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The Stafford plan: students first

Vice Chancellor Tom Stafford discusses students, shark teeth and shoelaces.

Jerry Moore
Staff Reporter

N.C. State Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Tom Stafford likes to write on bathroom stalls.

But in his case, it's not vandalism; it's official university business.

Stafford's spotless yet cozy office in Holladay Hall features two desks with polished, pink Tennessee marble tops — slabs that once served as dormitory bathroom partitions.

"Look, I'm in my stall," Stafford says as he reclines in his chair between the glossy desktops. "Sometimes students don't believe me, but if you look closely on the underside, you actually see some old names somebody carved in there."

Few things last longer than etched graffiti, but Stafford has become one of those figures on the university's landscape.

His ties to NCSU date back to 1966, when he earned a master's degree in guidance and personnel services. After earning a doctorate in higher education administration at Florida State, Stafford returned to Raleigh in 1971 and has held his current position since 1985.

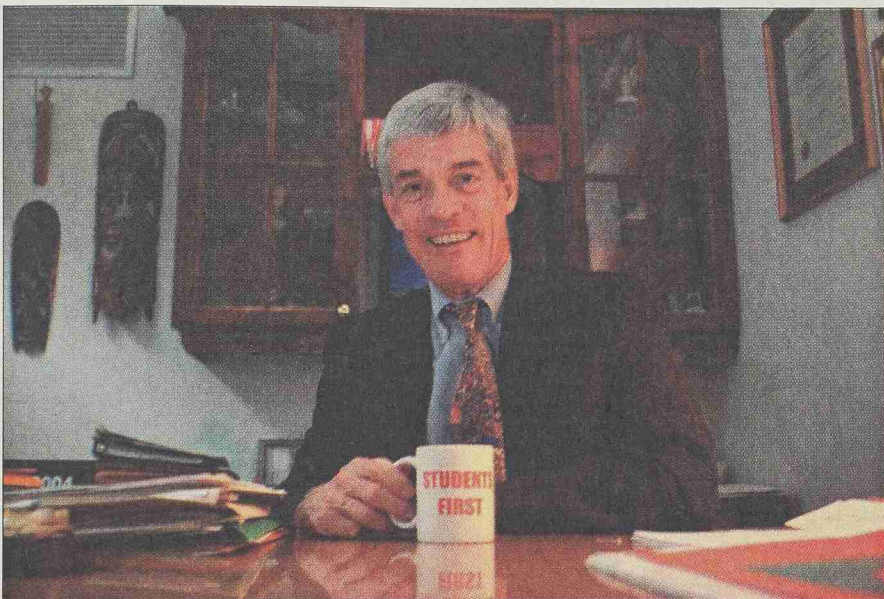
Sharp silver hair gives away that he's been around a while; even so, he looks significantly younger than his 60 years. His lean, wiry frame evidences that he's in better shape than most students on campus.

It's a good thing Stafford takes care of himself because he's supposed to keep up with, and even stay ahead of, 30,000 college students. He has to be prepared for impromptu campus events, controversies or protests, but the unpredictability doesn't phase him.

"One of the things I really like about my job is that no two days are exactly alike," Stafford says. "I always have things scheduled that I have to do, but every day there's something unexpected that comes up."

Administrators and student leaders can't say enough about Stafford's outgoing and seemingly omnipresent nature. He shows up everywhere — drama productions, Student Government meetings, varsity and intramural sporting events.

"It's his job to be involved, but he really does go out of his way to be at events," Student Body President Michael Anthony says. "He makes an effort to



Tom Stafford, vice chancellor for Student Affairs, shows off a coffee mug emblazoned with his department's motto.
Staff photo by Matthew Huffman

make contact with students no matter what they're doing."

Stafford is particularly fond of showing up at events when he's not expected.

"Of course I'm invited to a lot of events, but even when I'm not speaking or involved with the program, I like to attend. Number one, I like students, and I like to be around students. If you felt otherwise, you shouldn't be in this kind of work."

Mike Giancola, director of the university's Center for Student Leadership, Ethics and Public Service, often works with Stafford on student-related issues.

"It seems like he's everywhere," Giancola says. "What strikes me is that, for an administrator of his level, he makes a great effort to be approachable. He's the way for students to get their voice to the chancellor."

Stafford serves as an accessible link directly to the top, NCSU Chancellor Marye Anne Fox. She's as impressed as the others with his devotion to campus issues.

"Tom Stafford is a great friend of the N.C. State students," Fox says. "I most admire his willingness to go to bat for student issues and to spend long hours attending student events and supporting student organizations."

Despite his experience, Stafford admits

he still struggles to find the right balance between spending time with students and fulfilling his administrative responsibilities. When in doubt, he says he tries to err on the side of students.

"A lot of vice chancellors or vice presidents would spend a lot of time off campus," Stafford says. "I do some of that, but my primary interest is on the campus. I try to spend a significant amount of my time attending events that students have organized."

Stafford also coordinates orientation sessions for new staff members twice a year and hosts an annual end-of-the-year award ceremony. At these and other events, he often cites the "accidental" motto of the Department of Student Affairs: "Students first."

"Originally I didn't intend for it to be a motto, but after I used it for a year or so it just became that," Stafford says. "A couple years ago the chancellor was invited to speak to parents at orientation, and she told the group that was the motto for the Division of Student Affairs."

"I actually had a list of about 10 sayings, but I guess this was the one that stuck. When I realized that it had become our motto, I tried to take full advantage of it."

Now he gives out awards to employ-

ees who best exemplify this ideal, and he almost always uses the phrase when speaking to groups of students, parents and alumni.

The better parts of Stafford's days are spent out of the office — making appearances, conversing with students and showing them he cares about what they care about. But it's not all fun and games.

The most difficult part of Stafford's job rears its head when a student dies. Stafford, working with campus chaplains, must notify the student's parents — something he dreads.

"When you're dealing with a family after a death, it's just very hard," Stafford says. "The most difficult situation is when a student has committed suicide. There are just so many dimensions to it when a student commits suicide. It's difficult for me to deal with the reaction because the parents just go absolutely to pieces."

Stafford credits physical fitness for helping him deal with the difficulties and unpleasantness sometimes associated with his job. He usually forgoes lunch in favor of a trip to the gym for a midday workout.

"Your success in life — with your job, your family, your academics, your activities — will depend in a significant way

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Bus system adds routes

Transportation officials hope new routes and route changes will improve the Wolfline.

Angeleno Thomas
Staff Reporter

Wolfline buses travel along designated paths, stopping only at designated Wolfline stops. This fall you will see the red and white buses with black pinstripes more often and in more places. Changes in Wolfline services have increased the number of pick-up locations and route frequency.

The Wolfline's goals are to provide bus services for students, staff and faculty on the main campus, Centennial Campus and the College of Veterinary Medicine. It also provides bus services for those without parking permits who use Park-n-Ride lots and live in official university housing.

"Each year we try to redesign and improve the system," said Jack Tucci, assistant transit manager for the Transportation Department.

According to Tucci, this fall there were several changes made.

Transportation added a new route called Centennial Shuttle Route 3 that provides service from Centennial Campus to Cates Avenue on the main campus. Centennial Shuttle Route 3 also provides service to Carmichael Gym and the two Student Centers. It runs Monday through Friday with the exception of official university holidays.

Also, to allow E.S. King Village residents to get to and from Centennial Campus on the Wolfline, Southeast Loop Route 8 has been changed. Transportation officials said it now continues straight up Gorman Street instead of using Dan Allen Drive. Services are also running every 15 minutes instead of every 30 minutes.

Wolfline also has a new Aventura Ferry route called Aventura Ferry 1A Reverse. According to Transportation officials, "At peak hours, there are riders on [the] Aventura Ferry route who get left because it is full by the time it gets close to Main Campus. We have addressed the problem by adding a reverse route that will reach these riders first."

In addition, the Aventura Ferry Route and the Centennial-E.S. King routes were canceled because of the low quantity of riders.

Finally, students and faculty once again have the Park-n-Ride option at Kmart located at Western Boulevard and Blue Ridge Road.

Jason Hales, a freshman in computer science, said, "I've been riding Kmart Park-n-Ride all semester and I've only been late to class one time."

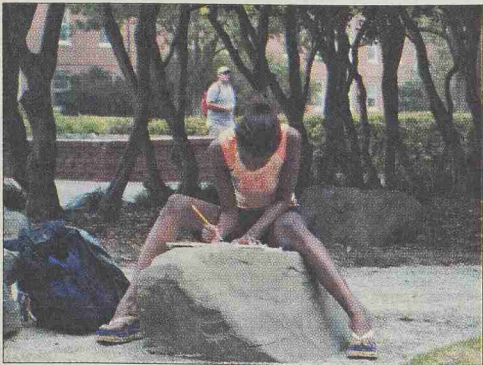
E.S. King Village Route 4, which provides service to the Kmart Park-n-Ride, also services Westgrove, E.S. King Village, the Arboretum and Main Campus.

According to Transportation, the E.S. King Village Route 4 comes twice as frequently, arriving every 15 minutes instead of every 30 minutes.

Awaiting a bus nearly 10 minutes behind schedule on Centennial Campus near the Venture Center, engineering doctoral student Rajeev Ramanath said he has noticed a significant change in the quality of customer service since last year. Ramanath also said, "The timing

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On the rocks



Freshman Ana Marchena takes a moment to enjoy sketching at the rock garden near Tucker Beach. Staff photo by Jennifer Dale

Fire damages poultry facility, kills 2,000 birds

A fire at the poultry science facility located on Lake Wheeler Road killed 2,000 birds Tuesday morning

News Staff Report

Officials suggest an electrical malfunction caused a fire that damaged an N.C. State research barn and killed thousands of chickens Tuesday morning.

According to John Brake, NCSU researcher and professor of poultry science, the facility located on Lake Wheeler Road is a part of what is considered one of the largest broiler/breeder research programs in the world.

Though the exact amount of damage is still un-

known, researchers said that the damage to the \$300,000 facility is serious.

Brake, who has been at NCSU as a student, researcher and faculty member, was completing research on birds and phosphorus levels when the fire occurred.

"One of our issues in North Carolina agriculture, obviously, is lowering phosphorus pollution in our rivers and runoff," said Brake in a WRAL report. "We actually had birds in this house that had no added phosphorus in the feed."

Though Brake had completed much of the research and is able to continue, 2,000 birds were killed in the blaze that destroyed the 15-year-old building.

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Marijuana mayor mayhem

A Santa Cruz, Calif., mayor and other city government officials gathered Tuesday for a marijuana giveaway.

Whether or not you agree with the laws of an area, if you choose to serve as an elected official of the region, you have an obligation to uphold and abide by these laws. Apparently, this standard of duty doesn't apply to leaders of Santa Cruz, Calif., who chose to protest a federal raid of a cannabis collection by participating in a gathering to give away medical marijuana. This issue at hand is not about the decriminalization or legalization of marijuana. Instead the problem with this event concerns the fact that Mayor Christopher Krohn — a town leader and representative — along with members of the city council and two former mayors, decided to protest against the decision of the Drug Enforcement Administration. Although Krohn himself never physically touched any of the marijuana being distributed, he was unsure as to whether he would be arrested or not.

Demonstrators are protesting the DEA's raid of a local farm and the arrest the owners two weeks ago, which removed three rifles, a shotgun and 167 budding marijuana plants, according to the New York Times. The farm belonged to Michael and Valerie Corral, who helped draft California's 1996 medical marijuana initiative Proposition 215. Valerie Corral claims, "We're here to help dying people," while DEA official Will Glaspy stated, "What you really have in California are people fattening their pocketbooks under the guise of medicine." The United States Supreme Court

ruled last year that this decision in 1996 does not defend citizens against federal prosecution, so the DEA had every legal right to seize the plants.

With medicinal uses of marijuana being an important topic of discussion in California, the story made headlines, and some citizens were understandably upset. However, the law is final, even if they disagree with it, and if the Corrals are indeed guilty of the intention to distribute marijuana, they are responsible for the consequences of their actions. Area leaders should either work to stand loyal to the laws they were chosen to uphold or should demonstrate their objection in a more dignified way.

Richard Meyer, spokesman for the San Francisco bureau of the DEA, questioned the rationale of the leaders, saying, "What kind of message are city officials sending to the youth of Santa Cruz? The law of the land is that marijuana is an illegal drug. We will enforce those laws. You cannot pick and choose what laws apply to you and those that don't."

Meyer is completely accurate in his statement. Although Krohn and others do not agree with the laws in place, it is still their responsibility to uphold the law and serve as a community example.

To effectively convey disapproval of the DEA's actions, Krohn could have chosen to include comments in his campaign platform, but he should not have openly accepted the violation of the laws. Elected officials should follow the laws of the community that they have decided to represent and be respectful of the actions of higher agencies. If Krohn strongly opposed the action, he did not have to resort to such a public show, degrading the status of his title and making a mockery of the DEA.

Russia and the U.S. play chess



Andrew Dugan
Staff Columnist

After hearing President Bush's redundant speech advocating immediate military action in Iraq, the sly but worrisome Russian President Vladimir Putin retaliated with a bellicose lecture of his own. According to Putin, the former satellite country of Georgia has been offering terrorists refuge and, in the name of combating terrorism, must feel the wrath of the Russian military.

He also added he was opposed to any unilateral United States action against Iraq.

Well, the United States, not to be outdone, came back with a statement not all too different from Russia's. First, that Russia should understand the imminent danger Saddam Hussein holds and should ally itself with the United States. Consider it all in the name of fighting terrorism.

And, the United States said it opposes any unilateral action against Georgia.

Political wheeling and dealing is about to get 10 times worse, if the implied or so-called "natural" solution takes place. The United States needs Russia's support in this Iraq matter because Russia is on the U.N. Security Council. The other nations (besides ourselves) are Britain, China and France. Britain has already counted itself in on the fight and the other two nations need just a little cajoling. Furthermore, the pressure will really mount if Russia decides to vote in favor

of storming Iraq. In essence, the United States needs Russia's approval and it virtually has U.N. support.

But you give a little to get a little. Russian officials, albeit a lower level than the always-mute Putin, have already expressed their country's intentions on scoring some sort of deal with the United States. Russia can't have the U.S. condemning their military operations; it's bad business for a nation desperately seeking foreign investors. So, the former Soviet Union is asking for a "wink" by the U.S. when Russian bombs start dropping on Georgia, and Washington will get their own "wink" when bombs start dropping on Baghdad.

I hope such a scenario, knowing it fully plausible, creates a sense of disgust in your stomach. Bigger and more powerful nations have a responsibility to lead the world, not trade off the smaller nations in some sort of perverse Monopoly game. And to even think of Georgia as a terrorist nation is to contradict what we know to be true. Georgian President Eduard Shevardnadze is one of the strongest and most fair leaders within the quagmire of former Soviet states. He served as Soviet foreign minister to Gorbachev and helped bring the Cold War to a halt. He has beefed up his security around his borders to prevent any fugitive terrorists from entering, and the United States even has its own troops in Georgia, training the military in an effort to purge themselves of the Chechen rebels.

Washington was not quick to pick up on the idea of sacrificing Russia, thankfully. U.S. Undersecretary of State John Bolton insisted last week that the United States fully condemns any action by

Russia and would not, under any circumstance, bargain for Russia's approval against Iraq. I wish I could say I was reassured, but the Bush administration has tirelessly been flaunting and pushing for the world to unite against Hussein. I'm afraid they will take whatever path they need to fulfill their desires, no matter how wicked and contradictory to our ideals. Bush has already threatened the United Nations with the curse of irrelevancy should the body not adopt tough resolutions with even tougher consequences against the rogue nation. And if he is willing to turn a legislative body into a legislative body resting in peace (bad pun, I know), then I fear he is up to the idea of letting one lone president, no matter how enlightened, suffer Russia's fury.

Meanwhile, President Shevardnadze denounced Russia's war ambitions as unsubstantiated threats and mocked Putin for daring to use the Sept. 11 excuse (an excuse many world leaders are using to get rid of their enemies). The president then expressed his faith in the United States and that they will protect him, despite the talk of a sellout. His hope is commendable and it is my prayer that the United States rewards his faith with the protection and respect he deserves. A pre-emptive policy is already a bold and unheard-of move, but trading off nations as though they were pawns on our chessboard is simply wrong.

By the way, anyone up for playing chess? E-mail Andrew at abdugan@unity.ncsu.edu to join his new league, in which all members of the Republican Party are his pawns.

Write to forum@technicianstaff.com

Stress stinks, but what will help us?



Zack Medford
Staff Columnist

I can't tell you how stressed out I am. I have an important weekly dinner lecture series to prepare for, e-mails to write about the Transportation Department, three hours of marketing reading to do, four chapters to study in a business book I don't even

own, a flag football game and a column to write. "The worst part about it? I'm not nearly as stressed as many students. For almost one-third of the kids on campuses across the United States, the horrible overwhelming sense of never being done with your work is a daily thing. You know the feeling. You look at your books piled next to you on your desk, you see the huge stack of papers and you say to yourself, "I can't do this." It's like trying to run a marathon, and sometimes you get so fed up with the little progress you're making, you give up. This situation is getting worse.

According to an article in the New York Times, for the last five years, more than 80 percent of campuses have recorded a very significant increase in serious psychological problems. More and more students are reporting to their on-campus counseling center to help them cope with the massive amounts of stress that college places on them. I guess it's pretty easy to understand how we get this way.

College is about questions. Back in high school, you could get stressed out thinking, "Which college am I going to get into?" and, "Will that girl who has to sit next to me on the bus tell everyone that I forgot to put on deodorant?" College is when things start to get even more serious. Instead of worrying about which college you get into, it's which grad school will consider you. What grant program will you apply to? Are there going to be any jobs open when you get out of college? Instead of worrying about the deodorant thing, you'll be worried about whether this girl you're with will make a good wife, or if she'll ever forget her deodorant. It all piles up.

Studies have found that one of the best

ways to handle stress is through time management. Actually, that's just an annoying buzz word teachers, professors and parents use to shun us, isn't it? Forget to do a homework assignment — blame time management. Drink all your beers before the football game even starts? Time management's fault again. OK, perhaps there is a lot to be said for organization. Finding out when you have time to do something, devoting specific periods of time toward specific activities, and actually following through on your schedule does indeed help lower levels of stress.

It's no surprise 40 percent of college students binge drink. To some, it's just about the only way to forget about the 65-pound backpack full of work we have waiting for us when we get home. Granted if you can't remember whether you peed in your closet or puked in your refrigerator, you probably won't be worrying about your 38-page Shakespeare paper due in two days. I don't think that's going to cut it though.

Instead of turning to drinking, (or at the very least, before turning to heavy drinking), we, as tomorrow's future, need to consider our other options. The best way to eliminate stress though? Just take it easy!

Remember that movie, *Office Space*? A stunning testament to the beauty of "chilling out," it has a very clear message. Life is just too short to freak out about every little thing. Taking some time every day devoted to simply sitting around telling stories with your friends, playing some video games or shooting some b-ball (outside of the school) helps alleviate some of the everyday stress we have to deal with. Just remember, after a test is over, it's over. Don't worry about it anymore. You have other things to worry about. That chick's not giving you the time of day? Forget about it! You've got plenty of time left, plenty more peanuts in the candy bar that is life. Now, make like Fog Hat, and take it easy.

Additional note: If you ever do feel so totally overwhelmed that you just can't go on, if you've suffered from anxiety at all, or you just need someone to talk to, pay a visit to the campus counseling center. Walk down to the Student Health Center, and you don't even need an appointment. If that's a little too weird for you, you can always e-mail me. I know what it's like — I'm right there with you buddy.

Zack used to get so stressed out he turned to voodoo. E-mail him at zack@zack.com to learn how it turned out.

Clothes call



Season Hughes
Staff Columnist

Don't judge a book by its cover. It's not what's on the outside that counts but what's on the inside. Always wash behind your ears. Now how many times have you heard those statements before? If you've

lived as long as I have, a grand old age of 17 years, you've heard them more times than you care to count. And if you're anything like me, you don't believe a word of it. Well, except for that last part — keep those ears scrubby-clean!

How is it possible to have drilled into our heads such clichés as those listed above, when sayings like, "Clothes make the man," are still floating around the atmosphere? Someone's got to be wrong here, and it's probably that person right over there. Yeah, that's right, I'm talking to you. It is perfectly acceptable to judge a person by what they wear. After all, is that not the entire purpose of the clothing upon our backs (besides that whole warmth and protection thing)? Isn't it meant to present ourselves to the world as individuals? To make a statement about our likes, our dislikes, our hopes, dreams and goals? To tempt? To tantalize? To reveal? Or to hide and shut ourselves off from the cruel realities of daily life?

Our clothes are a billboard of who we are. They are meant to be looked at, pondered, even laughed at by our fellow human beings. They are an exciting form of advertisement, one that we get to change every day. Why, it's like putting on a new identity every time you wake up! You can go from college bum to class-A professional with a simple flick of a shirt. And this is what people will see you as, what they will measure you by. Why

shouldn't that be OK?

It's one thing to say, "Oh, what a freak, she has such a big nose." That's something you can't exactly help. But it isn't as though you're stuck with the same set of clothes from birth. You govern what you wear; therefore you should take full responsibility for all comments made when trying to wear a J.Lo-esque see-through number to chemistry class. Not that it won't get you a few extra points on that test...

When we buy clothes, we buy into the image that the company creates. For instance, when I buy a pair of jeans from Abercrombie, immediately after putting them on, I expect to be surrounded by shirtless, sweaty guys and be whisked away to an exotic locale. It never works, but I continue to try my luck anyway. People who buy Abercrombie are people who like the idea of shirtless, sweaty guys, or at least like the idea of being one. On another side of the fashion, when I creep into Hot Topic to buy a "boy does high school suck" shirt, (yes, I had one, and yes, it did) it is with hopes that I will have the power to rave with the best of 'em by the shirt on my chest. The purchase of your very underwears is a commitment to uphold the ideals of a label, whether it be voluptuous Victoria's Secret or frisky Frederick's of Hollywood. You buy clothes that fit your personality.

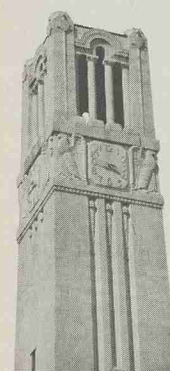
Like a peacock to its feathers, so we show our colors to the world. Clothes are not just threads to cover our backs, they are statements, proclamations: "I am Doc Marten, hear me roar!" Now that is one boot that is meant to be judged by its cover.

You can turn your copy of Technician into a variety of lovely clothing items. Everyone knows about newspaper hats, but for a smock dress or parka pattern, e-mail LoveStories@yahoo.com.

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Health Center question answered

Why do you always ask about my periods, sex life and if there is any chance I could be pregnant?

It is not unusual for a female patient visiting the Student Health Center to be asked about her last menstrual period, sexual activity and whether there is any chance of pregnancy. While students may be annoyed answering these questions, the reasons for asking them are medically important.

There are categories of diseases that can be ruled out by the question of sexual activity and the possibility of pregnancy. For example, nausea and fatigue can be symptoms of viral or other illnesses, but they can also occur with pregnancy. Abdominal pain can be present for a variety of reasons, including virus, constipation and appendicitis, but pain in a sexually active patient could be from a sexually transmitted disease or ectopic pregnancy. Taking an accurate sexual and menstrual history can be the differ-

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on how you feel, emotionally as well as physically," Stafford says. "I think it's important for every student to develop a commitment to a fit lifestyle. I'm not training to be a competitive athlete, but I do it because of the way it makes me feel and the level of energy it gives me and how it affects my attitude."

After he finishes exercising, Stafford wastes little time in getting back to work. One glance at his untied shoes—even the dress shoes he wears with his suits—makes it obvious where he cuts corners.

"I like to say that I utilize my time to the fullest extent," Stafford says. "After I get done working out at the gym, it saves me probably a couple seconds on each shoe. And the main reason is, it's just really more comfortable."

Stafford's disdain for pristine laces doesn't get him in trouble in most settings, but there is one exception.

"Of course the military is very proper about their uniforms, and so when I go to their events, I always try to tie them," Stafford says. "One time I forgot, and I got up on the stage in front of a lot of these people, but when I noticed, it was too late to do anything about it."

This minor blunder aside, Stafford has been involved with the military since his college days.

He spent four years in the Army ROTC program during his undergraduate career at Davidson College. He then served as a platoon leader and operations officer in Korea from 1966 to 1968.

"The things that I learned in the ROTC and in two years in active duty as a lieutenant in the Army are things that I still use today," Stafford says. "It really has to do with leadership. Knowing what I know about ROTC programs, I think that every student at N.C. State could benefit from going through one of those programs."

"The armed services obviously don't need that many lieutenants; it would be impossible. But if you want a good leadership experience, you can't get one any better than in ROTC."

Even though he's moved from the barracks back to the university, Stafford has stayed involved with the military by speaking, writing reports and serving on advisory committees.

Stafford worked with a group that included Dick Cheney, current vice president and former secretary of defense, and gave a presentation about women in the armed services to President George H.W. Bush at the White House in 1991.

Stafford's background is immediately evident to any office visitor. The top of his bookcase

is covered with colorful coins from military units around the country.

Stafford shows off a small, ornate wooden box that protects some of his most treasured coins.

"These are the special ones because they're from the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff," he says. "When [retired] General [Hugh] Shelton was the chairman, he gave me a coin every time he was here. They're all a little bit different, and I suppose these are the highest-ranking coins you can get."

His penchant for collecting doesn't stop with coins.

Nearly 30 years ago, a neighbor invited Stafford to visit a phosphate mine in eastern North Carolina to look for fossils. He's been hooked ever since.

"One of the things you need to have in life is some activity that gives you pleasure and takes you away from your routine," Stafford says. "For me, this is it. I didn't know you could find fossils, and I really didn't know anything about the geological makeup of the earth."

Six hundred fossils later, Stafford is still collecting. He has teeth from at least a dozen species of prehistoric sharks, including one that grew to a length of 50 feet and had a jaw large enough for a human to walk through.

"After I go find stuff and bring it back, I like to go through and organize and categorize," Stafford says. "People say I should have been a museum curator, but it's just for fun."

Although he doesn't have any formal training in collecting fossils, Stafford has learned enough to lead workshops on the subject. He plans to teach a course about it this spring as a part of NCSU's Encore Center for Lifelong Enrichment.

When he has the opportunity to get away from campus for a few days, Stafford usually heads to his family's house at Topsail Beach. There he and Judy—once his high school sweetheart and now his wife of 38 years—relax on either the front porch or the boat.

Stafford loves the outdoors, whether it's a beach or a mountain—even an extremely tall mountain.

Never one to shy away from a challenge, Stafford most recently tackled Mount Kilimanjaro. Now he's ready for something new.

"I don't have anything on the schedule," Stafford says. "But it's been about a year and a half since I climbed Mount Kilimanjaro, so I guess I need to start thinking about another trip."

It takes someone with an adventuresome spirit to deal with 30,000 college students at work and brave 20,000-foot mountains on vacation. That's Tom Stafford.

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ence in making or not making an accurate diagnosis

When a woman is pregnant, physical exams may vary from the nonpregnant exam, and some lab values that are considered "normal" in the nonpregnant state are askew during pregnancy and can be mistaken for some horrible disease. Radiology technicians also question patients about any chance of pregnancy to avoid fetal exposure to radiation.

Medication options may vary during pregnancy, since some medications are considered unsafe during a portion of or during the entire pregnancy. Also, the expanded blood volume during pregnancy may alter the amount of medication that needs to be administered.

In summary, answers to questions concerning sexual activity

and pregnancy for a woman seeking care in Student Health are so central to making the correct diagnosis, as are ordering appropriate tests with the physical exam, and then treating the patient with care and efficiency. We at the Student Health Center ask those questions with the purpose of providing the best possible care to patients

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Several barriers to lunar privatization

Darren O'Connor's column Wednesday ("Privatize the final frontier") reminds me of why I am no longer a libertarian. This

mindset mutates a healthy and correct appreciation for free markets into a sort of deification. Then when the human—therefore imperfect—marketplace fails to deliver boundless treasure, a scapegoat is enlisted. All too frequently, the scapegoat is the government.

The only reason we lack moon bases, lunar mining and affordable space tourism, O'Connor suggests, is because the dastardly government is in the way. NASA, he writes, "has steadfastly refused to open up space ...," and this "monopoly on spaceflight has done nothing but harm our progress" Furthermore he says, "I am certain things would be different if space was opened up to private individuals and companies."

There are enormous barriers to the usage of space, the harvesting of celestial resources and the establishment of a Starbucks on

the corner of 34th and Ganymede. The engineering is daunting, the market uncertain, the risks non-negligible and the economics almost prohibitive. These factors will eventually be overcome, to be sure, but NASA can hardly be said to have thwarted success.

I find it hard to believe that a company or consortium which is capable of establishing, say, affordable lunar tourism, can't also figure out that launching from northern Mexico, Canada, Burma, Argentina ... is outside the purview of NASA.

O'Connor could have argued the more limited point that NASA has not encouraged or subsidized private space exploration. But when he says they have somehow kept space closed, he is wrong.

Steve Story
Physics

Lifelong Education



Mansung Yim, director of graduate programs in nuclear engineering, boards the Wolfink Shuttle. Staff photo by Brian Hunt

WOLFLINE

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is completely off."

Timing and customer service are also concerns of textiles technology senior Crystal Lucas. "If they could get here on time, it would be okay."

Lucas, who uses the Centennial Campus Wolfline services, said she realizes there is traffic but the problem is that the buses run back-to-back, about five minutes apart. So, if you miss one bus, Lucas said, chances are you will miss the other and end up late to where

ever you're going.

Drivers acknowledge that there are often situations, like traffic, that cause schedule delays. The sentiment among drivers is that they do their best to get the NCSU community where they need to go on time.

Dallas Hinton, Wolfline driver, said, "I feel the services have improved." Hinton said on an average day, he may service nearly 400 students.

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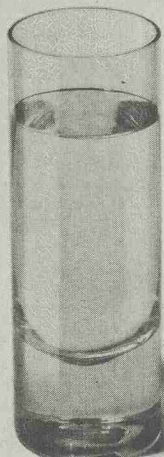
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A Different Music: Josh Joplin



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Grayson Currin
Senior Staff Writer

Editor's note: This is the second in a three-part series entitled "A Different Music" dealing with musicians and songwriters who approach their craft from interesting perspectives.

Listening to the Josh Joplin Group with virgin ears is utterly frightening. It is not scary in the Cannibal Corpse rockshow kind of way, but instead it is eerie in the way your ears latch onto some startling *deja vu* of sound that you think you may have heard a million times.

That sonic apparition that one will doubtlessly hear the first time they hear the Josh Joplin Group is the iconoclastic, rebellious wail of Michael Stipe. In fact, the band's latest album, "The Future That Was," moves so much like "Automatic for the People" vocally, one would be tempted to think that Stipe had indeed abandoned Berry, Mills and Buck to record

cause/ This show must go on," sings Joplin during the song's monstrous bridge.

Of the song, Joplin said, "I didn't write that one. I say Vanity Fair wrote that one. In light of everything that has happened in the past year, it's interesting to see how little things have changed with a lot of people ... this is about those people who haven't changed that much."

"Dishes" presents the same emotional open wound that Adam Duritz has perpetually strived for, as Joplin croons like a quiet balladeer in an epidemic of third-party pity. His stunning imagery, only intensified by the instrumental verse that concludes the song as a begged question, transcends nearly all of Duritz's efforts.

Joplin comes across on "The Future That Was" as perhaps the single most literate songwriter of this decade, soaking his songs in allusions of art and culture. Whether it's a metaphor involving Salinger's Holden Caulfield or a clever play on Moses and the symbolism of the burning bush, Joplin brings to the table knowledge of the world that redefines Phil Ochs' self-description as a "singing journalist."

"Happy At Last" takes that ability for comparison and uses it as its fuel, propelling it into a contemplative, catchy pop song. The track refers to Stipe and Carl Jung in the same staccato line before making reference to characters ranging from Dinah Shore to Garbo to a self-absorbed showgirl.

The introspective song is a breath of fresh air in a day of rock singers whose internal misery is as blatant as their desire to sell records. He admits rather amusingly in the track that his skin is pale and that he is broke, but he is happy with his life.

Josh Joplin's songwriting bleeds with an incredible amount of honesty, a supple earnestness that opens his soul to his audience. Few writers today have the courage to release a song like the album's "It's Only Entertainment," a tongue-in-cheek glance at pop culture. Joplin works through a series of anecdotes to lighten the load of his own profession by reminding people that jobs in the enter-

tainment business are just that — entertainment. He scoffs at the pretentiousness of music scenes and ridicules "music aficionados" lurking behind cubicles and record-store counters.

Joplin attributes the notion of necessary compromise in the world.

"There are times when I read about artists ... and some writer will say, 'This person never compromises!' Joplin told Technician rather emphatically, "That's an awful lot to say because it's very difficult to live this life and not compromise."

The remainder of "The Future That Was" moves with a lyrical urgency and depth that is startling. Joplin's songs swarm in subtlety at points as the writer explores his mind, but at times Joplin offers direct advice to the audience. The advice doesn't come in the form of a trite "Be Yourself." Instead, Joplin urges the listener to be himself by first being happy with himself.

It is Joplin's indifferent idea to selling millions of records that makes him so refreshing. Following the release of "Boxing Nostalgic" and "Projector Head" independently, the band chose to release

its third effort, "Useful Music," on Shawn Mullins' SMG label. Artemis Records soon latched onto the band and gave Joplin nearly complete control of the album. Following all of the hype that accompanied the release of "Useful Music," Joplin chose to heed his own advice from "It's Only Entertainment" for "The Future That Was." He wanted things to be simpler.

He became a self-described control freak with the record, seeking nearly full artistic and promotional control. He hoped to limit hype of the album so that it could speak for itself. The cover art for the album is his, and the approved biography for the album is but a clever open letter by Joplin to the press detailing his embarrassment of going his entire life without a copy of The Beach Boys' cornerstone work, "Pet Sounds." The approach is both personal and brilliant, affectionate and provoking. It is, in fact, the norm for Joplin's powerful work on "The Future That Was."

"The Future That Was" arrives Tuesday in record stores nationwide.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

ON CAMPUS

The amazing Del McCoury Band will bring its grass to Stewart Theatre on Friday night. Prepare to be blown away.

"Baran," an Iranian film directed by Majid Majidi, plays tonight and Sunday at the Campus Cinema as part of The Passport International Film Series. The Adam Sandler and Winona Ryder film "Mr. Deeds" will play Friday and Saturday. There will only be a 10 p.m. show on Saturday; it has to make way for the NC State Independent Film Series' presentation of the utmost in independent films Saturday night at 7 p.m. with "Best of Flicker." Admission is free.

DanceVisions will celebrate its 25th anniversary with two days of dance classes on Friday and Saturday in the Carmichael Gymnasium Dance Studio. E-mail Monique at modance73@excite.com for more information.

University Theatre's performance of "The Rainmaker" opens in Stewart Theatre on Wednesday, Oct. 2 and runs through Sunday, Oct. 6.

"Technology as Catalyst: Textile Artists on the Cutting Edge" runs through Dec. 18 at Talley Student Center. The event presents the intriguing work of six artists who use digital weaving and digital printing to expand the realm of possibility for their art form.

"The Right Stuff" also runs during the same date in Talley. Organized by The Furniture Store, the exhibit presents 23 contemporary takes on traditional furniture.

OFF-CAMPUS

Local rock bands Unsound, Emotion Sickness, Swift and Cycle of Violence will hit the Lincoln Theatre tonight. Earplugs are suggested. Jam-bluegrass-country-roots powerhouse Donna the Buffalo will play two sets Friday night for their first Lincoln date since last January. In place of Allison Moorer's cancelled Saturday show at the Lincoln, the venue will bring in Seattle, a grunge tribute band.

Independent Weekly Presents "Queen of The Triangle: A Drag Pageant" Sunday night at the Lincoln Theatre. New York's emo-core rock outfit Snapcase will take the Lincoln stage Monday night along with Delaware's angry indie men, Boysetfire. Autopilot Off and Areyu open. Melvin Seals' Melting Pot, fronted by former Jerry Garcia Band keyboardist Melvin Seals, play the venue Wednesday night, while the urban-dance, groove masters by the name of Grand Funk Council open.

WKNC 88.1 hosts the second of two Back-To-School Bashes tonight at The Brewery. Withered Earth, Daylight Dies, Bloodwritten and Blatant Disarray bring a whole truckload of death metal to the stage starting at 8:30 p.m.

Former Marvelous 3 frontman and head personality Butch Walker takes to The Brewery stage Friday night. Local rockers Nicofiends and The Nickel Slots are set to open. The Nicofiends better bring their sleeping bags because they also play The Brewery Saturday with The Subteens and Holiday Rd.

One of the week's best bets takes to the

stage tonight with three amazing, intensely divergent songwriting voices at Cat's Cradle in Carrboro with the Exile Follies tour, featuring John Doe, Kristin Hersh and Grant Lee Phillips.

Local pop/rock band Weekend Excursion plays Friday night along with Virginia-based Celtic-pop band Carbon Leaf. Singer/songwriter Victoria Williams, touring on her latest release "Sings Some Ol' Songs," plays Saturday night with her Creekdippers. Bright young star Bright Eyes plays Monday at the Cradle with a 12-piece orchestra in support, while M. Ward and The Bruces open.

Reggae, man! Culture, one of history's most influential and liberating reggae bands, plays Tuesday night at the Cradle, followed by indie-rockers Spoon with Natural History on Wednesday.

Georgia songbird Jennifer Nettles has a solo date tonight at Go! Studios. The Comas, Cherry Valence and Disband have headlining dates at Go! Friday, Saturday and Sunday, respectively. Girls Against Boys plays on Tuesday night.

Appalachian roots rock powerhouse The Recipe plays the Pour House tonight, followed by Mandorico's dance-inspiring mixture of hyper Cuban groove and hip-hop on Friday night. Bluegrass standouts Steep Canyon Rangers are scheduled for a show at The Pour House Saturday night, while Garaj Mahal pulls into town for a night of focused jamming Monday night.

Local rockers Round Two take the stage on Tuesday night at the Pour House, and admission is free. Gray V plays Wednesday night.

Funny man Mitch Hedberg begins a four-show run at Charlie Goodnights on Wednesday, and Restless Heart plays The Longbranch on Friday.

Enrique Iglesias plays Saturday with Paulina Rubio at Alltel Pavilion, while the even more humorous pairing of Bow Wow (no longer Lil') and B2K play the ESA.

Un Lio tonight at Kings, followed by Southern Championship Wrestling on Friday. The Oxes and Milemarker play Kings Sunday alongside New York's freaky orchestra, The Divine World Inferno Friendship Society. Wilco expatriate Jay Bennett rolls into Kings Wednesday night alongside new bandmate Edward Burch for a show that has been praised endlessly by critics nationwide. Centromatic opens.

O.A.R. plays with special guest Graham Colton at the Millennium Music Center on Sunday.

Antonio Banderas and Lucy Liu star in the action film "Ballistic: Ecks vs. Sever." It opens Friday, as does "The Banger Sisters." This comedic drama finds two former rock 'n' roll groupies reuniting 20 years after the fact to find that times, indeed, change. "The Four Feathers" and "Trapped" also hit theaters this weekend, along with the critically-acclaimed Wilco documentary, "I Am Trying to Break Your Heart."

Get to a record store Tuesday, as it will be one of the biggest release days of the year. New releases from Beck, Steve Earle, Ryan Adams, India.Arie and Weezer, among many others, all hit stores.

It's in the game

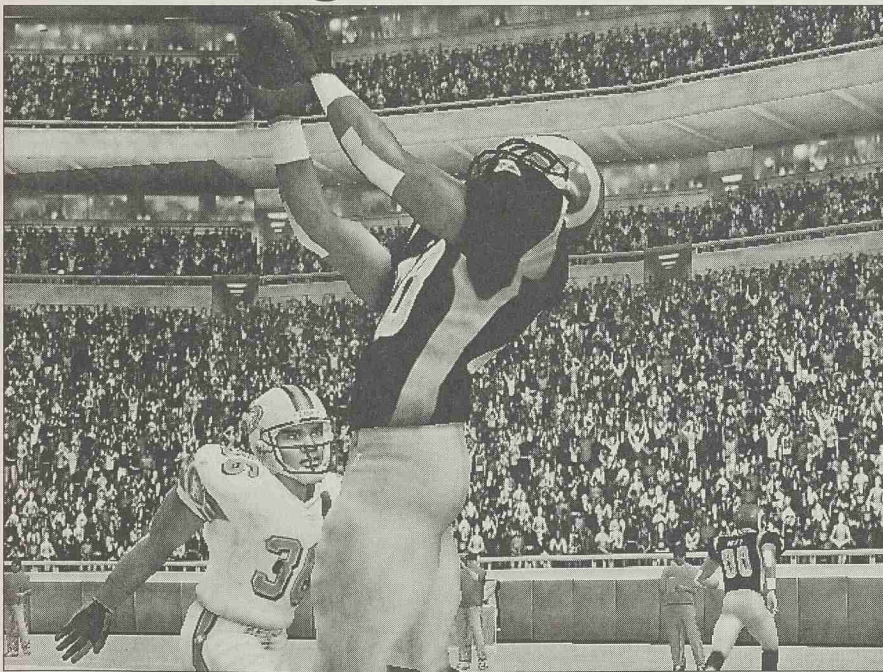


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Ryan Hill
Staff Writer

Madden NFL 2003

★★★ 1/2

(Playstation 2, Gamecube and X box)

Whatever happened to the classic football games like "Tecmo Bowl?" The Nintendo and subsequent Super Nintendo version, entitled "Super Tecmo Bowl," were probably two of the best football games ever made. Of course, once EA Sports got into the mix with their "Madden" series, simple, easy-to-play games like "Tecmo Bowl" and "NES Play Action Football" got thrown out the window.

The latest in the series,

"Madden NFL 2003," builds upon the previous Playstation 2 versions and surpasses it by bringing back the greatest invention since disposable paper plates: the fantasy draft.

The fantasy draft allows you to hold your own NFL draft, with all of the current NFL players. It's wonderful. If you like football and haven't tried it, do it.

The game play is just like all of the other "Madden" games, as well as the "NCAA Football" games. Fitting, since the same company makes them. Anyone familiar with "NCAA Football 2003" will recognize that a lot of things are the same with "Madden," like pregame introductions and graphics. Granted, they're better for "Madden" and the game itself is faster, but it's a lot like "NCAA."

For those new to the "Madden"

series, the game has lots of new ways to get you familiar with the game. You've got Football 101, where John Madden himself talks about formations and has you run plays over and over, so you can get used to them. There's also a Mini-Camp, where you travel the NFL cities, competing in different events and trying to win points, much like you would in any of the "Gran Turismo" games.

All of the features from the previous versions are here, like create-a-team, create-a-play and pass plays designed for certain receivers. The All-time teams and NFL-Europe teams are back, but for some reason the Houston Texans don't have an All-time team. The least they could do is make one up and put maybe Andre Ware at quarterback.

The game itself is the best

NFL game out there, bar none. The closest competition is Sega's "NFL 2K3," but even it has choppy game play. Mix that with the fact that it's really easy to see what play people pick, and it's just not up to par with "Madden." That may be why the back of the case for "Madden" features the game's spokesperson, Marshall Faulk, stiff-arming the "2K3" spokesperson, Brian Urlacher.

As for the best football game for the Playstation 2, it really comes down to whether you prefer college or the NFL. "Madden" has slightly better graphics and faster game play, but if you prefer the college atmosphere, then "NCAA" is the way to go. If you just love football and want the best game overall, go with "Madden." You won't be sorry.

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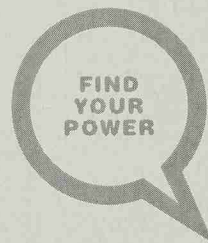
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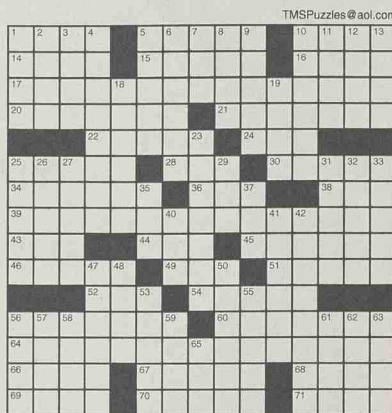
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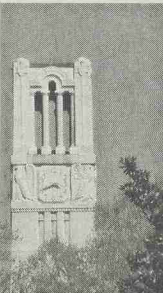
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Today's Horoscopes

By Linda C. Black
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Today's Birthday (Sept. 19). Material things are lovely, of course, but this year they're just not enough. A spiritual partner is what you desire, what you need and what you deserve. Choose the one who steers you toward the light.

To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.



Aries (March 21-April 19). Today is a 5. Slow 'down. Take it easy. Ponder what you've recently learned. The part that still doesn't make sense will be clear soon enough.



Taurus (April 20-May 20). Today is a 6. You'll get your meaning across by where you are and what you're doing. You're not much for hype and pretenses. What they see with you is exactly what they get.



Gemini (May 21-June 21). Today is a 6. Oops! Looks like another change is required. Creativity is more important than your careful plans, anyway. Let something you couldn't have predicted emerge from the chaos.



Cancer (June 22-July 22). Today is a 9. Changes underway now are for the best. Follow your intuition and abandon old fears. Love leads the way.



Leo (July 23-Aug. 22). Today is a 6. This isn't a good day to take risks. Enough unexpected stuff will happen on its own. You'll be much appreciated if you provide stability.



Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Today is a 7. There will be a few problems and some confusion. Others will seek your advice. Think about what might go wrong so that you'll be ready.



Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22). Today is a 6. Do you feel as if a wet blanket has been dropped on your enthusiasm? It's only for a couple of days. It's because it's time to do a job you've been avoiding. Chin up.



Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21). Today is an 8. A person who's been feeling shaky would really love the comfort you provide. Don't worry about reimbursement. You'll be rewarded if you give freely.



Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Today is a 5. Are you stirring things up? Not willing to go along with the same old routine? Help come up with a plan that'll work better.



Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Today is an 8. No need to spend hard-earned money on love, not all of it, anyway. You may want to get a little treat for a special friend, to return a favor in a way.



Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Today is a 6. Fluctuations in your finances are to be expected. Conserve your resources, shop sales, and promise not to get stuff you don't need.



Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20). Today is a 7. Stick up for what you believe in, no matter what others say. Besides, you might find a convert or two. You could instigate a skeptic's revelation.

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probably a 'C' team, as well. Pretty much everyone is racing next weekend, so we're using this meet to prepare the people who didn't get to run last week."

The Wolfpack course is a tougher and slower course than Notre Dame's, but the State

coaches have plenty of historical reference to pit their runners against.

The men will not field a varsity team at the Wolfpack Invitational.

"We've had about a third of the men's team sick with a virus recently, so we're just going to hold off racing them until Great American," said head coach Rolлие

Geiger.

Several redshirting freshmen from State will be running unattached in this meet. Kelly Brown and Jessica Durrant will be racing in the women's 5,000-meter race.

Colin Cronin, Matt Kassouf, Lance Hall, Kevin Demir, Peter Ellis and Phillip Stafford are all expected to run as individuals in the men's 8,000-meter race.

AROUND THE ACC

	Conf.	Overall
Florida State	2-0	3-0
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Clemson	1-0	2-1
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North Carolina	0-0	1-2
Georgia Tech	0-1	2-1
Maryland	0-1	1-2
Virginia	0-1	1-2
Wake Forest	0-1	1-2

Ball State at Clemson, 1 p.m.
Clemson searches for its third-straight win as it hosts out-of-conference opponent Ball State.

Wake Forest at Purdue, 2 p.m.
After getting bounced by N.C. State, the Deacs head to Indiana looking to pull off a Big 10 upset.

Akron at Virginia, 3 p.m.
So far this year, the Zips have lost to Iowa, Maryland and Central Michigan. This week, they lose to the Cavs.

BYU at Georgia Tech, 3:30 p.m.
Georgia Tech faces a reeling BYU team, after the Cougars dropped a contest against lowly Nevada.

E. Michigan at Maryland, 6 p.m.
Maryland is 0-2 against good teams this year. Luckily for the Terps, Eastern Michigan isn't good.

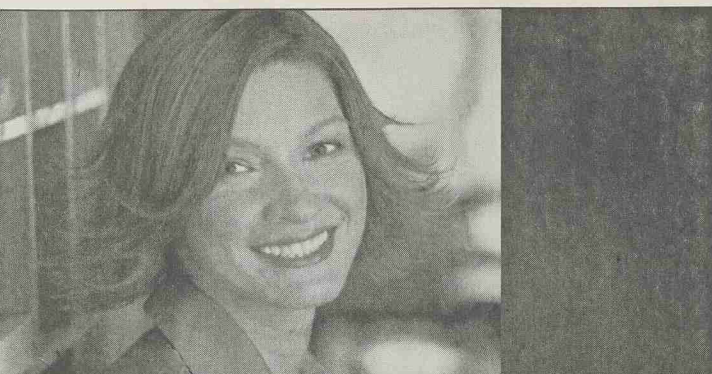
Duke at Florida State, 7 p.m.
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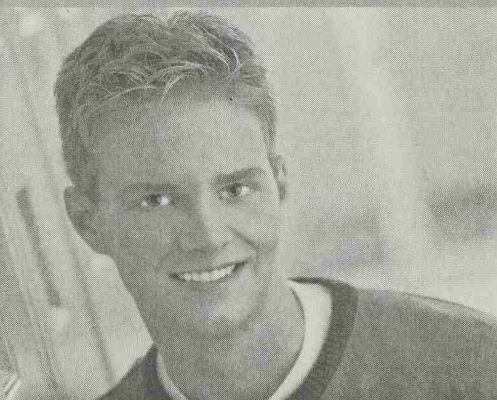
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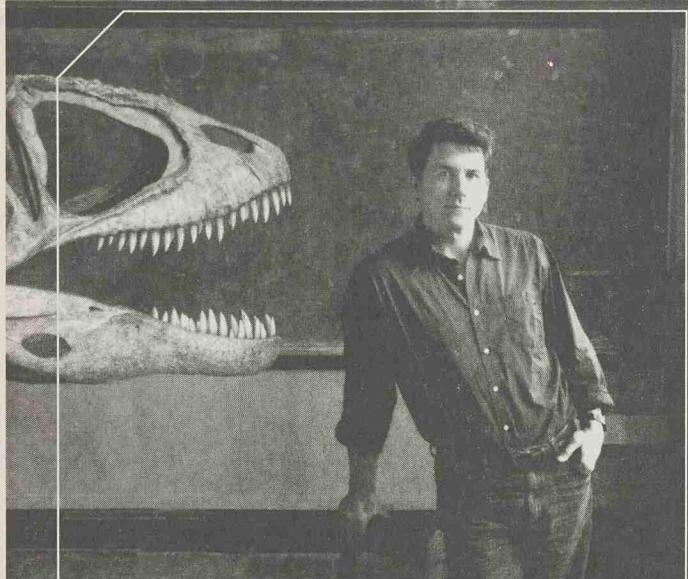
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Schedule

Football @ Texas Tech, 9/21, 12:30
M. Soccer @ Clemson, 9/22
W. Soccer vs. South Carolina, 9/21, 2
Volleyball @ New Hampshire tournament, 9/20

Scores

M. Soccer 3, Charleston Southern 2



TECHNICIAN

Big game confidence

The Pack faces its toughest test to this point vs. South Carolina.

Jon Page

Staff Writer

At the start of the season, N.C. State's players felt a renewed sense of excitement about playing soccer together. Senior Melissa Pressley said that a new attitude enveloped the team, evidenced by the Wolfpack's current three-game winning streak.

"A lot of players are gone and a lot of new players came in," said Pressley. "It seems like we have more determination and more heart. That will help us in bigger games so we can step up and have more confidence against higher-level teams."

For head coach Laura Kerrigan and the

Pack, the time for that confidence in big games to kick into high gear is now.

University of South Carolina head coach Shelley Smith will bring her Gamecocks to Raleigh on Saturday for a 2 p.m. kickoff with the Pack.

The Gamecocks (4-2) are coming off a 3-1 victory over College of Charleston and boast a NSCAA Southeast Region ranking of No. 9. Both of their losses came against ranked counterparts in the Southeast, Clemson and Charlotte.

Due to inclement weather, the Gamecocks' Wednesday evening match with Charleston Southern was postponed.

With thunderstorms in the forecast for Saturday afternoon and evening, the Pack hope to escape Method Road Stadium unscathed by the lightning-like scoring displayed by Gamecock forward Morgan McIntyre.

Gretchen Lear, Erin Bushey, Lauren Bendahan, Jaci Harper and the rest of the Pack defense will have their work cut out for them with the Gamecocks' fifth-year senior. McIntyre posted two goals against Charleston to move into second place on the Gamecocks' all-time scoring list with 56 points.

Senior goalkeeper Lear currently maintains a 1.30 goals-against-average and has one shutout to her credit this season to go along with 17 saves.

Not to be outdone, the Pack has displayed an impressive scoring output.

State is averaging three goals per game while limiting their opponents to 1.17 goals per game. In addition, the Pack has an advantage over the competition with 16.3 shots per game compared to 8.2 by the opposition.

Sophomore Annika Schmidt has led

the attack while leading the team in points (10) and assists (4). Juniors Lyn-dsey Underwood and Katherine Warman are not far behind with three goals apiece.

One problem plaguing the Pack thus far has been fouls. Tuesday's victory over Liberty marked the first time State did not out-foul the opposing team. Thus far in the season the Pack has notched 115 fouls, compared to 79 earned by its opponents.

Despite the high number of fouls, a visit by a top-ranked team and lurking thunderstorms, Pressley knows that Kerrigan will have the Pack ready to meet this challenge.

"She's always pushing us and always has confidence in us," said Pressley. "She believes we can win every game."



Lindsay Rosen and the women's soccer team look to continue their hot streak against South Carolina. Staff photo by Josh Michel

Cross country races at home

N.C. State's cross country teams will use this weekend's Wolfpack Invitational as a gauge for more competitive upcoming meets.

Todd Lion

Senior Staff Writer

Coming off successful races two weekends ago at the Adidas Invitational at Notre Dame, the N.C. State cross country teams will look to continue their success at the Wolfpack Invitational this Saturday.

The women's team will field a small team, mostly comprised of all the runners who did not compete at Notre Dame. Even without many of its top runners, though, the Wolfpack should still be at the front of the race.

"A lot of these women have looked really good in practice," said assistant coach Laurie Henes. "They have gotten a lot better since last year, so it should be a good meet."

Five redshirt freshmen will run in red this weekend for the women's team.

Ginger Wheeler, Leslie Jimison, Michelle Popple, Abigail Nelkie and Karen Medlin are all redshirt freshmen who will compete.

Wheeler was the North Carolina 4-A state champion in cross country and the indoor 3,200-meter run during her senior year at Mount Tabor High School in Winston-Salem. Medlin and Popple are both natives of the Raleigh area and had successful careers at Broughton and Wake Forest High School, respectively. Jimison is also a North Carolina native — hailing from Greensboro — and is Caldwell Scholar at State. Nelkie was a state champion in her home state of Michigan.

"Abby looks good, so does Michelle — really, all of them look so much better than last year," said Henes. "They should run pretty well."

Senior Beth Kraft will also be running for the Pack, back for a sixth year of eligibility after missing two full years early in her college career. Kraft has been a consistent top-seven runner during her career and was a member of State's national runner-up team last year.

The Wolfpack Invitational will serve as a point of reference for the coaches to decide who to race at next weekend's Great American Cross Country Festival.

"We were just limited in the number we could take to Notre Dame last weekend, so the people who didn't race there are racing here," said Henes. "After this race we will make a decision on which seven will be in the seeded race at Great American."

Great American will showcase several of the best teams in the nation, and the Pack wants to be prepared to face the competition.

"We're going to race a lot of people at Great American," Henes explained. "We'll be running an 'A' and 'B' team there, and

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King's hat trick lifts State

Freshmen Aaron King scored the game-winning goal in overtime to beat Charleston Southern.

Austin Johnson

Staff Writer

Freshman forward Aaron King of the N.C. State men's soccer team had the kind of day about which most college players dream in only his sixth collegiate game.

King scored a hat trick against Charleston Southern Wednesday afternoon at Method Road Soccer Stadium, with his final goal coming in overtime to win the game.

The game-winning goal came in the 93rd minute as junior forward Isreal

Mejia fired a pass downfield to King. King beat two defenders to the ball and fired a crossing shot over the head of Charleston Southern goalkeeper Jack Ward.

"I was pretty far out, but I saw the goalie moving backwards," said King. "It was a hard game, I was a little tired so I thought I would use a little more skill."

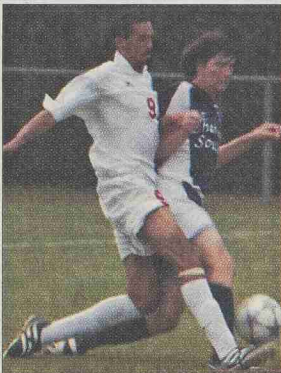
King's scoring barrage took place in the second half, after a first half that was full of missed opportunities for the Wolfpack (2-4, 0-1 ACC). Despite keeping constant pressure on the defense of CSU, the Pack was unable to tally a goal in the first half. The Pack finished the half with seven shots on goal compared to only one by Charleston.

The Pack came out in the second half with even more intensity. King scored his first goal of the day at the 48th minute on a beautiful centering pass by fellow freshmen forward Bryan Salter, giving the Pack a 1-0 lead.

"[King] and Salter are our future," said head coach George Tarantini.

Charleston responded almost immediately when a soft header from Charleston's Itayi Pondwa popped over the head of State goalie Michell Watson and just past the leg of midfielder Justin Branch.

State's offense continued to push the ball up quickly and create opportunities to score, however. The Pack was noticeably quicker to the ball than Charleston during the second half, subbing in more players than in previous games to keep fresh legs on the field.



Bryan Salter helped State to a 3-2 win Wednesday. Staff photo by Andrew Knopp



Marcus Johnson and the Pack head to Clemson Sunday. Staff photo by Andrew Knopp

"When we played Maryland last week, they used 21 players," said Tarantini. "And I understood that we had to start trying new players for us to be successful"

Despite the numerous opportunities, the Wolfpack went through another stretch of not being able to put the ball past Ward.

That drought ended when King once again rose to the occasion to score his second goal of the game. King took a flip pass from midfielder Federico Peria and put in the net to give Pack the lead again, 2-1.

"Me and Federico combine really well,

and he played me an awesome ball," said King. "I just had to concentrate and kick it in."

Once again Charleston Southern responded to the Wolfpack goal. Only a minute later Charleston's Gavin Aquhart took a rebound and put it in for a goal to tie the game at 2-2. The final 10 minutes of regulation went scoreless to send the game into sudden death overtime.

The Pack wasted little time in the first overtime period, as King found the net for the third time to give State the victory. The Pack now heads to Clemson in search of its first ACC win in three years.

Volleyball heads to New England

N.C. State travels to New Hampshire for a four-team tournament.

Memie Ezike

Staff Writer

The N.C. State volleyball team packs its bags to participate in the New Hampshire Tournament this weekend. Along with the Wolfpack, host New Hampshire, Kent State University and Montana State University will also send their respective squads to participate.

The tournament will be the Pack's last warmup before ACC conference play begins against No. 18-ranked

North Carolina. Head coach Mary Byrne and the players know they must bring their A-game to the tournament in order to gain confidence for ACC play.

"The players are ready to play, are showing a strong attitude, working hard in practice, and executing the things they need to do," Byrne said. "Coming off our last win against East Carolina has given us a lot of confidence to win games this weekend and beyond."

For the Pack to be successful at the tournament, it must improve on the mistakes it has been frequently making in the losses.

"We need to focus on the things that we must improve on, which is in all the phases of the game," Byrne said. "We especially need to play defense, improve our blocking and learn to serve aggressively and in control under different situations."

The Pack must play its best in the tournament, as State will be playing three hungry teams in New Hampshire, Kent State and Montana State.

The Cats of New Hampshire play in the America East Conference and are coming into the tournament with a record of 3-8, having lost their last three matches. The Cats have played their share of tough matches this year, including games against No. 9 Penn State, No. 10 Utah, and No. 22 Pacific. The Cats are led by outside hitters Alyson Coler and captain Lauren Knight, who have 301 total kills between them. Junior Erin Ludwig dishes out the assists, accumulating 346 so far this year.

"New Hampshire is trying to break an attendance record during our match, so it will be loud in the sta-

dium," Byrne said. "They are very similar to us, but our offensive middle attack is stronger than theirs, so we can exploit that."

Out of the Mid-American Conference, the Kent State Golden Flashes come into the tournament with a record of 3-5 and will be the Wolfpack's first opponent. Last year, the Flashes finished with a 16-12 record and barely missed the conference postseason tournament. Head coach Mora Karim has 76 wins under her belt, good for second place on Kent State's all-time win list. The Flashes are a youthful but talented team, as three of its freshmen rank in the top five in kills, digs, and assists per game in the conference. The Pack and the Flashes met once in 1998, with the Flashes claiming victory.

"Kent State has solid outside hitters but are not as strong with ball control as we are," Byrne said. "We feel we can use our middle strength to exploit that weakness of the Flashes."

The Montana State Bobcats from the Big Sky Conference come in with a formidable record of 8-3 after a 3-0 sweep of Denver University in their last match. A team with international flair, the Bobcats have players from around the world. Senior outside hitter Aimee Halyk leads the team with 137 kills, and sophomore Kamber Kelly leads the team in assists with 468 this season.

"Montana State has the strongest record out of the teams, and more offense," Byrne said. "To be successful against them, we must serve aggressively and be disciplined in our blocking."



The Pack hopes to keep its focus after downing East Carolina 3-0 Tuesday. Staff photo by Andrew Knopp

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