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## Campout ends with complaints, future improvements

Some students who camped out for last Sunday's men's basketball game were not pleased with the seats they were awarded.

**Cari Windham**  
Assistant News Editor

For David Klages, a sophomore in computer engineering, camping out Friday night was the perfect opportunity to prove his school spirit and land premium seats.

"Pretty much all of the people I know who went to the campout for the Duke game got really good seats and were happy with the experience," he recalled.

"Because of that, I wanted to camp out this time so that I could support my team up close for their last home game and cheer on Miller and Grunley for the last home game of their careers."

And for the most part, Klages felt that, aside from the biting temperatures, "campout itself wasn't too bad."

In fact, his disappointment didn't come during the long, freezing hours of the night; instead, it happened the next morning when he received his tickets — in section 317.

Not exactly the premium seats he was expecting.

Sherry Pitz, a senior in computer science, braved a night in a tent as her last opportunity to experience an N.C. State tradition before graduation.

Overall, she thought that campout was "a cool experience," but like Klages, her group also received section 317.

"My group and I were pretty upset that we stayed in the cold all night and got such lame seats," she said.

And Klages and Pitz were not alone. Over 950 students chose to camp out for tickets to Sunday's men's basketball game against UNC-Chapel Hill rather than take their chances on the voucher.

Many, however, were upset when some students with vouchers enjoyed the lower level while some campout partic-

ipants watched from the third.

According to Josh Cox, chair of the Campus Life Committee, the decision was made to allot the same number of tickets to campout as to vouchers. This gave 1,300 tickets to each option.

From that point, as the rules currently state, each of the levels are also split between vouchers and campout tickets.

For example, about half of the lower level went to voucher holders, while the other half went to campout participants. This holds true for each section in the arena.

The only area specifically reserved for campout participants is the one sideline directly across from the Student Wolfpack Club seats.

According to Cox, those seats will never go to voucher holders.

The decision was not what the committee had hoped for, admitted Cox. Instead, they wanted to secure priority seats for campout participants.

"From a student's perspective, and as a campout participant, that's what I wanted," he said. "That was the hope, but it was determined that that would discourage students from getting vouchers."

But many of the students' main concerns were that they should have been told about the odds before they camped out.

"They should've told us beforehand that we weren't guaranteed 100-level seats," said Billy Askey, a sophomore in environmental design in architecture who sat in section 316.

"It was my understanding that campout had priority," he said, "but apparently some people had different intentions."

Cox realizes that the committee should have done a better job informing the participants of the situation.

"It wasn't something we tried to hide," he explained. "We know the rules, but we forgot that everyone doesn't read the same sentence the same way."

He said that in the future, the committee will work harder to get the word out to participants so that they can make an

informed decision on which option to try. In addition, he hopes that they [the committee] will be able to establish a cutoff so that students will know if they will receive upper-deck seats before they camp out.

Klages believes that getting the word out would help, but guaranteeing premium seats would be the greatest improvement.

"I personally think that they should give people who camp out the first pick on seats at the stadium," he said. "They can still have a limited number of people able to sign up, but they should just

have the campout sign up earlier than voucher distribution, so that people who don't or can't make it to campout can still get vouchers and get some tickets to the game."

For him, the decision to allow voucher holders better seats than some campout participants showed a lack of respect for the students and their school spirit.

"I feel that it shows that N.C. State doesn't value true, dedicated fans at all."

Now that he realizes that camping out guarantees a ticket, not priority, Klages

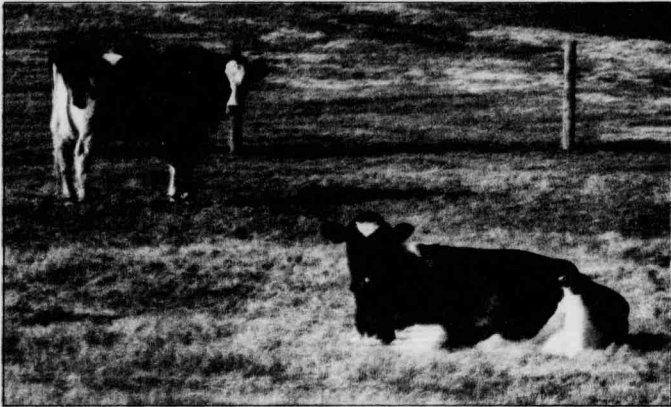
is unsure about camping out in the future.

"If they keep campout as it is now, then no, I wouldn't camp out again," he said.

"However, if they find a way to change the system so that it seems like they care about the fans and want them to have a good experience, then I would be glad to spend the night outside in order to get better seats for the games," Pitz agreed.

"If I weren't graduating, probably

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Cows at the N.C. State College of Veterinary Medicine take it easy during Monday's warm temperatures.

## Forum to discuss human rights issues

With a panel of faculty members and veterans, the forum will highlight the current situation of detainees in Guantanamo Bay.

**Aniesha Felton**  
Staff Reporter

Amnesty International, a human rights protection group, wants to spark something. However, they don't want to spark just anything; instead, it is their goal to spark the consciousness and thinking of N.C. State students.

On Thursday, Amnesty International will hold a forum, called "Human Rights and War: A Roundtable Discussion," at 4:15 p.m. in Caldwell Lounge.

"This event will explain, in essence, what rights do we have under certain situations," said Andy Wingo, a senior in nuclear engineering.

There seems to be two kinds of modes under the universal law — one of wartime and one of peacetime; in peacetime, we cling to the notion of humane treatment of others, but when the president declares war, these rights don't apply anymore. What we want to know is what can make a person have the power to change this mode," he said.

The universal law Wingo makes reference to is contained in a document named the Declaration of Human Rights. Some rights listed are freedom of speech, freedom of expression, freedom of belief, freedom of fear and freedom of rebellion against tyranny and oppression.

"The inhumane treatment of Guantanamo Bay prisoners of war are in direct violation of this document," said Amy Jackson, sophomore in textile and apparel management.

The forum will mainly concentrate on the situation of the detainees at Guantanamo Bay, what their status is and who should decide their status.

"Part of our vision for this forum is to create a dialogue for people to open their mouths and set forth different opinions, mindsets and ideologies," said Aaron Jacobson, a senior in Spanish.

"The forum idea rose out of many individuals' uncertainty of what the detainees actually are," added Jacobson. "Are they POWs or unlawful combatants? What is the difference between a terrorist and untrained soldier? A criminal or revolutionary? We thought that if we were wondering these questions, others were pondering the same thing."

Another catalyst for the forum sprang from an article concerning U.S. troops

treating Taliban captives inhumanely.

In the article, it was written that the U.S. has — in violation of all international law — shackled, hooded, blindfolded, drugged, immobilized prisoners' arms and mouths with tape, these captives were herded into military planes and transported in this condition for 27 hours.

It has been speculated that Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld does not want to label these captives as POWs because, under the Geneva Convention, these POWs will have certain rights.

"The Geneva Convention's theme [which states that prisoners of war must, at all times, be humanely treated and protected from acts of violence and intimidation] is being contradicted by the U.S. military, and the only reason this is so is because we are in wartime," said Jacobson.

There will be a panel of faculty members and veterans of war including Cy King and Allen Proctor, who will address the issues of detainees, the relationship between the Geneva Convention and modern warfare and circumstances that elevate human rights violations and war crimes.

"We want to provide an opportunity to talk and discuss these questions."

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## Student carries meningitis bacteria; Student Health offers vaccinations

The student is in recovery; a meningococcal vaccine will be offered to all students, faculty and staff on March 5.

News Staff Report

According to Mary Bengston, medical director of the Student Health Services, an N.C. State student is recovering well from pneumonia caused by Neisseria meningitidis, the bacteria that in some cases can cause meningitis.

Though the student did not develop meningitis, NCSU Health Services officials urge students to consider receiving a meningococcal vaccine.

"The Student Health Services discovered this infection in its early stages, treated the student appropriately and worked well with Public Health officials to assure that the infection did not spread to other students," said Gibbie Harris, Community Health Director at Wake County Human Services.

Director of Student Health Services Jerry Barker said that all of the people who were in close personal contact

with the student were notified, and as a precautionary measure they each received preventive, antibiotic treatment.

Student Health Services will be offering the meningococcal vaccine on Tuesday from 1 to 5:30 p.m. in the Health Center classroom 2301. The cost of the vaccine is \$75.

For this clinic, students are asked to reserve vacancies by calling 513-7107 before 4 p.m. on Friday.

Meningitis vaccine clinics are routinely offered to students and staff by Student Health Services.

Approximately 700 students received the meningococcal vaccine during the 2001 fall semester.

Meningococcal meningitis symptoms may include headache, fever, stiff neck, nausea, vomiting and rash. According to Student Health officials, if symptoms arise, medical attention should be received immediately.

For additional information on meningococcal meningitis or the meningitis vaccine, visit the Student Health Services Web site at www.fhs.ncsu.edu/health or the American College Health Association at www.acha.org/.

## Novelist Grooms to read from acclaimed novel

Professor and novelist Anthony Grooms will participate in a free public reading of his novel "Bombingham" on Feb. 28.

News Staff Report

On Thursday, N.C. State will welcome author Anthony Grooms to read from his celebrated novel "Bombingham" in a free public reading at 7:30 p.m. in the African-American Cultural Center.

Grooms, a professor of creative writing at Kennesaw State University in Georgia, is also an arts administrator. In addition to "Bombingham," his other books include "Ice Poems" and "Trouble No More."

Award for Fiction for "Trouble No More" and has received awards from the city of Atlanta, the state of Georgia, Breadloaf Writers Workshop and the National Endowment for the Arts.

"Bombingham," the work from which he will be reading Thursday night, is set in the 1960s and captures the black experience during the Vietnam War and the civil rights movement in Birmingham, Ala.

The event is hosted by the NCSU Friends of the Library, the African-American Cultural Center and Quail Ridge books. It will take place on the first floor of the Witherspoon Student Center in the cultural center's Multipurpose Room.

For more information, contact the Friends of the Library at (919) 515-2841.

## U. Miami researchers developing process to inhibit HIV

Researches say that this new vaccine is not a cure for AIDS, but it is a major breakthrough in potentially stopping the spread of the virus.

**Matt Brewer**  
The Miami Hurricane (U. Miami)

(U-WIRE) CORAL GABLES, Fla. — University of Miami researchers recently developed a molecular process that blocks HIV from spreading and infecting new cells.

It is a breakthrough virologists Dr. Gunter Kraus and Dr. James Hnatytsyn call the "scissors effect," a term that describes a process inhibiting the virus's ability to infect and replicate.

There is no known cure for HIV or AIDS, the later stages of the infection. "HIV's most well-known trait is its high mutation rate, which generates new variants of the virus that are resistant to current drug therapies," said Kraus, who has been working on this project for 20 years.

This newly developed technology has the "ability to target and stop certain

molecular functions, [making] a future application for this process clearly a vaccine development on the cellular level," Kraus said.

This new vaccine is not a cure for AIDS, Kraus said, but it is a major breakthrough in potentially stopping the spread of the virus through new infections.

"Our discovery presents a major victory in the war against HIV," Kraus said.

His team's recently published findings in the January 2002 issue of Gene Therapy support Kraus' claim.

The promise of their new research likely will take several more years to develop into anything like a vaccine for public consumption, and it is likely to be a sort of therapy treatment that must be administered over a course of time, Kraus said.

But there is hope.

One crucial step for this new technology to progress further is for UM to take action to secure the patents on the research so Kraus and his associates effectively can seek out sources of funding from large pharmaceutical companies.

Private sector investors first must have a patent to secure financial interests before they will commit funding and researchers to a project.

Kraus also said "a biochemist needs to make a stable, synthetic form of the EGS 560" before this can become a viable form of treatment, which, "fortunately, (the EGS 560 molecule) is small and should therefore be easily replicated."

If a patent were to be secured quickly, then pharmaceutical companies could begin work on making this a readily available preventive mechanism, Kraus said, since more than 14,000 people daily are infected by the HIV virus.

If UM does not pursue the patents within the next year, the patent rights will fall to the researchers, who hopefully will pursue them privately, bringing this new, valuable medical breakthrough to as many people as possible, as soon as possible.

While the research team waits for its patent to clear, it is continuing research that tests EGS 560 against different, more complicated clades, or types of

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not," she said. "And that's exactly what the administration has planned all along. Make campout an unenjoyable, disappointing experience and the students don't want to do it anymore. Less headaches for them."

Askey, however, believes that he will still continue to camp out in the future. "I would still do it," he said. "I guess the guarantee is the tickets, just not where they are—I do it because it's a fun night with friends."

Many students chose to voice complaints to the administration and Cox.

Cox said that he had received seven or eight e-mails, while Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Tom Stafford said that he had received three or four calls and two or three e-mails.

Stafford said that the problem is estimating the number of students who will choose to camp out.

"It's definitely an issue to look at for next time," he said.

Cox feels that these complaints may have a positive impact on future plans. "I think that having as many people as we do complaining gives us more bar-

gaining room."

Tickets, however, were not the only concerns that students would like addressed for future campouts.

"It would have been more enjoyable if we were able to have small fires," Pitz said. "Also, having so many cops wandering around was overkill."

Klages agreed. "I would have enjoyed it more if I didn't feel like the school was trying its hardest to make people not want to camp out. They definitely should find a way to let students have controlled fires, especially in mid-winter."

Stafford is not ready to commit to those changes yet, however.

"From my point of view, the restrictions worked very well and I'm not ready to change anything yet."

However, he was happy to see campout return and anticipates its return next year.

"I was very pleased to see a plan for people to campout in a way that would avoid the problems of the past," Stafford said. "I think the way students organized it and the behavior was very, very good and I'm very pleased about it." For the future, he believes it's going "to be another team effort."

"I look forward to working with those other groups involved to put another campout plan into action."

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the HIV virus. The team's results are very promising, but more research and funding is needed to advance the process further.

Funding is crucial for widespread testing and development, as expensive technologies are needed to store and utilize samples, and pure concentrated forms of the HIV virus are used — therefore, the team has to use a Bio-Safety Level 3 laboratory.

The basic premise behind the research is simple. Within a cell is RNA, the message component that makes cells act and form uniquely — essentially providing the information to manufacture proteins. RNA is also the first place the HIV virus infects the body.

After infecting the body's RNA, the virus then proceeds to invade the DNA, the very cellular code that maps out the creation of further cells. Once the DNA gets infected by HIV, then all newly formed cells are infected too, spreading the virus throughout the body — a viral attack the body cannot fight because the HIV virus attacks the CD4 T cells that are the source of the human immune response.

Human CD4 T cells are the cells that allow the body to fight disease, and the destruction of the body's CD4 T cells by HIV is what cripples the immune system.

Once AIDS sets in, a patient's ruined immune system is unable to fight any sort of disease or infection.

Kraus and Hnatyzyzn used a natural

cellular mechanism, called RNase P, that cleaves RNA, preventing HIV transmission to the DNA. RNase P has an interesting external guide sequence (EGS), which can be targeted to recognize and interfere with almost any cellular process.

The researchers designed a specific type of RNase P — EGS 560 — that targets the body's CD4 T cells. The cells treated with EGS 560 block HIV infection by blocking the virus's admission into the RNA. If that process is interrupted, HIV will not progress to AIDS.

In their research tests, "the CD4 T cells treated with the EGS 560 were unable to be infected and remained healthy for more than 30 days," Kraus said, and "after years of development we are optimistic that our discovery will provide a potent weapon in the fight against HIV."

RNase P's special cleavage properties first were discovered in 1989 by Drs. Sidney Altman and Thomas Cech, who were awarded the 1989 Nobel Prize for Chemistry.

Dr. Kraus pointed out not only does RNase P hold promise for HIV prevention in high-risk populations, but "in addition, since it is a relatively simple molecular process, it may also have the potential to eradicate cancer cells and perhaps produce vaccines to combat pathogenic viruses other than HIV."

This news suggests the creation of EGS 560 may be just the tip of the iceberg in an exciting new realm of medical technology in disease prevention.

"We hope this research will have a snowball effect on research in this area," Kraus said.

we hope to change some things, but I personally just want people to think," she said.

Wingo stated that his stand on the forum and human rights is that the detainees and civilians are all people. He wants to confront the contradictions that plague the POWs and promote the protection of individuals' rights no matter what time it is.

"We [the United States] are one of 47 countries that agreed to the Geneva Convention. However, we are contradicting it; we are condoning war, yet still abiding by the universal laws — those two don't go together," said Wingo.

"When faced with something in the future, I don't want war to be the answer. We mustn't act out of anger or

## Supreme Court hears arguments on school vouchers

◆ Legal analysts believe the outcome of the case will be as influential as that of *Brown v. the Board of Education*.

(U-WIRE) (DC BUREAU)

(U-WIRE) WASHINGTON - The constitutionality of school vouchers was debated in the Supreme Court last week in a landmark case centering on the separation of church and state.

The case, *Zelman v. Simmons-Harris*, concerns a 6-year-old program in Cleveland that distributes \$2,250 a year to children from low-income families and allows them to switch to private, religious or suburban schools from their current public school.

Of the 56 schools involved in the program, 46 are religious.

The case rests upon the "true private choice" of the parent utilizing the tuition voucher. Plaintiffs in the case and voucher opponents argue the majority of taxes going to religious schools implicitly violates separation of church and state. Those in favor of school vouchers say parents should have the right to choose any private schools for their children despite low incomes.

The central focus of the Supreme Court oral arguments last week concerned the meaning of the First Amendment's establishment clause: "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion."

For the last 30 years, the High Court has used a three-pronged test known as the *Lemon test*, after the 1971 case *Lemon v. Kurtzman*, to uphold the constitutionality of programs under the First Amendment. The test says any statute enacted must:

- \* have a secular purpose;
- \* neither advance nor inhibit religion;
- \* and avoid excessive entanglement of government with religion.

A U.S. appeals court used the *Lemon test* to find the Cleveland voucher system unconstitutional in December 2000, reversing a previous decision.

Justice Sandra Day O'Connor cited the 1973 Supreme Court decision in *Committee for Public Education v. Nyquist* during oral arguments. That case struck down a New York tuition assistance program in which majority of the assistance went to religious schools.

O'Connor asked Judith L. French, attorney general of Ohio, if the *Nyquist* decision should be repealed in order to keep the Cleveland voucher program, to which French replied the Cleveland voucher system was different from the case in New York because it afforded parents the choice to keep students in

the public school system.

Robert Chamin, lawyer for the plaintiff, said, "The Ohio voucher program is so heavily skewed towards religion as to make it inevitable that, no matter what 'private choice' individual voucher program parents make, a significant portion of the aid expended under the program as a whole will end up flowing to religious education."

Advocates for the voucher system like the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops say the money is distributed to parents, who then have the choice to enroll their children in a fitting academic institution and thus keep a safe distance between church and state.

*Zelman v. Simmons-Harris* will have an effect on similar voucher programs in Wisconsin and Florida and also will challenge President George W. Bush's pro-faith-based agenda.

The president made education reform and school vouchers a centerpiece of his 2000 election campaign, and if found to be constitutional, more programs and faith-based initiatives are

likely to spring up across the country.

The National Jewish Commission on Law and Public Affairs and former New York City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani are a few of the 30 organizations that have filed *Amicus Curiae* (friend of the court) briefs in defense of the Cleveland program.

Some organizations opposed to the program include the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, the American Jewish Committee and the Ohio School Boards Association, reports the Christian Science Monitor.

Legal analysts believe the outcome of the case will be as influential as that of *Brown v. the Board of Education*, which desegregated school during the 1950s.

Crowds of people picketed outside the Supreme Court as oral arguments continued inside the court for 80 minutes, a departure from the court's regular 60-minute sessions. The Court likely will issue a decision on the case in June.

## The elections books are open and the following are candidates who have filed for elections:

- Student Body President**
- \* Michael D. Anthony
- Student Senate President**
- \* No candidates have filed
- Student Body Treasurer**
- \* Dan Gilligan
- \* Jonathan L. Ducote
- Student Chief Justice**
- \* Wortham Boyle
- Senators**
- \* Melanie Zink (CAL S sophomores)
- \* Abdullah Tharpe (Education and Psychology)
- \* Dustin Choe (Engineering seniors)
- \* Beth Plummer (Natural Resources)
- \* Brian Carty (Textiles)
- Union President**
- \* No candidates have filed
- Union Board of Directors**
- \* No candidates have filed
- Student Media Authority Board**
- \* No candidates have filed
- Senior Class President**
- \* No candidates have filed
- Senior Class Vice President**
- \* No candidates have filed

Anyone who is interested in filing to run for a position can pick up an application packet from the SG Office in 307A Witherspoon or download it from <http://students.ncsu.edu/agencies/elections/forms.html>.

The filing deadline is Monday, March 4.

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said Wingo. "We want people to leave thinking about the issues of Guantanamo Bay and human rights violations. It is not going to be pedantic or preachy; we're going to just talk in hopes to resolve something."

"We want to see a wide-range, diverse audience who want to clarify some matters," said Jacobson. "Hopefully, we will have some dialogue exchanged that normally wouldn't happen."

"I hope that we just raise awareness," said Jackson.

"We [college students] tend not to always keep up with current events —

alter the rules of war — it's not okay to fight in one circumstance and not another — this is not true," he added. "This is just my opinion. I want people to come to their own conclusions after hearing what is said at the roundtable discussion."

"This forum will be good for the community and for the students themselves," said Jacobson.

"We will be informed about the Guantanamo Bay situation and human rights, and then we'll be able to discuss them. I have a strong gut feeling that it will be rewarding ... to do something out of the ordinary ... something unique ... to spark dialogue between opposite views ... to spark consciousness, but most importantly to spark some thinking."

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## TECHNICIAN'S VIEW

### Daniel Pearl, journalist

REPORTER DANIEL PEARL DIED PURSUING WHAT HE HAD THROUGHOUT HIS ADULT LIFE: THE TRUTH. HIS SLAYING WAS SENSELESS, AND HIS MURDERERS WILL HOPEFULLY SOON BE BROUGHT TO JUSTICE.

Believe it or not, the journalist holds a hallowed place in our successful democracy. The senseless murder of Wall Street Journal reporter Daniel Pearl, 38, was not simply a personal tragedy for his family, the Journal and journalism as a whole, but a violation of democratic ideals themselves.

There is a reason that the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution deals explicitly with the rights of the press, put bluntly, an uninformed public is unfit to carry out its duties. The role of the press is to inform that public, so that it may be more effective as an electorate and as a civic entity. It may not be obvious from the subject matter of the work he was doing, but Pearl was pursuing democratic ideals with his work in Pakistan.

He was seeking the truth about the links between would-be shoe-bomber Richard Reid and a Pakistani terror group kidnaped on Jan. 23 at what he believed would be a meeting with Muslim fundamentalist Sheikh Mukbar Ali Shah Gilani and held under uncertain circumstances with a web of misinformation surrounding his whereabouts and well-being. Pearl was work-

ing in Pakistan because he believed Afghanistan to be too dangerous. It seemed a wise decision with a child on the way.

According to a Time magazine report, investigators believe Pearl was likely killed weeks ago, as indicated by the scent found in his beard between pictures sent just after his capture and on the video depicting his death.

Pearl's tale is tragic, but it's cautionary, too. Too often, journalists take that First Amendment and assume it comes with a shield, believing they'll always be protected by their objectivity and their press passes.

Now more than ever, journalists, like civilians, find themselves on the front lines of the war on terrorism, and they will presumably be able to in future wars, too. It's a horrible reality, but a reality nonetheless.

What Daniel Pearl did was simple and noble: He sought truth, with the goal of sharing it. What his kidnappers did was reprehensible, slitting his throat and capturing it on tape. Their punishment will hopefully be swift and decisive.

### Dodging the real issue



Greg Volk  
STAFF COLUMNIST

In this new millennium, where it's not kosher to talk about people being fat even if they are (as obesity begins to rival cancer in regards to yearly health-related expenses in America) or people being stupid even if they are (Our nationwide epidemic of stupidity can easily be seen through our infatuation with Jerry Springer), I think we are getting a little carried away with this whole "politically correct" thing. But it's all fun and games — fun and games, that is, until it's directed at dodge ball.

The game of dodge ball has been taking a beating for several years now, and there are no signs of stopping. Just two nights ago on HBO, champion of the anti-dodge ball movement, Neil Williams, continued his crusade against the game he says demoralizes children. Author of "The Physical Education Hall of Shame," a book criticizing games like dodge ball, Williams founded the movement that has led to the banning of dodge ball in numerous states nationwide.

Williams calls dodge ball a "litigation waiting to happen" in which "at most, about half of the students really play — the rest hide in the farthest reaches of the gym." He says games like dodge ball are "self-defeating, because the students who are in the greatest need of skill development are immediately embarrassed, punished and then given no opportunity to improve."

Yeah — so, what's your point, Mr. Williams? No one ever said dodge ball taught kids how to share or give compliments, but the fact of the matter is that dodge ball is so much freaking fun. I know some of you out there are thinking, "Yeah, it's fun for the athletic kids and aggressive boys who always win." You're right, but I guarantee you that on any given day in any given place in America — even if a vote were held — dodge ball would win out in the students' minds over your best version of seven-up.

Williams wants our children to get exercise (and, boy, do they ever need to) without being humiliated, but don't we all? Williams just takes it a step too far. He's an outspoken critic of "Duck,

duck, goose" and, on the HBO special, advocated jumping rope without the rope, so that even the kids who couldn't actually jump rope could have fun. Hmm, well then, what about dodge ball without the ball? Or school without tests? Kids are smart enough to see through this kind of crap.

If we ban dodge ball because of its adverse affects, then I guess we should take away all grades, because failing a test when your friends make A's (especially when one of your friends grades your test) is humiliating as well. Oh, and we should go to a national standard of school uniforms. Every child would look exactly like the other so as not to cause any feelings of inadequacy regarding the quality of clothing children wear. And then, years from now, when we have the technology, maybe we can genetically engineer all the children to be exactly the same size and mental capacity so that nicknames would only derive from actual given names.

I have seen firsthand the negatives of games like dodge ball. When I was in Boy Scouts, we used to play "sock beat," a game much akin to "Duck, duck, goose," which is also on Williams' most-wanted list, except the goose chased the duck around the circle beating him with a long, crusty tube sock stuffed with other heavy tube socks until they completed the circle. The game was eventually banned in our troop after a senior in high school made a fifth-grader cry.

"Sock beat" is one game that might actually be worthy of a federal ban, but it is ridiculous to ban dodge ball. Is this what our elected officials are doing with their time? Regulating children's play periods? Just as with anything else, a little bit of good of common sense is all that is needed to remedy this dodge ball epidemic.

Teachers should be able to tell when children are truly getting hurt, both physically and mentally, and should make rules to prevent this. Also, dodge ball shouldn't be the only game that gets played. It should be mixed in with other games that have no winners and losers, although I don't recommend roulette jump roping.

Greg is organizing the first-ever "Sueetik" spelling bee for local elementary schools. For more information, e-mail him at [dieshus@hotmail.com](mailto:dieshus@hotmail.com).

## Animal rights groups threaten medical research



Darren O'Connor  
STAFF COLUMNIST

By now, many of you have heard about this year's farm bill (currently in a conference committee), and its astronomical subsidies of big agribusinesses (i.e. using your tax dollars to prop up failing farmers). What many people haven't heard about is the minor amendment proposed by Senator Helms that would continue the exclusion of birds, mice and rats from the protections of the Animal Welfare Act. Needless to say, the animal rights groups are furious.

According to PETA (People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals, or as I like to say, People Eating Tasty Animals), litigation resulting in the U.S. Department of Agriculture changing the definition of "animal" to include birds, rats and mice, which make up 95 percent of all animals used in research. Of course, what PETA doesn't tell you is that several other oversight systems already cover the vast majority of these animals. Nevertheless, PETA and other animal rights groups are adamantly fighting for the defeat of that amendment. If it is defeated, the animal rightsists will have succeeded only in requiring more work for researchers, who then have less time to spend actually making sure the animals are taken care of and less time to do lifesaving research.

My wife works in an outstanding lab at UNC-CH that is working on cystic fibrosis. They use mice to conduct their research — lots and lots of

mice. However, she tells me all about the incredible attention they pay to the details of making sure that the mice are treated humanely, contrary to what groups like PETA would have you believe. The mice are not treated cruelly or caused much pain. If a mouse is found to be suffering some serious wound or affliction, it is killed, not allowed to go on suffering.

Animal rightsists have been engaged in a campaign to convince the general public that research labs that use animals of any kind are nothing more than medieval torture chambers in which evil scientists spend their days coming up with new and inventive ways to painfully slaughter animals. Actually, these animals are treated incredibly well (especially since there are already more than enough regulations protecting them) and including them under the provisions of the Animal Welfare Act is expected to cost research institutions between \$80 million and \$280 million annually nationwide.

Furthermore, additional regulations would have the most inhumane effect of impinging on research that could lead to lifesaving drugs or treatments. One of the most serious threats to our future health and welfare is the effort by animal rights activists to eliminate animal-based medical research. According to their view, animals are no less important than humans and therefore should not be subjected to testing of new drugs and procedures in order to benefit humans.

However, it's a fairly safe assumption that many of the people who take this position owe the lives of friends and family members and even their own lives to drugs that were the result of animal testing. Would these people rather their friends and family

be dead now so that those rats and mice could live? It's true that there are other means of testing drugs and, as technology improves, the number of animals being used for testing drops off each year. However, animal models are still the best method in many cases, especially in the final stages of testing.

Animal rightsists claim to be on the side of animals. They say they want to make life better for animals and they need you to help by donating your hard-earned cash. Surprisingly enough, they get quite a tidy sum from lots of normal people who do not share their radical, anti-human views. This is because the masquerade as animal welfare groups. True animal welfare groups, to which most people would sooner donate money, are actually concerned with helping animals. They run shelters, participate in wildlife management and captive breeding of endangered species and many other activities devoted to helping animals.

The animal rightsists' position is best summed up in a statement by Ingrid Newkirk, cofounder of PETA, when she said, "I don't believe human beings have the 'right to life.' That's a supremacist perversion. A rat is a pig is a dog is a boy." Those are the kind of people you're supporting when you give money to animal rights groups. Support our great Senator Helms in making sure this amendment stays in the farm bill and lifesaving research can continue, unhindered by excessive regulations.

Send Darren your questions and comments at [diocorno@university.edu](mailto:diocorno@university.edu).

## Maybe next year for resolutions



Shawn Barnes  
STAFF COLUMNIST

It's the end of February, and I haven't been to the gym all year. The significance of this statement is that back in January, I said that for my New Year's resolution, I was going to get in shape for the spring. This is an age-old resolution that I must make year after year because it never gets accomplished.

So many people make a resolution to get in shape, yet so few of these people ever work out. We talk about working out. We talk about working out. Some people even dream about working out. These are the people who are like me. We're good people. We're just not good at making it to the gym.

My plan was to hit the gym hard three mornings a week. I meticulously planned my class schedule to ensure I had sufficient time to work out, shower

and rest before class on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. I was going to make changes in my life. I was going to stop eating ice cream until I saw drinking water and I was going to start drinking water — the liquid of life.

Those were excellent goals. I was going to tone up and look great in a bikini by spring break. I was going to buy a bikini without the matching wrap to hide flabby thighs. I told myself that this year, I wasn't going to have to suck it in, elongate my back and lay very still in order to create the illusion of a flat stomach.

Yep, that was the plan. I bought workout clothes, aerobic shoes and water bottles, but what had happened was that it was cold outside. In the mornings, I would wake up, open the door, stick my hand out to gauge the temperature, see that it was entirely too cold and go back to bed.

I don't like the cold, and walking to the gym involves going out into the cold, so I put off going to the gym. As a replacement fitness activity, I said I would do some sit-ups in the comfort of my own dorm room. When it came

time for the sit-ups, I couldn't bring myself to lie on the floor. The carpet is filthy! So I sat on my bed (where it's safe) eating cheese-ice cream and watching TV.

Of course, the blame isn't all mine. Everyone needs a gym buddy. I've had several gym buddies over the past two months, and they've all failed me. I've eaten dinner with my gym buddies, gone to movies... I've even put together a very complicated 500-piece puzzle of the ocean with my gym buddies. The one thing I've never done with my gym buddies is go to the gym.

With spring break two weeks away, something tells me that once again I'm not going to have a Briney Spears stomach. That's okay though. I'm not overly obsessed with body image. I understand that being healthy is more important than being thin. And I'll always have next year to make another resolution to get in shape for the spring.

Did you keep your New Year's resolution? E-mail Shawn at [shawn\\_barnes@hotmail.com](mailto:shawn_barnes@hotmail.com).

## Don't drink the water



Abbie Byrom  
STAFF COLUMNIST

Everyone knows the age-old saying "Don't drink the water." I usually refer to an office building, church or small town full of pregnant women.

Recently, I have begun to say, "Do not drink the water at N.C. State." Through random conversation with friends, I have found out in the past two days that at least six couples are getting married. Those are only the ones I can remember. The couples I am talking about are not older family members, parents or even teachers. They are sophomores and juniors between the ages of 19 and 21.

I am telling you — it must be in the water. Do not drink it. I am serious. Philip Rivers, a sophomore — married. My employer, who is 20, here at NCSU — married. My roommate tells me last night that she is, you guessed it, getting married. Aah! What's next? A mass of biological clocks walking around ticking all over campus? It is definitely something in the water.

Now do not get me wrong; I am very happy for all of these people — but everyone is getting married... but me. And I am drinking the water by the gallon. On the way home from the UNC-CH/NCSSU game the other night, my boyfriend, my friend and I heard an advertisement to buy a brick and have our names engraved in it to commemorate the special event. My boyfriend then proceeds to ask me if I would like

to get one.

My reply may sound trite, but I had to say it. Let me tell you, the last thing I want when I leave NCSU is a brick to remind me of it. I think I will have seen plenty, thank you. So I tell him that. Sounding hurt, he says, "Don't you want something to remember me by?" For all of you who now think I am cold-hearted, I assure you I am not. I proceed to tell my boyfriend that I will have something else to remember him by, and I prefer it to be at least a carat, set in platinum. At the sound of this statement, he chokes. I honestly thought he was killing him.

Do I really want to get married? Maybe in two years, after I graduate. I am not really in a huge rush right now. Much to his relief, I suppose. I am just wondering what is prompting all these 19 and 20 year olds to get married. It could be some type of rare disease. I do not know, but I am still trying to get

comfortable not wearing makeup in front of my boyfriend. Another goal of mine is to try not to have a heart attack when he comes to visit after basketball and has not had a shower and is drenched with sweat.

These married couples are already dealing with morning breath. And sharing. Sharing! I do not share (yet). Who really wants to stand doing some guy's laundry their sophomore year in college? What guy is ready to claim he has already seen all the fish in the sea and has chosen his? Honestly, we are in college!!! I just do not understand it. Whatever you do, please, do not drink the water!

If you are interested in getting married and have a six-figure income, please e-mail Abbie at [pabyrom@university.edu](mailto:pabyrom@university.edu). Those over the age of 25 need not apply.

# 2002 GRAMMY AWARDS PREVIEW



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## Talking Grammy Awards, Grayson-style

Senior Staff Writer **Grayson Currin**

**It's that time of year again — time to pass out Grammy Awards to some artists who definitely deserve recognition for their work over the past season.** The ballots, cast on Feb. 1, will more than likely yield a few surprises when the envelopes are opened tonight at the Staples Center in Los Angeles. Regardless, here are a few predictions as to who will win.

### ALBUM OF THE YEAR

Despite the fact that every album included this year definitely deserves the honor, U2's "All That You Can't Leave Behind" will walk away with the award. Released on Oct. 31, 2001 and still getting airplay, the preeminent music superpower should have the momentum it needs coming off of post-Sept. 11 performances. Though "O Brother, Where Art Thou?" stands as a wondrously innovative T-Bone Burnett/Lost Highway concept, U2 should be safe.

### SONG OF THE YEAR

"Fallin'" from Alicia Keys will most likely win the Grammy, but the ubiquitous U2 poses yet another threat with "Stuck in a Moment You Can't Get Out Of." In fact, the biggest question this year concerns exactly how much U2 can win. Given the right voters at the right time, they could grab this award and many others.

### BEST NEW ARTIST

Linkin Park? Are you kidding me? With nominations for India.Arie, Alicia Keys and Nelly Furtado, David Gray could pull a massive upset by way of an otherwise split vote. The award, however, belongs to Keys. "Songs in A Minor" is a wonderfully crafted album that gives new life to the picture of an R&B songstress.

### BEST FEMALE POP VOCAL PERFORMANCE

Because of the category and market conditions, Lucinda Williams unfortunately won't get a second look. That said, Sade's exquisite work on "By Your Side" should be able to topple "I'm Like a Bird" and banal tracks from Janet Jackson and Faith Hill.

### BEST ROCK PERFORMANCE BY A DUO OR GROUP (w/ vocal):

Rightfully shunned in other categories for "Everyday," Dave Matthews Band definitely has a chance with "The Space Between." Despite this fact and various song of the year nods for "Drops of Jupiter," the voice of Bono and experimental beat of "Elevation" will most likely help it rise above.

### BEST MALE ROCK VOCAL PERFORMANCE

All of Raleigh should be cheering for Ryan Adams' "New York, New York," which should definitely be able to win over the Cat Stevens-gone-arena-rocking anthem of "Peaceful World" from John Mellencamp. Bob Dylan's "Honest With Me" poses a threat, but the former Whiskeytown frontman should walk away with the honors.

### BEST METAL PERFORMANCE

Black Sabbath, Slayer and Tool all have a shot in hell (no pun intended) to the new metal of Slipknot and System of a Down. Ultimately, the battle should be between the latter two. Expect "Chop Suey!" from System to walk away (or hop or crawl or just run around acting strange) with the Grammy.

### BEST ROCK ALBUM

"All That You Can't Leave Behind" is too pop-oriented to win this category, and "Hybrid Theory" is more like a clone of rock fringes over the past few years. Though PJ Harvey's "Stories from the City, Stories from the Sea" stakes a strong claim, Ryan Adams and his revelation of rock 'n' roll influence and incorporation entitled "Gold" will go home happy.

### BEST FEMALE ROCK VOCAL PERFORMANCE

This category looks very weak this year. With that said, the artist who flexes the most musical muscle and brings the ambition is the clear winner. That woman is PJ Harvey, and that song is "This Is Love." It is a bold, flamboyant song, and the risk will pay nice dividends tonight.

### BEST ALTERNATIVE MUSIC ALBUM:

Sorry, Bjork — nice work with "Vespertine," but no Grammy. If Amnesiac had preceded "Kid A," it would have taken the Grammy. This year, the award should go to Coldplay. "Parachutes" presents a band that has true valor. With short songs that leave lots for imagination and with a sound that is at once powerful and relaxed, Coldplay deserves this one.

### PRODUCER OF THE YEAR

This is nothing less than a tough call. T-Bone Burnett has "Down From the Mountain," O Brother, and Sam Phillips' "Fan Dance" to his credit. Dr. Dre strong-armed the Eve/Gwen Stefani collaboration and "Lay Low" from Snoop Dogg and a score of guests. Nigel Godrich has taken the distinct sounds of Radiohead and Travis in divergent directions and arrived at two of the year's best albums, "Amnesiac" and "The Invisible Band" (released only a week apart). "Fan Dance" looks to put Burnett over the edge.

### BEST RAP ALBUM

Outkast's "Stankonia" — enough said.  
Make sure to catch the 44th Annual Grammy Awards tonight on CBS at 8 p.m. Bob Dylan, Joshua Bell, Dave Matthews Band, Outkast, U2, the "Lady Marmalade" diva society and others are all scheduled to perform. Jon Stewart will host.



## The Grammys: Ghassan's take

Staff Writer **Ghassan Hamra**

**Music's finest, showcased on one night; one spectacular night of music and wonder: The Grammy Awards!**

Well, that may not be the case, but that's what you're going to hear from most of the people around you. Realistically, this awards show is absolutely useless. A good deal of the people nominated didn't even write their own music! How they get dignified with a nomination is beyond me. I can only assume that there is a lot of shady dealing and favor giving that goes into the selection of the nominees.

Luckily, the decision makers accidentally threw in a few credible artists. Maybe it was purposely done to quite the negative feedback that anyone who knows more than nothing about music would vocalize. Either way, it happened, and here's a run down of nominees in most of the categories, and who deserves the award in each.

### BEST METAL ALBUM

"The Wizard" by Black Sabbath, "Disciple" by Slayer, "Left Behind" by Slipknot, "Chop Suey!" by System of a Down and "Schism" by Tool. Considering Tool's newest album was garbage, Slipknot's album was flat-out crap and Slayer and Black Sabbath should have stopped making music years ago, the winner of this category should be System of a Down. Political lyrics and a stop-and-go style of playing that take a hint from Middle Eastern styles of music provide a refreshing twist on the cookie-cutter metal that otherwise fills this category.

### BEST HARD ROCK PERFORMANCE

"Smooth Criminal" by Alien Ant Farm, "Crawling" by Linkin Park, "Alive" by P.O.D., "Renegades Of Funk" by Rage Against the Machine and "Your Disease" by Saliva. Well, there's only one real choice here: Rage Against the Machine. Why, you ask? Well, Rage gets it because they are the only artists in this category that have released anything worth listening to in their duration as a band. Alien Ant Farm = one hit wonder, and it's not even their hit!

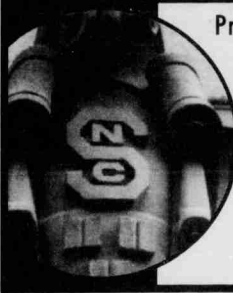
### BEST ROCK PERFORMANCE BY A DUO OR GROUP WITH VOCAL

"Jaded" by Aerosmith, "Yellow" by Coldplay, "The Space Between" by Dave Matthews Band, "Drops Of Jupiter" by Train and "Elevation" by U2. I don't think even the members of Train knew what they were doing when they unleashed the inhuman wasteland that is "Drops of Jupiter" onto the airwaves. Bono, you aren't cool anymore. Steven Tyler, you'd be in the same boat as Bono if you were ever good at any point in history. This one goes to Coldplay.

### BEST ROCK INSTRUMENTAL PERFORMANCE:

"High Falls" by The Allman Brothers Band, "Dirty Mind" by Jeff Beck, "Vampires" by Godsmack, "Always With Me, Always With You" by Joe Satriani and "Whispering A Prayer" by Steve Vai. How in God's name does Godsmack fit in with these artists? Given, the Grammy Awards

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are screwed to begin with, but this had to be a mistake. With that in mind, this one goes to either Jeff Beck or Steve Vai.

### BEST FEMALE ROCK VOCAL PERFORMANCE

"Strange Little Girl" by Tori Amos, "I Want To Be In Love" by Melissa Etheridge, "This Is Love" by PJ Harvey, "Planets Of The Universe" by Stevie Nicks and "Get Right With God" by Lucinda Williams. Tori Amos' most recent album was a disgrace. An album of bad covers of good songs isn't even worth placement in the S1 rack at Reader's Corner. Stevie Nicks is still alive? PJ Harvey deserves this one hands down.

### BEST ROCK ALBUM

"Gold" by Ryan Adams, "Just Push Play" by Aerosmith, "Stories From The City, Stories From The Sea" by PJ Harvey, "Hybrid Theory" by Linkin Park and "All That You Can't Leave Behind" by U2. It's surprising that Linkin Park got nominated for this instead of best "hard" rock. It's also surprising that Ryan Adams and PJ Harvey, whose albums are NOT rock albums, got nominated. Then again, these are the folks who picked Steely Dan for Best Album of the Year last year. This one should go to PJ Harvey, because Adams' album was a weak effort on his behalf.

### BEST R&B SONG

"Didn't Cha Know" by Erykah Badu, "Fallin'" by Alicia Keys, "Get Ur Freak On" by Missy "Misdemeanor" Elliott, "Hit 'Em Up Style (Oops!)" by Dallas Austin, "Love Of My Life" by Brian McKnight and "Video" by India.Arie. This definitely goes to Missy Elliott. She's far more enjoyable than any of the other nominees.

### BEST RAP ALBUM

"Scorpion" by Eve, "Pain Is Love" by Ja Rule, "The Blueprint" by Jay-Z, "Back For The First Time" by Ludacris and "Stankonia" by OutKast. This is also a no-brainer. Ludacris and Eve don't even enter into the equation. As for Jay-Z and Ja Rule, Outkast pulls off hip-hop in much better fashion than either of them could ever hope to.

### BEST POP COLLABORATION WITH VOCALS:

"Lady Marmalade" by Christina Aguilera, Lil' Kim, Mya and Pink, "New York State Of Mind" by Tony Bennett and Billy Joel, "Nobody Wants To Be Lonely" by Ricky Martin with Christina Aguilera, "My Kind of Girl" by Brian McKnight and Justin Timberlake and "It Wasn't Me" by Shaggy featuring Ricardo "RikRok" Ducent. The ladies of "Lady Marmalade": Have you ever had the privilege of hearing Pink during an interview? It's like watching an illiterate five year old try to read upside-down cue cards written in Mandarin Chinese. Aguilera looks like Bozo the Clown's idea of a Tijuana crack whore. Mya and Lil' Kim are actually pretty cool, but not cool enough to make this song not suck. Give it to Tony Bennett and Billy Joel, no question about it.

## The big three

Los Angeles Times: Robert Hilburn

**HOLLYWOOD** - The Grammy Awards show producers should open the telecast Wednesday with U2's "Beautiful Day," because there's no real suspense when it comes to naming the best album this year.

The Irish quartet's "All That You Can't Leave Behind," which includes the song, is the runaway favorite to win in the most prestigious Grammy category, which would make it the first rock band to win the best album award twice. "The Joshua Tree" was named best album in 1988.

A victory would climax a remarkable 15 months for the band, whose album and world tour not only re-established it as a critical and commercial cornerstone in rock, but also helped restore confidence in rock music's ability to inspire a mass audience.

That kind of momentum could lead to a sweep of the top Grammy categories most years, but it's not likely this time because 21-year-old Alicia Keys generated considerable momentum herself.

The singer-songwriter, who was the Cinderella story of pop last year, is nominated in six categories and she stands a strong chance of winning in most of them.

Here's a guide to some of the most interesting Grammy matchups for Wednesday's ceremony in Los Angeles.

### ALBUM OF THE YEAR

The nominees: India.Arie's "Acoustic Soul," Bob Dylan's "Love and Theft," OutKast's "Stankonia," U2's "All That You Can't Leave Behind" and the "O Brother, Where Art Thou?" soundtrack.

Ever since the Grammy brain trust gave final responsibility for choosing nominees in the top categories to a blue ribbon committee in 1995, the best album nominees have been impressive.

"All That You Can't Leave Behind" isn't as inspiring as "The Joshua Tree," but it is a passionate and well-crafted work and it would be a popular choice in this category. But "Love and Theft" and "Stankonia" were even more acclaimed, and a victory by either would also be hailed by many pop observers.

The OutKast collection would be the first hardcore rap album to win in this category, while "Love and Theft" is even more ambitious than Dylan's 1997 Grammy winner "Time Out of Mind."

The remaining albums are respectable, but a notch or two below the other choices. The longestshot would be "O Brother," which could emerge on top if

### BEST ALTERNATIVE MUSIC ALBUM:

"Strange Little Girls" by Tori Amos, "Vesperline" by Björk, "Parachutes" by Coldplay, "Halfway Between The Gutter And The Stars" by Fatboy Slim and "Amnesiac" by Radiohead.... This one boils down to Björk and Radiohead. Even though "Vesperline" was a good album, it wasn't nearly as good as Björk's past work on "Homogenic," or any other Björk album for that matter. As for Radiohead, "Amnesiac" shows Radiohead stepping away from the style that everyone was crying for after "OK Computer," just like it's companion album "Kid A." Bravo Radiohead.

### BEST POP ALBUM

"Whoa, Nelly!" by Nelly Furtado, "All For You" by Janet Jackson, "Songs From The West Coast" by Elton John, "Celebrity" by NSYNC and "Lovers Rock" by Sade. Asking me to pick a winner for this category is like telling me to put my hand into a container of toxic waste and find a gold coin. Everyone's a loser.

### BEST POP PERFORMANCE BY A DUO OR VOCAL GROUP

"Shape Of My Heart" by Backstreet Boys, "Superman (It's Not Easy)" by Five For Fighting, "Gone" by NSYNC, "Imitation Of Life" by R.E.M. and "Stuck In A Moment You Can't Get Out Of" by U2. Does anyone out there really care who gets this one? Didn't think so. Give it to R.E.M. since they're still pretty cool.

### BEST NEW ARTIST

India.Arie, Nelly Furtado, David Gray, Alicia Keys and Linkin Park. Is there really anything "new" about any of these artists? No. Closest one is India.Arie, so give it to her. I hate to say it, but where are the Strokes when you need them?

### SONG OF THE YEAR

"Drops of Jupiter" by Train, "Fallin'" by Alicia Keys, "I'm Like a Bird" by Nelly Furtado, "Stuck in a Moment You Can't Get Out Of" by U2 and "Video" by India.Arie. None of these come anywhere close to being song of the year. Take your pick.

### ALBUM OF THE YEAR

"Acoustic Soul" by India.Arie, "Love And Theft" by Bob Dylan, "Stankonia" by OutKast, "All That You Can't Leave Behind" by U2 and "O Brother, Where Art Thou?" soundtrack by various artists. An album is supposed to be a series of songs, but together in a way to create a sense of unity. So a soundtrack up here seems a bit odd. This is one of the few easy picks in this collection of noops. Even though "Stankonia" came out in 2000, Outkast deserve the credit more than anyone on this list, and on most of the other lists for that matter.

### RECORD OF THE YEAR

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India.Arie picked up more nominations (seven) than Keys, which was a surprise because Keys got more radio play, more enthusiastic reviews and more sales during the year. But while the screening committee put Arie in this field, the full academy membership, which exceeds 13,000 will likely side with Keys. If for no other reason, she has greater name recognition, often an important factor in a lengthy Grammy ballot (101 categories this year).

U2 is also a force, but "Beautiful Day" won last year in this category (which honors a single track rather than an entire album), so it's unlikely voters will honor the band two years in a row for best record, especially when "Beautiful Day" was a more compelling track.

Keys' "Fallin'," a soul-accented expression of being helplessly in love, brings a modern sensibility to the classic soul tradition. "Video" is a liberating expression of self-affirmation, but it wasn't as big a hit, so it probably won't be as familiar to the mass membership.

Likely winner and most deserving: Alicia Keys.

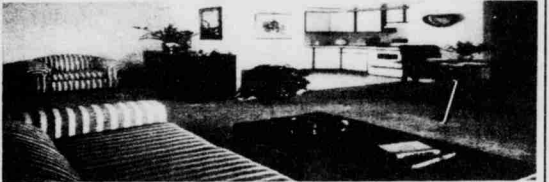
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The nominees: Train's "Drops of Jupiter," Alicia Keys' "Fallin'," Nelly Furtado's "I'm Like a Bird," U2's "Stuck in a Moment You Can't Get Out Of," India.Arie, Carlos Broady and Shannon Sanders' "Video."

The wild card here is U2. If there is a U2 sweep, "Stuck" could be carried along. It's a moving statement of emotional disconnection. But there is usually a correlation between this category, which is for the songwriter only, and the best record category, which considers all the elements in a single recording, including song, vocal and instrumentation. Because different U2 works were nominated in the categories, it suggests that neither was dominant in voters' minds. The Keys song has more of a universal feel - it's the kind of song that could have been sung in the '60s by Aretha Franklin or be revived 30 years from now by a new generation of soul artists.

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## BASEBALL

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came up just short of winning the tournament, losing 5-4 to Winthrop on Sunday.

Down 5-2 in the ninth, Appalachian managed to load the bases and, with a couple of base hits, drove in two runs to cut its deficit to one. But with one out already, the Mountaineers' chances of stealing the win ended when Derek Smith lined out to right fielder Todd Leathers, who threw the ball to first and then over to third to tag runner Ty Racette out for a double play.

"I think we'll see a very good team in Appalachian State," Avent said. "They played really well against Winthrop, whom we've struggled against in the past. Winthrop has always been a good tournament team at the end of the season, and for them

[Appalachian State] to have played the way they did against them, that says a lot."

Despite the loss, the Mountaineers have proven to be a dangerous team already this year. Led by Eric Pittman and Tim Johnson, Appalachian has averaged 17 runs in its two wins and has outscored its opponents 55-43.

Pittman, who leads the team with a .647 batting average, has recorded four doubles and six RBIs so far, while Johnson has managed to hit .458 with a double, a triple, two homers and nine RBIs.

Meanwhile, the Pack is hoping to build on its current five-game winning streak. Led by the performances of sophomore first baseman David Hicks and left fielder Brian Wright, State has gotten solid all-around play.

Hicks, who is off to a hot start with a .524 average, has already surpassed the number of doubles he recorded last year (10) with 12 in 2002 while racking

up 17 RBIs. As for Wright, his senior leadership hasn't declined at all, hitting .459 for six doubles and team highs of four home runs and 23 RBIs.

"[Hicks] is doing great, and all of his doubles have been legit," Avent said. "He's been a big help to our ball club early in the season."

The Pack has managed to get hits up and down its lineup no matter whom the opponent is. Most recently against Coppin State, designated hitter Tim Coffield stepped up for a career-best series. Batting .562, Coffield hammered the ball over the fence three times to rack up 17 RBIs.

"We've had a lot of guys step up and play well for us early," Avent said. "Tim had a fabulous weekend. Talk about a kid that has a work ethic that is second to none: That's Tim. He's worked hard since day one and been waiting for his chance. He got that chance over the weekend and made the most of it."

## GOLF

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Gregory were the only people that had previous experience in collegiate golf.

"Part of my goal is to shape them so that they can see what it means to be an ACC-level athlete," Lea said. "That means being a student athlete. I mean, they have demands on and off

the course, and I am looking for each of them to become good team members."

Lea also knows that setting team and individual goals will undoubtedly lead to greater dividends for the program in upcoming years.

"The players never want to stop meeting their goals. As we become better and better each year, we become closer to being a top-10 team," Lea added.

The players will have to adjust their game to the collegiate

level, and the transition from high school to college can be very difficult.

"All of a sudden, they are faced with competitiveness within the team. Only five players are picked to play in any given tournament and we have eleven players on our team," Lea said. "Much of their games are suited to shorter courses, but they will have to learn more shots to help themselves on longer courses. You have to continue to improve your

Championships. "The distance times this year around the nation are just incredible," said Geiger. "Chris's time of 8:01 [in the 3,000-meter run] has always been good enough to get to nationals, but this year, it may not."

Dugan, who currently holds the No. 18 time in the nation, will compete in the 3,000 at Notre Dame. Pearson has run 14:08 in the

5,000-meter run this year, but that only ranks as the 22nd-best time in the nation. Ryan Woods and David Christian will join Pearson at Notre Dame in the 5,000 to try to run faster than that time.

Megan Coombs, Amy Beykirch and Katie Sabino will race the 3,000 Wednesday at Carolina. Beykirch and Coombs have already qualified provisionally in the 3,000, but their times

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Several of State's distance runners will attempt to run qualifying marks this week as well.

Chris Dugan and Chad Pearson have both run provisional marks already this year, but they will need to improve on them in order to make it the NCAA

od, 8-8. The match then went back and forth in the third, but when time expired, Gore had the upper hand, winning 13-10.

"I thought we wrestled pretty well," said head coach Bob Guzzo. "We only lost two matches. We had a couple big matches, one at 125, an intron, which was for a seed. He'll be the number one seed at the ACC tournament."

"Also, Jason Gore, was another big match for us tonight with seeding purposes. We won both of those and I thought we won pretty handily."

Ngozi Collins (17-9), a heavy-weight for the Pack, then faced Levi Kernohm (8-19). Collins dominated from the very beginning of the match, raking up

3:02 of riding time. Collins took the decision, by a score of 7-2.

State's 125-pound wrestler George Cintron (15-6) followed up the heavyweight match with a match against Duke's Tommy Hoang (20-8), which was a rematch of last year's 125-pound ACC Championship final. Cintron struck first with a takedown late in the first, and shortly into the third, 5-2.

Cintron would eventually win the rematch, 7-2. The victory put State up, 22-3 with only three matches remaining, sealing the victory.

The 133-pound match featured Adam Cox (1-3) of State against Stuart Holzer (16-19). The defensive match ended up in Holzer's favor, 4-3, giving the

Blue Devils its second victory of the match. At 141 pounds, the Wolfpack's Ryan McCallum (10-11) wrestled Harry Clarke (18-14) and came out victorious with a score of 5-2.

The meet finished with the 149-pound class, in which State's Jake Giamoni (18-11) defeated Luke Palmisano (20-18) by a score of 11-5.

"The regular season doesn't mean anything," said Guzzo. "It comes down to the tournament. The champion is crowned at the tournament, so we will see in a week and a half."

With the regular season at an end, the Wolfpack's next step is the ACC Tournament, which will take place March 9th at State's Reynolds Coliseum.

## WRESTLE

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Kawa scored the third straight Wolfpack victory and a major decision by a 12-3 score. The win put the Pack up 13-0.

In the 184-pound match, Frank Cornely (21-18) of Duke outwrestled State's Jon Godwin (10-16) to give the Blue Devils their first points of the match.

State's Jason Gore (13-14) then matched up against Daegan Smith (20-12) in the 197-pound class. Smith started strong and led Gore 6-3 after one period. Gore then rebounded and tied it up by the end of the second period.

## Wolfpack/ACC Notes

### Chones, Stockdale receive postseason honors

Redshirt sophomore Kaayla Chones and freshman Rachel Stockdale were honored by the ACC on Tuesday when the All-ACC and All-Freshman squads were announced.

Chones, from Pepper Pike, Ohio, was named to the All-ACC second team Tuesday. She leads N.C. State in scoring and rebounding, averaging 12.3 and 7.0, respectively. She is ranked second in ACC games with a .585 field goal percentage and 6.31 defensive rebounds per game.

Chones also ranks in the top five with 8.1 rebounds (4th) and 1.0 block per game (4th) in conference action. For the season, she posted five double-doubles on the season and registered a career-high of 31 points against Georgia Tech on Jan. 6 in a 75-63 Wolfpack victory.

Chones was joined on the ACC's second team by Brandi Teamer and Telsisha Quarles of Virginia, Sonja Mallory and Mili Martinez of Georgia Tech and Monique Currie of Duke.

The All-ACC first team comprises Duke's Alana Beard and Iciss Tillis, North Carolina's Corcetta Brown and Nikki Teasley and Clemson's Chrissy Floyd.

Stockdale, a freshman from High Point, N.C., was named to the All-Freshman team Tuesday. Stockdale is the fourth-leading scorer for State at 7.4 points per game. In 2001-02, Stockdale has made 38 3-pointers, a total that is third in school history for 3-pointers made by a freshman. She is ninth in ACC action with 1.44 3-pointers made per game. The all-freshman team also consisted of Currie and Wynter Whitley of Duke, Teamer of Virginia and Leah Metcalf of North Carolina.

### Brown captures Gymnast of the Week honors

For the second time this season, N.C. State gymnast Kelli Brown has been named EAGL Gymnast of the Week. Brown, a senior from Spruce Creek, Pa., led the Wolfpack to its highest team score of the season,

193.900 this past weekend against Towson.

Brown finished first in the all-around with a season-high score of 39.300. She was first on vault with a 9.85 and on bars with a 9.9. Brown is the school record holder with 18 scores of at least 9.9 in her career. She was fourth on both beam (9.725) and on floor (9.825).

### Coffield named ACC Co-Player of the Week

N.C. State freshman Tim Coffield was named ACC Co-Player of the Week by the conference on Tuesday.

Coffield, an outfielder for the Wolfpack, batted 8-for-13 (.615) with a double, three home runs and 17 RBI for the week. Coffield also scored five runs and did not strike out. For the season, Coffield is batting .562 and boasts a slugging percentage of 1.188.

Coffield did all of his damage against the Coppin State Eagles in a three-game series over the weekend, helping lift the Wolfpack to 7-3 overall on the year.

### Wolfpack golfers hold on to place eighth

The N.C. State men's golf team finished its trip to the Puerto Rico Classic at the Rio Mar Golf Course by scoring a 14-over-par 302 in the final round. The team finished in eighth with a three-day total of 887, 58 strokes behind winner Georgia Tech, who shot a blistering 35-under-par (829) for the tournament.

Junior Jason Moon finished in a tie for 21st after a final round 75. He fired a 69 in second round action yesterday, which was tied for the fourth-lowest round of the tournament. He finished with a final tally of 219 strokes.

Sophomore Fernando Mecherrefe fared better than he did at the Mercedes-Benz Collegiate with a three day total 221 to finish 28th. Senior Garth Mulroy, junior Justin Walters and freshman Banks Woods also posted scores for the Wolfpack.

The Wolfpack men's golf team return stateside and get back to the links March 8th-10th at the Las Vegas Intercollegiate at the Rio Secca Golf Course.



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# Wednesday Sports



## Last chance for indoor track

◆ N.C. State's indoor track teams look for nationally qualifying marks this week at North Carolina, Notre Dame and Nebraska.

Todd Lion  
 Senior Staff Writer

Last weekend's indoor track meet at Virginia Tech produced two NCAA provisional qualifying marks for the N.C. State indoor track and field teams. This week offers a chance for even more marks with meets at North Carolina, Notre Dame and Nebraska.

Katie Bolac tied her school record in the pole vault last weekend with a provisional mark of 12-5 1/2. "Right after she hit that mark, we jumped straight to a height that we thought would get her into nationals," said assistant coach Gail Olson. "She kind of got caught between poles for that jump and didn't make it, but she has the ability to go higher."

Bolac is currently 46th on the national performance list, but a jump of only six inches higher would move her into the top twenty and give her a chance at qualifying for the NCAA Championships. She will jump again Wednesday at UNC and Saturday at Nebraska.

Sophomore James Rowell was State's other qualifier last weekend. He threw his first provisional mark of the season in the weight throw with a toss of 62-10. "This is still a new event for James," said Olson. "He is still learning the proper technique involved with throwing. He's so big and strong that he can do it without the best technique, but he is really beginning to catch on. He'll hopefully improve on that mark at Carolina."

State's top long sprinter, Tyrone Dozier, also competed at Tech last weekend but was unable to come away with a qualifying time. He finished eighth in the 400-meter dash in 48.15 seconds. Dozier will try again for a qualifying mark this weekend at Notre Dame.

"Tyrone got boxed in during the 400 and couldn't get up front," said head coach Rollie Genger. "He's really fit right now, though."

Kristen Pace competed at Tech in the high jump, but did not record a mark. She will look to make her mark at Carolina and Nebraska.

"We opened Kristen up at 1.8 meters, a mark that we thought would get her to nationals," said Olson. "Physically, she is just heads and tails above what it should take to get into nationals, but she is still having some problems technically. She knows what she needs to do, now she just needs to do it in a meet."

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Chris Dugan (left) and Chad Peterson will make the trip to Notre Dame this weekend for the Last Chance Meet.

## Baseball entertains Mountaineers

◆ After routing Coppin State over the weekend, the baseball team turns its attention to the Mountaineers.

Justin Sellers  
 Senior Staff Writer

After sweeping through its three-game weekend series with Coppin State, the N.C. State baseball team is preparing for a little tougher challenge when Appalachian State comes to Doak Field on Wednesday afternoon. The Wolfpack (7-3) clearly outmatched Coppin State (0-5), winning each game in seven innings by the 10-run mercy rule. State poured on the runs in Friday and Sunday's contests, winning by 21 and 22 runs, respectively.

"It's tough playing games like those because there's a lack of concentration sometimes, and the opportunity to get better isn't really there," said head coach Elliott Avent. "I thought, though, that our team kept up our intensity and level of play despite jumping out early and running away with every game. We were able to get a lot of guys in that have been working really hard, but haven't been able to see playing time, and so that was good as well." The Pack will remain at home, but the chances of



BLAKE LANE/STAFF

The baseball team looks to extend their winning streak to six games as they will play host to Appalachian State at 3 p.m.

What happened over the weekend occurring again this season are slim to none, meaning that State will have to slug it out for full-length games, starting with the Mountaineers.

ing off tournament play at the inaugural Rock Hill Bank & Trust Challenge held at Winthrop. Splitting their four games of the weekend, the Mountaineers

Appalachian (2-4) is com-

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## BASKETBALL

### Party like it's 1989

Special. After his team beat North Carolina on Sunday, N.C. State coach Herb Sendek said he knew before the season started that it would be special. Now everybody else knows, too.

With one game left in the regular season, the Wolfpack has already done more than any State team in the last 13 years. The Pack has won 20 regular-season games and nine in the ACC for the first time since 1989.

State may have already wrapped up its first NCAA Tournament bid since 1991, but there are two orders of business to complete before the selections are announced on March 10. State faces Wake Forest Saturday and will participate in the 2002 ACC Tournament the following weekend.

If the Pack can beat the Demon Deacons in Winston-Salem, it will claim third place in the final conference standings. This is a team that was picked to finish seventh in the pre-season media poll.

How significant are the accomplishments of this year's Pack? I tried to put some perspective on State's best season since 1989.

In the grand scheme of things, 13 years isn't that much time. But it's more than half the lifetime of most students on this campus. I don't remember a great deal about 1989 myself, but I'm sure that the rigors of third grade consumed most of my existence.

Now I'm a college student, and I've been able to witness this season firsthand. In a way, I feel guilty because so many State students went through their entire careers without getting a chance to experience the excitement that comes with a 20-win season. Nine classes of basketball fans have passed through this university since the last time State had a year like this.

In 1989, Sendek left Providence to join Rick Pitino's Kentucky staff as an assistant. Six years later, Sendek was named the 17th coach in State history. In his first season, he led the Pack to its first winning season in six years, the ACC Tournament final and a spot in the NIT.

Things were looking up, but clear-cut success didn't follow. State was competitive but inconsistent, and the team's ultimate goal, reaching the NCAA Tournament, didn't materialize.

By the end of last season, most people wanted a new coach. But Athletics Director Lee Fowler announced Sendek would stay, and now his genius is evident.

Sendek brought in freshmen Julius Hodge, Josh Powell, Ilian Evtimov and Jordan Collins. Other young players like Marcus Melvin and Scooter Sherrill have improved significantly. Veterans Anthony Grundy and Archie Miller are the unquestioned leaders of the team.

In March of 1989, Hodge, the youngest member of the Pack, was only five years old. Miller, the oldest member of this year's team, was 10.

The sporting world was a different place in 1989. The 49ers beat the Bengals in the Super Bowl. Oakland swept San Francisco in an earthquake-disrupted World Series. The "Bad Boy" Pistons won four in a row over the Lakers to claim the NBA title.

The real world was a different place in 1989. The Soviet Union existed; the Berlin Wall came down; Thousands of Chinese students demonstrated for democracy in Tiananmen Square. The first George Bush was sworn in as the 41st president of the United States.

State was a different place in 1989. The university celebrated its 100th birthday. Dick Sheridan coached the Pack to a 7-5 football season but lost to Arizona in the Copper Bowl. The late Jim Valvano guided the Pack to 20 regular-season wins in his next-to-last season as State's coach.

Until very recently, that kind of success was only something for State basketball fans to reminisce about, but now it's happening again. We are fortunate. Let's make this March one big party.

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Jerry Moore

## Female golfers ready to hit the links

◆ N.C. State's female golfers aspire to have a strong spring season.

Memie Ezike  
 Staff Writer

When the grass is trimmed down and the bunkers are filled with sand, one knows that golf season is on the horizon.

Only in its second year of existence, the N.C. State female golf team looks primed to have another successful season on the greens this spring.

Before 1986, State's female golf program was a prominent name in ACC competition. The program was dropped that year, however, and wasn't reinstated until last year. The team is one of the youngest in the ACC, sporting six freshmen and five sophomores.

Head coach Paige Marsh Lea, a 2001 North Carolina Sports Hall of Fame inductee and a top amateur golfer in the state, prepares to lead her young team into the season with a sense of confidence and enthusiasm. Lea, who had only four months to start and develop women's golf at State, continues to build a successful and contending ACC program around her youthful players.

"I feel that we [the team] are on the upslope because we are improving and moving forward," Lea said. "Also, I get to have the advantage of getting to develop a program with our traditions and our practice habits."

In college golf, team chemistry is dictated by the play of individuals who lead by example. Golfers such as freshmen Colby Cobb and Sarah Bonner and sophomores Malin Claesson and Margaux Hennessy will be counted on to become leaders through their play on the green.

Bonner and Cobb posted their first top-10 finishes in the Hatter Fall Classic last October. Claesson led the Wolfpack with an 11-over par 153 in the Pine Needles Invitational last November.

As is always for a young, competitive team, the players have set a team goal for themselves.



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The women's golf team will travel to Lakeland, Fla., this weekend for the Lady Moc Invitational.

"As a team, our main goal is to make Regionals," said Claesson. "I feel that is certainly an attainable team goal until the team decides that that is what it wants to have happen," Lea said. "All the players have set

some pretty good individual goals." In addition to setting high goals, Lea has also strived to build confidence in her young team. Prior to this year, Lea and assistant coach Josh

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## Pack cruises in season finale

◆ N.C. State swats the Blue Devils to close out the regular season on a high note.

Jay Kohler  
 Staff Writer

DURHAM — Tuesday night, the Wolfpack wrestling team traveled across town to face conference-rival Duke in the Pack's final dual meet of the season.

Led by its first three wrestlers, N.C. State (11-8, 4-1 ACC) led early and never looked back as the Devils (5-8,

0-4) fell 28-6. "We're looking forward to getting back into the tournament and we'll try to perform well at the tournament," said Guzzo. "We need to just keep working now. We have a week and a half to prepare and get ready."

The match against Duke started out at the 157-pound class. State's Dave Miller (9-8) took on Ben Balmages (2-6). Miller struck first with a takedown, and had the head when he pinned Balmages at 4:33 to finish the match.

Pierre Pryor (22-7), ranked 17th nationally by internet wrestling, followed by taking on Mike Mitchell (24-11) at 165 pounds. Pryor looked slow at the start of the match, and fell behind early 3-1. Pryor tied it up late in the second period with a takedown. He then dominated the third round to give Mitchell his first ACC loss, and keep his own ACC record spotless — winning 8-5.

Dustin Kawa (20-7), ranked 18th nationally, squared off against Duke's Tim Marcanfonia (9-16) in the 174-pound class. By the end of the third,



MATT HUFFMAN/STAFF

The N.C. State wrestling team awaits the ACC Tournament, which the Pack will host.

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