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Report suggests state should emphasize technology

In a recent report released by the Institute of Emerging Issues, researchers suggest that a broader technology focus would benefit North Carolina.

Rachael Rogers

Staff Reporter

Economic strategies can vary, and every now and then they need re-evaluating. A report put out by the Institute for Emerging Issues recommends that North Carolina strategy should involve a broader technology focus.

The Institute is only six months old and evolved from the Emerging Issues Forum 2002, which was held this past February. The forum has been an annual event for 17 years.

"The main reason for launching the Institute was to extend the forum from two days to 365 days," said Noah Pickus, director of the institute.

The forum focused on all aspects of economic technology, and the report "captures what went on at the forum in a way that others can use it," Pickus said.

The report does this by taking presentation materials and converting them so that they will be useful to people who were unable to attend the forum and hear the various informational presentations.

The forum itself featured many different people with various backgrounds and interests. It consisted of academic instructors and professors, political leaders and industry representatives. Some presenters include Sen. John Edwards, D-N.C.; Carmen Hooker Odom, representative of N.C. Department of Health and Human Services; and Thomas Hoban, professor of sociology at N.C. State.

Some issues that were discussed at this forum were the evolution of biotechnology, the medical and ethical aspects of biotechnology and biotech policy.

These issues, and the numerous others discussed, appeared again in this report, which "emphasizes that biotechnology has an enormous role for North Carolina as an engine of economic development," Pickus said.

The report discusses the new ways of understanding economic development

and stressed the point that biotechnology must be considered in developing strategies for the North Carolina economy.

"North Carolina is well-positioned, being ranked approximately around four or five in the nation for biotechnology," Pickus said. However, there is more competition now, and new ways of integrating biotechnology in the economy are necessary.

"The old ways stressed low taxes and good weather as a way of attracting businesses, but competitors like California and Massachusetts aren't known for those aspects, but they are still leaders in biotechnology," Pickus said.

The forum illustrated a few new lessons that will be helpful in future economic policy making. To continue being competitive, North Carolina needs to particularly consider three things.

"North Carolina needs to expand emphasis on trying to grow biotechnology from within and grow into manufacturing," Pickus said. In other words, North Carolina needs to concentrate on starting up biotech companies rather than attracting previously established companies. Doing this would build stronger ties between companies and North Carolina, and these companies would be less likely to leave.

A second factor that needs to be considered is the understanding of "different regions of North Carolina and finding ways to develop niches in biotechnology and not simply seek to replicate one another," Pickus said.

Regions need to be encouraged to specialize to ensure a variety. This lesson encourages having little RTPs located throughout North Carolina, rather than the one RTP.

A third consideration is that although biotechnology is promising, "it is fraught with social and ethical issues, and universities and companies need to foster greater discussion of these issues rather than simply induce public acceptance," Pickus said.

In these respects, the report "serves as an educational tool and gives advice," Pickus said.

The Institute is currently in the stages of developing a student fellows program to involve students in the forum and the policy making.



The McKimmon Center will house EDTECH 2002, an event designed to facilitate discussions about classroom technology. Photo courtesy ncsu.edu

Technologists meet educators

During EDTECH 2002, educators and technologists from across the state will join to discuss and learn about new technologies for the classroom.

News Staff Report

As technology begins to permeate all aspects of the classroom, educators and technologists are finding themselves within the same arena of work.

At N.C. State, technology is continually expanding and changing the teaching methods and learning styles.

On Thursday, educators and technologists from across the state will come together for the first EDTECH 2002. Held at the McKimmon Center, EDTECH 2002 will highlight the latest breakthroughs in teaching and learning with technology.

Organized and developed by NCSU and the UNC System, the event will showcase the many innovative uses of technology, which are on the verge of hitting public school, community college and university classrooms soon.

In addition, EDTECH 2002 originally developed from the merger of the NCSU Instructional Technology Exposition and the UNC Workshop on Distance Education.

The event's keynote speaker will be

Frank Prochaska, the executive director of the UNC System's Teaching and Learning with Technology Collaborative (TLTC). Prochaska's speech, "The Evolving Universe of Teaching, Learning and Technology," will highlight the current trends in e-learning and other teaching and learning technological capabilities. Prochaska will also emphasize the many new technologies currently being developed for the classroom.

In addition, Prochaska's address will be available via Internet webcast.

Other topics of discussion at the event will include "Technology-driven assessment tools and methodology"; "My NCSU", a virtual campus Web portal; "Instructional design for universal accessibility and learning"; "The Kenan Fellows program for enhancing teacher professionalism through public/private sector collaboration"; and "Truly mobile learning: delivering rich media content to your PDA or cell phone."

During the event, which is free to the public, early-bird sessions will be offered at 8:30 a.m., while other hands-on workshops will be held throughout the day. Other exhibits will be showcased in the exhibit hall, and the day will end with an informal issue-driven session.

Those interested in EDTECH 2002 should pre-register online at www.ncsu.edu/edtech.

Funds sought for historically black schools

Legislatures fight to help restore and preserve 'historic treasures' for black colleges and universities.

Simone Weichselbaum

Knight Ridder Newspapers

WASHINGTON — If Sen. Zell Miller has his way in Congress, Georgia's historically black colleges and universities will receive more than \$120 million in federal funds for restoring campuses.

Miller, D-Ga., along with Sen. Joseph Lieberman, D-Conn., are pushing for the \$755 million bill in the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee in hopes the nation's black colleges would be able to renovate buildings that serve a total of 300,000 students a year.

Seven out of the 10 black colleges in Georgia would be eligible to receive more than \$64 million for restoring 47 buildings, including classrooms, libraries and dormitories. Alabama, the state with the

most historically black colleges, would have seven schools out of its 14 institutions eligible for more than \$66 million.

The proposed plan would provide schools with two-thirds of the amount they request for restoration costs and waivers would be issued for institutions that can not provide the rest of the funding. Payments would be paid in installments by the federal government.

"Georgia's historically black colleges and universities need our help to restore and preserve the historic treasures on their campuses," Miller said. "I am working hard to see that they get it."

Miller was also a co-sponsor of the resolution that makes the week of Sept. 15 the "National Historically Black College and Universities Week," a time when college presidents met with President Bush and Congressional members to discuss the needs of their institutions.

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Government works to limit telemarketers

The telemarketing industry has responded by saying its efforts are necessary and even desirable.

Ben Finley

Knight Ridder Newspapers

WASHINGTON — Telemarketing ranked fourth among the 100 worst ideas of the 20th century in a poll by Time magazine. Curiously however, in the 21st century, the \$600 billion telemarketing industry is still growing, and the federal government is still trying to catch up.

Two federal agencies are weighing whether to assemble a national do-not-call list to protect Americans from unwanted telemarketing calls, but state governments are worried that Washington's efforts could undermine their own do-not-call lists, telemarketing companies are fighting to block any new lists and consumer groups are pressing for more.

A national do-not-call list would prevent telemarketers from contacting anyone in the United States who had entered his or her number on the registry. The Federal Trade Commission is expected to create such a list to govern all telemarketing industries under its jurisdiction by the end of this year. The Federal Communications Commission has just begun to consider making a similar list, which could cover all telemarketers.

Many people would seem to welcome the help. Up to 74 percent of residents in Missouri, Michigan and Minnesota said telemarketing calls were an "invasion of their privacy and an unwelcome intrusion" according to surveys last year sponsored by AARP, the senior citizens organization. Senior citizens are prime targets of telemarketers. AARP strongly supports a national do-not-call registry.

States that already have telemarketing laws — 27 states have do-not-call lists — do not want to be pre-empted by the Federal Trade Commission, which they argue is weak in some ways. For example, the FTC has no legal jurisdiction over intrastate calls or over telemarketers from telephone companies, the insurance industry, banks and airlines. The FTC also must work with the Justice Department to enforce civil penalties against violators of telemarketing laws.

Telemarketing industry advocates challenge the notion that such efforts are necessary or even desirable.

"A lot of people say they don't like telemarketing, but last year (185 million purchases were made through) a telemarketer," said Matt Mattingly, a spokesman for the American Teleservices Association, a group strongly opposed to any further telemarketing regulation.

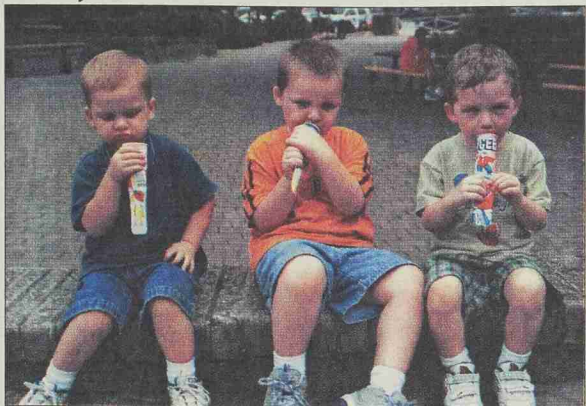
The industry assembled its own national do-not-call list of 5 million people

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UMASS VS. NCSU VOUCHERS

The winning voucher numbers for Saturday's football game vs. UMMA are 749-5577. Students with winning vouchers may pick up tickets at the Reynolds Coliseum ticket window today from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Messy faces



Nathan Cruse, Andrew Cruse, and Jacob Keziah (from left to right) enjoy popsicles in Pullen Park Monday afternoon. Staff photo by Carl Hudson

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CRIME REPORT

The following is a description of reports issued by Campus Police for Sunday, Sept. 22.

2:22 p.m. Communicating threats

An ex-employee threatened the complainant with bodily injury.

2:29 p.m. Medical assistance

A student injured a knee while playing football at Derr Track. The student was transported to the hospital.

4:24 p.m. Suspicious person

A student reported several suspicious people at E.S. King Village. Officers met with the student, who stated that there were five subjects urinating on the side of the building. A search of the area was conducted, but officers were unable to locate the subjects.

5:14 p.m. Suspicious person

A student reported a suspicious person at North Hall. Officers met with the student, who stated that the subject approached them during a cookout and asked for food. The subject, a nonstudent, refused to leave the area. A check for warrants came back positive. The subject was arrested and transported to the magistrate's office.

5:57 p.m. Domestic dispute

A student reported that an ex-friend stole the student's vehicle from the EGRC parking deck. Upon further investigation, it was found that both were registered owners of the vehicle. Contact was made with the subject, who returned to EGRC and told the officers where the vehicle was located. Both subjects were advised

that the situation was a civil matter. The subject retrieved the vehicle and was removed from campus.

6:06 p.m. Skateboard violation

Seven subjects were reported skateboarding near Scott Hall. The subjects left the area prior to officers' arrival.

8:08 p.m. Fire alarm

An alarm was activated at Sullivan Hall. The alarm was due to a possible shortage in a light fixture. Housing was notified.

9:29 p.m. Traffic stop

A nonstudent was cited for having no insurance on Morrill Drive.

9:39 p.m. Welfare check

A nonstudent asked officers to check on a student. Contact was made with the student in Lee Hall. The student was advised to contact the nonstudent.

10:49 p.m. Fire alarm

An alarm was activated at Alexander Hall. Cause for alarm is unknown.

12:03 a.m. Larceny

An officer found a vehicle in Varsity Park and Ride lot with a broken passenger window. The owner was notified and responded. Several items were removed.

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ple in 1985, said Louis Mastria, spokesman for the Direct Marketing Association, which represents telemarketers. The industry-operated list is observed by 80 percent of the nation's telemarketing companies, more than those covered by the Federal Trade Commission, Mastria said. Telemarketing companies generated \$661 billion in revenue last year and employed more than 6

million people in the United States. Mastria argues that more regulation would harm those firms, cost jobs and weaken the economy.

Consumer advocates disagree. "We certainly haven't seen the telemarketing industry hurt by the Telemarketing Sales Rule that was promulgated six years ago," said Susan Grant, spokeswoman for the National Consumer League, a group supporting more telemarketing legislation.

The FTC's legal authority stems

from the Telemarketing Sales Rule of 1995.

But neither that law nor the FCC's Telephone Consumer Protection Act of 1991 authorized the formation of a national do-not-call list.

Grant, the consumer activist, argues that more federal regulation is needed to give consumers greater confidence when responding to telemarketers. It also would allow for better enforcement of rules governing telemarketers, she said.

The telemarketing industry's impressive growth over the last 15 years stems in part from its use of devices known as "predictive dialers." These instruments feature constant computer-directed dialing, which does not require telemarketing employees to make the calls. Consumer groups consider predictive dialers to be harassment, but telemarketers say the practice saves them money and increases their efficiency and say they can't do good business without them.

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Miller and Lieberman are not working alone in convincing Congress to allocate money to the nation's 105 historically black

schools. Sen. Jeff Sessions, R-Ala., is a co-sponsor of the bill, as well as Sen. Max Cleland, D-Ga., who is leading his own endeavors in improving black colleges.

Cleland has sponsored legislation in the Senate, which would al-

locate \$250 million to historically black colleges closing the "digital divide." The bill, which passed on the Senate Commerce Committee and is now pending on the Senate floor, would provide funds for computers, training instruc-

tors and updating campus technology.

"Our historically black colleges and universities are important culturally, historically and in the education of generations of young people," Cleland said.

'Got Beer?' ads return to college campuses

Florida State students have different opinions when deciding between beer and milk.

Kim McCoy

Knight Ridder Newspapers

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — Many Florida State University students didn't know what to make of ads in the FSView & Florida Flambeau last week that proclaimed beer is better than milk. People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals revived its "Got Beer?" ads in college papers across the na-

tion and Canada on Thursday.

The ads, which first ran two years ago, are a spoof of the "Got Milk?" ads. The group says a Harvard University Medical School study reveals reasons why beer may have some health benefits and milk may have health risks. "Nobody thinks of beer as a health food," said Bruce Friedrich, PETA's director of vegan outreach. "Everybody thinks of juice and soy. The point is that milk is worse for you than beer."

A freshman at FSU said the ad will raise some eyebrows.

"To advertise beer is extreme, but that's what PETA does," said Jessica Butera, a fashion student. "But it does get your attention, especially in a college town."

PETA's ad directs people to MilkSucks.com, where they can read about health risks to people and animals. Dairy products are laden with fat and cholesterol and

are linked to problems like heart disease and cancer, according to the Web site.

And female calves that often replace their older mothers are slaughtered soon after birth for the rennet in their stomachs, an ingredient in most commercial cheeses, according to PETA. PETA representatives said they chose the independent paper, FSView & Florida Flambeau, because it serves students at a top-10 party school.

The ad comes at time when the school is trying to downplay that status. Recently, a national outreach speaker made two presentations on FSU's campus about alcohol awareness, and the university has received a \$700,000 Robert Wood Johnson grant to help curb alcohol abuse.

Some students at FSU thought the ad was promoting drinking beer, but they said they would still

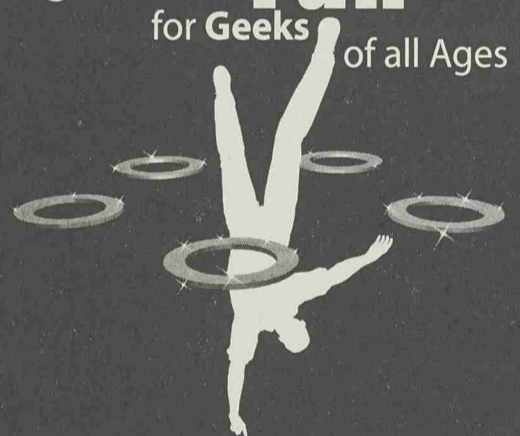
check out the Web site. "It's surprising," said Riz Dagani, a senior biology student. "I wouldn't have thought it would be in our paper. It just seems wrong."

But, Dagani added that she would look at the Web site. "I'd be curious to see what they're talking about," Dagani said. But one student said the ad's message didn't pique her interest at all. "That wouldn't get me to go to the Web site," said Latoya Dunn, a senior biology/pre-medicine student. "I don't believe in drinking, but if I did, I still wouldn't go."

Another student said it'd be tough to get her stop drinking milk. "I don't like that message that beer's more important for college kids," said Jennifer Harned, a junior business student. "I don't like it because I like milk."

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Farm Aid's musically driven fight

Grayson Currin
Senior Staff Writer

BURGETTSTOWN, Pa. — “We are fighting for every living American ... and for the American dream,” a pleading, earnest Willie Nelson said Saturday afternoon at a Farm Aid press conference.

As the clouds overhead broke just in time for the start of the annual gathering of musicians, farmers and fans, Farm Aid Board of Directors members Nelson, Neil Young, John Mellencamp and Dave Matthews crowded into a backstage tent swarming with reporters and photographers to broadcast the message that Farm Aid has fretted over since its 1985 inception: the plight of the family farmer.

“Attention shoppers, attention shoppers! Buy with a conscience and save the family farm!” shouted Young in that quavering voice that has made him an indelible figure in the American musical landscape. Passion flashed in his eyes as Matthews and Mellencamp both clapped along in zealous support. Young continued with his factory-farm tirade, rous-

ing much of his audience into a type of head-nodding agreement that seemed more like a big-tent revival than an economically focused press conference.

Musicians including Gillian Welch, Lee Ann Womack and Kid Rock, scheduled to take the stage of the Post-Gazette Pavilion later that day, all voiced their concern for the pitiful situation of the family farmer. Many spoke of their rural roots and their ties to the benefits of agriculture. Welch spoke of her own local Pennsylvania roots, while actor Matthew McConaughey, who gleefully emceed the CMT broadcast, spoke candidly of his Texas past of fresh, local products and a feeling for a wholesome tradition.

The true potency of the press conference and the clearest evidence of the dreadful situation of the American farmer rose from the emphatically stated and empathic-evoking confessions of industrial and agricultural reform activists.

Leo Gerard, president of the United Steelworkers of America, spoke of his fellow steelworkers as void of health insurance and

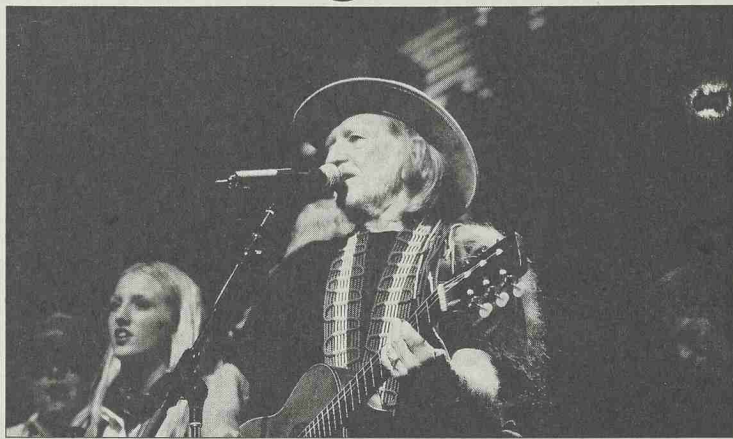
stable, sufficient wages.

“Big business is destroying the industrial middle class,” said Gerard, his open hand pounding the table below as he spoke with immediate vehemence.

Speaking of similar burdens from a separate vantage point Ralph Paige, the Georgia farmer-turned executive director of the Federation of Southern Cooperatives, gave personal accounts of the difficulties that plague the life of an average farmer who chooses to remain independent of industrialized factory farms.

Paige, an advocate for the rights and dues of black farmers, commended Farm Aid for its perpetual effort at farmer debt relief and technical assistance. He ridiculed the government's feigned ignorance, saying that “the American farmers have been given a check that the government forgot to sign!”

After people flooded the venue gates at 2 p.m., the message began to resonate from the amphitheatre's stage by way of its massive stacks and country star Lee Ann Womack's booming voice. Willie Nelson's newest mu-



Willie Nelson rocks for Farm Aid. Staff photo by Grayson Currin

sical godsons, The Los Lonely Brothers, stormed the stage with a fiery sound that stirred the still-gathering crowd with Jojo Garza's throbbing bass and brother Henry Garza's Tex-Mex-meets-Joe Perry riffs.

A succession of three- to four-song sets from Anthony Smith, Keith Urban, Drive-By Truckers and the Kenny Wayne Shepherd Band constituted the early afternoon's entertainment. The brief sets not only kept the crowd interested but also remained true to Farm Aid's unofficial goal of annually providing a format through which emerging artists can find new respect.

While the bands played on, family farmers held press conferences throughout much of the day, offering vivid accounts of the dire circumstances that they and their peers are now forced to accept as a way of life. One Iowa woman lamented over the hog industry in her own state, pointing toward the industry's centralizing economic effects and its detriment to the environment.

“Hog factories have been taking over our state,” she said rather mournfully, “and they are taking over our economy and destroying our rural way of life.”

Others criticized the 2002 Farm Security and Rural Investment Act, citing its complex arrangement and language that renders much of the bill and its meaning useless for the layperson. The need for concerned coalitions of states in the U.S. House of Representatives received much attention as a result of the victories of less-populated, largely agricultural states in only the Senate.

An hour of raucous music set in as CMT cameras began to roll

for a live broadcast and Toby Keith launched into an acoustic set that mocked the Taliban and memorialized “Willie's weed.” Following a very brief performance from Gillian Welch and David Rawlings, Kid Rock took to the stage for a 20-minute showing that found young and old alike pumping their fists in the air and rapping “Bawitdaba” in broken harmony.

The evening's centerpiece approached just as the moon rose above the lawn and the crowd eagerly awaited the first of the “Big Four.” Dave Matthews made his way to the stage for a rare solo performance with only an acoustic guitar, heading into a set that found much of the young audience singing along. Throughout the set, Matthews took the first true Farm Aid stance of the night, urging the audience to face the government down and right its wrong by buying organically and working for a safer food source.

After an inventive, high-strung cover of Dylan's “All Along the Watchtower” from Matthews, the curtain rose on John Mellencamp's stage as the anthem-writing rocker opened with his own working-class rallying point, “Blood on the Scarcrow.” His energy heightened the anticipation of the crowd as he wove hits like “Peaceful World” in and out of glimpses of the Chicago blues.

The crowd erupted when Neil Young took to the stage wearing his “Stop Factory Farms” T-shirt. His 40-minute set was a perfected study in thematic performance, as he opened with the visionary “Old Man” before heading into an organ-based plea of the environmental ethic “Moth-

er Earth.”

Young paused at length between songs, alerting the crowd to the true meaning of Farm Aid. He too found fault with the government and its apathy, and he begged people to take the matter into their own hands.

“We're trying to stop it, and it ain't easy,” Young shouted, speaking of the dominance of factory farms on American soil. Nelson and harmonica-virtuoso Mickey Raphael joined Young for much of the set, presenting a unified Farm Aid front that included two of the greatest songwriters of the past four decades.

Nelson closed the show alongside his trusty, laconic band before inviting all of the day's musicians to join him onstage for a version of “America the Beautiful.” Kenny Wayne Shepherd coaxed blaring riffs from his electric guitar and McConaughey danced wildly alongside the Wisdom Indian Dancers as Nelson strummed Trigger and smiled warmly.

After returning to the stage, Nelson reveled in the moment of his invention that has raised \$24 million for American farmers to date. He entered into a seemingly endless melody of tunes drawn from his catalogue, melding such favorites as “I Saw the Light” with “Georgia on My Mind” for a unanimously grateful crowd.

Little doubt exists that a majority of Saturday's concertgoers knew nothing of the benefit's real cause. Even McConaughey admitted his own ignorance in a mid-afternoon press conference. As he questioned a Buffalo-area organic farmer, his lack of knowl-

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‘Sisters’ soar while ‘Ballistic’ bombs

Joel Isaac Frady
A&E Editor

The Banger Sisters

Starring: Goldie Hawn, Susan Sarandon
Director: Bob Dolman
★★★

Sometimes a sprinkle of charm is all it takes, but it's a pity that veteran actress Goldie Hawn doesn't quite know how to add that sprinkle.

Instead, she unleashes her intense charm and incredible comic energy across the screen like hot water in the shower when the guy downstairs flushes the toilet. It's something that she's been doing for more than 30 years now, and while her script choice isn't always on par with her comic ability (stinkers like “Town and Country” aren't good for anyone involved), it's something that might be taken for granted.

If it is, however, then “The Banger Sisters” is Hawn's way of picking you up and tossing you quite painfully, over her knee as a reminder that despite all the exciting new actresses that come and go, it's the classics that we'll be watching 50 years from now.

In “The Banger Sisters” she plays Suzette, a woman who spent many years “getting to know” some of the greatest rock stars of the rock 'n' roll era — even though we meet her as a broke woman who has just lost her job. She does, however, figure out the perfect person to get some quick cash from — Vinnie, her best friend she hasn't seen in 15 years — and Suzette sets off to find her.

Vinnie, however, isn't quite what Suzette is expecting; instead she finds Lavinia Kingsley (Susan Sarandon, who also gives a stellar performance here), the wife of an incredibly successful doctor whose entire wardrobe is beige. She's uptight, orderly and does nothing but, nicely stated, talk nonsense. Suzette is exactly what her perfect little world isn't braced for.

Writer/director Bob Dolman's script is good — it has some absolutely incredible one-liners — but it's uneven. Hawn's character is the only one who really gets an even portrayal — Lavinia's transformation back into Vinnie is incredibly rushed and her family is good for a couple of laughs but is mainly ignored. There's also Harry (Geoffrey Rush, who brings both life to his character



The Banger Sisters find something funny. ©2002 Fox Searchlight Pictures

and a smile to the viewer in almost every scene), a character who really deserves a movie of his own.

Hawn and Sarandon, however, combine to exert so much charm and chemistry that one theater was barely enough to hold it. They captivate the viewer in scene after scene, and even the rushed, sappy ending wasn't enough to stop them.

On a rather pointless, but humorous, side note, this is also one of two films currently playing in theaters that feature actress Erika Christensen having sex in a swimming pool. That's got to be a tough niche to fill, but somebody's got to.

Ballistic: Ecks vs. Sever

Starring: Antonio Banderas, Lucy Liu
Director: Wych Kaos/Kaosayananda
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Incoherent. That's the only word that sat on my mind after seeing “Ballistic: Ecks vs. Sever,” a mindless exercise in explosives, bad dialogue and machine guns.

It's the kind of action film that tries so hard to be exciting with its big effects and violence that it overdoes itself — the viewer is never given any real reason to care about anything that's happening on the screen. It's so explosive and violent that explosions and violence become the norm, and instead of being captivating (as any college-aged male should see by the violence and explosions) it becomes boring.

So boring, in fact, that I thought up several different games to play while watching the movie. My personal favorite is the “take a drink every time Sever (Lucy Liu) actually says something.” This game could get painful later on in the film, but in the first 30 minutes she says eight words and blows up seven cars. Not many characters can lay claim to a word:car ratio.

There's always the counting game entitled “How many extras die in this movie.” But playing this game just leads to questions like “Why the hell are they all so stupid?” and “If this many people were dying in public places, shouldn't there be news vans and lots of people going crazy?” The civilians in this movie, while being scared, would have been better fitted for playing civilian extras in “The Powerpuff Girls.” They're scared because, yes, their lives are being threatened, but they still act like bullets flying and cars exploding (or Monsters destroying buildings, in the case of “Powerpuff”) is a regular, daily occurrence.

There's always acting games, too — “Make an evil face” whenever the bad guy appears on the screen, “Look drunk” whenever Ecks (Antonio Banderas) is on the screen and “Woot and holle!” every time there's some gratuitous nudity ... wait, that was in my head, not the movie.

“Ballistic” is so devoid of any coherence or actual plot that it makes one wonder if there was actually a script for the movie or just a few people with millions of dollars, lots of explosives, lots of Wild Turkey and some healthy pyromania.

There's no way to beat around the bush here — “Ballistic” is absolutely awful. It's not even the kind of action movie that teenage boys can enjoy, which is surprising, for there's also a GameBoy Advance video game out on these characters as well. Then again, the film looks a lot like a video game — there are even guns in random places.

In the film's defense, it can be said that it's bad in a harmless sort of way. It won't appear on any “worst of 2002” lists; in all likelihood it will be forgotten by the end of next week. Not because it's not awful, though, but because it's so pathetic that it's really, really hard to take it seriously.

Can you tell?

Tartuffe converts

Lori Miranda Osgood
Staff Writer

Are there theaters with glass protecting the audience from the actors? If not, there should be.

The Raleigh Little Theater lures its guests in by creating a décor of normalcy, even safety. The set of “Tartuffe: Born Again” was sneakily placid, composed of a therapist's couch and an altar. Going into the play blind, with only the stage setting for background information led to anticipation of a performance that would be tranquil and pious in nature. That was a mistake.

“Tartuffe: Born Again” definitely wasn't what it was thought to be. But in this case, that isn't a disappointment. At first glance the perception of this play was anything but positive. Pre-performance time was not spent admiring a theater lavishly decorated or relaxing to the expertise stylings of a Raleigh-renowned accompanist. Instead, the only thing that was more captivating than realizing that I was the only one there under 40 was lusting after the snack bar set up beside the stage. This was going to be a long two hours. It would only last two hours, right? Desperation started to set in and so did wild thoughts. Maybe we'll get lucky, and this will be a clever cover-up for a male strip joint — a girl can always hope.

A loud squawking from offstage started the performance. The visual was worse — a lady straight from the B-52s took command of the stage. For 15 minutes the show simmered, but little did I know that the results of withstanding such action would be just as tantalizing as a smoked ham. After the volley of fast-paced character introducing and being yelled at, sergeant-style, by a grandma, the play definitely looked up when the characters quit running around the stage and began sensible dialogue.

Adapted from Moliere's original French version, Freyda Thomas's script was accentuated by continuous rhyme. This proved to be annoying and cheesy, yet endearing. If Shakespeare ever drank Red Bull, this would have been the result.

“Tartuffe: Born Again” follows a family being swindled by a less-than-holy televangelist. The shady evangelist Tartuffe woos Orgon, an entrepreneur and television-station owner. The play has an underlying “Romeo and Juliet” theme where Orgon attempts to force his daughter to marry the obese Tartuffe and deny her of her true love.

The highlight of the show is Dorine, the stage manager for Orgon's company. She brought wit and fashion to the show, even if it was a mixture of snakeskin and fake red hair.

The plot is quirky, so how does that lead to “Tartuffe” being a smash? The actors were what made this play a success — they transform it into more than just a spoof on religious fanaticism and hypocrites, and what could have been a long two hours seemed only minutes. The portrayal of Tartuffe and the incidents that occurred between him and his family were hilarious. He had the kind of personality that would “sell the NRA to the liberals.”

Sitting on the front row was a little too close for comfort to the 300-pound evangelical gigolo, and this was where the protective glass comes in. When Tartuffe walks right up to you, sweaty double chin and all, points his finger and asks for \$100, it's enough to inspire nervousness.

Beyond the comedy, there is satire. “Tartuffe” does have a deeper meaning than what is on the surface. The author and adapter brilliantly bring the hypocrisy that some religious groups present to light.

The show runs through Oct. 6 at the Raleigh Little Theater.

TECHNICIAN'S VIEW

Wake Forest wary of Wal-Mart

Wake Forest's mayor unfairly opposes a Wal-Mart coming to town, though she has openly accepted both a Home Depot and Super Target.

Large corporations can often have a negative impact on smaller, locally owned businesses, but Wake Forest Mayor Vivian Jones is simply focusing on stamping out Wal-Mart stores from the area while allowing Home Depot and a Super Target to build. Jones opposes the chain because she believes Wal-Mart has a different business philosophy than the other two chains.

This reasoning appears to be little more than Jones picking and choosing which businesses should be allowed by her own personal moral standards. It would be understandable if Jones was against all big-box retailers, but by discriminating against Wal-Mart without specific examples, her comments have no reasonable explanation and should therefore not stand in the way of the town's development.

Jones has stated, "Wal-Mart just puts the little guy out of business, and I just don't want that for Wake Forest," but her claims are never focused on a specific action of Wal-Mart that cannot be attributed to other chains. She believes that Wal-Marts "... come into a town. They build a big store then sell things at cost or below until they run all of the local people out of business, then they raise their prices."

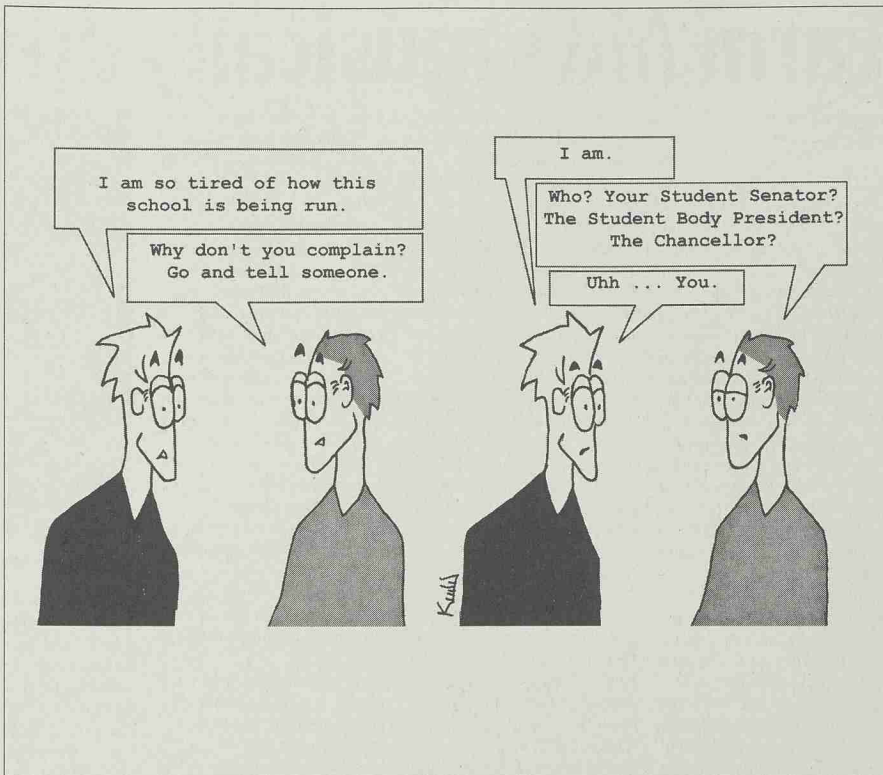
But this statement cannot be proven in all areas, and Jones is only interested in the actions of Wal-Mart and not the other large stores she favors in the area. If she believes that Wal-Mart will put small companies out of business, why would a trendy Super Target be any dif-

ferent? Jones said, "If we lose our downtown, our historic charm, we'll just be the northern end of Raleigh." This statement also is not specific to a Wal-Mart store, unless she believes that the orange glow of Home Depot signs and the large red Target bull's-eye contributes something extra to Wake Forest's downtown charm.

The mayor of Clayton, Douglas McCormac, feels differently, saying that most local stores in downtown areas have already found their niche, and big companies will not be detrimental to their business. Clayton will be opening a Wal-Mart Supercenter in the spring, and McCormac said, "I don't think the downtown businesses feel they will be too bothered by people going to Wal-Mart."

Unless it can be proven that Wal-Mart is not welcomed by area residents and as long as there are no local rules prohibiting its presence, the company should have the right to open a store. Yet, any store would be foolish to open in an area where they know they will not do a large amount of business, so the current development in Wake Forest must make the area show a hope of profit.

Shoppers in the area have already openly expressed an interest in opening a Wal-Mart, according to local news services, so should the chain purposely limit their own chance of development? Jones may be opposed to the idea for her own personal reasons, but unless Wake Forest adopts a policy that applies to all big-box retailers — not just singling out some companies — she has no reason to complain about Wal-Mart joining in the area that their competitors have already landed.



Unlucky numbers



Matt Campell
Staff Columnist

Not being from here, I can say it's one of those things that I've always taken for granted. It was there every day, in all sorts of ways. Two days out of the week, it gets more attention. It wants to help us all, and it wants us to have fun. You can even take it home to share

with family, friends or just keep to yourself. You see it at bars and convenience stores, on the TV, radio and in the newspaper. It may let you down once, twice, maybe even thrice, but in the long run, it is always there for you.

Sounds like quite the thing I'm talking about, huh? Well, it certainly is, and it's something that the fine residents of North Carolina don't get to have — at least for another year. That's right folks, it's the lottery, and last week, the State House rejected a proposed education lottery referendum. This is a big issue lately and most of you know the arguments. Advocates of the lottery use states like Georgia and Virginia as examples of a lottery system helping education. Opponents of the lottery state that a lottery is a tax on the poor and an unwanted form of gambling.

I grew up figuring every state had a lottery. The New York State Lottery is huge back home with a variety of games, scratch-off tickets and other ways to likely lose your money. The lottery is also huge back in New York because of its

support of education, especially through scholarships. I couldn't be more of a lottery supporter because of the amount of good it brings to a state and the absence of anything truly bad. The issues can be argued back and forth, but little progress can be made unless you look deeper into how the lottery would shape the world in which North Carolinians live. The supporters say, "Help education," and the opponents say, "Stop gambling," but there is so much more to it.

To say the lottery is a tax on the poor is foolish because if the lottery is a tax on anyone, it's a tax on the stupid or maybe even a tax on people who want to have fun. In fact, the last people to blow all their money on a lost cause are the ones with little money to blow in the first place. The lottery is just another way to have good old-fashioned fun. Back home, there is a game called Quick Draw that is played live at bars and bowling alleys every 10 minutes. What's a buck to someone spending more of their money on beer and games of bowling? Why isn't the legislature banning bowling because they charge an arm and a leg for 10 frames of throwing a ball down a lane to hit stuff? It's because bowling is good old-fashioned fun and so is the lottery.

The lottery still affects so much more. It provides jobs that would not be available otherwise. In New York, a short, bald man in a suit was given a job to go on commercials and say, "The New York State Lotto jackpot is now (insert large number here) million dollars. Thank you." Whether on top of the Empire State Building or in a subway, that's all the man said. Where would he be without the lottery?

Every lottery needs lovely women to stand and smile while the winning numbers pop up. North Carolina has a perfect fit for the role — Rebekah Revels. You may know her from the Miss North Carolina crown controversy. I'm sure she's looking for a secure job, and as long as she keeps her clothes on, she would be perfect.

North Carolinians are also missing out on being able to give the greatest of all birthday presents: scratch-off lotto tickets. Nothing says, "You aren't important enough for a real present, and honestly, I hope you don't win a thing," more than a scratch-off lotto ticket. You know scratch-off lotto tickets would not be a form of gambling if they made them like scratch-and-sniff cards. So what if you don't win the jackpot — maybe you paid the dollar to get the new watermelon series.

If you didn't know already, you now know what you people are missing without a state lottery. The problem is that people aren't looking at how a lottery affects the finer points of society. So make a stink, North Carolina, and if you plan to get anywhere with it, you better make it more potent than a fruity and delicious watermelon.

Matt eats healthy and exercises in order to optimize his earnings if he wins the "Win For Life" scratch-off game back home. E-mail him at folksdamanishere@aol.com to remind him how many times he will be struck by lightning before winning.

CAMPUS FORUM

Thanks to those who helped

I am Li Yu, a Chinese girl majoring in computer engineering at N.C. State, and I had a terrible traffic accident on Aug. 1 at Mission Valley. I wish this letter could bring a little bit courage, caution and unlimited bless to you.

I was told that I was hurt badly when hit by a car as I was walking across the road. I was sent to WakeMed for one month, but I can't remember anything about the accident.

I could remember the appearance of three therapists and two nurses, some simple exercises and that I was asked easy questions when I did physical, occupational and speech therapy.

Several people in Chinese Christian Church often brought me Chinese food and prayed. I could remember Lucy (my sister) had come to see me two times, and I always longed to leave the hospital with Lucy.

Yet, I had no ability of thinking, judging or understanding. I didn't know

where I was and why I was there. I couldn't remember anything about the accident, and I answer, "I was hurt by a car," when people asked me what happened. I didn't know why I had to do simple exercises every day, sit in a wheel chair, walk with the help of therapists and sleep in a closed bed. I could only use my right leg and hand, and nurses changed a diaper for me every day.

I did a lot of baffling things during this period and often felt extremely depressed or extremely excited. I was just like an animal without the ability of thinking, judging and understanding.

Now I am in Los Angeles, Calif., and still in the recuperation phase.

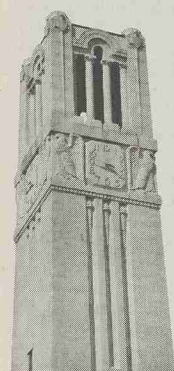
Whenever I look at those letters from the people who helped me, I can't help crying.

Lucy in California had to be busy with my mother, work and looking after her baby at the same time. Meng, Wang and Michael were my strongest helpers in

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Too bad for Toogood



Candice Chilton
Staff Columnist

I saw an interview of the mother that I became fearful of the society of which I am a part

This mother, Madelyne Gorman Toogood, became upset at her daughter, Martha, when she somehow imagined that her daughter had been wandering away from her, and she was worried that the child would talk to strangers. Finding herself overcome with anger, she slapped and punched her daughter repeatedly. Fortunately, the whole incident was caught on surveillance tape. Has life gotten sad or what?

As I used to say when I was a little skinny runt, "Pick on someone your own

size!" Maybe it is politically incorrect, but this lady is a psychopath. I'm not sure but had I ever beaten my child in broad daylight, I would lock myself in jail, never to be seen again by the general public. But no, Toogood needed some attention. So, she threw herself a press conference pity party. Hold on a minute while I guff up.

"I was upset, nothing in particular, my mistake," she cried on camera. I wonder to myself if anyone had ever doubted this. She went on to say, "I'm not a monster," although she acknowledged that the tape made her appear to be one. Well, she had me fooled. By this time, I was in tears. Poor woman — she beat her child, and now she is getting in trouble for it. What is the world coming to these days? Can't a woman beat her child anymore and get away with it?

I wonder whom exactly the woman was trying to convince. I don't really know any people who would feel sorry for her, except for other child-abusers who are also sad that they got caught beating their kids and couldn't find some kind of loophole to get out of it. Toogood tried to make the argument that her child didn't need to be punished anymore by being taken away from her. Is it just me or

would the child be happier by not getting beat up anymore? I am sure that she is sitting around thinking, "I really wish that I could sit around and get beat up by my mom again. Please let me go back home."

During the last part of the press conference, the mother gave a piece of advice that made all the people who beat their children really want to change. She said that parents should take a couple of deep breaths before resorting to violence with a child. I was wondering, is it really that hard not to beat your child? It seems to me that I really shouldn't need to take any deep breaths. Can't I just choose not to beat my child? Whatever happened to that?

Well anyway, I am done sounding off. Just remember to heed the advice of poor Madelyne Gorman Toogood. Be sure you beat your child in a private place, instead of within view of a surveillance camera — you'll get caught. My true advice is not to beat your kids at all. Pick on somebody your own size.

Candice is now picking on her boyfriend, who is rolling his eyes and ignoring her. If you want her to pick on you, e-mail her at cmchilton@unity.ncsu.edu.

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Improv — theatrical combat

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Education. I say education is the answer. So many

people walk through their lives ignorant of the catastrophes that await them and the ways that their personal behaviors affect the outcome of anything and everything that they attempt. Hardly anyone stops to think about what they do anymore. Most people just assume that someone else will clean up the mess that they make. There is, however, an exception to every rule. That exception is the N.C. State Improvational Peer Educational Theater Troupe. Quite a wordy title, I know

The improv troupe has been educating people for years on this campus. Mostly dealing with rape, sexual assault, relationship violence and alcohol abuse, the troupe tackles thoughts and ideas, not actions and behavior. To truly make sexual violence end, there has to be a shift in attitude among students. To make any behavior stop, you must first make a person want to change his or her behavior.

This is where education comes in.

Through my five semesters with the improv program, I have noticed that a vast majority of the student population is ignorant of the definition and legality of rape and sexual assault. Even worse is the fact that most people do not understand the implications of mixing sex and alcohol. You would think that these things would be common knowledge, but they are not. Rape situations are void of consent — a crime of power, not sex. Alcohol puts people in a mental state that is altered. Legally, people under the influence of alcohol cannot give consent in this state. Therefore, anytime a woman is drunk and has sex, she has then been raped. Don't argue with me about the law because I know you want to. In fact, you'll want to argue even more after you find out that men cannot be raped in the state of North Carolina. Legally, that is how it is.

People need to know these things. Actually, people need to know a whole lot more than that. There is a wealth of information that the improv troupe utilizes to educate people.

This semester, I am teaching this class for the second time. I have 19 students who are devoted to making our campus safer, healthier and better educated on social issues. We are here because campus needs us, and we are meeting those needs one program at a time.

If you are interested in joining this class, please e-mail Marianne Turnbull at marianne_turnbull@ncsu.edu or look us up in TRACS for this upcoming semester. We are COM 298Z, and we are striving to offer you a better world.

Issues — every campus has them. Bringing together almost 30,000 students, mostly between the ages of 17 and 25, is a breeding ground for social issues. It has always been and will always be.

In a world that seems so perfect to the naked eye, a world that runs so smoothly, there are underlying dilemmas that

Government requires participation



Ben
Kraudel

Staff Columnist

It seems that this is a year for student causes. Earlier this month, the student-led read-in and march that followed claimed results. The library will now remain open until 2 a.m. before returning to its former 24-hour schedule next month.

I often find myself reading about these causes on campus in a half-hearted manner, scanning the news without any real hope of helping or any real plan for embracing a given student movement. I went to the read-in on campus and stood amongst the large number of participants. I wrote down how I felt and what I saw, hoping to — in some small way — contribute to what I had decided was a worthwhile

cause, even if it was not one that was understood by the majority of those protesting.

Once again, I find myself looking at the problems of the university and wondering what I can do to help out. Of the many parts of campus life in which I am active, only this medium, my writing in this paper, seems useful in aiding change.

In the student legislature, there are several bills that are being debated and discussed, modified and passed. Among them — one of my personal interests — is GB 16. This bill is trying to modify the Student Government constitution. In short, GB 16 aims to allow students who have been free from disciplinary or academic integrity probation for more than one year to run for Student Government office. It is important that the ruling body closely resembles those whom it is supposed to represent, and to exclude members of the student body solely for some impromptu stunt from his or her freshman year limits the resources we can pull

from to supply our representation.

GB 16 does not allow any candidate who has ever been subject to academic probation, so there is no doubt as to whether these candidates are able to continually work at above-average levels. It simply broadens the scope of who is allowed to run for office while still keeping any student who is currently suspended or has been within the last year from entering public service. The students must also still maintain this level of good standing throughout their entire term. Lastly, the students must make known to the student body their past transgressions.

This bill is still up for debate and modification in the senate. It will be voted on during the Oct. 2 senate meeting. I personally think that it is a wonderful idea to provide as wide a range of candidates as possible to Student Government, especially given how much apathy surrounds the ruling body of our school. If people really want to be active, some-

thing they did years ago should not keep them from doing so. My only regret is the last part of the bill, as it requires students who have previously been on probation to make some sort of announcement as if they were a child molester just moved into a new neighborhood.

While this information certainly shouldn't be kept from the voting public, it isn't necessary to force candidates to disclose their own past. On a national level, no one forces election candidates to reveal their former problems. If an opponent chooses to attack because of the past, that is their prerogative, but to force candidates to make a speech detailing past mistakes is inane.

I recommend everyone take part in the government on all levels. I understand how hard it is to be politically active with as busy a life as a student must maintain, but I still think it is necessary to understand what decisions are being made around you and how they affect you.

Everyone can take a few moments to go online, visit <http://students.ncsu.edu/senate>, find out who represents them and write that person a quick e-mail telling them what it is they want from government.

If you choose to write that person about GB 16, I applaud you. If you decide to go to the meeting of the senate and see it voted on, if for no other reason than to see how a senate meeting is run, I think you are going the extra mile to show your concern and determination to see things done right. If you decide to put in an application to run for Student Senate next term, then maybe everything will be all right. Hopefully, if things go right, you'll be able to run ... even if you've made a few mistakes in the past.

Ben feels strongly about Student Government. Anything you want to know about, ask him at bpkraude@unity.ncsu.edu.

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Raleigh. They helped me so much just like helping their family members. So many friends came to see me and sent greeting cards. Chinese Baptist Church members cooked Chinese food every day and prayed for me. Professor H. J. Trussell (the new director of the ECE department) kept a teacher's assistant position for me. All members of OISSS (Michael, Hanya and Elizabeth) worried about and helped me a lot. Pam Gerace (of Campus Legal Services) has provided a lot of useful suggestions on this case. Dr. David McAllister (a profes-

sor in CSC) recommended a lawyer to me.

Now I am much better and will come back to Raleigh in December if everything is OK. I want to thank all the people who helped me. It is my goal to recuperate as soon as possible, to study and work harder and provide help when anyone needs me. Please cherish this beautiful life and cherish love between people. Treat others the way you would like to be treated. Thank you, God. Thank you, NCSU. Thank you all!

Li Yu

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edge was as readily apparent as his obvious interest in the situation of the farm. He confessed that he knew little of Farm Aid's goal before he was asked to host the concert only a few weeks before. Before the evening sun set on the crowd of 22,000, he seemed to appreciate the cause, saying, "I'm learning a lot right now, and ... it sure feels like it's sitting pretty well in these hills. It all seems to add up to me."

That education is the intent of a true benefit concert. Bring people for the music but give them the chance to leave with a real concern, a real battle cry.

The propaganda and slogan approach of Farm Aid is indeed

troubling, but their approach has to be decidedly obvious, slightly exaggerated. It is essentially at odds with a behemoth both cheap and accessible for consumers, and Farm Aid's sole chance at victory exists in their own inspired grassroots movement of the masses. The political system seems to have betrayed their cause and that of the family farmer, leaving only a group of determined musicians and activists to bring about a public realization.

Or, as Nelson said earlier in the day while quoting an old friend, "You start at the bottom, go straight to the top and skip all of that in-between —."

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Texas Tech.

"We won this game together. If it were not for teamwork, we would have not won on Saturday. If it were not for teamwork, we would not have been up 38-10," Amato said. "We have a lot of unselfish people on this team."

You would be surprised if someone on team said, 'I wish I could do this and that.' They've trained and worked together, and together, they've been through adversity."

The running backs, especially McLendon, got praise, too.

Amato officially named the freshman from Albermarle this week's starter.

"Our running back rotation is nice. When T.A. gets tired, Greg [Golden] will come in, and when Greg gets tired, Josh Brown will come in," Price said.

Berton, who played a few snaps at fullback against Texas Tech, focused on the protection of quarterback Philip Rivers.

"The more we run the ball, the more Philip has time to go back and pass the ball," Berton said.

The Texas Tech game marked the first time the Wolfpack had faced adversity, as the team was down early and late.

"Adversity is going to strike sooner and later, though I wish I didn't strike that hard, that fast," Berton said. "We need to learn how to finish games."

Looking forward to the UMass game, Amato knows his team cannot look ahead to the game against 'those people' in Chapel Hill, as Berton referred to rival North Carolina.

"Massachusetts will throw four, five wide receivers at us, and they did win a national championship in Division I-AA, so they will play football against us," Amato says. "They play it pretty good, they have a good coach and quarterback who last year led the Pac-10 conference in passing efficiency at Arizona State, so they have a good team."

VOLLEYBALL

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kills, and setter Lindi Sheppard recorded 14 assists.

Kent State recorded a .302 attack percentage as a team while limiting the Pack to a mere .119 percentage.

If anything, Saturday was worse for the Wolfpack, which now stands at 2-15 on the season.

Montana State defeated the Pack 3-0 (31-29, 30-28, 30-22) in the first match, while New Hampshire won the second bout by the scores of 30-22, 30-20 and 30-20.

Against New Hampshire, State took a five-point lead in game one only to have the Wildcats answer with a rally of their own. The two teams battled back and forth until the New Hampshire held off two potential game points by the Wolfpack. The Wildcats then notched a point and the lead with an ace by Jen Williams and then the win off a kill by Lauren Knight.

With the scored tied at 28 in the second game, New Hampshire managed to break the ice with a kill by Karen Harrington. A hitting error by the Pack off the next serve put State in a 0-2 deficit. In the last game, the two teams continued to stay at each other's heels, but the Wildcats would eventually prevail. State was led by Ensminger and Anderson. Ensminger finished with 12 kills and a match-high 11 digs, while Anderson recorded 10 kills of her own.

In its final match of the tournament, the Wolfpack struggled offensively, finishing with a team attack percentage of .125, while Montana State notched a .400 percentage. Anderson led State with five kills while adding three digs. Aimee Halyk help to lead the Bobcats to their ninth victory of the year, recording seven kills off of a .700 percentage.

The Wolfpack will return to action on Friday with a 7 p.m. match on the road against North Carolina.

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Leslie Jimison, who finished with a time of 20:04, followed her.

The next State runner to finish was freshman Michelle Popple, who finished 8th for the team with a time of 20:24 after giving up a few places over the last few meters of the course.

"I think for Abbie and Leslie, those were particularly good races," said assistant coach Laurie Henes. "Michelle was actually fine; she just almost blacked out the last ten meters. She would have run [a better time]. It took her 20 seconds to run the last 10 meters."

Rounding out the Wolfpack women were junior Becky Hoover and freshman Karen Medlin. They finished in 11th and 21st place, respectively, giving the Pack a total score of 46. That finish was good enough for second place and was 30 points better than third-place Campbell.

"It was fast up front," said Hoover. "It definitely showed who put in the work. Abbie, Leslie and Michelle really worked hard over the summer."

Meanwhile, the Wolfpack men were recovering from a virus that had spread amongst the team and did not field a full set of runners for the competition. Only two runners suited up for the Pack, sophomore John Henderson and freshman John Huber.

Both performed well. "I thought it was a solid race," said Huber. "It was a really hard course. I think it's a step in the right direction for me."

Huber finished first overall in the team, scoring with a time of 24:43 on the 8,000-meter course. Henderson finished only nine seconds behind to place second.

"I thought John Huber and John Henderson had their best race to date," coach Rollie Geiger said. "That was good — that gives us more depth in our program with them having solid races." Several State runners ran un-

attached in the race. Freshman Bryce Ruiz was one who performed the best, finishing in second overall with a time of 24:35. Ruiz's finish did not count toward the team scoring.

"I thought they all had very solid first races for collegiates," said Geiger. "They're going to be a big part of our program in the future."

The cross-country teams will face some of their toughest competition thus far when they travel to Charlotte for the Great American Championships this weekend.

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The two teams went into half-time tied at 1-1.

Westfield would notch his second score of the day in the 62nd minute to break the tie, and just 10 minutes later, Andre Borges would put Clemson up by two goals with under 20 minutes remaining.

Wolfpack freshman Bryant Salter would score his second goal of the season at the 79:24 mark to pull the Wolfpack within a goal, but State could not net the equalizer.

Clemson outshot the Pack on the day 34-5, and it was Wolfpack goalie Mitchell Watson coming up big with 18 saves on the day.

Watson's 18 saves was one shy of the school record set by Jim Mills in 1977.

State will next travel to conference foe Virginia on Saturday for a 7 p.m. game.

Associated Press Top 25 College Football Poll

The Associated Press Top 25 college football poll, with number of first-place votes and record in parentheses, total points and previous ranking:

TEAM	PTS	PVS
1. MIAMI FLA (69 (4-0))	1,845	1
2. OKLAHOMA (3) (3-0)	1,717	2
3. TEXAS (2) (3-0)	1,699	3
4. FLORIDA ST (4-0)	1,661	5
5. VIRGINIA TECH (4-0)	1,501	7
6. OHIO ST (4-0)	1,436	6
7. FLORIDA (3-1)	1,369	10
8. GEORGIA (3-0)	1,312	8
9. OREGON (4-0)	1,213	9
10. NOTRE DAME (4-0)	1,170	12
11. TENNESSEE (2-1)	1,070	4
12. PENN ST (3-0)	998	15
13. WASHINGTON (2-1)	887	13
14. MICHIGAN (3-1)	805	14
15. KANSAS ST (4-0)	732	25
16. WASHINGTON ST (3-1)	668	16
17. NO CAROLINA ST (5-0)	657	17
18. USC (2-1)	528	11
19. IOWA ST (4-1)	485	21
20. NEBRASKA (3-1)	477	18
21. WISCONSIN (5-0)	470	22
22. LSU (2-1)	255	24
23. OREGON ST (4-0)	228	NR
24. TEXAS A&M (2-1)	207	19
25. COLORADO ST (3-1)	189	NR

Dropped Out: No. 20 UCLA, No. 23 CALIFORNIA

Others Receiving Votes: ALABAMA 133, AUBURN 67, CLEMSON 50, AIR FORCE 43, KENTUCKY 43, MARSHALL 39, ARKANSAS 30, UCLA 18, CALIFORNIA 15, COLORADO 15, BOWLING GREEN 7, BOSTON COLLEGE 5, GEORGIA TECH 2, MICHIGAN ST 2, MINNESOTA 1, MISSISSIPPI 1.

USA Today/ESPN Top 25 Coaches' Poll

The USA TODAY/ESPN Coaches Top 25 poll, with number of first-place votes and record in parentheses, total points and previous ranking:

TEAM	PTS	PVS
1. MIAMI FLA (59 (4-0))	1,523	1
2. TEXAS (2) (3-0)	1,436	2
3. OKLAHOMA (3-0)	1,406	3
4. FLORIDA ST (4-0)	1,343	5
5. VIRGINIA TECH (4-0)	1,249	7
6. OHIO ST (4-0)	1,204	6
7. GEORGIA (3-0)	1,116	8
8. OREGON (4-0)	1,065	9
9. FLORIDA (3-1)	1,047	10
10. NOTRE DAME (4-0)	958	12
11. TENNESSEE (2-1)	866	4
12. PENN ST (3-0)	772	15
13. WASHINGTON (2-1)	771	13
14. MICHIGAN (3-1)	703	14
15. NO CAROLINA ST (5-0)	647	16
16. WISCONSIN (5-0)	559	17
17. KANSAS ST (4-0)	513	23
18. WASHINGTON ST (3-1)	481	18
19. NEBRASKA (3-1)	430	19
20. LSU (2-1)	360	20
21. IOWA ST (4-1)	308	24
22. USC (2-1)	306	11
23. COLORADO ST (3-1)	187	25
24. OREGON ST (4-0)	177	NR
25. AUBURN (3-1)	79	NR

Dropped Out: No. 21 TEXAS A&M, No. 22 UCLA

Others Receiving Votes: TEXAS A&M 69, CLEMSON 39, AIR FORCE 34, MARSHALL 33, COLORADO 27, ARKANSAS 26, UCLA 25, GEORGIA TECH 16, BOWLING GREEN 12, SOUTH CAROLINA 10, SOUTHERN MISS 8, MINNESOTA 6, HAWAII 5, BOSTON COLLEGE 4, BYU 2, IOWA 2, BOISE ST 1.



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too good to party with the guys? Or does he take too many puffs in the circle?

Instead of reading about seven Major Leaguers smoking pot, I want to hear about the seven that don't actually light up. Hmm ... let's see here ... there's that one

guy who doesn't. And then there's him over there. Yeah, and maybe what's-his-face, too. I think he could be clean.

I wonder what else pro athletes engage in. I bet some of them cheat on their wives. (Gasp!). Some might do steroids. (Sssshh!) Others might breathe oxygen. (Nooo!)

I'm just glad that baseball has absolutely no way of testing for

illegal substances like marijuana. The lack of regulation and total disregard for integrity can mean only this: My dream is alive.

This calls for celebration. Got any Visine?

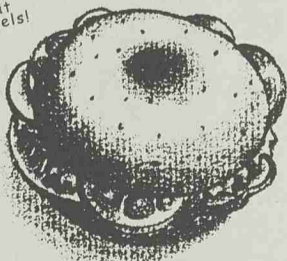
Andrew thinks not much is funnier than the picture of Grant Roberts firing up his bong. He can be reached at 515-2411, or andrew_b_carter@hotmail.com.

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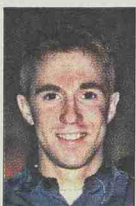
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BASEBALL

Be Kind



Andrew B. Carter

When I grow up, I want to be a baseball player — and a pothead.

I can be both, right? I mean, why not? It seems everyone playing in the Majors these days is one of three characters: a steroid-enraged monster, a pothead

or something else (in rare occasions, even, a good citizen).

A report surfaced Friday in the New York Post accusing seven — seven — New York Mets of smoking marijuana this season.

My question: why only seven?

I'm very disappointed in the Mets for having only seven high guys. When I read that, I almost spilled my bong water all over myself, if that's even possible. Only seven? Heck, you know the Yankees are over in the Bronx with at least half of their team stoned. Why? Because they have goals. The Yanks are a real team. No wonder the Mets are in last place. Only a quarter of the team is on drugs.

Champions are built these days not on heart, not on values, not even on money. They're built on the shoulders of dope addicts. Look at the '86 Mets, for instance. Or any NBA championship team ever. Marijuana probably enhances athletic ability. Keep in mind, I have no factual evidence whatsoever to support that claim, but judging by all the athletes that double as cover boys for the High Times, I think I'm right.

Why else would an athlete engage in it, if it didn't help? For instance, I read somewhere that tennis star Jennifer Capriati took several years off her career just to stay home with her high school friends and smoke up. Now look at her! She's one of the best players in the world.

Come on, who among us hasn't smoked a little dope?

Who hasn't sat on the roof, bong in reach and played the bongos naked with some close friends? (Yes, I know that was Matthew McConaughey).

Who hasn't tried to sell and distribute over 300 pounds of marijuana at one point or another? You're telling me that Nate Newton is the only one?

Who hasn't buried his kind outside a hotel in another city, drawn a map of its location and retrieved the goods on a later road trip? What, you mean the Mets are the *only* team to do this?

Grant Roberts and I can't possibly be the only two men in America to hide our chronic in peanut-butter jars. Can we?

I sure hope not. I mean, can you imagine the message that would send to the millions of kids growing up these days who want to be baseball-playing potheads?

It'd be devastating. Little Sammy and Barry would grow up not knowing if toking would be acceptable at the Major League level. The sales of Clear Eyes would plummet. Guys like Kaz Ishii would finally look sober.

Why, without drugs, what else besides hookers would get ballplayers in trouble?

The better question: Why is there such a fuss over seven guys, all of whom enjoy the reefer, smoking some dank? What's the buzz all about?

Mets manager Bobby Valentine, who admits to being alive in the '60s — therefore admitting drug use — told New York Newsday, "I guarantee you no one was in uniform and smoking marijuana, unless they were running around with a whole lot of Visine in their eyes. I think I could tell by looking in a guy's eyes if he was smoking dope."

Valentine did add, however, "I don't party with the guys," a statement that can mean many things. Like, is Bobby V.

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Amato's team looks for killer instinct

N.C. State coach Chuck Amato, along with players Shawn Price and Sean Berton, discussed the Texas Tech game, teamwork and "Austin Powers."

Memie Ezike
Staff Writer

When head coach Chuck Amato and his football players come together for a press conference, it always provides a good time.

A variety of subjects were discussed at Monday's weekly conference, from the fourth-quarter defensive meltdown against Texas Tech to the MVP running of T.A. McLendon against the Red Raiders to a preview of N.C. State's next opponent, the Minutemen of the University of Massachusetts.

But the most intriguing topic came from senior tight end Sean Berton about ... Austin Powers? "We are kind of like Dr. Evil," said Berton. "[We] put the good guys in the short room, and after we leave them, thinking that they will die, they just come back alive again."

Berton, likening State's trouble finishing at Texas Tech to Mike Myers' famous movie character, said the Wolfpack need to develop a killer instinct.

"We need to kill them," he said. "We need to quit being Dr. Evil."

Defensive end Shawn Price, who



Philip Rivers looks for an open receiver in Saturday's overtime win at Texas Tech. Staff photo by Matthew Huffman

has two touchdowns in two weeks, was also puzzled at the defensive breakdown.

"We have a tendency to let up just

a little bit when we have a big lead," Price said. "I was like 'man, what is going on?' Was it the turf, the heat, the scoreboard? I was especially hesitant on the turf. I didn't know what to expect."

When the coach was asked a question about the defense lapse again, Amato gave a 180-degree turn on the subject and proceeded to look at the game backwards.

"[Texas Tech] blew a 21-point lead. If the game had been played backwards, then they would have been up 28-7 in the first quarter," Amato said, referring the Red Raiders' 21-point advantage in the final quarter. "That is why the game is played for 60 minutes."

"If they had 22 plays for over 10 yards, how much did they gain on the other 69 yards they ran?" Amato added. "I am always going to look for something positive. We won the game. Period."

Amato and his players strongly stressed the importance of teamwork in preserving the win over

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Pack cross country exhibits depth

State's young runners performed well at the Adidas Wolfpack Classic.

Jeff Maxwell
Staff Writer

Several N.C. State runners who usually have to take the back seat got the opportunity to shine in Saturday's Adidas Wolfpack Classic in Raleigh.

The Women's second team ran well overall, taking second place in the 5000-meter race behind Tennessee. The men's team, which did not line up a full team for the 8,000-meter race, succeeded in finishing in the top five.

The race took place on a notoriously difficult course on what turned out to be a hotter-than-normal day for September.

"It's a hot day, and it was a tough course, but we did well," freshman Leslie Jiminson said. "It's good to get out here early in the season."

In general, this race served as a good opportunity for some of the younger and less celebrated runners on the women's team to show how much their hard work has paid off.

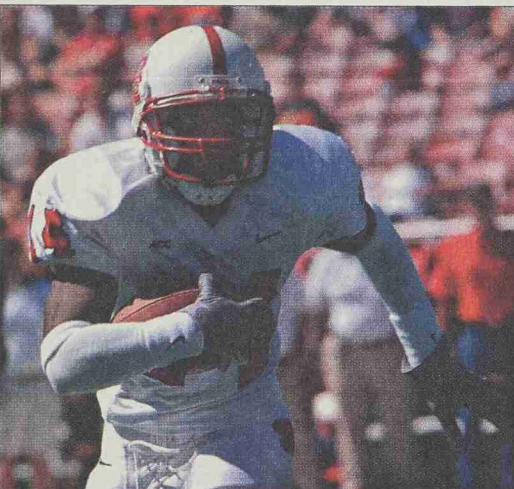
One word described the pace of the race: quick.

Tennessee's top runner, Sharon Dickie, earned All-American status in 2000 with a 29th place finish at the NCAA National Championships, and in Saturday's action, Dickie took first place in the team scoring and second place overall with a time of 19:07 on a slightly long 5,000-meter course.

Second place belonged to Tennessee freshman Felicia Guliford, who was a three-time Foot Locker finalist in high school and who has finished in the top six nationally each year.

Only 10 seconds behind Guliford was Wolfpack freshman Abigail Nelkie, who ran a time of 19:45.

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Dovonte Edwards keeps his eye on an opening in the Texas Tech defense. Edwards caught three passes for 28 yards. Staff photo by Matthew Huffman

State drops another heartbreaker

The N.C. State men's soccer team lost by one goal to a top ACC team once again.

Sports Staff Report

The N.C. State men's soccer team just can't catch a break.

On Sunday afternoon, the Wolfpack dropped yet another agonizing decision, this one a 3-2 loss at No. 2 Clemson. It marked the 15th-straight regular season conference defeat for the Pack, which last won an ACC game in 1999 in a 2-1 defeat of Virginia.

Last weekend, the team came close at Method Road Soccer Stadium, only to slip in the final minutes of a 3-1 loss to No. 10 Maryland.

Against Clemson, State (2-5, 0-2 ACC), though trailing the entire match, fought back throughout the contest and pulled within one goal with just over 10 minutes



Clemson tripped up the Wolfpack Sunday. Staff photo by Andrew Knopp

remaining. But Clemson (4-1-1, 1-1 ACC) held on.

The Tigers started the scoring off when Dimelon Westfield recorded a goal in the 11th minute off assists from Eric Lewis and Steven Rhyne.

State would answer that score just under 10 minutes later when senior Michael Karim netted his second score of the season off assists from freshmen Federico Peria and Aaron King. Peria's assist was his team-leading fourth of the season, and King recorded his team-high 11th point of the year.

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New Hampshire, same results

The N.C. State volleyball team was swept in this weekend's action at the Wildcat Invitational.

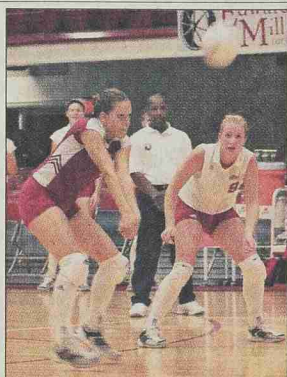
Sports Staff Report

After a dominating win over in-state rival East Carolina last Tuesday, N.C. State's volleyball team traveled north in hopes of tuning itself before ACC play begins on Friday at North Carolina.

But what the Wolfpack found in New Hampshire was familiar: disappointment.

The Pack dropped all three of its matches in the Wildcat Invitational, losing to Kent State on Friday and falling to Montana State and New Hampshire on Saturday. To make matters worse, State didn't win a single game in any of its matches. On the weekend, the Pack was outscored by total of 271-206.

In Friday's action, Kent State's Danielle



State let the ball drop three times over the weekend. Staff photo by Andrew Knopp

Holt recorded 16 kills, and Jennifer Dreyer added 11 more to lead the Golden Flashes past State in three games (30-20, 30-18, 30-27).

Freshman Adeola Kosoko led the Wolfpack offensively with eight kills while also tallying eight digs. Middle blocker Sarah Ensinger and outside hitter Rebecca Anderson each finished with six

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