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# Senate challenges university's sexual orientation statement

Resolution 12, submitted by the Student Senate, says sexual orientation should be included in N.C. State's non-discrimination statement.

**Rob Rankin**  
Guest Reporter

Sexual orientation should be included in the university's public non-discrimination statement right alongside race, creed, color and other protected categories, the N.C. State Student Senate told the administration in a Sept. 4 unanimous resolution.

The senate felt the current statement, which has sexual orientation in a sepa-

rate paragraph, is "unclear."

"To maintain an atmosphere of tolerance and understanding, it is vital to have a clear and concise statement regarding non-discrimination policies," the senate resolution read.

This resolution passed with no debate and with acclamation, which is the strongest statement the senate can make to the university.

Robin Siska, co-chair of the Bisexual, Gay, Lesbian and Allies (BGLA) organization, explained why this is an important issue to the gay and lesbian community. Having the sexual orientation statement in a separate paragraph "is like having a feeble post-it note attached to it. It doesn't imply equality at all," she said.

In the actual wording of the abbreviated policy statement, it states that discrimination based on race, color, religion, creed, sex, national origin or disability "will not be tolerated." It goes on to say in a separate paragraph that discrimination based on sexual orientation is "inconsistent with the goal of providing a welcoming environment."

Richard Morgan, in an article on his coming out in the Technician, touched on why non-discrimination is important when he discussed all he would lose coming out.

"I could lose my apartment, I could lose my job (a legal form of discrimination in North Carolina) ... I'll lose the ability to marry, the ability to raise children, the freedom to love my partner

anytime, anyplace. There are hundreds of gays at this university; when was the last time you saw one free enough to do something as little as hold hands with their partner in public? That is what I risk losing."

Evelyn Rieman of the division of student affairs stated that she felt the administration has demonstrated a commitment to the gay and lesbian community. She said that Chancellor Marye Anne Fox issued an administrative regulation that requires the university's policy on sexual orientation to be included "in university publications whenever such publications contain abbreviated references to other university policies

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# Senate focuses on the rights of gay and lesbian students

Jamie Pendergrass and Ted Gellar, two of four openly gay students in Student Senate, are trying to make strides for all students on campus.

**Rob Rankin**  
Guest Reporter

Jamie Pendergrass never ran for student government in high school. He figured he was different and didn't stand a chance. But when he arrived at N.C. State, two things happened: He came out, and he became a student senator.

Ted Gellar, a newly elected senator representing the College of Humanities and Social Sciences, says that he carried a love and respect for service since he first came to NCSU and now serving in the senate has greatly widened the scope of his service endeavors.

Pendergrass and Gellar are two of the four openly gay senators in the 2002-2003 Student Senate. Both men want to make things better for all students on campus, not just their gay brethren. Pendergrass says, "Through the work of the senate, we can influence change that will help not only the gay community but the campus as a whole."

Estimates place the gay and lesbian population at 10 percent, and with four gay senators, gays, lesbians and bisexuals (GLB) have a 6 percent representation in the senate.

Pendergrass feels this larger percentage gives GLB students bigger voice in the senate but does not change the overall nature of the senate. "Having gay senators gives more diverse opinions and voices to the senate, something that any respectable body of influence should have."

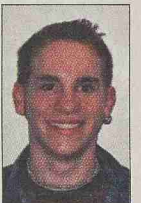
Gellar believes that having more representation for gay and lesbian issues helps to improve the quality of life for the GLB students on campus. An example of this is in the hate crime policy. Currently, hate crimes are not reported to the administration. Gellar hopes to sponsor legislation, which will change that system.

It has not always been easy to sponsor legislation on GLB issues. Pendergrass says that when the resolution came up to add sexual orientation to the non-discrimination statement about five years ago, there was a huge debate in the senate with lots of different groups speaking out against the plan. That resolution barely passed in the senate.

This is in contrast to Resolution 12, a resolution to change the sexual orientation policy, which passed with no debate early this September. However, even with stronger support in the government, there were still three hate crimes



Pendergrass



Gellar

# Campus Police work to ensure safety at Carter-Finley Stadium

A Technician reporter gets a close look at what goes on when Campus Police prepare for a home football game.

**Brett Chambers**  
Staff Reporter

At 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, a core group of officers from Campus Police, Raleigh Police Department and Wake County Sheriff's department meets in prepara-

tion for a long day. Their mission: to ensure the safety of the nearly 50,000 fans who will soon pour through the gates of Carter-Finley Stadium to see the Wolfpack football team take on Massachusetts.

Tremendous organization and manpower are required, and Campus Police Chief Tom Younce takes the job seriously, describing it as one of the department's most important responsibilities.

At the meeting, Campus Police Deputy Director of Operations John Daily provides the officers with up-to-the-minute

instructions and updates that will be passed on to all of the 63 officers who will be employed at the game. The meeting is short however because these officers have been planning for football season since July and by now they have provided law enforcement for three N.C. State home football games.

Daily praises the officers for doing a great job at the last home game and reminds them of the basics, such as their zero tolerance policy on alcohol. After the meeting, the officers load into vans

and head for the stadium.

The job of securing the stadium did not just begin on Saturday morning. Officers intermittently patrolled Carter-Finley days in advance of the game, and on Friday night, after vendors were allowed to set up, the stadium was searched and secured, then guarded overnight by police.

By 10:30 a.m., most of the officers, off duty and employed by the university,

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# 'Leader of the Pack' up for grabs

Those interested in applying for the annual award must submit their application online by Oct. 11.

**Carie Windham**  
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The bleachers, packed with Homecoming fans, fall silent.

Standing in the middle of the field, you hold your breath as the announcer's voice bellows through Carter-Finley, "The 2002-2003 Leaders of the Pack are..." You gasp as the crowd explodes with applause, and you realize that you have just earned one of N.C. State's most presti-

gious titles. A career of leadership, service and scholar suddenly pays off.

Think this could be you?

The 2002-2003 "Leader of the Pack" competition will kick off this week and any student actively involved in campus life is encouraged to apply. Besides the title, \$1,000 and campus celebrity are up for grabs.

"Leader of the Pack" is an annual award honoring two students for outstanding achievement in leadership, scholarship and service on-campus and off. To apply, students must fill out an application available at <http://csleaps.ncsu.edu/Leadership/html>.

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# Technology circus makes debut at fairgrounds

The Lulu Tech Circus, held last weekend, was founded by former chief executive officer of Red Hat, Robert Young.

**Carlton Newsome**  
Staff Reporter

Ever wondered about the connection between computer gaming systems and robotics, or what about the connection between gaming, 3-D multimedia systems and online education?

The first ever Lulu Tech Circus, which was held at the Jim Graham Building at the N.C. State Fairgrounds this past weekend, hopes to comfort the curious and address these topics and many more.

The circus founder, Robert Young, is the former chief executive officer of Red Hat. Young is currently the chief executive officer of Lulu Enterprises. Lulu Enterprises has two sectors at this time. The Lulu Tech Circus and Lulu Press.

"The goal for the tech circus is to introduce a way for people of all ages, interest levels and abilities to find something of interest in technology and be able to use the technologies hands on," said Young. "Also, I hope that people will see that the technological applications overlap."

The event was set up as a five-ring circus, with each ring event being referred to as an "experience." The participants were able to choose what activities they wanted to experience.

The five technologies that were highlighted were "Artis Teku" (Graphic and Media Arts), "Expansive Education," "Gear and Gadgets," "Fun and Games" and "Extreme Computing."

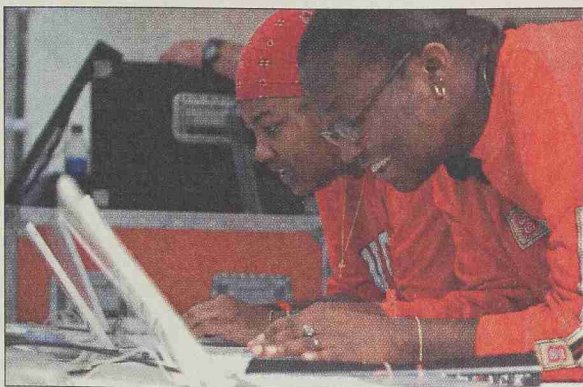
The Artis Teku ring had a digital music theater set up for events such as the digital DJ contest, where DJs would spin the music by using digital devices. There was a robotics area that fit in with the Gears and Gadgets ring that showcased robots from the Triangle Amateur Robots Association (TARA). Anyone that has ever watched Battlebots on Comedy Central could get a look at one of the Battlebots named Openasoras.

The TARA display had a variety of robots at its station. Bob Hammond, a member of TARA, had an autonomous robot on display that worked on the same principle as an insect's nervous system.

Hammond said "the robot learns to walk on its own each time it is turned on and is programmed to move towards the brightest light that is detected by a very small solar panel placed on its back. The robot makes decisions to accomplish this goal without any external commands." Bobby Emory, chair of TARA, had a course assembled that was a miniature version of a national competition held in Pennsylvania. "The competition was for fire fighting robots. The robots have sensors that detect the source of heat from a fire and moves forward to put the fire out," said Emory. "This kind

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# The introduction of miniturization



Chelsea Ngongang (right), a freshman in chemistry, and Turquoise Ross (left), a sophomore in biology, test out new iBook computers. Staff photo by Robert Bradley

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## SENATE

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regarding discrimination."

Associate General Counsel of the Department of Legal Affairs David Drooz said that the second paragraph is not a minor policy or a secondary policy but is "two separate policies of equal stature."

Siska responded by saying that all you have to do to see where this breaks down is to look at the school's Web site. It has the abbreviated Equal Opportunity statement but only the first paragraph. It does not list sexual orientation at all. She said this is a common problem, and it is due to the separation of the two statements.

"Separate but equal does not work," she said.

She went on to say that NCSU has a non-discrimination policy and a sexual orientation policy, not two non-discrimination policies or a single unified policy of non-discrimination.

"Revising the statement would be a move in the forward direction, bringing the university a step

closer to being equally inclusive of everyone," Siska said.

Being inclusive was Fox's stated goal back in 1998 after Matthew Shepard's death. Shepard, a gay 21-year-old University of Wyoming student, was attacked, burned, pistol-whipped and left to die for up to 18 hours while tied to a wooden fence because of his sexual orientation.

In a speech soon after his death, she said, "Faculty, staff, administrators and students must work together to build a community that is inclusive and welcoming to all people."

According to the Office of Legal Affairs, the reason for the separation of policies is that sexual orientation is not a protected status under either federal or state law. In an email correspondence, the Office of Legal Affairs stated that state law — concerning health insurance, pension and other benefits — does provide certain rights for straight and married people but are not available to gays or lesbians.

"Because those state and federal laws are higher legal authority

than any university policy, the university cannot purport to override them on its own initiative."

However, several other major universities in the state such as UNC-Asheville, UNC-Wilmington and East Carolina University all found ways around this problem in order to include sexual orientation in a concise statement.

UNC-A places a star on sexual orientation that acknowledges sexual orientation is not a protected category under federal or state law and cannot be grieved beyond the campus level.

Buffy Bagwell, director of Human Resources at the UNC-A, said that UNC-A chose sexual orientation to be a protected group on their campus. She said two years ago when she revised the policy to include sexual orientation, she had to send it to the N.C. Office of State Personnel to have the language approved. She added that there has been no negative feedback from the policy change.

UNC-W adds a line to the statement saying it does not ap-

ply "where marital status is a statutory established eligibility criterion for state-funded employee benefit programs," thus avoiding legal problems.

ECU mentions sexual orientation in its first paragraph but does not add it to the next paragraph, which discusses benefits. Their policy is much longer and more complex than the other universities, but they still have sexual orientation included in one unified policy.

Here at NCSU, the fate of Resolution 12 now lies in the hands of Fox and the administration.

"In addition to the goal of meeting our legal obligations, we have a broader goal of fostering tolerance, sensitivity, understanding, and respect... while encouraging all individuals to reach their potential," said the chancellor in 2000. "We are dedicated to serving a diverse community that recognizes the inherent worth and dignity of each person."

in the senate is not futile," Pendergrass says, "We do help the campus."

Both Pendergrass and Gellar have ideas for the upcoming year. Gellar, while working on the hate crime reporting issue, also wants to make GLB issues more visible. His ideas include an orientation brochure about GLB resources on and off campus, safe sex workshops, a GLB movie series and a faculty coming out day.

Pendergrass is focused on tuition and fees. He is working on a yearlong review process that will ensure any fee hike is well justified. He is also concerned about representing the College of Agricultural and Life Science for which he is the senior representative.

R28 was adopted and changed to Senate Bill 1231 and was signed into law by Governor Easley on Aug. 12 of this year.

"That showed that what we do

demonstrated its CryptoBuddy(TM) software at the Circus. Released in June of this year, CryptoBuddy is an easy-to-use program that allows individuals and businesses to encrypt and compress private documents and files.

Samantha Strain of Triangle Jumpstart, a company doing the press releases for the software, said, "One application that will be of use to universities is that the decryption portion of the software will always be free. Educators could use the software to easily encrypt the files and at the time that the instructor is ready for the students to read the file they will be able to provide the student with the password. The password will allow the students to use the file only when the student has received it. This allows for entrepreneurs who need to encrypt files an affordable way to accomplish that task."

CryptoBuddy encryption and

compression software utility is also listed as a "Top 5" of utility software programs downloaded at the popular CMP Media IT-ProDownloads.com web site.

Young stated, "the most enthusiastically visited ring was the gaming ring which included tournament play of Tom Clancy's Ghost Recon(TM): Island Thunder which will not actually hit store shelves until October 2002."

Young said the circus was a success, and it vastly exceeded the minimum numbers that he had expected to receive. In addition, he thanks Gert Davis and Carol Lang, co-chairs of Lulu Enterprises, and Melissa London, CEO of Hats Off Marketing Firm, for helping with the circus's success.

Comments about the circus from NCSU students varied.

Gabriel Kessler, a senior at NCSU, said that it was geared too much towards the vendors, and would like to see a stronger emphasis on letting participants use

## CRIME REPORT

The following is a description of reports issued by Campus Police for Saturday.

## 9:55 a.m. Medical assistance

A staff member reported that a non-student fell and hit his head in Reynolds Coliseum.

## 11:27 a.m. Fire

A non-student reported a vehicle fire at the Memorial Bell Tower lot. The fire was extinguished with no injuries.

## 12:00 p.m. Special event

Officers reported to duty for the NCSU vs. UMASS football game.

## 1:07 p.m. Drug violation

A subject was charged and ejected from the football game.

## 1:32 p.m. Alcohol violation

A subject was ejected from the football game.

## 1:36 p.m. Alcohol violation

A subject was ejected from the football game.

## 1:52 p.m. Alcohol violation

Two subjects were ejected from the football game.

## 1:55 p.m. Alcohol violation

Three subjects were ejected from the football game.

## 1:56 p.m. Check person

A staff member contacted police in regards to a homeless subject begging on the steps of Talley Student Center. The subject was identified and was previously trespassed from campus. The subject was arrested and re-trespassed.

## 2:14 p.m. Alcohol violation

A subject was ejected from the football game.

## 2:16 p.m. Alcohol violation

Three subjects were ejected from the football game.

## 2:45 p.m. Alcohol violation

A subject was ejected from the football game.

## 2:56 p.m. Alcohol violation

A subject was ejected from the football game.

## 3:35 p.m. Suspicious vehicle

A staff member reported a vehicle parked near Building 210 near Orchard Pond. The vehicle left the area prior to officers' arrival.

## 3:44 p.m. Damage to property

A non-student reported that his

vehicle was damaged while parked at E.S. King Village.

## 4:03 p.m. Alcohol violation

A subject was ejected from the football game.

## 4:07 p.m. Medical assistance

A non-student reported that a subject was experiencing an asthma attack. EMS and RFD responded. The subject was not transported.

## 4:25 p.m. Medical assistance

A non-student reported that a subject was having seizures in front of the Laundry building. The subject refused transport.

## 4:36 p.m. Medical assistance

A non-student reported that a subject broke his leg during a rugby match at the Method Road soccer field. The subject was transported to the hospital.

## 8:52 p.m. Traffic stop

A subject was cited for running a stop sign at Sullivan and Dan Allen Drive.

## 12:19 a.m. Medical assistance

A non-student was transported to the hospital after passing out at the Talley party from too much alcohol.

## 12:30 a.m. Traffic stop

A non-student was cited for careless and reckless driving on Morrill Drive.

## 12:44 a.m. Alcohol violation

A non-student was cited for drinking underage in the Carmichael Gym lot.

## 2:32 a.m. Traffic stop

A non-student was cited for running a stop sign at Sullivan and Dan Allen Drive.

## 2:57 a.m. Fire alarm

Alarm activation at Research II. Cause for activation was a malfunction in the air-handling unit.

## 3:00 a.m. Traffic stop

A non-student was cited for driving on Cates Avenue with a suspended license.

- Calls to 5-3000-46
- Calls to 5-3333-51
- Escorts- 0
- Assist Motorist- 2
- False Intrusion/ Panic alarms- 8
- Actual Intrusion/ Panic alarms- 0
- Key Request- 1

the technology and less emphasis on vendors trying to sell the product. Hyon Kang, a junior majoring in biochemistry, said she enjoyed the extreme computing but that the atmosphere of the circus was too crowded. Justin Newsome, a junior majoring in mechanical engineering, said the robotics engineering was really interesting, and he liked the digital music.

Young noted that he anticipates that the Lulu Tech Circus will continue to be held at the N.C. State Fairgrounds as an annual event.

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## GLB

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against gay and lesbian students last semester, according to Pendergrass.

Both men are united in their belief that the student population as a whole will not take issue with the sexual orientation of anyone in the senate. Gellar feels that if there is any reaction, it will be from "fanatics [who] don't represent the whole."

Speaking of his fellow senators, Pendergrass says, "I think the senate as a whole would like to see the campus flourish in tolerance of everyone's differences."

Gellar also says, "I am more than just gay or just a senator. I am a musician, a linguophile, a

scholar, a friend ... I bring more than one aspect of my life with me to the senate chambers. I bring a conviction for diversity, equality and unilateral non-discrimination ... I bring an advocacy for the arts ... I bring a sense of moral and ethical integrity ... and, most importantly, I bring the views and sentiments of my constituents."

The senate is responsible for promoting the general welfare of the student body, for allocating funds from the student body budget, for determining ticket distribution for athletic events and for being the student voice to the university administration.

Pendergrass sponsored a resolution in 2001 that led to the General Assembly changing a current law on the books.

tative of RTPnet, said "the goal of our organization is to have a Computer Technology Center (CTC) within walking distance of anyone who needs access to a computer. These centers will also be able to serve as community centers. The fully functional center will enable anyone access to quality computers and will also offer training on the basics of computing." Winegarden also stated that another goal for the organization is to set up a statewide volunteer help desk that anyone can long on to and get an answer within the hour of a question being posted.

"Lulu Tech Circus has been a great opportunity for those of us who are involved in the tech community because it gives us a chance to mingle and network. The human networking that I have seen at this event is unmatched in a normal trade show environment," said Winegarden.

Research Triangle Software, Inc.

sumes to the table.

Both have received the honor of Order of Omega and have been active in Greek life, Terry as president of Chi Omega and Spencer as the Caldwell Cup Chairman of Phi Delta Theta.

At the time of the award, Terry had been a resident advisor for University Towers, served as co-president of the Society of Human Resource Management and served on the judicial board for Student Government.

When named "Leader of the Pack", Spencer was already involved in cheerleading and ROTC. While involved in ROTC, he served as Squad Leader, Moral, Welfare and Recreation chair and a member of the Drill Team.

Their achievements are reflective of past winners, all who have been well rounded, actively involved and academically strong.

"Just the fact that you can be classified with [past winners] is an honor," said Terry.

This year, the committee in charge of the competition is hop-

ing for a much more diverse candidate pool.

"We want to get everybody," Terry said, "We want to get the word out to people who are involved in a lot of different activities both on and off campus."

She also pointed out that no student should be dissuaded from applying because they don't think that their achievements stack up.

"We are looking for people with any leadership. Leadership can be a lot of different things; most people are involved in a lot more than they think," she said, pointing out examples such as committee work, student organizations or service work off campus.

To apply, students should download the application from the Center for Student Leadership, Ethics and Service Web site and submit it by Oct. 11 at 5 p.m.

Applications are then judged on scholastics, leadership, extra curricular activities and personal expression. The top applicants, six males and six females, will then move on to the interview

process.

From the interview process, which is conducted by a panel of administrators, faculty and student leaders, the pool will be narrowed to six candidates, three males and three females.

And then, it is up to the student body to decide. The winners are chosen by popular vote in an election by the student body on Oct. 28 and 29.

The process will all culminate in a halftime ceremony where the finalists will take the field in front of the Homecoming crowd for the announcement of the new "Leaders of the Pack."

Terry, along with the scholarship committee, just hopes that all students will consider applying.

"Our goal is just to try to encourage a lot of people to apply—a lot of different people with different experiences."

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Undergraduate students who will still be enrolled at the university during Fall 2003 are eligible to apply. A minimum 2.5 GPA is also required.

The honor is much like that of "Homecoming King" or "Queen" at other universities. However, its distinguishing trait is that "Leader of the Pack" emphasizes personal achievements and leadership.

With that honor comes the responsibility of serving as a figure for the university. A face to go with the name. In addition, winners are expected to help plan the next competition and take part in Homecoming planning the following year.

"I think it's just a great honor," said Katie Terry, "It reinforces everything you've done throughout college."

Terry, along with Jonathan Spencer, was named "Leader of the Pack" last year.

Both brought impressive re-



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## Beck shoots and scores

**Beck**

Sea Changes  
★★★★

**Grayson Currin**

Senior Staff Writer

When all is said and done, Beck Hansen will probably never make a bad record. Even with his natural bent for sonic indulgence and free-form creation, he will most likely never make a "Trans," "Metal Machine Music" or "Never Let Me Down."

With "Sea Change," his fifth major-label release, Beck has ventured onto solid ground that — using a sound altogether divergent from his previous efforts — leaves "bad record" about as far behind as possible.

The amazing genre-hopping he managed with "Odelay!" reveals itself as a unified sound, free of pretense and over-worked expectation. The abrasion of "Mellow Gold" has been swept under the rug along with the burdensome, psychedelic, straying loads of both "Mutations" and "Midnite Vultures."

"Sea Change" is, instead, a completely shaped and carefully-nuanced beauty that maintains a sharp focus of folk songs met by luscious instrumental embellishment. The customary singer/songwriter fodder of life, death and love is given a fresh reading. In his own tradition, Beck finds a way to create vivid, disturbing images and tie them to universal themes shadowed by a veil of ambiguity.

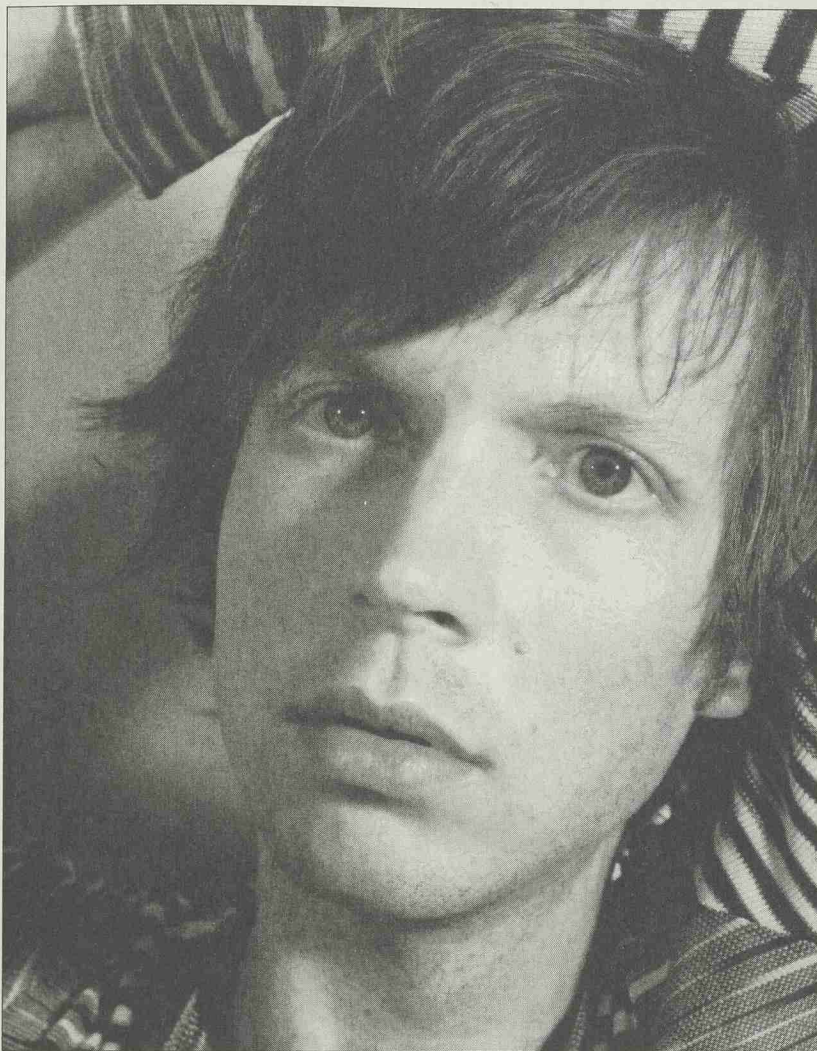
His age-defined maturity gives the writing a type of contemplative stance, viewing everything with an aware eye towards the end. That introspection, tied with the literary depth of the writing, aptly finds a way to pique the listener's interest in topics that have been broached countless times.

"Lonesome Tears," for instance, finds Beck crooning in a Buckley-bent moment, all pent up with emotion-trailing evasive love, as the song heads into its brooding chorus by way of melodrama that rivals a Hollywood score.

"How could this love/ ever turning/ never turns its eyes on me?" asks Beck.

As with much of the record, David Campbell's string arrangements find the blood on the tracks, jerking back and forth into a maddening crescendo that finds the heart racing alongside the cacophonous noise whirling slightly below. The strings of "Paper Tiger" move along with the song beneath Beck's deadpan vocals before sailing away at points to echo the slicing, shrill electric guitar of Jason Faulkner.

"Little One" swirls into an ending



Beck may looked confused about the sea changing, but deep down he knows what's going on.

Photo courtesy Geffen Records

abyss of Campbell's delicious string composition as Beck's wail hits a sustain and is trampled underfoot by a helter-skelter piano

The combined creative power of producer Nigel Godrich, Campbell and Beck is in full effect for one of the album's simplest tracks (instrumentally), "Round the Bend." Beck's paced acoustic strumming, punctuated by the buzzing, upright bass of Justin Meldal-Johnsen, slides alongside the masterfully haunting strings. A déjà vu of Godrich's own work with Radiohead (especially the heart of "Amnesiac") is obvious, but Beck manages to eschew the utter deconstruction of his British contemporaries for a Woody Guthrie-meets-Jim O'Rourke brilliance.

A revamped version of "It's All in

Your Mind," a song originally included on 1994's Calvin Johnson collaboration "One Foot in the Grave," stands as the album's emotional centerpiece. Beck's insistence on only a handful of repeated lines and a singular rhyme scheme points to the utter damage lying at the heart of the writer, menacingly inviting the listener into an intimate exchange of empathy.

Only "Sunday Sun" hints at the excess of "Mutations," but it does so with grace and dexterity. The result blooms as four of the album's most mellifluous minutes slam into its most disparate 40 seconds with shocking force. The stark contrast is but an alarmingly effective revelation of the tortured, questioning soul that sits at the center of Beck Hansen and

his creative genius.

With "Sea Change," Beck has written a stellar album ripe with defining contradictions and splitting strife. Via his second collaboration with Godrich, he has performed what may stand as one of the masterpieces of the year and his career. Godrich's intentionally quiet production and mixing have rendered a splendid work of art that keeps the audience intrigued. Never before has his voice sounded quite so honest and convincing. The most abstract of the Highwaymen has finally realized the way to bring together basic country and expansive rock 'n' roll.

Let "Album of the Year" arguments begin here.

## Your new pop music haircut

**A. James Briggs**

Staff Writer

Great trends often carry with them a great deal of irony. If contemporary American culture, particularly the music industry, is guilty of shamelessly hunting the "next big thing" at the expense of consumer's patience (and wallet), then the synth-pop movement known as Electroclash may be the New Wave big enough to pay the bail.

Rewind to South Bronx, New York City, in 1999 — Ground Zero. What is now the epicenter of the underground dance revolution and home to the genre's biggest names had its humble beginnings just a few years ago under the roof of a tired 1980s club and the mind of a restless and savvy music promoter, Larry Tee.

Bored with the sterile sound of modern dance music and the ever-growing cliché of DJ culture, Tee decided to roll the dice and trust his instincts after seeing Fischerspooner, now a premiere Electroclash act, on the recommendation of a friend. In doing so, it turned the underground music world on its head.

So what exactly is everyone getting so excited about? Musically, Electroclash (the term coined by Tee) is equal parts lo-fi keyboard-pop backed by mechanized disco beats and combined with a punk attitude and do-it-yourself ethic. As the name reveals, its influences lie in 80s electro-groups like Devo, New Order, Soft Cell and the Human League, to name a few, and seminal punk acts Television and The Clash.

But it is more than the music that has the youth of today shaking and baking; it is about fashion, sex and having fun. In a word, it is a new culture the kids are buying into — one that sports asymmetrical haircuts, scanty, homemade outfits, loose morals and bands whose shows are actually entertaining. You may have seen or heard some of this already.

In fact, the Electroclash Festival, the event that cast the genre into the media's eye, organized and promoted by Larry Tee, was held over five days in New York City in October of last year, accompanied by a compilation CD. The bands included the aforementioned Fischerspooner, WIT All Stars, A.R.E. Weapons and The Faint. Although all of the bands are based in Brooklyn, each has garnered a rabid following in areas throughout the country, including the Triangle, with the latest Faint show selling out Carrboro's Cat's Cradle in short order.

With the apparent extinction of progressive mainstream rock music and the deluge of staid, insecure and boring emo/indie-rock acts in the corporate-run "underground," Electroclash shows provide a stark alternative that many people find appealing.

From the glam theatrics of Fischerspooner, whose lavish stage sets prompted the description "electro-pop-opera," to the lo-fi sex appeal of WIT All Stars, these bands love mechanical dance beats and calculated pop-hooks almost as much as they love to entertain, many of them heralding the title "performance art."

Certainly, their shows are an experience — good-looking youth in provocative clothing, dancing in a chemically induced frenzy to the retro sounds of a new age and advertising cheap thrills to all that dare to have fun. The movement obviously does not come without its share of pretense, and critics are quick to point out that the image-conscious scene lacks anything new — the sound and fashion are yet another re-hash of previous eras.

This may be true, but the popularity of Electroclash may not be rooted in its artistic significance or sonic virtuosity, and a healthy dose of pretense and posturing is what makes it work. In a sober post-9/11 world with a declining stock market, a busted Internet bubble and a music industry that offers everything from bad to worse, an as-yet-conservative generation is seeking an identity or maybe just a good time.

Electroclash, as a sound, fashion and subculture, could be the answer for those searching for something fresh, catchy and exciting in music or simply to dress up and cut loose. Who can blame them? There exists this emerging movement that continues to celebrate, in music, fashion and attitude, the long-dead ethos of sex, drugs and rock 'n' roll ... because frankly, the latest season of "The Real World" comes up short.

## A look at the future

**Non-Phixion**

The Future is Now  
★★★★

**Ghassan Hamra**

Staff Writer

What do underground-rap group Non-Phixion and alt-country-turned-experimental-country group Wilco have in common? It's a response that is not so obvious, but makes lots of sense when you hear it: Both Wilco and Non-Phixion recorded albums but dealt with record label drama before releasing some of the best albums of 2002.

The story for Wilco was pretty simple. Reprise dropped them, so they bought the album rights. Nonesuch then picked them up, and they put out the album.

It was not that easy for Non-Phixion. From the beginning, it was thought that they were headed for great things. Shortly after their debut single, Geffen Records quickly signed the group. However, after the release of their single "I Shot Reagan," it was thought that the group might fair better on a label that was a little less scared of controversy. Thus, the band ended up on Matador Records, home of groups

ranging from Mogwai and Pavement to Mr. Len.

The group recorded "The Future is Now" at this point but decided to leave Matador for one reason or another. They soon ended up on Warner Bros. Records and set a release date for the long awaited album. However, the fickle nature of Non-Phixion shined through once again, and the band left Warner Bros.

Now it's 2002, and Non-Phixion have finally "settled" on Landspeed Records to release "The Future is Now." So, now the question for the listener is this: Was it worth the wait? Perhaps a little information about the album will help answer this question.

Some of you might remember Nas' 1994 release "Illmatic." An album that was quickly declared a masterpiece of the genre featured production from Pete Rock, DJ Premiere and Large Professor. Would you be convinced of the merit of this album if you knew that all three worked on it?

If not, you would at least be interested in a listen, right? Well, lucky for the group, one listen is all you really need for conformation on the merit of "The Future is Now." Emcees Ill Bill, Goretex and Sabac Red present thought-provoking rhymes over brilliant beats, brought to you by DJ Eclipse.



Non-Phixion does music with a strut. Photo courtesy Landspeed Records

There are many terms to describe the rhymes on this album, but if you had to use just one term, it wouldn't be far off to call the album a "conspiracy theory." Track titles like "The CIA is Trying to Kill Me," "Suicide Bomb" and "Black Helicopters" are a testament to the subversive nature of the album.

Guests on the album include Necro (Ill Bill's brother), MF Doom, Beatnuts, Deftones and industrial metal darlings Fear Factory. Though all the guest appearances are more than wel-

come, the best songs on the album were put together without outside assistance.

On an album with one great song after another, it's hard to pick out tracks for special attention. However, if you need one as a starting point, listen to "The CIA is Trying to Kill Me." When a group describes Jesus Christ as a gangster rapper killed by the CIA who came back to life and recorded a platinum album, how can you go wrong?

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## Libel occurs in many forms, but can laws stop it?

The U.S. Supreme Court may have to settle a dispute between a Holly Springs citizen and resident of Ohio over an Internet domain site.

The law always seems to be a few steps behind technology, and a current lawsuit involving a Holly Springs, N.C., man will test the definition of libel when defamatory material appears on the Internet. Daniel L'Hommedieu filed a lawsuit against Dr. Praveen Kumar of Hudson, Ohio, because Kumar is the operator of a Web site called DanL'HommedieuLovesMen.com. Defaming someone's personal identity is wrong in any means of publication. Had this issue occurred in a newspaper, Kumar would clearly be at fault, but since the audience is anyone in the world visiting this Web site, there is a territory that must be investigated by the law. Although it would be difficult to investigate such charges of libel, laws should be in place to prevent individuals from using the Internet to attack the integrity of others.

The Web site in question lists L'Hommedieu's former address and phone number, although a few characters were deleted and replaced with asterisks, but due to the fact that the men are in different states, a former U.S. Supreme Court decision may stop any action against Kumar. L'Hommedieu said, "If it had just been my name, I wouldn't care, but it physically identified me by name, address and phone number." Whether this was a cruel joke or extreme case of bad judgment on the

part of Kumar, he should still be responsible for his actions instead of hiding behind the excuse that he is in another state.

In a legal disclaimer on Kumar's Web site, he says, "This site focuses on no Dan L'Hommedieu in particular. There are several Dan L'Hommedieus located in the United States including Dan L'Hommedieu from 3\*\*0 C\*\*mberland Creek R., \*\*leigh, North Carolina (919) 67\*-5784." He goes on to say how there are more than a million people named-Dan L'Hommedieu in France, and then states, "Now that me getting sued is out of the way — enjoy!" This attitude is arrogant and clearly displays that Kumar recognized that he could be held accountable for material that appeared on the site.

In July, the Minnesota Supreme Court threw out a similar lawsuit of an Alabama woman claiming that a woman in Minnesota had libeled her in an Internet news group. Those courts decided that a Minnesotan cannot be sued in Alabama, and Kumar is hoping that this ruling will remain true in his situation.

The decision in this case will have large ramifications especially if the U.S. Supreme Court chooses to rule. It would be difficult for individuals to track down cases of libel on the Internet, but that should not mean that this behavior is excused. Using a worldwide medium as a means to spread defamatory remarks about someone else should not be tolerated, and the state boundary lines of parties involved should not play a role in this decision since they do not affect whether or not others can view the material.

Hi, I'm Republican Senator Nadda Reelrep. As a congressman I take responsibility for underfunded intelligence communities. A mistake now corrected. By taking blame I can enforce my partisan agenda and have public support for previously unsupported endeavors ...

I also take responsibility for lack of religious morals in schools and not enough tax breaks for the rich ... and hey ... I hold myself personally responsible for all too stringent gun legislation. Solutions are on the way.



## Show me the money



**Matt Campbell**  
Staff Columnist

Recently, a Detroit public school teacher was paid \$4 million after taxes for 18 minutes of, no, not scratching off lotto tickets (that was last week) but for 18 minutes of work. Yes, a teacher was paid more than baseball players and CEOs.

Is this some sort of revolution being started by the Detroit public school system? Well, actually, no. A clerk's error while entering payroll information into the computer caused the slight pay increase. I wish I could be paid with an hourly wage equal to my Social Security number. Don't worry though, the error was soon caught, and the money was returned and the district has installed fail-safe software to catch any other errors of that magnitude.

But, I wonder, was it truly a glitch? Maybe it was a message being sent by today's technology and an incompetent employee. Maybe today's teachers should be getting paid an amount that can be broken down handsomely to the minute, second and heartbeat — just like Alex Rodriguez and Bill Gates.

Now, this is a bit of a self-interest piece because I am a math education major and I am pursuing a career in high school

teaching. I can't help but laugh when I tell people my major and I get a sympathetic response. All of you engineers have obviously got it right because you'll get the response of, "Yeah, going where the big bucks are, attaway." On the other hand, I will get, "Well, that's modest," or, "Aww, how sweet."

It's quite the irony that in a time when the youth of our nation — the future of our nation — is so precious, their teachers, instructors and mentors are being paid less than most professionally trained workers in this nation.

Teachers in North Carolina receive starting wages that are awful and finish with wages that are relatively worse after putting in sometimes more than 25 years on the job. The state of North Carolina has to have scholarships that provide incentive for future teachers to stay in North Carolina to start their careers.

I plan on going back to Long Island to teach because, even with a higher cost of living, I will get paid enough to do just that — make a living. It's sad to see that today's teachers have to work the same summer jobs as their students in order to make ends meet. These conditions exist from kindergarten to grade 12 and even exist here at the college level. Budget cuts and canceled course sections have led to many instructors taking pay cuts or being completely jobless.

Now I can't speak for generations before mine, but teachers these days get little attention and even less respect. Not too many of us can say that a teacher has not

had an impact on us. Not too many individuals, outside of our families, in other professions can have such a profound influence.

Between that and the nonsense teachers get from students, fellow teachers, parents, deans, assistant principals, principals, administrators, superintendents and everyone else under the sun, teachers don't get the credit they deserve. Of course, there is that one teacher who somehow comes out on top with the "Teacher of the Year" award and a free trip to Disney World. Let me tell you, the opportunity to dance with Mickey and Minnie sends chills down my spine.

Now, we can't make teachers millionaires — there just isn't enough money, and some of that money can go to other educational needs and, yes, there are some awful teachers out there. Since becoming an educator is considered 'a calling,' maybe it's time to make a call for some better conditions for our teachers.

Pay increases would force out those bad teachers because of the influx of bright, charismatic, new teachers who would find that much more incentive to pass up their six figure salary in order to teach. Pay increases will, instead, give teachers a bit more of what they deserve and that may not be such a bad thing.

Nine out of 10 teachers are said to prefer cash gifts to the traditional apple on the first day of school. Send encouragement to Matt at folksdamanihere@aol.com as he tries to break down that tenth teacher.

### CAMPUS FORUM

#### N.C. State Alpha Gamma Rho open statement

The actions taken by the three fraternity men at Oklahoma State University, are contrary to all that Alpha Gamma Rho stands for and teaches its members. Our purpose and covenant tell us to respect standards of human decency and to respect the dignity of all persons. The vast majority of AGR brothers believes in and follows these principles. Alpha Gamma Rho's purpose is to "Make Better Men and through them a Better and Broader Agriculture ...."

While the incident at OSU was wrong and does not uphold Alpha Gamma Rho's beliefs, we N.C. State chapter mem-

bers are supportive of the Pi Chapter of AGR as a whole. The activity was wrong and while we find the actions to be offensive and embarrassing to Alpha Gamma Rho, we will not turn our backs on the whole chapter due to the mistakes of a few. As president of the NCSU Chapter of Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity, I would be open to any questions concerning the incident. I can be reached by email at jlsnyder@unity.ncsu.edu.

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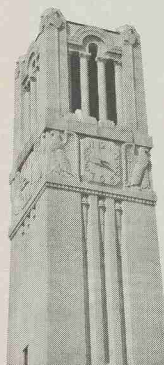
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It has happened to all of us. We have all had a night when, after five nights of consecutive socializing, we need a break. You decide that it might be fun to sit around in your room, catch up on two weeks' worth of late homework and just chill out. Most of the time,

you realize within five minutes that you have made a grave mistake. As you hear the sound of your party-going friends resonate down the hall, you begin to feel a wave of terror.

You realize that you actually have nothing to do and that your night of self-discovery will really only end up in boredom and miserable sleep. That is why I felt that it might be necessary to help all of you uncreative dorm residents out there. Here is my edited list of things that I do on those never-ending nights when, by some cruel twist of fate, I am left alone in my dorm room.

**Flower arranging** — Say you have some fresh flowers just sitting around your room. Why not put some time and effort into the honored tradition of arranging flowers? Now I know that some of you guys out there are thinking that flower arranging is a girl's hobby and

real men aren't even supposed to know that fresh flowers exist. Normally, I would say that you were correct, but in this case, I think that as long as you don't tell anyone what you're doing and discard the flowers promptly after finishing, then you might come out still feeling somewhat masculine. Flower arranging can actually become a useful hobby. You never know when the topic of conversation might turn, as it so often does, to the question of whether tulips grow in 13 different varieties or 12. It is also useful as a means of catharsis, which will help you vent your anger for the world.

**Play tricks on your roommate** — Rearrange furniture, change clocks around, prank call her cell phone — of course, this can always backfire, so heed these important tips. First, you have to live with your roommate so don't permanently scar her for life. She might get bitter and never let you have the remote control. Second, make sure that the joke you play doesn't end up being a joke on you instead. For instance, one time, I set the alarm clock for 4 a.m. to wake her up. She never came in so it ended up waking me up. I thought it was fire alarm and ran outside only to find a drunk guy who thought he was Jonathan Taylor Thomas.

**Stick magnets to your television** — It messes up your TV screen forever, but it is so much fun. The longer you wait, the more messed up your television screen will get. One time, I stuck a magnet on

the screen for three hours, and it never fully recovered. It was really cool until my roommate came back and reminded me that she had just gotten the television a month ago. Make sure your TV is fully disposable to prevent the wrath of your somewhat selfish, TV-loving roommate.

**Write** — Never will you come up with more random stuff than if you're sitting in your dorm room all alone for hours on end. After the piece is written, submit it to Campus Forum and let thousands of students at your school read it and think you're an idiot. If you decide to apply for a position at Technician, let students wonder how you ever got the job, and they will call the chancellor wondering why Technician doesn't hire better staff members. Not that this has ever happened to anyone I know.

I hope that I have given you some good advice. Remember that you never have to feel alone and helpless while alone in your dorm room. If all else fails, jump into the ice cold shower until you lose sight of reality and your hair freezes to your head. Either that, or just give up and go to a party for heaven's sake.

Candace's roommate locked her out of her room. After she calls a locksmith, she will be glad to read your responses, so give her a holler at cmchilton@unity.ncsu.edu.

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# Congress takes some responsibility for 9/11



**Ben Kraudel**  
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I had promised myself several months ago that I would never again write a column about Sept. 11. It seems that promises truly are made to be broken.

Congress announced this week that they should share some of the blame for the attacks after doing

an inquiry into what made the attacks possible. Intelligence failures were "failure[s] not just of the intelligence agencies, not just of the FBI, but also a failure of Congress and a failure of presidents," as said by Sen. Mike DeWine, R-Ohio, at Thursday's hearing of the House and Senate intelligence committees.

Congress also admits that perhaps the failures of the intelligence community were due to the lack of resources that had been allocated. The FBI and CIA both seem to agree that while they assume some responsibility, they were working with limited staff and budgets for their counter-terrorism units.

"If we are all to assess responsibility — if not blame — that responsibility should not be selective," said Sen. Pat Roberts, R-Kansas. "The responsibility for 9/11 also lies with Congress, past and current pol-

icy makers, and, yes, more comprehensive reporting by the nation's press."

Similarly, Sen. Richard Shelby, R-Alabama, agreed that the White House and Congress share responsibility for not allocating enough funds to the intelligence agencies. "There was not that much interest for a number of years in beefing up our intelligence agencies because a lot of people — and they were wrong — thought the Cold War was over ... the world is safe," he said when asked about his thoughts.

I, for one, am proud that Congress has stepped so readily up to the plate to acknowledge their mistakes and suggest that reform is necessary in order to prevent future episodes similar to what happened in September of last year. Unfortunately, this has become a very partisan issue, with few Democrats willing to take any responsibility, saying this is only a tactic to ensure more military and intelligence spending. How anyone could consider these inquiries and changes to be unneeded is beyond me.

Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, noted that laws passed after the attacks of last September that strengthened police powers had been sitting on the Congress floor for years, or as he put it, they "had languished in Congress because we were unable to muster the collective political will to enact them into law."

More than putting forth an agenda to pass more legislation to strengthen our

global intelligence, I would rather voice how pleased I am to see Congress admit that mistakes were made and that someone must take responsibility. In an age where far too many politicians feel the need to pass the buck, and responsibility is nearly always placed at the foot of a large corporation and never taken any further or at the body of an office and never inside to one person, I am pleased to see some members of the Senate stand and say: This was our fault, either for not pushing hard enough or for all owing things to happen as they did. I applaud those members of Congress, and I hope that it begins a trend in politics, to take responsibility and to do their best to make positive changes upon past mistakes.

Still, I know that most likely this is just another chance for some politicians to push their own agenda by accepting the responsibility of a massacre, but I think that partisan or not, it's a step in the right direction. There is no doubt after the horrors we've seen that change is necessary, and now, it seems like it may actually be possible if we are willing to accept responsibility for the mistakes of the past and do our best to correct them in the future.

*Ben takes responsibility for this column ... unless you don't like it, then blame Technician. E-mail him about it at bkraudel@unity.ncsu.edu.*

# How the rich and famous get off scot-free

**Daniel Port**  
Daily Trojan

(U-WIRE) LOS ANGELES — Last week, Minnesota Vikings wide receiver Randy Moss was arrested and charged with assault after allegedly trying to run down a female traffic officer. Moss is accused of pushing the officer approximately a half-block in his 2002 Lexus sedan after the officer attempted to deter him from making an illegal left-hand turn.

But, of course, Moss' case will end up as all celebrity crime cases do. Moss will hire a high-priced, soulless lawyer who will get him off on probation and a laughably low fine. The crime won't halt his career in the slightest. In fact, he'll probably be all the more popular for it. It's a sad fact but, for celebrities, the law is nothing more than a polite set of suggestions.

The nation we live in exists with clear rules and guidelines. We normal folk call these "laws." These "laws" help us all co-exist. Persons who break these "laws" are fairly tried by a jury of their peers and sentenced to be punished accordingly. With me so far?

Now, these "laws" apply to everyone, not just the normal people. Even famous athletes and actors are required to follow these rules. If they can't, well, they ought to be punished just like anyone else.

But it doesn't quite work that way, does it?

I find it appalling that I live in a society where so many people who commit crimes ("criminals," if you will) are walking the streets. Well, actually, a lot of them are being carried, or chauffeured in limousines, or levitating purely on the power of how much people adore them.

It's sickening. A famous actress is caught on videotape stealing hundreds of dollars of merchandise from a clothing store. Is she embarrassed? No. Is she severely punished? Of course not. Does her public image suffer? Not quite.

Nope, Miss Winona "Stealing is Easy" Ryder appears on "Saturday Night Live" and cracks a few jokes at her own expense while promoting her role in the latest addition to the Adam Sandler opus, "Mr. Deeds." The American public, meanwhile, sits back a second and has a good laugh. "Oh that wacky Winona, what will she do next?"

Or what about our dear friend Mr. Allen Iverson? Granted, the charges against Iverson were eventually dropped (the two witnesses "mysteriously" decided not to testify), but his case was ridiculous from the start. He was charged with busting in on his wife and brandishing a gun at her and two friends. The true laugh-riot started when authorities gave Iverson more than a week to turn himself over to the police. A week! He was accused of trespassing while carrying an unlicensed gun! I can just imagine the phone conversation:

"Hi, Mr. Iverson, this is the Philadelphia Police Department. Um, we were just wondering if you could turn yourself in today, uh, you know, we're supposed to charge you with, like, seven things."

"Actually I'm pretty tied up for a while. I'll get back to you."

"Sure Mr. Iverson, whenever you have time. Go Sixers!"

"Yeah, whatever."

And that's how it is. Celebrities can steal, assault, rape and even murder without any real consequence. Who was the last celebrity to serve any real jail time? (No, Robert Blake is not a celebrity). Was it Robert Downey Jr.? What, after his 22nd drug conviction?

It's about time that America's legal system pulled its lips from the collective butt of the nation's celebrities and started treating them like anyone else. No matter how many movies you've made, or how many touchdowns you've scored, or how expensive your lawyer is, you should be expected to adhere to the laws of this great nation. No one is above the law; it's about time that that becomes apparent.

So Moss should be put in jail, forced to spend some quality time with Bruno from cellblock five, if he indeed did it (facts so far dictate that he did). But more than likely he'll get some attorney to convince a jury that the world is flat, and he'll get off with "probation" and a fine that he'll pay with some money he finds on the floor of his '02 Lexus Batter-gram. Welcome to Slaponthewristville, population: growing. Mr. Moss will certainly be back on the football field, whining about the refs and his teammates next Sunday.

And why? Because he's famous and, right now in America, the famous are just a little more free than the rest of us. Think about that.

# Reach out to help education in rural communities

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*Editor's Note: Every Tuesday, Technician will feature a column focusing on the issues surrounding student organizations on campus. This is meant to provide exposure for both student groups and their main causes while giving students information about organizations. If your group would like to run a column, please e-mail Anna Edens at opinion@technicianstaff.com.*

North Carolina public schools receive disproportionate funding. Rural school systems generally receive considerably less funding than their urban counterparts. For this reason, students from rural communities often are not provided with opportunities to develop to their full academic potential. These promising students need guidance and encouragement early in their high school careers to explore educational opportunities and career options. Many students who would otherwise pursue the areas of science and technology have limited exposure to those areas and fail to consider engaging in that line of inquiry.

The N.C. State SATELLITE (Science And Technology Enriching Lifelong Leadership In Tomorrow's Endeavors) program was created to address the needs of these students by giving them exposure to resources, ideas and opportunities that their schools may have been unable to provide. SATELLITE also emphasizes the importance of maintaining a broad, multidisciplinary outlook in the typically specialized fields of science and technology.

Since the spring of 1996, SATELLITE at NCSU has given underserved high school sophomores from low-income public schools an opportunity to explore technology and the sciences in a university atmosphere, encouraging them to pursue higher education opportunities and furthering their personal development.

The mission of SATELLITE is to provide students from rural high schools in North Carolina with opportunities to explore and engage with current issues and career paths in the sciences and in technology-related disciplines through innovative lectures and hands-on laboratory experiences. We also seek to expose students to the university experience through on-campus housing accommodation, tours of university facilities and seminars with current students and university staff, and foster personal development through activities related to leadership, diversity and cultural awareness. Our goal is to foster motivation for continued educational pursuit and achievement.

Throughout the academic year, approximately 15 NCSU students repre-

senting various colleges in the university work to secure funding through grants, plan academic lectures, labs and tours of facilities, schedule cultural events and arrange campus housing and all meals for the five day program. The program is totally free to the scholars. Examples of past activities include a microbiology lab exercise, a tour of the Burlington Nuclear Reactor, interactive presentations in genetics, electrical engineering, statistics, textiles and ethics, as well as an egg drop competition, a visit to Exploris and a show at the new IMAX theater. This is just a brief overview of the many ways we engage the scholars during their time at NCSU.

This year's program will be held May 14 to 18, 2003, and work is already underway. If you are interested in helping to address this issue of targeting potential science and technology-focused high school students from areas receiving disproportionate funds, come to our next SATELLITE meeting on Oct. 23 at 7 p.m. in the Sullivan Classroom. For more information on the program and how to contact us, please visit our Web site at [http://www.ncsu.edu/stud\\_orgs/satellite/index.html](http://www.ncsu.edu/stud_orgs/satellite/index.html). Also, if you or anyone you know would be interested in funding or providing other support to SATELLITE, please contact us through our Web site.

I was amazed that such a large chain could actually uphold something like this. I could understand a small private pharmacy denying to carry it, but a place that so many people use and that is often the only place for people to go, well, they should have everything because they are catering to such a vast public. A pharmacy as large as that should have all kinds of medication, or at least be willing to get different medications to meet the customers needs.

Wal-Mart needs to get with it and realize that they aren't changing anyone's views on the morning-after pill — they're just denying women a medication they legally should have access to.

# Wal-Mart should stock the morning-after pill

**Melissa Branson**  
Western Courier

(U-WIRE) MA-COMB, Ill. — During the summer, a friend of mine organized a protest at Wal-Mart. She was bothered by the fact that Wal-Mart refuses to sell or fill prescriptions for the morning-after pill.

Their pharmacies don't even carry it. It actually shocked me that such a huge corporation would do something like that, but she assured me that she had researched it and as part of that research, tried at numerous Wal-Mart stores to obtain the medication. I was unable to take part in her protest, but I did however find some of her points to be intriguing and infuriating.

Wal-Mart is a center focus and sole pharmacy in many small towns across the nation. Because of that fact, many people do not have access to the morning-after pill.

I tried to find out why they refuse to sell it, but was unable to get any solid answers out of people.

It could be for personal beliefs, such as the thought that the morning-after pill is some sort of abortion method, or it could simply be that they just don't carry it and there is no real reason behind it.

If a drug is legal, a pharmacy that large should carry it, despite any personal reasons or beliefs that may lie behind it. Women should at least have the option to take this pill, but in places where Wal-Mart is the only pharmacy, they are denying women that choice by not carrying it.

Now, I won't get into my personal beliefs about abortion and all that, because this is not an abortion issue. I will say however, that I don't think the morning-after pill should be used as form of birth control because it isn't safe for a girl to take

all the time. It should, however, be available to people who don't have anywhere else to go for medication, because right now they don't even have the option to use it in event of a one-time mistake.

I was amazed that such a large chain could actually uphold something like this. I could understand a small private pharmacy denying to carry it, but a place that so many people use and that is often the only place for people to go, well, they should have everything because they are catering to such a vast public. A pharmacy as large as that should have all kinds of medication, or at least be willing to get different medications to meet the customers needs.

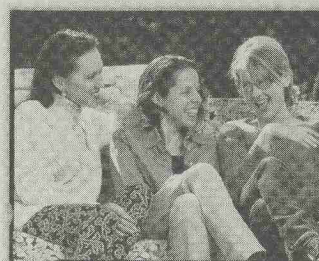
Wal-Mart needs to get with it and realize that they aren't changing anyone's views on the morning-after pill — they're just denying women a medication they legally should have access to.

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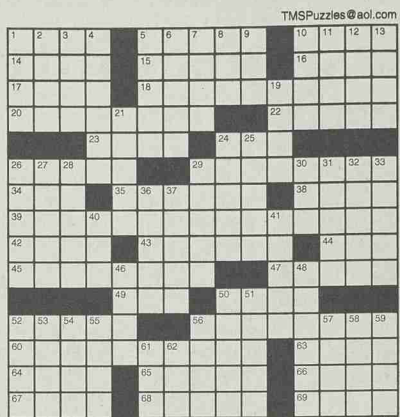
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- Tavern selection
- Character in "The Taming of the Shrew"
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- Letters after MS or PC
- African spear trees
- Cartoonist Tex
- Final, shortly
- Challenge
- Word with train or boat
- 1996 Robin Williams movie
- Sweet rings
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- Swallowed
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## POLICE

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have arrived at the stadium. Carter-Finley is eerily quiet compared to the game-time roar that most fans associate with the stadium, but in less than two hours, the game will begin.

Campus Police Lt. Larry Ellis works meticulously to ensure that each officer is aware of his assignment and that the whole stadium is properly secured. Officers are stationed in small teams, in defined locations throughout the stadium to ensure that at least four can respond immediately to any situation. Officers are more heavily concentrated near the student section, anticipating where many of the problems may arise.

Ellis is particularly concerned with officers stationed at the entrance gates, where security has increased significantly in the last year. He tells these officers that they must be posted at their assigned gates by 11:15 a.m., fifteen minutes prior to gates opening.

These officers are responsible only for the gates and must not

leave their posts until the game is over. Officers working at the entrances serve as back up security for the Event One staff, who admits fans into the gates. Ellis does not define exactly what these officers will be looking for as they scan the hordes of fans marching in, but he explains "after you do this for a while, you get a feel for it ... you just know."

Ellis also explains that officers are not only present to stop criminal activity but to deter it as well. Officers are therefore strategically placed in high visibility areas, such as in front of the gates, in the stands and in the end zones. "We want to be high profile but still let [the fans] enjoy the game," Ellis says.

Shortly before the gates open, in the empty stands, K-9 officers can be seen "sweeping" the stands for any security risks, while others check the bathrooms and other facilities. Other officers check with vendors and ensure that all non-essential vehicles are cleared from the stadium concourse. As the gates open, fans file in at an unusually slow pace, due to the fickle weather and the lack of enthusiasm surrounding State's "powder-puff" opponent. This provides an ideal situation for security to be as thorough as possible.

Meanwhile, from the command post in the stadium press box, Chief Younce works with leaders of fire protection, EMS, highway patrol and emergency management to coordinate the effort to maintain game safety. Messages can be relayed via radio from the command post to any of the personnel on the ground.

In addition, Campus Police utilizes its high vantage point in the stadium to monitor emerging situations in the crowd. With binoculars and a close zoom video camera, problems are quickly detected, and when officers intervene, their actions are video taped for record. Whenever the camera is not being specifically used, it is fixed steadily on the student section, where the most problems seem to arise.

When fans do need to be removed from the game, the teams of officers positioned closest to the fans are notified and directed to the fans' exact location. After removing the fans from the stands, officers escort them to the on-location processing center. Before being ejected, offenders are photographed and, if necessary, cited for any charges.

In addition, ejected students are often required to appear before the Board of Student Conduct. Chief Younce says that fans are not arrested unless it is absolutely necessary.

The crowd is unusually docile for this game, something the officers attribute to Parents' and Families' Weekend. Though the radios in the command post stay relatively quiet, officers maintain their presence throughout the day and react swiftly when they are called. At the end of the game, only 14 fans have been ejected. Three are confirmed students, but most of the ejected have come from the student section. Younce has seen fifty or more fans ejected from previous games, but seems happy with Saturday's outcome. "When everything goes well, we just get to sit and watch the game. And that's what you want."

## HOROSCOPE

By Linda C. Black/Tribune Media Services

**Aries**  
March 21-April 19

Today is a 9. You're willing to listen and offer opinions, but don't waste the whole day talking. A loved one is stubborn about spending money, so offer a fun, cheap idea.

**Libra**  
Sept. 23-Oct. 22

Today is a 9. So many opportunities, so little time! You should finish the stuff you've already promised to take care of before you take on any more, but there's no time for that. Press on!

**Taurus**  
April 20-May 20

Today is a 5. It'll be easier to express your feelings tomorrow. Think about what you might say, so you won't be surprised if you say it.

**Scorpio**  
Oct. 23-Nov. 21

Today is a 5. You're a great listener, as everyone knows. That's why they feel compelled to tell you almost everything. You don't even have to ask.

**Gemini**  
May 21-June 21

Today is a 9. You've got it made! Whatever you don't know, you can figure out. Don't wait a moment longer. Make the commitment to doing what you love.

**Sagittarius**  
Nov. 22-Dec. 21

Today is an 8. Keep one of your desires secret, as you continue to develop a strong relationship. This one won't be confining. Actually, it could be quite liberating.

**Cancer**  
June 22-July 22

Today is a 5. You like to have a fabulous home, and it's only right that you should. Don't spend a wad to make it that way, just let others think that you did.

**Capricorn**  
Dec. 22-Jan. 19

Today is a 5. There is much more than plenty. There is abundance. You can tap into it, too. You probably already know how, but if you don't, look around. It won't take you long to figure it out.

**Leo**  
July 23-Aug. 22

Today is an 8. One of the secrets of your success is that you actually do the homework. If you do it again now, you'll get way ahead of the pack.

**Aquarius**  
Jan. 20-Feb. 18

Today is an 8. If you've been reluctant to toot your own horn, get somebody else to do it for you. A professional may be able to sell your ideas better than you can. Advertise.

**Virgo**  
Aug. 23-Sept. 22

Today is a 6. Your dreams may still slightly exceed your means, but that's OK. There's work to be done, and you're in demand. Those dreams are your motivation.

**Pisces**  
Feb. 19-March 20

Today is a 5. You're in the spotlight, perhaps because you've taken on a tough assignment. Don't be shy. Just do your best. Success is assured.



## ANDREW

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At this point, nurses shot Randy with tranquilizer darts because he began to ramble. But he left his mark on me. I was really moved by this display of honesty, of sincerity. And to think, I expected Randy to say something like, "It's not my fault," or, "It was Daunte" or, "It was 'cause of that grass they have in the

Metrodome."

Watching him in the IA meeting really struck a chord. I wonder why people make fun of him all the time.

Definitely not because he's an easy target.

*If by reading this you feel stupid, let Andrew know at 515-2411 or andrew\_b\_carter@hotmail.com. He could recommend a clinic for you to attend.*

## WOMEN'S SOCCER

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number seven team in the country, and they were undefeated and untied before today."

"We're the first mark on their record, and it shows that we are a Top-20 team. We just got to go out there and win games like we're a Top 20 team. It was good to show that we could play at this level."

State (5-3-1), keeping to its quick-scoring offensive scheme, struck first in the fourth minute. Annika Schmidt made her way with the ball to the left wing of the field and then fired a floated toward the front of the goal. Demon Deacon goalie Erin Regan appeared to think that the ball was going to fall shorter than it actually did, leaving the right side of the net unprotected. Senior Adrienne Barnes took advantage of Regan's judgment error and headed the ball into the net to put State up 1-0.

"We scored a brilliant goal in the first couple of minutes of the game," Kerrigan said. "We've had some really great goals lately. All three [in the first 11 minutes] against High Point and then the one today. And they're not real easy goals to make. They're really brilliant goals and quality goals."

With the early score, the Pack's concentration turned more to its defense as it looked to defend its one-goal lead over a potentially dangerous Demon Deacon team.

After fending off a stronger offensive attack in the second half than it had seen in the first, State saw the contest become more physical, with signs of it coming out in forms of frustration on the Deacons' behalf.

The Pack would soon get another chance at a possible shot at the start of the second half when Barnes found herself in the open field. But her drive toward the goal was stopped prematurely by Wake's Joline Charlton, who in-

terfered by grabbing Barnes' jersey, resulting in a yellow card.

In the 57th minute, State briefly collapsed defensively, as the Deacs' Katherine Winstead made her way down field looking to score. With no other defenders around, Pack goalie Gretchen Winstead, but Winstead adjusted quickly and took a shot that brushed the outside of the outstretched Lear, slowly rolling into the open net.

"I'm pleased with the effort today," Kerrigan said. "I thought we played hard, and we played well overall. We made a mistake on the [Wake Forest] goal. We made a couple of mistakes there. Any goal is because of a couple of mistakes, and they took advantage of it. But for pretty much the whole game, we played very well. Just one mistake in the back cost you a tie rather than a win."

With each team at a stalemate, the clock gradually wound down to the end of regulation. More would follow in the first overtime as the two teams battled for shots. In the second overtime session, the Deacons got some key opportunities with two corner kick attempts, but the Pack's defense stayed strong and managed to keep Wake from scoring at those crucial points, ending the game at a tie.

"I think our defense played exceptionally well with the exception of that one play," said Kerrigan. "They played as a unit and worked well as a unit. They were winning balls in the air. I thought our backs really came up big, but not only our backs, but our other players on the corner kicks too."

"The fact that we gave up those corner kicks was a little disappointing, but the fact that we were able to clear every single corner kick, obviously, was something that we've worked on the past couple of weeks."

State returns to action Friday when it travels to Maryland.

## WOMEN'S XC

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the junior. "As far as I'm concerned, the only days that matter are ACCs and November 25th, which is nationals. We didn't taper for this race at all. We had a hard workout on Tuesday, so we're just training through it. We're going to keep our heads up, and the work will start paying off."

Josi Lauber and Megan Coombs followed Gunning in 19:19 and 19:23.

"Megan and Renee didn't have

particularly good races," said Henes. "Renee's training is so different from what's she was used to at Villanova. I think she's a little tired from some of the workouts we've been doing. I think Renee will be fine."

"Megan will be fine too. Her iron is slightly low, and she was sick going into Notre Dame a few weeks ago. You get a couple of little things like that going, and it just piles up."

Diana Henderson finished as State's final scorer in 53rd place. Erin Swain finished one place behind her.

Janelle Vadnais finished in 87th

place as State's final runner in the seeded race.

The Wolfpack also had some successful showing in the collegiate open race. Redshirt freshman Kris Roth finished second in 19:18, a time good enough for 31st place in the seeded race.

Abigail Nelkie also ran well in the open race, finishing fourth in 19:30.

"Kris ran a great race," said Henes. "When she ran it, I don't think we realized how good her time was. She was in the 'B' race when it was about 15 degrees hotter. I think Kris and Abby both had really good races. We're going

to look at that for the rest of the season."

State placed three more runners in the top twenty in the open race. Lucinda Hull, Leslie Jimison and Michelle Popple finished 11th, 12th and 20th.

The Pack competed without its top runner on Friday. Kristin Price, a seven-time All-American, did not run.

"Put Kristin back in there, and we're still really good," said Henes. "We just need to get Renee and Megan back where they should be, and I'm confident that will happen."

## MEN'S XC

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running.

"It was a tough course, real messy today, pretty hot, so the plan was to not go out too hard," Patterson said. "The plan was to relax through the first couple of miles, and then start picking people off when they started falling apart. I made a big move in the middle of the race and unfortunately ran out of gas a little toward the end, but I still finished pretty well."

David Christian finished 14 seconds behind him in 12th place, running 26:54 on the Ballantyne Resort golf course.

Dean Bowker finished third on the team in 24th place.

After him, though, State's runners started falling off.

"If you put a group of guys with me at the finish, which we can do

and we will do, then we don't lose it by much, if we do lose," said Christian. "It was a learning experience, and we'll just go on to the next step from here."

Sophomore Ricky Brookshire got out to a good start and was running near the leaders for two miles until an unfortunate incident happened. He was running in a tight pack of runners on a steep downhill when he was shoved from behind. He stumbled forward, and the elbow of the runner in front of him caught him on the temple.

"I tripped up a little when I got shoved, and the guy in front of me hit me in the temple with his elbow," said Brookshire. "I heard a pop in my head, but I tried to shake it off and keep running. I made it about another mile before I blacked out."

Brookshire was transported to a local hospital where he was di-

agnosed with having suffered a concussion.

Devin Swann had his own unfortunate incidents before and during the race. He was stung by one bee before the race and one during, but he opted to keep running despite being allergic to bee stings.

Swann finished 44th in 27:38, just a fraction of a second in front of Nick Mangum, who rounded out State's scoring runners.

Freshman Kurtis Marlowe twisted his ankle early in the race but fought through the pain to finish in 141st place.

"The team as a whole did not improve today at all," said Bowker. "Obviously, with two guys falling out with injury, you can't hope to do well as a team against good competition. At the same time, I think about half the team ran really tough and it showed."

The Wolfpack scored 130

points, well behind NAU's winning score of 26. No.8 Georgetown, No.25 Butler and No.17 Colorado State also finished ahead of the Pack, all scoring over 100 points.

State's younger runners ran impressively in the collegiate open race. Redshirt freshman Allen Bader won the race in 27:01, a time that would have placed him 17th in the seeded division.

"Allen ran a good race in the 'B' race, running unattached," said Geiger. "It looks like we might move him up to run in uniform later in the season."

Bryce Ruiz, another true freshman running unattached, finished fourth.

Two other State runners finished in the top ten. Redshirt freshman John Henderson finished sixth in 27:57, and true freshman Lance Hall finished tenth in 28:16.

## 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:

(Records through September 28, 2002)

TEAM	PTS	PVS
1. MIAMI FLA (71) (4-0)	1,847	1
2. TEXAS (2) (4-0)	1,729	3
3. OKLAHOMA (1) (4-0)	1,724	2
4. VIRGINIA TECH (5-0)	1,605	5
5. OHIO ST (5-0)	1,537	6
6. FLORIDA (4-1)	1,411	7
7. GEORGIA (4-0)	1,393	8
8. OREGON (4-0)	1,299	9
9. NOTRE DAME (4-0)	1,245	10
10. TENNESSEE (3-1)	1,087	11
11. FLORIDA ST (4-1)	1,039	4
12. WASHINGTON (3-1)	912	13
13. KANSAS ST (4-0)	858	15
14. MICHIGAN (4-1)	851	14
15. IOWA ST (5-1)	817	19
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17. WASHINGTON ST (4-1)	701	16
18. USC (3-1)	700	18
19. WISCONSIN (5-0)	581	21
20. PENN ST (3-1)	337	12
21. LSU (3-1)	327	22
22. ALABAMA (4-1)	246	NR
23. TEXAS A&M (3-1)	230	24
24. IOWA (4-1)	228	NR
25. COLORADO ST (4-1)	206	25

Dropped Out: No. 20 NEBRASKA, No. 23 ORE ST  
Others Receiving Votes: AUBURN 119, AIR FORCE 84, CLEMSON 58, KENTUCKY 40, LOUISVILLE 36, MARSHALL 27, OREGON ST 21, UCLA 17, COLORADO 16, NEBRASKA 10, BOSTON COLLEGE 8, BOWLING GREEN 7, GEORGIA TECH 5, MICHIGAN ST 5, ARIZONA ST 3.

## USA Today/ESPN Top 25 Football Coaches' Poll

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

(Records through September 28, 2002)

TEAM	PTS	PVS
1. MIAMI FLA (59) (4-0)	1,523	1
2. TEXAS (2) (4-0)	1,444	2
3. OKLAHOMA (4-0)	1,410	3
4. VIRGINIA TECH (5-0)	1,321	5
5. OHIO ST (5-0)	1,275	6
6. GEORGIA (4-0)	1,190	7
7. OREGON (4-1)	1,103	8
8. FLORIDA (4-1)	1,082	9
9. NOTRE DAME (4-0)	1,026	10
10. TENNESSEE (3-1)	921	11
11. FLORIDA ST (4-1)	844	4
12. WASHINGTON (3-1)	834	13
13. MICHIGAN (4-1)	752	14
14. NO CAROLINA ST (6-0)	724	15
15. WISCONSIN (5-0)	630	16
16. KANSAS ST (4-0)	623	17
17. WASHINGTON ST (4-1)	533	18
18. IOWA ST (5-1)	524	21
19. LSU (3-1)	437	20
20. USC (3-1)	429	22
21. PENN ST (3-1)	249	12
22. COLORADO ST (4-1)	246	23
23. TEXAS A&M (3-1)	120	NR
24. AUBURN (4-1)	116	25
25. AIR FORCE (4-0)	96	NR

Dropped Out: No. 19 NEBRASKA, No. 24 ORE ST  
Others Receiving Votes: IOWA 95, CLEMSON 58, OREGON ST 42, UCLA 34, GEORGIA TECH 32, MARSHALL 23, LOUISVILLE 22, BOWLING GREEN 18, SOUTHERN MISS 11, BOSTON COLLEGE 8, COLORADO 7, HAWAII 6, NEBRASKA 6, BOISE ST 4, ARIZONA ST 3, SOUTH CAROLINA 2, BYU 1, MINNESOTA 1.

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## McLendon to have surgery

The freshman tailback will undergo wrist surgery today.

Sports Staff Report

N.C. State freshman football standout T.A. McLendon will undergo wrist surgery this morning.

Team doctors deemed surgery necessary when an MRI showed a break in McLendon's scaphoid, a small bone in the wrist.

Doctors are hopeful that the Wolfpack's leading rusher will be back in practice early next week.

He is listed as probable for N.C. State's game at North Carolina on Oct. 12.

McLendon injured his wrist in the second quarter of State's 56-24 win over Massachusetts on Saturday, but he never came out of the game. McLendon finished with 117 yards and two touchdowns in the win.

A precautionary X-ray was negative, but team doctors evaluated the injury further.

During the procedure, doctors will insert a screw to stabilize the fracture of the scaphoid bone in McLendon's right wrist.

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## Schedule

Football @ North Carolina, 10/12, 12  
M. Soccer vs. Radford, 10/12, 4  
W. Soccer @ Maryland, 10/4  
Volleyball @ Georgia Tech, 10/1

## Scores

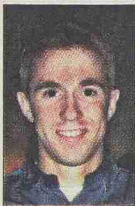
No games scheduled.



## TECHNICIAN

### FOOTBALL

## Easy target



Andrew B. Carter

If you saw a car accident, you'd turn your head and look, right? If you saw a train wreck, it'd be impossible not to tell anyone, correct?

If you saw the dumbest person in sports check himself into a clinic for his addiction,

you'd follow him inside, wouldn't you?

Yes, yes and definitely.

Fortunately, I just happened to be around when Randy Moss, poster child of Idiots Anonymous (IA), checked himself in for his addiction this weekend. Not like I was checking myself in or anything like that. No way. Not me.

Anyway, I followed that dummy inside the clinic, where he proceeded to do an exercise of self-reflection. Randy got all spruced up for this exercise, too, like he was actually trying to look pretty. He had his hair corn-rowed, his gold teeth shining. If it weren't for that pipe hanging off his lips, he would have looked like a made man.

The time was getting closer. Randy stepped out of the dressing room, and threw his pipe in the wastebasket. He walked gingerly to the meeting room, where 10 chairs awaited each one of the participants. Joining Randy were John Rocker, Mike Tyson, George O' Leary, Brian Griese, Mahktar Ndiaye and the missing Bison Dele. Never before had such idiocy been assembled in one place. Three were too stupid to show. But it was Moss I wanted to hear.

Luckily, I had my tape recorder handy. This is how it went down, straight from the mouth of Moss:

My name is Randy Moss, and I'm addicted to stupidity.

I've been addicted to stupidity for most of my life now. It's been 18 minutes since I've done any stupidity. But I know that it's only a matter of time before I turn to it again. I need help. Please help me.

Times weren't always like this. Growing up in West Virginia, I wasn't always an addict. Days used to be a lot more enjoyable. I remember those days fondly, hanging out with my cousins back in West Virginia. Yep, just me and my cousins in West Virginia. We'd have fun.

I'd come home as a little boy, fresh off the school bus, and I'd play catch with the older kids on the block. I can't remember when, but one day, Ray-Ray and Spliffy offered me this stuff.

I didn't know what to say. Ray-Ray had this crazy, stupid look in his eyes. He said that if I didn't take what he had, he was going to run me over with his luxury car. I said 'OK' and just swallowed it. It turned out to be stupidity. I haven't been the same since. I'm an addict, and truth is, I'm all torn up about it.

The worst part about my addiction is the crazy stuff I've done while under the influence. And the fact that I can't read. Just thinking about all that makes me laugh and cry all at once. Like there was this one time, man I was baked. Dang, I don't even remember. Man, I did not kill those people. But you see, it's like for me pretty much every weekend.

You may have heard of me, maybe not. It doesn't matter though - I don't care about you. I play wide receiver for the Minnesota Vikings. When I want to, that is. The rest of the time, when I don't want to play, I'm over there somewhere, doing my thing (stupidity). Word up. Or, I'm out there, on that field-lookin' thing, trying to catch a pass with one hand.

This is from me, Randy Moss, to you, other stupidity addicts.

Believe me when I say that I didn't want to come here today. But since my arrest for giving that lady a ride on my hood, my people told me I should act like I care. So here I am, and that's another thing, I —

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# Cross country stays focused

## Women finish third

N.C. State's women's cross country team took third place last weekend at the Great American Cross Country Festival.

### Todd Lion

Senior Staff Writer

CHARLOTTE — With the rains from Tropical Storm Isidore pounding all day on the Ballantyne Resort golf course, one couldn't expect fast times in the sixth cross country race of the evening.

By the time the seeded women's race at the Great American Cross Country Festival started, the beautiful resort golf course had turned into a three-mile-long trail of mud.

"On this type of course, the times don't matter," said freshman Julia Lucas, N.C. State's top finisher.

"What matters is who is toughest. Our coaches said, 'just put your head down and run. Don't think about splits, don't think about anything other than being tougher than the course and everyone around you.'"

Lucas certainly showed her toughness, finishing eighth overall in only her second collegiate race of her career. Her time of 18:42 was considerably slower than her typical time for a 5,000-meter race.

"Julia ran a great race," said assistant coach Laurie Henes. "We had her go out conservatively. She felt she could have finished higher, but for a freshman, I think it's better to do that. She's always gone out hard, so we're having her try some new things early in the season. She felt really good and ran a great race."

Lucas led the No. 6 Wolfpack to a third-place team finish. Defending NCAA champion Brigham Young dominated the meet, placing four runners in the



Janelle Vadnais tries to catch up with the blurry people. Staff photo by Todd Lion



Diana Henderson finished the course in a time of 19:42.

Staff photo by Todd Lion

top ten and winning with 50 points. Unranked Columbia impressed everyone with a second place finish with 155 points, only two points ahead of State. Conference rival North Carolina finished in fourth place.

State's next three runners were packed within seven seconds, finishing 29th, 31st and 36th. Renee Gunning, a transfer from Villanova, made her debut in red running as State's second runner. She finished with a time of 19:16.

"I'm a little disappointed in my race, but it's only the 27th of September," said

See WOMEN'S XC page 7

## Men persevere

The Wolfpack men's cross country team took fifth place against top competition despite suffering several injuries during the race.

### Todd Lion

Senior Staff Writer

CHARLOTTE — With one concussion, a twisted ankle, intravenous injections and allergic reactions, the N.C. State men's cross country team looked more like its football team after the Great American Cross Country Festival in Charlotte on Friday evening.

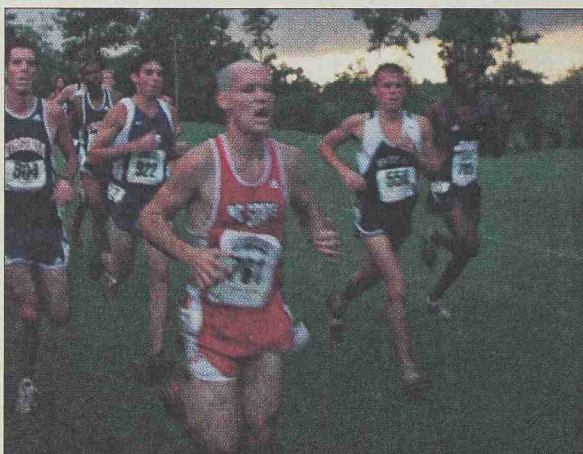
State's seventh-ranked men placed fifth in the competitive meet, which was dominated by No. 5 Northern Arizona.

"We had a pretty rough day out there with one concussion, one bad ankle, some IVs and three bee-stings," said head coach Rollie Geiger. "Having said all that, we need to run better. You have to overcome things that happen in a race, and that's why you run seven guys: so five can get it done."

"We just flat-out didn't get it done. We had quite a few problems, particularly on the men's side, but excuses don't win races."

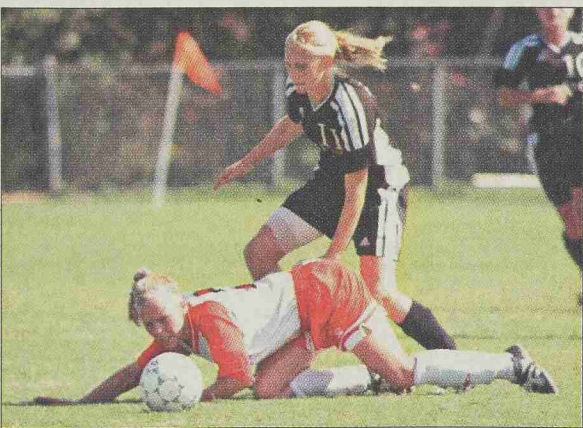
Senior David Patterson was the top finisher for the Wolfpack, crossing the line in seventh place on the hilly, muddy 8000-meter course. His time was 26:40, substantially slower than he is used to

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Nick Magnum (in red) and teammates had a lot to overcome in the Great American Cross Country Festival. Staff photo by Todd Lion

## Early goal, solid defense helps Wolfpack tie No. 7 Wake Forest



The Wolfpack defense played tough in holding Wake Forest to only one goal.

Staff photo by Lindsay McDonald

The N.C. State women's soccer team proved it could hang with the big dogs Sunday, tying the Demon Deacons 1-1.

### Justin Sellers

Senior Staff Writer

It was not pretty, and to an extent, it was disappointing, but the N.C. State women's soccer team proved its early

season success was no fluke as the team held No. 7 Wake Forest to a 1-1 tie Sunday afternoon.

"We're all very disappointed to get a tie out of this game because we really felt like we could win the game," said Wolfpack coach Laura Kerrigan. "There were definitely opportunities for us to score. We're a bit disappointed with the tie out of this, but it shows. Wake Forest is the

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## State shutout in Charlottesville

The N.C. State men's soccer team suffered a 4-0 loss to No. 18 Virginia Saturday night.

### Sports Staff Report

Charlottesville, Va. — N.C. State fell on the road to No. 18 Virginia in men's soccer action Saturday night at Kl'ckner Stadium. UVa scored three first half goals and added another score in the second period to down the Wolfpack 4-0.

The Cavaliers took a 1-0 lead in the 23rd minute when Alecko Eskandarian gathered a loose ball in the box off a deflected shot by teammate Rob Wright and stuck it in the State goal for the first score of the match.

Eskandarian added another goal in the 35th minute when Jacob LeBlanc sent a cross into the box that Eskandarian chipped into the goal to give Virginia a 2-0 lead.

With just 37 seconds remaining in the first half, Wright headed in a corner kick

cross from Eskandarian to give UVa a 3-0 lead.

Virginia added one more goal in the second period to extend its lead to 4-0 when Phillip Long scored his first career goal at UVa on a Paul Johnson cross to Long, who then one-timed a shot from 15-yards out.

Wolfpack goalie Mitchell Watson gathered seven saves in the loss. Aaron King had three shots, two on goal, while Chris Gannon and Michael Karim also offered offensive momentum with a shot on goal apiece.

With the victory, Virginia improves its record to 4-4 overall, 1-2 in the ACC. With the loss, State falls to 2-6 overall, 0-3 in the conference.

The Wolfpack will return to home action on Wednesday when State hosts the Radford Highlanders in a non-conference match. The contest is scheduled to begin at 4 p.m. and will be played at the Method Road Soccer Stadium.