

Letter from the editors

Dear Technician reader,

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Thanks for picking up the first issue of the 2002-2003 academic year. We'd like to extend a special welcome to those of you who are on campus for the first time. Technician, run exclusively by N.C. State students, has served the university community since 1920. We pub-lish five days a week, and you'll find Technician around campus every day of classes during the fall and spring semesters.

If you've read Technician in the past, you probably notice that we've worked to improve the quality of our de sign. We're excited about the changes, and the new look will continue to evolve. We depend on N.C. State students, faculty and staff to provide us with feedback and ideas. Please let us know if you or somebody you know is involved in something you feel would make an interesting story. If you have any suggestions for the content or design of Technician, please e-mail us.

A group of dedicated N.C. State students works hard to produce Technician every day. We take pride in what we do, but we readily admit that we're not perfect. We are committed to correcting our mistakes, and if you have questions or comments on something you see in our pages, please e-mail us. We also welcome you to voice your opinion on campus-related topics by e-mailing Campus Forum at forum@technicianstaff.com.

If you're interested in joining our staff or just curious about what we do, we invite you to attend an informal meeting in our offices on the third floor of Witherspoon Student Center next Sunday at 6 p.m. We hope you enjoy the new Technician and the upcoming school year.

> Jerry Moore and Matthew Pelland Editors in chief, editors@technicianstaff.com

While you were gone Many NCSU students, faculty and events made headlines during the summer months.

LaWanda Ray Staff Reporter

Even though the summer months at N.C. State may seem considerably lower key than the regular academic school year with fewer students enrolled in summer classes --- this summer was a busy one for university newsmakers. While you were gone, NCSU named a new director of transportation, held its first-ever summit on homelessness and even invented an award-winning dairy treat. Following is a medley of some of the top NCSU newsmakers.

On May 21, a group of 30 NCSU students and advisors attended the annual conference of the National Association of College and University Residence Halls (NACURH) held at the University of Minnesota. The group attended with the objective of obtaining the rights to host the largest student-run leadership conference in the world in 2003, and they succeeded. The conference will accommodate over 2,500 students and is the largest student-run leadership conference in the world.

Thomas R. Kendig of Cary was named the director of transportation at NCSU on May 27. Kendig came to NCSU from the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT), where he served the past 14 years as a program analyst, project manager and consultant engi-neering unit head for the Project Development and Environmental Analysis Branch.

North Carolina held its first-ever summit on ending homelessness at the Jane S. McKimmon Center in Raleigh on May 29. The purpose of the summit was to develop 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 event was organized by the North Carolina Coalition to End Homelessness (NCCEH) and was attended by state government employees, legislators, local officials, homeless service providers and advocates

June 3 marked the opening of the Nonwovens Cooperatives Research Center's (NCRC) Partners Lab at NCSU's College of Textiles. The NCRC is the result of grants from the National Science Foundation, the state of North Carolina and members of the nonwoven industry. The \$12 million facility is the most comprehensive nonwoven lab in the world and specializes in melt spinning and hydroentangling. The new facility will give students the opportunity "to become familiar with state-of-the-art technologies that are not available anywhere else," said Behnam Pourdeyhimi, professor of textiles at NCSU and director of the NCRC.

The Mocha Royale, a five-inch stick containing mocha-flavored, real-dairyingredients and chocolate, was developed by 11 food science students at NCSU. Their product, Mocha Royale, recently won first place and a \$1,000 prize in the Student Product Development Compe tition at the 2002 Institute of Food Technologists Annual Meeting and Food Expo in Anaheim, Calif.

As many may have noticed, the NCSU Web page received a major facelift on July 22. The redesigned site should enable faster downloads and should have a more streamlined feel. The new front page should expand or contract to fill the user's screen. "I think students, faculty, staff and visitors will be really excited about this change," said Brad Mehlenbacher, associate professor of technical communications in the department of English.

Author, Professor Tim McLaurin passed away after battling cancer. McLaurin wrote seven books, including "Cured by See GONE page 2

"Anything's worthwhile as long as it's something

Students weren't the only people who benefited

from the event, however, as campus groups were

spread the word about their organizations.

given the chance to recruit new members and

Sara Anderson, a sophomore in business, spent

the afternoon promoting an upcoming dance

"We're a brand-new organization," she said,

so we need to get people involved and this was

The Welcome Back Pack Week festivities do not

end with the cookout, however, as various cam-

pus organizations have come together to plan a

week of activities geared toward introducing

The idea for the week stemmed from conver-

students to campus and each other.

marathon that she is involved in launching.

to do," the freshman in computer engineering

Find your place Events being held by N.C. State and student organizations for the week of Aug. 19-25

Raleigh, North Carolina

MONDAY AUG. 19 2002

Pack Play (Intramural Recreational Sports & Greek Life)

Monday, Aug. 19 5:30 p.m. Bragaw Amphitheate Greek Life invites you to the Wolf Jam, featuring a performance by Weekend Excursion and a chance to win season football tickets. IM-Rec. Sports Kickball

Tournament on Miller Field (sign-up begins at 3:30 p.m.)

"Welcome Back Pack' Campus Convocation (Student Affairs Department and Academic Units) Tuesday, Aug. 20

p.m. Reynolds Coliseum uthor, motivational speaker and comedienne Bernice Berry will be the keynote speaker for the first-annual NCSU Campus Convocation. The event is open to the

Back to School Jam (Union Activities Board: Black Students Board)

Wednesday, Aug. 21 4 p.m. Talley Student Center Enjoy free food, music and interaction with NCSU's

student organizations N.C. State Panhellenic

Open House (Panhellenic Sororities) Wednesday, Aug. 21 4 p.m. McKimmon Center Meet NCSU's sororities and get information for fall 2002 recruitmen

Food, Fun & a Film! (Inter-Residence Council & Union Activities Board:

Films Committee) Thursday, Aug. 22 5 p.m. Turlington/Alexander

IRC sponsors outdoor barbecue 7 p.m. Witherspoon Student

Center Campus Cinema UAB Films Committee presents "First Thursday at the Cinema*

Friday Fest

(Union Activities Board, Carmichael Gym & Intra Recreational Sports)

Friday, Aug. 23 5 p.m. Carmichael Gym Parking Lot A block party featuring a Street Food Fair at 5 p.m., a pep rally at 6:30 p.m. and a concert at 7 p.m. Carmichael Lot Basketball Courts 10 p.m.-2 a.m.: Jam PACKed

Concerns, excitement highlight move-in

Freshmen and upperclassmen alike experience the ups and downs of coming back to campus.

Josianne Lauber Staff Reporter

With a freshman class of about 3,650, questions were imminent during movein days on Saturday and Sunday.

"What's my student ID Number? ... Where's the food?" These were among the top 10 most frequently asked questions by incoming freshmen. Jason Lugar, an RA on Central Campus and a junior in electrical engineering, even heard some of his residents ask their parents, "When y'all leaving?"

Although several questions seem like common knowledge to upperclassmen, many RAs felt nostalgic nonetheless when they were asked such questions. Jason Forti, a sophomore and an RA in Tucker Hall said he remembers when he had the same questions when he moved in, which makes it easier to help the new students since he was in their same position just a year ago. "You have to make them feel comfort-

able when they have to leave their parents. You have to make sure they feel like they are going to have a good time so they don't worry as much about college because everything is intimidating for a freshman.

Several RAs agreed the students were very excited but nervous at the same time. Kelly Thomas, a sophomore and an RA at Tucker Hall, said, "I had a lot of really excited girls all ready to go and ready for class to start. They are nervous, but I just make sure they know that we are here for them.

Lugar felt that many freshmen had mixed emotions about everything. "All the

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residents are different," said Lugar. "Some are excited, some are nervous and some are very eager and ready to start class." Forti also joked, "The general attitude was excitement with a mix of embar-rassment because of the students' parents. The students are excited to be independent and are anxious for their parents to leave so they can start their very

new and different lifestyles right away. Kris Roth, a freshman, agreed with Forti. "It was a pain moving in, but with the help of family it made it easier. It was stressful sometimes because my parents were trying to dictate what I should put where even if I disagreed." For students who had additional ques-

tions, Wolf Stops were available for freshmen to get their questions answered. Zach Kiesland, an Orientation Counselor at one of the Wolf Stops, said that many freshmen ask questions about directions and the Wolfline. "It's neat to see they're really excited," said Kiesland. Amy Arnold, a freshman moving into the Avent Ferry dorms, felt that the most difficult part was just knowing what to bring. "I've never lived away from home so I couldn't bring everything I wanted because I knew the dorm rooms were

going to be small." Upperclassmen have different movein problems than the freshmen. Many upperclassmen moved off campus and several expressed difficulties. Emily Carlucci, a sophomore who lived on campus last year, said, "Your first time moving off campus is a hassle because you have to buy everything - but then there are benefits in the following years

For several students who live off campus, transportation seems to be their biggest concern. "The Wolfline doesn't come by my apartment and driving to See MOVE-IN page 2

Carie Windham Assistant News Edito

ganization fair.

Standing in line at the Welcome Back Pack Cookout with a plate full of food, sophomore Sara Barker can't think of a better way to spend a Sunday afternoon.

Welcome Back Pack

Student organizations kick off "Welcome

Back Pack Week" with a cookout and or-

This is just a great way to meet new people and get free food at the same time," Barker, a psychology major, said as she surveyed the scene, complete with a live band, tables of food and a sea of new faces. And that was exactly what the organizers of

Welcome Back Pack Week had in mind. The weeklong celebration kicked off Sunday

night with the Welcome Back Pack Cookout and Organization fair in the Bragaw Amphitheater. A live band blared from a stage set up in the grass, tables and trailers catered to students hunger and a long maze of booths introduced students to various organizations on campus. Ieremy Baker was lured to the event with the

promise of free food but thought it was worth the trip.

NCSU's Web site gets new look Staff Report

Across the country, universities are using technology and the Internet as an informational outlet for their students, faculty, staff, parents, alumni and prospec-tive students. Through these Web sites, universities everywhere are making it possible for students to not only get information regarding a school, but these sites oftentimes allow students to register for classes, check their account statuses and even chat with fellow students.

The number of visitors to the N.C. State home page on regular business days during the school year can top 5 million, which makes it a university goal to make the site as comprehensive and cutting

But before the site became permanent on July 22, students, faculty and staff were given the opportunity to preview and respond to the changes. The university decided to launch a trial run of the Web site on July 8.

had access to a test page through a link offer feedback through a separate link. According to officials, one of the main reasons for improving the Web site is be-

pages. The new front page should expand or

cause of the positive feedback the site

The redesigned site should provide faster downloads and a more streamlined feel, with graphics that emphasize NCSU icons such as the Bell Tower, daily campus news items and multicolumn page designs that eliminate much of the scrolling that has been required on some

has received regarding its usefulness.

contract to fill the user's screen, regardless of monitor size or settings. A small row of photographs from around campus will change seasonally. The design team wants to assure users that the changes are purely aesthetic - they See WEB SITE page 3



Tomorrow Thunderstorms High of 92, Low of 68



Sports

kicks off its week-long look

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chimes in on recent campus transportation changes. p. 8

sations conducted at the N.C. State leaders' retreat held at the end of last summer and attended by a number of campus leaders, ac-cording to Union Activities Board President James Reed. "Welcome Back Pack is the first step of unifying

said.

Reed. See WELCOME page 2

a good way to do it.'

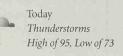
programming for the first week for students," said

edge as possible. In an effort to keep the site updated and progressive, this popular home in cyberspace recently debuted

During this weeklong period, visitors

on the old page and were encouraged to

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its new look

Important reminders from the Cashier's Office

The tuition charge is based on students' classification, residency and official number of hours and courses carried as of 5 p.m. on Aug. 30. Upon adding course work that results in an increased tuition and fee charge, students will be billed during the next Cashier's Office billing cycle. The last day to drop courses with a re-

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continued from page 1 school and trying to find a parking spot is a pain," said Diana Henderson, who has lived off campus for two years.

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"It is designed to be a calendar of activities for the first week sponsored, put on and organized through the cooperation of several entities on campus.

The calendar includes Wolf Jam, featuring a performance by Weekend Excursion; the Welcome Week Convocation, featuring guest speaker Bertrice Berry; a showing of "Dogtown and Z-Boy's" at the Campus Cinema; and a number of other events all designed to help students get to know the campus and each oth-

The week will wrap up at Friday's "Friday Fest," a block party featuring music, food and live performances by local bands, before Saturday's home football game against New Mexico. Following the game, there will be a free showing of Austin Powers 1 and 2 on the Jumbotron at the ESA, giving students, especially new students, the opportunity to

explore the arena. The week is being conducted through the cooperation and joint effort of a number of campus organizations, including Student Affairs, the Union Activities Board, Student Health Services/Health Promotions, Greek

fund or reduction in tuition is Aug. 30. Refunds resulting from courses dropped will be mailed to students' correspondence address after Aug. 31. Dropping all of the courses for which you are registered constitutes withdrawing from the university. Please phone 515-2986 if there are any questions.

Students who moved into their apartments for the first time or freshmen moving into a dorm room for the first time find it difficult to get organized. But many agree that having their own per-sonal space can be rewarding.

Life, Intramurals/Recreational Sports, Carmichael Gymnasium Staff, the Women's Center, University Dining, Campus Activities, SORC and some of the academic units on campus.

In the past, these organizations have often held individual activities during the first week of school, but this year will be the first time that so many groups have united for an entire week of activities.

"We've always had events but never tied everything together in a package," explained Deborah Luckadoo of Student Affairs, coordinator of the Welcome Week Convocation.

"It's neat how representatives from many different groups have pulled together," she added.

The ultimate goal, according to Luckadoo, is for students to find social connections by meeting other students and to feel welcomed by the university.

"To help them feel included and connected to N.C. State," she explained, pointing out that what happens during the first week of school is often critical as it creates a lasting impact for a student's university experience.

Reed sums it up as simply an "opportunity for students to come together and have fun.

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valid driver's license, license plate #, and payment (check or cash, no credit cards)

are required at the time of purchase.

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Beat the parking blues....

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Fire," which won the 1995 Sir Walter Raleigh Award for fiction. Professor McLaurin was revered and looked up to by many students.

Three North Carolina universities received grants totaling \$5 million from the Howard Hughes Medical Institute. NCSU received \$1.6 million to support a Webbased curriculum and other projects. UNC-Chapel Hill received \$1.6 million, and their major project focus will be Destiny, a 40-foot peripatetic science laboratory. Duke received \$1.8 million, which will be used toward infusing active, inquiry-based learning into the undergraduate curriculum.

The campus security guard division suffered cuts to 26 of its employees. The lay-offs will eliminate security officers in the library and create more of a workload for existing officers.

NCSU held its first-annual English as a Second Language Symposium on July 23. The symposium was devoted to the issues facing those who speak English but not as their native tongue. The Director of ESL at NCSU, Toby Brody, received a grant for \$1.25 million to help further their ef-forts. The NCSU ESL team, which consists of Toby Brody, Cathy Boatwright and Robin Kube, went to great efforts to ensure that the symposium was filled with great

speakers and informative mes-

sages Jonathan Ducote was elected president of the UNC Association of Student Governments and took the oath of office for this position as an ex-officio member of the University Of North Carolina Board of Governors. "I feel that it is my duty, along with every other student leader across the state. to make sure that students are being heard where it counts the most: the voting booth," Ducote said.

On Aug. 13 at Baylor University in Waco, Texas, NCSU's Chancellor Marye Anne Fox took part in a national forum on economic growth led by President George W. Bush and members of his administration. "It's an honor to serve the country," she said. "N.C. State is recognized nationally as a model of how university research, extension and teaching can be used to fuel economic de velopment and job creation. I look forward to sharing our success stories with the president and my fellow forum members."

For the full story on any of these events visit the Technician at www.technicianonline.com or the news services department at www.ncsu.edu/univ_relations/new s_services/homepage/currenttext.htm.

Colin Hickey contributed to this article.

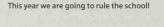
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Each year, Chancellor Marye Anne Fox sets aside several hours when students can meet with her in her office without a prior appointment. This time is intended to make it easier for students to share comments and concerns directly with the chancellor. Here are the hours for 2002-2003 academic year:

Friday, Sept. 13 @ 4-5 p.m. Monday, Oct. 14 @ 2-3 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 20 @ 2:30 - 3:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 6 @ 10-11 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 22 @ 4:30-5:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 17 @ 3-4 p.m. Thursday, March 27 @ 1:30-2:30 p.m. Friday, Apr. 11 @ 10-11 a.m.

WEB SITE

continued from page 1 won't affect the architecture, content or function of bookmarks. One other facet of the Web site has already received a muchneeded boost — the search engine. The university recently switched to Google technology, which should provides faster and

more effective searches. Though the graphic design of the site has changed, the informational structure has remained the same. The Office of Public Affairs coordinated the development of the new site, which has been developed by a group of NCSU faculty and staff members through months of research.







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Serious · THE HISTORY OF DOUGHBOY · BY MARKO

THE SUMMER OF 1909, THE ARCHANGEL GABRIEL AWOKE UNDER A TREE ON THE SIDE OF THE ROAD SOME WHERE IN RURAL AMERICA. HE IOINED THE UNITED STATES OF America in 1917 and spent time IN THE TRENCHES. TO HIS FAULT, HIS ENTIRE PLATOON WAS WIPED OUT. HAVING EXACTED AN EMPTY REVENGE ON A SQUADRON OF GER-MAN BI-PLANES, HE MOVED TO THE MOON.

 Million years ago, an in-0 sect-modeled race of human-like beings called the Arachxn'th lived on a planet orbiting a star that would eventually end up in the constellation of Orion. The queen sent a million heralds throughout the galaxy to spread her "good" word. Maxine, one of the Arachxn'th, landed on Earth. Other than frighten a tribe of Australopithecus hominids, she did little harm to the basic progress of evolution, and was soon lulled sleep by Oskar the Cat and Gabriel. While she slept, Oskar removed "the alteration" a gene installed by the Arachxn'thian queen to "ensure" that the designated planet was "converted" to her insectian ways.

Maxine slept for a couple million years and awoke in Mediaeval Europe. Her appearance had drastically altered, yet she had gained attributes of flight



and power. After running into Oskar and Chalkhydri, both of who offered her little to no assistance, Maxine came across a

(from left) The feline Matajuro, Chalkhydri, the fantastic automaton MekaØscar, Zathael and the "angel" Maxine. Illustration by Mark McLawhorn

fellow who stood amidst a great slaughter. He appeared to be a battered European king, who stood uninjured, even as he had

a spear sticking straight through him! He paid Maxine no mind as he removed the spear from

his belly and took to the sky.

Maxine soon realized that the creature was Gabriel, the archangel who, in cahoots with Oskar the cat, had altered her

from her original form. Emotions running high, Maxine gave Gabriel quite a thrashing and demanded an explanation of just what happened to her.

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Gabriel attempted to explain to Maxine that her change was for the better, but the ever bullheaded female resisted the truth. Before the hotheaded Maxine could wallop him again, the charming Gabriel lulled her to sleep again by distracting her thoughts to a bird.

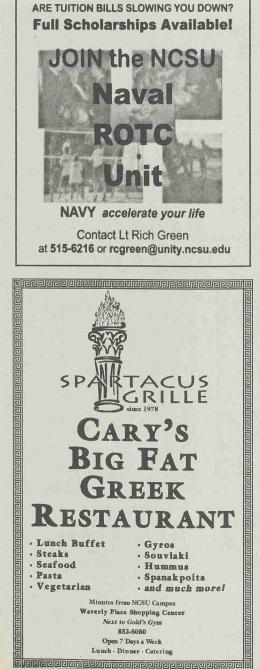
Maxine woke up again mad-der at Gabriel than ever before, yet somehow more reflective of her current situation of confusion.

Maxine wandered through the rocky battlefield for a while before coming to a great boulder protruding from the earth. Flanked by leafy green trees Maxine wandered through a small pond and came to an opening at the base of the mas-sive rock. She ripped the rusted iron bars that bolted the entrance and ventured into the cavern below. The hole led to a fantastic chasm underneath the ground of terra, which in turn led to a ladder that extended into the dark crevasse. But the small pond on the outside trickled to a gushing waterfall inside the cavern and the ladder was completely submerged by the water falling miles towards the deep churning river a mile be-

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continued from page 4 low. Maxine floated down into the depths of the cave.

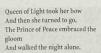
he Feline, Matajuro Yagu, was the son of a L famous swordsman. His father, believing his son's work was too mediocre to anticipate mastership, disowned him. So Matajuro went to Mount Futara and there found the famous rabbit swordsman Banzo. But Banzo confirmed the father's judgment and told the cat that because of his rush to learn so quickly, he would never get any better.

Matajuro was told never to speak of fencing and never to touch a sword. He cooked for his master, washed dishes, made his bed, cleaned the yard, cared for the garden, all without a word of swordsmanship. Three rears passed. Still Matajuro labored on. Thinking of his fu-ture, he was sad. He had not even begun to learn the art to which he had devoted his life.

But one day Banzo crept up behind him and gave him a ter rific blow with a wooden sword. The following day, when Matajuro was cooking rice, Banzo again sprang upon him unexpectedly.

After that, day and night, Matajuro had to defend himself from unexpected thrusts. Not a moment passed in any day that he did not have to think of the taste of Banzo's sword. He learned so rapidly he brought smiles to the face of his master.

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Oh, dance in the dark of night, Sing to the morn-ing light. The dark Lord rides in force tonight And time will tell us all.

Oh, throw down your plow and hoe, Rest not to lock your homes. Side by side we wait the might Of the darkest of them all.

I hear the horses' thunder Down in the valley below, I'm waiting for the angels of Avalon, Waiting for the eastern glow.

The apples of the valley hold The seeds of happiness, The ground is rich from tender care, Repay, do not forget, no, no. Oh, dance in the dark of night, Sing to the morning light.

The apples turn to brown and black, The tyrant's face is red.

Oh the war is common cry, Pick up you swords and fly. The sky is filled with good and bad That mortals never know

When Matajuro became the greatest swordsman in the land, he hopped a spacecraft and ventured towards Myrm'l'on, a the planet of Arachaxn'th.

Having ditched Maxine on Earth, Oskar the cat met up with Matajuro on Myrm'l'on. They flew their trusty spaceship, the V'sp'dae, to the city of Achillia, of the planet Asclapeius. An apocalyptic comet had just rocked Achillia and Oskar and Matajuro were met with fiery debris upon entering the planet's chaotic atmosphere.

Oh, well, the night is long The beads of time pass slow. Tired eyes on the sunrise Waiting for the eastern glow

The pain of war cannot exceed The woe of aftermath, The drums will shake the castle wall, The ringwraiths ride in black,

Sing as you raise your bow, Shoot straighter than before comfort has the fire at night That lights the face so cold

Oh dance in the dark of night, Sing to the mornin' light The magic runes are writ in gold To bring the balance back. Bring it back.

At last the sun is shining, The clouds of blue roll by, With flames from the dragon of darkness

The sunlight blinds his eyes

~ The Battle of Evermor ds by Robert Plant

Their ship gravely damaged, the two cats steer into a region north of Achillia known as Dey-

athael remembered a time of green grass and the smell of flowers when he lived outside of Achillia. He thought of the train that he would streak pass as he sailed so carefree in the old blue sky en route to the post office on the outskirts on the then busy little town of Achillia. He remembered his passing childhood when he first met Giselle

during the initial skirmishes in the early days of the Ongoing War. He thought of how they'd been shuffled off to an orphanage when Achillia and its northeastern bordering state Myrmidon began fighting over territorial rights to a 160-mile stretch of fertile soil. But the soil was bled dry of nutrients and soaked with the blood of ignorant brave men. He recollected how Giselle would cry every night for her dead moth er in the basement shelter in the orphanage as they listened to the sirens and the bombs scream thunder overhead. He remembered how he would keep them warm in his telekinetic halo, and how no one else knew of his powers and abilities except little Giselle ... and she never told a soul. But that was so long ago. Before the government found out about his secret and took him away to mold into their reconnaissance and fighting machine.

generals from the Achillian war-rooms had taken him from the orphanage when they discovered his meta-human abilities. No one knew how he acquired such abilities, not even Zathael, but the Achillian Army was determined to exploit them in the Ongoing War against Myrmidon. They hid him in one of their steel towers to fight for them and paraded his image around as a hero and patriot. They had attempted to mold and manipulate him to their will ..

But they could never quite control him..

Zathael cared not for borders and maps and would not diblood. But the dogs of war had armies and blindly loyal soldiers to do that for them. Zathael became more of a sabotage machine, and was invaluable in the sacking of the Myrmidon front. Guilt racked the poor boy, but he felt a naive duty to the people of Achillia, as he knew the potential the city once had and the thought that perhaps one day it could be as it used to be. But an astronomical observa-

rectly kill their enemies in cold

tion proved the fought war a moot point and now his obligation was to stop a falling comet, though all his thoughts centered around only one he wanted to guarantee safety. But Giselle would not allow Zathael to carry her to the distant lands of Mount Futara and sent the broken-hearted boy towards Achillia. Giselle then jumped off a cliff and fell into the icy waters below.

chillia, city of the future, where the hero Zathael attempted to save the ill-fated metropolis from certain destruction from a falling comet. Yea! Doom follows Zathael wherever he treads and the once proud city is leveled by the cosmic cataclysm.

It is not clear how much time passed between the impact window of the comet and the arrival of Chalkhydri and her fantastic animatronic, Meka0scar. While surveying the laid-waste city of Achillia, the two travelers locate Zathael lying in the comet's crater. He was not dead, and didn't really seem to be in a coma; but sim- See DOUGHBOY page 6

ply fast asleep. But a strange, weird, and pale creature stood above Zathael, and seemed to be chanting some sort of archaic prayer. Chalkhydri considered that if Zathael and the creature had survived, there might have been others that lived through the calamity that maybe, just maybe there could be others. Sending Meka0scar to the ship with Zathael's sleepy self, Chalkhydri surveys more of the blast area and runs into a horde of short-circuited construction drones. Chalkhydri attempts to organize the robots into a refugee party and tries to send them on an evacuation route. But without humans to operate them, the drones have gone mad! In a task of mercy, she chooses to incinerate them, rather than to allow them to live in such fear and suffering.

las, Matajuro's attempts to land the V'sp'dae are disastrous and the young feline awoke in the deep, cold snow ... apparently thrown from the wreckage of the crashed spaceship. He struggled to his feet...bleed-He ing...sore...cold...so cold...but alive.

...But Oskar..

...poor Oskar...

...was dead.

Chalkhydri returned to the spacecraft with Meka0scar and

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continued from page 5 the comatose Zathael. As they left the leveled city's limits, Chalkhydri detects a disturbing beacon on the ship's radar coming from north of Achillia. With their current mission post-

poned, the travelers turn the

ship in the direction of the radar

The cave that Maxine has discovered leads to a tunnel of darkness kissed by a swift underground current. With lightning speed she follows the river for thousands of miles... with no end in the distance

Matajuro buries Oskar's remains and builds a memorial marking the crash site. He gears up and though mourning his lost compatriot, simply decides to head further north.

eanwhile, Chalkhy-dri and Meka0scar isolate the distress signal to the winter tundra of Devia and set their spacecraft down on a snow-covered hill. She orders the robot Meka0scar to wait by spacecraft with the comatose Zathael as she ventures over the slope in search of mysterious signal. Over the hill and not to far away, she gets closer to the beacon and discovers the grave of Oskar the cat. She deduces that Oskar didn't survive the entry of Achillia's comet-turbulent atmosphere with Matajuro, and decides to exhume the body.

While on board Chalkhydri's

spaceship, the sleeping Zathael dreams of sitting on a bridge in the sky next to Giselle. Not understanding why she refuses to talk to him, he seems thoroughly surprised when Oskar approaches and tells him that she is dead and that is why she seems so non-responsive. Oskar explains that she committed suicide before the comet hit Achillia and that he should forget about her and let her go. Zathael is adamant about staying in the limbo of the depths of his unconscious mind, because as long as he is asleep Giselle will be alive and they will remain to-gether. As a locomotive approaches in the distance Oskar orders the dreaming Zathael to wake up before the train hits

them Zathael awakes from his nightmare, unable to distinguish dreams from reality. In a rage of drowsy confused fury, he bursts from the quarters of the spacecraft and takes to the sky. He heads over the tundra and lands, attempting to collect his emotions. But Zathael looks down at his feet ... and the pure white snow sickens him. All of his talents and abilities and they do him no good ... they only help him destroy the things he love In an outrage he uproots an old tree and throws it across the snow-covered land and sinks to his knees sobbing uncontrollably

Over the hill, Chalkhydri hears the great sound of the cracking trunk and fears the worst.

Zathael, guilt-ridden and feel-ing responsible for not saving the city of Achillia from the doomsday comet, sits at the foot

of the uprooted tree, a victim of his raging insecurities. Chalkhydri swoops down to offer consolation, and attempts to hold him. But the mere touch of another awakens Zathael's madness once more and he decks the female, stating that she should have left him in the comet's crater to die alongside the city's citizens he failed to save. Chalkhydri, though compassionate decides that the only way to calm the boy down is to beat him into submission.

atajuro sets up a camp north of Deyja and enjoys a meal of a caught crow and sleeps through the night, nursing his injuries

axine remembers a momentary lapse of Ltime before she reaches the end of the cavern's river. She discovers a manhole exit with a shiny silver wheel that urges her to turn it. She opens the door and comes out on the other side, and spots Matajuro sleeping at his camp. Making a connection that this young feline looks surprisingly similar to Oskar, the now deceased cigar-smoking riffraff who got her all off course from her "prime directive," she inquires on her current whereabouts. Matajuro unconcerned with her questions and points to his mouth, inferring that he is once again hunry and would like very much a bite of breakfast.

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(from left) The cigar-smoking Oskar and the Archangel Gabriel. Illustration by Mark McLawhorn

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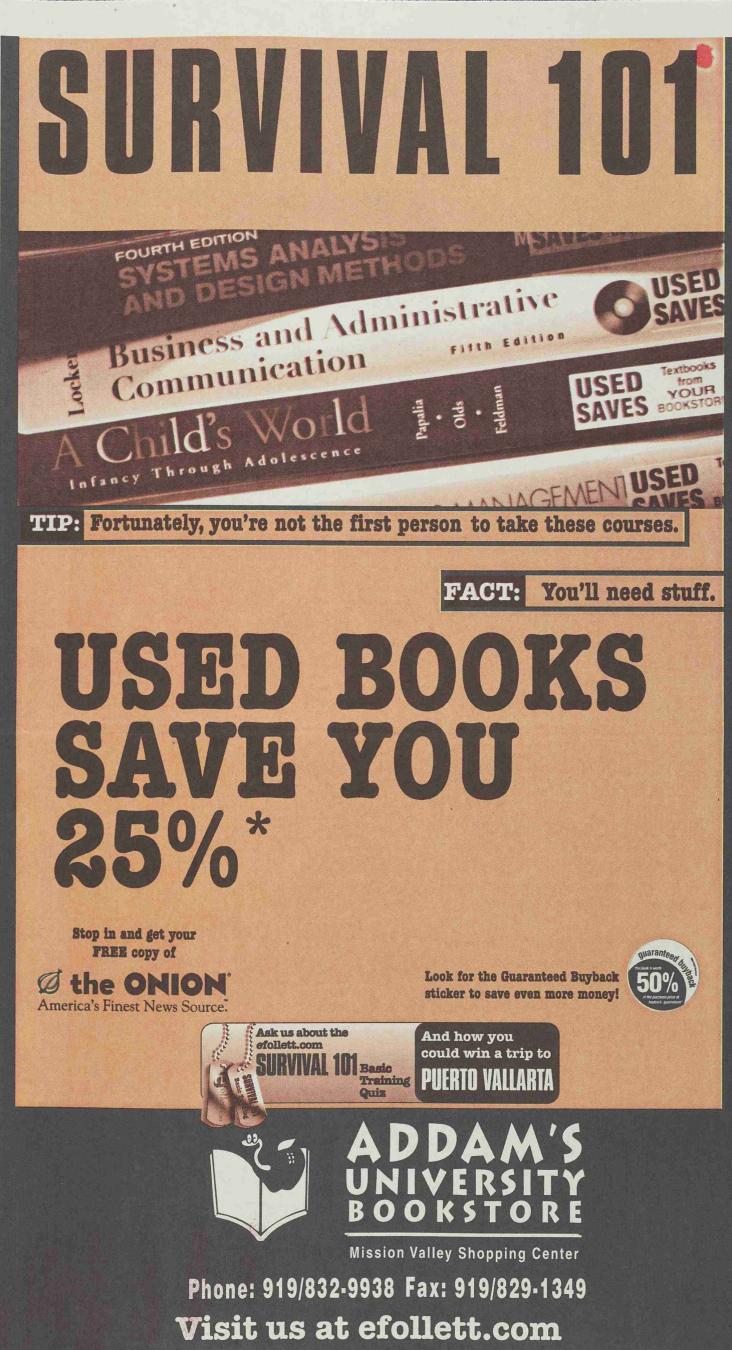
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Transportation changes affect all of campus

Changes in the parking system are necessary but excessive in some cases.

The influx of students arriving this weekend revealed another common sight on the N.C. State campus — parking problems. Many students learned of the latest transportation changes when applying for parking permits, but others did not realize changes in enforcement hours and parking zones until their arrival on campus

Budget cuts and recent court decisions affecting transportation at NCSU reasonably explain the 9% increase in the price of permits, and the construction of the Coliseum Deck Expansion justifies the need to redistribute parking across the system. Yet, extending enforcement hours in many residence hall areas until midnight from Monday through Thursday and the conversion of the Varsity Drive Park and Ride lot to an E permit zone will cause the biggest problems for students.

A recent court ruling requires schools within the UNC school system to give revenue generated from parking violations to the local county school system. This decision means that NCSU will lose over \$750,000 per vear to Wake County, according to the NCSU Department of Transportation. This loss had to be quickly offset; therefore raising the price of parking permits was one of the only logical solutions. It is important to note that transportation officials wish to maintain a "revenue neutral" position instead of making profit from this price increase.

The Department of Transportation's Web site states that unless legislative action is taken to ease the loss, "additional increases in the price of parking permits will be needed in future years."

No one on campus wants to pay an increase in permits every year, but at the same time, no one in the Department of Transportation wants to turn over such a large amount of revenue to Wake County, either.

The construction of an expansion to the Coliseum Deck will begin in Sep-tember, and until its completion in 18 months, 345 spaces will be lost. Construction on North Campus will also reduce approximately 300 spaces.

To alleviate some of the displacement caused by this construction, many residence hall areas will be enforcing per mit zones until midnight from Monday through Thursday. This decision is great for students who have parking permits, but it severely inconveniences visitors or students going to meetings, study groups or visiting friends on oth er parts of campus. Yet the concern of the transportation department is to first ensure that those students who pay for permits have access to their spaces. This decision was necessary, but the zone could have been enforced until only 10:00 p.m. and come closer to balancing the need for both permit and visitor parking.

Changing the Varsity Drive Park and Ride to a permit zone will trouble many students, because it essentially charges them to ride the bus. The Department of Transportation did incorporate new lots on Centennial Campus to replace the loss of the Park and Ride lot, but factors such as the distance from the Park and Ride and the loca-tion away from many Gorman Street apartments weakens this replacement.

To learn more about the transportation department's changes for the 2002-03 school year, visit www.ncsu.edu/transportation and click

on "Parking System Changes for '02-'03."

Can't be a thug in college

Decker Ngongang

lectually. Thuggery is a practice that does exactly the opposite. It is detrimental and leads not only to a failed collegiate experience but also a failed "life" experience.

Now I know a lot of young males aren't technically engaged in actual thug behavior but intend to give the impression that they are. This too can be damaging, for it only goes to give the image of thug qualities and only works against the education and training the person attempts to gain. I am not trying to call anyone out, only commenting on a dangerous trend I am seeing lately.

Young males and even some young females are increasingly reliant on the entertainment community for definition in their own lives, and thus breed the thug relationships. The rise in hiphop not only as an art form but also as a social movement has cast light on the lifestyle of its most celebrated artists. Unfortunately many of these artists were true thugs before they made it big on the mic; some people even find it hard to leave that lifestyle once they "make it." Young people across Ameri-ca partake in this beautiful, revolutionary art form, but they in turn absorb a

little more than intended from it. They feel the need to exemplify that characteristic which is showcased in few of hip-hop's artists.

am talking about thug, but what exactly is it? The definition of a thug is "an aggressive young criminal." Other definitions quote a thug as a "rowdy young violent person,""a member of a rebellious young group" and "a person inclined to treat another roughly or cruelly." All these definitions represent the technical term "thug.

It isn't the technical term from which I formulated this column. It is the social concept of the thug that has me so perplexed. It is the definition that we get from various songs and in the media. It is the image given by many hiphop artists — an image I argue isn't conducive to the educational environ ment. Trick Daddy, a popular hip-hop artist known for his reference to the thug life, refers to thug life in an interesting way. "Really will ya' roll with a thug, A young n**** in a big car, with a big gun, ridin' round sittin' on dubs, Smoking on a fat blunt, baby was up? (Thug for Life: Book of Thugs Chapter AK verse 47)

If you go to read the lyrics from his other songs that delve into thug activities and thug pastimes, you realize its essence centers on drugs, alcohol and violence. From time to time the thug reference is used to describe affection or maybe wanting to "sex someone up," but for the most part, lyrics center on drugs, violence and everything in between. If you have the time, sit and read some lyrics from your favorite hip-hop artists, and you will soon see what I speak of. It is important to note that this doesn't go for the whole musical genre of hip-hop, because many

artists are producing work that is a positive expression of the art form and instrumental in the upward progress of the hip-hop generation. I have trouble with the artists who focus on this "thug life" in a way that glorifies it. I don't think that glorifying a lifestyle based on the destruction of not only your life but others as well is very healthy, especially for a learning environment such as a university

I know a lot of people will think I am speaking to a section of society that dresses alike, but I am not speaking on any particular clothing because that has nothing to do with the issue. I am instead speaking to the way we carry ourselves. If people want to carry themselves like they are "aggressive young criminals" all for the sake of looking cool, go ahead. All I am saying is that in the university environment it doesn't work.

Though it shouldn't be this way, the university environment is practice for the real world. When you graduate you can't just switch into "grown-up mode"; you have to gradually mature into what you will become. If you do nothing but practice thuggery even though you don't participate in the activities socially associated with thug appearance, you will graduate into a society where thug behavior will land you either on MTV Direct Effects or in iail.

Decker practiced thuggery this summer, but for the first day of classes, he chose to wear a fitted suit ensemble from Jos. A. Bank. Let him know what you think at dtngonga@unity.ncsu.edu.

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Fate lives in Raleigh

You're walking to the phone. You're going to call your girlfriend. Just as you touch the receiver, the phone rings. It's your girlfriend. Not wanting to get into a conversation about fate

with your girl-friend, (she always starts

talking about what kind of diamond she likes) you shrug it off, nothing more than a coincidence. Later, you make your way to

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staff columnist

Wendy's, craving a junior bacon cheeseburger. Being the lazy bum you are, you just hit the drive-up window. grab change from the change cup. As you get to the pick-up window, you go into your pocket - perfectly exact change. Not wanting to get into a conversation about fate with the Wendy's drive-through guy, (he always talks about his girlfriend who talks about what kind of diamond she likes) you shrug it off, nothing more than a coincidence.

Without getting into a conversation about what kind of diamond I like, I can say without a doubt in my mind that fate is alive and well. How do I know? Fate and I hung out over this summer. Before I continue, let me tell you a bit about my friend Fate, in case you are still in denial, thinking everything is a coincidence. Fate is nondenominational, nonreligious, not Jesus, not Buddha or Vishnu, neither Dao nor Tao nor Confucius. Now that you know something about Fate, let me tell you what crazy stuff we did this summer.

I was chilling in Munich after finished a bike tour of the city, and I thought that nothing complements a nice four-hour bike ride quite like a couple liters of fine German beer. So I make my way down to the Hofbrauhaus, my mind thinking only of sausage and how little of the German language that I had retained over three semesters, and who should I see but two of my brother's best friends. I didn't know they were in Europe, much less Germany, much less Munich, much less standing outside the restaurant that I was about to dine in. Still skeptical? My trip goes on.

Next, we hit Rome. I had heard of this little ceiling thing that Michelangelo had painted. I didn't really want to go. I mean how good could it have been? The name escapes me now, something about a Cappella Sistina. Yeah, the ceiling was cool, but what was really amazing is that on the way to it I saw four of my friends from high school. They weren't supposed to be in Rome that day, in fact we had been crisscrossing all over the continent. As fate would have it, they were sitting on benches in the Vatican museum just as I walked in to see them.

I could tell you about meeting a Chili Pepper in Florence and seeing yet another friend at the top of 7,000-foot Mt. Pilatus. I can tell you about fate not always being a good thing, like when a Venetian pigeon flies into your head, or when you have to scale two walls just to get back to your hostel in Barcelona. (By the way, here's a traveling tip from me to you — it's not good to be inebriated in Barcelona when you don't know how to get back to your hostel.

"Well Chris, I don't give a roaring rip where you went this summer ... I had to stare at bricks during two summer sessions." Dear reader, I know that you don't care where I went. As the first day of the fall semester rolls on, remember that Fate doesn't just live in Europe; Fate lives in Raleigh too. To the seniors going into their last semesters, worried about the job market, to the juniors worried if they should have changed majors last year, to the sophomores worried that people might mistake them for freshmen, and to the freshmen worried if they should be here at all — I tell you all truly that whatever will be ... will be. You take the good with the bad, the ying with the yang. The late great Charles Schultz put it better than I ever could: "Don't worry about the world coming to an end today. It's already tomorrow in Australia.

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Chris knows that the Cappella Sistina is the Sistine Chapel. It's called humor, people. Don't take the first day too seriously, but do e-mail Chris at cwhickli@unity.ncsu.edu.



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Yes sir, I, Decker

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UNC-CH readings encourage exchange of ideas

The recent outrage by faculty and students of UNC-Chapel Hill over governmental attempts to reign in "academic freedom" have overshadowed the greater question: Should state-sponsored universities be totally immune to public oversight of the mores and world view which they seek to instill in their students? Academe would have us believe that they wish to insure the free exchange of ideas, unfettered by particular points of view. My personal observation from many years as a faculty member is that just the opposite is true. There is absolutely a certain point of view that is acceptable to promote and another that is equally unacceptable.

Had the proposal been to require (this is freedom?) readings of the New Testament or any fundamentally Christian writing (but such a proposal never would be promulgated in this atmosphere) the outrage would have come from the campus, not the legislature. Similar unwritten, but strongly felt, taboos exist for truly open discussion of topics such as homosexuality, evolution, public observance of Christian holidays, abortion and traditional morality. Elitism is firmly in control at our universities, and the general population knows

this. They have every right as taxpayers and legislators to set limits on what is required of the students by social engineers and "enlightened" professors. This absolutely does not hinder the academic freedom to discuss and access all points of view. Truth thrives in an environment of truly free and open exchange of ideas; it is why God made us free thinkers and not robots.

Tyre C. Lanier Professor Food Science Department

Students should learn the origin of decisions

Let's see ... since spring, somewhere among the General Assembly, the UNC System and our own university's administration, decisions have been handed down to eliminate support positions, including those of library staff and part of campus security, reduced library hours and spending on library materials, decreased departmental budgets and ... oh, right ... increase tuition for all of us. Any questions?

I sincerely hope you do have questions. The answers might not come quickly or easily and, with classes starting and commitments taking form, there might not be much time available. But, it's important to stay curious about how the budgets work, where the money goes, who the big players are and so on.

As time permits during the new academic year, try to convert a little of that curiosity into sleuthing out the answers. You'll form a healthy, lifelong interest in how decisions that affect you come about, as well as what the members of any community can do toward responsible management of that community ... or city, state or nation.

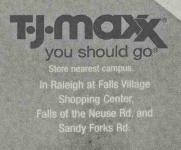
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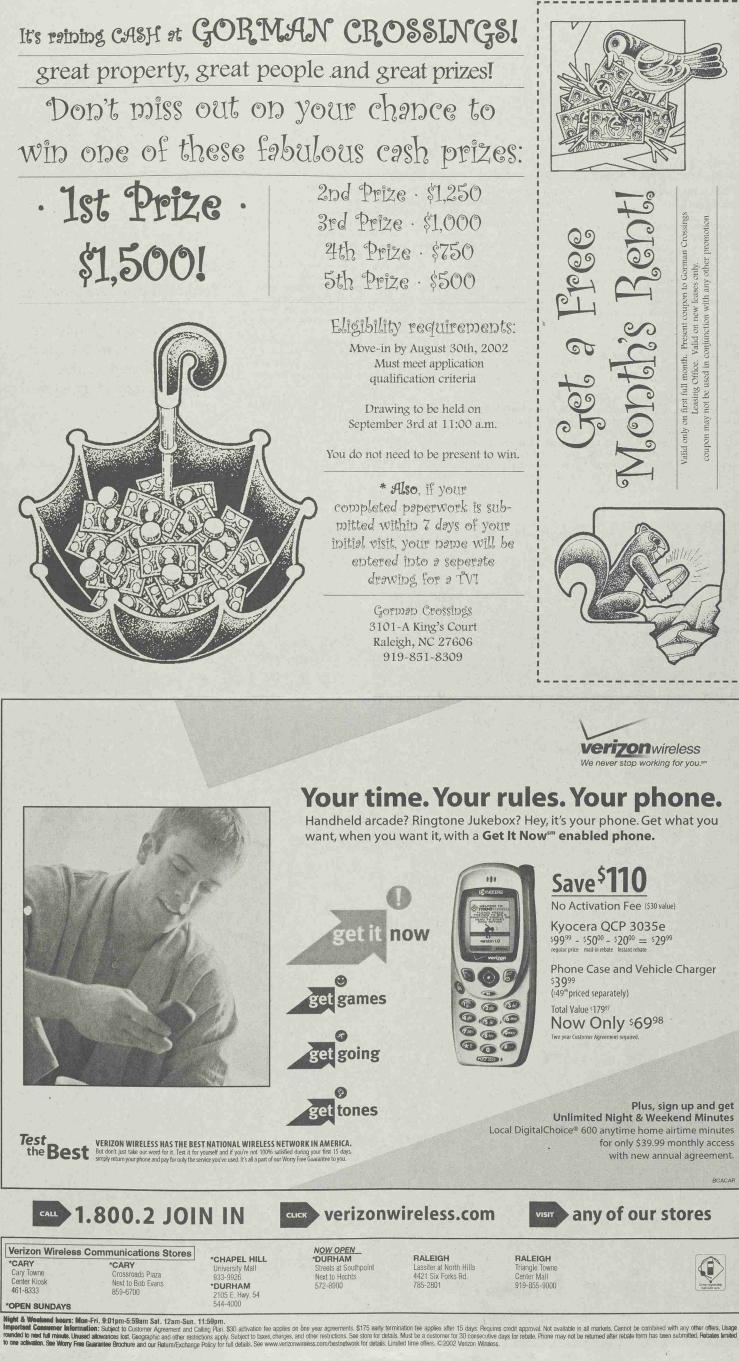
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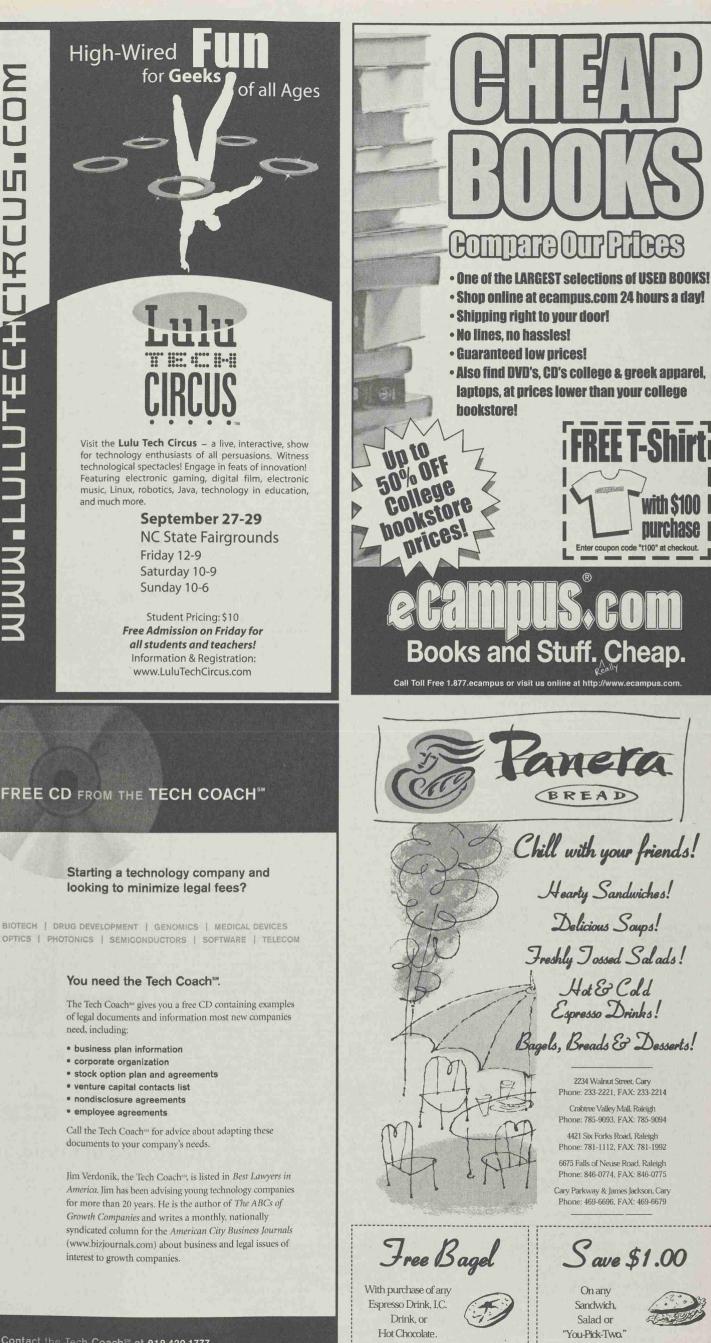
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July

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The intensity at football practice began to pick up as the start of the season is now almost a reality Unfortunately, two key play-

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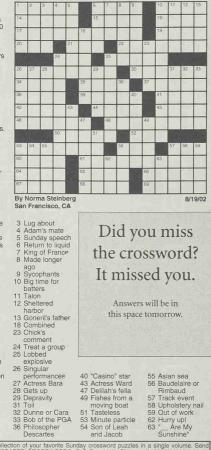
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continued from page 14 just feeling it out — no one knows who's going to be where. As players, we saw it happen last year and it's really an exciting time to be in the conference."

Terry is one such individual who believes his Tar Heels have been severely wronged and disrespected. The junior lineman, like many others in the ACC this year, is out to prove a point.

this year, is out to prove a point. "Last year, our motto was 'Take Respect,' and we might do it again because we're not getting respected in the league. It's really frustrating that we're not; I don't see why we're not [getting the respect], and it's lighting a fire under a bunch of curs." he said.

bunch of guys," he said. "I believe we will prove everyone wrong."

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continued from page 14 heard the statement before, if you want to be the best, you play the best. I think that will definitely help us, with the BCS, the strength of schedule, that extra game will improve our numbers and get us more ready for a bowl game — hopefully the Fiesta."

After dropping out of the top five at season's end for the first time in 14 years, the Seminole players aren't thinking about any gradual improvements to their record.

record. "In the end picture, anything less than a national championship

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the tickets will be ready to pick up on the same day as voucher distribution.

The form will be filled out by the group leader online and will require all members' unity IDs, dates of birth and last 4 digits of their student ID numbers. Even the Seminoles, which the media picked almost unanimously to regain its spot at the top of the conference, speak as though they have an extra incentive.

"We're about as motivated as we can be," said sophomore quarterback Chris Rix. "Guys are out there working hard in that 105-degree heat, working their butts off to have a successful season. We're very motivated, especially with some of the things that happened last year, and we're anxious to get back out there on the field and prove it, not just talk about it."

At the 31st annual ACC Football Kickoff, which was held in Pinehurst in late July, talk flowed from everywhere. The players talked, the coaches talked, and when the talking was done, the media spoke, tabbing FSU as the No. 1 team in the ACC. State was picked second, followed by Maryland and Georgia Tech. The media voted Clemson fifth, UNC sixth and Wake Forest seventh. Virginia and Duke rounded out the poll.

Coach Chuck Amato was happy that his Wolfpack, which will host New Mexico this Saturday, is being thought of so highly. "I think this is what we all try to do, is

to get where [the media] expects us to be a little better," he said. "How it is handled, we won't know until the end of the season. But if we can't handle the preseason expectations, we'll never get to where we want to when you look at the big picture."

In the only coaching move of the off season, Georgia Tech welcomed Chan Gailey to the spot vacated by George O'Leary. Gailey, who coached the Dallas Cowboys to an NFC East title in 1998,

inherits a team that returns 16 starters overall and nine defensively. After spending 14 years coaching in the NFL, Gailey is just happy to be back in college. "I went on the field this year for the

"I went on the field this year for the spring game and the band played," he said. "I got goose bumps. I hadn't been on a field where a band played in 15 to 20 years."

In other coaching news, Bobby Bowden will certainly pass the legendary Paul "Bear" Bryant to move into second place in all-time college football wins. Bowden needs just one win to pass Bryant, and he is four victories behind Penn State coach Joe Paterno as the all-time leader in career wins.

But as much as the league changes and evolves into a powerhouse football conference, certain things will always stay the same in the ACC. Saturday afternoons full of tailgating, for instance. And the passion of the State-Carolina game, which falls on Oct. 12 this season.

Carolina players and coaches have added fuel to the fire over the summer, with Terry and head coach John Bunting each mentioning the Heels' recent success against State.

"I think they're trying to start something ... but I won't get into that," said Terrence Holt. "The rivalry between them and us is real big. It's not only big for us as a program, but it's big for our fans, it's big for the state, it gives us bragging rights. A lot of coaches get fired for not beating their rival year in and year out. So it's a big game, but we want to win every game on our schedule."

A schedule that begins in just five days

this season is a failure," said Rix. "With the amount of talent out there, it's just unbelievable. When I'm out there every day in the summer, it's like we haven't lost anything. Almost everybody is back.

"On the other hand, talking national championship, we have a long road to achieve that goal. We can't talk Fiesta Bowl, we can talk national championship all we want, but every time you talk about something you're taking away energy you could use to actually do it. We just need to go out and do it and play Florida State football like teams in the past have done." One of the final questions that remains is that of the mystique of the Seminoles team. After last season's "human" performance, will a game against FSU still lead opposing teams to start sweating? Will teams still be afraid of the Seminoles?

"They should be, especially this year," said Rix. "Last year, like Coach Bowden said, was the year to get us and some teams did. But it's our job, the coach's job to make sure we keep on working hard, to carry over what we did last spring, and in summer and fall workouts, to make sure that doesn't happen again."

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continued from page 14 edge, due to Kelly's recovery from a knee injury. However, the com-

petition is hardly over. "Chris Kelly didn't think he would be able to play this year, but he has made tremendous preparation, which I think says a lot about the kid," said Friedgen. "This is his third knee injury. He's off the charts as far as where he should be at this point. I don't think he'll be ready for the first game, but I think he'll play some this year. The fact he had rehabilitated his leg two times before helped him this time

helped him this time. "I think Scott wasn't too far behind Chris. I'm going to have to make a decision pretty early so we can get the starter the most reps and go from there." On the flip side of the coin, E.J.

Henderson, a consensus All-American pick, returns to anchor the Terrapin defense. Henderson, one of only 11 seniors on the team, was a Butkus Award finalist last season.

Henderson's immediate return is still something of a question mark. He is currently still rehabilitating from back surgery, which he underwent in April. "I've been told he's about 75%

and is pain-free," said Friedgen. "[Henderson] told me he's going to be ready. How soon he can get in football shape will be the key. Right now he is ahead of what he thought he would be."

"Last year the people on the outside told us we had what it takes and the coaches believed it but I don't think we believed it wholeheartedly as a team," said Todd Wike, a senior offensive lineman. "I don't think we knew how good we were as a team until halfway through the season. Coming into this year it's not so much hoping; we set the expectations a lot higher and we know we can live up to them."

Those Terrapin expectations will begin when Maryland opens the season Aug. 31 against Notre Dame.

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Summer Triangle sports recap

While N.C. State students took a break over the past three months, the Raleigh sports scene was rife with excitement

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While the Raleigh-Durham-Chapel Hill area was just named the No. 18 sports city in America by The Sporting News, that publication must have conveniently missed the summers in the Triangle where the sports season usually goes on a two-month hiatus, just like your average college student.

Sure, there is your token minor league baseball franchise to go along with an upstart women's professional soccer franchise, but the Triangle landed in the top 20 of that list because of its legacy of successful college athletics amongst the three Division 1 schools in the area. With school out and a majority of the students gone, the sports season usually takes a significant hit. This summer, however, the area had more than its share of sports excitement,

and with that in mind, here's a look back at all the fun. June

When the Carolina Hurricanes migrated south to North Carolina, the state was the butt of endless jokes about NASCAR country, Mayberry, etc. Hockey would never have a chance to survive here, they said. The Canes finally put those pundits to rest in June by doing the unprecedented and bringing a championship series in one of the four major professional sports to Raleigh.

Five years was the time span that most predicted hockey would be out of town, but it turned out to be the length of time it took to get the franchise into the Stanley Cup Finals for the first time ever. Carolina even managed to take Game 1 from the puissant Detroit Red Wings, whose roster was so loaded with talent it could take up a whole wing at the Hockey Hall

of Fame in Toronto, before falling in five games Grateful fans flooded downtown Raleigh after the season as a congratulatory celebration was held thanking the

Around N.C. State, hockey fever was spreading as football coach Chuck Amato and women's basketball coach Kay Yow raved about their respective experiences attending playoff hockey games. Mid-month Yow was able to rave about something even more prestigious: being elected to the Basketball Hall of Fame.

Yow will enter the Hall of Fame on Sept. 27 along with Magic Johnson, Lar ry Brown, Lute Olsen, the Harlem Globetrotters and the late Drazen Petrovic

Ever the hotbed for college basketball, the Triangle had several area players taken in June's NBA Draft. Chicago took Duke's Jay Williams with the No. 2 overall pick, while teammates Mike Dunleavy (No. 3 to Golden State) and Carlos Booz-See SUMMER page 12

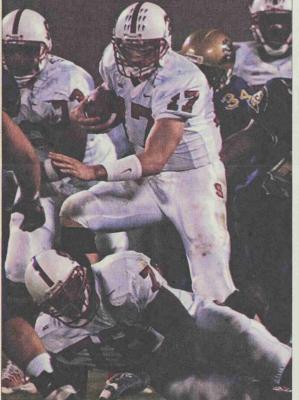


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The Carolina Courage defeated the Atlanta Beat 2-1 to advance to the WUSA Finals vs. the Washington Freedom.

A league on the rise



After a turbulent 2001, ACC football is gearing up for another unpredictable season in 2002.

Andrew B. Carter at Sports Editor

In the ACC, certain things just don't mix. North Carolina and N.C. State, for instance. Florida State and losing. Duke and winning. Teams other than Florida State and conference championships. But thanks to a season in 2001 that

turned the ACC inside-out and upside-

Technician's Preseason ACC Football Poll

League Finish

- 1. Florida State (5) 61 2. N.C. State (2) 55
- 3. Maryland 48 4. Georgia Tech 38 5. Clemson 36
- 6. Wake Forest 24
- 6. North Carolina 24

8. Virginia 22 9. Duke 7

Offensive Player of the Year

Defensive Player of the Year

(First-place votes)

down, league coaches, players and fans know that anything can happen, no mat-ter how far-fetched it may seem in mid-August. Maryland, winning the ACC title? Ludicrous, thought the media before last year, as the Terrapins were tabbed better than seventh in the ACC. The Wolfpack going to Tallahassee and strolling out of Doak Campell Stadium with a victory, on FSU's homecoming? Impossible it seemed — until Chris Rix's last-second heave fell incomplete to give State a six-point win.

If the trend continues, the ACC may even see Duke competing for league hon-ors this season. Well, maybe that is a stretch.

The excitement and unpredictability of a season ago created national attention for the ACC and strengthened its football reputation. For the first time since 1991, the year before FSU joined the conference, a team other than the Seminoles won the conference title. The conference also sent an all-time record six teams to bowls, as those teams finished 4-2 in postseason action. That's not too bad for the sleepy basketball conference on Tobacco Road. This season, one can expect more -

from everybody.

That's because it seems everyone in the league is angry, hungry and motivated. Teams don't just want respect; they demand it. Almost every school in the conference thinks that it can be competitive and make a name for itself like Maryland last season.

"The whole league is shaken up now; there are new opportunities for everybody," said North Carolina offensive lineman Jeb Terry. "It's kind of fun. Everyone's See FOOTBALL page 13

No. 3 Maryland

Last year's ACC Champions return 13 starters

Football ticket distribution With the Wolfpack football's season-

opening game against New Mexico just days away, many students have raised concerns about this year's ticket-distribution policies.

Since the New Mexico game is for the preseason Black Coaches Association (BCA) Bowl and not a regular season game, it will not be free to N.C. State students. Wolfpack Athletics will cover most of the cost for State students. Price for students will be \$10 and the cost will be \$23 for guests. The ticket revenue generated from this game goes to the BCA, not N.C. State.

Some other changes have been made to the student ticket distribution policy for the football season. First, the price of guest tickets will increase by \$1. Guest tickets will now be \$23 to be consistent with the group rate the State ticket office offers. Also, registration for block seating will now be online. However, students who register for block seating will not be eligible for lottery vouchers.

General Procedures

Distribution dates and the complete can be policy found http://tickets.ncsu.edu. All announcements will be made through this Web site and the tickets listserv. Instructions to register for the listserv are also available on the Web site. Vouchers

On the first day of distribution, lottery vouchers will be handed out from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m., with the winning vouchers to be announced by 8 p.m. The following day, tickets will be distributed to students with winning vouchers. Any remaining tickets will be given out on the third day.

Students will stand in line in front of windows 1 and 2 at Reynolds Coliseum. One student may receive, at most, six vouchers or tickets with a valid All-Campus Card(s) and/or guest ticket requests

Only one guest ticket per valid All-Campus Card is allowed. The number of guest tickets cannot exceed the number of student tickets. However, the BCA game will have unlimited guest tickets; the Florida State game will have no guest tickets; and for the Parent's Weekend game against Massachusetts, two guest tickets will be allowed per student ticket. Block Seating

Groups may be from 25 to 100, including guest tickets. Again, no guest tickets will be available for FSU. As mentioned above, block-seating registration will be online. The form can be accessed from the official student ticket distribution Web site, http://tickets.ncsu.edu, and must be submitted by 8 a.m. on the due date listed on the Web site. The form must then be turned in at Reynolds Coliseum by 10:30 a.m. on the due date with payment for guest tickets inside a large manila envelope. Winning groups will be announced by the end of the week, and

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No. 1 Florida State

Philip Rivers (17) and his N.C. State teammates were selected No. 2 in the ACC pre-

season's 8-4 record.

season football poll. File Photo/Jason Ivester

Jay Kohler

Staff Writer

Last season, history was made in the ACC. Florida State had finished in first place every season since joining the conference in 1992. With the expectations always so high for Seminole second-place finish seemed like a letdown.

A year later, however, no one is hedging their bets against an FSU team that's looking for some payback

The Seminoles, ranked No. 3 nationally in the preseason and odds on choice to return to the front of the ACC, return 17 starters from a team that finished 8-4 last season. Quarterback Chris Rix, who threw for 2,734 yards and 24 touchdowns last year, is now an experienced sophomore. Other returning players include starters Alonzo Jackson, Michael

The Seminoles look to bounce back from last Boulware and Darnell Dockett, who will anchor the FSU defense. "Hunger is a good word," said Jackson, a senior

defensive end. "Hungry, revengeful, all of that. You can tell --- there's going to be hell to pay." And as far as the games against ACC upstarts like

North Carolina and N.C. State, who defeated the Seminoles last year, Jackson wasn't too worried. "Ain't nothing special planned," he said. "Just a loss a their column and a 'W' in ours — there's noth-

ing special about that." FSU isn't even fazed by its current 13-game sched-

ule. Along with games against their ACC rivals, the Seminoles also play in-state rivals No. 1 Miami and No. 6 Florida and will take on Iowa State, Notre Dame and No. 17 Louisville.

"I love our schedule this year. Going into Louisville, having Notre Dame come into our house, going to Miami, having Florida at home, that's a schedule people dream of," said Rix. "You've See FLORIDA STATE page 13

Before the start of the 2001-2002 ACC season, many college football experts voiced opinions on how this could be the year Florida State fell from the top of the AC

to defend its throne.

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The team that inherited the top spot in the ACC, however, wasn't expected by anyone. Anyone, that is, except for head coach Ralph Friedgen and his Maryland squad.

A year after a 10-2 season that included a BCS bid to the Orange Bowl, Friedgen's team is no longer the dark horse in the ACC field. Instead, the Terrapins find themselves under the magnifying glass as they prepare to defend their first ACC title since 1985

"When you win 10 games in a season, you've had a special season - a lot of things have gone right for you," said Friedgen. "The biggest thing is you have a bunch of kids playing unselfishly for a common goal and you maximize your potential when that happens

"Can we do that again? I don't know. We'll have to see. I think it would be a tremendous accomplishment."

Maryland's hope for a repeat title rests heavily on an offense that is returning eight starters. Last year, the Terps' offense put up an average of 35.5 points a game — the best in the ACC. In order to thrive under Friedgen's spread-passing attack, the Terps need to find the successor to graduated quarterback Shawn Hill

Chris Kelley and Scott McBrien are the most likely candidates to start the season for Maryland. Kelley was 9-for-13 with 103 yards and one touchdown while McBrien was 10-for-16 with 142 yards and a touchdown on Maryland's first fall scrimmage August 17th. McBrien appears to have the See MARYLAND page 13



Chris Rix (4) FSU Philip Rivers (3) NCSU

Greg Gathers (1) GT Newcomer of the Year

T.A. McClendon (4) NCSU A.J. Suggs (2) GT Michael Johnson (1) UVa.