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Have a ball at the Red and White

◆ Vouchers are available now for the Red and White Charity Ball to be held on Saturday.

Aniesha Felton

Staff Reporter

The Red and White Charity Ball will debut in the Entertainment and Sports Arena on Feb. 16 at 10 p.m.

"We're excited to premiere this new event in a new arena," said James Reed, vice-president of the Union Activities Board.

"We wanted to do something free for the students," says UAB president Jamar Owens. "We also wanted it to be a night to remember in countless ways," he added.

The Charity Ball is a formal affair. Tuxedos are not required, but formal wear is expected. The affair is open to all NCSU and non-NCSU students. The admission, however, is "costly." N.C. State students must bring two non-perishable food items, and non-NCSU students must pay an admission fee of \$15. The food collected will go to the Raleigh Food Bank, and the proceeds will benefit Hope for the Homeless.

"We [UAB] are trying to give back to the 'original charities' — the charities that are now overlooked because of the 9-11 relief organizations," said Owens. "We not only want to have an enjoyable and eventful night, but we also want to positively impact the commu-

nity," added Owens. A silent auction where donated items will be auctioned off to the highest bidder throughout the night is included in the events. They will also have a DJ and, if the attendance is right, a live Jazz ensemble.

It is an idea that was conceived by the UAB organization last semester.

The idea behind the Red and White Charity Ball is not only revolutionary in its nature, but also in its venue.

"This is the first event ever to take place [at the ESA]; we hope to make this an annual, and later down the road, a 'black-tie' event... we want to start a tradition," he added. Obtaining the ESA was actually much easier than anticipated. According to Owens, it was just as easy to procure the arena as it would have been to schedule the event on campus. It was only necessary to find a date that would comply.

Although the actual cost of the arena will not be known until after the event, as it depends on attendance, UAB received a reduced rate for having the ESA cater the event.

Renting the ESA without catering costs between \$5,000 and \$8,000, while using the capacity of the arena and all the resources available can cost from \$40,000 to \$50,000.

Although there are no definite projections, the UAB does not anticipate using the entire arena. At capacity, the arena can accommodate 2,000 people. So far, more than 250 vouchers have been given out, while it is projected that 500-600 people will attend.

If attendance exceeds the projected numbers, the arena will require a two-hour notice to open up the remaining areas.

"To enjoy this 'evening of elegance,'" as Owens puts it, all NCSU students must do is bring food items to the UAB office located on the first floor of Tally and pick up a voucher. Vouchers will be available up until the day of the event and at the door.

On the day of the event, all students have to do is catch one of the many shuttles coming to and from Tally and present a voucher and campus ID at the door of the Entertainment and Sports Arena.

"This is going to be a diverse event," said Reed. "This isn't a 'for this group, for that group' event; it is a Red and White Ball — it is for everyone, every culture, every single N.C. State student," declared Reed.

Reed stated that his hope for the event is to unify the NCSU campus. He believes that since 9-11, respect for other cultures has run "rampant."

"Hopefully at this ball, we will be able to mimic campus unity. It is my hope we can find that unifying element that has been spurred up and bring it back to armistice," said Reed.

Owens believes that it is almost a responsibility of UAB to culturally educate and represent all NCSU students to each other and the community. "That's why it is a Red and White Ball — it is for N.C. State... all of N.C. State," said Owens.



Jamie Newsome and Christy Gamble sell Valentine's Day candy to raise money for the Theta Nu Xi Multicultural Sorority.

Researchers develop textile treatment safe for environment

◆ The treatment process uses atmospheric plasma as opposed to other plasma forms

Phillip Brenneis

Staff Reporter

Every day, we take advantage of the advances in the textile industry. From permanent press and flame-retardant clothing to stain-resistant furniture fabrics, our lives are constantly made easier and safer by these discoveries.

For our lives to be made easier, however, the environment often pays the price, as the finishing processes required to manufacture them often release damaging pollutants and drains large amounts of energy.

N.C. State researchers are currently developing textile treatment processes that promise to not only reduce cost to textile manufacturers but cut down on environmental impact from finishing processes as well.

The process uses plasma, an ionized gas, to alter the surface of fabrics to achieve a desired finish.

Currently, these water- and stain-resistant, flame-retardant or permanent-press fabrics, as well as other finishes, are mostly produced through a wet chemical process, according to Mohamed Bourham, professor and undergraduate administrator of nuclear engineering.

The process uses atmospheric plasma, Bourham explained, as opposed to the plasmas created in vacuum used in the semiconductor industry or in fusion research.

This plasma, created with gases at standard atmospheric pressure using an oscillating electric field, should save textile manufacturers substantial amounts of money when the process is perfected.

Once the fabrics are treated by the traditional wet process, they are heat treated to dry and cure them. The plasma method would make this step unnecessary, Bourham said.

"If we can replace the wet treatment by the purely dry treatment, we can substantially reduce the energy needed and, indeed, can reduce the environmental impact from the chemical agents," he stated. "If we can, in one plasma processing, add various func-

tionality to the fabric, then we are providing a huge impact on the textile industry."

Marian McCord, assistant professor of textile engineering and also part of the multidisciplinary project team, said that the gases used in the process, such as helium, oxygen, nitrogen, argon and fluorocarbon gases, would not necessarily have to be written off as waste products.

"The gases are different," she said. "They are recoverable, containable and recyclable."

The team is currently working on ironing out the process, focusing on treatments that would fit into the current production processes.

"When you have millions invested, you want results that are just as good," McCord said, speaking of the textile companies.

McCord said she sees the plasma treatment process replacing the wet treatment in many applications in the next five to 10 years.

Bourham described the basic layout of the machine.

Rollers and a motorized belt carry the fabric to be treated between two sets of modular electrodes, which contain the plasma in a field. The electrode arrays can be expanded to treat whatever area of fabric desired, as well as interchanged to produce different strengths of treatment in different areas, said the professor.

Pictures of a prototype of the machine show a relatively uncomplicated machine when compared to what one might imagine in connection with plasma research in nuclear fusion. It can easily be imagined sliding right into the production line in a local factory.

The treatments also have other applications, according to Bourham, in surface sterilization or decontamination, which are very low in cost when compared to electron beam or gamma ray methods. The plasma can be very effective at treating bacteria, spores and even insects, he said.

Bourham and other researchers on the team have set up a goal to establish an atmospheric plasma center at the university, where, as Bourham puts it, "A group composed of various experts will establish a center that can combine their expertise and further atmospheric-plasma surface treatments, modifications and decontamination."

Walt Disney's college program holds information session

◆ A mandatory information session about Walt Disney World's college program will be held in Mann Hall Thursday at 6 p.m.

Josianne Lauber

Staff Reporter

What's better than having fun in the sun at Walt Disney World for an entire summer? Getting paid for it!

Walt Disney's college program is a paid summer internship offered to college students in all majors across the country. The program is a way to gain experience within one's major with one of the most successful companies in the world.

Amy Rothberg, a senior in parks, recreation and tourism and one of N.C. State's campus recruiters for the program, took advantage of the program this past summer and is thankful for the experience she gained from the program.

"You learn what a major company is all about," said Rothberg. "Disney is a great name to have on your resume."

Students who love a challenge and

want hands-on experience and networking opportunities while enjoying their stay at Walt Disney World are ideal for the internships.

A mandatory information session for Walt Disney World's college program will be held tomorrow, Feb. 14, in 216 Mann Hall at 6 p.m. All interested students are encouraged to attend.

The Disney College Program gives students a great opportunity to make connections with upper-management people, which, Rothberg said, "will benefit you later when you are looking for a real job after college."

A great internship experience is not the only thing the program has to offer. "You get free admission to all parts of Disney and you get discounts on all Disney merchandise," said Rothberg, "and you usually only work five days a week."

A highlight of the experience for Rothberg was free admission to Pleasure Island for all program participants. Rothberg was also thrilled with how many new people she met. "You make new friends from all over the world."

Housing and transportation are taken care of as well.

The company has apartments for rent available for all students who take advantage of the internship program along with shuttles that run to and from anywhere one would need to go.

"You are provided with nice, fully-furnished apartments with anywhere from two to eight roommates," said Rothberg. "The shuttles run from the apartments to work, to the grocery store, to Pleasure Island, anywhere you would need to go."

Lastly, the program reaches beyond offering hands-on work experience and also offers the opportunity to earn college credit during one's internship.

Several educational courses are available. Some of these courses include Disney Communications Course, Disney Human Resources Management Course and a Disney Organizational Leadership Course.

An application can be filled out before the information session on the Web site:

www.wdw.collegeprogram.com. For more information, contact Amy Rothberg at nalakb112@aol.com or Michelle Quinn at mightyquinn714@yahoo.com

CHASS will host annual career fair Thursday

◆ CHASSnet will be held Thursday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Caldwell Lounge.

News Staff Report

The College of Humanities and Social Sciences will be holding its annual career fair, CHASSnet, on Thursday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Caldwell Lounge.

CHASSnet (networking center), sponsored by the CHASS College Council and the University Career Center, will feature approximately 35 businesses and organizations from corporate, government and social science settings.

"Considering the job market, this [career fair] is a great opportunity for students," said Perrin Fourny, president of CHASS Council. "It's also a good opportunity for the employers too."

The career fair itself was the result of a year's worth of planning by the

CHASS Council and the University Career Center.

The CHASS Council is the college's student advisory council and is made up of a group of student representatives. Each college has their own student council.

The planning process of CHASSnet included getting in touch with various employers.

"The number of employers who have participated in CHASSnet has remained constant over the years because of the size of the Caldwell Lounge," said Fourny. "But there has been an increase in the number of students who attend the career fair each year."

Fourny adds that because of the current economic recession, a lot more students are expected to attend the career fair this year in particular. In addition, the atten-

dees of the career fair could also increase because of the fact that the College of Education and Psychology has recently moved to CHASS.

Nevertheless, though the career fair is sponsored by CHASS, all majors are encouraged to attend.

CHASSnet

The following are some of the employers that will be attending CHASSnet 2002.

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- Carolina Mudcats Baseball
- Capital Broadcasting Company
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- Federal Bureau of Prisons
- Methodist Home for Children
- North Carolina State Bureau of Investigation (SBI)
- Peace Corp
- Plata Farm Insurance
- Three Springs of North Carolina
- UNC-TV
- University Career Center
- WorldCom
- Zoom Culture

Duke smoking ban follows national pattern

◆ The impetus for the ban was a Campus Council resolution in the fall, although university administrators have been discussing the issue for several years.

The Chronicle (Duke U)

(U-WIRE) DURHAM, N.C. — Although Duke University's decision to institute a smoking ban in residence halls has elicited mixed reaction, the policy follows the lead of many schools nationwide as administrators cite the need to protect students' health.

"If the University bans smoking in academic and administrative buildings,

banning it from a place where students live 24-7 is reasonable," said Larry Moneta, vice president for student affairs, adding that the policy will help foster a healthy living environment for students.

Many other universities have similar policies.

The University of California at Berkeley originally banned smoking in all university-owned facilities except residence halls, but the school expanded the ban to dorms five years ago.

"I never heard any complaints or problems," said Michelle Kniffin, assistant director of assignments and cashier for UC-Berkeley Housing and Dining Services. "There are less than

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200 smokers out of 5,300 [students], so there's really no issue about it."

Purdue University instituted a smoking ban in all undergraduate housing last semester, and in fall 2002, the policy will extend to on-campus graduate and family housing.

"The overall reaction was one of great acceptance," said Bill Schnackel, Purdue's senior director for university residences.

"I don't recall anyone being angry about it. Smokers are finding areas to smoke, and they are even requesting for non-smoking rooms because of lingering odors and so forth."

Schnackel said buildings were initially designated as either smoking or non-smoking, but separating out the smoking and non-smoking areas became too complex, he said, so Purdue decided to ban smoking entirely.

At Duke, the impetus for the ban was a Campus Council resolution in the fall, although University administrators have been discussing the issue for several years.

"It essentially boils down to be a health concern," said freshman Anthony Vitarelli, a Campus Council representative. "We've gotten a good amount of feedback from people who are bothered with smoke coming from [students] across the hall."

However, Duke Student Government voted to continue to allow smoking in dorms if both roommates agree.

"I have a little problem with James Duke holding tobacco on campus and me not being able to smoke in my office," said DSG President C.J. Walsh, a senior. Walsh added that Campus Council did not have sufficient student input.

But Moneta said Campus Council has greater responsibility over specific residence hall policies than DSG.

And junior Andrew Nurkin, vice president of Campus

Council, stressed that all representatives met with quad and house councils to gather feedback.

"We received input from [students] from the quads that have said they wanted [the policy] and said it was about time," he said, adding that he expected mixed reaction overall.

Some students said they agreed with the policy. "I'm not a smoker, so it doesn't really affect me," said sophomore Kate Weaver. "But I can appreciate it because the smell of smoke does bother me. I understand how students are upset if they can't smoke in their own rooms, but I think the health concern overreaches that."

Others said they felt the ban was unfair.

"I don't think they have the right to infringe on things like that," said junior Hosea Chang.

"When we're in our room, as long as we're not doing anything illegal, we should be allowed to do whatever we want."

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Poets, hobbits and a mathematician land Oscar nominations



Features Staff Report



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The first installment in the trilogy "Lord of the Rings: Fellowship of the Rings" found itself on top with a staggering 13 nominations as the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences announced their nominees Tuesday morning. Among "Rings" nominations was Best Picture, a category that puts it up against "Moulin Rouge" and "A Beautiful Mind" (each with eight nominations), "Gosford Park" (seven nominations) and "In the Bedroom" (five nominations).

Also of big news are the nomina-

tions in the Best Actor category, where, for the first time ever, two black actors (Denzel Washington for "Training Day" and Will Smith for "Ali") were nominated for Best Actor. They'll be against Sean Penn ("I am Sam"), Tom Wilkinson (who gave the only great performance "In the Bedroom") and last year's winner Russell Crowe.

The Best Actress category was predictable, with Sissy Spacek ("In the Bedroom") and Halle Berry ("Monster's Ball") leading the nominations. Nicole Kidman got a nod for her work in "Moulin Rouge." Judi Dench picked up yet another for "Iris" and Renée Zellweger got a surprise nod for "Bridget Jones's Diary."

In other notable nominations, John Williams picked up two Best Musical Score nominations (for "A.I." and "Harry Potter"). Ethan Hawke got a very surprising Best Supporting Actor nomination for

"Training Day," and while Owen Wilson and Wes Anderson did get nominated for Best Screenplay for "The Royal Tenenbaums," Gene Hackman's performance (considered by many to be a shoe-in) was everywhere but on the list.

Also of interest were the Golden Raspberry nominations, which every year nominate the worst in film. Among this year's nominees for worst picture are "Glitter," "Freddy Got Fingered," "3000 Miles to Graceland," "Driven" and "Pearl Harbor." To make things worse on them, Tom Green and Sylvester Stallone found themselves with four nominations apiece, for Green that included being nominated in the Worst Screen Couple category for "Green and any animal he abuses." Ben Affleck also found that his Academy-Award winning days are very far from him right now, getting nominated for Worst Actor and Worst Screen Couple (with either Kate Beckinsale or Josh Hartnett).

Fear and loathing in the Mushroom Kingdom

Staff Writer Antonio Brunson

Super Smash Bros. Melee (Gamecube) *** 1/2

"Super Smash Bros. Melee" is the sequel to the mega-hit Nintendo 64 fighting game. With up to four players, the game provides countless hours of fun for anyone with a few friends and a lot of spare time. But, even if you don't have any friends (poor sap), "SSBM" has loads of secrets for you to unlock that can keep you busy for weeks.

The premise behind the game is so simple that one wonders why Nintendo didn't think of it sooner: put some of the most memorable video game characters ever in an arena to duke it out. But "SSBM" goes far beyond being a conventional fighter. The object of the game is to knock your opponents off the stage, not knock them out, significantly changing the way the game plays. Sending your opponents flying is no simple task either. You must use each character's vast array of moves to pummel your competitors.

Items randomly appear and are critical to win-

ning a match. They range from baseball bats and lightsabers to Poke balls and bombs. Poke balls are undoubtedly the most valued and impressive items. Even if you never know the names Snorlax, Hu-oh and Seizor, you'll probably cheer every time one of those Pokemon appears, as they can seriously shift the momentum of a match with their screen-filling attacks.

The stages play a big role in how matches turn out as well. While some of the stages are fairly static, others feature interactive terrain or scroll automatically. The diversity of the stages is staggering. The Poke floats arena has players leaping across Pokemon statues while they battle, whereas Mute City has a single platform that flies around the track while F-Zero racers scream by underneath the fighters. There are several extra stages for players to unlock as well, and they're well worth the effort.

"SSBM" boasts a cast of characters that rivals any other fighting game to date. All of Nintendo's best are here, including superstars Mario, Link, Pikachu, Samus Aran and Donkey Kong and relative unknowns like Marth, Ness and the Ice Climbers. Even supposed "non-fighting" characters like Princess Toadstool and Zelda made the cut.

Eventually, you'll be able to choose from 25

characters, though you can only choose 14 at first. Virtually all of the characters have different skills that can be mastered. Fortunately, the game's simple control scheme makes it easy for novices to join in on the action.

Graphically, "SSBM" is hard to top. Every character is textured and animated with exquisite attention to detail. The stages feature lively backgrounds that reflect the games that inspired them. The game moves at 60 frames per second, even when screen-filling Pokemon or particle effects are happening. Even the most discerning eye will have trouble complaining about the visuals, especially with a game as fast-paced as "SSBM." The music is equally pleasing, comprised mostly of remixes of classic Nintendo tunes that are every bit as catchy now as they were years ago.

As if all this weren't enough, "SSBM" throws a plethora of modes at you to play. One player can participate in the classic, adventure and event modes. Classic and adventure modes are basically normal fighting in different levels. Event mode, on the other hand, tosses the player into different fighting scenarios, each with a unique challenge to overcome.

Four players can fight in versus mode, where you can customize the rules such as the scenario, teams, damage ratio, handicaps and items. The

game also offers several other "special melee" modes and bonus games for players to try out. All of the modes must be played in order to unlock every stage and character, providing loads of replay value. And when you're finished with those, you can use coins collected in those modes to buy almost 300 statues of Nintendo memorabilia in the Trophy mode.

Complaints about "SSBM" are few and fairly negligible. If you're looking for a serious fighter along the lines of "Street Fighter" or "Tekken," you'll be sorely disappointed. "SSBM's" wacky stages and wild assortment of items make the fighting way too chaotic to be taken seriously. The numbers at the bottom of the screen will occasionally obscure the view of your character, which can be frustrating. Finally, newcomers will have trouble keeping up with their character, but the game helps by providing indicators above the heads of the fighters.

All in all, "SSBM" is an excellent fighting game that has a diverse cast of characters, helter-skelter multiplayer gameplay and overabundance of options will keep even the most bored scholars busy.

'Troopers' you want to get pulled over by

Assistant Features Editor Joel Isaac Frady

"Super Troopers" *** 1/2

"Super Troopers" feels like a movie made 20 years ago, before the screwball comedy was overtaken by the slew of teen sex comedies. Back in the day, practical jokes and pranks were the root of all comedy, with just a touch of sexual content, fairly tastefully done, to liven things up. Back in a time where people were allowed to make obscure jokes, poke fun at government institutions and still remembered that yes, monkeys are funny.

Those days may seem long past, but Broken Lizard hasn't forgotten them. The five-man comedy team has managed to make the kind of film that doesn't require much thought and doesn't try

to gross you out, but still keeps you laughing from beginning to end.

"Super Troopers" follows the escapades of a few Vermont State Patrol officers who seem to have two things on the mind: playing practical jokes on motorists and fighting with the local police. Their station is on some back highway, close to the middle of nowhere, and there are only five state troopers working there. (Even though these five "work" day and night, the question about whether they sleep is never answered.)

Unfortunately for them, the local police are making them look like the good-for-nothings that, well, they are, and the state government has threatened to pull the plug if they don't shape up. To add to the pressure, they start busting shipments of marijuana with stickers of a strange monkey (a cartoon character from Afghanistan), and they go against the local police to make the bust ... and keep their jobs.

The plot is actually much simpler than it sounds, with most of the jokes stemming from just how lazy these state troopers really are. They pick fights as frequently as possible, pick on motorists with one of many pranks from a never-ending prank arsenal and hit on every possible female they run across.

While many aspects of the film are hit and miss, what really makes it work is the chemistry the cast has and the amount of fun they have with the movie. Even when there is a joke that happens to miss, they're still smiling and laughing, and whether you're laughing until you cry or not, it's still a good time.

That only accounts for part of the time, and luckily the rest of the time is spent in gut-wrenching laughter. The arsenal of pranks mentioned earlier is good for a laugh every time, whether they're picking on potheads (as seen in the trailer) or playing phonetic games. The members of the cast

outside of Broken Lizard also have their fun onscreen. Especially fun are Brian Cox (who played Hannibal in "Manhunter") and Marisa Coughlan ("Freddy Got Fingered").

There are a few aspects of the actual filmmaking itself that could have used some help: the editing and sound come to mind first, but with a movie like "Troopers," one has to ask the question: "Does it really matter?" Many films have spent millions and millions of dollars to make them look as good as possible, but when it comes to making you laugh, they fall very, very short.

"Troopers" won't, however, and it's a blast from beginning to end. People who have forgotten what it's like to laugh the way they did when they first saw "Caddyshack" or "Groundhog Day" won't want to let this one get by.

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Things to do on Valentine's Day if you don't have a valentine

Features Editor **Ryan Hill**

Another year, another Valentine's Day. For many of us, Feb. 14 is a day to dread and hate. For others, it's a chance to show their affection for that special someone. If you're like me, then Thursday is a day like any other day, because we have no valentine. But it doesn't have to be this way.

Instead, Valentine's Day can be like a second Independence Day; we can celebrate being single and having some money just like others can celebrate their love for someone else. Valentine's Day is a day for love, but if you don't have love, it can still be a good day, and here are a few suggestions as to how to make it that way:

Watch N.C. State beat the crap out of Duke

Duke, 22-1, is off to their best start ever. The Wolfpack, 18-6, is off to their best start ever under Herb Sendek and looks to make the NCAA Tournament for the first time since we were all pre-teens. The team is also ranked (No. 24 in the AP poll) for the first time in two years. How nice would it be to beat up on the Blue Devils, breaking their hearts and forcing them to seek consolation in the arms of their teammates? Valentine's Day's color is red and so is NCSTU's, so it could happen, right? If not, the worst that could be done is to go out with that extra money you'll have since you won't be taking anyone out on a date and buy some beer.

The Rules

Whenever the Wolfpack has the lead, drink constantly until the lead is gone.

If Julius Hodge is shown making fun of the Cameron Razins, drink two.

If Mike Dunleavy hits a wide open three-pointer, drink three and punch something.

If Jason Williams misses a dunk, drink four.

If Mike Krzyzewski is shown muttering f---, drink a whole beer. The rules can be adapted for players and tolerance level.

Watch the Olympics

Not as fun as watching Duke lose, but still can be entertaining. A drinking game can also be played, but

Dunleavy will have to be substituted for someone busting their butt and doing about eight flips because they were going so fast. Make up your own rules because I can't tell you everything to do.

Pull a practical joke

So you still can't get that sour taste out of your mouth? Well, there's one good solution for this: a practical joke. Target one of your friends or someone you don't like, find out if they're going back to his place or hers, then leave a special treat for them when they get back. It would be best to do something that will gross them out and kill the whole Valentine's Day mood. Technician can't give out any tips on how to do this, but use your best judgment. Calling an ex (preferably one that has a new beau) and torturing them is also good. Just remember *67 hides your number from people you call.

Be nice to people

If you don't have a Valentine, you can be like that gross guy from the Dave Matthews Band video for "Everyday" and spread goodwill toward your fellow students. Get some candy from Big Lots and give it to people, give them a hug or even ask a lonely soul out to dinner. Most people don't seem to appreciate kind gestures anymore, but at least it will make you feel good about yourself.

Buy something

Since you don't have to take someone out or buy someone presents for Valentine's, why not go out and buy yourself something nice? You'll have the extra money, so why not splurge and buy yourself that Ronald McDonald costume you've been looking at. Or you could go out and buy the complete works of Yanni. It's your call.

Make it a Blockbuster night

If Valentine's makes you lonely, get a group of single friends together, order a pizza and rent a movie. Women could rent a sappy romantic film, but that may make the day worse for you. Instead, rent something with blood and guts so you'll forget all about not having a Valentine. "Saving Private Ryan" is an excellent choice, or you can watch

Josh Hartnett get it in "Pearl Harbor." Either film can help purge feelings of loneliness.

Do homework

Not sure why this one makes the list, but some people may want to do it. You never know, it could happen.

Tell someone you like him/her

It's Valentine's Day, so it's cool to tell that special someone you have a thing for her or him. Just so long as it's not met with a crowbar to the face or a restraining order, go for it. Might help save the day for you, or it might result in stitches.

Seduce someone

Dress up in your best outfit and go find yourself a one-night stand. A freshman may be preferable for this situation, but if you're desperate enough to find someone to help cure the Valentine's Day blues, then you shouldn't care about who the other person is. Just make sure your friends don't find out.

Break stuff Limp Bizkit style

If Feb. 14 makes you so mad, just go out and break something. Fire a gun at something or buy an 'N Sync bobblehead, which are now down to \$2 at Best Buy, and throw it out a window that's at least five stories high. You'll feel better, and some poor sap may have Joye Fatone stuck in their head! If destruction isn't your thing, you can also go work out. That will make you feel better and will make it easier to ...

Sleep

If all else fails, just go to sleep until Feb. 15. That way you can just totally avoid seeing happy women with flowers and balloons or guys with big smiles on their faces. If anyone asks where you were, you can just say you were out on a date!

Tech it to the limit: Who cares about ADS?

Jon Morgan
Senior Staff Writer

Are you a nerd? Sure, you're reading a column called "Tech It to the Limit," so the odds are in your favor, but are you really a nerd? Maybe you're a computer science major ... there are bigger nerds out there.

Case in point: Fourteen-year-old Derek Jacobs, an eighth grader from Florida, has become a registered Microsoft Certified Systems Engineer at the ripe old age of 12. He had to move out of his bedroom when it got so full of computer equipment there wasn't room to sleep anymore. Derek, my dear friends, is a nerd.

As a nerd, Derek is all about the merging of humans with technology. So, when he heard about the VeriChip, he was all sorts of excited. The VeriChip, from Applied Digital Solutions (ADS), is a small device, barely bigger than a grain of rice, that can store a small amount of information on it. It broadcasts this information via a radio signal, which can be picked up by a scanner within a meter

or so.

The thing about the VeriChip, however, is that it's implanted in your body. That's why some people think it's cool, and some people think it's evil. Reactions have ranged from the extreme positive (like Derek's case) to the extreme negative (as in "it's the mark of the beast that Bible thing was talking about").

People see it being used to log in to a computer, replace the Social Security card, or you know, allow Satan to finally take control of the human race. Now, some of these ideas seem wacky — I mean, how could a chip possibly replace your Social Security card? Nevertheless, name an opinion, somebody has it.

Unfortunately, nobody bothered to ask ADS what their opinion was. It seems that, as the creators of the technology, they might want to have some sort of say in the matter. According to their Web site, the VeriChip is made to help people with specific medical problems who may not be able to tell doctors on their own. One possible use would be to store the settings of a

person's pacemaker for use in an emergency.

Other possible uses exist in the realm of identification and security. CEO Richard Sullivan suggested in a recent interview that the chips could be used as a sort of internal passport, one that would be impossible to forge. Although this would be a rather niche use, appealing mostly to people who travel constantly, ADS thinks it is an important application.

Nobody really cares what ADS thinks, however, which is good because their ideas are boring. If a new technology doesn't do something really cool, then it's probably worthless. Did you ever see an internal identification chip on "The Jetsons?" Hell no! Rocket cars, dog treadmills and saucy robot mads. The future shouldn't be about helping sick people. People want laser guns, blasting through hyperspace and British androids that may or may not be homosexual. Who wants medic-alert bracelet? The answer, of course, is nobody.



Bob Dylan hits North Carolina

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Senior Staff Writer

Picture an arena. Picture a coliseum. Picture a typical concert at either one. Abandon the notion. Picture an arena. Picture entering into one gate a bona fide hippie, forced to toil through the '90s and beyond, while still being washed clean by the redeeming rains of Woodstock. At another gate, picture your typical college student — his jeans a little too worn and his demeanor uncertain, yet zealous. At the arena's third gate, a spectated female professor — long, white hair tied behind her back and dipping sharply towards the top of her ankle-length skirt — is handing her ticket to a waiting attendant. The fourth gate is occupied by an Islamic in orthodox dress accompanied by his similarly dressed wife. Music has the power to cause this unity. Bob Dylan, night in and night out, does this.

Bob Dylan's two dates in the Carolinas this weekend (Friday in Winston-Salem and Sunday in Charlotte) were bold statements to the infinite power of music and the affinity and ability Dylan himself holds for the art.

The man, despite the magic of his studio recordings, is known for playing live and spreading his version of truth to eager audiences across the world. He does not disappoint. On the sixth and eighth stops of the current leg of his mammoth tour in support of "Love and Theft," Bob Dylan brought down the house and the audience up to its feet with shows well over two hours long, spanning a wealth of material wrought from four decades of observation and reflection.

Dylan launched into both sets with a certain magnitude of surprise each night, throwing a different traditional bluesgrass number to each audience. Friday's "I Am The Man, Thomas" and Saturday's "Hallelujah, I'm Ready To Go" left a palpable sense of awe and joy with Dylan regulars and a sense of joyous confusion with newcomers.

Collectively, the audience seemed to anticipate a night of drama and delight as a master of eclecticism settled into a night of intermingled hits and rarities.

In Winston-Salem and Charlotte, the second number revealed itself as "Mr. Tambourine Man," hidden behind guitar embellishment and a slow and self-indulgent pace. After Dylan carefully placed his harmonica into his coat pocket, his latest quintet launched into marathon versions of the classic while he picked at his Gibson with the patience and forethought of a seasoned, determined veteran.

Dylan and his band, which includes Larry Campbell, Charlie Sexton, Tony Garnier and new addition George Recelli, showed the near-capacity crowds that, coming off of "Love and Theft" and the departure of drummer David Kemper, they are capable of continuing in the time-honored tradition of adding and shifting Dylan standards on a nightly basis.

Despite placing "Tweedle Dee and Tweedle Dum" in the fifth spot at both shows, the band approached it as fresh material, letting the beat fall where it may and the three guitars onstage intermingle and build upon each other. The languor of "Sugar Baby" caused the whole of Winston-Salem to sit down and revel in the song's deliberate pace. It was in sharp juxtaposition to the hard-driving, guitar-blazing "The Wicked Messenger" that Charlotte witnessed. The tune was quick to bring to Dylan's work an edge that echoed Neil Young and his work with Crazy Horse.

Larry Campbell's ability to move from banjo for "High Water (For Charley Patton)" to mandolin to acoustic guitar to electric guitar to cittern, when combined with the sleek effects and fills of Charlie Sexton, created a seamless unit that seemed to form one of the most coherent and consistent Dylan units ever. Tony Garnier and George

Recelli seemed to have no trouble communicating as they moved from the splendid slumber of a "Searching For a Soldier's Grave" to the firm attitude of "Positively Fourth Street."

Gone is the jazz of past Dylan bands. The lack of keyboards seems to be a resolute step away from the mentality of The Band. This group of four musicians, joined by perhaps the greatest songwriter to ever grace a stage, is a complex and revealing fusion of Dylan's folk, country and bluesgrass roots that knows exactly how to bring it all together for a complete rock show.

Though Friday certainly saw the band playing on all cylinders, Saturday showcased not only their energy and ability, but also their intense connection. A 60-year-old Dylan turned to Sexton during one number and laungrily fired away riffs while the younger player showed his boss that he could do more than hold his own. Smiles were exchanged from across the stage, and the optimism translated into a frenzied crowd that appreciated the magic it so fortuitously experienced.

Applause turned into thunder, and Dylan delighted the crowd with sincere doffs of the hat and uncharacteristically broad smiles. After 20 songs of sheer energy and expression, the band expected to walk off the stage following the usual closer, "Blowin' in the Wind."

But Bob Dylan would have no part in that. Turning to Garnier, he yelled "Watchtower" amidst the decibel-soaring laudation of the crowd. At once, consternation, awe and joy appeared on the faces of the band.

And so they launched into what has become one of the bellwethers of rock 'n' roll. Through glimpses of guitar distortion and percussive premeditation, the band found the song and the collective pulse of the crowd. Dylan, tolling through those verses of passion and fire, continued to demonstrate his adroit guitar style.

The man has always been known for his minstrel-like garnering of influences, and the versions of "Watchtower" are living proof of Dylan's evolving art. Drawing on the modern takes of the song from Hendrix, Young and Matthews, the band stretched it well beyond its once live pattern of two-and-a-half minutes.

The seven minutes of break-back drumming and riveting guitar on top of a night that included the pissing of "Boots of Spanish Leather" and "Don't Think Twice, It's All Right" ripped the place asunder. He held the audience in his hand, and — for two hours — he led them precisely where he and they wanted to go.

Robert Shelton opens his incredibly comprehensive biography of Bob Dylan with a moving picture of Bob walking down the cold streets of Hibbing, Minn. He is going to break his curfew and he does not care. A man named James Dean in a film entitled "Giant" had continued to show the teenager what the world was to him.

The world broke the realm of his parents, Hibbing and Minnesota. It was bigger than he could know, but it was not bigger than he could imagine. Dean gave to Dylan what the musician, in turn, has given to so many: the grand ability to see through barriers and to see some really promising hope and adventure in the world.

Dean once said, "Dream as if you'll live forever. Live as if you'll die today."

Bob Dylan is, without a doubt, still striving to meet those weighty words of his hero. With each passing day, he, as well as everyone else, moves one day closer to death. The fiery passion that he tours, sings and dances with nightly are a testament to the Dean legacy. He is perpetually dreaming for more music and for one more song, but he seems destined to leave the world with the impression that his last song was as vibrant and forceful as the day it was born out of his true capacity for genius.

The force of his message has yet to diminish.

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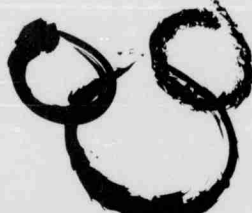
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3:08.12 with negative splits in the second half of the race. Alford was able to reach his goal of qualifying for the Boston Marathon. It was only his second marathon, and he improved his time by 7:11.

The Disc Golf Club competed in a Professional Disc Golf Association C-Tier tournament in High Point Saturday. In the amateur division, Bryan Oshnock and Chris Silcott tied for second place, Dan Brammer placed fifth and Joey Pipkin placed 10th. In the advanced division, Ed Williams placed 14th with a hole-in-one worth \$71, and Mike Norris placed 15th, one stroke behind his teammate.

The Men's Club Rugby team traveled to Statesboro, Ga., to participate in the Black Rose Tournament held by Georgia Southern this weekend. The

Wolfpack returned triumphant, winning two out of three games and sweeping their collegiate competition.

Quickly dispelling any rumors of lost might, N.C. State opened the tourney by defeating Georgia Southern's B-side 44-8 behind two tries from Jason Rebutti and one each from Steve Melin, Paul Baumer, Dennis Kurtz and Andrew Kovalcin. The Pack put up an admirable fight in the second game vs. the Augusta men's team, losing 7-5 on an unconverted try. Unhappy about the loss to Augusta and well-rested after a night of relaxing, the Pack came out strong against The Citadel and won 34-5 behind tries from Kirk Anneson, Max Lehman, Melin, Kurtz and Baumer.

The Club Roller Hockey team played an unexpectedly close game against Duke this weekend at the Carolina Sportsplex in Morrisville. Down by a score of 7-6 with three minutes left in the game, things were looking grim for the Pack. But great

play by Alex Pingel, Brian Moore, Chris Hickman and goalie Justin Sanders turned the tide and the Pack bounced back to pick up the 8-7 win. Goal scorers for State were Moore with three, Hickman and Pingel with two each and Jake Genna with one.

Club sports — upcoming

The Equestrian Club's Dressage team will travel to Laurinberg for a horse show at St. Andrew's College on Saturday. The team will be competing against Virginia Intermont, St. Andrews, Wake Forest, Elon, Appalachian State and a few other schools.

The Disc Golf Club will travel to the Backhorn Course located at Sharon Lake this weekend to participate in a B-Tier PDGA tournament. It will be four rounds of golf, two on Saturday and Sunday. The club will meet at Kentwood Park on Kaplan

Drive Friday at 2:45 p.m. and will travel to Backhorn to conduct the weekly practice. Anyone interested in participating can contact Dan Brammer at dbramme@unity.ncsu.edu or come to Kentwood Park Friday.

The Men's Club Lacrosse team travels to Atlanta this weekend to participate in the ACC Southern Lacrosse Shootout. This is a battle between the four "virtual varsity" teams in the ACC. The tournament is set up in a round robin format where the Wolfpack will play Florida State, Clemson and Georgia Tech. The team is hoping to come out of this weekend with three victories heading into the meat of its Southeastern Lacrosse Conference schedule.

The Club Roller Hockey team has a busy weekend planned against its archrivals. The Pack will play East Carolina on Friday and Saturday and North Carolina on Sunday. For information on game times and locations, visit the league Web site at www.acrha.com.

BASEBALL

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have, but I thought defensively we played very well, except for when we didn't turn the double play in the seventh, and then we got the error in the eighth.

"The outfielders made some good running catches out there and got some good jumps on

the ball. It was a big improvement defensively from the first game."

The Bulldogs could never find the answer on the mound, though they threw their entire staff at the Pack. Left-hander Joey Siak dropped to 0-1 on the season with the loss.

Reliever Daryl Minugh recorded his first win of the season for the Pack.

State will now prepare for a long weekend on the road as it travels to Charleston, S.C., to

take on The Citadel, Richmond and James Madison.

"I thought we had a hard week of practice, and I think we got better through practice this week. I thought we carried that over to the game today."

Avent said. "We did a better job of running balls down in the outfield and being a little more aggressive, and I thought we kept our aggressiveness on the base paths. I thought, overall, good things happened."



Daryl Minugh picked up the win Tuesday afternoon.

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Pack overwhelms Gardner-Webb

◆ Strong defense and powerful hitting move the N.C. State baseball team to 2-0.

Justin Sellers
 Senior Staff Writer

The N.C. State baseball team used aggressive fielding and a big fourth inning at the plate to dominate Gardner-Webb 23-5 Tuesday afternoon at Doak Field.

Baseball	Tuesday afternoon at Doak Field.
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The Wolfpack (2-0) got on the board in the bottom of the first with a base hit by Matt Butler that drove in two runs. State's lead would increase to 5-0 at the

end of one inning, with two RBIs by Mike Prochaska and another by Colt Morton.

In the top of the third, the Bulldogs (1-2) woke up and closed the gap as Blake Lalli drove in two runs of his own. Gardner-Webb would go on to tie the game at 5-5 in the fourth frame.

But in the bottom half of the inning, the Pack scored nine runs to take command. The Bulldogs went to the bullpen at first, bringing in four different pitchers in an attempt to cool off State's bats. With the score already 7-5, Butler stood in the spotlight once again and knocked the ball into left-center for a double, driving in three more runs for the Pack.

"They threw a lot of left-handers at us," said head coach

Elliott Avent. "A lot of our good hitters in our lineup are left-handers, and I thought they did a good job of hanging in there with their lefties. Prochaska and Butler were swinging really well, and that's why we have them at the top of our lineup."

"Butler got a huge hit with the bases loaded that broke it open for us. I thought our hitters did a great job, especially after we had a big lead early. They came back to tie it up, and then we came back and answered it with a nine spot; I thought that was huge."

After the offensive outburst, the Pack shifted its focus to defense and became aggressive in the field. With the pitching and defense holding the Bulldogs in check, State



Mike Prochaska slides into second base during the Wolfpack's 23-5 win over Gardner-Webb at Doak Field.

increased its lead by adding four runs in the fifth, one in the sixth and four more in the seventh.

"I thought our pitchers did a

good job of getting ahead in counts," said Avent. "Maybe we didn't put away as many people as I thought we would

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OLYMPICS

Ice charades

Quaffing clear bottles of water, Jamie Sale and David Pelletier sat with beaming faces as they awaited the judges' scores.

The Canadian figure-skating pair had just completed their Olympic free-skate performance Monday night at the Salt Lake Ice Center. Pelletier had pumped his fists in the air repeatedly and bent to kiss the ice. Sale looked like she couldn't believe what they had pulled off — a mistake-free performance that would secure the gold medal.



Jerry Moore

The performance was even more remarkable because in the warm-up for the event, Sale had been knocked to the ice in a collision with Russia's Anton Sikharulidze. It faded her briefly, but she had overcome it in time to turn in a picture-perfect routine with her partner.

The crowd stood and offered a thunderous ovation, which eventually turned into chants for skating's perfect score of "Six! Six!" The television analysts raved about Sale and Pelletier being the best in the world.

When the scores appeared, they weren't sixes. Most of them weren't even 5.9s.

Five of the nine international judges had given higher scores to Elena Berezhnaya and Sikharulidze, giving Russia its 11th consecutive gold in the event.

But this couldn't be right. The winners had made a mistake. Sikharulidze stepped out of a double axel during their performance, while the Canadians were perfect. It didn't matter; the judges had made their decision.

Sale and Pelletier's unreserved joy morphed into utter agony in a split second. Both appeared to have been shot in the gut. Sale wrenching forward and Pelletier rocking back, agape and astonished.

The crowd's disapproval rained down just as loudly as its approval had moments earlier. The commentators didn't know what to say.

The cameras panned the row of judges. Most of them sat in stoic, expressionless silence. But one wore a scowl and gave an uneasy shrug because he, like the rest of the audience, knew his associates had made an egregious mistake.

Sale and Pelletier did their best to recompose themselves and forced weak smiles, but it was obvious they were shaken. All of the competitors were gracious as they received their medals. In a polite gesture, the crowd at the Ice Center gave both pairs a standing ovation.

After all, it wasn't the Russian pair's fault. It was the fault of the judges and, more broadly, that of the sport.

I don't make any secret of my general disdain for figure skating, so I'm surprising myself by devoting an entire column to it. I'm not even sure why I watched the competition Monday night, but the emotion of the entire ordeal was striking.

I wanted to see if the Canadians could pry apart the Russians' stranglehold on the event. Even with my limited understanding of the sport, when I saw the performances, I knew they had done just that.

I was genuinely happy for Sale and Pelletier, two athletes whom I had not heard of before these Olympics. To see their elation made me feel that maybe figure skating could be worthwhile after all. To see their sorrow made me sick.

Controversy like this will only serve to make me dislike the sport even more. It's wrong when the weights of nine judges can determine who leaves the Olympics with their dreams fulfilled or their dreams crushed.

Officials are a necessary part of every sport, but in most cases, they arrive a level playing field for all competitors instead of directly determining the outcome. I accept that the judging for events such as figure skating must be subjective, but it damages my respect for the sport.

I want to see who can go the fastest, farthest or score the most points. I don't want to see vibrant, young athletes like Sale and Pelletier unfairly relegated to tears by the impulses of a stone-faced jury.

Despite his displeasure with the results of the figure-skating pairs competition, Jerry Moore is enjoying the Olympics. He can be reached at 515-2411 or jerry@techniciansports.com.

Wrestling seeks revenge against UNC

◆ The N.C. State wrestlers will try to avenge their only conference loss tonight against North Carolina.

Jay Kohler
 Staff Writer

N.C. State has been waiting for this match for almost a month. On Jan. 16, the Wolfpack traveled to Chapel Hill where it was soundly defeated by North Carolina 21-9. For the defending ACC champions, the loss was hard to stomach.

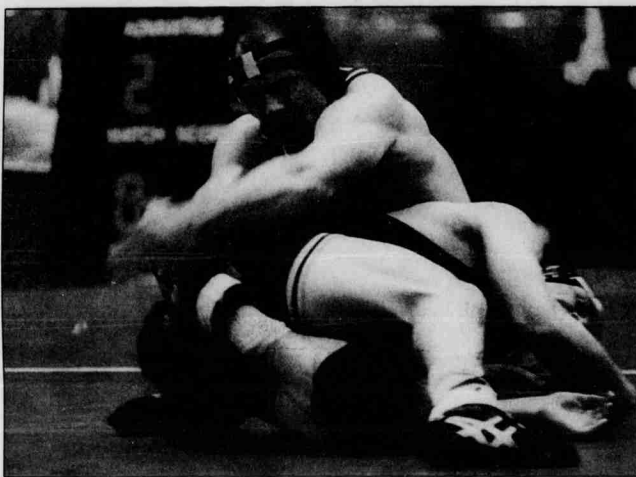
But State (6-7, 1-1 ACC) gets another shot at Carolina (11-3, 4-0) tonight at 7:30 in Reynolds Coliseum.

WHAT: The Carolina-State matches have proven to be exciting in recent history because both schools have been perennial challengers for the conference title.

WHEN: TODAY, 7:30 P.M.

WHERE: REYNOLDS COLISEUM

"We're really looking forward to wrestling them again," said assistant coach Jordan Collins. "It's nice to be able to get a second chance at them. We think we've improved; we've had some guys out of our lineup... I'm looking forward to watching this to see how our guys compete because we've been working hard."



The N.C. State wrestling team will grapple with North Carolina tonight. The Tar Heels, who have not lost in four conference matches this season, beat the Wolfpack 21-9 on Jan. 16.

"I tell these guys there's two things they can control in their life. One is how they treat people and the other is

how hard they work. Everything else is a crapshoot. Hopefully, that will pay off Wednesday night."

In the last match against Carolina, State got off to a good start when Jason Gore won the opening bout in the 197-pound class. State promptly got stuck, however, as the Heels reeled off six wins in a row to secure the victory.

Along with Gore, Pierre Pryor and Dustin Klawa posted winning decisions for State. Pryor, who has been out for the past two meets with an injury, will likely start tonight against Carolina.

State has juggled its lineup since the last Carolina match, shifting wrestlers from one weight class to another. The Pack has been trying to find the best possible lineup for this season's team, and having wrestlers compete out of their normal weight classes has been one such experiment.

"I think the biggest change since we wrestled Carolina is we're in a lot

better shape," said Collins. "We're managing our weight a lot better; we've gotten these young kids who've gotten a lot more experience and confidence, and we're hoping for a different outcome. We think we've put ourselves in a position to be very competitive against them Wednesday night, and that's all we can ask."

State is hoping that the experience of wrestling some of the best teams in the nation will give them the experience edge in tonight's match. The Pack has traveled west this year and wrestled two top-10 teams, Oklahoma and Iowa State.

"There is no substitute for experience, and success breeds confidence," said Collins. "We needed some success, and the kids have had some success, and they've gotten more confidence. So much of this sport is mental, and if you work really hard, it strengthens your mind. Our mental toughness should be a lot better. I think we're going to be OK."



The Wolfpack squared off with the Tar Heels last year and came away with its 11th ACC Championship.

IM/Rec Notes

National Rec Sports and Fitness Day

For additional information on IM-Rec Sports, visit the Web site or stop by 1000 Carmichael Gymnasium.

Officials

N.C. State's Second Annual Largest Fitness Class will meet on Feb. 20 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. on Courts 9-11 in Carmichael Gymnasium. The first 300 people will receive an Intramural-Recreational Sports towel. For more information, visit the IM-Rec Web site at www.ncsu.edu/imrec.

The Intramural-Recreational Sports department is looking for softball officials. No experience is necessary, and the department offers paid training and a flexible schedule. The first meeting will be on Feb. 25 from 5 to 7:30 p.m. To become an official, attend the meeting or contact David Parker at 515-3161.

Intramural sports

Registration began this week for softball. All intramural schedules for the spring semester are posted in the Intramural-Recreational Sports office and on the Web site at www.ncsu.edu/imrec.

Fitness

Drop in for one of the group fitness classes: Advanced Step, Athletic Conditioning, Awesome Abs, Box-N-

Sculpt, Cardioboxing, Get on the Ball, Hi/Lo, Hip Hop, Step 101, Step-N-Sculpt and Water Works. For a schedule of classes, stop by the Intramural-Recreational Sports office in 1000 Carmichael Gymnasium or visit the Web site at www.ncsu.edu/imrec.

This spring, the Intramural-Recreational Sports office will offer a group fitness class every Monday through Thursday beginning at 6:15 a.m. Check out the Web site for a class schedule.

Registration for Yoga began Feb. 4. New sessions of progressive yoga classes (sessions 3 and 4) begin March 18 and March 20. The cost will be \$45 for each session and each session will last eight weeks. For more information or to register, contact the Intramural-Recreational Sports office at 515-3161.

Outdoor Adventures

Registration will begin Feb. 14 for the Canoeing Adventure Trip on March 9-16 in central and coastal Florida. There is a \$20 registration fee, which will be applied toward the trip.

On Feb. 18, registration will begin for Rock Climbing Belay Skills on March 1 from 5 to 8 p.m. For more information, see the Web site at www.ncsu.edu/imrec, or to register, go to 1000 Carmichael Gymnasium.

Club sports — results

Cross Country/Track Club member Jamie Alford entered the Myrtle Beach Marathon Saturday. Finishing at

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