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Pan-Afrikan Festival spawns discussion

◆ As part of the Pan-Afrikan Festival, a panel of faculty members addressed the meaning of Pan-Afrikanism.

Rahee Sullivan
Staff Reporter

Questions were answered and curiosities were satisfied at N.C. State's Pan-Afrikan Festival's panel discussion.

The question of what is Pan-Afrikanism was posed to four distinguished African-American faculty members at the Monday night discussion in the Witherspoon Student Center. Each faculty member gave their own account of what Pan-Afrikanism means and how it affects African-Americans today.

According to Africana.com, Pan-Afrikanism "is the political project calling for the unification of all Africans into a single African state, to which those in the African diaspora can return."

Floyd Hayes, associate professor of African studies, gave a stern yet passionate explanation. He named it not only a "historical and contemporary movement," but also "a vision of unity among Africans and a desire to return to Africa." He also expounded on key issues such as reparations, respecting each other and being "African by consciousness, not skin."

Tracy Ray, director of African-American Student Affairs, honed in on what Pan-Afrikanism means today.

In order for African-Americans to overcome the issues set before them, it has to "[start] by obtaining a level of consciousness and empowerment." She also encouraged the unification amongst African-Americans, the abolition of negative stereotypes toward fellow African-Americans and the transferring of information to many different levels of social and cultural application.

Rupert W. Nacoste, vice provost for Diversity and African-American Affairs, focused on the psychological

aspect of Pan-Afrikanism. He recommends "learning about ourselves to know how diverse we are."

He studied his own family genealogy and suggested that African-Americans "make the connection" between themselves and their ancestors and discover diversity. However, he also suggested the "search for your own interest level" to obtain consciousness.

M. Iyailu Moses, director of the African-American Cultural Center, took more of a hands-on approach to Pan-Afrikanism. She said experience "will whet the appetite for more knowledge of self."

She also stressed the importance of "having a program to reflect what the issue of Pan-Afrikanism is about," and suggested that we think about the Pan-Afrikan Festival next year.

The panel discussion brought major issues to the forefront, and according to organizers, it accomplished exactly what it set out to do — educate with the expectancy of positive social and cultural change.

Engineering students compete at Duke



Students from NCSU competed in the 2002 ASCE Carolinas Conference this weekend at Duke University.

◆ Many N.C. State engineering students attended the 2002 ASCE Carolinas Conference at Duke University this weekend.

Heidi J. Collins
Staff Reporter

Working with silent cooperation, the uniformly clad crew — in jeans, white T-shirts and hard hats — rapidly connects steel beams, like pieces of a puzzle, to span a bridge across a river.

"Finished!" the tall, brown-haired captain calls out. In response, the remaining crew members turn and race back behind the designated building area; the three judges solemnly nod to one another and call time.

Every year, the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE), the "oldest and largest national professional engineering society in the country," according to the N.C. State ASCE chapter's Web site, holds a competition for its student members. Last weekend, the 2002 ASCE Carolinas Conference was held on the campus of Duke University.

Ten universities participated in this year's conference: The Citadel, Clemson University, Duke University, Georgia Institute of Technology, N.C. A&T University, University of North Carolina at Charlotte, N.C. State University, University of South Carolina, S.C. State University and Trident Technical College.

Last Friday, the concrete canoes races were held at Lake Crabtree County Park. These teams molded their own canoes out of a lightweight concrete mixture prior to competing in the races.

The endurance races were 600 meters, and the sprint races were 200 meters.

NCSU placed second in Women's Endurance (Kim Grau and Julia Robinson), Women's Sprint (Audrey Buchholz and Leigh Morris) and Men's Sprint (Dave Myrick and Brian Alexander).

On Saturday, there were ten other competitions: T-shirt Contest, Balsa Wood Bridge, Concrete Column, Pratt School of Engineering Environmental Design, Geotechnical Design, Duke CEE Department Mentoring Project, Paper Presentation, Beacon Skanska/Beers Skanska Steel Bridge, and Concrete Canoe Display and Oral Presentation.

The T-shirt contest had the theme of "Shaking Things Up." Participating universities were encouraged to design a T-shirt with this theme in mind.

2002 ASCE Carolinas Conference Winners

Women's Endurance
1. Clemson
2. NCSU

Women's Sprint
1. Clemson
2. NCSU

Men's Endurance
1. NCSU

Men's Sprint
1. Clemson
2. NCSU

Balsa Wood Competition
1. S.C. State
2. Georgia Tech
3. UNC-Charlotte

Concrete Column Competition
1. Duke
2. The Citadel
3. USC

Concrete Canoe Competition
1. Clemson
2. NCSU
3. UNC-Charlotte

The Balsa Wood Bridge winners were judged by the weight of the design and its ability to withstand weight and stress.

The Concrete Column competition had teams molding a column out of concrete prior to competition and then being scored by both their prediction of and the actual testing of its weight-loading abilities.

The Pratt School of Engineering Environmental Design sponsored a timed competition in which teams were given materials, such as sand, gravel and other components, to make a water filter that would contain two gallons of water, within an hour. The team with the clearest water won.

NCSU team members Jason Pace and Andy Howell won first place in this competition. The Citadel won second and USC won third.

The Duke CEE Department Mentoring Project had teams working with middle-school kids on engineering projects. The winners in this competition were Georgia Tech in first,

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Conservationist addresses the 'Internet Age'

◆ Today at 4 p.m., Jim Leavitt will discuss urban sprawl, environmental conservation and other issues related to technological advances.

News Staff Report

Jim Leavitt, director of the Internet and Conservation Project at Harvard University, will address the public today at the fourth annual Park Scholar Symposium entitled "Networks and Nature: Unforeseen Advances and Unexpected Drawbacks in the Internet Age."

The symposium will be held at 4 p.m. in Witherspoon Student Center and is free and open to the public. Leavitt will discuss and evaluate both the positive and negative effects of the Internet in conjunction with urban sprawl and environmental conservation projects — including the Internet's potential effects on demographics in the decades ahead.

Leavitt's current position at Harvard focuses on how new communications and transportation networks impact the environment, more specifically land use and conservation. He organized a conference at Harvard on

"Conservation in the Internet Age: Strategic Threats and Opportunities," and a book from the conference will be published this year.

While Leavitt has many distinguishing achievements, as a conservationist he holds leadership positions on the boards of the Massachusetts Audubon Society and the Quebec-Labrador Foundation and has worked with several large steam and electricity projects in New England and the southeastern United States.

The Park Scholar Symposium is an annual event put on by the senior class of Park Scholars.

Priests endure time of adversity

◆ Accusations of misconduct involving Roman Catholic priests are rising; more than 100 cases have been reported since January.

Libby Fry
The Marquette Tribune (Milwaukee, WI)

(U-WIRE) MILWAUKEE — The word "priest" is generally associated with a variety of things, like forgiveness, kindness or generosity. But recently, numerous allegations have come to light nationwide that are casting a new stigma on the collar: sexual abuse.

Accusations of misconduct involving Roman Catholic priests are running rampant throughout the country: more than 100 cases have come to light since January, including six in Milwaukee.

It is little surprise that many of God's messengers are concerned about their image. Some even wonder if the finger will be pointed their way. Beyond the anxiety plaguing many priests these days, there is a sense of sadness and

betrayal that their fellow clergymen could commit such atrocities.

"It's such an almost unbelievable kind of thing to happen," said the Rev. Jim Gahan, a priest at the Church of Saints Joachim and Ann in St. Charles, Mo., a suburb of St. Louis. "I think all priests, like me, are just very saddened by it."

Gahan, who has helped parishioners deal with instances of sexual abuse in the past, is particularly overwhelmed by all the allegations being raised now. Gahan is not alone.

The Rev. Tom Krettek, a Marquette University associate philosophy professor, said he and his fellow Jesuits have been struggling to come to grips with the events unfolding across the country.

"It's been a challenge to understand the issue better," Krettek said. "This is the case for everyone in the community."

According to Krettek, the swarm of misconduct allegations was discussed at a meeting last week at the Jesuit Residence. "Everyone, in some way, is

being affected by it," Krettek said. "We're trying to distinguish exactly what has taken place."

Trying to decipher the factual events from the media blowout is a major concern for the Rev. Mark Payne, a priest at St. William's Church in Waukesha.

"What bothers me the most about the whole thing is how the media is handling it," Payne said. "I really think they've turned it into a thing where they're targeting priests. No one is facing the real issue and that bothers me."


Gahan agrees that the media is making the problem to be more of an issue than is necessarily warranted.

"I think that, here at least, the media made more of a hype out of it than just informing people of the issue," Gahan said.

Gahan said The St. Louis Post-Dispatch, the major newspaper of the St. Louis area, has a strongly anti-Catholic bias that contributes to its negative portrayal of the issue.

"The Catholic community [in St. Louis] would agree that the Post is anti-

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Student Body President to be Announced Tonight

The Election Commission will be holding a press conference at 6:30 Wednesday evening to announce the results of the Student Body Election runoff. The press conference will be held in the Senate chambers.



Jordan McInerney, Susannah Parnin and Katy Shea, all freshmen in First Year College, browse necklaces at a vendor in the Brickyard.

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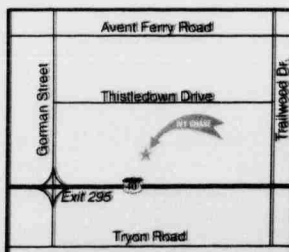
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Tech it to the limit goes nuts

Jon Morgan
Senior Staff Writer

"I'm not a nut." This is always a good way to start a conversation, for it lets people know where you stand. Nuts? No thanks, not me.

This strategy is going to be very useful with one Ronald Mallett, a physicist from the University of Connecticut. Following in the footsteps of such greats as Bill S. Preston Esq. and Ted Theodore Logan, Mallett says that, by the end of the year, he will have built a working time machine.

Now, most physicists' ideas of time machines are purely theoretical and,

even worse, boring. Involving complex systems of magnetic plates, high-speed travel and other sorts of boring scientific stuff, most theories of time travel are about as interesting as your average physics lecture. Mallett's idea, on the other hand, is totally boss.

Not to be outdone by his forefathers, like Dr. Emmett L. Brown and Marty McFly, Mallett has decided to travel through time in style. What kind of style? Lasers, specifically spinning lasers. Now that's traveling with style. It's no DeLorean, but it's way cooler than giant electrically charged plates.

By placing a neutron inside a ring of spinning light, Mallett hopes to send it, if only for a moment, into the past where it can visit itself. After the light

show has begun, a second neutron will appear that is actually the first neutron from the future coming back to the past until the future neutron's past neutron goes into the past from the future, or something like that.

Regarding nuts and, in some cases, legumes, Mallett has plenty of other ideas about time travel. He wonders what would happen if you killed your grandfather before your mom was born. He digresses about the coming necessity of time police, specifically ones that are short, French and capable of doing really flashy kicks and stuff. He asks himself where the hell he's going to find a flux capacitor. These are the questions that keep Ronald Mallett up at night.

Moving neutrons is fine and dandy, but what's time travel if you can't experience it? Moving people through time, however, is simply an "engineering problem," according to Mallett. He believes that it's completely possible, that it will just take a bit of elbow grease from the nerdier ones among us. It seems that Mallett got into the time-travel business in the first place so that he would be able to go back in time to warn his deceased father about the dangers of smoking.

We can only hope that Mallett has built some sort of safety measures to protect the outside world. As we all know, if you come into contact with your past self, it can cause a tear in the space time continuum, which has the

most dire of consequences, including, but not limited to, more movies with Michael J. Fox. This must be avoided at all costs.

Who knows? Maybe he's right. Ten years from now, we might all be taking the time machine on a regular basis, rendering the concept of turning in late assignments completely invalid. We could be going back and protecting smokers and killing Hitler and saving people from buying Weezer's "Green Album."

We might. But we probably won't, and, if that's the case, Mallett's going to have to work a lot harder convincing people he's not a nut.

The morose tunes of Pedro the Lion

Senior Staff Writer: Ghassan Hamra

Pedro the Lion
Control
★★★½



Image from www.pedrothelion.com

Pedro the Lion sounds like the character from a children's book, and it was meant that way. David Bazan (i.e., the band) named his solo act after a fictitious character, about which I have no complaints. Once you listen to the music, you realize Pedro the Lion seems to be an appropriate name for Bazan's music.

Pedro the Lion recently re-released two out-of-print EPs from his old label, Made in Mexico, on his new label, the infamous Jade Tree Records. These EPs include "It's Hard to Find a Friend" and "The Only Reason I Feel Secure."

His first full-length release was on Jade Tree Records, entitled "Winners Never Quit," which was his best-selling release to date. Nonetheless, Pedro's newest effort, "Control," has the potential to make all your past Pedro the Lion records seem obsolete.

"Control" is not what one might expect from a Pedro the Lion release. It's much more upbeat than his last albums, and to be honest, you can even bop up and down to it, emo-kid

dance style.

The album starts off with "Options," one of the more laid-back tracks. The subject matter of this track is a couple walking on the beach, not telling one another what they really want to tell one another, "because no one ever says what they really mean to say when there's so much at stake."

The second track, "Rapture," is one of the more upbeat tracks, the kind you can bop to. This track deals with a couple making love though they shouldn't be. "This is how we multiply pity that it's not my wife ... we have to quit it, just one more kiss, just one more touch, please 10 more minutes, this feels so good."

The album continues with themes like this, very much like Pedro the Lion's past efforts. Musically, the album continues with more upbeat tracks, while serenading us with the beautiful music and vocals that past Pedro efforts have been embraced for.

This album is by far Pedro the Lion's best effort to date. One might

even call this one of the best albums to come out this year. (So far — we're only a third of the way through.) I have never been a Pedro fan, but it's not likely that this album will be leaving my CD player for the next few weeks.

The album is slated for release on May 16, but if you're too excited to wait another week, you can pre-order it at www.jadetreecorp.com. There, you can also preview two tracks from the album, in case you are unsure whether it's worth the money or not.

Pedro the Lion will be gracing our presence on May 8 at Cat's Cradle. He will be performing with famed sub-pop artist Damien Jurado, who is musically in the same vein as Pedro. This will prove to be a show worth the time it takes to drive to Chapel Hill and the money you'll spend on caffeine to wake yourself the hell up after you are lulled to sleep by the morose sounds of both bands.



Antonio Brunson
Staff Writer

You must be feeling it by now. You've exhausted every scenario on "Super Smash Bros. Melee," finished every mission on "Grand Theft Auto 3" and played "Halo" so much you've got alien ooze coming out your ears. Games like "Project Ego" and "Super Mario Sunshine" can satisfy your gaming needs, but they're off in the distant future. There's nothing worth playing out there that you haven't beaten, right?

Wrong. The Gameboy Advance is the sleeping giant you've been ignoring for the past year while your little brother has been living it up. The five-by-two-inch powerhouse has evolved into a Mecca of hardcore gaming reminiscent of the days of the Super Nintendo and Sega Genesis. So here are a few suggestions to get you started in exploring the impressive library on the portable handheld and one title to avoid like the plague.

"Zelda: Oracle of Ages" and "Zelda: Oracle of Seasons" — Unbeknownst to many, Nintendo released two entirely different Zelda games on the same day. Even though these are Gameboy Color games (which the Gameboy Advance plays, too), they still stand on their own as top-notch adventure games.

"Castlevania: Circle of the Moon" — An action-adventure game in the vein of the "Metroid" series, "Circle of the Moon" features a remarkable soundtrack, a simple, yet flexible magic system and engaging combat. Although it's hampered by dark graphics, a flaw in many early Gameboy Advance games, the title provides an intriguing experience. Look for its sequel, "White Night Concerto," later this year.

"Super Mario Advance 1 & 2" — Each is a remake of a classic Mario game. "Mario Advance" is a slightly enhanced version of "Super Mario Bros. 2," while "Mario Advance 2" is a straight port of "Super Mario World." Both games feature a new four-player

mode based off the original Mario Bros. game. Look for new versions of "Super Mario Bros. 3" and "Super Mario World 2: Yoshi's Island" in the near future.

"Sonic Advance" — The blue blur returns to two-dimensional glory in this all-new adventure. The four playable characters supply some variety, although Sonic is undoubtedly the most fun. Check Sonic's new grinding ability and the exciting four-player mode in this cool throwback to the series' roots.

"Advance Wars" — The complex strategy genre had been intimidating to many until this simple, yet addictive title came along. Get four friends together and enjoy epic battles in this surprise hit.

"Golden Sun" — A great role-playing game from makers of "Mario Tennis," this title combines an unforgettable story with a fun battle system. This 40-hour romp is packed to the brim with clever puzzles and intense combat that push the power of Gameboy Advance to new heights.

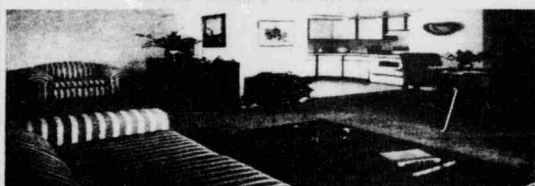
"Tony Hawk's Pro Skater 3" — The ever-popular skating series made a surprisingly smooth transition to the small screen. Despite some perspective problems, the game still has the addictive game-play the series is known for.

"Mario Kart: Super Circuit" and "F-Zero: Maximum Velocity" — Each is a portable update of a Super Nintendo classic racer. "F-Zero" boasts the high-speed thrill: the original featured years ago, while Mario Kart has the same cool track design and wacky design of its Super Nintendo predecessor. Both games feature four-player modes as well.

"Street Fighter Alpha 3 Upper" (June) — Fighting games for portable systems usually don't translate too well, but Capcom managed to cram all the features of the PlayStation version of "Street Fighter Alpha 3" into one cartridge, plus three new characters.

The Title to Avoid
"Mortal Kombat Advance" — The Gameboy Advance has more than its fair share of crappy titles, but this one is in a league of its own. You may have fond memories of "Mortal Kombat" when you were younger, probably mostly of ripping people's heads off, but you won't find them here. Nothing works right in this title; it can't even count your combo hits right. Electronic Gaming Monthly put it best when they said, "This kart is a buggy, unplayable piece of crap. It can kiss our collective [butts]."

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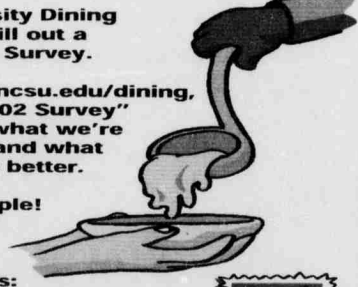
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National Lampoon's back and joking

Assistant Features Editor **Ryan Hill**

National Lampoon's Van Wilder

Starring: **Ryan Reynolds, Tara Reid**
Directed by: **Walt Becker**
★★

Ever since "National Lampoon's Animal House," the quintessential college film, movies right and left have tried to surpass it. But that classic has beat those contenders down with a big-ass yardstick. Recently, two new contenders have entered the ring: the surprisingly entertaining "Sorority Boys" and "National Lampoon's Van Wilder."

Why Lampoon would try and top their own film is beyond me, but here's the deal. Van Wilder (Ryan Reynolds) has been at

school for seven years, until his dad, played by Tim Matheson of "Animal House," cuts off his tuition check. Wilder decides to start throwing parties for a price, and he's covered.

The ghetto subplot comes in when a reporter for the school paper — who's so ridiculously 100-percent ghetto that she works on a Friday night (something you'll never see a Technician writer do) — is assigned to do a story on Wilder, even though he's notorious for not giving interviews. It doesn't hurt that the superhot Tara Reid plays the reporter.

But Wilder isn't just all about the fun; he's got a heart, too. He takes on an Indian exchange student as his assistant to help him "discover the ways of the woman" and sets up a party for a dorky, high-IQ fraternity because "they're cool in their own right."

There's also a subplot where Reid's gross boyfriend is trying to ruin Wilder's life, but it's pretty stupid. In fact, the whole movie is pretty stupid, and the only thing that saves it is the jokes.



Courtesy of Arlson Entertainment

Some of the jokes are downright disgusting, but at least they're funny, and Reynolds delivers some of his lines perfectly. Some of the cameos are funny as well, with Booger from "Revenge of the Nerds" as a security guard.

"Van Wilder" may be a pretty stupid movie and rank somewhere between "Road Trip" and "Dean Man on Campus" on my list of college flicks, but it's still a fun time. Save your \$7 though; wait until it hits the \$1.50 before seeing this one.

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TECHNICIAN'S VIEW

Safety benefits outweigh INS restriction inconveniences

REVISED RULES ADDRESS THE SECURITY ISSUES THAT PLAGUE AMERICA'S VISA PROGRAM.

Two new rules announced by the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) Monday will affect both students and travelers wishing to come to America. Although some may feel the restrictions are an inconvenience, they are essential for protecting the security of our nation in a time of uncertainty. Beginning immediately, individuals wishing to study in America must obtain a student visa before arriving in the United States, and another new proposal limits the amount of time which tourists and business people may spend in the country.

The INS' decision to only allow students to study in America after obtaining a student visa only makes sense. This new rule is aimed at individuals who have previously endangered the security of America, and the extra safety provisions are appropriate to prevent such events from occurring in the future. Two hijackers from Sept. 11, Mohammed Atta of Egypt and Marwan al-Shehhi of the United States with visitor visas and stayed for over a year before having a student visa approved. This new measure cannot hurt the security of our country; if a weakness was discovered in the student visa application process, it is only right to correct the problem immediately before it

causes more security problems. Due to previous weaknesses, the INS has needed to change its policy and take more flawed policies more seriously.

The most debated aspect of the tightened requirements proposes that tourists and business people wishing to travel to America limit their time here to 30 days. This decision has clear disadvantages such as the potential to hurt tourism and inconvenience many travelers. A possible way to address this issue would be to have the INS do more thorough background checks of individuals traveling to America rather than purely limiting their stay. Yet, these further adjustments will require time before implementation, and our nation's security lies exposed during this gap in time.

For now, the new requirement reaches a balance between safety and welcoming legitimate visitors to the U.S. Overall, this plan is an inconvenience which individuals must be willing to accept to allow the INS to provide citizens with extra security. At a time when our country is struggling with holes in the visa program that have allowed terrorists to remain in the U.S. for over a year, the INS acted appropriately to prevent future mistakes from occurring in the same fashion.

Priest scandal an epidemic



Greg Volk

STAFF COLUMNIST

If the phrase "the 'pooh' is hitting the fan" was ever an accurate description of a current event, it is certainly now in the case of the sex scandals involving priests within the Catholic Church. It seems every day that another priest who molested or fathered another illegitimate child turns up. Some instances are recent, some decades old.

Growing up Catholic in the Bible Belt was always interesting in and of itself. People asked me if I had ever been saved. I would reply, "No, I'm an excellent swimmer actually." But now, being a Catholic is downright embarrassing. Although I have my issues with the Catholic Church and have been a less-than-stellar devotee while in college, I am Catholic until I officially decide otherwise, and I would like to discuss this scandal from an American Catholic's perspective.

There are two fundamental and disturbing problems with this whole scandal: 1) it seems for decades now, the Church has been undergoing the biggest cover-up since we found out the world wasn't flat; and 2) evil people can be ordained, in a religion that almost entirely relies upon faith in the "system," which undermines Catholicism in the severest way possible. I know firsthand that one incident of a priest coming on to a young child. It happened a long time ago, but if I know of one incident, how many other people know of one or more as well? For far too long, cardinals, archbishops and bishops have been punishing perpetrators with a subtle lateral movement. Maybe even some of the upper echelon have been involved, but it is certain that they have known about some of the problems and turned their heads.

One thing, and one thing only, separates Catholicism from more fundamental Christian faiths — the sacraments. Communion, confirmation and Holy Orders, to name a few. The Church relies on its priests, who have been ordained through Holy Orders, to administer the sacraments. This begs the question — how can Catholics and non-Catholics alike have faith in the sacraments if the process that produces the priests who administer them tolerates and "accepts"

pedophilia, homosexual activity and sexual deviance despite a vow of celibacy? My aunt, a former nun, used to say that the Church would ordain anyone with a penis. This is what makes the current situation even more pressing; facing a drastic decline in the number of priests being ordained, the Church has been forced to lower its standards. Do priests become pedophiles or do pedophiles become priests? It probably happens both ways, but more often the latter.

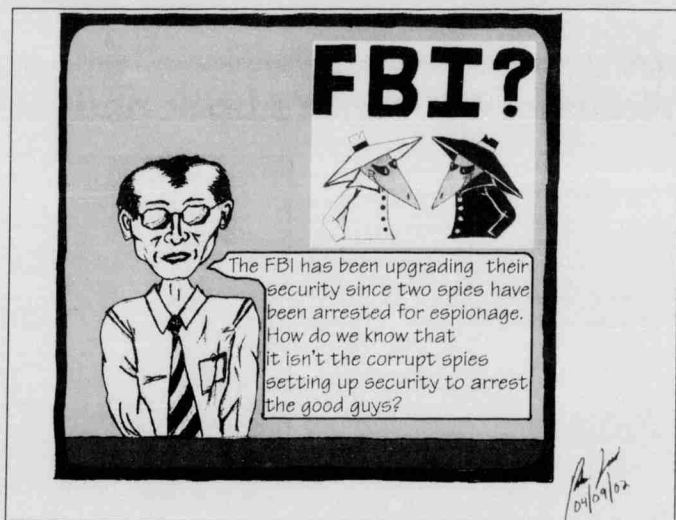
There is a movement afoot in the Church to allow female and even married clergy. This would be an excellent way for the Church to replenish the ranks of priests, and with excellent people, too. But the Pope and the Vatican have taken a hard stance against these radical changes, stopping short of just dismissing this epidemic as an American Catholic problem. After preaching in support of married and female clergy, a priest in Pennsylvania was transferred to another parish. Incidences are popping up like wildfires all over the globe. Just yesterday, a priest in Togo faced charges of raping a woman.

To many non-Catholics, the easily perceived root of this problem is the celibacy (or supposed celibacy) priests are forced to obey. I don't think this in of itself is a problem, but it certainly cannot make the situation any easier for priests riding the fence between celibacy and deviance. The truth is that the priesthood traditionally has been the perfect place for homosexuals in denial. You are praised by your family. You are given power. You do not have to admit your sexuality to yourself or the public. Everyone wins. That is, everyone wins until a priest cracks and the "pooh hits the fan."

Pope John Paul II has been far too passive in his dealings with this international scandal. It has gotten so bad that even wonderful, compassionate priests all over are avoiding being alone with children at all times to prevent any possible window for allegations. Either the Pope is trying to ride out this wave of scandal until he dies and can pass the problems on to his successor, or he is so completely out of it that he has no idea what the hell is going on.

Regardless, the way the Church handles the aftermath of this scandal on an international, national and local level will have a lot to do with whether I, and many other Catholics, stay part of the religion.

Greg is either going to be a priest or a rock star when he grows up. Send him your career aspirations at diehus@hotmail.com.



A great addition



Abbie Byrom

STAFF COLUMNIST

you who know me, I hate quiet, want sunlight and I am hardly ever serious.

Today, however, I am going to give praise to D.H. Hill, our campus library. One thing I have realized about libraries is that they all lack emotion and drama. People always say to leave your problems at the door. I have found that leaving my problems at any door is quite hard to do. But at the library, there is no way to bring drama in, I do not know how they do it, but libraries repel emotional breakdowns, gossip and all other kinds of drama I can think of.

This makes me happy because when you go to college and live in dorms or apartments with roommates, you will have drama. If you are one of those girls who hang out with guys more than girls, you will have drama. If you are one of

those guys who hang out with girls more than guys, then the girls will have drama. Everyone has some sort of relationship or roommate problem when they get to college.

For many of my friends and I, the library has not provided us a place to further my academic career, but to further my sanity. And to study a bit too, which can't really hurt. The cubicles bring solitude, peace of mind, nothing to do but listen to CD's, do homework, or stare at the ceiling.

The library has also made it really convenient to meet groups for projects, write papers at 2 a.m. and the leather couches are great. I think the new coffee shop tops it off. While I am not exactly crazy about the coffee there, and would rather have Starbucks, the atmosphere has changed and the library is more study-friendly, you could say.

I am one of those people, who despite all the benefits of the library can not stand the solitude, peaceful, emotionless, and without drama atmosphere. With the addition of the coffee shop, however, I feel like I can go in and study, and not be in some dull, drab building with fluorescent lights and too much quiet.

I love the new coffee shop and change in atmosphere so much that I've made the voyage to the library three times in the past week, and stayed well past my normal 45 minutes, when it usually gets to the point that I can not stand it anymore. I

get to the library now, and do not want to go home. Just as I feel I walk into the coffee shop or sits down at the study tables adjoining the shop. We then have a five or 10 minute conversation and I am ready to go back to work.

For those of you who feel like you always need to be in on the action, or at the center what is going on, this coffee shop has made it much easier to study and get that fix. If you are a nibbler when you study, this is a good place to go as well.

I want to give praise to our school for doing something cool, convenient and needed, and actually getting to see it not only put to use, but be able to use it ourselves.

Many times students and faculty have suggested things and not even been able to see the results or final product. Whoever proposed the Hill of Beans, I applaud you. It has been a great addition and it makes the library more accessible for those who have a fear of libraries.

I am sure most students will agree when I say this, but I want to see more of this in my time here at State. The library was a great step, but why stop there?

If you love the library as much as Abbie does now, send her an e-mail at paybrom@unfny.ncsu.edu.

I'm a vegetarian



Shawn Barnes

STAFF COLUMNIST

I just buy what I can afford that particular week. And honestly, this costs a lot less and lasts a lot longer than a pack of frozen chicken's legs or \$5.99.

There is so much variety in vegetarian cuisine. When I stopped eating meat, I filled my fridge with lettuce and thought I was going to OD on salads, but thankfully I learned there are so many options out there. I could still eat lasagna, spaghetti and even eat in restaurants too.

I didn't become a vegetarian to save animals; I'm rather scared of animals. I love my three leather jackets, my leather watchband and my sneakers. Being a vegetarian isn't all about being one with nature, natural body odor or anything crazy. I became a vegetarian because I wanted to do something good for myself.

Before I was a vegetarian I ate meat like crazy. A meal for me could have easily been a piece of chicken wrapped in bread (sometimes called a chicken sandwich). I craved meat. In the summertime, I was in cookout heaven: hamburgers, hotdogs, ribs. Put some bar-b-que sauce and smoke on an old fire and I probably would have eaten it.

Then I looked at the older people in my

family; obese, with high blood pressure, fatigue and generally poor in health. I'm not saying meat does these things to people, but I am saying that meat doesn't help the problem. Yes, there are other steps I could have taken to ease my health concerns. I could have started an exercise regimen, or I could have limited my meat intake to a more sensible amount.

But leave it to me to take the easy way out. Exercising three times a week, yeah. I love aerobics and going to happen. I love karate and juggling. Whenever I do it, I feel great and wonder why I don't do it more often, but with school, work and socializing it's often hard to find an extra hour in the day when I'm not already too pooped to pop. And limiting meat, to me it's a lot easier to just not do something than to keep tabs on frequency.

Being a vegetarian has greatly improved my life. I feel better. I know I eat more balanced and nutritious meals and being a vegetarian is a great conversation starter. I

love talking about being a vegetarian. Talking about being a vegetarian isn't the same thing as trying to force others to become one. I have no reason to try and force my beliefs on anyone else. I have nothing, and I mean absolutely nothing against meat eaters. I used to eat meat. Some of my best friends are meat-eaters.

Being a vegetarian is great — for me, and for a lot of other people who choose not to eat meat. I have found that since I kicked the meat habit, I no longer live to eat; I eat to live, which is the way it should be. I didn't go through meat withdrawal. I wasn't shaking and sweating, sneaking out in the middle of the night for a double Whopper with cheese. My transition was smooth, taking it one meat at a time and I'm proud to say I've been meat free for five years.

Shawn is starting a vegetarian club. E-mail her about membership at shawn_barnes@hotmail.com.

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continued expansion of Israeli settlements into Palestinian territories is loathsome. Arab indignation is nevertheless disingenuous. There will be no peace as long as the Arabs seek genuine peace overtures.

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CAMPUS FORUM

War crimes make peace difficult

Do 54 years of war crimes matter? This is the question that came to mind as I walked past the demonstration on Hillsborough Street. There were many signs and many flags, all of them one-

sided. "Stop Israeli War Crimes," said one sign, as if Arabs have, for 54 years, been willing to accept the existence of the state of Israel as long as the West Bank, the Gaza Strip and the Golan Heights went unoccupied. The ignorance of our populace is appalling.

The Arab countries now claim they want peace, endorsing Crown Prince Abdullah's peace plan. It is a year and a

half too late for such a statement to prevent the latest conflict — recall that the violent Arab rejection of Ehud Barak's proposal effectively elected Ariel Sharon — but wonderful all the same! Let's give Israel 54 years to think about the Crown Prince's plan. The Arab nations can prove their good will by ceasing their funding of groups whose stated aim is to destroy the Jewish state:

groups like Hamas and Islamic Jihad. Moreover, since the Al-Aqsa Martyr's Brigade has stated on international interviews that they will cease their suicide bombings if Arafat asked them to, let Arafat prove his leadership. (source: <http://www.msnbc.com/news/119753.asp>) I do not doubt that there will be no peace as long as Ariel Sharon is Prime Minister of Israel. The

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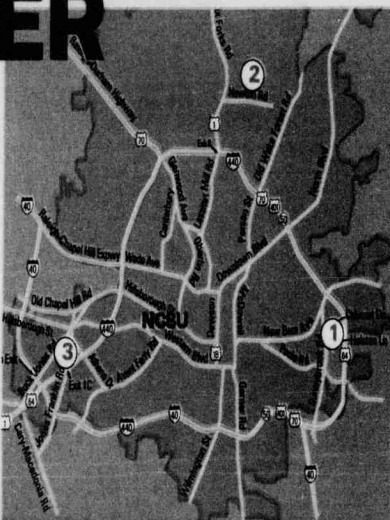
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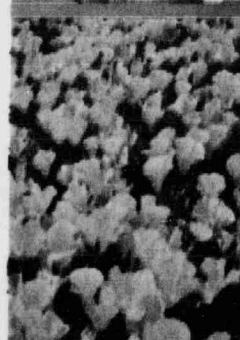
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show, especially for those that paid just to see him, as I did this season.

He wasn't the best player in the

league, not by a long shot, and he certainly wasn't as good as he thought he would be. But he was still Jordan, and that alone should be good enough for him to average around 20 points until he is at least 65, or so it seemed just a few weeks ago. Jordan still showed flashes every so often.

He exhibited signs of vintage M.J., especially on those special nights when he scorched the Jazz for 44 points in November and the Hornets for 51 in December. I was hoping for another performance like those two in Charlotte on Friday, and I was looking forward to seeing it with

my own eyes. But instead of seeing M.J. walk the hall up the court and manage turn-around, fade-away jumpers or seeing Baron Davis and Jamal Mashburn dunk all over the old man, I stayed home and just cursed at the Michael Jordan poster in my living room all

night long.

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hitter Colt Morton followed with another hard single to left, bringing home Brian Wright with another run. A failed pick-off throw to first by reliever Jason Horner gave Joe Gatti a chance to score from third, pushing the lead.

Ryan Combs closed the game, striking out the side in the ninth.

State jumped on the Eagles early in the game, establishing a quick lead. The Pack already led 2-0 with one out in the top of the second when Dutton and Dustin Murphy executed a double steal to put runners on second and third. Orvella lifted a sacrifice fly to left to bring home Dutton, then Wright belted a two-run homer over the right-field wall, widening the State lead to 5-0.

Orvella added to the Pack's run total two innings later, lining a 1-2 pitch to left for his first home run in a State uniform.

"It was a little earlier game today, a 6 o'clock game, a little more daylight; it seems like I hit the ball a little bit better in the day," Orvella said. "I was up there just protecting with two strikes and trying to put the bat on the ball and got my first home run of the year."

State is at home again this weekend for a three-game series against ACC rival Duke. The Blue Devils are currently winless in conference play.

TENNIS

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his team is looking past ECU to these conference matches.

"We're very match tough," said Hayes. "I think the guys just want to go out every opportunity they get and turn some of these matches and that starts against East Carolina."

IM/REC Notes

Run for Respect

The second annual Run for Respect will be held on Saturday, April 20, at 10 a.m. on N.C. State's Centennial Campus. Run for Respect is a 5K run/walk benefiting State's Women to Women, the Men's Program and Interact of Raleigh. Runners may participate either competitively or recreationally; walking is recreational only. Onsite registration and packet pickup will be held from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m., with an aerobic warm-up and stretch prior to the race. Pick up your registration form in 1000 Carmichael Gymnasium or call 515-9355 for more information.

Intramural Sports

Registration for the Track and Field meet for Men's and Women's Open, Women's Residence and Sorority and Men's Residence and Fraternity will close Monday. All intramural schedules and schedules for the spring semester are posted in the Intramural-Recreational Sports office and on the Web site at www.ncsu.edu/imrec. For additional information, on Intramural-Recreational Sports, visit our Web site or stop by 1000 Carmichael Gymnasium.

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ule of classes, stop by our office in 1000 Carmichael Gymnasium or visit our Web site at www.ncsu.edu/imrec.

Club Sports — Results

The roller hockey team played in a tournament against the University of South Carolina (USC) and another South Carolina team this weekend. The Pack played each team twice and then played in the tournament final against USC. State defeated the Gamecocks in the championship, 8-2. The Wolfpack finished the tournament undefeated, with a record of 4-0-1. Leading scorers in the tournament were Jason Maggio with 15 points, Scott Gaydos with 11 points and Edward Novotny with seven points.

The women's lacrosse team dominated in a 15-8 win over Catawba College at Miller Field on Saturday. The match completed the team's home schedule for the season.

The equestrian dressage team traveled to Virginia Intermont College on Saturday to compete in the last dressage show of the season. The team came in seventh with Kevin Chavis placing seventh in the introductory division, Daisy Hastings also placing 7th in the Training 2 (walk-trot-canter) division, Laura Roten placing fourth in the Training 4 division and Kristen Roza placing 3rd in the First Level division. As the top person in her division, Kristen won an invitation to compete at the Dressage Nationals to be held at

Johnson and Wales University in Massachusetts.

The women's rugby team traveled to Greenville this weekend to play East Carolina and the USC in a set of round-robin games. The Wolfpack beat ECU, 36-14. Anna Garwood led the Pack with three tries, while Caroline Brickhouse, Leslie Book and Caroline Duckworth added one try each. In the game versus USC, the team shut out the Gamecocks, 60-0. Book and Garwood led the way with four and three tries respectively, and Brickhouse, Lara Yunaska and Kiki Rodriguez added tries of their own. Duckworth and Rodriguez also scored points for the team in both games by kicking field goals.

The women's volleyball team rode the momentum of a great home crowd and beat archrival North Carolina 3-0 on Thursday night at Carmichael Gymnasium in a best-of-five-games competition.

The crew team competed this weekend in the Occoquan Sprints hosted by George Mason University, Va. The novice women's four took first place in their race. The novice men's four shared similar success in taking second in their race.

The field hockey team competed in the Carolina Spring tournament this past weekend in Chapel Hill. In the first game, the Wolfpack tied Maryland, 1-1. State won its next game, defeating Elon, 3-0. On Sunday, the Pack started the day with a 0-0 tie against the Virginia Cavaliers and finished their weekend in fine fashion with a

2-0 win against host Carolina.

The softball team hosted the Inaugural Spring Fling tournament this past weekend in Raleigh at Oakwood Park with seven teams. Although the Pack finished 1-2 overall, the tournament was a huge success. Clemson beat Maryland in the finals.

The baseball team took one out of three games from Carolina this weekend at East Chapel Hill High School. The Wolfpack lost the first game, 7-4, leaving 11 runners stranded on base. In the second game, the Pack received a strong pitching outing from winning pitcher Dustin Hutchinson. For the weekend, the Pack was led at the plate by Steve Browne (2 HRs, 3 RBIs) and Nate Poland, who hit one home run.

The women's soccer team earned a win and a tie this weekend. The Pack tied Duke and won defeated Meredith College.

Club Sports — Upcoming

The roller hockey team will be participating in its end-of-year tournament this weekend. Nine teams from Virginia to South Carolina will be involved in what will be the largest collegiate roller hockey tournament ever held in Raleigh. State's first game is Saturday at 9:45 a.m. at the Carolina Sportsplex. For directions, call 319-9910. For a copy of the tournament schedule, go to www.acrha.com.

The women's rugby team will finish one of their most success-

ful seasons ever with their final game on Saturday at Miller Field, as it hosts Appalachian State. The last match with ASU was at this year's state tournament with the Pack triumphing 25-0.

The women's volleyball team will travel to Towson University in Maryland for the final Women's Atlantic Coast Volleyball Association (WACVA) tournament of the season. This tournament will be the last ever in the WACVA for the Wolfpack, as the team will be forming its own North Carolina-based league next season.

The baseball team will fight to stay alive for the conference title, with their final three regular-season conference games versus Wake Forest in Winston-Salem this weekend. The Pack (8-5 overall, 6-3 conference) needs a sweep versus the Demon Deacons to stay alive.

The water polo team will be competing in a 14-team tournament hosted by North Carolina this weekend. Other attending schools include Villanova, Navy, Maryland, Duke, Virginia, Florida, James Madison and East Carolina. The Wolfpack is expecting a strong showing in what will be the final water polo tournament of the season.

The men's and women's soccer teams will travel to Clemson this weekend for the annual Spring Shindig soccer tournament. This event draws collegiate teams from across the Southeast and is considered the premiere club event of the spring.

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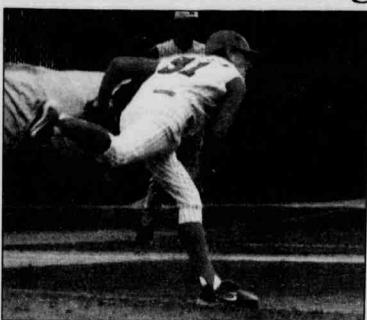
Wednesday Sports



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M. Tennis vs. ECU, 4/10, 2:30
Baseball vs. Duke, 4/12, 7
W. Tennis vs. Virginia, 4/13, 1:30
M. Golf, Intercollegiate, 4/13-14
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W. Golf, ACC Championships, 4/14

Baseball hangs on against Winthrop



N.C. state freshman Phillip Davidson uncorks a pitch in Tuesday night's win.

Despite a late rally by Winthrop, N.C. State held on for a 13-7 win Tuesday.

Jeremy Ashton
Senior Staff Writer

When the seventh inning of Tuesday night's baseball game at Doak Field rolled around, N.C. State seemed to have a win against

Winthrop well in hand. Trailing 10-2, the Eagles made the late innings interesting with a five-run rally in the seventh, but the Wolfpack added three insurance runs in the eighth to walk away with a 13-7 victory.

"I think we really lost our concentration," head coach Elliott Avent said. "I think we really lost our intensity. We don't make a couple plays, and the next thing you know it's 10-7, and we're making sure we hang on to win a game. That's not the way this game should have been...."

"But it's a win. It's a win in the middle of the week. You need to score some runs in the middle of the week, and we did that."

Junior Chad Orellana was the top hitter at the plate for the Pack (22-13), going 1-for-2 at the plate with four RBIs, two runs scored and a home run. Senior Brian Wright also went deep for State, scored three runs and had three RBIs. The Pack used four pitchers who got no more than three innings each. Phillip Davidson (4-3) started the game, giving up two earned runs on three hits to take the win. State Cretarolo followed with three scoreless innings, surrendering just three hits while striking out four to hold the Eagles at bay through the middle of the game.

"When I first came out, I was missing spots,"

Cretarolo said. "In the end, I really focused on hitting the locations of my pitches and really getting after hitters a lot better and being a little more aggressive with hitters."

With two outs in the top of the seventh and no one on, Winthrop (14-19) pieced together a rally against Brian Ross, State's third pitcher of the game. After Todd Leathers reached on a single, Stas Swerdzewski doubled off the top of the right-field wall to bring home Leathers. State had a chance to end the threat when Bennett Stapp hit a grounder to Jeremy Dutton, but Dutton's throw pulled Hicks off the bag and kept the inning alive.

"We got too comfortable," Orellana said. "You can't really take an inning off, and it seemed like, defensively, we took an inning off. Guys were kind of going through the motions, and that's something you just can't do."

Three batters and a run later, Matt Matkovich blooped a double to right to score two more runs. Matt Butler's throw from right field sailed over Dutton's head, allowing Kyle Robertson to score from there and close the gap to 10-7.

State ended any chance of a Winthrop comeback in the bottom of the eighth. The Pack loaded the bases without hitting the ball out of the infield, reaching on an infield single and two walks. Justin Riley brought home the first run of the inning with a base hit to left. Pinch

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BASKETBALL

Mad at Michael

Once Michael Jordan chose to return to the game of basketball, His Airness had to know that he was undertaking a whole new commitment.

With his return, Jordan undoubtedly understood exactly what he was getting into. He had to make sacrifices. Some things had to go.

No longer could Jordan pop a stogie in his lips whenever he wanted. He would now have to wait until halftime, at least. M.J. would also have to unglue those golf clubs from his hands, albeit temporarily, until he gave basketball fans and the Washington Wizards another NBA championship, which would have been number seven for the most famous bald man in the world. Jordan would need to get in shape, too, since in October he resembled something of a cross between Charles Barkley and a pre-slimfast Oprah Winfrey.

But it was all, okay, we thought. Jordan was back.

We had missed good of Michael—the last-second heroics, the buzzer-beating game-winners, that familiar tongue of his wagging in the air as he drove to the basket for another two. And we knew he'd be back to his old tricks, even if it was strange to see "Wizards" across the front of his chest.

Upon his comeback in the fall, which was his second and should be his last, M.J. promised that he could play a full season. Conditioning wasn't a concern, he said then, assuring fans that he wouldn't come back to embarrass himself.

Within days, Wizards tickets were sold out for the season. Suddenly, what was once the third best ticket in town, behind the Washington Redskins and Washington Capitals, was now the hottest ticket in the nation. And my, how the tickets sold.

Having missed numerous opportunities to see No. 23 in action during his glory days, I found it impossible to pass up the chance again. Arguably the best athlete of modern times, Jordan's presence in the league was enough to get me, along with eleven other suckers, to purchase tickets to see Michael's Wizards visit the Charlotte Hornets, a team that might be the best in the Eastern Conference if anyone paid attention to it.

I really was excited to finally see "Air" in all his glory. Even if he was limping, tired and falling apart, even if he was getting ripped by guys with D-league talent, I figured that an old, crusty Jordan was better than no Jordan at all.

But even that was too much to ask, as Jordan's season, and possibly his career, ended with a chronic knee injury early last week. Of course, I didn't make the trek to Charlotte Coliseum, because I just didn't care to see a Jordan-less NBA game. If I want to see a bunch of high, overpaid, wanna-be ballers, I'll go to a No Limit rap concert and see Master P instead. It would probably be more interesting.

I'm not sure what is worse—that Jordan ended his season with a limp or that I wasted nearly forty bucks on an attempt to see him. What I do know, however, is that it's a shame if the last game Jordan plays in is one where he only finished with two points in a twenty-point loss to the Los Angeles Lakers.

Compare that possible ending to the finish that Jordan should have walked away with: a closing second, picture-perfect jump shot that earned him and his Chicago Bulls a sixth championship over the Utah Jazz in 1998. What a story it would have been if Jordan could have led his Wizards to a similar fate—but it was not to be, at least not now.

In a documentary on his career after his second retirement, Jordan once said that what motivated him most was the opportunity that came with playing each and every night. At every game, Jordan said, there would be someone in the stands, perhaps a little boy that dreamed of becoming him one day, who would be seeing Jordan play in person for the first and last time.

Jordan always wanted to bring his best; he always wanted to put on a



Andrew B. Carter

R.J. Murray, a freshman, has won four straight singles matches for the Pack.

Jay Kohler
Staff Writer

The N.C. State men's tennis team has been through a great deal of darkness recently. A 4-17 record, including an 0-6 showing against ACC opponents, have many of the Wolfpack faithful in distress. However, wherever there is darkness, there is always a ray of light.

Right now, freshman R.J. Murray is perhaps the brightest spot on a team whose performance has been well below par. He has won four singles matches in a row, defeating Joel Berman of 38th-ranked Miami, No. 123 Jason Zimmerman of Duke, Jason Romeberg of Virginia and Troy Demers of Maryland. The victory over Zimmerman was the Pack's lone victory in that match.

"I'm feeling pretty good," said Murray. "I think that there were a lot of close matches that I lost in the beginning that I could have won, but overall I've been playing really well lately so I'm happy about that."

Murray has been very dominant as of late in the No. 3 spot for State. Such was to be expected from the freshman of Clearwater, Fla., who had no qualms about coming to Raleigh and immediately starting for the Pack's tennis team.

"The best part of this season so far has been just recently. There's a little win streak I've put together," Murray said. "I beat some good players [and] to beat those guys gives me a lot of confidence. Hopefully I'll finish up strong in the ACC's and that'll be my highlight of the season."

Being a freshman and playing a varsity sport does have a downside. Murray has been doing the student-athlete balancing act since he came to college. So far, everything has been going fine, but he has quickly learned that it isn't easy.

"It has been tougher being a student-athlete," said Murray. "By the time we're done with practice, go eat dinner, go to the training room or rehab it's already 7 by the time we get back to start on our homework."

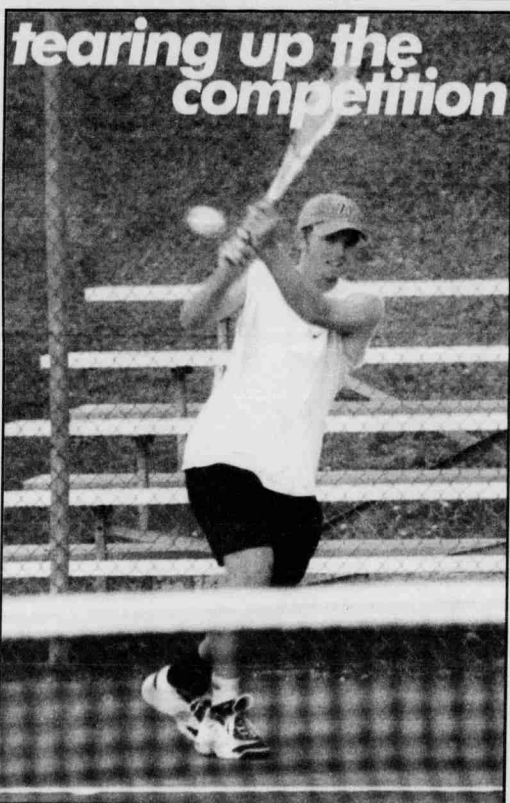
Murray has handled the pressure well so far this season. Although he is only 9-10 on the season, his recent win streak and young age show that there is a lot more in store for him and the tennis team in the future. Murray, however, is ready to win now.

"I'd really like us to get some big wins," he said. "We have a lot of seniors and I'd like to see them go out with a couple of big victories so they can look back with some pride on their last year."

Tennis has been a part of Murray's life for a long time. It runs in the family. Not only is his father a tennis pro in Florida, but his brother also plays collegiate tennis for ACC rival Wake Forest. Murray, at one point, was even ranked No. 1 in Florida by theUSTA before he came to college. It all comes back to Murray's desire when he was growing up to be just like his dad. His father helped him learn and strengthen his game.

"My best strengths are being able to play all different types of players and adjust my game to break down theirs," Murray said. "I like to use my forehand a lot. That's probably my biggest weapon. I use my forehand to open up the court, to hit winners, finish off points, and my serve. Those are my two weapons."

So far, those weapons have translated into a lot of individual success. However, as the saying goes, success breeds success. If Murray's hot streak can be caught by some of his teammates, the Pack should be able to crawl out of the ACC basement. Today's game will be a measuring stick to how the season might finish up for the Wolfpack.



It's been a tough year for Wolfpack tennis, but R.J. Murray has been stellar.

Pack looks to send Pirates packing

◆ In its final non-conference match of the season, State's men's tennis team faces ECU.

Jay Kohler
Staff Writer

The N.C. State men's tennis team has been mired in a slump so far this season.

The Wolfpack (4-17) has dropped several close matches of late, including back-to-back 4-3 losses to Maryland and Virginia. The Pack, however, gets a chance to reverse that trend at home today against East Carolina (4-13). The Wolfpack's in-state bragging rights will be on the line when the teams clash on the hard courts at 2:30 p.m.

"We had a rough weekend," said head coach Eric Hayes. "We were within one game of winning both matches. Coming up short frustrates the team, but we've been a little short-handed because of some players we've suspended from the team. I couldn't have been any prouder of the guys who haven't played that much this year going in and battling, trying to get wins. We just didn't come up with the big points at the end."

The Pirates are coming off a 6-1 victory over Mt. Olive on Monday. ECU won five out of six singles matches, four of which were straight set wins. Paulo Banner of ECU was perhaps the most dominant, defeating Dane Smith 6-1, 6-0. ECU also won two of the three matches in doubles by scores of 8-2 and 8-4.

"It's the perfect time for us to be playing East Carolina," Hayes said. "They're a solid team. They're someone out of the conference, which is good because it's a whole different outlook for the team as far as playing in conference goes, not to mention they are an in-state rival. It's a big match for everyone, espe-

cially the seniors because it's their next-to-last match at home."

State's last match came on the road against Maryland. The match was the Terrapins' first ACC win, and it dropped the Pack to 0-6 in ACC play. Ryan Boward, R.J. Murray and Shane Sealy all picked up points for the Pack. Matt Lucas' heartbreaking loss to Harris Causevic, 3-6, 6-3, 7-6 (4), sealed Maryland's win.

"ECU is going to come in all fired up," said Hayes. "They see us having a down year and they're saying, 'Well, we can get them this year.' But believe me, the guys will be fired up and won't give up anything against them."

"With how things have been going this year with us coming out on the short end of tight matches, for every opportunity we have to go out and compete, they're darn ready."

After the match with ECU, State will begin preparations for their final two matches against ACC foes Clemson and Wake Forest. Hayes, however, is sure that no member of

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