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## College of Veterinary Medicine recruits cloning expert

## Creation of 'Elvis' Toupee' underway

◆ Jorge Piedrahita would bring a \$1.4 million federal grant and staff from his Texas A&M lab.

Colin Hickey  
Senior Staff Reporter

Jorge Piedrahita, a renowned animal cloning expert and the associate director of the Center for Animal Biotechnology and Genomics at Texas A&M, has been recruited by officials from the College of Veterinary Medicine at N.C. State.

Piedrahita has done extensive successful genetic work with pigs and cattle.

His goal is to clone genetically altered pigs that are engineered to mimic human diseases, as pigs are good models for many human illnesses because their digestive and circulatory systems and their skin resembles that of humans.

"People don't think we're similar to swine, but we are," Piedrahita said in an interview with the News and Observer.

He is also interested in genetically altering pigs in ways that would make their organs viable donor stand-ins in human operations.

North Carolina is still a national leader in hog and pig production, with the March census counting 9.6 million head in the state. It is fitting, therefore, that the first animal-cloning expert in the Triangle would be interested in pigs.

Neil C. Olson, associate dean and research director at the vet school, is glad to have recruited Piedrahita.

"He'll help build a first-class animal genetics facility here," Olson said. NCSU has also recently hired British geneticist Matthew Breen, and the vet school hopes the two will give NCSU a boost in the race to create genetically modified and cloned animals with commercial viability.

The research with the biggest commercial potential is that of trying to create cloned animals to harvest organs for use in people, according to Olson.

Piedrahita is also interested in researching

ways to genetically modify cattle to make them resistant to mad cow and foot-and-mouth diseases.

Federal research funding is aimed largely at genetics, which is where NCSU plans to place its future research emphasis, on human-related health studies. Piedrahita will bring with him a \$1.4 million federal grant and staff from his Texas lab. And with designs on collaborating with pharmaceutical companies and the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences in RTP, more grants can be expected.

University officials are unable to disclose how much Piedrahita will be receiving as his salary until the NCSU trustees and the UNC Board of Governors approves it, but Olson said announcing the figures might make other faculty members upset.

The university plans to renovate a lab for him for now and has guaranteed him space in a building located on the NCSU vet school campus that should be open by 2005.

Piedrahita is set to start work in Raleigh on Aug. 1.



The conical structure is made of bamboo and vines.

◆ Designed by landscape design students, 'Elvis' Toupee' is located in front of Kilgore Hall.

Tommy Ozbolt  
Staff Reporter

Students began construction earlier this week on a landscape design project aimed to provide students and others with another place of rest and relaxation on campus.

The project, dubbed 'Elvis' Toupee', is a conical structure that spirals inward around the focal point of the design — a wooden table. 'Elvis' Toupee' is composed of gray henna bamboo harvested from Robinson County. Hyacinth bend vines will be planted on Friday at the base of the structure to grow along the bamboo, thus creating a shady area inside the structure.

Students used an architectural technique called the "golden section" to decide the placement of the table and layout of the bamboo structure. The table at the center of the project is built with the stump of a tree providing the base, while the surface will consist of slats of pine.

Plans are currently underway for small seats made of cedar to surround the table, and a bench made of bamboo and other wood is also a possibility.

The idea for the project resulted from the collaboration of ideas from 15 students in a horticultural science (residential landscape design) course. The final project is a yearly endeavor by students of Will Hooker, professor of horticultural science, to beautifully select areas around N.C. State. After months of in-class design, many

students are excited to engage in hands-on work and begin implementing their ideas.

"The final project is a great opportunity for us to build something, get out of the classroom and see our ideas come alive," said Brian Schultz, junior in landscape architecture.

The creation of the structure commenced at the beginning of the week with all students involved in a range of activities, from building the structure to saving the bamboo.

Upon completion, 'Elvis' Toupee' will be located on Kilgore Mounds in front of Kilgore Hall. The spot was chosen because students and faculty thought that something could be added to distinguish the area.

"People feel that since it is the horticulture building, the surrounding area should be beautiful at all times," said Matt Guthrie, senior in landscape horticulture and horticultural science.

Students involved in the project are Douglas Bryant, Brian Corbin, Jennifer Eschelman, Kristina Fox, Charles Goodman, Matt Guthrie, Josh Hyatt, Jenni Reeves, Eric Schlosser, Susanne Schneeman, Brian Schultz, Mark Stallings, Clint Watts, Vance Whitaker and Tony Williamson.

The project has multiple entrances designed to invite people in, and upon completion, 'Elvis' Toupee' will accommodate people looking for a place to relax, study, hang out or seek refuge from the sun.

In the words of Guthrie, "It's not just a place to sit; it's an experience."

## A look at Phi Kappa Phi

◆ As one of the nation's most prestigious honor societies, Phi Kappa Phi expects a lot from its chapters and members.

LaWanda Ray  
Staff Reporter

N.C. State has never shied away from showcasing its talented students and faculty, and a display at D.H. Hill is now taking the time to showcase one of its most prestigious honor societies.

Phi Kappa Phi, founded in 1897 at the University of Maine, is one of the nation's oldest, largest and most prestigious honor societies. NCSU welcomed its own chapter in 1923.

Unlike many other chapters, the NCSU chapter is privileged to be the home of its National President Wendell H. McKenzie, who is also an alumni distinguished professor of genetics at NCSU. The president of the NCSU chapter of PKP is George H. Wahl Jr., a professor of chemistry.

Like any prestigious organization, the NCSU chapter of PKP has a long history of success on the national level of competition. This year alone, John Balaban, professor of English and poetry, was named the 2001-2004 PKP National Artist.

There is also a legacy of student success within the honor society. This year, graduating senior Jason Grissom was awarded the PKP National Graduate Fellowship. In 14 of the last 16 years, an NCSU student has been awarded a National PKP Fellowship (\$8,000) or an Award of Excellence (\$1,500) to support his or her first year graduate or professional school studies.

The NCSU chapter of PKP participates regularly in area, regional and national PKP conferences and conventions. PKP also participates in service projects, one of which being the community-wide symposium held last fall to address advances in human genetics and their ethical, legal, personal and social ramifications.

Yet, the biggest events are the two induction ceremonies that occur each semester. PKP, unlike many other campus organiza-

tions, is by invite only. The organization is for second-semester juniors, seniors, and graduate students. In order to qualify as a second-semester junior, students must be among the top 7 percent of their class. Seniors and graduate students must be among the top 10 percentile.

Recent trends in the GPA of those who were accepted were at least a 3.8 for juniors and seniors and a 4.0 for graduate students.

However, PKP is not only limited to students; the chapter is also home to a selected group of faculty, staff and alumni.

Currently, D.H. Hill Library has a display on the NCSU chapter of PKP and its history. Many students were shocked to find that "a majority of the chapter members are people for whom many NCSU buildings are named," says McKenzie.

The NCSU chapter of PKP is very successful in their endeavors, and McKenzie says, "We represent the best of the best in all the disciplines. In turn, much is expected of us. It follows that ... our responsibility as individuals and collectively [is] to make a positive difference in all that we do."

## Perceptions of dating move toward instant gratification

◆ Dating has become less about finding a marriage partner and more dangerous.

Monica Moore  
The Shorthorn

(U-WIRE) ARLINGTON, Texas — Dating just isn't what it used to be for New Burrell. At age 53, the bachelor remembers thinking of dating as a way of finding a spouse. He said dating prepared a couple for marriage.

"That was in the old days," the Fort Worth resident said. "Now, it's more like a game."

The truth is that for many people, the perception of dating has changed over the decades. With these new attitudes and new ways of meeting people, such as on the Internet, date rape has become more of a worry.

For some like Burrell, the perception of a date isn't a romantic evening with a nice person who may become his wife. He isn't looking for a wife.

Psychology professor William Ickes said dating began to be more about sex and less about getting to know a person in the 1970s, after the sexual revolution. Before then, he said, dating wasn't a game.

When the AIDS epidemic began in the 1980s, people began to look at sex as a life-threatening recreation, he said. That didn't stop it, though. Burrell dates women between ages 46 and 55, and he said he doesn't try to impress anyone. He looks for dates at church, but because he's not looking for a wife, a lot of women at church won't date him.

"Around my church, a lot of ladies are not interested in me because they say, 'He's just looking for a bed mate,'" Burrell said. He said he loves his "peace and quiet," or one-man home. He dates only to have a good time, he said. He talks to about 15 women a week over the phone, but they're just friends.

Shannon Rose, who received her administration and education certificate through the University of Texas-Arlington, said dating is "used and abused." "They use you for sex; they use you for money," she said. "I don't date because it's too complicated, and I don't play the mind games."

When she started dating 15 or 20 years ago, she looked for long-term relationships. Now, the 38-year-old doesn't bother with dating at

all. "Now, it's all about one-night stands," she said. Her philosophy on why dating has changed deals with an "immediate gratification world."

She explained this with examples such as fast food, credit cards and other things that offer the "right here, right now" feeling. At 38, she said that after two divorces, she realizes how people aren't willing to invest in long-term relationships.

"We are not as goal-oriented as we used to be in the area of dating," she said. "People want to keep their options open." Arlington resident Sabine Hall used the new methods of meeting a date to find the man she has been dating for more than seven months. She met him on an Internet dating service. They chatted online and over the phone for at least six months before they met face to face. They never even saw a picture of each other. They're getting married next year.

Ickes, whose friend encountered a horrific date over the Internet, doesn't think people should take online dates seriously. After traveling to New York, his friend met a woman who was the opposite of what she had described.

He said Internet dating can be dangerous, especially when emotions come into play.

"On the other hand, how different is that from the person you meet at the bar?" he asked, joking about how a couple of beers can change how a person perceives someone. He doesn't recommend blind dates, either.

Ickes said dating services that screen the participants offer a little protection for people looking for a date. Services that don't screen participants sometimes lead to the misrepresentation of people through false education, age, sex and other information, he said.

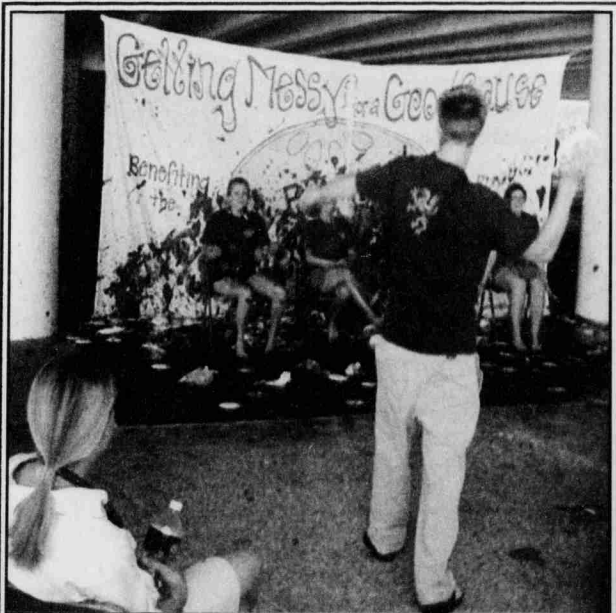
Hall, 36, is concerned about what her 17-year-old son does on dates. "Today, it's about getting someone in the bed," she said. "He has to go through the same I go through."

The mother of four doesn't want any of her children to become date rape victims. She doesn't want to be a victim, either. To be safe on first dates, she used to meet people at public places wearing casual clothes — no skirts.

She allowed no sleeping over, no good-night kiss and no staying out later than 10

p.m. Some may think date rape is the result of someone being provocative and misleading, but Michael Grigsby, a Fort Worth Police Department crime prevention special-

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GETTING MESSY FOR A GOOD CAUSE

Alpha Delta Pi holds a fund-raiser at Harrelson Hall. Teran Boyette, Louise Beasley, Christina Cummings and Jamie Miller volunteered to have pies thrown at them to benefit the Ronald McDonald House.

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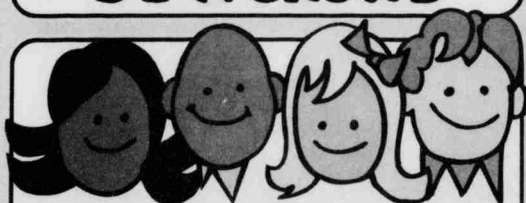
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## News

### Job market looks bleak for seniors

◆ Hiring of students just out of college is down 36 percent.

Meghan Arnold  
The Marquette Tribune

(U-WIRE) MILWAUKEE — As the school year comes to an end, more college seniors than usual may find themselves still on the hunt for a job. A survey released April 19 by the National Association of Colleges and Employers found that college hiring is down 36 percent from 2001.

"It's been a little tougher," said Jim Bretl, director of the Marquette Career Services Center. "While the economy has softened and gotten worse than last year, most of our graduating students will get jobs. They may have to go with their second- or third-choice job, but that's why they call it 'entry-level.'" According to the survey, Midwest employers report college hiring down only 27.1 percent.

"I'd venture to say that the Midwest is least affected," Bretl said. "We have a strong base of manufacturing here that tends to ride the wave of recession."

Despite the fact that the Midwest is fairs better than other regions, things are not as good as they used to be. Louise Deske, assistant director of the Loyola University, Chicago Interning and Career Center, said that on-campus recruiting during the spring semester has been down almost

75 percent. Although students are managing to get interviews in other ways, such as sending resumes directly to companies, the process is still rough.

"It's taking a really long time to get an offer, and the turnaround time has definitely slowed," Deske said. "There's the challenge of getting an interview and then the challenge of getting an offer."

Deske said that with the economic problems of companies such as Arthur Andersen, which used to recruit heavily, students are losing opportunities.

"We've had some really good candidates having their opportunities rescinded," Deske said.

Though hiring in the South is down 27.1 percent and hiring in the Northeast is down 39 percent, the brunt of the blows to the job market has landed hardest on the West Coast, where college hiring is down 63.5 percent.

Bretl attributes the large decrease in hiring on the West Coast to that region being heavily into technology-based industry and the demise of the dot-com businesses.

Andy Ceperley, director of the Career Center and associate dean of academic support services at Santa Clara University in Santa Clara, Calif., agrees.

"We're right smack in the middle of Silicon Valley," Ceperley said. "The big tech organizations in San Francisco and San Jose just aren't hiring, and that cuts us more deeply at times like this."

Ceperley said that despite on-

campus recruiting being down around 60 percent this semester, he has noticed a slight improvement in internship postings lately and hopes that is a foreshadowing of better things to come.

In the Pacific Northwest, the outlook appears slightly more optimistic. "We had approximately the same number of recruiters, if not more, come this year compared to last year," said Sandy Bogdanski, assistant director of the Career Center at Gonzaga University in Spokane, Wash.

Still, the overall dim outlook on the West Coast may persuade some students to relocate.

"They'll venture out," Bogdanski said. "It seems as though our students are pretty flexible in terms of relocation."

Ceperley said many Santa Clara students, many of whom come from the Pacific Northwest and Hawaii, will be unable to stay without the salaries tech jobs used to provide.

"Many students come and fall in love with Northern California," Ceperley said. "I'll bet more students will leave the area from this class than from previous classes just because it's so expensive to live here."

Relocation is not as much of an issue for graduating seniors in the Midwest. "Students are wanting to stay in the Chicago area," Deske said. "It seems like they feel their best chance is in a large city."

habits in high school. A program she enrolled in taught her lessons such as staying in public places and defense. She also listened to the story of a rape victim.

"I felt respect for her being able to rise up from her problem," Alley said. She's been dating a man for about eight months, she said, but before they started going out, she asked her co-workers about him to see if he was a nice guy.

"I guess most people don't think about it," she said.

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ist, said that's not the truth.

The truth is that rapists plan the crime regardless of what the person wears, he said. A lot of times, date rape victims don't realize they are victims, he said. "They think it was their fault," he said.

Alcohol is the most commonly used date rape drug, he said. Rapists try to get a person to lose

his or her normal senses. When on a first date, a person should be sure to stay in public places, he said.

Sometimes, the crime occurs when victims aren't familiar with their date's history, Grigsby said. Victims sometimes think they know a person well enough to date in private places, he added. He said people can perform background checks online for a small fee.

"A lot of times, people you know will still shock you," he said. Undeclared freshman Tara Alley, 19, learned safe dating

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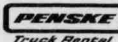
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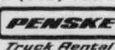


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## Heart transplant saves New Hampshire student's life

◆ **Sophomore Brian Paculan received a new heart in July.**

**John Demming**  
The New Hampshire

(U-WIRE) DURHAM, N.H. — It was almost a year ago when University of New Hampshire sophomore Brian Paculan decided to sit up in his hospital bed and use what little strength he had to write expressive, heartfelt letters to his family in case he did not make it out of the hospital alive.

He was in desperate need of a heart transplant and knew soon enough it would be time for doctors to perform what many consider to be a medical miracle.

Sixteen people die a day in the United States while awaiting organ transplants, according to the New England Organ Bank. As living proof of what amazing things can result from organ donation, Paculan's biggest concern as people know how lives can change from the simple act of signing a donor card.

"Organ donation is a very important thing to consider," he said, "and some people don't realize all the facts behind it."

### FIRST SIGNS OF TROUBLE

Twenty-one-year-old Paculan, who is the only current UNH student to have received a heart transplant, received his new heart last July and is happy to be doing well. His story dates back to when he was 4 years old and was diagnosed with Wilms' tumor.

Wilms' tumor is a cancerous tumor of the kidney that commonly occurs in children and resulted in the loss of a kidney for Paculan. To treat the cancer, doctors used chemotherapy as well as several medications, including Adriamycin, a cancer-fighting drug that can lead to long-term heart problems.

Paula Paculan, Brian's mother and a nurse practitioner at Saint Joseph's Hospital in Nashua, N.H., said she believes it was the drug as well as the chemotherapy

that weakened his heart. "Adriamycin was the drug that had long-term, damaging effects on my heart," said Paculan, noting the drug's use as a necessary evil, "but I'm sure it had a major role in destroying the cancer."

Doctors first noticed signs of heart trouble when Paculan was 12, and they informed him and his family it potentially could lead to the need for a transplant.

"We were told it was a possibility," Paula said, "but my thought was that we should do anything we could to keep the heart he had."

Paculan was placed on several medications over the next nine years and remained in good condition until November 2000, when he began to notice a steady decline in his abilities and level of activity. This resulted in a decline in grades as well as the energy it took to do simple things like walking to dinner.

"I got to a point where I was really sick, and I went to Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston," Paculan said, "and they said I was having kidney failure due to heart failure. They suggested a transplant because they knew I wasn't going to live for very long."

His stay in the hospital began March 1, 2001, and he was forced to stay until more than a month after his July 15 transplant procedure.

Through his stay in the hospital, both staff and family did their best to make what can be a very scary place have a home-like atmosphere.

He was surrounded with posters and other items from his bedroom at home, including his very own comforter. His father, Robert Paculan, even brought him a bass guitar and amplifier to learn and practice in the hospital room and help ease the waiting of his unknown future.

"It's a scary thought and a scary operation," said Paula, who acknowledged the period her son spent on the waiting list was an extremely uneasy time. "They are

very tight-lipped about who is on the list, and we felt as though he should have gotten some sort of preference because he was such a young guy, but he didn't get any."

### TWO STUDENTS WORK FOR UNDERSTANDING

The United States' transplant system, which decides who receives a particular organ based on geographical region, the nature of the medical situation and status on the list, has been one that is debated often.

Senior Molly Melvin has studied the system and even received a grant proposal from International Research Opportunities Program (IROP) to study organ donation and transplant systems abroad.

Melvin, who distributed information on efficient organ transplantation systems to various senators and politicians, said the problem with the system in the United States is simply there aren't enough donors. She said this problem results from the way doctors are trained to offer the family of a terminal patient the possibility of donating his or her organs.

"I think that it's an individual choice, but some people have misperceptions," Melvin said. She added in the United States there is a 40 percent rate of refusal by family members to agree to donate the organs of a loved one who has been pronounced brain dead.

"Some people think that if they are an organ donor and are sick and dying, that the medical team won't help them survive," Paculan said, "but they aren't right — the medical team will do anything and everything possible to keep you alive."

"I am an organ donor because I think it is important," sophomore Matt Soucy said, "but I honestly haven't thought too much about what that can actually mean to someone."

Both Melvin and Paculan agreed the decision to give up the organs of a loved one whose heart still beats is not an easy one. They both said ultimately the best thing

to do is to be a donor, especially since there are currently 70,000 people in the United States waiting for life-saving organ transplants.

"I think that if I allowed for their organs to be donated, I could find reason behind my loved one's death," Melvin said. Linda Stevens, the community health nurse at UNH Health Services, has worked with Paculan over the last few months in efforts to increase awareness by distributing literature at the MUB as well as in the Office of Health Education and Promotion regarding the importance of organ donation, including the organ donor cards themselves.

"Organ donation is a very important issue," she said, "and Brian's story puts a human face and life on it."

What seems almost more important to Paculan than having people sign up as organ donors is the idea people should simply inform their families that if they are put in a position where their organs can be donated they want them to allow for them to be.

"I really stress that if you're not an organ donor, you get the sticker put on the back of your license," Paculan said, "but the most important thing is to tell your family that you want to be an organ donor."

Stevens agreed with this, saying even if someone has signed an organ donor card, the final decision on whether or not to donate the organs belongs to the family, so it is of great importance people discuss the issue with their families.

### THE TRANSPLANT

Paculan and his family know little about the decision made to give up the heart he received but know they are extremely grateful to the family by whom it was provided.

Going into the transplant, it was nearly impossible for Paculan to avoid being afraid, but at the same time he was able to press on with feelings of resolve.

"By June I was throwing up and

I couldn't eat, so I just said, 'Bring it on,'" he said, "and it was sort of like it was my time to shine. I thought if I can get through this, I can get through anything."

Knowing there was a chance he may not make it out alive, Paculan wrote individual, emotional letters to his mother, father and older sister expressing what it is he loves about them and what they mean to him.

"There are people who never make it out," Paula said in a solemn tone, "never make it out of anesthesia. So [the letter] was an important thing for me to have."

Paculan's operation didn't exactly go like clockwork, taking eight hours to complete what is normally a four- to six-hour procedure. There were problems that followed despite the fact he was given a young, healthy heart.

Complications with the way the right side of his new heart functioned in his body led to his being in the intensive care unit for more than a month as well as furrowed brows and teary eyes for his family.

"There was one night where I really didn't think he'd make it," Paula said, "and it was really a roller coaster ride of emotions ... from fear to hope to worry."

### THE FUTURE

Eventually, after months of sadness, trepidation and anxiety, Paculan was released from Brigham and Women's August 24, 2001. He still has to go to the hospital to receive heart biopsies, which ensure his body is not rejecting the heart.

The visits will be decreasing in frequency gradually over the next few years, however, to the point where he only has to go once a year.

He still takes medication several times a day that helps ensure the safety of his heart but also leaves him in an immuno-suppressed state where, if he is to get sick, his body will have a very difficult time fighting illness. It is because of this Paculan will be unable to pursue a profession he considered

while in the hospital.

"I was in the hospital so long that I actually wanted to become a nurse because the nurses there were really good," he said. "But unfortunately, being immuno-suppressed means that I can't be around sick people."

Fundamentally, Paculan, who returned to school this semester, has been left with the ambition to help people who are sick. He currently is studying pharmacy so he can help people while maintaining a safe enough distance from sick patients to help keep up his own health.

"I want to work with cancer children," Paculan said, "and hopefully I can do research on new cancer drugs that don't do the damage that drugs like Adriamycin do."

While his lung capacity is less than that of many people his age, Paculan still is able to participate in activities such as basketball and baseball. He said he is doing great physically and has a lot of energy.

His greatest concern remains that of keeping people informed about the importance and life-altering nature of organ donation. It can serve, and has served, as a form of inspiration to others as well.

"Every time I look at Brian I can't believe it: someone took a bad situation, lost a loved one and saved a life," Melvin said. "I see him all the time, and it puts me in awe to see him living and breathing."

Stevens also has drawn inspiration from Brian's story. "He's just phenomenal, and it's great that he's doing so well," she said. "It really gives personal meaning to the need for donation."

His mother echoed these sentiments, realizing if not for the good will of those who made the decision to be organ donors, her son might not be alive.

"You have a lot of incredible feelings for people who [are organ donors]," she said. "It's really a respectful and awe-inspiring experience."



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# News

## Wonder drug prevents sleep

◆ Provigil could help students everywhere in the near future.

Albert Leung  
The Stanford Daily

(U-WIRE) STANFORD, Calif.

A new wonder drug may soon be available for those — especially college students — who believe there just aren't enough hours in one day.

Provigil, an abbreviation that comes from the words "promotes vigilance," is the name of a drug that keeps the human body and mind fully awake and attentive when sleep is normally coveted. The pill, each of which costs \$4, has not yet been approved for healthy people by the Food and Drug Administration.

"Provigil isn't considered a stimulant per se, though it has a wakefulness effect," said Jed Black, an assistant professor of psychiatry and the director of the Stanford Sleep Disorders Clinic.

Provigil works its magic by specifically targeting the region of the brain that keeps people awake. Unlike coffee and amphetamines, Provigil cannot be technically classified as a stimulant because it does not perk up the entire central nervous system or dramatically increase levels of dopamine, a neurotransmitter associated with arousal and alertness.

While stimulants frequently cause jitters, insomnia, addiction and a need for "rebound sleep" to balance sleep debt, Provigil causes none of these effects and allows people to return to their normal sleep schedules when the pills wear off.

The key advantage of this drug is that users show no need to compensate for the lost hours of sleep.

For example, a 1995 study in Canada showed that subjects taking the drug were able to perform well on cognitive tests

taken after remaining awake and in high spirits for 60 hours, a lengthy two-and-a-half days.

In another study, published in 2000, U.S. Army helicopter pilots stayed awake for 40 hours while being summoned periodically to perform maneuvers on a flight simulator.

When left untreated, the pilots became fatigued and made errors in the morning hours. But with the drug in their system during a second 40-hour marathon, their skills and focus never wavered. Provigil was first developed in France during the 1970s. Cephalon, a West Chester, Pa.-based pharmaceutical company, currently sells the drug and hopes to gain FDA approval to market the drug to anybody plagued by sleepiness from any medical condition.

At the moment, the FDA only approves the drug for one medical condition, narcolepsy. Narcolepsy is commonly described as a sudden and uncontrollable urge to sleep.

Despite the drug's proven abilities to keep sleep at bay with virtually no side effects, researchers warn that the long-term health consequences of avoiding sleep are not completely understood.

Until scientists fully understand the role sleep plays in the human body, they warn that the drug must be regarded with prudence.

"I would definitely not try Provigil, even if I had to pull an all-nighter," said freshman Matthew Marquez. "I have a natural hesitation to try any kind of drug, and after taking [human biology] Prof. William Dement's sleep and dreams class last quarter, I have suspicions against anything that drastically affects a person's normal sleep cycle."

"I can see how the drug has practical value for doctors, law-enforcement agencies and people with sleep disorders, but I just don't see this powerful drug

as a necessity for students," Marquez continued.

Some students react to Provigil with circumspection rather than eagerness to try the miracle drug.

"I feel it is unnatural to essentially bypass the natural way our bodies have evolved to work, which includes interfering with our circadian rhythm and sleeping patterns," said freshman Joy Chen.

Provigil's potential usefulness in occupations such as medicine, firefighting, law enforcement and long-haul trucking confronts doctors with ethical dilemmas.

Some people question if doctors should prescribe Provigil to people whose jobs can become hazardous to society when they work graveyard shifts and become sleepy. There is also a widespread concern for abuse.

"If Provigil can safely keep a person awake for over two days, what stops the temptation to take pills for another two days and then another?" Marquez asked. "At some point, there will be serious consequences because this drug forces the human body into unnatural behavior."

Moreover, another concern is that the drug can find its way into demanding businesses and start-up companies, especially in Silicon Valley.

"Perhaps there will be a big push for the legalization of Provigil from businesses wishing to exploit workers' labor hours," said sophomore Onny Chatterjee.

Employers may see their companies at a competitive disadvantage if employees do not lengthen their work hours with Provigil. Currently, many doctors discreetly prescribe Provigil "off-label," which is for conditions not approved by the FDA. This practice is common and legal in medicine. Conditions for which doctors prescribe Provigil include depression, sleep apnea, Parkinson's disease and multiple sclerosis.

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## Penn State students respond to threats

◆ Investigators found new leads in the threat case.

Danielle Grote  
Daily Collegian

(U-WIRE) UNIVERSITY PARK, Pa. — Four days after four Pennsylvania State University students received threatening anti-gay and racist e-mails, Penn State Police Services found a new lead in the investigation. The e-mails were sent from the same America Online account, the students reported.

"We've identified the owner of the online account," Clifford Lutz, Penn State police supervisor, said.

The police will interview the out-of-state resident for further information and continue their investigation from there, he added. At this point no arrests have been made.

"They have some detective work to do," Bill Mahon, Penn State spokesman, said.

While police continued their investigation, a coalition of concerned students held a press conference Monday to respond to the acts of hate.

At the conference three students — Kamillah Cole (freshman-journalism), Takkeem Morgan, Black Caucus vice president and Jennifer Storm, co-director of Lambda Student Alliance — were identified as recipients of threatening e-mails. The fourth student, a member of the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community, chose to remain anonymous.

Messages sent to Cole, Storm and another member of the LGBT community threatened their lives and proclaimed death to all "queers." The message sent to Morgan contained racial slurs and claimed Morgan wanted everyone to take a black history course. Morgan is among a group of students working to establish diversity initiatives in the curriculum, including a mandatory course on racism.

Although the owner of the AOL account is believed to live out of state, there is a possibility the incident can be traced back to a mem-

ber of the Penn State community.

The author of the e-mails allegedly got information about the students from a message board posting on a white supremacist Web site. The author of the posting claimed to be a Penn State student.

The victims' names and group affiliations were published in articles in The Daily Collegian this semester. Black Caucus President David Davis, Cole and Storm spoke at the press conference Monday.

Storm said after she received the e-mail, she signed on to a computer later in the day and had a conversation on AOL Instant Messenger with an individual who claimed to be the person who sent her the hate e-mail.

In that conversation the individual threatened to torture her, Storm said.

The writer also made references to Matthew Shepard, the University of Wyoming student who was murdered two years ago because of his sexual orientation, Storm said. Storm ended the conversation, saved the text and sent it to police as evidence, she said.

Cole, the first one to open a threatening e-mail Thursday morning, said she did not know what to do when she received the e-mail. She said she went online to report it on the Zero Tolerance for Hate Support Network, but her student account password was denied.

She said she was surprised at the lack of support available to her, especially after then-Black Caucus President Lakeisha Wolf and several other student leaders received racially charged hate mail last year.

"There's no one to talk to at this point," Cole said, adding that she thinks members of her community are the only people who are supporting her.

Stephen Shetler, Center for Counseling and Psychological Services psychologist, said he is openly gay and is willing to talk with anyone who needs his services.

"When something like this occurs, we try to make ourselves more available," he said, adding

that CAPS does not have a protocol for dealing with incidents of hate. Davis said Penn State needs to take a proactive rather than reactive approach to the way it handles incidents of hate.

"Right now, Penn State is being targeted by a white supremacist group," Davis said. He called for a central office that would deal with hate, offer support and counseling, and monitor hate groups that target members of the university.

"There are a lot of different outlets that I think need to be pieced together," Davis said. Davis said Terrell Jones, vice provost for educational equity, has been in contact with the students throughout the weekend.

Jones said he has met with students and plans to work on their concerns. He also offered to help students if they need extensions on classwork. He said the nature of electronic media makes it difficult for police and university officials to confront this sort of hate.

"There's simply no way we can keep it from happening," Jones said. "I wish there were," Mahon said. Penn State President Graham Spanier e-mailed the victims to let them know he was aware of the situation, and he met with a group of colleagues to discuss the events.

Davis said a group of student leaders have requested a personal meeting with Spanier to address the idea of a central office for dealing with hate.

Despite the threatening nature of the e-mail she received, Storm said she will not give up her dedication to activism.

"During my time here at Penn State, I have been an advocate for human rights and I will not stop that today," Storm said. "This has only made me steadfast in my beliefs."

Storm urged the Penn State community to move beyond the confines of the university by supporting state House Bill 1493, which is a proposed amendment to the current hate crimes act that would make acts of hate based on gender, sexual orientation or disability illegal.

Davis said everyone should be concerned about the threatening e-



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## College: A senior's perspective

Assistant Features Editor Ryan Hill

**Ah, college — the place where people go to learn about sex, drugs, alcohol and God knows what else ... and occasionally, they go to class.** Nonetheless, in four short years here at this great university, I've learned a thing or two, and since this is my last article as an undergrad here, I'm gonna pass on this knowledge to all of you — whether you need it or not. And if you're short on toilet paper and want to use this as a substitute, go right ahead.

### School

Nobody gets out in four years anymore. The slogan "the best four years of your life" seriously needs to get changed to "the best five years of your life." Increasing class requirements and the need for most people to intern or have some kind of job during school has made it almost impossible to get out on time. Of all of the people I know, I'm the only one getting out on time this year, and in the time it has taken me to get a bachelor's and a master's, many people will have only gotten their bachelor's degree.

Also, grade distribution reports are your friend. Why take underwear basket weaving with someone who gives no "A's" when you can take it with someone who gives all "A's"? It's a valuable resource, so use it. Just make sure to run away if you get a different professor from the one you signed up for.

### Outside the classroom

In four years, I've degenerated from getting drunk a lot and being real uptight to openly talking about bowel movements and hardly getting drunk at all. (Thank you, Southpaw, thank you.) Bars are lots of fun, but sometimes I miss just hanging out at somebody's place, getting ripped and ordering Gumb's pizza. Bars are also expensive. Mitch's is probably my favorite, because you can go, get turned and feathered, and then make somebody under 21 (cause they can get in there) drive you home. You can't lose!

Road trips are really fun, but make sure that when you're on the way home, you're going towards Raleigh and not New York. And always bring a camera, because drunk pictures are priceless.

Spring break trips are one in a million. I've been to the Bahamas and New Orleans, and both were well worth it. From stumbling into casinos half drunk and winning \$40 in two hands of poker to checking out Bourbon Street, which, by the way, is wild 365 days a year (not just during Mardi Gras), I'll never forget spring break.

Just don't ever forget how much fun a pair of underwear, a bar of Hershey's special dark chocolate and a Payday can be.

### Relationships or lack thereof

If you're a guy at this school, dating is difficult. My friends and I figured out

that maybe 3 percent of the women at this school are available to date at any time. I know I've had my fair share of hopefuls that turned out to be taken. But, never fear: Meredith is down the road, and everyone has a redeeming value, even at UNC-Chapel Hill. They have about as many single girls as State does guys. As horrible as it is traveling to that town, there are lots of girls to meet there.

Also, I understand that it may be fun to lead someone on, but don't do it. It's just mean. And no matter what Carrie says about being in a committed relationship, she's a player.

That's about all I have to say because anyone who knows me is probably laughing their ass off at the very thought of me trying to tell people about dating.

### N.C. State athletics

Football games are like rock shows. Lots of people get trashed before it starts, nobody shows up until the main attraction starts, and when it does, everybody goes nuts. Our football games are probably the best in the ACC. Duke games are ghetto, as are Wake Forest games. The NCSU game at Wake last season had more Wollpack fans than Deacon fans. Wake Forest's basketball atmosphere isn't that great, either. We have it really good with these two sports; venture to other arenas, and you'll see just how die-hard NCSU fans are.

Basketball games may not be as wild

as football, but I prefer them. I've always liked basketball more, and while you're disgusting if you get ripped beforehand, it's a lot of fun. Both sports are great; I just prefer basketball.

I've also been here long enough to remember what the old camp-out was like. The only thing that made it bearable was the alcohol — well, that and the fires. I can't say I miss it much. Some do, and that's fine, but I show my school spirit at the games, not by sitting out in 10-degree weather all night long.

It also really sucks that the Wollpack just now made it to the NCAA Tournament, but at least they made it while I was here. Interesting side note: State's record in football against Florida State in my time here: 2-2. Against UNC-Chapel Hill: 1-3. Go figure.

### Alcohol

Everybody's friend! Just don't drink only beer and eat only pizza, because you'll get scurvy. Alcohol is a lot of fun, but make sure you have a designated driver, and if you think you're going to do something really stupid, like jump off a deck and break your leg, don't drink so much.

Watch out for beer goggles. If a friend of yours is sober and you see someone you like, check with the sober guy just to be safe. Otherwise, you may have one of those awful "Oh lord what did I do" wake-ups the next day.

Hangovers suck, plain and simple.

Especially liquor hangovers. Hell, liquor in general wrecks havoc on you. To avoid the hangovers, take an Aleve before bedtime. Or, if you wake up and you are hung over, get down on some Gatorade. It's good. If you're the D.D. and want to drink, drink a beer, then drink water. You won't even get a buzz, I promise.

It's really weird: when you're under 21, all you want to do is drink. You have to go to the trouble to find somebody who will get it for you, and it's a lot of trouble, which makes it more worthwhile. Once you turn 21, you'll drink a lot at first, then you'll kind of settle down — at least I have. I am the D.D. more than anything else now. Oh yeah, stay away from stuff like IM when you're drunk. God knows what you'll say.

### One year from now

I will hopefully be going to graduate school here and living in some stank apartment off Hillsborough Street that's really cheap.

*Ryan wants everyone to make sure that, no matter what you do, you wear proper socks. He also wants to thank Technician for four years of fun, free staff and paychecks. He also wants to thank all of you for putting up with his hack writing. That is all.*

## College: A freshman's perspective

Staff Writer Carrie Windham

**One year ago, I was just getting off** the rush from prom and sending out invitations for high school graduation. NCSU was just that place I was going to not soon enough — that would usher in the "best days of my life."

And if you had asked me then, I would've told you that college was going to be one big blur of frat parties, boring lectures and studying on grassy knolls.

Never mind the fact that I didn't party in high school and wasn't that big of a fan of grassy knolls — that was what college was. The movies said so.

Oh, the difference a year makes. Granted, I've only survived one year of college, but that year has been enough to dismiss all my preconceptions about college and replace them with a new reality about life on a college campus.

So here it is — one year later — college through the eyes of a veteran freshman.

### School — the academic part

High school teachers use college as a powerful fear tactic to remind complaining students of just how good they have it. We've all heard that famous line: "Well, when you're in college, no one is going to care, like I do, about how you're doing." Images of giant lecture halls, absent-minded professors and intellectual, glasses-wearing scholars played through our heads. On the bright side, however, college professors weren't concerned with attendance

or sleeping in class.

And to some extent, they were right. There are lecture halls with over 100 students and professors that truly don't care about attendance. But in my year here, I haven't experienced them. Even at a university of our size, the majority of my professors have known my name, and every one has taken attendance and penalized for missing too many days.

And more importantly, I quickly discovered that I couldn't blow off class, read the book the night before the exam and still ace the test like I could in high school. And projects and extra credit didn't help when your grade came down to three exams.

But one major misconception was that professors don't care. They may not warn you in class if you're failing, but they do make themselves available for help and guidance outside of the classroom. And although it took me quite a while to discover them, grade distribution charts are your best friend. As for absent-minded professors, I'd just like to find one that speaks fluent English.

And for the record, I've come to enjoy studying on grassy knolls.

### Outside the classroom

I have to give our university credit — say what you will about our lack of diversity, but there is truly something for everything when it comes to extracurriculars. And I've tried quite a few — well, at least the ones that offered free food at the beginning of the year.

So with so much to do, a chronic over-achiever like myself signed up for

quite a few at the beginning of the year. After all, in high school, you could belong to every organization with little effort on your own part.

But well, it doesn't work out the same way in college. I soon discovered that I could either be a lackluster member of a lot of organizations or truly devoted to a few. This might be the time for apologies to all of those organizations that I never returned to. But thanks for the food, truly.

And as a wide-eyed freshman who is almost a sophomore, I still haven't lost that desire to be part of the university and still feel that there are interests I haven't pursued. So be forewarned, if you offer food, I might be checking out your club.

### Relationships

So Ryan (see adjacent article) and I are probably cheating on this one. I've dated the same guy all year, and Ryan's dated ... well, I'm not really sure that he's dated.

That said, I always envisioned college as one big dating experiment. And oh, the experimentation. Dates with a boy were only supposed to happen once before they were discarded, and the next prospect brought on. After all, one date in high school meant you were "talking" or "going together" or whatever ghetto phrase people are using now, and you definitely weren't supposed to go out with two different people in the same weekend.

And for a few short-lived weeks of glory, I tried out my new policy. I quickly discovered that I just couldn't do it, and after a few embarrassing

novice mistakes, I found myself in a committed relationship.

And in an unrelated note: Scheduling dinner with two different guys on the same night is never a good idea. But to those of you out there who are using my previous policy, I find nothing wrong with that. We're young, have fun and keep a detailed appointment book.

### NCSU athletics

I always thought that I would go to a small private school, but quickly realized what my friends at smaller universities are missing: Division I athletics. It's the only force powerful enough to make any moderately decent-looking basketball player a god, to turn an easygoing guy into a raving New Yorker threatening to "rape all your mothers" and a 1987 Crown Victoria into an award winning Homecoming float.

I always imagined I would support my college's athletics, but this year I've tailored, created a Homecoming float, painted friends' chests and camped out in the bitter cold all for the opportunity to show my school spirit.

Throughout the year, I've discovered that the quickest way to get a boy to take off his shirt is to mention that Sportscenter could be watching. The only thing needed to induce a spirit riot is a foam turtle costume. Also, NCSU Storehouse tents do little to shield the cold; in fact, they might even increase it.

And as a random insight, I think our athletic teams would be much stronger if they would keep them away from typical campus food. I enjoy seeing our

basketball celebrities — trust me I do, but should they really be eating that stuff?

### Alcohol — or the lack thereof

Where Ryan lacks in the lady department, I lack in the alcohol department. I don't drink, but I also don't preach, lecture or judge.

But since I can't talk about my own alcohol experience, I'll comment on my favorite experience with intoxicated peers. During one of my first nights at school, two slightly intoxicated young men knocked on our door poised as service-repair men (dressed in collared shirts and boat shoes no doubt). They proceeded to our bathroom, plunger in hand and tried to remedy our "problem." Needless to say, my roommate quickly ushered them out — but if you two are reading this, I'd just like to commend you on your creativeness and perseverance.

### One year from now

Ahhh, I must say this is the category where it feels good to be a freshman.

Graduation is far enough away that job market freezes, an ailing economy and an influx in graduate admissions don't mean much to me. My option is clear: I'll be coming back to school next year a little wiser, a little more confident and probably ready to change my major for the fourth time.

While some of us will be slumming it in a garage apartment, I'll be back in a dorm room (if University Towers counts) ready to join more organizations, eat more food and have my toilet checked by drunken boys in boat shoes.

## Helicopter training school opens at RDU

Features Editor Joel Isaac Frady

When we were all growing up, you never heard anyone say they wanted to be a lawyer or a mechanical engineer. Kids think of fun things to do when they grow up — like being an astronaut, a fireman, a doctor or even a pilot; some people even still long for exciting jobs like these.

This is the theory being tested by Southeastern Helicopters, a small company that opened last Monday, April 22, at RDU airport that offers flight training for those seeking private or commercial licenses.

"Ever since I was two years old, all I wanted to do was fly helicopters," says flight instructor Angela Raab. "For some people, helicopters can be intimidating, but they're really not. People just need to get comfortable around them."

When asked what makes flying helicopters so exciting, Raab and Southeastern's operating manager Tristan Lavenir were full of smiles and far from speechless.

"With airplanes, people say flying is boring with fun moments," Raab said, with Lavenir adding, "In helicopters, it's different. You can go low, you can go fast, you can get close to buildings [and] land anywhere. You can be like a bird."

The company was started in the

Triangle not only because of the growing population and location between Raleigh, Cary and Durham, but also because it's one of the biggest college areas in the nation.

"Especially in the summer, when students are out of class, it's something else students could do," Raab said, going on to say that "if you really focus on it ... you can get your pilot license in

about two months."

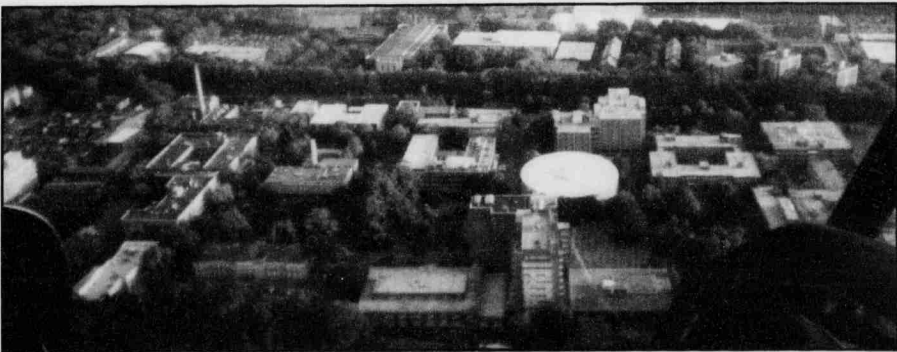
Technician was also given the chance to see what all the hype is about — in a short flight over the N.C. State Campus and downtown Raleigh. We took off about an hour before sunset with the pilot's door standing open during the flight to let in a comfortable breeze, moving over roadways and buildings that looked like a kid's play-set. The

wind was heavy, and you could feel it, causing this writer to be a bit nervous, but a look at pilot Marius Akerholt relieved the tension — the look on his face was more like a kid who had found the cookie jar than a professional doing his everyday job.

In addition to offering training for private and commercial helicopter pilot licenses, Southeastern also offers

flights for sightseeing, photo, traffic watching and filming — for a price. The one drawback is the price tag — each hour of training will run well over \$100. Then again, people interested in this probably expected that.

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# The E3 Phenomenon: Playstation 2

Staff Writer **Antonio Brunson**

Last year, the Playstation 2 led the way with what could be the best line-up of holiday games ever. Sony's unstoppable machine already has a healthy lead on the Xbox and Gamecube, and the company shows no signs of slowing down. Recently, Sony revealed their plans for online play along with a few exciting titles for gamers to enjoy over the net.

**Final Fantasy XI.** Undoubtedly the title to own for online gamers, "Final Fantasy XI" ditched a lot of the conventions of the series in its transition to the Internet. For instance, battles now

take place in real-time, and the story isn't the usual "save the world" plot gamers are used to. This extremely ambitious game won't hit America until 2003, but it's definitely one to watch for.

**Shinobi.** It's a good time to be a Sega fan, for they've resurrected yet another classic series for the next-generation consoles. "Shinobi" puts you in the role of a ninja who battles hordes of supernatural beings in ancient Tokyo. A plethora of amazing moves are at your disposal as you dispatch enemies in this revived action classic.

**Tekken 4.** The next entry in Namco's popular 3-D fighting series boasts three new characters and serious tweaking

for returning fighters. The home version of the game features some of the cool bonus modes the Tekken series is famous for.

**Onimusha 2.** Capcom's hit samurai game returns in its sequel featuring a brand-new storyline and characters. The title looks to be longer than its dreadfully short predecessor and sports new techniques for players to master.

**Socom: U.S. Navy Seals.** One of the first games to be available for online play, "Socom" is a tactical shooter the likes of which consoles have never seen. The game is packed to the brim with features like a 16-player, death-match mode and real-time voice chat. All of these bonuses require broadband

play, so interested parties might have to upgrade before they take the plunge.

**Ratchet & Clank.** From the creators of "Spyro the Dragon," "Clank" stars a bat-like animal fighting alongside a small robot.

There will also be several games shown at E3 that are hitting the Xbox, Gamecube and Playstation 2. Here's a quick rundown:

**Soul Calibur II.** Its predecessor is largely considered the greatest 3-D fighter ever made, so "Soul Calibur II" has a lot to live up to. Impressions of the game have been positive, as it boasts improved graphics and tweaks to the fighting system.

**Dead to Rights.** This third-person

shooter features intense action strongly influenced by Hong Kong action films. Underneath the frantic combat lies a story full of twists and turns written by a Hollywood screenwriter. Definitely a title to keep an eye on.

**Timesplitters 2.** This is a fast-paced, multi-player, first-person shooter from people who worked on the classics "Goldeneye" and "Perfect Dark."

**Batman: Dark Tomorrow.** Based on the DC comics, hopes are running high for this third-person adventure that is heavy on stealth and hand-to-hand combat.

**Turok: Evolution.** Acclaim's hit first-person series returns with more dinosaur-shooting action.

## Yard work sucks

Staff Writer **Antonio Brunson**

**Didn't find a job for the summer?**

Well, you won't be bored because the four game systems (Playstation 2, Xbox, Gamecube and Gameboy Advance) are throwing more quality titles at you than you'll know what to do with. So I'm going to give you my picks for games to get over the summer so you can neglect pointless ideas like exercise and a social life while your posterior expands to Jennifer Lopez-like proportions.

**Spiderman: The Movie.** (PS2, GC, Xbox) — The web-slinger finally gets

his due in this faithful translation of the upcoming movie. If you can get past the sketchy camera, you'll find engaging adventure with some sweet visuals. Available now.

**Resident Evil.** (GC) — This remake of the original survival horror classic boasts some of creepiest, most realistic graphics to ever grace a game. Both veterans and newbies will find a lot to enjoy (and scream at) here, as Capcom has tweaked the game enough to create an all-new experience. Available now.

**Elder Scrolls III: Morrowind.** (Xbox) — This role-playing game offers up loads of interactivity similar to the highly-anticipated "Project Ego,"

but much more attention has been paid to conversational encounters. Also coming to the PC, this sequel could provide more of the open-ended gameplay many gamers love. Available May 15.

**House of the Dead 3.** (Xbox) — Sega's light-gun sequel looks to deliver the intense, zombie-blasting action that made the series popular. Available in June.

**Eternal Darkness.** (GC) — Web sites have been raving about this horror game ever since Nintendo showed the near-final version last month. This title promises over 60 hours of gameplay and over 12 playable characters — not

to mention a deep story that actually affects gameplay. Available in June.

**White Night Concerto.** (GBA) — The follow-up to the smash hit "Circle of the Moon," "White Night Concerto" promises more of the fun exploration and cool techniques that its predecessor delivered. Available in June.

**Street Fighter Alpha 3.** (GBA) — 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. Not only that, "Alpha 3" stands tall as a 2-

D fighting favorite among hardcore gamers. Available around July or August.

**Medal of Honor: Frontline.** (PS2) — Electronic Arts throws more Nazi-killing action your way in this intense first-person shooter. This game demonstrates some serious audio prowess with literally hundreds of sounds for bullets, explosions and other atmospheric effects featured for each level. Available in June.

**Crazy Taxi 3.** (Xbox) — Sega's innovative driving series returns with a host of new features such as nighttime driving and new passengers, drivers and levels. Available in July.

## Party on!

Senior Staff Writer **Jon Morgan**

**Andrew W.K.**  
I Get Wet

Zero stars



Image from [www.andrewwk.com](http://www.andrewwk.com)

**Do you drink to get drunk? Do you watch professional wrestling?** Are you on Valtrex? Then boy, have I got a record for you.

Shaved as Andrew W.K., recently having escaped from the circus, has released his first album on Mercury Records. Andrew, whose manager contends is "functionally literate," is a rockin' party dude straight out of Detroit, the one and only Rock City, famous for its parties and people who go to parties. Party.

Excuse me if I seem redundant, but I've just been looking at the track listing for this album, and the word "party" has been burned into my retinas. "It's Time to Party," "Party Hard," "Party Til You Puke." Yes, it seems young Andrew has much to say, and it's all about partying.

Brief thematic deviations are to be found, however, if one looks hard enough. For example, there is the timeless ballad "She is Beautiful," a song about a girl that is beautiful. The song

goes on to confirm that the girl is beautiful, and then to say that the girl is pretty as well. Preceding this gem is "I Love NYC," a song about how much he loves New York City. It is also about how great New York is and how New York is such an awesome city.

Parties, cities and girls are great, but what is this mysterious figure really about? Thanks to the magic of the Internet, we have a message from the man himself — a message that was likely written down by another person because it has some big words in it. Are you ready for it? Here it comes:

"I will work everyday to feel O.K. To truly feel O.K. is to accept everything as such and that you have a place inside of it. And that place is a miracle, not something small. We can do so much, so easily, so fast. We have so much power, and so much ability. Human beings are one of the greatest achievements in the history of the world."

Wow, a bold statement from a bold

man. It's like, humans are great! And stuff is, um, awesome! Andrew's statements, brutally optimistic and brimming with his incredible lust for life, are echoed in the album pretty much in every song. This is helped by the fact that every song is more or less the same.

Limiting stylistic variations to slight differences in how hard the songs rock, the album tends to walk a rather narrow line. "Take It Off," which features some expert keyboard work by our prodigy Andy, seems like some nightmarish cross between Kiss and Atom and His Package but with all the originality of a Warner Bros. sitcom.

Now, I'm not going to lie to you. This album will make your head bob. It may, in fact, make your ass shake. But it's a dirty shake. This album has more empty calories than a metric ton of marshmallows. There's nothing there, and this ultimately kills any lasting power this record could've had.

In the end, "I Get Wet" is 32 minutes

of power chords, hoarse screaming and the same mindless lyrics shouted over and over to the defenseless listener. Spin likes it, the NME likes it and lots of people seem to like it as well. I've said it before, and I'll say it again: Hell in a handbasket!

"I Get Wet" has all the sincerity and artistic vision of a Mountain Dew commercial but comes with blood and sweat instead of caffeine and sugar. An utter affront to all literate Americans, this is perhaps the most unintelligent album to grace Billboard's charts in 20 years. And that's saying a lot.

If these things don't bother you — great. Go buy the album, you'll love it. From a purely "The Sound and the Fury" standpoint, "I Get Wet" is as good as it gets. There's power chords and shouting too. But then again, if you're able to read this review without the aid of others, it's probably not your cup of tea.

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## TECHNICIAN'S VIEW

## Student loan proposal dies

THOUGH IT LOOKS LIKE THE PLAN IS DEAD IN THE WATER, PRESIDENT BUSH'S STUDENT LOAN PROPOSAL WAS A POOR IDEA FROM THE START.

Last week, the Bush Administration announced a proposal to ease the federal budget woes that would force college grads wishing to consolidate their federal student loans using a variable interest rate. Currently, students pay fixed rates which, the Bush administration says, "can result in significant federal costs, have higher average costs to borrowers... and can have a destabilizing effect on the guaranteed loan program." Asking students to pay market rates for their federal loans is not an all together horrible idea; however, incorporating this proposal into an estimated \$2.1 billion anti-terrorism bill, as many supporters of Bush's proposal would like to do, is absurd.

In times when an economic slowdown has budgets at the federal, state and local level caught between a rock and a hard place, it is shortsighted and ignorant to suggest that education must be spared from the budget chopping block when all other institutions are being asked to cough up money. However, something about making students pay more for their loans,

which this bill will essentially do, to fund this anti-terrorism bill is unsettling.

White House budget director Mitchell Daniels, who announced the proposal last week, after facing staunch criticism from Democrats, Daniels has been quick to point out that student loans are not the only cut being requested in this bill. Other proposed savings would include \$800 million to come from giving Education Secretary Rod Paige more power to appropriate his department's funds and \$450 million in unused funds to be reclaimed from the Export Enhancement Program.

Sure, there are other cuts included in this bill, but the \$5.2 billion the Bush administration estimates it would save from converting federal student loan payments to fixed rates is nearly a fifth of the budget. Yes, and anti-terrorism campaign costs a lot of money, and yes, education (or programs helping grads pay for it) should be considered for cuts. But no, this bill is not the way to go about it.

## A very real battle for rights



Robert Jaill

STAFF WRITER

Recently, two different organizations announced the winners of their essay contests both centering around the prompt, "What does intellectual property mean to me in my daily life?" The World Intellectual Property Organization's (WIPO) created its competition first, but opponents of WIPO quickly responded by creating a contest of their own, wipout.net, but addressing the topic from the other side.

Many of the wipout.net essays and even the WIPO essays touch on new laws designed to help countries comply with WIPO's guidelines for intellectual property legislation. In the United States, when one talks about such laws, one mainly means the Digital Millennium Copyright Act (DMCA) and the yet-to-be-passed Consumer Broadband and Digital Television Promotion Act (CBDTPA), formerly known as SSSCA and informally known as DMCA 2.

The essays from both WIPO and wipout.net, a cogent argument leveled against DMCA and CBDTPA, deal with the motives and effective uses and users of what many rightfully term as draconian set of laws.

Because the RIAA produces so few facts to show that the music industry is hurt by new file-sharing technologies, the Internet and new digital devices, one should suspect other motives for its support of the new intellectual property laws. Looking at the oft-cited example of how groups like the RIAA opposed the introduction of the VCR, one can pull good hints about the RIAA's intentions.

In short, DMCA and CBDTPA are part of a multi-pronged strategy by mostly big corporations to protect their traditional business models in the face of rapidly advancing technologies. By virtue of its ubiquity, the RIAA already controls the music industry from the artist side, employing notoriously restrictive and stingy contracts to keep control of the industry. Moreover, advertising, production and distribution all lie within the RIAA's domain.

However, as technology has progressed in the last 10 years, the RIAA's dominance of the areas that make the services of record companies so special — advertising, production and distribution — has become uncertain because things like the Internet make it conceiv-

able or even plausible that the RIAA's niche, essentially a glorified middle-man, could be eliminated.

Thus, when threatened and not prepared to adapt, the RIAA did what any huge, market-dominating company would do — it became anti-competitive. Accordingly, laws like DMCA and CBDTPA serve to raise the barrier of entry to markets where the RIAA operates. DMCA prevents anyone from exercising fair-use rights to even criticize or review content published by software manufacturers, record companies and moviemakers. CBDTPA proposes that all manufacturers of digital devices employ some arbitrary, government-imposed standard of security so that groups like the RIAA can enforce their campaigns against fair use.

It's very angrier than to see politicians in Washington, especially Hollywood-cosy Democrats, roll over to the RIAA and similar lobbies when the notable uses of the DMCA, passed in 1996, have primarily been to limit speech of users, the research of scientists, the work of security experts and fair use rights of consumers in the face of wonderful sales, under the circumstances, for record and movie companies. The billed purpose of DMCA and CBDTPA — to stop piracy — is clearly ancillary to desires to protect companies from changing times and changing technology.

In a very arguable sense, the RIAA's buying of Washington is worse than that of oil companies (la Enron), the NRA or unions because the stakes involve rights that affect the everyday lives of most Americans. No longer would making a mix-CD, downloading mp3s to preview an album, even making mp3s with a friend and sharing new mp3s — all reasonable, innocuous activities — ever be legal. Furthermore, a DMCA- and CBDTPA-empowered RIAA only has to wield the threat of lawsuit, presumption of innocence aside, to bring the hammer down on those who are essentially not pirates. I implore readers to not take my word for it. Look up the DMCA and CBDTPA, or look for what all sides have to say on the issue. The essays at [www.wipout.net](http://www.wipout.net) and [www.wipout.net](http://www.wipout.net) are good places to start. Most importantly, I encourage readers to turn their research into action and consider intellectual property and fair use rights when voting in future elections. One vote may yet trump the lobbyists' millions of dollars.

Robert was going to write a sentimental end-of-the-year column, but realized he hadn't been stricken with severe head trauma. Email him at [evilb@NCSU.edu](mailto:evilb@NCSU.edu).

## PIG NIGHTMARES



## Wake Forest frat swine



Ben Kraudel

STAFF COLUMNIST

On Tuesday, members of the Wake Forest University chapter of Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity were charged with animal cruelty and a b a n d o n m e n t after they tortured a pig during a drunken party at a rented picnic shelter at a local park.

A couple walking their dog found the pig dehydrated, drunk and burned. Police believe the pig was tortured during the party, which was being thrown both to welcome new brothers and to say goodbye to graduating ones.

The pig was supposedly fed alcohol and burned by being in proximity to heat lamps that were at the party to provide lighting. The members of the fraternity apparently had also cut off the pig's tail. The pig is now recuperating at the county animal shelter. The 23 charged members of the fraternity could face up to 90 days in jail if convicted of animal cruelty.

This concludes the "catch-up with the news" part of this column. When a friend sent me this story, from a national newspaper, I was shocked. At first, I wanted to make jokes. The headline made me wonder if there was nothing more important going on in the world this week than some college students mutilating a pig. This story is the sort of thing that you read in your daily newspaper and just have to wonder about. Sure, it is horrible that some idiots

would have part of the welcome/farewell program be carving, burning and intoxicating swine. Years later they sit around and talk about the good old days: "Hey, Jim, you remember when we cut up that pig and got it drunk... yeah, man... life was good."

Still though, my mind churns: Why is this so surprising? Pigs are slaughtered daily, and it is not done in the most humane circumstances. After all, the parts the pork producers want are prepared and packaged, these "princes of pork" proceed to place the previous pig's body into a pork pulp to feed to the other swine.

This fact is brought up only when some vegetarian is trying to explain how the eating of pork is offensively inhumane. However, take a pig and burn it, cut it and booze it up, and Dan Rather is interviewing kids in dorm rooms at WF. So, what's the difference? That the pig was not to be eaten? Had someone cut the pig up and thrown it onto a grill, would this be all right?

So, now I sit here and try and ponder out the lucid nightmare that is the media's coverage of this story. The pig was assaulted, and I understand the offensiveness of that. I know that had I been at this party, I would have said something about these frat boys' obviously latent Hamlet/Lector-esque tendencies. Still, how is this different from what happens in slaughter houses (or slaughter homes, if it's a warmer, cuddlier atmosphere) all over the world? This pig was not bred to be tortured, while other pigs are bred to be killed?

But those pigs are dead, and this one is only burnt, dehydrated, lacking a tail and hung over. Does that equal out, somehow? Or can this be plea-bar-

gained down to criminal neglect of a swine? Is this just a way to appease animal rights activists around the state who say that the world is soft on those that abuse and neglect animals?

I can feel the blood clots forming in my brain, and it won't be long until muddling over this conundrum of pig rights will cause me to have a stroke resulting in someone finding me dead in my bathroom tomorrow, so I will do my best to wrap this up. I didn't find any references in the news stories I read concerning confessions by the brothers of this fraternity, and I have a doubt that the pig is going to testify, if only out of fear. Is it really necessary to send these kids to jail? Won't the ridicule they will undoubtedly face when they get back to school be enough? Or the drops in rush enrollment at Sigma Phi Epsilon (affectionately now to be called SPE, WiPe Punishment as Entertainment)?

This is the sort of thing that sending these kids to jail for three months is just good to do them more damage than good. This is the sort of case that makes me wish judges could still hand down sentences that in no way reflected a civilized society. If that were the case, these idiots would be tied up and thrown into a pin full of large, hungry and tasked pigs while covered in the blood and guts of last week's pork chop producers... then it would be time to break out the heat lamps.

Ben loves all of God's creatures... except possibly the platypus. Talk to him about it at [bkraudel@univ.ncsu.edu](mailto:bkraudel@univ.ncsu.edu).

## No, you can't see my thong!



Larisa Yasinovskaya

STAFF COLUMNIST

I guess most of you have heard about the skirt-lifting incident at the Los Angeles high school by now, but if not, let me express my inevitable outrage. During a high school dance in San Diego, Calif., the vice-principal, Rita Wilson, checked girls to make sure that they weren't wearing thong underwear. She asked girls to lift up their skirts and then proceeded to check for appropriate underwear — in some cases in front of boys, teachers and police officers at the door. She also grabbed at least one girl's skirt and pulled it to check her bra. In fact, some girls were made to partially undress if they were suspected of not wearing a bra.

Girls are reported to have cried after relating the story to their parents and, of course, were embarrassed by the whole incident. The parents are asking for the vice-principal's resignation in light of what happened.

To say that a wave of outrage swept over me as I heard this story does not even begin to express my feelings on the matter. The problems with this incident are manifold. First of all, Principal Paul Gentile said he was looking into the matter and talking with the people involved. What escapes me is how all the teachers and police officers who

apparently witnessed this could simply stand by and let this go on. Clearly — and, yes, I do mean clearly — this is a violation of the law and these girls' civil rights.

One of my other questions is what the hell was Wilson thinking? What I want to know is what possessed her to think that this was either OK, or if she realized that it wasn't, what made her think that this was going to go over. Personally, I think she was doing this more for her own viewing pleasure rather than the "decency" issue of wearing thong underwear. Additionally, I hope that the parents of these girls haven't filed a suit against her and the school system because it just happened, and I hope to see a sexual harassment and civil rights suit about this issue in the news.

In addition to all this, it seems that this procedure was adopted to curb thong-wearing because the girls at this school were thong underwear on a regular basis, as they all knew from the locker room. It seems to me that Wilson either set out on a moralistic mission to curb thong-wearing, which I can only surmise she considers indecent, or she's just a pedophile. In either case, she has no business being in the school system and around young girls anymore. Not only do her personal feelings on thongs have no business being addressed in the school system, but no one's do. Seeing as how undergarments can't be seen, they can't possibly violate the school dress code, and, as such, an administrator certainly doesn't have the right to "search" for undergarments.

But the saddest part about all this is that most girls obeyed Wilson and lifted up their skirts, even if from other people. To me, this is a sad reflection about what young people in today's society, or at least those in high school, know about their civil rights and how to keep from being violated. I was shocked to hear that the girls didn't just laugh in her face and proceed to inform Wilson that she is going to jail for this — which she should be.

I want to blame someone for this outrage, but I think everyone is at least somewhat at fault. Of course, Wilson should be jailed for child molestation. But the parents of the girls who didn't walk away and didn't stand up for themselves also need to take note that they, as parents, need to be teaching their children about their rights. Just because people are in positions of authority doesn't mean they can do whatever they want to you.

In addition, I don't know if this incident could have happened from a lack of sex education since this issue touches on human sexuality. But if it does, then this incident is yet further reflect our need for increased sex education. Above everything though, this should teach us about how far people of authority will go if unchecked and what can happen to people when they don't know their rights and don't stand up for them when they are violated.

Ask Larisa about what kind of underwear she wears at [larisa.opinion@hotmail.com](mailto:larisa.opinion@hotmail.com) and see what happens.

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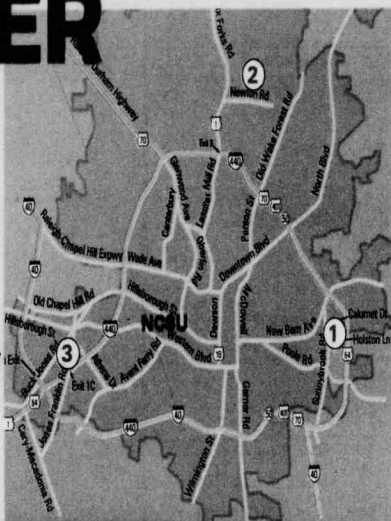


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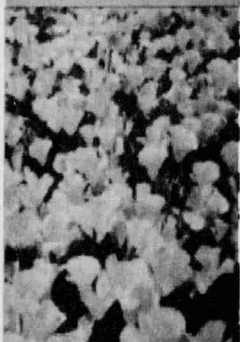
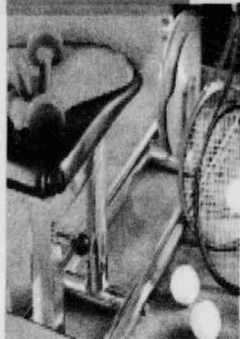
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I saw 12,000 people fill Reynolds for a high school basketball game. I watched Kelli Brown, Monica Berry and Maggie Haney when they were perfect. I witnessed Dan

Mooney throwing out one of the best baserunners in the country, and Brian Wright driving in two runners on a sacrifice fly.

Most importantly, I learned that everyone has a unique story to tell — someone just has to be willing to listen.

I'd like to express my appreciation of Jerry Moore, Steve Thompson, Matt Middleton, Andrew Carter, Justin Sellers, Todd Lion, Jay Kohler, Billy Freeman, Memie Ezike and Ryan Baucom. Technician's sports section functioned as well as it did because of their hard work and dedication.

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Finally, I want my parents to know how much I appreciate their support of all my endeavors.

Jeremy Ashton can be reached for the last time at 515-241-1 or jeremy@techniciansports.com.

## COBRAS

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"Our guys took it to them up front all night long, and they fought for four quarters and came out with a win," said

New in an interview on the Cobras' Web site, www.cobrasfootball.com. "Our football team showed a lot of character and resilience to come back and get the win."

With the win, Carolina moved into a first-place tie at

I-1 in the Southern division — just where it needs to be as it prepares to strike the Tampa Bay Storm. Game time is set for 7 p.m. Saturday at the ESA.

## BASEBALL

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Terps' top power hitter. He leads the team in hits, batting average, home runs, RBIs and stolen bases. As a team, Maryland bats a respectable .311 with four players that bat over .330. Compared to the opponents' 25 double plays, the Terps have turned 37 of their own.

The Terps' pitching staff sports a team ERA of 6.02. Senior Jared Stuart is the team's top hurler, coming in with a 5-2 record and a 5.31 ERA.

The Pack (26-20, 4-14) desperately needs a win to get its confidence up. The current four-game

losing streak, however, will not help very much.

Despite a paltry road record (3-10), State does possess great hitting and pitching. Catcher Colt Morton leads the team in home runs, and senior Brian Wright bats a team-leading .407 with 60 RBIs. In the pitching area, senior Mike Prochaska paces State with a 4-35 ERA and 4-1 record.

In light of the Pack's recent struggles, Avent realizes that his team will be fine if it can just focus on the Terps this weekend.

"We've got a rough week, and the important thing is for us to just stay focused on the team we're facing," said Avent. "If we can do that and continue to give it our all like we did Sunday against FSU, then I think we'll be OK."



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# Summer in the Triangle

## CAROLINA SUMMER SPORTS

### Carolina Courage

◆ The Courage is off to a fast start in the second season of the Women's United Soccer Association.

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One glance at the Women's United Soccer Association standings and you jump the token major sports cities of the United States. There's Philadelphia, Boston, Washington, New York and then a name that doesn't belong amongst the eight: Carolina.

Affectionately known as the Courage, Carolina's professional women's soccer team enters the second WUSA season wanting to prove they belong with the major markets of the United States. If the first two games are any indicator of the success the Courage wants to attain, then watch out WUSA.

Having to start the season on the road could have led to a porous start for Carolina. But instead, the Courage turned the two road games into two victories.

When the Courage return home Saturday to their new, very own stadium, they will step on the field as the WUSA's top team at 2-0.

Last year, the Courage used Fetzer

Field at UNC-Chapel Hill to play their home games, a venue that lacked the professional look, layout and mystique other WUSA squads called home.

Beginning this season, the Courage will move roughly 25 miles east to nearby Cary at the new SAS Stadium, appropriately located in the SAS Soccer Park.

The state-of-the-art soccer facility is currently hosting to the U.S. men's national team as they prepare for the upcoming World Cup this summer.

A new playing venue isn't the only thing Carolina spent the offseason tweaking. The Courage bolstered its defense by nabbing U.S. National Team member Danielle Slaton with the No. 1 overall in last season's draft.

That move is already paying dividends as the Courage's defensive unit that ranked last in the league a year ago has allowed just one goal in each game thus far — quite an improvement considering Carolina surrendered nearly two goals per contest last season.

The defense, however, will be without standout Carla Overbeck for a good portion of the season as the local star recovers from knee surgery.

Anchoring the defense for Carolina is goalkeeper Kristen Luckenbill,



Tiffany Roberts (5) leads the Courage midfield for the second year.

who appeared in 12 games last season for the Courage.

Up top, the offense has picked up right where it left off last season: at the feet of Danielle Fotopoulos. After finishing her career at Florida as the NCAA's all-time leading scorer, Fotopoulos played the inaugural WUSA season just six months after having her first child.

Fotopoulos has scored two goals in two games this season, with the only other Courage goal to date coming from Norwegian Hege Rise. In addition to Overbeck, the

Courage boasts several more players with ties to the area, including N.C. State's very own Kim Yankowski. Yankowski tallied 32 goals for the Wolfpack from 1990-93 and later coached at the high school level in Cary.

Former North Carolina players on the Courage roster include Overbeck, Staci Wilson and Tiffany Roberts.

The Courage's inaugural game at SAS Stadium against Atlanta will be this Saturday at 4 p.m. and will be broadcast by the PAX network.

### FAREWELL

#### What I've learned

I had no idea what to expect when I walked up to the third floor of Witherspoon Student Center for the first time.

At the time, I had been at N.C. State for a year and was in search of something outside of classes. I was majoring in chemical engineering, but I really had no idea where I wanted to end.

Technician ran an ad looking for new writers. I had no experience working for a newspaper, but I loved sports, so I figured I'd give it a shot.

Four years later, I'm preparing to graduate with the intention of being a journalist.

I remember being told at freshman orientation that college is about more than getting a degree; it's about getting an education. I now get education working for this newspaper.

I learned that one of the hardest things in the world is to go to a sporting event and be told that I can't cheer. Sports are intrinsically emotional, but the job of the journalist is to report what happens as honestly and objectively as possible.

Most of the time, that wasn't an issue for me, but it can be maddening.

When State was seconds away from becoming the first ACC team to beat Florida State on the road since the Seminoles joined the conference, the only outlet I had was to sit on my hands and keep muttering under my breath that I hoped the clock would run out soon. When Marshall Williams' tip-in at the buzzer two years ago sent the Wolfpack's game at Duke into overtime and silenced 10,000 Cameron crazies, all I could do was flash a broad smile to the person sitting beside me. When Julius Hodge hit a 3-pointer in the semifinals of this year's ACC Tournament against top-seeded Maryland and sent the crowd into a frenzy, I had goose bumps running up and down my arms, but I contained my joy.

I discovered that some of the best athletes on this campus never appear on TV and often spend their entire time at State competing in near-anonymity. Few of the people who fill Carter-Finley Stadium and the Entertainment and Sports Arena ever experience a baseball game on a warm, spring afternoon at Doak Field. They never go to Reynolds Coliseum to watch the wrestling team dominate another ACC opponent. They won't stop by Method Road for a soccer game or Derr Track for a track meet. It's their loss.

I found out very quickly that one of the best sports at State to cover — and watch — is gymnastics. Gymnasts participate in one of the more physically punishing sports. I am continually amazed that they can perform some of their skills as well as they do without seriously injuring themselves on a regular basis.

I can say with confidence that Mark Stevenson is easily one of the top coaches at this university. His teams consistently win. His gymnasts exemplify the term "student-athlete" and he always handles himself with class. It has been a pleasure to cover him and his team.

I can appreciate how important Rollie Geiger and Bob Guzzo are to the State athletics program. The cross country and wrestling teams just won ACC championships.

I now know how lucky I was to get this experience. There were plenty of times over the last couple of years when working at Technician felt like a job. Then something inevitably happened to remind me how much fun it was.

I have talked to David Thompson, Tory Holt, Norm Sloan and Chuck Amato. I've sat next to Bobby Bowden and listened to Mike Krzyzewski during a press conference.

I was in the student section for the final regular-season men's basketball game in Reynolds Coliseum and the first one in the Entertainment and Sports Arena. I saw Kay Yow pick up win No. 600, seven years of frustration on the football field end at Kenan Stadium and an 11-year NCAA Tournament drought disap-



Jeremy Ashton

### Carolina Cobras

◆ At 1-1 and atop their division, the Carolina Cobras are looking to eat up the competition this summer.

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The Entertainment and Sports Arena is not only home to N.C. State men's basketball and the Carolina Hurricanes, the luxurious facility also features football in the form of the Arena Football League's Carolina Cobras.

Kicking off the 2002 season, the Cobras were expecting newer and brighter things under first-year head coach Mike Neu, and after several weeks of practicing in anticipation to the start of the season, the day they had all waited for finally came.

In the home opener against Dallas, Carolina managed to have a few things go well. Quarterback Aaron Sparrow made his first AFL start and connected on 10-of-21 passes for 101 yards and two touchdowns.

But as the game progressed, it was the Cobras' play that would end up hurting themselves in the long run.

In addition to scoring 44 points on the night, Carolina also racked up a record-tying 17 penalties for a total of 98 yards. As if that wasn't enough, Sparrow also went out of the game early due to a bruised sternum and would not return.

With that, the game quickly shifted sides to the Desperados, who began

to run away from the lackadaisical Cobras. Featuring the arm of quarterback Andy Kelly, who went 21-of-33 for 259 yards and five scores, Dallas proved to be too much for Carolina, going on to a 57-44 win.

The Cobras, however, managed to turn around and stay focused on the road with a trip to Atlanta to take on the Georgia Force.

With the scored tied at 48 with under two minutes left to play, Connell Maynor, who came in for the injured Sparrow against the Desperados, orchestrated a drive that had Carolina eyeing the end zone. Not too soon after that, Maynor found Cory Fleming for a four-yard touchdown pass that gave the Cobras a 55-48 lead with less than a minute on the clock.

But one way or another, the Force came back and found a way to score in little time.

It was the time factor that began to weigh in, however, as Georgia opted to go for two to try and steal a comeback win. But like the Cobras against Dallas, the Force shot itself in the foot with two back-to-back delay of game penalties that moved the ball from the 3-yard line to the 13.

Then, quarterback Kevin McDougal dropped back and launched the ball toward the end zone, only to have it picked off by Carolina's Kevin Gaines, sealing the 55-54 upset victory for the Cobras.

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The Cobras nipped Georgia last week and hope to fly over Tampa Bay Saturday night.

## Baseball tries to right ship against Maryland

◆ The Wolfpack will try to end its four-game skid against the last-place Terps in College Park.

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Staff Writer

After N.C. State's 17-1 defeat at the hands of UNC-Wilmington, head coach Elliott Avent and his players would love nothing more than a break to regroup and to refocus. However, they will not be getting that break at all.

The Maryland Terrapins will host the Wolfpack beginning this Friday for a very important three-game weekend series. Both teams will be looking to improve their conference records as the ACC tournament approaches.

The Pack is currently going through a rough week. Before the UNC-Wilmington loss, perennial powerhouse

Florida State swept State in three games. In the first two games, the Seminoles handed the Pack easily, but in the third game, the Pack played brilliantly early, building a 9-4 lead over FSU going into the seventh inning.

A seven-run seventh inning by the Seminoles led FSU to a 12-11 victory. The Pack arrived in Raleigh from Wilmington late Tuesday night but had little time to rest as they left for College Park Wednesday afternoon.

"We've got a quick turnaround after we get back from Wilmington, as we get ready to go up to Maryland," said Avent. Despite the quick turnaround that could produce tired players, Avent knows that

he and his team must be prepared to take care of the Terrapins.

"I don't know as much about Maryland as I do with other [conference] teams, but they aren't a ball club we can take lightly," said Avent.

Maryland is currently 28-19 (3-15 ACC) and needs one more win to tie the school record for the most wins in a season. Breaking this record will be extra incentive for the Terps to defeat State, so the Pack must play with unusual urgency in order to win the series.

Though sporting the conference's worst record at 3-15, Maryland is no pushover. The Terps did defeat No. 13 Georgia Tech 9-8 on April 13 and have played No. 1 Clemson and No. 15 North Carolina close.

Maryland is deadly at College Park, where it boasts a 20-7 record this season. Junior John McCurdy is considered the

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N.C. State's offense will need to find its old form in order to sweep the Terrapins, who are last in the conference.

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