diversity movement. Connected to the page is a general review of the progress of the office in the first year, and an internal report written by Nacoste about the diversity movement at NCSU. A visitor to the site can also view reports, book reviews, speeches and newspaper articles about diversity.

Nacoste said like any project, the page is a work-in-progress. As more and more members of the community view the page, he hopes the Office of Diversity and African American Affairs will receive feedback and suggestions for the page.



Judicial Board offers student understanding to hearings

◆ The students who attend hearings for academic and nonacademic offenses offer a peer's perspective.

Spaine Stephens
News Editor

Many students are unaware that the impact of the N.C. State Judicial Board can be felt outside the campus boundaries.

"People don't realize what a big role we play on campus and in students' lives," said Jennifer Allen, student body chief justice.

The Judicial Board members attend hearings and decide on sanctions relative to the offenses.

"Students think we're isolated, away from students," said Allen, "but we're made up of students."

The board is trying to make itself more visible on campus, not only by making students aware of academic offenses and penalties, but also of the board itself and its role. Members will be in the Brickyard Thursday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. to offer information to students interested in becoming part of the Judicial Board. Student applications

will be accepted in January.

"People don't realize the impact the Judicial Board has on the hearing process," said Allen. "We work hard to make sure everyone gets a fair hearing and that there are fair sanctions."

The board is present at both academic and nonacademic hearings.

Nonacademic offenses may include assaults, drug use, fighting and theft and result in a campus appearance ticket and an assessment by the Office of Student Conduct. If the penalty for the offense could be as serious as expulsion, it comes before the Judicial Board, which rotates three students as well as a faculty member to hear the case. The Chief Justice presides over all hearings.

If the Judicial Board decides on a guilty verdict, "we find a fair resolution to help deter the student from further violations," said Allen.

For academic offenses, two students and two faculty members hear the case. Assistants are also present to explain the process and help the student prepare statements.

In academic cases, the professor involved meets with the student accused, and if the student pleads not guilty, the case goes to the Office of

Student Conduct and Judicial Board. The first offense of an academic type is met with sanctions decided by the board, and the second offense resulting in a guilty verdict can bring at least one semester of suspension.

Allen said having students involved in the judicial process is beneficial for campus as a whole.

"We're students too. We understand some of the things going on around campus, the activities and the stresses," she said. "We can relate better and may know the best sanctions when there's guilt involved."

She said the faculty also offers experience that students do not have. Together, the board is a diverse group willing to see situations from all angles.

Allen said many students do not understand how the university has the ability to issue campus appearance tickets at off-campus locations.

Allen said the Code of Student Conduct gives the university jurisdiction off campus to take action to protect the safety and welfare of students.

"It's a broad process," she said, "but not abused in any way."

For example, Allen said some alcohol violations acquired at Brent Road parties came before the Judicial Board because of the involvement of students' welfare and safety.

More information on Judicial Board and student qualifications is available at selection.ncsu.edu/judicial.

ACT defends cloning intentions

◆ A financial officer said the firm has no intention of ever producing a human embryo.

Zak Bos

The Daily Free Press (Boston U)

(U-WIRE) BOSTON — Advanced Cell Technology, which announced last week its scientists had produced a cloned human embryo, says it is not going to produce human beings from cloning techniques.

When ACT announced the corporation had cloned a human embryo, common responses included worry, debate and outcry across the nation and world. Whether or not it is moral to clone a human being, the press and public were concerned that money would be made through a technology that creates life to destroy it. ACT chief financial officer Gunnar Engstrom elucidated the company's intentions.

"I must emphasize that what we do at ACT is replication, not reproduction," Engstrom said.

ACT released a notice on Nov. 25 stating that a report published in The Journal of Regenerative Medicine provided proof that reprogrammed human cells could supply tissue for transplantation. ACT researchers produced human embryos from a female oocyte (egg) and a skin cell. Scientists believe the embryonic stem cells thus produced can be made to develop into any type of cell, therefore providing therapies for cell degenerative diseases.

Recently, ACT has been questioned for the relationship it has with the University of Massachusetts. UMass recently made headlines when it was disclosed the university profits from the company's work.

Engstrom said UMass receives a 4.5 percent royalty on net revenue and sub-licensing fees related to intellectual property ACT has licensed from the university. Much of that consists of property related to research conducted by ACT founder James Robl, who was a professor at the university.

According to Engstrom, the royalty rates differ depending on a variety of factors, including field of application (examples include agriculture versus human therapeutics) and type of revenue, such as sub-license revenue and product sales.

Engstrom said the contractual relationship between UMass and ACT was not unusual.

"We have licenses to technologies from several sources, as well as our own internally generated intellectual property," he said. "We have licensed technologies from both private and public entities."

What ACT is doing with humans is nothing new; similar techniques are used in their agricultural ventures. Although Engstrom said the firm has no intention of ever producing a human embryo for implantation or otherwise directing research in reproductive cloning, ACT regularly clones animals. In January, ACT cloned the first endangered animal, a gaur, or wild cattle, named Noah.

ACT also claims their staff produced the world's first cloned trans-genic female calf on Aug. 18, 1998, using ACT's proprietary cloning technology. The clone, named Victoria and "trans-genic" because its DNA contains a marker gene artificially introduced and

not normally found in the bovine genome, is an example of ACT's ability to produce animals with manipulated DNA. Commercial applications of this technique include the cloning of cows that produce human blood factors in their milk.

"It is unfortunate that although there is a great distinction between reproductive and therapeutic cloning, both fields have the same word: 'clone,'" Engstrom said. "Because the science is so complex, the public finds it hard to distinguish between the two types of cloning, and so responds in an emotional knee-jerk manner to anything concerning cloning."

According to their corporate profile, ACT is "a company engaged in the research and development of technologies enabling the genetic manipulation of cells to produce trans-genic animals for pharmaceutical protein production.

The company is also developing trans-genic cloned cells and tissues for applications in cell and organ transplant therapy."

Engstrom emphasized the importance of animal research, not human research, in ACT's priorities.

"The revenue model is different. In our agricultural aspect, we will sell cloned animals, or embryos, to breeders," he said. "With our human therapy research, we do not plan to distribute clones or embryos, or therapies. We are not a hospital. We intend to develop cells and sell those as source material to the appropriate pharmaceutical companies who will then develop and distribute therapies. We will establish distribution or licensing relationships with those firms or a mixture of both."

Engstrom attributed the public outcry to the announcement to a lack of understanding.

"Our research is in the area of therapeutic cloning," he said. "It is unfortunate that although a distinction has been made between therapeutic and reproductive cloning, many people respond to that emotionally charged word 'cloning' as if the two areas were the same. In one area of our research, we have proceeded to a step that is the same as would be needed if someone was going to be producing human embryos. However, that is not what we do."

ACT is a privately held company that does not receive funding from the fed-

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



NCSU students had the chance to have their picture taken with Santa yesterday in the Brickyard. Proceeds went to benefit the Habitat for Humanity.

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Try American Taliban fighter for treason

ANY AMERICANS FOUND TO HAVE FOUGHT FOR, OR GIVEN SUPPORT TO, THE TALIBAN SHOULD BE CONVICTED OF TREASON.

Treason. The word seems outdated and conjures up images of revolutions and primitive wars far removed from life in the third millennium. However, with the announcement this week that at least one American has fought for the Taliban in Afghanistan, government officials are considering seeking treason in the case of 20-year-old American John Walker, who was captured among Taliban fighters, and rightfully so.

When Walker is brought back to the United States, he should be prosecuted for the highest crime possible, in his case, treason. The U.S. legal code defines treason as follows: Whoever, owing allegiance to the United States, levies war against them or adheres to their enemies, giving them aid and comfort within the United States or elsewhere, is guilty of treason and shall suffer death, or shall be imprisoned not less than five years and fined under this title but not less than \$10,000; and shall be incapable of holding any office under the United States. This definition is cut and dry: Walker, if found guilty of fighting for the Taliban, is therefore guilty of treason. Walker owes allegiance to the United States because he is a citizen. He "adhered" to our enemies by supporting the Taliban even though it was not within the U.S. borders.

Walker should not be given death but should be punished stringently according to the consequences of treason. Some may say that he should be exiled or simply revoked of his citizenship. It is obvi-

ously by his presence in Afghanistan that neither of these would matter to the young freedom fighter. Walker was found among Taliban soldiers with bullet and grenade wounds. The Associated Press reported Walker as telling reporters that "The ideas of the Taliban occupied my mind a lot ... The Taliban are the only government that actually provides Islamic law."

The only possible reason that Walker should not be tried for treason would be if prosecutors deem it too difficult to prove. Our founding fathers defined treason with strict requirements of two eyewitnesses because it is such a grave crime. If not tried for treason, Walker should be pursued for "seditious conspiracy," for which Omar Abdel-Rahman, a radical Islamic terrorist was prosecuted in 1995. Prosecutors have already indicated this to be a viable option.

Since Walker's capture has been announced, his parents have been playing up his age to the media, his father calling him "not much more than a boy" on CNN's "Larry King Live." While this may be true, and this "boy" who converted to Islam at 16 may also have been subject to intense propaganda, he is legally an adult and should be held strictly accountable for his actions.

Speaking out against U.S. war efforts and in favor of the Taliban is not treason. Going to Afghanistan and fighting against our soldiers is, and he should be punished accordingly.

CAMPUS FORUM

Faculty member sends Christmas message

This is written for all, but particularly for those students whose paths have crossed mine — all of whom have a special place in my heart. The recent events surrounding Sept. 11 are what prompted me to write and share with you my Christmas message. I do this with the hope it may inspire you to re-evaluate your priorities and your plans. I was born in Cuba during very difficult times. My parents were officers in the Salvation Army and suffered tremendous persecution under communism as a result of their firm beliefs. We were blessed to be able to enter the United States intact as a family. We stepped onto U.S. soil with no material possessions, but with a dream and the opportunity to start over.

One of my parents' first acts in the United States was to volunteer their time as ministers to open a Spanish-speaking congregation for the Salvation Army in New York. Working long, hard hours in a factory, my dad always had time for his people and for all that crossed his path. Christmas is especially memorable to me, and it's the part of my story that I would like you to store in your hearts. During the holiday season, while many of my friends were busy making lists, decorating their homes and planning elaborate parties, my family was busy, too, but in a different way.

I vividly remember my Christmas list. It was a list of all the people in our congregation and their families. It was a list I was to match with gifts. You see, with only my dad's minimum-wage job to support our family, my parents made sure to have money so that every Christmas the people God had brought to us would receive a token gift from our church sharing the love of God and His miracle of Christmas. We trusted that we

would always have enough, and in spite of some difficult years, God never failed to give and share through my parents. Sharing and focusing on others is my memory of Christmas. To this day, I cannot remember the gifts I received, but I remember the faces of the children as I gave them theirs, and the smiles and tears of the father, recently laid-off, seeing that his children were remembered by kind ministers. Many of these friends have come back to my parents old and established, but always remembering the love of God expressed through their kindness. This memory is priceless to me.

I do not tell you this so that you change your ways, but to encourage you to examine your priorities. Our nation has experienced a very heart-wrenching period of time. People need each other. Needs are not only economic, but of the heart also. I simply want you to remember to give a slice of your time to attend to others, not absorb it all for yourself. Perhaps you are preparing for a life of success, but no material possession, no wealth of knowledge, no amount of power can compare with the memory of a life spent sharing with others the wealth of yourself, your talents and your time. Remember, the best of our talents has its greatest brilliance when it reflects off the lives of others.

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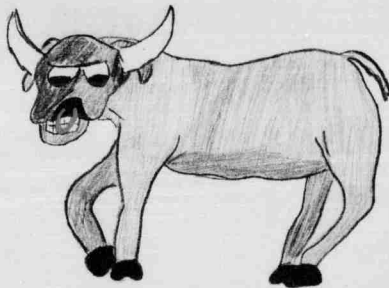
Smith's legalization argument offensive

After reading Mr. Smith's "column" ("Cocaine," Nov. 29), I immediately had to reread it. I had to make sure I didn't miss some inside joke, that there wasn't any hidden sarcasm within his argument. Mr. Smith immediately alienates every



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Looks can be deceiving



Shawn Barnes
STAFF COLUMNIST

where you go," although that could not be further from the truth. It doesn't look like Christmas, and it doesn't feel like Christmas.

I'm not at all a winter person. I would kindly trade in my leather coat and boots for a tank top and flip-flops. In my book, there are two good things about snow: no school and snow cream. Although I would be the first to make a motion to allow autumn to lead directly to spring, even I miss the look of Christmas. There has been no frost on the grass and hedges in the mornings. There is no

rational person by outright accusing us of being murderers. His arguments are centered around the belief that people are not solely responsible for their actions. Yes, there are influencing factors, but once a person makes the decision to break a law, it was his singular action that was illegal, not the influences of their environment. Mr. Smith claims illegalization has made the situation worse by forcing cocaine distribution underground. Certainly, prohibiting the use and distribution of cocaine does not prevent people from using it, but it serves as a deterrent. Those deterred can go on living a somewhat-normal life without having to deal with cocaine addiction. If the laws were removed, there would be an increase in cocaine usage. Also, I would be outraged at having to pay, via government support, the medical bills of these junkies. There is the fact that they can't pay for their medical treatment since their money is going to an ever-increasing addiction. Mr. Smith continues on, claiming that people become wealthy through the illegal sales of cocaine. Perhaps the statistics would show how many more criminals end up dead, burnt out or in jail for their actions? Mr. Smith lost all trace of logic, reason and sense by accusing people who

rushing from class to class, trying to stay within the confines of a warm building. I haven't even had the chance to utilize my favorite excuse that it was cold and raining, and, therefore, I just couldn't go to class.

I don't enjoy the cold weather, but if we're going to have Christmas, we may as well do it right. Let's rip the price tags off those sweaters we purchased earlier in the year and wear them even if it is 75-degree weather. There's some obscure, unwritten rule that says we should dress for the calendar month, not the current temperatures.

Without the look, it's hard to find the feel. So what does Christmas feel like? It feels exciting. You know you're getting the special people in your life the great gifts that they want, and you're probably expecting a couple of nice things yourself. You feel good about yourself for giving the change that jingles in your pocket to the Salvation Army guy standing outside of Wal-Mart ringing the bell. Mostly, you feel glad that school's over. There's a long break, and you feel that the spring semester can't be that bad.

With this, not looking or feeling like Christmas, how could you possibly sing

about chestnuts roasting over an open fire and Jack Frost nipping at your nose when it's too warm to light a fire, and Jack is nowhere to be found. Do you really think you're going to see Frosty the Snowman hanging out in the Brickyard in khaki shorts?

So the question is, is it really beginning to look a lot like Christmas? I checked the weather report, and things don't look too good right now for that white Christmas some have been dreaming about. But look at the bright side, weather is a fickle creature. Next week could easily bring a good 10 inches of snow, maybe even tomorrow.

It may not look or feel like Christmas, unless you're in a retail store surrounded by Christmas music and dinky ornaments. But trust me when I say, "Santa Claus is coming to town." Yes I said, "Santa Claus is coming to town." He's making a list checking it twice." Well, you know the rest.

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think like me of being "evil." I take this as a direct insult. The American people are not responsible for "each and every drug-related murder." The junkie and the gunman are the people who are to blame for these deaths. I feel no guilt for the stupidity of others. Mr. Smith. Your arguments pose no solution save that the American public takes responsibility for a wrong they have not committed. However, it is people like you who encourage this subculture. The junkies know they have the support and the sympathy of people like you, so they continue to ruin their lives, knowing one day your money and your hard work will correct their ruined bodies and lives, as well as the ruined lives around them. No, I'm not laying blame on you, Mr. Smith. I am merely pointing out that your article does the reverse of what you wish; it continues the downward spiral cocaine use inevitably leads to.

Josh Lockamy
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Software needed in labs

I have to write to you about my frustration on our computer labs. I am an

engineering graduate student using computer labs mostly to write code, and I pay quite an amount of computer fees per semester for the computer lab. But the weird thing is, in our major computer labs, such as Laundry Lab, code editor software such as Visual SlickEdit are not installed on NT computers. It is really a pain to me not being able to use NT machines to write code. These are the reasons I want code editor software to be installed on most of NT machines: One, code editor software is as important as MS-office to an engineering-oriented college. Two, most of the time UNIX machines are occupied during peak hours, and there are more NT machines than UNIX machines. Three, NT machines have Zip drives for porting large data, but UNIX machines don't have Zip drives! Four, writing software code is a very basic activity in colleges; providing one code editor is very reasonable. And five, I pay a huge amount of computer fees and deserve to have this basic service.

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Master's Student
Computer Engineering

Policy putting school in debt on integrity

College Heights (U · W I R E) B O W L I N G GREEN, Ky. -- Credit cards are a dangerous business for young college students.

Western Kentucky University's administration completely agrees with this sentiment — that is, of course, until they can make some money. Western outlawed credit card solicitors from hocking their wares on the Hill seven years ago. But eight years ago they made an agreement allowing the Alumni Association to sell cards on campus. If that sounds like a monopoly, it is.

The rationale behind the university's decision to ban these businesses was, simply, that every year countless students find themselves choking on debt from credit cards.

What doesn't make sense is the notion that one credit card is safer than another simply because it is generated from the Alumni Association. This is a hideous double standard, and it needs to end.

The administration contends that the Western credit card is not as potentially dangerous because, among other reasons, they educate students about credit and the pitfalls of debt.

That's a good idea. But this credit card is still a credit card. It's different, but not different enough. It's still offered with the promise of free T-shirts. And it still can lead to future-damaging missteps. Unless this card contains some sort of "bail out" plan for a student who gets in over his or her head, then it's the same card solicitors are banned from offering on campus.

Perhaps Western needs to stay out of the banking business and focus on more pressing priorities. Let's ban these potential black holes from campus — all of them.

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eral government and is therefore unaffected by President George Bush's August decision to ban federal funding for new stem cell research. Its programs are funded by revenue generated by an agricultural subsidiary, Cyagra, in which ACT holds a majority stake; grants and sponsored research; licensing fees and related royalties and equity financing.

Engstrom suggested there are a multitude of profitable applications of human therapeutic cloning.

"To borrow an analogy from Mike [Dr. Michael West, ACT president and CEO], this discovery is like the circuit board," he said. "Back when that was first developed, people said, 'What is the point of putting miniature electronic components on a piece of plastic?' But that idea was the starting point

for all of our modern technology. Our therapeutic cloning technique is on the same level. ... The potential for therapies is staggering."

The profit potential for therapies based on cloning stems from cloning's promise of delivering stem cells. Stem cells, first isolated from embryos by a biologist at the University of Wisconsin in 1998, offer treatment for many degenerative diseases that are based in the breakdown or failure of specific types of cells.

"Treatment for these [degenerative diseases] is over \$100 billion a year in the U.S. alone, and this is for treatment, not cures," Engstrom said. "Our research offers a cure to Parkinson's, Alzheimer's, Huntington's, liver failure, diabetes, you name it."

Currently, federal funding is not prohibited for research done on preexisting stem cell lines. These lines can be used to refine the techniques needed to induce stem cells to differentiate into desired cell types but

are medically impractical since they, like any form of foreign implantation, would be rejected by the body. By using cells from a patient to produce a clone, doctors would have at their disposal a supply of stem cells that could be used to produce tissues that would not be rejected by the body's immune system, since they would be genetically identical.

In the wake of ACT's announcement, Bush condemned the research and encouraged Congress to ban the work. According to a statement issued by the Dr. Kathryn Zoon, director of the FDA Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research, the FDA would not permit techniques like those used by ACT to be used for reproduction "because of unresolved safety questions on the use of cloning technology to clone a human being. ... Because of the profound moral, ethical and scientific issues, the Administration is unequivocally opposed to the cloning of human beings."

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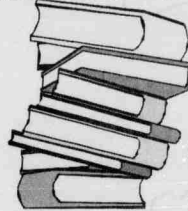
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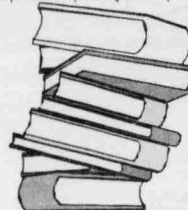
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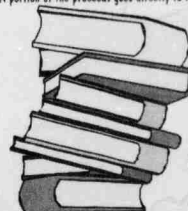
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Jason Lee
Directed by **Cameron Crowe**

"Vanilla Sky" marks an event that scared all of us but that we knew was inevitable. After gracing us with several wonderful, personal little films like "Almost Famous" and "Say Anything," Cameron Crowe has branched out in his career. Yes, the thought was scary... the man who had perfected his style was moving away from it, at least temporarily, so it's nice to say you can stop worrying about it.

"Vanilla Sky" defies all expectations that people have for it, if any at all. Like other Crowe films, it has a tone and feel to it that is entirely unique; it's something that we've seen a hundred times but at the same time have never seen at all. It's the kind of film that asks questions that it doesn't even have the answers to — then again, it probably isn't supposed to.

Tom Cruise plays David Aames, a young, rich owner of a big corporation. We first meet him in bed with Julie (Cameron Diaz), a "good friend" that he's decided he wants a little more with. He thinks nothing of this, of course, and even finds time to goof off with his best friend Brian (Jason Lee) and show up late to a meeting with the executive board that has 49 percent of the power in his company.

Things get interesting for him at his birthday party when he meets Sofia (Penelope Cruz, who played the same part in "Abre Los Ojos," the original Spanish version of the film), who happens to be Brian's date, and he is instantly smitten with her. Julie notices, and the jealousy kicks in, for she sees more in their relationship than David does, and an event takes place that changes his life... and the direction of the film.

From this point, the film abandons the simple narrative style it had featured and ventures into what the film is really about — dreams, perceptions of reality, and



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questioning the way our fundamental beliefs shape the way we see the world.

Crowe begins to show a new side of him, one rich with visuals and dialogue that captivate the imagination. One scene that sticks out in memory is one featuring Cruise wearing a mask in a club to hide his face, only later to turn the mask around to the back of his head so that both the masked face and his real face are seen.

It takes place in a club, and the camera follows Cruise as he walks forward, but follows him from behind so that you see a cold, blank face staring at you. When the camera circles around to meet the David as he is now, we see a different face filled with hate, confusion and a fear of the world around it.

This is not a film for all tastes, and it works on several of the levels that

"Waking Life" worked on, but it still manages to keep a more user-friendly approach. The acting is top-notch (what's new, it's a Cameron Crowe film), even though the show is stolen by Lee and Diaz in every scene they have. As for Cruise and Cruz, neither of them disappoint, but neither shock us with great performances, either. It's especially tough with Cruise, who has a very confusing role to play, and he gets that point across, but he seems to be doing the bare minimum needed to get it across.

The only major complaint about the film is how long it runs; the last 30 minutes that go by feel like another two hours. In the last 15 minutes they explain every last plot detail. This will please the brain-dead viewer that doesn't like thinking about a movie, but it still seems out of place. It's

a film made to get the viewer thinking about different aspects of life, and leaving the film's ending open would have fit in more with the feel of the entire movie.

One thing hasn't changed though, and that's Crowe's use of music to add to the feel of the movie. He uses music ranging from Paul McCartney to Radiohead for the soundtrack to add to the tone, and this really pays off in the film.

This is the kind of project that might make or break some people, but for Crowe, it seems neutral. He's made something different and made it great, but it's his more personal films that he'll be remembered for 30 years from now. Yes, this film is wonderfully made, asks a lot of questions and stands out as one of the better films this year. He just doesn't know how to end it.

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Spray painting and pets: Insane style

Chad Butterworth
Staff Writer

This week's interview features Brett Petersen, a freshman in communications.

Tech: How do you feel about the Wolfpack's howl bid?

BP: I'm not a super, super football fan, but I think it's great that we got into a bowl. Although I think it's pretty ridiculous that every time we do good, like when we beat Florida State, that we trash Hillsborough Street. Personally, if it were me, I would trash Hillsborough Street when we lose, not when we win, although I don't trash Hillsborough Street at all.

Tech: What are some ways for us to let out our excitement or aggression that won't hurt anyone else's property?

BP: I think anybody should be able to vandalize themselves. The Green Bay Packers are a perfect example. What other people in the world in negative 50-degree weather will paint their naked bellies yellow and green for a football game? That's self-vandalism. That doesn't hurt anybody.

Tech: Do you think the Free Expression Tunnel is a good outlet for people to satisfy their desire to spray paint things?

BP: I think the tunnel on Dan Allen Drive is a good outlet. It makes you wonder, "who was the first person to stick their gun up there, and why did everyone else follow him?"

Tech: Have you ever seen anything that moved you artistically in the Free Expression Tunnel?

BP: Yeah, one time I saw this thing that said "JD rules." Mainly, it was just the way the guy spray painted it. I could tell the guy who spray painted it really felt that he ruled.

Tech: What's the dumbest thing you've ever seen painted in the Free Expression Tunnel?

BP: One time I saw this thing that said "JD rules." We don't even know the guy! Does he really rule? What a preposterous statement to make, that this guy rules. Out of all the hundreds of people on campus, this guy thinks he rules. There is a lot of stupid stuff there, a lot of good stuff too. I guess, if you like spray painting.

Tech: Are there any other types of art you would like to see in the Free Expression Tunnel?

BP: I'd really like to see sculptures in the Free Expression Tunnel. I think that if someone was really going to express himself legitimately, he should do a

sculpture. That takes way more talent than spray painting. Although I will say that some of the people who spray paint down there do have some really nice ability. But if someone pulls out a big mean sculpture of himself, then you would know why JD rules, because that would be a sculpture, and you would like, "that guy is cool looking," and then you would be like, "yeah, JD rules because he made a sculpture of himself, and he looks cool."

Tech: Are there any other kinds of art that are like spray painting, in that they aren't seen as artistically legitimate forms of expression?

BP: I think the styles people dress in. I think there are some pretty cool styles that people come up with, and I think that people need to look at other people as being creative rather than making fun of them for not being the "norm." I think it's pretty good when someone spikes their hair in big green spikes and has a ring going through their eyeball. That takes talent. I wouldn't let someone shove a big thing through my ear or my eyebrow or my forehead. It takes talent to have a ring crammed through your body.

Tech: The Tangerine Bowl will be in Orlando. Do you have any Disney conspiracy theories?

BP: We all know that Disney has for years been putting subliminal messages in their movies. "Aladdin," "The Lion King," just to name a few. Disney is really going in a mode to desensitize the children of America. They've been doing it very slowly over the past 50 years. I think Disney has gotten crafty or personally. I don't think they've made a good movie since "Aladdin." Their artwork has definitely gotten worse. Their plots, they've run out of books to steal, so they're trying to come up with their own ideas, and it's just not working.

Tech: What do you think about the prospect of unfreezing some of Walt Disney's cells so that we could clone him?

BP: I don't think he'd be the same. I think the way somebody's raised has more to do with who they are than genetics. "Walt 2" would probably end up being into botany and disappoint everybody profusely.

Tech: What's the deal with Goofy getting Pluto as a pet?

BP: It's kind of weird because I always thought that Goofy was a dog. So why is a dog keeping a dog as a pet? It's like one dog is a higher life form of dog. What do you think about that?

Tech: I guess it just disturbs me that Pluto seems so happy being controlled by another dog. I think there are a lot of social implications there.

BP: That's like, why does Michael Jackson have a pet monkey?

Tech: Is there an answer to this question?

BP: Or why does he own the Elephant Man's skeleton?

Tech: So he really does own the Elephant Man's skeleton?

BP: As far as I know, didn't he have it in that one music video "Leave me alone"? He did a dance scene with the Elephant Man's skeleton.

Tech: Do you have any good pet stories?

BP: We were kind of poor growing up, and the biggest expenditure was for my brother's birthday: we bought this big cockatiel, and one day the cockatiel decided he was going to explore, and the snapping turtle bit off his head. My dad was so ticked that the snapping turtle — which was a free pet we caught in a canal — had killed this \$50 cockatiel, that originally he was going to make us eat the cooked turtle, but actually, that didn't happen, so PETA can stay away. We had to get rid of the snapping turtle, which was sad because we had it for eight years. It was huge; it was like 12 inches big, and it just ripped that cockatiel to pieces.

Actually, we had a pet cemetery behind our house because we had so many pets that died. We had the parakeet that flew into the fan, the mouse that fell out of my hands, broke his nose and died, then the one hamster that one morning when we woke up had pine chips coming out of his butt. I had one hamster that had cancer, and all his fur fell off, and he turned blue, then he died in his sock, and we didn't know he was dead. It was like when Stalin died, and he fell into the snapping turtle tank, but actually, that didn't happen, so PETA can stay away. We had to get rid of the snapping turtle, which was sad because we had it for eight years. It was huge; it was like 12 inches big, and it just ripped that cockatiel to pieces.

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Tech: What are some good and bad wardrobe ideas for pets?

BP: Most of the pets I keep you can't dress in clothes. When I was out in California I saw a teacup Chihuahua named Bonita with a little muffet hat and a little pink sweater with frilly feather things. That animal looked cool in clothes, but I think for the most part, animals should not be dressed in clothes. I think anyone who dresses their pets up should probably discover another hobby.

It's arrived!

Staff Writer Jon Morgan

It is here, and you may be asking, what is IT? A spider monster from space? A particularly hairy cousin? An Internet technology worker? The answer: none of the above.

A few months ago, a big fuss was made about a possible invention that was possibly invented by a guy who was possibly an inventor, Dean Kamen. It was possibly called "IT," although that could just have been wild speculation. Jeff Bezos, CEO of Amazon, said it would change the world. Steve Jobs, CEO of Apple Computers, said it was as important as the light bulb or the Internet. Dean Kamen, the guy who invented it, said that people shouldn't get their hopes up.

Kamen lives in a 32,000-square-foot hexagonal house, which he designed and built. He gets his electricity from a turbine windmill, which he designed and built, and this morning he ate some eggs and toast, which he designed and built. Kamen, it seems, invented about everything he uses.

A college dropout, Kamen has been making devices that, in their own small way, have changed the world for the past 30 years. Mostly specializing in medical equipment, Kamen has developed several devices to improve the delivery and use of intravenous medications. He developed one of the many, many devices implanted in our dear vice president's heart. He has even developed a sort of all-terrain wheelchair that can easily navigate through sand, uneven terrain and can go up and down stairs.

So, when he finally unveiled "IT" on Sunday, the journalistic world was watching. Approximately every news organization ever, all of which claimed to have the "exclusive" story, announced the news early Sunday afternoon. The mystery invention, named Segway, is a personal transportation device. Looking a bit like a scooter, a little like a wheelchair for your feet, it operates without an engine or motor, moving the rider up to 12 miles per hour. It operates on roughly 5 cents of electricity per day.

Tech it to the limit

The big question on everybody's mind, of course, is how does it work? Well, there's a very complicated answer to that, involving gyroscopes and elves and things, but a simplified explanation can be found.

Imagine you are riding a unicycle. If you lean forward, the wheel goes backward. If you lean backward, the wheel goes forward. Either way, you fall over. A lot. Thinking about this, Kamen realized that if the wheel rotated in the opposite direction, two things would happen: The rider would stay upright, and the wheel would be pushed slightly forward.

If this happens enough, say, a few million times per second, the weight of the rider could propel the vehicle forward using practically no energy. We've got all this gravity lying around, so why not put it to use? And that, in a sense, is how Segway works.

The small amount of electricity powers the 10 computers inside the device, magnets that keep the gyroscopes moving and assorted concessions to the laws of thermodynamics (friction, et cetera). There is effectively zero energy used to propel the device forward.

The question on a lot of people's minds is: "Where do I get one?" Unfortunately there's still quite a wait. Not ready for consumer use, the current batch will be sold to the Postal Service and a few other government and commercial agencies. In late 2002, when the consumer model should be available, it should retail for about \$3,000.

This may seem like a steep price, and to many, it is. However, some quick math will show you that one Segway is still way cheaper than even a Kia, and those things are made out of tooth picks and Band-Aids. Most of the cost goes to the computer chips that control it roughly as fast as three top-shelf PC chips do today.

Considering the uses, relatively cheap cost and the ever-present fad factor ("Oh my God, Carson Daly has a Segway! Let's get one!!!!") Segway is going to be very popular. And if you think you hated those Razor Scooters, just wait.

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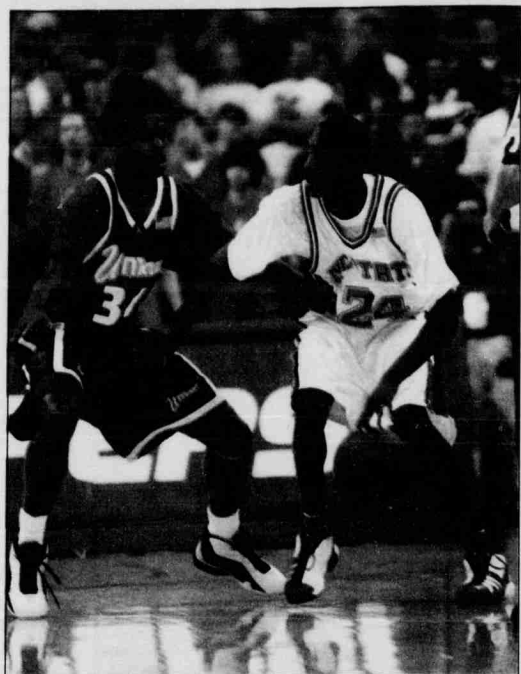
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WOFFORD

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and to some extent freshman Josh Powell, have been carrying the offensive load for much of State's early games.

Playing Wofford should afford State more offensive opportunities than it has seen against Ohio State and UMass, and the Wolfpack,

hungry for a win, should pounce on the opportunity. The Pack would like to improve its offense and develop an effective inside-outside game with Marcus Melvin, Powell and wing players Miller, Grundy and freshman Julius Hodge.

"Some of the same shots [that we miss]," said Sendek. "would be better shots if we work inside-out first. Too often, we settle without moving the defense or without

looking inside. I think we need to get our center more touches."

Defensively, the Wolfpack is likely to continue using its press, which was effective against UMass.

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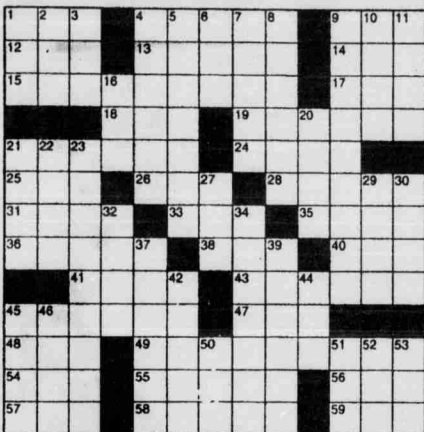
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Wednesday Sports



Club hockey team rolls at State

◆ The Roller Hockey Club takes to the rink to showcase its skills.

Memie Ezike
 Staff Writer

Hockey is arguably the fastest-paced sport in America.

Back and forth the game frantically progresses as players run with sticks, desperately trying to get the puck (or ball) past the goalkeeper into a small net.

Most people play on skates. But these guys do it on wheels.

The Roller Hockey Club, which comprises 50 members, is a sanctioned organization of the Intramural Athletic Department at N.C. State. The club has

been around for a long time, but it has steadily grown in popularity since its inception.

The club was founded five years ago by a small group of students who were playing roller hockey outside Carmichael Gymnasium. The club, however, did not begin playing games in an organized league until last year.

The games are played in indoor rinks. There are four teams in the club — one at the beginner level, two at the intermediate level and one at the advanced level.

The beginners play other local teams on a recreational basis, while the advanced-level team boasts a 15-man roster that plays other colleges.

Roller hockey is very similar to ice hockey in many ways. The speeds of

the game are similar, players suffer the same injuries, and the equipment worn by the players is nearly the same. There are, however, minute differences that make roller hockey a unique sport.

Chris Hickman, a two-year member of the club, comments on some of these differences.

"Roller hockey is a non-contact sport, so it tends to be less physical," said Hickman. "The scores also tend to be a lot higher, and that is a result of the speed of the games. It's the same game in a different setting, kind of like indoor and outdoor soccer."

The season begins in October, and the club plays 30 games, mostly on Saturdays and sometimes Sundays. The first half of the season runs through first semester, and then the club plays

in a tournament. The season picks up again during the second semester, starting from the second week of January and ending the week before final exams.

The team travels regionally, playing its games primarily in Raleigh, Charlotte and Atlanta. Roller hockey has become so popular as a club sport in some local universities that the league now has two divisions.

"The ACRHA Division is the division we play in," Hickman said. "It consists of Duke, North Carolina, State, East Carolina and Elon. The Southeast Division consists of UNC-Charlotte, Clemson, Georgia Tech, Emory, South Carolina and Davidson. We only play the teams in our division."

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BASKETBALL

We want Scooter

A cheer goes up from the N.C. State faithful, the loudest cheer of the night as Scooter Sherrill finally gets off the bench.

For the second straight game, the Wolfpack is mired in a shooting slump. But the crowd senses things may change as Sherrill removes his warmups and trots over to midcourt to enter the game.

The crowd is energized. The team has hope. Sherrill is finally getting a chance to do what he was recruited to do — for all of two minutes. Then he is pulled out of the game.



Steve Thompson

When Sherrill was recruited to play at State, I doubt that he thought this would happen.

State went on to lose to Massachusetts 69-62, its second loss in a row. The Wolfpack's field-goal percentage hovered around 30 percent for the second straight game, and the former high school All-American could do nothing but watch.

While big men Marcus Melvin and Josh Powell were launching up brick after brick from behind the arc, Scooter sat on the bench, sporting a look that expresses both anxiety and frustration.

Here's a known scorer sitting on the bench while the rest of the team can't buy a basket. Sherrill, however, remains seated. Sherrill played only seven minutes against UMass. Can someone even break a sweat in seven minutes?

State head coach Herb Sendek has pointed to Sherrill's problems on the other end of the court as the reason why he doesn't play as much as someone would like. Sherrill is a subpar defender, according to Sendek, and must improve on that aspect of his game before his playing time increases.

"We're playing the best people on the floor that we possibly can every moment," Sendek maintained. "I continue to make the decision as I see fit regarding [Sherrill's playing time]."

But while Sherrill's defense has been in question, other players have shown similar skills and still received playing time.

Freshman Ilijan Evtimov has been a step late on the defensive end all year, picking up numerous blocking fouls and allowing his men way too many unimpeded drives to the basket. On the offensive end, he has airballed layups and is shooting just 18 percent from behind the arc.

Now I'm not overly critical of Evtimov; he's a freshman that's adjusting to major college basketball. I just don't know why Sendek doesn't give Sherrill that same opportunity to grow.

When looking at Sherrill's stats, it's easy to say, "He's really not any better than anyone we have on the court." He is shooting only 41 percent from the field and 35 percent from behind the line.

I find those numbers misleading, however. For many shooters to be effective, they need to be allowed to get into the flow of the game. When Sherrill alternates shooting threes with sipping Gatorade, he can't really get into the necessary rhythm.

Yet he's still shown flashes. Against San Jose State earlier in the year, Sherrill helped the Pack pull away in the game by scoring eight straight points. Those eight points came during his longest stretch on the court this year.

If State was lighting it up from the field with the players it's currently playing, few people would be questioning why Sherrill doesn't play more. But right now, State can't seem to hit anything, and it's costing valuable non-conference wins.

What Sherrill gives to the Pack is someone who can find his own shot. Sherrill doesn't need a motion offense to free him in the corner in able to get off a shot; he has the ability to make shots with a man guarding him. I think State could use somebody like that for more than seven minutes against a team like UMass.

So I feel your pain Scooter. I'm behind you. The student body is behind you. We know what you can do. I just hope you have a chance to show it.

Steve Thompson's columns normally appear on Thursdays. He can be reached at 515-2411 or sthompson@unity.ncsu.edu.

Wolfpack gets shot at Wofford

◆ N.C. State, beset by poor shooting of late, will try to get back in the groove tonight at home.

Andrew B. Carter
 Staff Writer

It's only seven games into the 2001-02 N.C. State basketball season, yet there is already cause for concern for coach Herb Sendek's young basketball team.

A season that started with promise, one that featured solid shooting and effective offensive play, has suddenly turned ugly — quickly. The shots aren't falling, the offense isn't clicking, and despite solid play

from Archie Miller and Anthony Grundy, the team lacks that definitive go-to guy. The Wolfpack has lost two straight after winning its first

five, and suddenly tonight's game against visiting Wofford has taken on a greater meaning, almost urgency. Simply, the Pack needs to win tonight in the Entertainment and Sports Arena, and it must at least get an improved offensive performance to gain momentum, as the team will travel to No. 12 Syracuse this weekend.

But no one is looking past Wofford, not after an eye 34-percent shooting exhibition in a 69-62 loss to Massachusetts and especially not after hitting just five of 25 attempts from behind the three-point arc.

What the Wolfpack is looking toward, however, is finding its groove. Sendek believes it's only a matter of time before the offense starts clicking, and his players share the same opinion.

"We have to become a better offensive team," said Sendek. "We're still trying to find our way as a team on offense. We need to do a better job of determining what is a good shot, what isn't a good shot."

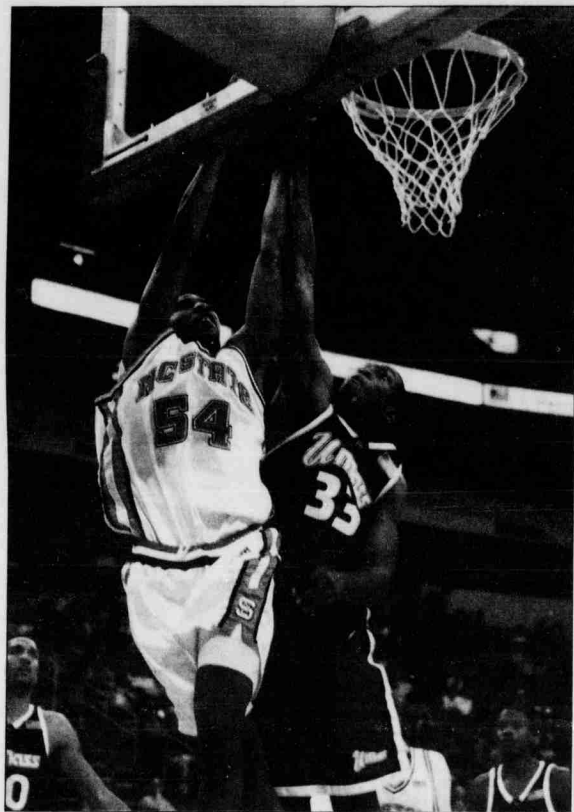
Bad shots were the norm for the Wolfpack in Saturday's loss to the Minutemen, as State frequently found itself forcing tough perimeter attempts when it may have been wiser to exercise patience to find the best shot possible.

Against Wofford, the Pack should expect a fight. The Terriers (3-4) barely missed upsetting Clemson earlier this season.

Wofford, led by senior point guard Mike Lenzy, is coming off a 65-46 loss at Nebraska. Lenzy, averaging nearly 15 points per game for the Terriers, will provide Miller with a backcourt test.

Lenzy's height at 6-3 might cause Miller problems, but the Pack's floor leader should be prepared after covering UMass' Shannon Crooks on Saturday.

While State has played well defensively this season, the offense has struggled. Grundy and Miller,



Marcus Melvin (54) and the men's basketball team host Wofford tonight at the Entertainment and Sports Arena. Melvin scored six points on 1-of-5 shooting in the Wolfpack's last outing, a 69-62 loss to Massachusetts. After opening the season with five consecutive wins, State has struggled to find its shooting touch and dropped two in a row.

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Swimming inks four in early signing period

◆ The swimming and diving teams signed a quartet of athletes for the 2002 season.

Sports Staff Report

The N.C. State men's and women's swimming and diving teams announced the signing of four student-athletes for the fall 2002 semester. The Wolfpack will welcome Lindsay Hock, Kendall Smith, John Hudson and Andy Bauman to the program next season.

Hock, a premier breaststroke and distance swimmer from Roanoke, Va., will provide depth and look to make an immediate impact at the ACC level. She will be a graduate of Patrick Henry High School and swims under coach Brent St. Pierre at the Carter-Center Aquatic Club. Hock is interested in creative writing at State.

Smith, a native of Chapel Hill, is one of the top sprinters in the state and earned All-America honors in the 50-meter freestyle this season. She trains under coach Randy Erlenbach at the North Carolina Aquatic Club in Chapel Hill and excels in both the freestyle and backstroke.



The men's and women's swimming and diving teams announced the signing of four new members for next season.

In addition to being an extremely talented swimmer, Kendall is also up for several academic scholarships at State, where she plans on being a textile management and clothing design major after graduating from Durham-Jordan High School.

Hudson, a resident of Wake Forest, will graduate in the spring from Wake Forest Rolesville High School.

An extremely talented freestyler with beautiful technique, Hudson will be called upon to lead a pack of young and talented swimmers to the top of the ACC. As a swimmer at Raleigh Swim Association, Hudson has flourished into one of the most talented swimmers in the state.

Another amazingly talented swimmer from Roanoke, Va., Bauman is just scratching his potential as a swimmer. Already one of Virginia's top-rated backstrokers and butterflyers, Andy should come in and turn a lot of heads both within the ACC and the entire NCAA as well.

"We are very proud of our recruiting efforts during the fall signing period," said head coach Brooks Teal. "I believe that we have not only four extremely talented swimmers joining us next year, but we have also gained four highly motivated and enthusiastic people as well."

"It is a very exciting time to be a part of the Wolfpack swimming and diving family. With this crop of athletes joining us, plus another group of student-athletes that will hopefully join in the spring, the future looks bright for us to rise quickly up both the ACC and NCAA rankings."