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Workshop
prepares
faculty for
year ahead

The "New Faculty Workshop" is a five-day experience that addresses how new members can effectively fulfill their responsibilities.

Angelena Thomas
Staff Reporter

Two weeks before school starts again, when students are trying their best to enjoy the last few days of freedom, the College of Engineering (COE) & College of Physical & Mathematical Sciences (PAMS) officials are on campus hosting a New Faculty Workshop.

A few years ago, COE officials knew they wanted to do more than continue the one-day workshop to welcome new faculty members into the NCSU system. The COE, as a result, began to offer a five-day workshop experience known as "New Faculty Workshop." The workshop addresses how new faculty can effectively fulfill their responsibilities as teachers, researchers, and citizens of their department, college, and university.

Nino Masnari, dean of the College of Engineering, said, "It is very important to help the new faculty members make a smooth transition." In fact, Masnari, said, "new faculty success at the university depends upon such things."

The solution was clear. But, who would help COE manifest this vision? The answers were Richard Felder and Rebecca Brent, a husband & wife team.

In November 1999, Felder and Brent gave a workshop to COE officials to share all of the things that "department heads and senior faculty members can do to help new faculty members get off to a good start."

According to Felder, Brent and Mas-

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Student Government
wants students to
'Tackle the Vote'

With prime seats to the football game against Florida State at stake, Student Government asks students to increase voter turnout.

News Staff Report

Student Government is calling all football fans and concerned students to help make students heard — through the ballot box.

"Tackle the Vote" is a new contest that pushes students to get their fellow students to register and to pledge to vote. The winner will be rewarded with tickets, in the Chancellor's Field House, to the football game against Florida State.

The contest begins on Sept. 26 and ends on Oct. 9 at 5 p.m. To participate, students should go by the Student Government office in 307 Witherspoon Student Center to pick up voter registration cards and pledge-to-vote cards.

Then, before the deadline, register as many students to vote as possible. If students have registered, they can sign a pledge to vote card.

All completed forms and cards must be

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FLOC looks to students
for change

FLOC has endorsed a boycott of Mt. Olive Pickles since 1999, and now they are asking students to join their efforts.

Ayren Jackson
News Editor

Curious students, intrigued by the green and yellow sign and unsure of what to make of its message, "Boycott Mt. Olive Pickles," stopped by the leaflet-filled table to see if they could get some answers.

"Why do we need to boycott Mt. Olive Pickles?" asked many of the students as they approached the table.

"Imagine working 12 hours a day outside, in the heat, stooped over, only getting paid \$0.65 for each 33-pound bucket of pickles you pick. And imagine living in filthy, overcrowded housing," said Summa Thompson, N.C. State sociology alum and Farm Labor Organizing Committee (FLOC) representative.

"[The Mt. Olive Pickle Co.] is exploiting its workers."

Through the informational booth Wednesday afternoon and other activities scheduled on campus, Thompson, Lori Fernald Khamala, a representative from the National Farm Worker Ministry; and representatives from Campus Greens, an on-campus organization, hope to educate students about the efforts of FLOC and other organizations and unions nationwide.

"We are just letting the farm workers' voices be heard," said Thompson.

According to Khamala, FLOC, a union that represents migrant farm workers across the country, has struggled to organize the farm workers and help them get the power that is needed to make structural changes in the farming industry.

"FLOC is trying to work on farm workers' rights," said Khamala. "Thirty years ago, when FLOC first started organizing farm workers, those who they were employed by

said they didn't have the funds to change the conditions for the farm workers."

As a result of this, Khamala said FLOC started to target food-processing organizations like the Mt. Olive Pickle Co. instead, who fund the farmers.

According to FLOC's Web site, the union has already helped to raise wages for farm workers in the Midwest pickle industry by 100 percent between 1986 and 1996. They have also helped to rebuild a significant portion of migrant housing on union farms, protect members against pesticide poisoning beyond EPA minimum standards and create the first workable union contract for Midwest farm workers.

According to Khamala, FLOC made its debut in North Carolina in 1997 and the boycott began in 1999. This was after FLOC had tried for two years to get the Mt. Olive

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NCSU takes
the classroom
to the student

Engineering Online makes it possible for members of the military and adult students to have access to higher education.

Carlton Newsome
Staff Reporter

Holding down a full-time job and trying to accomplish the goal of getting an education can be tough. But imagine adding the burden of having to move and travel constantly because of obligations to your job. This is what happens to members of the armed forces, who are constantly transferred to new bases both stateside and overseas, when trying to achieve educational goals.

In an effort to resolve the problem, the College of Engineering at N.C. State has developed a new program for members of the military and adult students who have to work and cannot afford the time commitments that a full-time, on-campus program requires.

Engineering Online is a program being developed by NCSU that is taking online education to a whole new level.

Streaming videos, CD-ROMs, downloads and videotapes allow professors the tools to create a multimedia environment that takes the classroom to the student. Streaming videos allow instructors to broadcast their classes

on computer within a half-hour after the on-campus classes have ended.

Thomas Johnson, professor of agricultural and resource economics and statistics at NCSU, says that the new technologies have been of great use for the students.

Johnson had one student that began his class in South Dakota, got transferred to Arizona and then transferred to Saudi Arabia. The student was still able to finish the class within two weeks of the deadline.

Johnson taught distance courses during the Gulf War and would send videotapes to the soldiers so that the soldiers would still be able to complete the course.

"The ability to put the classes on CD-ROM is a great advantage over the videotape because in order to put a course on videotape we had to use about a bushel's weight worth of videotapes," Johnson explained. "I can put a course on about 15 compact discs and that only weighs about a pound. This cuts down on the cost of shipping and makes it more convenient for the student."

The only negative thing about the program, Johnson said, is a factor that is out of NCSU's control.

Johnson said, "I wish that more military personnel could have access to broadband so they

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Hold on



Juniors Molly Doyle, parks and recreation, and Adam Brinson, mass communications, skip astronomy for some "bobsledding." Staff photo by Tim Lytvinenko

The roommate debate

School has been in session for only six weeks, and students are already questioning their roommate choices.

Jessica Horne
Staff Reporter

Only six weeks of classes have gone by but some roommates are already experiencing conflicts. Most say this is due to how the housing staff pairs roommates. Others say that it is because the roommates did not know each other before coming to school. Whatever the case may be, some students have left their rooms or their residence halls because they disliked their living arrangements.

Some students find it more convenient to know their roommate before coming to

N.C. State.

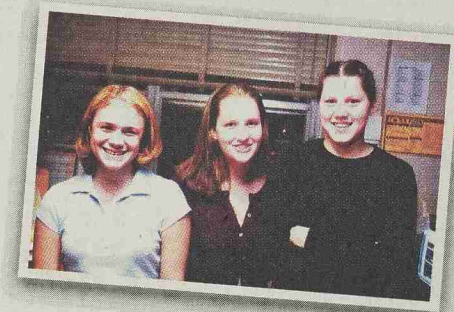
"If you room with someone you know, then you are aware of their flaws and you know what they do in their spare time. This tends to affect you most since you only see that person when you're in your room," said freshman Beth McIntyre. She and her roommate, freshman Lauren Hinson, were friends from high school.

"Rooming with someone you know is not as bad as everyone says. Like any roommate, you learn to choose your battles, plus you already know how they will react to certain things," said Hinson.

While McIntyre and Hinson usually get along, others who knew their roommates before coming to NCSU have not been as fortunate.

"The roommate I had my freshman year was a guy that I had known since kindergarten. He seemed to have his act together when we were at home, but once we got up here, he turned into a major party animal. It got to the point where I couldn't study in the room anymore because the music was always loud and his friends were always in there," said junior Christopher Thomas.

Thomas' experience is one



Lauren Hinson, Kimberly Madsen and Beth McIntyre (from left to right) stand in their Sullivan Hall dorm room. Staff photo by Matthew Huffman

that many students encounter, whether they know their roommates or not. But according to Thomas, "The problem worsens when you confront your roommate because you don't want to ruin a friendship that has been in

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Pickle Co. to acknowledge the working conditions of the farm workers who harvest their pickles and to bargain a contract to improve wages and these conditions.

One informational pamphlet on the boycott suggests that the Mt. Olive Pickle Co. decides the terms of annual contracts with its cucumber suppliers well in advance of the first crop being planted.

According to the pamphlet, Mt. Olive tells suppliers how much they will be paid and based on that price, workers are hired to harvest the crop. In addition, representatives from FLOC say that even though Mt. Olive is a multimillion dollar company, the workers who harvest the pickles still have no say in contract negotiations.

"Mt. Olive identifies reputable suppliers and insists suppliers purchase cucumbers from growers who comply with all federal and state laws governing their operations. Mt. Olive has done this for many years," according to a press release from the 75-year-old Mount Olive, N.C.-based company. "In addition, Mt. Olive stipulates to suppliers that growers must register their migrant housing with the N.C. Department of Labor and have pre-oc-

cupancy inspections completed before the start of each season. Mt. Olive cooperates with regulatory agencies, and it takes reasonable action when problems are identified. Mt. Olive contracts with cucumber suppliers, who negotiate with individual growers for cucumber purchases."

Still Thompson, Khamala and other FLOC supporters say that something has got to be done.

"I wanted to see this for myself," said Thompson of her recent trip to an African-American labor camp in Faison, N.C. Accompanied by Nick Wood, FLOC's national boycott organizer, Thompson said she was amazed by the living conditions that she witnessed.

"Six beds in one room with no mattresses, no air conditioning, filthy conditions," said Thompson. "I was too disgusted to see the kitchen or bathroom; that's all I wanted to see."

Thompson said that one of the main purposes FLOC decided to visit NCSU's campus is because they believe that students are the catalysts for change.

Today, FLOC will be holding a peace lunch forum in the Blue Room of Talley Student Center at 12:40 p.m. to discuss the boycott. Following the discussion, students will meet in front of Talley Student Center to ride to the Kroger located on Six Forks Road where they will be conducting a "Pickle Picket."

Second place will receive one ticket to the Homecoming game against Georgia Tech.

Winners will be announced following fall break.

For more information, visit the student government Web site at: students.ncsu.edu or e-mail Matthew Spence at: mcspence@unity.ncsu.edu.

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nari, they are each unwilling to place new faculty members into an environment where they may feel "thrown into the deep end and left to sink or swim."

Felder and Brent, in fact, regularly present workshops on effective teaching, course design, mentoring and supporting new faculty members and faculty development on campuses around the country and abroad.

According to officials, most new faculty come to the university having recently completed their Ph.D.'s and some have an additional one to two years of post-doctoral experience at another institution or in industry and a few participants have had prior teaching experience.

"The assumption is that getting a Ph.D. in a field somehow teaches you all you need to know to design and teach courses effectively, start and manage a successful research program, and juggle the competing demands of teaching, research, service and your personal life if you have any time left to have one," said Felder and Brent.

It was this belief that caused Masnari to secure departmental discretionary funds and other resources to begin the five-day workshop.

The first offering was to COE faculty members in August 2000, and joint offerings to Engineering and Physical and Mathematical Sciences were given in August 2001 and August 2002, said Felder and Brent. Indeed, PAMS realized the importance of having such a program in place for new faculty members and decided to join in.

One workshop participant said, "The workshop is very informa-

tive. Rebecca & Rich are a dynamic pair. I gained valuable information concerning teaching, such as learning strategies, course planning, etc., that I will implement in my classes."

"Dean Masnari in Engineering and Dean Solomon in PAMS are both deeply committed to first-class undergraduate teaching," said Felder and Brent.

In the meantime, the New Faculty Workshop is a community effort.

One participant noticed this. "The most important thing I liked about the workshop is that new faculty members have lots of support and guidance that can and will make us successful, and more importantly, passionate and well-rounded faculty members."

According to Masnari, "Various individuals from campus service units such as Contracts & Grants, the Graduate School, the Research Office, and so forth, are a part of making this happen."

The COE, PAMS, Felder and Brent are each working to determine the workshop effectiveness in terms of the new faculty that attended the non-mandatory workshop versus those who chose not to attend.

"The preliminary results suggest that there's a world of difference between the feelings of participants and non-participants about the level of support they received to help make the transition to faculty careers," said Felder and Brent.

"It usually takes four to five years for faculty members to become as effective in teaching and productive in research as they're capable of becoming," they said.

As for now, workshop participants seem pleased with the material covered in the five-day period with 99% rating the workshop as "excellent" and a 1% rat-

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the making for 12 years."

Students who did not have a preferred roommate tend to not have any advantages over those who did request a particular roommate.

Students who go potluck with roommate assignments have the same problems as those that know their roommates ahead of time. Sometimes not knowing your roommate before coming to school can make for a peculiar year.

"Living with [him] was an interesting experience. He had an unusual fascination with squirrels..." remarked senior Josh Hassell.

Other students could not be happier with the rooming assignments given to them.

"I had an awesome roommate

my sophomore year. She continues to be one of my good friends now," said junior Becca Phipps.

No matter how roommates are assigned, the important thing is to resolve conflicts before things get out of control. "In dealing with conflicts, the goal is to resolve the issue and keep the residents in the room. Moving out is only the last resort," stated Sullivan Hall Resident Advisor sophomore Kimberly Madsen.

Although some students have already chosen to change their room assignments, others are determined to stick it out as long as they can.

Senior Kelly Smith says, "It's all about having a positive attitude. If you say to yourself that things will look up, then they will. If that doesn't work, then use your optimism and say to yourself that next year you will get a better roommate!"

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could watch the streaming video or download the classes, but this is a tall order because of the military base's computer systems having firewalls."

Students currently enrolled in the program are members of the Army Corps of Engineers in Tennessee, North Carolina military bases such as Seymour-Johnson Air Force Base in Goldsboro and

the Naval Air Station at Cherry Point, naval bases in California and overseas units stationed in places such as Abu Dhabi in the United Arab Emirates.

Linda D. Krute, director of distance education for the College of Engineering, said, "We are pleased to support our military personnel by providing graduate courses and degree programs available via the Internet from any military location in the world."

CORRECTION

Wednesday's Technician incorrectly reported that N.C. State was ranked 13th in "Quality of Life" in Princeton Review's best list. NCSU was actually ranked 81st in "Quality of Life." Claremont McKenna College in California is ranked 13th.

VOTE

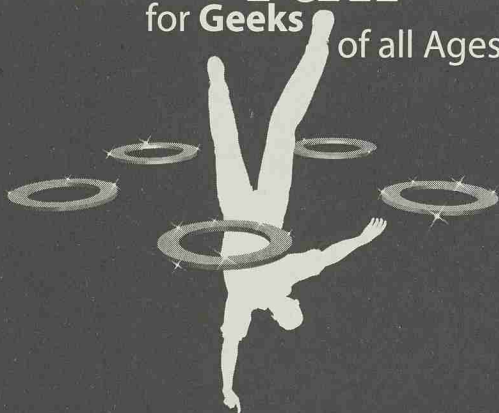
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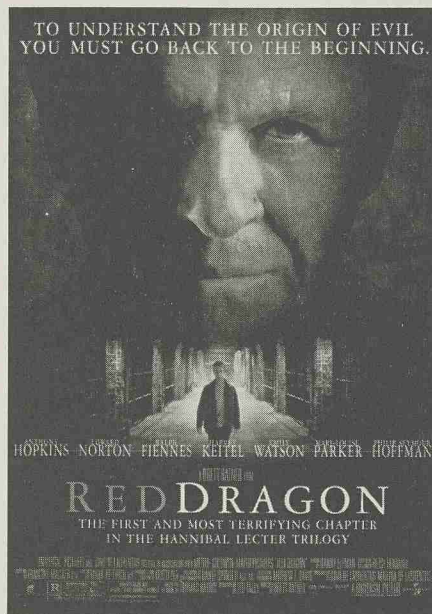
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This 'Tuxedo' doesn't quite fit

Joel Isaac Frady
A&E Editor

The Tuxedo

Starring: Jackie Chan, Jennifer Love Hewitt
Director: Kevin Donovan
★ ★ 1/2

"The Tuxedo" has, somewhere inside it, a fun action movie with heart. Throughout the film there are some good action scenes and some good comedic scenes. Unfortunately, there are also the scenes that might have been shot for another movie but somehow, in a confusing moment on the Dreamworks lot, might have been shipped to the "Tuxedo" editing room and spliced into this movie.

This is most obvious in the opening scene, which features a deer walking into a river and leaning over to drink. Knowing this is a Jackie Chan movie, the possibilities of what one would expect were endless — will some mean hunter shoot the deer? Will Jackie Chan body-surf past it in another of his death-defying stunts? Is some evildoer setting up his evil base in the very woods that this deer lives in?

All of this went down the drain as the camera moves to the rear of the animal, the tail springs up and the deer starts to urinate. Why a Jackie Chan film starts with a shot of a deer peeing, something that might be expected out of the Farrelly Brothers or Disney, makes one wonder what kind of tone director Kevin Donovan (who's making his debut) was trying to set.

Then comes the very next scene, where an undercover agent at a water-bottling facility is brutally murdered. It's one thing to violently depict a brutal murder for the sake of establishing the villains as evil, but "The Tuxedo" tastelessly tries to get a laugh out of the situation as the murderer grunts "Agua las vista" as he walks off. There's nothing funny about someone dying a painful death, and it's almost revolting to watch the younger members of the audience (including the 7-year-old beside me) finding humor in this. That, however, is an entirely different article.

After these first two scenes the film even out, but with someone like Jackie Chan it's almost impossible to make a really bad movie. If not the most memorable action star working today, he's certainly one of them, always mixing his incredible acrobatic skills with



Jackie Chan struts his stuff in "The Tuxedo." Photo courtesy Dreamworks Pictures

and his ever-smiling face to create the kind of physical humor that even the fair doesn't offer anymore. Sure, his English is still a bit quirky, but it didn't matter when "Rush Hour" hit screens and it doesn't matter now. If the sound died in a theater, he'd still get all his laughs.

The film's big surprise comes in the form of Jennifer Love Hewitt, who seemed to be one of the worst choices to play opposite Chan. Not to say that her performance is perfect — it took more suspension of disbelief to accept Hewitt as an undercover agent than it took to believe that aliens were slowly invading a farm in "Signs," but she manages to bring an everyday persona to her character that really works. Even if the fighting scenes, well, don't.

There's another big problem with the film's premise that really kills the mood — and it's the beloved "Tuxedo" itself. You see, the government made it for super special agent Clark Devlin (Jason Isaacs, best known as the child-killing, church-burning British colonel in "The Patriot"). After cab driver Jimmy Tong (Chan) is hired as Devlin's driver, there's an accident and Devlin is nearly killed, leaving Tong to put on this super tuxedo and save the day.

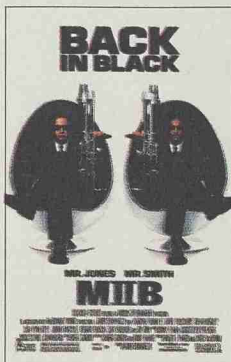
The tux does everything — it knows martial arts, singing and dancing moves, has anti-

gravity moves and even lights a female's cigarette out of instinct (this feature most likely placed to allow the super spy to collect, James Bond style, the "seven years of sex" that go along with the lighting of someone's cigarette). It sounds like a great idea — a tux that makes a normal cab driver a spy — but it's so great that it takes all the fun out of the action. No matter what peril Tong is in, or what adversary he's up against, he's still wearing this amazing super-tuxedo that's going to save him. It's fun to watch how Chan reacts to the tuxedo, but the element of danger needed for a good action-adventure film is lost.

There's also the matter of the gruesome, strange violence that appears from time to time throughout the course of the film. Not that the idea behind it is bad — it's actually a neat idea that could have worked quite well in a more serious film — but the death scenes are gruesome, an element not needed in a light-hearted Chan adventure.

It's these uncalled-for scenes that eventually kill the film. Not that it's bad — Chan and Hewitt get quite a few laughs and the film has some big, fun scenes — but the film breaks out of the fun, light-hearted mode and jumps into dark, strange waters so many times that it's impossible to recommend.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



A&E Staff Report

ON-CAMPUS

"Men in Black II," starring Will Smith and Tommy Lee Jones, plays in the Campus Cinema on Thursday and Friday at 7 and 9 p.m. and again on Saturday at 10 p.m. Bill Plympton's animated "Mutant Aliens" plays Saturday at 11 p.m. and Sunday at 7 p.m.

John Wayne and James Stewart star in 1962's "The Man Who Shot Liberty Valence," showing at 7 p.m. on Friday. Admission is free.

University Theatre's presentation of N. Richard Nash's "The Rainmaker" opens with an 8 p.m. presentation in Stewart Theatre on Wednesday, Oct. 2. The play runs at the same time through Saturday, followed by a Sunday matinee at 3 p.m.

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

The Music Department prepares to kick off its busy fall schedule with the Wind Ensemble performing in Stewart Theatre on Monday, Oct. 7 at 8 p.m. They will follow this show up on Wednesday, Oct. 9 with a performance from the Raleigh Civic Chamber Orchestra in the Talley Student Center Ballroom.

OFF-CAMPUS

Things get started at Lincoln Theatre tonight with Jupiter Coyote, North Carolina-based rock/roots/jam band of introspective songwriting and instrumental freelance. The Blue Dogs open.

Redeye Distribution presents two days of showcases featuring an eclectic mElangé of the company's favorite bands. Country will dominate Friday night, as Two Dollar Pistols share the stage with Steep Canyon Rangers, Thad Cockrell and Jason Ringenberg. Local modern rock storms into the Lincoln Saturday with the second day of the showcase. Athenaeum, Gran Torino, The Mayflies USA and The Nickel Slots all play. The Dirty Dozen Brass Band, still riding high on their release of "Medicated Magic," takes to the stage Saturday with Townhall opening.

F8, featuring Leif Garrett, plays Monday at the Lincoln, followed by progressive bluegrass/ jazz crooner and guitar powerhouse Keller Williams on Tuesday night.

South African reggae man Lucky Dube brings the Rastafarian Decibels Wednesday night as part of the AfricaFest Fall Festival.

Underground, experimental art-rock pioneers Pere Ubu take to Cat's Cradle stage tonight. On their American tour, the Super Furry Animals play Friday at the Cradle with Dead Meadow opening.

Touring workhorses Seven Nations bring their Celtic rock back to the Cradle on Saturday night, followed by a free Carrboro Music Festival on Sunday night featuring an eclectic mix of bands that ranges from the amorphous folk of the Milagro Saints to the Raleigh-brewed rock of The b-Sides. Once again, it's free!

Mayflies USA play again Monday night at the Cradle alongside critical darlings Brian Jonestown Massacre. DJ will have the Cradle jumping Tuesday night, followed by trans-American songwriter Arto Lindsay on Wednesday night.

Azure Ray, the acoustic duo of Orenda Fink and Maria Taylor, plays Go! Room tonight. The John Butler Trio, one of Australia's strongest-selling outfits, continues their conquest of the United States Friday with a show at Go! Friday night. Drag and Fun play a benefit concert at Go! on Saturday night. All proceeds go to Dyke March.

Metal heads should flock to The Brewery on Hillsborough Street tonight, as Slave Machine, Emotion Sickness and Oxygen Thieves take to the stage. New York rockers Famous and The Honorary Title play the Brewery Saturday night.

Zony Mash featuring Wayne Horvitz plays tonight at The Pour House, followed by Gambit on Friday night. Ergot plays Saturday, and The Tuscarawas River Band plays a free show at the Pour House Tuesday night. Modern-rockers Painted Man bring their show Wednesday night.

Delbert McClinton plays The Longbranch Friday on the release of his latest record, "Room to Breathe." Comedian Mitch Hedberg continues his run at Charlie Goodnight's through Saturday night.

Seventies rocker Walter Egan, touring on his new record "Apocalypse Now," pulls into Kings for a show tonight with The Brown Mountain Lights and Grafton opening.

On Friday and Saturday, rock bands from Chapel Hill and Durham square off in a battle of scenes at Kings. Sunday's lineup for Kings includes Bamph!, The Ladderback and Replicator.

Traditional bluegrass/country band The Mammals play at Six Strings Café in Cary, followed by emerging crooner Josh Lamkin on Saturday and bluegrass masters The Parsons on Wednesday.

"Sweet Home Alabama," a romantic comedy starring Reese Witherspoon as a confused Alabama-raised New York belle, opens nationally Friday, while the German comedy "Mostly Martha" makes its Triangle debut.

Product placement detracts from entertainment

Ben McShane

Daily News (Ball State U.)

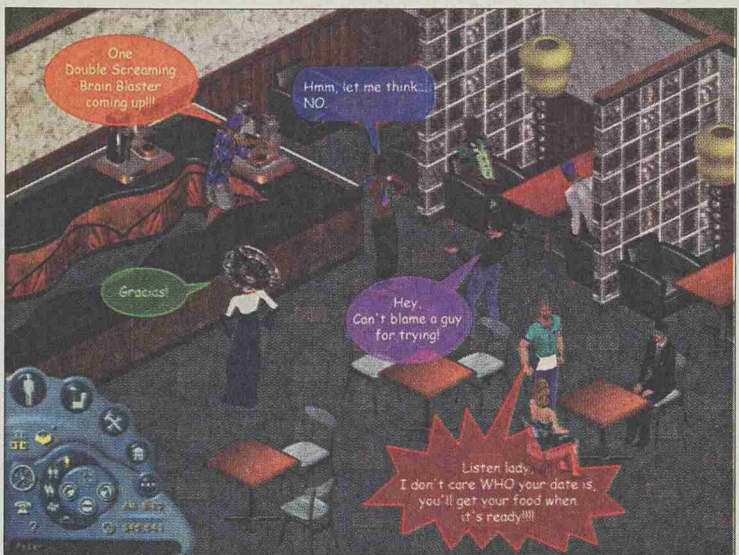
(U-WIRE) MUNCIE, Ind. — ZDNet.com reported last week that McDonald's had struck a multimillion dollar agreement with Electronic Arts to have their products placed in "The Sims Online," which is due out sometime in November. Everything in cyber-punk science fiction is coming true.

Doesn't that creep you out? Doesn't it bother you that, while we play video games to escape the outside world, McDonald's is still trying to sell you a burger? Interactive, virtual environments are a sort of dream world, and I do not dream of a world where Ronald McDonald is selling me his wares. Besides, do gamers really need any more Big Macs? I think not.

Sure, product placement in our media is nothing new. Ever since "E.T." followed a trail of Reese's Pieces, advertisers have realized the potential of advertising in entertainment. Product placement has been common in video games for years, even. Every billboard in a racing game was placed there for a price.

Still, the commonality of these practices does not necessarily justify them. I think we seriously need to consider the consequences of our capitalist-minded culture and the greater consequences starting to evolve from it.

Let me start by saying that our capitalist culture is the very reason games such as "The Sims Online" are possible. Without it, I wouldn't have my Athlon processor, my "Akira" Collector's Tin DVD or my nine volumes of



Restaurants like this will soon be graced with those Golden Arches and super-greasy fries.

Photo courtesy Electronic Arts

Garth Enis' "Preacher" in trade paperback. We are all aware of the benefits of the American socioeconomic mindset.

However, somewhere with that economic freedom needs to come some sort of social, cultural responsibility. Didn't these companies see the "Spider-Man" movie? With great power comes great responsibility!

More and more, these mega-corporations are infiltrating our media, our leisure time and our environment. Find three blocks in [Raleigh] that don't have a prevalent advertisement. Try and you will fail. There is not a place in this town that doesn't have a sign or billboard, or at least a cute girl on roller blades wearing a

goofy sandwich board.

It gets worse. There have been rumblings on the Web of camera companies planting fake "tourists" in major cities. They ask people to take their pictures for them, getting unsuspecting victims to experience the camera hands-on.

Television networks are considering "pop-up ads" on your television screen. A graphic for Gillette razors would appear while Chandler shaves, Gap clothing when Buffy goes to a party and Froog's Bruisin' Broad Swords when He-Man goes to battle.

Everything in cyber-punk science fiction is coming true. Not scared yet? Read "Snow Crash" by

Neal Stephenson. Read "Neuromancer" by William Gibson. Read George Orwell or watch "2001: A Space Odyssey." Bright minds have been warning us for years of the frightening, logical conclusion of our brash, irresponsible way of life.

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Some court settlements require privacy

South Carolina is seeking to implement a new law making all court settlements public information.

Court settlements involving corporations can have a major impact on public knowledge about faulty products, but oftentimes these legal records remain sealed. South Carolina is taking steps to end all confidential legal settlements, which has the potential to inform the public about defective products or other important details, but the problem with this proposed ban is that no exceptions will be made in cases involving sensitive information. This means that the names of individuals involved in cases of abuse, sexual harassment, medical malpractice and even child molestation will be public knowledge.

Initiating stronger requirements as to what types of settlements can be secretive is a necessity, but limitations need to be made so that the names of individual victims will remain private.

Already South Carolina bans secret settlements in federal cases, and one of the cases cited as a reason for this ban is the Firestone tire cases in the late 1990s. Joe Anderson, South Carolina's chief federal judge, believes that, "some lives were lost because judges signed secrecy agreements regarding Firestone tire problems." In instances where a manufacturer is settling in court because of a faulty product, information should be made public because awareness of the problem could save lives.

Another similar situation occurred recently involving a seat belt settlement with the firm of Columbia attorney Jim Anders. Anders is prohibited from speaking about specifics concerning his case, but he did say, "What happens is we end up getting the same defendant and we have to do the same work again and again," Anders said. If a company has already settled with clients about faulty seat belts, the rest of the public should be aware of this information instead of each victim learning about the flaws through first-hand experience and then beginning legal action.

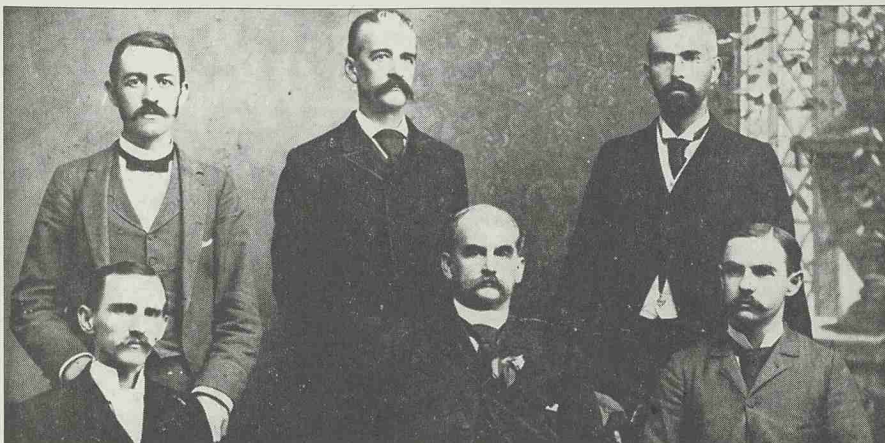
Jean Toal, South Carolina Chief Justice, said state courts will follow the lead of federal courts. In 1991, state Supreme Court ruled judges can only seal records for reasons such as ensuring a fair trial and preventing harm to the parties. Yet placing a ban on all sealed records means that harm could be caused to the victims of some cases, especially those who are involved in trials with sensitive subject matters.

Without restrictions such as these, patients in malpractice claims could have their names and physical conditions revealed to the public. In addition, the identity of young children who have been molested or the victims of sexual harassment will also be made public. Mills Gallivan, president of the South Carolina Defense Trial Attorneys Association, opposed the outright ban on secret settlements. "There are certain cases where trade secrets or proprietary information or just basic privacy issues are paramount, and it's not appropriate to make everything public," Gallivan said. His group believes that judges should decide when to seal records because every trial is unique and each set of victims involved creates new circumstances.

The ban, which could go into effect this fall, states that settlements that are already sealed will remain closed and it would only apply to settlements reached inside courts.

Limiting the number of private settlements will benefit consumers and the general public, but when this ban is extended to include releasing sensitive information about victims involved, it can hurt many people in personal ways. Judges should have the ultimate authority to decide when a case should remain sealed, but a ban would be appropriate in cases where the public as a whole can be affected by the decision.

If possible, cases should be arranged where the victims' names remain sealed while other information can be public, but under no circumstances should those who have been sexually abused or medically mistreated have to endure further suffering when their names are made public.



N.C. State's first faculty members pose for a picture. (bottom row, left to right) William A. Withers, professor of pure and agricultural chemistry; President Holladay, who taught history; Daniel Harvey (D.H.) Hill Jr., son of a Confederate general and professor of English and bookkeeping; (top row, left to right) John H. Kinealy, professor of practical mechanics and mathematics; Wilbur F. Massey, professor of horticulture, arboriculture and botany; and Joseph R. Chamberlain, professor of agriculture, livestock and dairying. Information courtesy NCSU Alumni Association; photo courtesy University Archives

The secret lives of professors



Season Hughes
Staff Columnist

A lot of thoughts go through my head during class. A good 12 percent of the time, they are actually about the class. The other 88 percent is spent on daydreams, hunger pains and the constant fear that something totally disgusting is hanging out of my nose. Occasionally, one of my random musings decides to latch on and pester me for days, weeks, even months on end, until I am able to sit down, ponder it and then file it away into my mind's murky depths. One of these thoughts has been scurrying around since the start of the school year. It has to do with professors.

Being a swim instructor, I can relate to the trials and tribulations of trying to keep a class occupied for any length of time. Though my students are about 13 years younger than the average N.C. State freshman, I still know how it feels to have the piercing eyes of curious pupils analyzing your every move. I know the joy of seeing your hard work pay off and the sadness when everything goes wrong. I can easily bluff my way through even the most puzzling questions. (Usually, "Why do we have to learn how to swim?" or

"What is water made of?") And I know how many eternities silence lasts when no one knows the answer and no one cares. My classes usually consisted of eight kids, max. I can only imagine how it feels to have your every emotion as a teacher multiplied by 10.

Professors seem to be a different species altogether from the rest of us, and a slightly crazed one at that. Perhaps that is what is so fascinating about them. It's as though this glass barrier separates the front of the classroom (the typical habitat for instructors) from the rest, and if you cross it, you are entering a world of science, philosophy, dry-erase markers, frustration, antipathy and joy. Frankly, that sort of trip scares the living daylights out of me, which is why I prefer to blend into the back wall and observe from a safe distance.

Who are these creatures whose world we have entered? I often find myself thinking of them as two-dimensional beings, sort of a living, moving decoration. But there are other times when they are as real to me as dear old Saint Nick. These are the times when I begin to enter that realm of the unknown, to attempt to grasp the mystery and puzzles of the secret lives of professors. Perhaps it is a riddle we will never solve, this question of what happens when you take away the classroom, the stuffy suits, the rancid smell of boredom permeating the air. What are professors really like? Do

they have a family? Pets? Do they like their jobs and look forward to waking up each day? Is this what they wanted to become, or did they dream of bigger things that they weren't able to achieve? What is their favorite food? Color? How do they spend their Saturday nights? What kind of pajamas do they wear? If they were my age, or I theirs, would we actually be ... friends?

Not many students take the time to actually get to know their professors but many want to. When you have seven classes and your average class size is well over 100, it isn't the easiest thing in the world. You never get to know your professor's personality well enough to decide if you like the kind of person that they are, or you just don't have time or maybe you just don't care. But maybe, just maybe, you might take five minutes out of your day to speak to that English professor who grows pear trees in his backyard and insists upon celebrating the birthdays of long-dead authors. Or your Spanish teacher whose sense of humor translates even to a foreign language. Because, after all, they're just human. I think.

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To befriend or not?



Andrew Dugan
Staff Columnist

I was listlessly reading the "Life" section of The News and Observer the other day (only the news and sports sections require my full attention), when I stumbled upon an interesting report.

Apparently, the well-respected field of psychology has begun an inquiry into the malevolent nature of ... friendships. Yes, friendships. Well, I was not without amusement. I put the paper down altogether, tilted my chair back and let out a laugh that only kings can replicate. Leave it to a science like psychology, I thought to myself, to demonize yet another essential and beneficial aspect of life. After all, this was the same subject that contends, at least according to some definitions, that any person who has had one drink is an alcoholic or came up with the so-called "feel good, do good" phenomenon (If you haven't heard of the latter theory, just think about it. It's common sense). No sir, you can't trust those psychologists.

But as I grounded my chair once again, I found the thought lingering in my mind. At first I tried to abstain from usurping my entire thought process. Soon enough, all I could ponder was if, maybe, the report was right. Maybe friendship just isn't worth the hassle.

I talked to others about the notion and there weren't so many objectors. Some reminisced of age-old friends that had, at some point, left them at some crucial point in their life. Others spoke of close buddies who now treat them with frightening animosity. And still others spoke of

pals who snatched them out in order to save their own selves.

It was quite an eye opener. All along I had gone through the blissful ideal that friends were like the guy sitting next to you at a roller coaster — you're both trapped so you might as well scream with each other in a loud melodic unison until the thing ends. Sadly, it seems, friends are not fellow riders but the operator of the roller coaster. They talk to you for a second to make sure you're doing all right, and then they send you on your way. They might talk to you again if you make it back intact.

So what exactly is the right recourse in the face of such grave news? Do I recant all my current friendships in order to save myself from future conflict and limit my life to shallow acquaintances? Or do I simply disappear from society completely and spend out the rest of my days in a cabin in the woods?

Well, I knew I wasn't the person to answer such life-changing questions. I wasn't even aware of this crucial information until I read the newspaper. I had to refer back to the article. It would guide my path to a life free of emotional stress. I picked the paper up impetuously and furiously read the enlightening material. But, to my great dismay, the article offered no suggestions or immediate resolutions. (It did offer a few books I could check out, but I didn't want to risk the social interaction.)

I sat down again, a broken man. The whole incident had brought up painful thoughts of my own forgotten friendships and failed relationships. I thought of close confidants who now would rather leap off the Grand Canyon than muster a smile toward me. Sour memories swirled through my mind and I examined every individual case I could recall. I remembered how those friends

had changed over the course of our camaraderie, and I remembered how I had changed as well.

I find myself a very political person as a whole. As a result of studying and observing every devious politician who promises to act on behalf of the good of the people and then commits the polar opposite, I can't help but develop an ever-present cynicism that I too often apply to my social life. I constantly question the motivations and intentions of my friends, and — like any good politician — demand they fully trust my objectives. Surely such a reprehensible philosophy toward something as benign as friendship can explain how I have failed to retain some friends.

But there's the rub. All friendships end for some reason or not, and although it is rarely one party's fault, both can learn from the falling-out. Had I been less of an aspiring politician and more amicable, or if one of my old buddies had reformed whatever aspect I found irking, then a friendship could have been saved. But people change, preferences change.

With the loss of friends comes new ones. Though these things do sometimes lead to pain, loss and, yes, even hatred, there's no reason to renounce friendship as the pox of mental sanity. No person can remain gleeful when they are constantly alone; studies show that such a person spirals into depression. Well, except maybe psychologists.

If you find Andrew being a bad friend to you, it's probably because you're a psychology major ... or either you just irk him. E-mail him at abdugan@unity.ncsu.edu for suggestions on a new major or personality change.

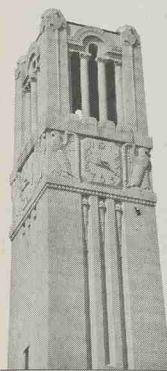
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Science turned upside down



Holly Bezant
Staff Columnist

It has long been believed in the scientific community that the spinal cord can not regenerate itself once it is damaged. Yet, all of this is changing.

In 2000, a college student named Melissa Holley was involved in a car accident that left her paralyzed from the middle of her back down. At the time, an experimental therapy was getting under way at the Sheba Medical Center near Tel Aviv, Israel. Holley became the first patient.

In the body, macrophages clean up damaged nerve tissue, setting the stage for

regrowth. They aren't very active in the central nervous system. Researchers trained macrophages injected into the spine to behave as if they were in an arm (where nerve cells could be repaired).

Six months after having her macrophages injected into her spinal cord, Holley could wiggle her toes, and over time, swing her knees and stand with assistance. A majority of scientists now believe that the spinal cord can regenerate, which is promising news for paralyzed victims.

A more recent case of spinal injury recuperation involves Superman's Christopher Reeve. His horseback riding injury is well known, but I'll recap for those who aren't too familiar with what happened.

Reeve's horse balked at a jump, throwing Reeve headfirst and fracturing the vertebrae in his spine. Paralyzed from

the neck down, Reeve was unable to breathe without a respirator. His first vertebra was decimated so badly that his head was basically not connected to his body. Surgery was required to stabilize the vertebrae and to reattach his head to his spine.

Recently Reeve has discovered that he has regained some ability to move and feel. He has gained control of his right wrist and the fingers on his left hand. He can feel light touch over most of his body, move his arms and legs in the pool or while lying in bed and can breathe on his own for 90 minutes.

Reeve credits his success to weight-bearing exercises, calcium supplements and medication that reversed a severe case of osteoporosis that is common in people who are confined in a wheelchair.

It's very encouraging that such progress is being made in an instance that had

previously seemed impossible to fix. It also places emphasis on the many benefits of exercise.

There are some other interesting advancements being made in medicine. For one thing, for those who oppose the use of embryos specifically for stem cell research, one case has proven that adult stem cells can be used to treat diseases.

Dennis Turner of San Clemente, Calif., had developed Parkinson's disease. He signed up for an experimental treatment involving the extraction of stem cells from Turner's brain to create healthy new neurons. The neurosurgeon conducting the experiment grew the cells in a lab dish for seven months, until they numbered in the millions, when he then transplanted them back into Turner's brain.

Since the experiment, Turner's symptoms have nearly vanished in actions that

had caused challenges. (For example, it used to take him half an hour to put in his contacts.) He says that his neurosurgeon wouldn't know he had Parkinson's if he didn't know it already.

The experiment I'm looking forward to seeing success in, on a personal level, is a bionic retina made of a silicon microchip that could restore partial sight to some blind patients.

It is very encouraging that such great things are happening without the use of controversial techniques like the embryonic stem cell. Let's hope things keep advancing for the good of all.

Holly would like for something to be invented to help her get enough sleep (besides avoiding procrastination tendencies). Give her your input at paz_rata@yahoo.com.

Rid cars of trite bumper stickers

Phil Watson
U. of South Carolina

(U-WIRE) COLUMBIA, S.C. — Slogan-toters should be banished from the country.

A bumper sticker I saw the other day: "Why are the animals you love called pets, and the ones you eat called dinner?"

If there's one thing I'd like to see thrown out of the country faster than illegitimate "aviation students" from Pakistan and Rosie O'Donnell, it's bumper stickers.

As you might have guessed, that bumper sticker at the top of the column came from the People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals. I saw it on the back of a 1987 Ford Escort in front of the mental hospital on Bull Street.

But if you think this car owner was only satisfied with one preachy, condescending bumper sticker, you're as wrong as a Kandahar Community College freshman on a women's studies midterm.

There were dozens of other stickers decorating the car. "Wage Peace," "It will be a great day when the Air Force has to have a bake sale to buy a bomber," "49% woman ... 51% bitch," and of course the old standard "Stop the March of Dimes"

cruel animal tests — PETA."

Boy, am I glad somebody finally stuck it to those heartless barbarians at the March of Dimes and all their whiny newborns with birth defects. Way to go, PETA.

As I raced by the Escort, I answered the figurative question her bumper sticker posed about pets and dinner.

"Because my pets squirm around too much when I try to eat them," I yelled out the window. I don't think she heard me, though.

Although the causes this woman supported were fairly varied, one condensed bumper sticker could easily have summed up her philosophy, and saved a lot of space on her car.

"I hate men, and I love animals."

Now, there's a slogan for the masses. Sign me up. Here's \$500 for the car, and \$25 for the complete collection of bumper stickers.

PETA, if you remember, is the organization that had a caged and naked woman covered in paint in front of the Coliseum when the circus came through town last year.

I think the naked lady ended up running off with one of the acrobats, but that's unconfirmed. Either way, it was a

pitiful display. I did like it, but only at face — or should I say, body — value.

If you haven't caught my drift yet, PETA is one of the most tactless, obnoxious organizations out there, and its supporters love to prove it by sporting haughty bumper stickers on their cars.

If I could make just one law, I would ban bumper stickers. Don't get me wrong; I'd make it a rule for both ends of the spectrum.

Whether it were a "Fur is murder" or a "My SUV gets 25 mpg — 28 in the rainforest!" bumper sticker, it would not be allowed.

Those who disobeyed would be sentenced to a life on Bumper Sticker Island, where they would be subjected day in and day out to worn-out, corny slogans that lost their luster two days after being created.

Imagine the horror. Bumper stickers would be placed on all cars, buildings, furniture and even sidewalks.

Bumper-sticker slogans would even be played over and over on loudspeakers. I can't imagine a worse punishment.

"Honk if you're horny! Honk if you're horny! Honk if ..."

Naked news tacky

Elliot Holt
San Diego U.

(U-WIRE) SAN DIEGO — I'm in my car delivering pizza and I'm thinking about two things. The first is I hope I'm delivering pizza to some hippie pothead instead of a staunch, rich Republican so I get a better tip (aka: old VW Bus in driveway = \$3 tip; beige 2002 Lexus = \$1 tip). The other thing is I think I've figured out just how apathetic America is when it comes to watching the news.

The other day a friend showed me an Internet site called "The Naked News." On "The Naked News" TV show, female newscasters take off their clothes while reading the news from a teleprompter. Then they finish reading the news nude. That's talent at its finest, I suppose.

Anyway, he and I were talking and we got into an argument because he thought "The Naked News" was a cool way to make the news more entertaining, but I reasoned that the show was just a way to watch porn without feeling sleazy.

Don't get me wrong, I'm artsy and liberal and all that good crap, so I don't mind the whole nudity thing. I've even drawn nude models for an art class. I just think sometimes it's not good to combine two good things and expect the outcome will be good as well. I like Fruit Loops and I like Coronas, but that doesn't mean I'm going to mix them together just for the hell of it.

Take mixing nudity with death. If someone strips while discussing serious issues like people getting killed, she is disrespecting the emotions of the families for the sake of entertainment. How can a person expect to be a respected journalist when they say things like, "In a related story, 14 preschoolers in Israel died when their school bus blew up. And now off with my bra." That's disturbing. Call me old-fashioned if you must, but I'm a believer in the whole "bombs and boobs don't mix" philosophy.

My friend disagreed with me, saying the show is just the next step in media entertainment.

Yeah, it's the next step for entertainment, but not for the media. Most people who watch "The Naked News" tune in 99 percent for entertainment and one

percent for the whole "information" thing. Obviously it doesn't take a rocket scientist to figure out that entertainment (read: boobs) will sell a whole lot more than the news ever will.

And sell it does.

As one might expect, "The Naked News" has become very popular. It has achieved this popularity almost overnight by following San Diego State's campus slogan of "clothing is overrated." According to Kathy Pinckert, vice president of the Naked Broadcasting Company, "The Naked News" Web site gets more than 6 million hits per month, two-thirds of what CNN gets to its Web site. "The Naked News" also contests that its viewers, 80 percent male, tune in mostly for the news.

Oh, come on. They're being more naïve than people still trying to buy Enron stock. Just consider the obvious — many of its newscasters don't have any journalism experience at all. I'm sure millions of men are searching the Internet looking for a news site and they just happen to have chosen the one called "The Naked News" because it sounds like it's going to have the most professional journalistic delivery style.

How many people do you think tune in to "The Naked News" and see the bare-ass newscasters and think to themselves, "They're naked, but the delivery and journalistic integrity aren't there so I'll just watch CNN instead?"

My guess is four.

I'm guessing that one day the media will mix comedy with nudity when they're presenting the news. They'll get Anna Kournikova and Reese Witherspoon to do a "Naked News-Daily Show" spin-off called "The Daily Nakky." What with all the comedy and nudity, people will probably forget they're even watching the news.

Until that day comes I guess we'll all have to settle for The Daily Aztec for our journalistic needs, even though Joe Zarro won't let me pose for my mug shot naked.

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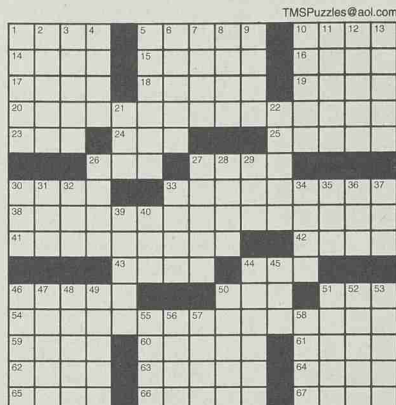
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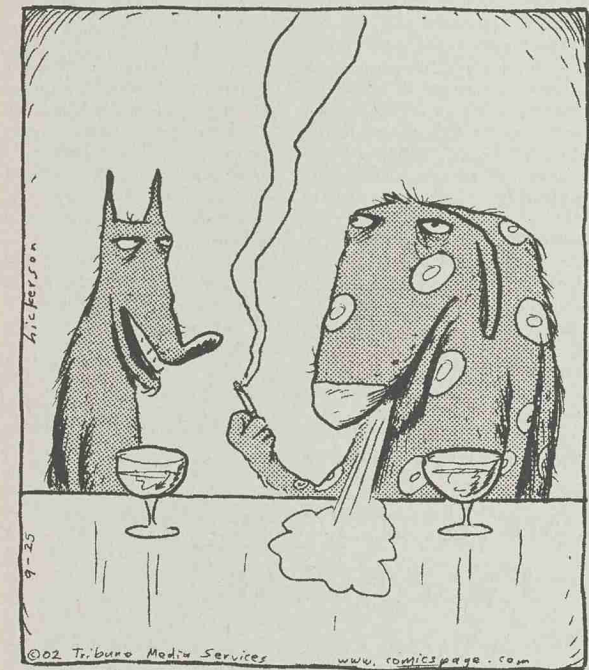
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Libra
Sept. 23-Oct 22

Today is an 8. Tomorrow is a great day to travel, and Saturday is pretty good, too. If you finish your work, you might earn an early release.

Taurus
April 20-May 20

Today is a 7. Your stall tactics may have almost worked by now. You're close to reaching your goal. The job is still hard, but the rewards will be to your liking, and they're coming soon.

Scorpio
Oct. 23-Nov. 21

Today is a 6. The money that you've been seeking could become available soon. Discuss the best way to spend it.

Gemini
May 21-June 21

Today is a 7. Take care of those last few odds and ends involving the project you're working on. Be prepared to pounce on a fabulous deal. It comes quickly and doesn't last long.

Sagittarius
Nov. 22-Dec. 21

Today is an 8. You'll soon finish a difficult task, so come up with a reward. Dancing? A long walk? A visit with friends? A new partnership could emerge.

Cancer
June 22-July 22

Today is a 6. It's almost time to take action and fix up your home the way you want it. Check the ads so that you know where to go for the best stuff. Ask your friends for advice and for help if you must. You can finish the job by Sunday.

Capricorn
Dec. 22-Jan. 19

Today is a 7. Make a connection with someone who inspires you to succeed. Then, set a goal that's always been too big. You'll have superhuman powers from now through Saturday. Do something awesome while you can.

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Aquarius
Jan. 20-Feb. 18

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Virgo
Aug. 23-Sept. 22

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Pisces
Feb. 19-March 20

Today is a 6. Continue to investigate your suspicions about domestic matters. Did a family member follow through on a promise? It's OK to offer a reminder. Your suggestion could make the difference.

Sept. 26. The time for your fling is getting closer. Next spring could be your magical time. Make your plans in advance, then fly wild and free in early June. Late May would work, too.

MEN'S SOCCER

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In Virginia, State might be seeing the most talent it has all season.

Junior Alecko Eskandarian is among the elite collegiate players in America. He already has eight goals this season, in spite of his team's relative lack of production overall. Senior Rob Wright is second on the team with just three scores.

While the barrage of scoring chances UVa could potentially generate might scare some players, Pack goalkeeper Mitchell Watson is no stranger to making a few saves here and there. Against Clemson, Watson recorded 18 saves, one less than the school record set in 1977.

"He's a wonderful player," Tarantini said. "We are very happy to have him; he's a great leader. He's a great keeper, and I always tell him that. He's someone you can count on [every game]."

State will also need to count on its freshman forward duo of Aaron King and Bryant Salter, as well as upperclassmen Michael Karim and Isreal Mejia, to have

a chance of springing the upset come Saturday. Salter and Karim, each with two goals on the season, both scored at Clemson. King added an assist on the Pack's first goal.

In practices this week, the team has worked on controlling the midfield and creating more scoring chances.

"I think the freshmen are doing fine," Tarantini said. "I think they're playing hard. I like the attitude, the speed. I like the commitment they bring to the program, and I think we have a good future."

"Michael Karim is feeling a little more comfortable. He had a good goal on Sunday, and I think he's going to start scoring more. That'll be a big difference for us."

It'd be a huge difference too, if State could return home with a big conference win. The Pack is viewing its match with Virginia not as a formidable task, but as an opportunity.

"What a great, great situation it would be to go to Virginia and beat them," Tarantini said. "That would be wonderful. It'd be a very difficult task, Virginia is a very good team. What a great opportunity we have."

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The Deacs have yet to be challenged, winning all their matches by at least two goals and posting three shutouts on the season. They recently upended conference foe Maryland, 3-1.

Coach Tony da Luz's squad looked to grab their 100th victory in nine years of competition against UNC-Greensboro on Wednesday evening. Kerrigan and her coaching staff planned to attend the game and scout the strengths and weaknesses of the team.

Although the team took a day off from practice on Wednesday, the Pack will return to the practice field today to focus solely on Wake.

"We will focus on possessing the ball and moving it around from side to side and creating those chances on attack," said Kerrigan. "On defense we'll look to close down the spaces with our back four and our midfield and how we defend as a team including the spaces between our midfield and our backs and between our midfield and our front."

Perhaps more important for the Pack is the momentum it gained by shutting out High Point. The Pack scored three goals in the game's first 11 minutes and never looked back.

Annika Schmidt led the Pack with two goals while Lindsey Underwood, Adrienne Barnes and Jordan Allison tallied scores as well.

"We scored on about three of our first four shots on goal, which is terrific," said Kerrigan.

Junior Katherine Warman said the scoring outburst was just what the team needs going into Sunday.

"It definitely helps with our confidence," said Warman. "Last year when we played Wake, we hung with them the whole game, but we couldn't finish. I think the five goals against High Point gives us the confidence we need."

If everything comes together like it did against High Point, the Pack could skip the step over the fence and take a flying leap with a win over Wake.

"Once we're over the fence I think we're going to stay there because we're playing well," said Kerrigan. "But we need to just get over that fence."

VOLLEYBALL

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Strauss, a senior, currently leads the league with 1.3 blocks per game. The Heels also have a player in the top three in the kills, digs and assists categories.

"They're a very strong team with a lot of strong hitters that play the ball very well," said Byrne. "But we've been doing a good job without blocking and we'll continue to work on the blocking and defense part of the game. If we handle the ball, we can play with anybody. So the key is going to come down to handling the ball and preventing broken plays."

In contrast, the Pack has only one player currently on any top individual list. Setter Lindi Shepard is sixth in the league with 9.16 assists per game. As a team, State is ninth in the ACC in assists, blocks, service aces and kills and eighth in hitting percentage

and digs.

"I think we aren't quite satisfied with what we're doing, because of the win-loss record," said Byrne. "But I think we're learning with each match we play and that's important. We are improving. We're playing better than we were, but we need to improve on a lot of things and just keep that going."

Last season, the Wolfpack couldn't manage a victory in either regular season match against the Tar Heels, losing 3-0 both times. Some might feel that having to start out this season on the road again, especially against Carolina, might be a daunting task. Byrne and her players, however, are up to the challenge.

"I'd rather be on the road early than finishing up the season on the road, like last year," said Byrne. "We have no problem with it and I don't feel it should be a factor."

KAY YOW

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lie Wooden National Coach of the Year Award, Yow had the opportunity to meet with Wooden in his home and spend some time with her role model.

"I have long respected and admired [Wooden] as a coach and a person," said Yow. "If there were any coach that I'd want to model my career after it would be Coach Wooden."

Although Yow now shares company with Wooden in the Hall of Fame, don't expect the Pack head coach to get a big head.

"He's like the leading scorer on the team and I'm coming off the bench," said Yow.

Also joining Yow and Johnson in the illustrious 2002 class will be coaches Lute Olsen and Larry Brown, the Harlem Globe-

trotters and the late Drazen Petrovich.

Yow plans to enjoy the festivities of the weekend but said she does not want her players to get too caught up in the hype surrounding her achievement. Instead, she hopes to return from the trip "ready to get to work extra hard and have the best season we possibly can."

Yow recently signed a contract extension through 2007 and said that retirement is a nonexistent word in her vocabulary right now.

"I love what I'm doing," said Yow. "If my health stays good and I still have the passion, excitement and energy for the game, I can keep going for a long time."

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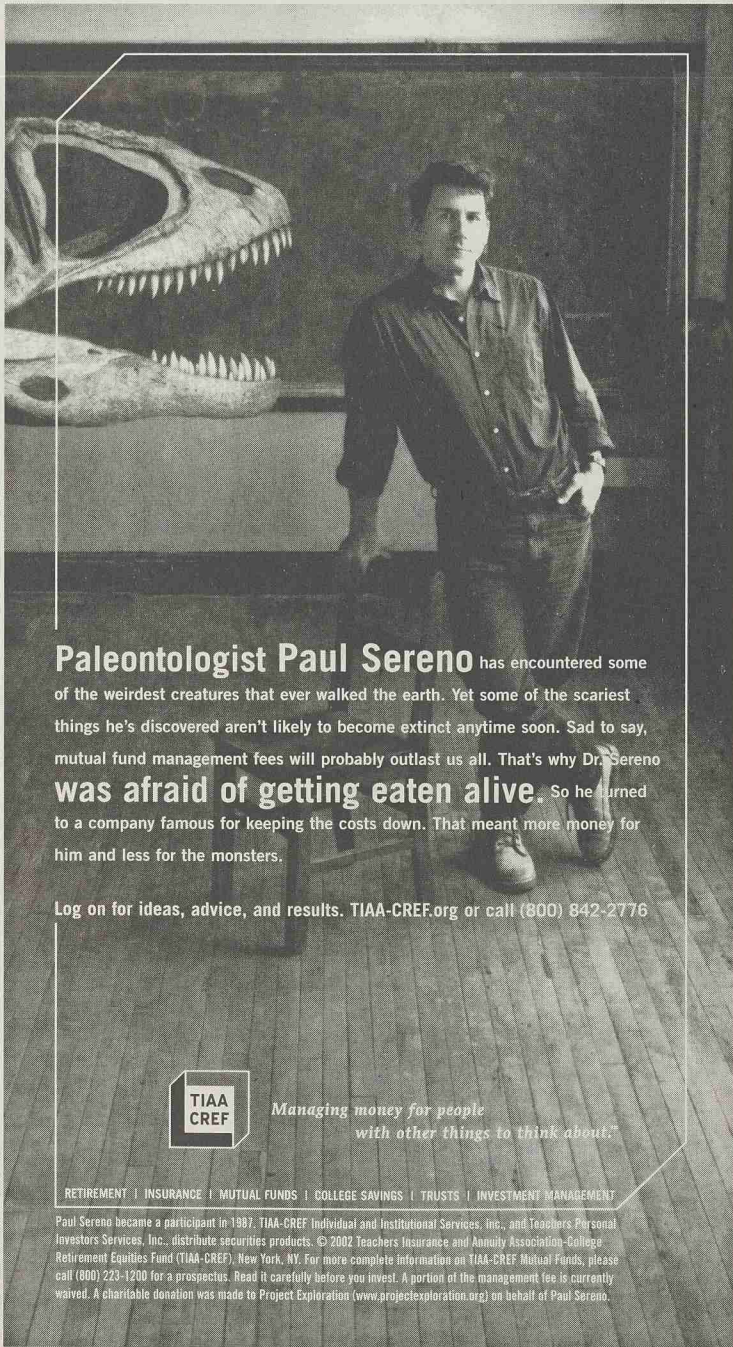
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Schedule

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M. Soccer @ Virginia, 9/28, 7
W. Soccer vs. Wake Forest, 9/29, 1
Volleyball @ North Carolina, 9/27

Scores

No games scheduled



TECHNICIAN

Another tough trip awaits State



Chris Gannon eludes a Charleston Southern tackle during recent men's soccer action at Method Road Soccer Stadium. Staff photo by Andrew Knapp

After two close conference losses, the N.C. State men's soccer team travels to No. 9 Virginia.

Andrew B. Carter
Assistant Sports Editor

The N.C. State men's soccer team hasn't played the U.S. National Team this season, it just seems like it has.

But when you play soccer in the ACC, almost every foe can appear that good.

The Wolfpack, having already faced No. 10 Maryland and No. 2 Clemson, will challenge its third straight top-10 team on Saturday when it visits Charlottesville, Va., and No. 9 Virginia.

State, which was in position to win both the Maryland and Clemson contests late in those matches, will look to score more and defend less against the Cavaliers.

Unfortunately for the Pack (2-5, 0-2 ACC), that's easier said than done.

"Virginia is a very difficult opponent; they're a wonderful team," State head coach George Tarantini said. "What I think we need to do is get organized and go forward and score some goals. When you don't score, it puts pressure on your defense."

The Cavaliers (3-3, 0-2), have confronted difficulties of their own. UVA began the year with national championship aspirations, and after three consecutive victories to open the season, the team earned a No. 1 national ranking.

But since, the Cavs have lost three straight, their last being a 2-1 setback to defending national champion North Carolina. Virginia had not lost three straight matches since 1981, and not since 1977 had the team dropped its first two conference meetings.

Meanwhile, the Wolfpack hasn't won an ACC game itself since the 1999 season, when, ironically, it defeated Virginia. The streak of regular season conference futility now stands at 15 for Tarantini's team — a stretch of disappointment that is unparalleled in State soccer history.

The Pack, though, has shown signs of life this season and has been in every match thus far. Against Clemson in its last outing, State lost by just a goal despite being outshot by nearly 20. Shots will come, Tarantini believes, as long as the mindset of the team stays positive.

"We had a few things that we did okay, a few things that we're going to have to get better at," said the coach. "The main thing is that the team keeps working, they keep trying. The attitude is great and I'm real happy about that."

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N.C. State's women's soccer team will try to rise above Wake Forest this weekend. Staff photo by Josh Aycock

One step away

The women's soccer team has high hopes heading into its ACC opener with No. 7 Wake Forest.

Jon Page
Staff Writer

Women's head soccer coach Laura Kerrigan knows that the time for the Wolfpack to show that they can contend for a championship in the ACC is now.

While the Pack (5-3) has shown signs of greatness by outscoring its opponents 15-1 in recent non-conference wins over Temple, Liberty and High Point, Kerrigan's squad has yet to find the magic to propel past top challengers such as Tennessee and South Carolina.

The Pack scored first in a match with Tennessee earlier in the season only to give up two goals to the Volunteers late in the second half. Saturday provided similar results as the Pack failed to score a goal while out-shooting the Gamecocks.

"I think we've shown that we can play with [top-ranked teams, and] that's the first step," said Kerrigan. "Once you show them that you can play with them you have to show that you can beat them. We just have to make that next step."

"Our program has come a long way in the last four years but now we're kind of teetering on that fence and we just need to take that one extra step to get us over the fence."

For the Pack, the nearest opportunity to step over that fence comes on Sunday at 1 p.m.

State begins ACC play when the No. 7 Demon Deacons bring an undefeated record of 8-0 to Method Soccer Stadium.

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Tribute to a legend

N.C. State women's basketball coach Kay Yow prepares for induction into the Basketball Hall of Fame with a celebrated class.

Jon Page
Staff Writer

The all-staff meeting at the beginning of the school year began like any other meeting, but by the end, N.C. State women's basketball coach Kay Yow was speechless.

The enormous emotions sure to coincide with the feat of being named a 2002 inductee to the Basketball Hall of Fame had yet to affect Yow — not even when she learned of the prestigious honor while dining at a luncheon in June, seated next to the likes of NBA legend Magic Johnson.

It was not until the staff meeting, surrounded by her colleagues, that Yow was faced with the magnitude of her achievement.

"[Athletics director] Lee Fowler got up and said he wanted to make a special presentation," said Yow. "He wanted to recognize me and honor me for being selected to the Hall of Fame and he wanted me to come down and say a few words. I went down to the front and I could say nothing. I was overwhelmed and I couldn't speak."

"After that I got to thinking, if that happens in the all-staff meeting, what will happen at the Hall of Fame? Another concern was the fact that it's televised and I'll only have a certain amount of time — they could start playing the music and I would not have even spoken yet."

For Yow, a 2000 inductee of the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame, the toughest test was to condense a lifetime of coaching experience into a five-minute speech to be given on Friday night's induction at the new Hall of Fame in Springfield, Mass.



Kay Yow will be enshrined in the Basketball Hall of Fame this weekend. Staff photo by Matthew Huffman

"The first speech that I wrote was 15 minutes long and that was out of the question," said Yow. "I've coached so many players and had so many staff members that I can't name [everyone]."

"When my speech was 15 minutes long, that's when I was naming people. As I cut it down I just had to stop naming anybody because if you name one you want to name the next one."

Yow has amassed a stunning career record of 625-268, but the Wolfpack coach has come a long way since Willis Casey hired her in 1975.

Prior to coaching at State, Yow coached at Elon and taught a full course load of classes. Her teams used to buy their own uniforms and iron on the numbers.

Under her reign at State, the Pack has reached the Final Four once, captured four ACC Tournament titles, five ACC

regular season titles and won 20 games in a season 18 times. In addition, Yow coached the USA to a gold medal in the 1988 Summer Olympics in Seoul, South Korea.

Despite all her success, Yow is quick to cite what she feels is the real reason for her induction.

"I'm going to the Hall of Fame to pay a tribute to so many other people who have made it possible for me to be standing there," said Yow. "It's a tribute to them, all my former and current staff, players, administrators, fans and friends — all of these people have made it possible for me to receive this award."

But according to Senior Women's Administrator for the Pack, Nora Lynn Finch, Yow is one of a kind.

"Kay is different from any coach I have ever seen," said Finch. "In 1988 when she

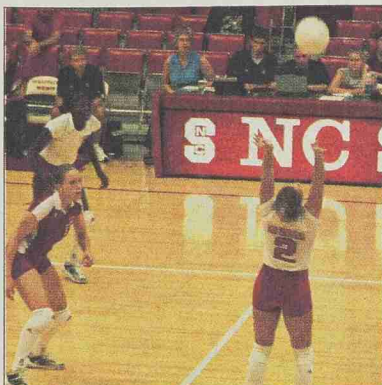
led the U.S. to the gold medal in the Olympics, several of her team members had indicated to me that they had never played for a coach as inclusive as Kay. She does that with her staff, team and the media. If you want to know something from Kay Yow she will share that with you, she will engage you."

"She, more than anybody I've ever known, has a way of convincing you that if you will just help her get it done, we'll all be better off. She is a better person than she is a coach but I've never known a better team player or leader than Kay Yow."

Yow joins select company, including perhaps the greatest team leader of all time in John Wooden.

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Volleyball has dropped 10 straight matches to North Carolina. Staff photo by Andrew Knapp

Let the ACC games begin

State takes on North Carolina in both teams' first ACC match of the season.

Jay Kohler
Senior Staff Writer

The Wolfpack's season is already 17 games old, and the Pack is searching for a light at the end of this long tunnel after a difficult start to the season. Things don't get any easier with the onset of the ACC schedule, as first up is perennial power North Carolina.

The Wolfpack (2-15) will travel to Carolina's Carmichael Gymnasium this Friday. To make matters worse, State hasn't defeated the Heels in five years, going 0-10 in that stretch against Carolina (12-1).

State didn't fair well in its last match against Montana State, losing the match in three straight games, 30-22,

30-20, 30-20. The Pack has now lost three in a row.

"It has been a tough nonconference schedule for us," said head coach Mary Byrne. "We have played some good teams, some that are emerging into the top 20 this year. It'll be tough starting out against Chapel Hill because they're very strong, with their being on the top last year and going for that again this year."

"We're really focusing on what we need to get done but I don't think we're afraid to play any team in the conference. With each game we're getting stronger."

Carolina, on the other hand, defeated Charlotte 3-1 (30-25, 30-19, 28-30, 30-25) in its last competition for the Tar Heel's fourth straight win since losing in straight games to No. 8 Minnesota.

Carolina currently leads the league in blocks, with 2.95 per game, and digs, with 16.67 per game. Holley

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