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## Chancellor will stay at State



Marye Anne Fox will not be a candidate in the Texas system's search for a new chancellor.

◆ **Marye Anne Fox's name surfaced in connection with the University of Texas system's chancellor position, but she announced that she will not leave N.C. State.**

**Jerry Moore**  
Staff Reporter

N.C. State Chancellor Marye Anne Fox entered discussions with representatives from the University of Texas system about becoming their next chancellor but announced that she would not be among the final candidates for the position. "I have had serious conversations with the Texas people and have concluded that I will not be a candidate in the University of Texas search for a chancellor," Fox told Technician Monday.

Fox, a physical organic chemist who took over as NCSU's 12th chancellor in August of 1998, served as a vice president of the University of Texas at Austin in the four years preceding her move to Raleigh.

The Texas Board of Regents is seeking a replacement for current Chancellor Ban Burck, who recently announced that he would step down in the next year. On May 20, the Austin American-Statesman newspaper cited Fox as a leading candidate to succeed Burck. But even last week Fox told Technician that observers were jumping to conclusions.

"The whole discussion about Texas is premature," Fox said. "I have only had discussions with a small fraction of the board. Having spent 23 years on the faculty of the University of Texas at Austin, I know that institution very well, and they know me very well. It is flattering that they would

seriously consider inviting me back in a highly important role."

Then, in a Monday letter to the NCSU Board of Trustees, Fox announced that she would no longer be a candidate.

"Having discussed over the weekend the position with representatives close to the search, I have concluded that I will not be a candidate for chancellor of the University of Texas system," Fox stated. "Accordingly, my name will not be included on a list of finalists likely to be released this week by the University of Texas Board of Regents."

The Texas system, like most things in the state, is huge. It includes 15 campuses, 160,000 students and a budget of \$6.45 billion. In her years at the Austin campus, Fox held titles such as professor of chemistry, director of the Center for Fast Kinetics Research, M. June and J. Virgil Waggoner regents chair in chemistry and vice president for research.

In the last year, Fox has also been approached by officials from both Texas A&M (which is not a part of the Texas system) and the White House about job opportunities, but for now at least she will continue to serve as the chief executive of North Carolina's largest university.

"These are challenging times for public education, and quality higher education requires strong leadership at both the campus and system levels," Fox stated in Monday's letter. "I am committed to N.C. State University and am honored to serve as its chancellor at a time when our momentum and aspirations remain strong."

"I pledge to continue to work with you to help N.C. State reach even greater heights despite the fiscal austerity we face."

## Special Olympics come to campus

◆ **The 2002 Special Olympics North Carolina Summer Games will strive to "inspire greatness."**

**Josianne Lauber**  
Staff Reporter

Let the games begin.

Friday through Sunday, Raleigh will host the 2002 Special Olympics North Carolina (SONC) Summer Games. This event will be the largest state-level competition of the year and will draw more than 1,600 athletes from 70 countries across the state.

During the weekend, athletes from all age groups will have the chance to qualify for the 2003 Special Olympics World Summer Games to be held in Dublin, Ireland, where at least 7,500 athletes from more than 160 countries will compete.

David Cheatham, a representative for the SONC Summer Games, encourages students to attend the events, many of which will be held on the N.C. State campus.

"I think it is inspiring how serious[ly] the athletes take it," Cheatham said. "It is something they practice all year for, and they are great athletes. Filling the stands encourages the athletes."

Participants will compete in athletics, aquatics, gymnastics, powerlifting, softball and volleyball in several locations around Raleigh, with NCSU being the major site for many of the events including the opening ceremony, which will be held on Friday at 7:30 p.m. at Paul B. Derr Track.

Walt Wheeler, currently the awards director of SONC, has been with the Special Olympics for 30 years. He first volunteered in 1972 and felt inspired by the games. He assumed the role of the games' director in 1974 when only 1,365 athletes competed.

"I think the thing that inspires me in a spectator role is to see someone's driving force and to see the athlete's determination in his or her eyes," Wheeler said. "They have an appreciation that other people have come out and do[ne] this for them, to cheer for them."

He feels spectators will be inspired by watching the athletes compete in their events — much as he was in 1972. "It gets in your skin; it did for me 30 years ago," he said.

The games could not exist without the efforts of the many volunteers. This year's games will feature more than 1,000 volunteers. Positions range from scorekeepers and timers to meal distribution assistants and announcers. SONC has been successful because of the volunteers who help out year after year.

"People feel good about their volunteering, and they sign up again the next year," said Cheatham.

The slogan for the 2002 SONC Summer Games is "inspire greatness."

"The Special Olympics North Carolina Summer Games inspire greatness through teamwork, competition, community and support among athletes, volunteers and participants," said SONC President Keith L. Fishburne.

The goal of the Special Olympics is to help bring all persons with mental retardation or closely related developmental disabilities into the larger society under conditions whereby they are accepted, respected and given the chance to become useful and productive citizens.

Athletes of all ages will be competing in Raleigh this weekend, some as young as 8. The public is welcome to help "inspire greatness" by joining the SONC spirit and supporting the athletes. The events are free and open to anyone who would like to attend.

For more information about SONC and the Special Olympic World Games, interested parties are encouraged to visit [www.sonc.net](http://www.sonc.net).

## Bomb scare forces evacuation of D. H. Hill

◆ **Officials investigated a suspect package in the library before determining that it was not a threat.**

**Jerry Moore**  
Staff Reporter

N.C. State Public Safety officials evacuated D. H. Hill Library Thursday afternoon after finding an unattended pack-

age emitting a digital beeping noise. Patrons returned to the building after investigators determined that the package was not dangerous.

"A person stocking the shelves noticed a suspicious package in the book stacks on the south side of the seventh floor," said Sgt. John Barnwell.

Officials pulled the fire alarm at 12:22 p.m. to clear the building and then called the Raleigh Bomb Unit to the scene. The Brickyard and other areas surrounding

the library building stood empty as approximately 150 people waited near the base of Hareless Hall. Buses were diverted to Hillsborough Street and away from the bus lane directly adjoining D. H. Hill.

"We had a perimeter set up around the area and a command post in the north carriageway by 12:45," Barnwell said.

Bomb unit members, along with a specially trained canine, entered the building and located the package, a large,

brown grocery-store bag. After X-raying the contents, officials determined that someone had left an audible alarm clock along with their personal belongings in the bag.

Officials reopened the library, Brickyard and surrounding areas at 2 p.m., more than an hour and a half after the beginning of the incident.

"It was a simply false alarm," Barnwell said. "We just decided to be on the safe side with the entire situation."

## N.C. State hosts summit addressing needs of homeless

◆ **North Carolina's first Summit on Ending Homelessness will take place at the Jane S. McKinnon Center.**

**LaWanda Ray**  
Staff Reporter

North Carolina will host its first Summit on Ending Homelessness Friday in Raleigh. This positive step toward ending an age-old problem will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Jane S. McKinnon Center in Raleigh. The purpose of the summit is to devel-

op a comprehensive plan that will address how existing services and housing policies must evolve over the next 10 years to reduce the number of homeless in North Carolina.

The organizers of this event, the North Carolina Coalition to End Homelessness (NCCHEH), will be joined by state government employees, legislators, local officials and homeless service providers and advocates. One of the major goals of NCCHEH is to better meet the needs of North Carolina's homeless population by acquiring more advocates and increasing public aware-

ness. Those attending will address the relationship between all systems of care and rehabilitation, including mental health, substance abuse, foster care, income support (including welfare/TANF), health care, corrections and the availability of housing for people with low incomes. The highlight of the daylong summit will be the keynote luncheon address by Philip Mangano, the executive director of the U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness.

The summit is not only the first of its kind for North Carolina, it is also a way for the community to better understand

the plight of the homeless in the state, to see the strides already being made by the NCCHEH and to be a part of the development of strategies for the future. Anyone interested in attending the summit should register online at [www.socialserve.com/ncccheh/content/registration.php](http://www.socialserve.com/ncccheh/content/registration.php). Although there is no required registration fee, a donation of \$25 is suggested. If you are interested or have any other questions about the summit or the NCCHEH, you may contact Martha Are at (828) 280-1810 or visit the summit's Web site at [www.socialserve.com/ncccheh](http://www.socialserve.com/ncccheh).

## Kendig takes over transportation

◆ **Thomas R. Kendig comes to N.C. State from the North Carolina Department of Transportation.**

News Staff Report

Thomas R. Kendig of Cary has been named director of transportation at N.C. State.

Kendig comes to NCSU from the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT), where he served the past 14 years as program analyst, project manager and, most recently, consultant engineering unit head for the Project Development and Environmental Analysis Branch.

In his most recent role, Kendig was responsible for four project managers, who in turn were each responsible for numerous, multidisciplinary consultant teams preparing environmental documentation for major highway and transit projects throughout the state.

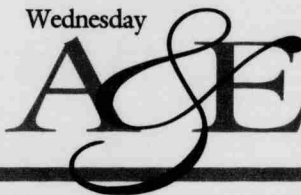
Originally from Rochester, N.Y., Kendig received a bachelor's degree in political science from the State University of New York at Brockport. He later attended the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where he received a master's in regional planning with a concentration in transportation planning.



GIVE ME LIBERTY

Many Raleighites spent Memorial Day remembering those who have paid the ultimate price for America's freedom.





# Jam bands come together for Bonnaroo

**John Boles**  
Staff Writer

**N.C. State isn't exactly known as a huge "jam-band" school.** But even so, you would expect a music festival with ticket sales rivaling some of the largest shows ever (as close by as Tennessee no less) would get noticed by a lowly music writer, who has apparently false notions of being at least a bit "in the know."

The name of the festival is "Bonnaroo," and it will take place from June 21-23 in Manchester, Tennessee (about 60 miles south of Nashville). A small sample of the bands on the bill are Widespread Panic, Trey Anastasio (formerly of Phish), Phil Lesh (formerly of the Grateful Dead), Ben Harper, The String Cheese Incident and more with promises of "major additions" to

the lineup.

If you're saying to yourself "This sounds like my kind of festival, how can I get tickets?" Well, the answer now is not too easily. The festival sold the last of over 75,000 tickets May 22. At \$140 per ticket, the fact that the first 60,000 tickets released were sold in less than three weeks is nothing short of staggering, especially considering the tickets were sold directly and there was virtually no promotion aside from the involved bands' Web sites. Ebay is an option for the eager fan, but it isn't cheap. As of the time of this article, single tickets are going for as low as \$260.

This whole situation may seem vaguely reminiscent of the legend (and ultimate fiasco) of the festival organized for Phish's final show on New Year's Eve 2000. This Florida concert

can now boast that it caused the worst traffic jam in the history of the nation (not to mention a host of other logistical problems that came about when that many people are gathering in one place).

The organizers of Bonnaroo seem to have learned from others' mistakes, employing many different strategies to ensure the safety of everyone involved. For instance, they will employ the help of the largest peacetime private cavalry ever assembled to help maintain crowds. There will be many checkpoints along the route to the 500-acre farm where the event is taking place to deter people from trying to sneak into the show and ultimately causing a huge traffic problem.

Not only will this festival offer a huge host of bands, there will also be tents to offer a variety of foods and other cultural curiosities. Ben and Jerry's co-founder-turned-political-activist Ben Cohen will have tents featuring carnival games with a political message such as "Dunk 'da Lobbyist" and "Knock a Nuke."

Ultimately this festival is about the music, and for the jam-band scene, they seem to have really covered all the major players. You'd think that such a big event would be a time free for all, but organizers Superfly Productions and A.C. Entertainment plan for this to be an annual affair. One can only imagine what this festival might grow to in years to come, judging from the demand in its inaugural year.

So, if you, like me, didn't hear about this huge event until it was too late, there's always next year. And, from the looks of it, this festival won't be going away for a while.



▲ The String Cheese Incident, photo from Madison House, Inc.

# 'Insomnia' will keep you up

**Joel Isaac Frady**  
Features Editor

**Insomnia**  
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Starring: **Al Pacino**  
**Robin Williams**  
Directed by **Christopher Nolan**

Christopher Nolan is a director who had one of the hardest jobs with "Insomnia," that job simply being to live up to last year's "Memento," the film that made him an overnight sensation. That film was unlike anything he had ever seen, being told backwards to make it a stylish dream instead of another run-of-the-mill thriller.

Even though people want more of Nolan's stylistic flair, "Insomnia" works as well as it does because he tells this complex morality tale as simply as possible. There's nothing fantastic about the editing or cinematography; instead he sticks with the basics and lets the cast and story take over to create a tense, effective thriller.

The story begins after a murder takes place in Nightmute, Alaska, a town that doesn't remember the last time a murder took place. Brought in to investigate the murder are California detectives Will Dormer (Al Pacino) and Hap Eckhart (Martin Donovan), who already are under investigation themselves by Internal Affairs.

They get to Nightmute and are greeted by Ellie Burr (Hilary Swank, "Boys Don't Cry") a new cop who hasn't lost her sense of joy in her work and is amazed that she's able to work with Dormer, a hero of hers from her days at

the police academy. They begin to investigate the murder, which involved a local high-school girl, and Dormer begins to use questionable methods in his attempt to apprehend the killer. They track him down to an old cabin, but one mistake leads to another and they lose him and proceed to chase through a thick fog, which in turn leads Dormer into making a gigantic mistake and finding a second dead body.

The man who murdered the girl, local writer Walter Finch (Robin Williams), contacts Dormer with a proposition that could free both of them from the "accidental" mistakes they made that could otherwise destroy their careers. It's also notable that the story takes place in the summer, a time of year during which the sun virtually doesn't ever go down in Alaska, which prevents Dormer from getting sleep for virtually the entire movie.

The performances from both Pacino and Williams are captivating, especially in the scenes that they have together. They seem like an odd pair, the man best known for his gangster roles opposite the man who found fame playing an alien, but they really play off each other, capturing real emotions and accenting each other. Pacino's lead character is also one of the strongest roles he's ever played, for it's the moral decisions of his character that create the tension. We start off with a man who holds his job with highest regards, but one mistake leads to another and compromise leads to compromise. The slightest budge in his performance could throw off the film, for the picture is about a man who keeps gradually losing the integrity he's worked so long to protect.

The key performance, however,

comes from Swank. She stands as a comparison to both the Pacino and Williams characters, someone who is young, alive and still has a passion for doing what's right. Every reaction she has, every look she gives and every decision she makes can be overlooked — Dormer ignores her for being young and naive, and so does the camera. But Swank's performance perfectly hides the tension and concerns of her character under the surface, letting it boil before it finally explodes. It's refreshing to see Swank back in action — she's only done two films since her stunning Academy Award-winning performance in "Boys Don't Cry," and here she proves that she has more than ample talent to back up that kind of award.

Nolan accents all of this with a slow-moving camera and long shots, especially with his blurring of focus and light as Dormer falls deeper and deeper into a nightmare as the sleepless hours begin to add up. This is also the feeling that Nolan captures perfectly — the film begins to feel like more and more of a nightmare the further it goes.

The only real problem that the movie has is the ending, which (not to give too much away) stumbles into territory that is so unoriginal and played out that it seems out of place in a film as well crafted as this one is.

Even so, "Insomnia" is the kind of movie that you won't get to see many of, as the market is bombarded with lots of brainless summer fare (which isn't always bad, especially with the exceptional "Spider-man" playing). This is the kind of movie normally held until Oscar season in December, and it really is nothing less than a breath of fresh air.

# The summer-job rundown

**Joel Isaac Frady**  
Features Editor

**It's now mid-May approaching June,** which spells bad news for lots of college students. Those weeks of laziness and recreation that highlighted the end of a school year are coming to an end as students realize it's time for two things: summer classes (if you're taking any) and summer jobs.

Many people took the initiative a while back and are now comfortably snug in their internships and college-degree related jobs, but many of us are finding that it's time to stop fooling around and find some kind of work to help pass the time better. With this in mind, here's a rundown of summer jobs to keep in mind during this search, as well as a few jobs that are better left alone.

## Working a seasonal job

There are several businesses that are only open over the summer (most outdoor swimming pool...) as well as some businesses that simply get busier over the summer in recreational places like Putt-Putt come to mind.

The top job, if you're certified or can get certified, is probably being a lifeguard. The hours are good and you get to lounge outside all day in a bathing suit... just don't forget your sunscreen. Other nice seasonal jobs can be found in local parks, bug recreation centers or even a store you like shopping in.

There are a few summer jobs you'll want to avoid, and the top of these is working at a movie theater. It sounds like it'd be a fun at first — free movies, brainless work — but the job quickly gets old as the smell of popcorn and sound of small children

quickly drive you to the verge of insanity. This does, however, apply more to multiplexes, for a job at a small theater can be quite relaxing.

If you know people in the area and can be patient, the summer also brings many opportunities for childcare. Lots of children are out of school and have two working parents, so if goofing off and playing kickball all day floats your boat, this can be a fun alternative.

Other seasonal jobs you'll probably want to avoid are customer service jobs that require uniforms and lots of outdoor work. It's one thing to have to deal with the annoyances that come with customers, but when you're forced to wear long, black pants with stripes, the heat only adds to the stress.

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# Deliciously evil

**Antonio Brunson**  
Staff Writer

**Resident Evil**  
(gamecube)  
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**When Capcom released "Resident Evil" for the PlayStation way back in 1995,** the title created a new type of game commonly known as "survival horror." Last year, when Capcom announced that the "Resident Evil" series would be exclusive to the Gamecube, many were surprised that the first release would be a remake of the original "Evil" instead of a new game.

I never played the original "Resident Evil," but many critics say that the remake is different enough to be considered a completely new, fresh experience. Either way, the game serves up the kind of scares fans have come to love and is one of the best games to come out this year.

The story behind "Resident Evil" is like something out of an old B-rated movie. The S.T.A.R.S. division of the Raccoon City Police Department has been investigating mysterious murders in which victims were eaten. The investigation leads them to an old mansion on the edge of the city. After losing contact with the Bravo team, the Alpha team goes to check out the mansion themselves. Needless to say, something goes awry, and the team is overwhelmed by a pack of vicious dogs and barely escapes to the mansion. The game then hands control to you, and you must play as team members Chris Redfield or Jill Valentine to uncover the truth.

Let's make one thing clear right now: you will not find a better-looking game than "Resident Evil" on the market. It does an amazing job of creating some truly spooky and realistic environments, using pre-rendered backgrounds that move with eerie, life-like fluidity. Particularly impressive examples include a room in which a swinging chandelier casts moving shadows on all the objects, including your character and outdoor areas featuring moving foliage and reflective puddles. The character models are equally detailed, as each character boasts full facial expressions and detailed clothing. The game absolutely has to be seen to be believed, for it's the kind of game you want to show your friends when you

show off your Gamecube.

"Evil" is no slouch in the audio department, either. The music stays low-key most of the time, rising up at appropriate moments to accentuate surprise encounters. Sound effects are varied and appropriate, and the game seems to have an endless array of sounds for your character's footsteps. Zombies and other undead creatures emit enough eerie moans, grunts and screams to make you keep walking around corners.

One sticking point with the "Evil" series has been its cumbersome control scheme. The remake does not ditch this style, but it does offer up some more intuitive controller configurations, even though moving about the mansion takes getting used to. The game's static camera angles also mean you can't see what's around the corners of the hallways. Occasionally you'll charge right into the arms of a zombie without any warning. The controls are definitely the weakest aspect.

If you've played a "Resident Evil" game before, you've probably become desensitized to the moans and screams of zombies. Fortunately, a few surprises have been thrown in to keep veterans on their toes. Some surprise attacks that occurred in the original don't happen at all now, while new ones have been added in other places. However, the best addition to the game has to be the "Crimson Head" zombies, zombies who killed earlier in the game who come back after a couple hours. You'll jump every time you hear their distinctive moan or see one running toward you.

There are a couple of other creatures to contend with, including an all-new boss, but I won't spoil those for you. But be assured that you will be afraid to find out what's behind every door.

All in all, "Resident Evil" is a very satisfying game. Its dark, yet beautiful environments draw you into the experience like no other game before it. The game throws lots of surprises at you and the experience rarely dries or gets old, and you'll want to play through the game at least twice so you can see both Chris's and Jill's version of the story. The game boasts 10 different endings and several extra modes that can be unlocked. Those who can look past the questionable control scheme will find an engaging, fun game.

# The perfect goal

**Jon Morgan**  
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**Switching Goals**  
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Starring: **Mary Kate Olsen**  
**Ashley Olsen**  
Directed by **Christopher Nolan**

**"Switching Goals" is the story of two aspiring soccer players, Emma and Sam Stanton.** As a side note, these girls are also identical twins, but it doesn't really come up in the course of the movie except for the few times they switch places. It is worth noting, at this point, Disney's unusual casting decisions. Mary Kate and Ashley Olsen, in addition to playing identical twins in the film, are identical twins in real life! These young hopefuls, trying to move from the realm of indie obscurity into the mainstream, have success written all over them. Mark my words, these kids are actresses to watch in the years to come.

The setup is as good as it gets. Emma, who plays for the Buzzards, really sucks at soccer. Or maybe it's Sam... it was kind of hard to tell. Anyway, the Emma or Sam is just totally the Anna Kournikova of the junior soccer league, totally hot but without a drop of talent. Her sister, on the other hand, is perhaps the greatest soccer player of all time. Oh yeah, and they play on opposing teams. You could cut this drama with a knife, but I wouldn't do that because it's really good! Sam plays for the Hurricanes, a team I can only assume is named after the best hockey team North Carolina has ever had.

Two notable players on the Buzzards are Oscar, played by the brilliant Jesse Farf, and the kid in the helmet, played by Academy Award nominee Robert Clark. Oscar is a unique child, a child of destiny some might say. This is because he has braces and wears the headgear all day long. For those of you who didn't have a friend cursed with this device, let me explain: a big piece of metal wire is attached to a strap that

goes around your neck. The big piece of metal then sits in front of your face, attached to your teeth somehow. The purpose of this is to make kids look like total losers so that they will never get poon-tang, not even in college.

But Oscar rises above. He proves to be a true inspiration, and in a pivotal moment Oscar angles his face metal so that it reflects the sun and blinds the opposing goalie, leading to a Buzzards victory. Now that's strategy.

Then you have the kid in the helmet, or, as he's credited, "Helmet Head." Now, this is not your run-of-the-mill kid in a helmet. He's not epileptic, and he's not even wearing one of those special helmets. It's just a football helmet, and he wears it because it's totally boss. I mean, flash cars and good looks are nice, but all the hot girls go for helmets these days. He only takes it off for two things, and one of those is showering.

It looks like another losing season for the Buzzards, but then God herself steps in and places Emma and Sam's mom, Denise, as the team's new coach. She joins the current coach, Disney staple character #122a, Chunky Middle-aged Man. Denise is a new kind of coach and she turns things around. Before too long, the Buzzards are winning games and even going to the playoffs! That's right kids, the big time: The Annual Evansville Junior Soccer Tournament. The weak get weeded out, the strong persevere, and a great battle emerges. In the final round, the twins' fate unfolds when the Buzzards play the Hurricanes. It's sister against sister and anything goes!

Without giving away too much, I will say that the final game is a feast for the senses that is not to be missed. This showdown, this battle royale, is perhaps the greatest action sequence of any movie, ever. Ever. And it couldn't have happened without the aid of director David Steinberg.

Steinberg, who has such shows under his belt as "The Parent Hood," "Designing Women" and "The Golden see TWINS, continued on page 4



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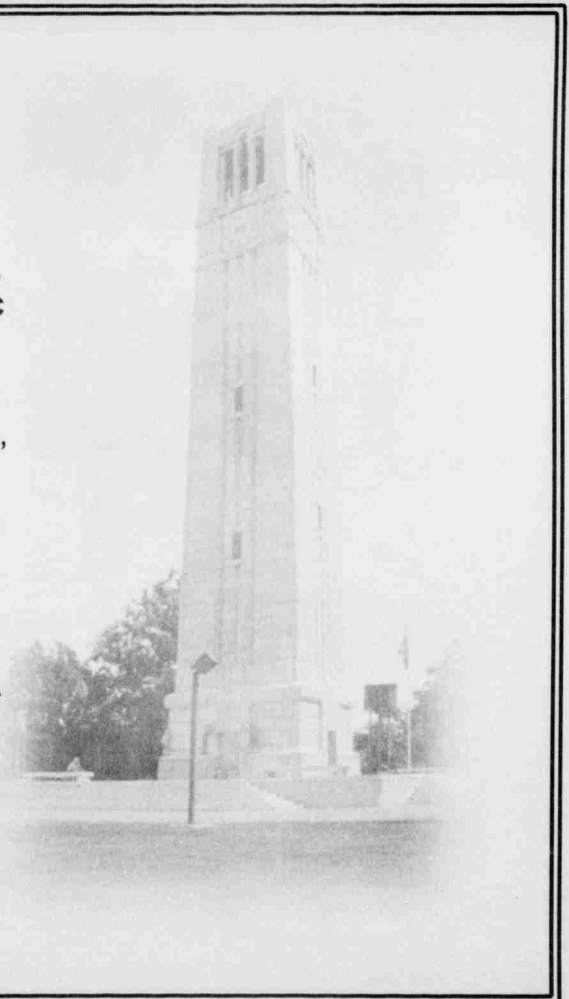
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## TECHNICIAN'S VIEW

## Learning about Islam should not offend students

UNC'S REQUIRED READING ABOUT THE QU'AN EDUCATES STUDENTS ABOUT AN IMPORTANT TOPIC IN THE WORLD TODAY.

UNC-Chapel Hill's selection of this year's required reading program for incoming freshmen is facing unwarranted criticism by the public. The book, "Approaching the Qu'ran: The Early Revelations" contains 35 passages from the Islamic holy book focusing on divinity in the natural world and moral accountability. Exposing students to beliefs that they may not share is a valuable way to educate them about a faith shared by one-fifth of the world.

Yet critics claim that the selection could offend students who do not share the beliefs of Islam. Fox News broadcaster Brit Hume criticized the school's book choice during a broadcast last week, saying that there is no alternative if students "find the book offensive to their own religious beliefs," according to Friday's News and Observer.

UNC-CH Chancellor James Moeser stated, "We're obviously not promoting one religion. That is not our role. Our role is to study and understand." This book selection does not aim to offend students, but merely to present the beliefs of a different faith shared by many people in the world. Learning about diverse beliefs should not be an offense to anyone who seeks to attend college, therefore expressing the desire to become a more educated individual. The News and Observer received many e-mail criticisms for "requiring a course of study that excludes Christianity." The purpose of this

assignment is not to exclude Christianity from discussions but rather to give students insight into a religion that dominates the culture of many countries. Opposing the study of another culture causes one to be perceived as shallow-minded and ignorant.

Education of other cultures is a powerful tool in world leadership, and the future leaders emerging from UNC-CH will certainly benefit from the knowledge gained from both the reading of the book and the class discussions during the first week of school.

"Approaching the Qu'ran" is especially pertinent after the events of Sept. 11; many citizens now share a skewed view of Islam, associating it with Osama bin Laden and terrorist organizations because of their limited exposure to the religion, usually through what is portrayed by the media. Perhaps by reading this book, these students will re-evaluate their stance on Islam and have a more educated view on cultural differences and similarities between themselves and those who believe in the Islamic faith.

Part of a liberal education involves broadening one's horizons to learn about the faiths, cultures and lifestyles that one may not normally encounter. Students should be willing to embrace the opportunity to read about a new concept and to discuss the material with their peers and faculty members.



## Who knew about Sept. 11?



Ben Kraudel  
STAFF COLUMNIST

A few weeks ago, lawmakers from both political parties asked for an independent investigation of what U.S. Intelligence and the White House knew and could have prevented before Sept. 11. In the months and years before the attack, it seems that intelligence did alert the government of Osama bin Laden's plans to hijack American airplanes. Also, the government had also heard of plans to train hijackers and possibly even develop an American building.

When government agencies were asked how this information was handled, they were told that both Secretary of Transportation Norman Mineta and Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld had received the information, but the information was general and no specifics, such as time or place, had been included.

The amount of intelligence information that goes through the White House and the United States' numerous intelligence agencies is unimaginable. For every relevant piece of information that comes to these agencies, hundreds pass through that need not a second glance. It is the job of these agencies to make the decisions as to what type each threat is. To speculate now about if the government did nothing to prevent this tragedy is far too reminiscent of speculation more than fifty years ago about whether President Roosevelt knew beforehand of the attacks planned on Pearl Harbor and did nothing. While these questions seem reasonable and pertinent, what do they gain us? At a

time like this, why must we continue to distrust and find fault with our government?

After any great tragedy, it appears that it takes no time at all for the uniting to end and the finger-pointing to begin. It is not viable to believe that the government would, for any reason, want what happened in September to take place. This country spent eight months, not even a year, unified and aimed at a common goal. Eight months into the grieving process it takes a different form. No longer does the country and the families of those who died grieve for their loved ones, but instead, they take grievance with their government. Perhaps the answers we looked for in Afghanistan were not found, and now we have to search at home. Perhaps the pain has yet to go away and doesn't feel like it ever will. Perhaps it is time to realize that there is no true blame in some situations. Sometimes we simply have to face the movements of the world, accept them and move on as soon as we can.

Longfellow once wrote the beginning of a poem that I have often found myself repeating in my mind and on paper. "The tide rises, the tide falls, The twilight darkens, the curlew calls..." Throughout the poem, Longfellow reminds his reader of the passage of time by repeating the phrase, "The tide rises, the tide falls..." As easy as it is to want to focus on a single problem, as big or small as it may be, the world continues to spin around us. Every year, things go wrong, sometimes things just go wrong for me, sometimes for my family and sometimes for my entire way of life.

In September, I realized that my future children will never enjoy the same freedoms that I enjoyed as a child. It isn't hard to imagine that I was as confused as I was angry when I

came to that realization. I was hurt and upset, without having to feel the pain of having loved ones in New York or even having someone I love and care for die.

Still, it doesn't mean that any of us shouldn't move on. When one avenue of finding peace with the tragedies begins to taper out, as it has with the ongoing war on terror, it doesn't mean that we as a country should run blindly toward the next avenue of escape from the brutal truths and honesties of the world, finger pointed at the next person on the list to blame.

I may not like Donald Rumsfeld, but that doesn't mean that I should place the weight of the year's tragedies on his shoulders. I'm not a scholar in Eastern religion, and as easy as it is to blame Muslim dogma for this pain, that isn't the solution. George W. Bush may have known that this was coming, in the same way he knows that World War III is going to happen one day, and that doesn't mean that I can blame him either. Osama bin Laden may have masterminded this entire attack and laughed on his stone throne the day New York caught fire, but does blaming him make it any less true or abate the hurt?

For me, the only way to recover from this tragedy is to know that it has happened, that I hurt because I love my country, that everyone else in this country shares that hurt, and even though occasionally they may not know how to properly display the flag, they're still trying. This tragedy hasn't killed my country, and by not doing so, it has made it stronger. The tide still rises and the tide still falls.

Ben bleeds red, white and blue. Talk to him about it at [bpkraudel@uncnsc.edu](mailto:bpkraudel@uncnsc.edu).

## Veterans all too often forgotten



Holly Bezzant  
STAFF COLUMNIST

The News & Observer reported a story about a man who fought to add his brother's name to a wall that honors Vietnam War veterans from North Carolina. James Williams' brother, Sgt. Robert (Bobby) Williams, served three years in the Navy, then joined the Army and was sent to Vietnam.

Sgt. Williams led a patrol in the jungle near Saigon. He and his soldiers hid and waited. Suddenly, after requesting an artillery concentration of fire as the enemy approached their position, an enemy force using grenades, small arms fire and claymore mines attacked Sgt. Williams and the five men with him. Bobby died that day, October 27, 1967.

The wall, one of the two Vietnam War memorials that North Carolina maintains, is at a rest stop on I-85. It is a brick wall with the names of 1,616 members, each on separate bricks, of the military from North Carolina who died in the Vietnam War, except for Bobby, and possibly others.

A ceremony was held Memorial Day to add Bobby's name to the brick wall hidden in the rest stop on I-85, so many years past due.

Another ceremony that was past due was also held recently at Raleigh's Memorial Day celebration. Charles L. Lewis Jr. was presented with a Bronze

Star and a Presidential Unit Citation for bravery in battle. Lewis fought in one of the largest and deadliest battles of World War II — the Battle of the Bulge.

Lewis was in the 551st Parachute Infantry Battalion of the 82nd Airborne Division. Hand-to-hand fighting lasted for days, in snow up to three feet deep. Out of ammunition, the men charged the Germans with bayonets. More than four-fifths of the unit's soldiers were killed.

The unit was disbanded because so few of the members survived and were basically forgotten. Fifty-seven years later, Lewis is being recognized for his contribution in the fight. More than 40 other veterans of the unit were recognized in February 2001.

Cases such as these are common. There are 19 million veterans in the United States today, about 2000 of them from World War I. Approximately 1,500 veterans die every day. Several of them have problems stemming from their war experiences, such as mental or physical disabilities, and have trouble getting the help that they need. As a result, many find themselves homeless. If you, the reader, ever see a veteran that needs help, take the extra minute or two to help out, even if all they want is to chat for a bit. They made it so that we could be as free as we are today. They fought for our country, and whether or not you believe in war and fighting, they did each and every one of us a very big favor.

There are several organizations that honor and support veterans. The Blind Veterans Association (<http://www.bva.org>), Veterans of Foreign Wars (<http://www.vfw.org/home.htm>) and Disabled American Veterans (<http://www.dav.org/>) are just a few.

E-mail Holly with your experiences with veterans at [paz\\_rata@yahoo.com](mailto:paz_rata@yahoo.com).



Karl Smith  
STAFF COLUMNIST

At first I thought it was the McDonald's on Oberlin. I had been there many times and seen soccer moms sitting across from homeless women, executives just two seats down from day laborers, and a manicurist borrowing the salt and pepper from construction workers. It was, by my account, the meeting place of America. Classes, races and cultures all united in enjoyment of one of the most American of items, the Big Mac.

Yet, this pales in comparison to the virtual cornucopia of cultural blending that is the pool at the Ashborough apartment complex. In one evening, I shared the oversized hot tub with a landscaping crew, several sorority girls, a working-class husband and wife from rural North Carolina, a wine-sipping, young professional couple and a 10-year-old girl who was convinced that I was, in fact, a pony.

However, as urbane and cosmopolitan as this might seem, you might say it was a few minor drawbacks. You could also say that by the third night I was wishing those raver-kids splashing and yelling at 3 a.m. would take just enough acid to think that the bottom of the pool was good place to bed down for the night.

Yes, I was pissed. I was enraged. I

was fuming. Did they let just anyone in here? Don't they have checks? How could they lease to a bunch of drunken hoodlums who seem oblivious to the fact that at least half of the residents had to be up in four hours?

Somewhat all of that wonderful cultural sensitivity seemed like a bunch of liberal garbage designed to keep at least two steps away from sanity. Mix. Share culture, experiences. All crap. Walls are what we need — big ones.

Yeah, I was mad, but a few informercials and a brand-new Flavorwave oven later, I was better. Even more to the point, after spending a few minutes contemplating whether or not: a) the Ashborough management and QVC were somehow in cahoots and b) whether or not I really could cook a frozen turkey, it dawned on me.

Chatting about what a great day this is for barbecuing is what makes living with different people a learning experience. It's getting in each other's way. It's pissing each other off and then finding a way to deal with the situation that helps us to understand one another.

I resolved then and there that this would be a learning experience and that I would come to understand my neighbors. However, while I had mastered the getting-pissed part, I hadn't yet gotten the hang of finding out how to deal with them.

By then, though, the noise had stopped and I decided to leave the formulation my grand schema of rezulation for the next day.

That afternoon was spent deep in thought. I knew the noise would begin

again tonight and I was determined to find a solution. I went over and over hundreds, perhaps thousands, of scenarios in my head. My first few plans were okay, yet I doubted I would be able to get an elephant on such short notice, much less one that could balance on a beach ball.

In short I was stuck, and with night approaching I was sure that I was in for another sleepless night and a new Gazette Freestyle. I was dreading it.

As I am, approached I was doing a little research into the latest in bikini fashions and sure enough, here they came. It wasn't that late yet but they were just getting started. I was cursed again.

I was about to resign myself to another night of pure hell when desperation took over. I got up walked outside and headed toward the pool. I wasn't sure what I was going to say but I was going to say something.

I was determined. I was fierce. I was a man on a mission. I walked right up to the nearest, most tattooed one of them and I said, "I'm sorry to bother you but I was wondering if you guys could keep it down a bit."

"No problem," he said. "Thank you." I replied. I turned around, headed back to my apartment and fell sound asleep.

Karl snores like a freight train at night. If you can hear him from the other side of the pool, let him know at [kwsmith2@uncnsc.edu](mailto:kwsmith2@uncnsc.edu), where, by the way, he lives.

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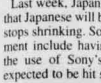
## RULE OF THUMB CAMPUS FORUM

### Ice found on Mars



NASA scientists have found great quantities of ice just below the surface of Mars. A spokesperson for the space agency said, "These findings support not only the contention that there was once life on Mars, but also that these life forms had very cold beverages."

### Japanese going the way of dinosaurs



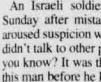
Last week, Japan's Health Minister Chikara Sakaguchi said that Japanese will become extinct unless the nation's birthrate stops shrinking. Solutions suggested by the Japanese government include having more children and not dying, through the use of Sony's new handheld immortality technology, expected to be hit stores in the fourth quarter of this year.

### Scientists create pre-plucked chicken



Israeli scientists have genetically engineered a featherless chicken, designed to make poultry cheaper, much to the chagrin of animal rights activists. Old-fashioned chickens were reportedly shocked at the brazenness of "those nude whippersnappers."

### Deaf-mute man mistaken for bomber



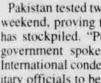
An Israeli soldier wounded a deaf-mute Israeli man this Sunday after mistaking him for a suicide bomber. The man aroused suspicion when he paid his fare with a large bill and didn't talk to other passengers. "It wasn't just that he was quiet, you know? It was that he was wealthy. I thought, 'I should kill this man before he kills me,'" said the soldier after the mishap.

### Bush, Putin sign arms reduction deal



The leaders of the United States and Russia signed an agreement on Friday pledging to remove from deployment two-thirds of each nation's nuclear weapons over the next 10 years. "With only 2,000 warheads left, what harm can we do, really?" said Bush in a press conference after the signing.

### Pakistan tests missiles



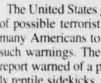
Pakistan tested two surface-to-surface ballistic missiles this weekend, proving that it can deliver the nuclear warheads it has stockpiled. "Puny India, Pakistan will smash!" said a government spokesman after the second test on Sunday. International condemnation of the tests caused Pakistani military officials to beat their chests and grunt angrily.

### Guatemalan president



Guatemalan President Alfonso Portillo canceled a national oil company's exploration and drilling rights in the eastern part of the country this weekend. President Portillo first became concerned, he said, when the oil company's executives responded to environmental inquiries with "Environment? We don't need no stinking environment."

### Terrorist alerts



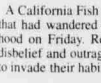
The United States government has issued a flurry of warnings of possible terrorist activity during the past week, prompting many Americans to question the necessity and motivations of such warnings. The last straw for many came when one FBI report warned of a possible threat from "tiny ninjas with deadly reptile sidekicks, financed by Yemeni businessmen."

### Bush staff issued subpoenas



The Senate Governmental Affairs Committee issued subpoenas this weekend to the offices of President Bush and Vice President Cheney, demanding that they turn over all documents dealing with contact with Enron employees. Washington, D.C.-area office supply stores reported a sharp increase in shredder sales on Saturday.

### Mountain lion shot in California



A California Fish and Game officer killed a mountain lion that had wandered into a suburban Los Angeles neighborhood on Friday. Residents of the neighborhood expressed disbelief and outrage that the mountain lion was attempting to invade their habitat.

### Audience disturbances detract from performance

On Thursday, May 2, I was in attendance at the Chamber Singers Concert in Talley Student Center Ballroom. The concert was absolutely amazing. However, during the course of the concert, it became apparent that there are people who do not know proper etiquette at a formal concert. Cell phones ringing, people talking and audience members moving in and out of the Ballroom; these actions were not only rude but are considered improper behavior at a concert. I know I have support from several of my fellow musicians when I write this. Perhaps it is that people just do not know the proper etiquette, or maybe they know it and choose not to use it. Either way, I've put together several short rules that will help keep you from being thrown out of Carnegie Hall one day.

- 1) Turn off any electronic devices. I realize that in the modern society, a cell phone is something everyone has. However, cell phones not only disrupt the audience, they disrupt the conductor and the performers. Plus, they can run recordings made during a concert. This can be especially detrimental if one piece performed is a premiere of any sorts.
- 2) Avoid talking during the performance. If you feel compelled to comment on a piece, do so as the piece

finishes and the audience is applauding. A quick reminder about applause, it is perfectly acceptable to applaud after an entire piece. Applause between movements of a lengthy piece is generally discouraged, especially after a particularly soft, gentle movement. Basically, when both the conductor's hands finally come down, that is a good signal that the piece is over.

- 3) Be courteous. Everyone else in the room is there to watch the performance just like you. Do not hinder them in being able to fully enjoy the piece.
- 4) Only if you absolutely must, enter and exit the room quickly and quietly between pieces. Also, if you are late to a performance, it is preferable to find a seat toward the back of the audience rather than walking to the front and disturbing people.

To many of you, this letter sounds very arrogant. But please understand my position. I have been on stage and in the audience while people have been acting disrespectfully. It takes away from the enjoyment of everyone. I hope this has helped.

Aaron McClannon  
Sophomore  
Pulp and Paper Science

### Theft on campus

We were attending my daughter's dance recital on Tuesday, May 7 at

Stuart Theater. I parked my car in the parking lot down from the theatre off Cates [Avenue] at 5:30 p.m. We attended the performance and left around 9:00 p.m. after a great show.

Our family [of five] went to Disney World in November 2000. The kids picked out a license plate with "Year 2000" from Disney. I have driven around Raleigh for two years with this tag on the front of my car. It really meant a lot to the children and to me. We had a great time and the tag was an inexpensive way to remember it. We are an "average" middle-income family here in Raleigh. We do not take a lot of vacations together because of the cost for a family of five. I guess that's what makes the ones we take so special.

The license tag was stolen off my car that night at the NCSU parking lot. The screws were removed and the tag was taken! I think this is very sad. And it really makes me angry! I think that it was a pitiful stunt — made by a pitiful person. What little respect people have for others and others' belongings! I have parked my car many places for long periods of time and have never had a problem before, but then this is the first time I have parked on the NCSU campus.

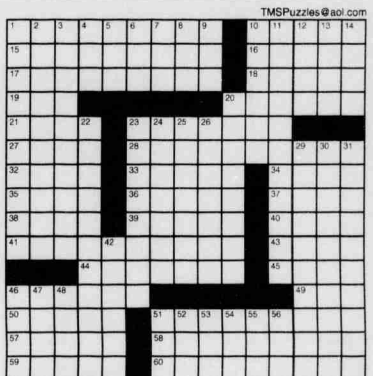
It sure does leave a bad taste in my mouth for NCSU. I encourage Dance Express to find other arrangements for next year's recital. I filed a report — but what are the chances?

Phyllis Flanagan

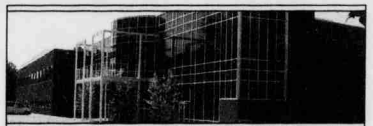
### Crossword

Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

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| <b>ACROSS</b>                     | <b>DOWN</b>                          |
| 1 "Manhattan Transfer" writer     | 1 Stained                            |
| 10 Cheats                         | 2 Body of water near Syracuse        |
| 15 Woody Allen film               | 3 Makes germ free                    |
| 16 Eskimo                         | 4 According to                       |
| 17 Clairvoyant women              | 5 Exist                              |
| 18 Cliff-base pile of rocks       | 6 Family member, casually            |
| 19 Round fig.                     | 7 Distress signal                    |
| 20 F                              | 8 Bouxite or galena                  |
| 21 Frig's husband                 | 9 Draft letters                      |
| 23 Eurasian ruminant              | 10 Actress Jacqueline                |
| 27 "Symphonie Espagnole" composer | 11 Heathen                           |
| 28 Parenthetical remarks, e.g.    | 12 Chapter of the Koran              |
| 32 Ken or Lena                    | 13 Stadium level                     |
| 33 Man who is a dish?             | 14 Sloop element                     |
| 34 Squabble                       | 20 Spooky state                      |
| 35 Demolish                       | 22 Not capable of learning           |
| 36 Senator Hatch                  | 23 Retaliatory actions               |
| 37 Guam or Yukon: abbr.           | 24 Burdensome                        |
| 38 ... out a living (scrapped by) | 25 Erik of "CHiPs"                   |
| 39 Italian white wine             | 26 One who deduces                   |
| 40 Concerning                     | 29 Keyless-entry phrase?             |
| 41 States of inactivity           | 30 Staves                            |
| 42 Gray and Candler               | 31 Treadmill examination             |
| 43 Roman emperors                 | 46 Banister                          |
| 44 New Jersey team                | 47 Letter Farber                     |
| 45 Changes the labeling           | 48 Loathsome person                  |
| 49 Gain a lap                     | 51 Highway-sign abbreviation         |
| 50 Sun-dried brick                | 52 Worldwide workers' grp.           |
| 51 Act up                         | 53 Maple syrup source                |
| 52 Total                          | 54 Automatic advance in a tournament |
| 53 Recess periods                 | 55 List-ending abbreviation          |
| 54 Loads cargo                    | 56 Royal address, in brief           |
| 55 Trouseau storage               |                                      |



By Sheryl Scott  
Akron, OH



### Renovations affect Health Center

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Baseball 6, Virginia 5 (10)  
Wake Forest 12, Baseball 4



# Wednesday Sports



## SCHEDULE

Track, NCAAs, 5/29-6/1  
Men's golf, NCAAs, 5/29-6/1

## Tigers end State's season in ACC Tournament

◆ The N.C. State baseball team, unable to match its Cinderella run from last year's tournament, lost to Clemson in the third round.

Sports Staff Report

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Jeff Baker had four hits and two RBIs, and Tyler Lumsden worked seven strong innings to lead Clemson past N.C. State 5-3 in a third-round elimination game at the 2002 Atlantic Coast Conference Tournament at Florida Power Park.

The loss ended Wolfpack's season, finishing with a 33-26 record. Clemson, which advanced into the tournament semifinals on Saturday, improved to 46-13. Lumsden (3-1) allowed three runs — two of them earned — on eight hits. He walked three and struck out nine.

"Well, it's never easy when you play your last game of the season," said State head coach Elliot Avera. "I will say this: I am really proud of my guys. Great Clemson ball club — I think they were No. 1 in the country nine weeks in a row. They played outstanding."

"I thought we played really well, and I had that feeling all day. This morning, before the game [when] I went to talk to the team, as well as all throughout the



Senior Ryan Combs pitched one inning in his final Wolfpack game.

course of the game, I thought this was going to be our day."

Pack starter Daniel Caldwell (7-8) took the loss. He allowed four runs on seven hits in 4 2/3 innings. He walked two and struck out four.

Joe Gaetti quickly started the Pack off with a one-out single to center in the bottom of the third. Gaetti went to third on Justin Riley's single to right-center and

scored on Colt Morton single up the middle.

With the game knotted at 1-1, the Tigers got to Caldwell in the top of the fifth. David Slevin led off with a walk and went to second on Russell Triplett's groundout to first base. After Colin Mahoney struck out, Roberto Valiente singled to drive in Slevin on the go-ahead run.

Kyle Frank beat out a bunt single, and Khalil Greene walked to load the bases. Baker then delivered a two-run single to left, giving Clemson a 4-1 lead and sending Caldwell to the showers in favor of left-hander Daryl Mims.

The Pack chipped away and picked up a run in the bottom of the fifth. Marc Maynor led off with a bunt single and went to third on Brian Wright's single to right field. That extended Wright's hitting streak to 15 games. Riley picked up the RBI with a single to left.

The Pack picked up an unearned run in the bottom of the sixth when Adam Hargrave reached on a two-run throwing error by Baker and scored when Gaetti doubled down the line in left field, whittling the Clemson lead to a single run at 4-3.

The Tigers added an insurance run in the seventh inning with a RBI double off the wall in right by Michael Johnson that provided the final margin of victory.

State opened the tournament with a 12-

4 loss to Wake Forest before advancing to the third round with an extra-inning victory over Virginia in the loser's bracket. Wright again paced the Pack by belting two home runs, including the game winner in the top of the 10th.

After the tournament, State athletics director Lee Fowler announced that Avera would return for another season at freshly renovated Doak Field, according to published reports.

Wright closed out his remarkable State career by being voted to the All-ACC Baseball Team for a third straight year. In his senior season, the Ramseyer, N.C., native batted .418, second in school history only to Chris Cammack's .429 average in 1999.

Wright finished his career with a .373 average, which ranks second to Brian Ward's career average of .380.

Florida State, which won the ACC title on Saturday night, paced the All-ACC squad with seven players named to the first two teams.

Clemson's Greene was named Player of the Year, while Seminole Stephen Drew, brother of St. Louis Cardinal outfielder J.D. Drew, was named Rookie of the Year.

Wake Forest's George Greer rounded out the awards by being named ACC Coach of the Year for the first time in his career.

was pretty upset about not making it when they announced the lists," said Bolac, who originally missed the cut by only one centimeter. "I said to myself that I would come back next year at USA nationals and show them all that I should have been at NCAAs. A lot of the girls above me haven't jumped as high as their qualifying marks in a few months, so I knew that if I got in I would have a good shot at doing pretty well."

The men's team will be sending four runners, all in distance events. "Having two in the 10,000, one in the 5,000, and one in the steeple is good representation for the team," said Geiger. "I'm really disappointed for [400-meter runner] Derrick [High]. I think he's really fit right now and could score if he made it to nationals. [Steepler] Chris Dugan as well. As a senior, he's very disappointed that he didn't make it."

Chad Pearson is State's top seed at the fifth position in the 10,000. Pearson's time of 28:43.52 for the 6.25-mile race is a school record. Pearson ran this time at the end of March but soon developed a stress fracture in his leg that prevented him from running for several weeks. He worked out in the swimming pool and has been able to run for several weeks now. "I'm happy to be going after what's happened in the last month," Pearson said. "It's great to even be on the flight going down there. My leg is feeling pretty good now, and I only have a few more days until I get to take a real break."

Senior Chris Seaton will join Pearson in the 10,000 as the 15th seed with a time of 28:58.12. "Chad has rebounded from his stress fracture and his last few workouts have looked pretty good," said Geiger. "Seaton's last workout looked sharp." Freshman All-American Andy Smith will be competing in the steeplechase where he is seeded sixth. His best time this season is 8:40.46 for the 3,000-meter race.

Senior Ryan Woods rounds out State's men's team in the 5,000 as the 19th seed. His time of 13:53.58 is the third fastest in school history. "Ryan is one of the kids who doesn't have any pressure on him," said Geiger. "He's one of the kids who had a 50-50 chance of even getting into the meet, so he's really happy just to be able to participate. Having said that, our goal at nationals is still to get in the top eight and score points for the team. Once you get there, you want to get on the award stand, make All-American and score some points for the university."

32nd after a 74 and 72 in the first two rounds. A final round 79 dropped Mechereffe to a 33rd place 56th with a nine-over 225. The sophomore from Brazil shot his fifth round at even-par with a second-round 72 and trails only Moon in that category.

Freshman Rodney Thomas competed in his first NCAA Regional and showed flashes of his talent with a second round, one-under-par 71. Thomas finished tied for 108th with a three-day total of 234 (79-71-84).

Sixth-ranked Oklahoma State and No. 22 Purdue shared the Central Regional title finishing at +1 with a three-day 865. Lee Williamson shot a seven-under 209 to capture individual honors. The top ten teams from the three NCAA Regionals will join the Pack at the NCAA Championships.

## Track heads to nationals

◆ Nine athletes representing N.C. State will travel to LSU to compete in the NCAA Track and Field Championships this week.

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Baton Rouge, La., in the middle of summer is hardly the ideal location for any outdoor athletic event, but the NCAA Track and Field Championships will be held there from May 29-June 1. Track and field athletes from across the nation will likely face extremely high temperatures and high humidity. "There's a little bit of an advantage that we have there from training in Raleigh," said N.C. State track and field head coach Rollie Geiger, "but the weather here has actually been pretty cool for a couple of weeks. I bet most of the races will be slow-fast. Most of the people are not going to run hard until late in the race. That's typically what will happen in races in heat."

The Wolfpack teams will be well represented as State sends five women and four men to compete among the nation's best athletes. "I'm really excited that we have nine people in," said senior Katie Sabino, who is running the 3,000-meter steeplechase. "Back a few years ago we would struggle to get a couple, and now we have nine, which is great. The girls have the potential to score a lot." Sabino, a multiple time All-American, held the fastest time in the nation in the steeplechase (10:01.00) for several weeks until James Madison's Mollie DeFrancesco finally ran faster with a 9:58.77. Sabino enters this weekend as the second seed. "It's nice having one of the fastest times in the nation, but I really prefer to not think about it," said Sabino, who finished eighth at the national championships in the steeplechase last year. "They run the race for a reason — they don't just hand out the medals to your seed position. Anything can happen at NCAAs."

Sabino also ran one of the fastest times in the nation in the 5,000-meter run (15:53.69), but she will not compete in this race due to the meet's schedule. "I really hated having to pick between the 5,000 and the steeple for Katie," said



The competitors at the NCAA Track and Field Championships will struggle with the heat and humidity as well as each other.

assistant coach Laurie Henes, "but the way the races are scheduled this year, you just can't run both of them. You would compromise both of the finals if you do. I think she has a better shot at doing well in the steeple."

Megan Coombs, just a sophomore, will join Sabino in the steeplechase. She is the tenth seed at the championships with a 10:10.74. This meet will be Coombs' first outdoor track NCAA Championship. Multiple-time, All-American sophomore Kristin Price will double at this year's championship, running both the 5,000 and 10,000-meter runs. As a freshman before she transferred from Virginia Tech, Price finished tenth in the 5,000 at the NCAA Outdoor Championships.

"The 10,000 is Kristin's main event and will be her focus," said Henes. "She will come back in the 5,000. A lot of the time when you double back into a second event, a lot of the pressure is taken off of you and you're able to just race without having to worry as much about strategy."

Price is seeded fifth in the 5,000 with a

time of 15:59.06 and sixth in the 10,000 in 33:39.66. She ran this mark in the 10,000 at the ACC Championships last month with a huge margin of victory in humid conditions. Senior Beth Fonner will join Price in the 10,000. Fonner placed second to Price in the 10,000 at the ACC Championships and ran her qualifying mark of 33:39.63 at a Stanford last-chance meet in late April.

"They're fifth and sixth going in, and Kristin's mark was run under less-than-ideal conditions at ACCs," said Henes. "I think they both should be able to score in the 10,000. Neither of them mind heat at all, so I think that's going to be a huge factor in how they finish. In the humidity at ACCs, Beth beat two girls who had already run auto qualifiers. In those conditions, they both run very well, so I think that's a major advantage for them."

Senior Katie Bolac will be competing in the pole vault for State as the 20th seed with a height of 13-1 1/2. Bolac was not accepted to the NCAA finals during the first announcement of the starting lists, but she was later added due to another athlete pulling out of the meet. "I



The men's golf team seeks its first national championship.

71 and closed with a three-day total of 222 (77-71-74). Mulroy started the final round tied for 51st but closed strong to capture 37th.

Fernando Mechereffe was tied for

## Men's golf readies for NCAA Championships

◆ The Wolfpack advanced to the NCAA Championships for the 27th time in school history.

Sports Staff Report

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — After placing fifth in the NCAA Central Region, the N.C. State men's golf team will play today at the 2002 NCAA Men's Golf Championship at the Scarlet Course in Columbus, Ohio.

A final round 300 moved the Wolfpack up to fifth after starting the day in eighth place out of 27 teams. State fired a 16-over-par 880, which was 15 strokes off the lead. The fifth-place team standing was the fourth-best finish in school history since the NCAA Regional format was adopted in 1989.

State won the 1996 East Regional, placed second last year at the East Regional and recorded a third-place finish in 1995 at the East Regional in New Haven, Conn.

Juniors Jason Moon and Justin Walters led the Pack, both finishing two strokes over par to capture a share of 17th place. Moon, competing in his second NCAA Regional, fired a 218 (72-72-74) for his sixth top-20 finish of the year. His two rounds at even-par slid his season total to six, a team high.

Walters, an All-ACC selection in his first season with the Pack, is second on the team with seven top-20 finishes and also fired his 15th round-under-par with an opening round 71.

Senior All-ACC selection Garth Mulroy recorded his team-leading, 17th round-under-par with a second round

## ICE HOCKEY Cup-crazy Carolina

Can the NASCAR jokes. Enough with the Mayberry comparisons. Whether the rest of the NHL world likes it or not, the Stanley Cup Finals are on the way to the heart of basketball.



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starved Tobacco Road. Raleigh, N.C. With the Carolina Hurricanes one win away from hoisting the Prince of Wales Trophy and winning the Eastern Conference, the world of hockey is on the brink of experiencing the equivalent of a Cubs-Red Sox World Series, a Clemson basketball victory at Chapel Hill or Phil Mickelson winning a major.

The Canes need only to garner one final victory to put themselves in the Stanley Cup Finals for the first time in franchise history. Fittingly, that outstanding win would be over a team that calls home a place where hockey is considered a way of life.

The Toronto Maple Leafs have a 24-hour digital cable channel, Leafs TV, that shows nothing but Leafs' hockey. In contrast, the Canes had all kinds of trouble simply filling the lower bowl of the Entertainment and Sports Arena during the regular season.

But as the team continued to win, the fans came, ultimately to the extent in which the team sold several hundred standing-room-only tickets per game.

A month ago in North Carolina, the BBC was still the British Broadcasting Company. Kevin Weekes was just another face on the Canes' bench and with the New Jersey Devils coming to town, off-season goal for members of the Canes loomed imminently in the near future.

Against the Devils, things seemed almost different from the start. While taking a 2-0 series lead, the now physical Canes went blow-for-blow with the team that had literally knocked them out of the playoffs a year ago.

Veteran defenseman Scott Stevens became as unpopular in Raleigh as Horner's owner George Shinn was in Charlotte for knocking out popular Canes Ron Francis and Shane Willis in the Devils' series victory last year. This year, however, the Canes were just as physical as the Devils, yet were suddenly relying on the unproven talent of Weekes to carry the team into the second round. In overtime of Game 5 with the series tied two games apiece, Weekes made a series of saves that may have not only saved the series but the franchise as well.

After Weekes came out of nowhere to make a glove save on a wrist shot by John Madden, Josef Vasek scored the game-winner to give the Canes a 3-2 series advantage. Weekes would then shut out the Devils in New Jersey to propel the Canes into the second round against Montreal.

All the Canes would do next round was emphatically send out the most covered hockey franchise of all time, courtesy of an eight-goal outburst in Game 6 led by the newly named "BBC Line" that featured Canes Rod Brind'Amour, Bates Battaglia and Eric Cole.

After squandering a chance to finish off the Leafs at home in Game 5, the Canes and their already united community can celebrate a trip to the finals with a win in Toronto or back home if necessary.

In a state that recently saw one of its three professional franchises relocate in the past month, the Raleigh area has united as one under the common symbol of the Canes. Flags fly proudly from car windows. Banners commemorating the Canes' Southeast Division championship hang from the light poles of downtown Raleigh.

With regular season ticket prices ready to undergo a severe increase, the Canes' improbable run could not have come at a better time for this once hard-luck franchise.

Not when the world of sports couldn't get any crazier, a place where almost no one imagined hockey could succeed could quickly become the center of the hockey world for two weeks.

Eat your heart out Hockeytown, there ain't nothing finer these days in Carolina than the "Coolest Game on Earth."

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