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Officials generally pleased with budget, but cuts continue

As the legislature set final budget cuts for this year, university officials decide what to cut and what to keep.

Blair Parker
Assistant News Editor

Two weeks after the state budget was finalized by the General Assembly, N.C. State officials are beginning to organize and plan for how the loss of \$10.2 million will affect students, faculty and staff.

NCSU will face a 2.9 percent budget cut for the 2002-2003 fiscal year, and though university officials admit that it will still be a struggle to keep classrooms intact, they say the damage could have been much worse.

"We are generally pleased with the budget, but we hope that the state's economy will stabilize enough to provide the tax dollars that are required for the budget next year," said George Worsley, vice chancellor for finance and business.

A long-term concern for NCSU is that the General Assembly used lots of one-time budget moves that will not be available to them next year. According to Worsley, the legislature has used all of their reserves over the past three years, including North Carolina's "A Rainy Day Fund," which is designed for unexpected emergencies.

However, the legislature did maintain full funding for enrollment growth, which Worsley says is critical to the university.

"The legislature has provided us more than \$22 million for growth and additional tuition-based funding and will provide us almost another \$8 million for our academic programs," said Worsley.

The classroom faces less liking.

While Chancellor Marye Anne Fox has said since spring that she will work to keep classroom instruction intact, Worsley said Fox has worked with him and the provost to ensure the least amount of damage to students as possible.

Until the university receives the final numbers from the legislature on Oct. 11, university officials are proposing a budget cut for the classroom. The academic units will have a reduction of 2.6 percent on average in cuts, while administration units will have a reduction of 4.5 percent on average in cuts.

Worsley estimates that most deans will be eliminating staff positions as a result of these cuts. But also he says there will be fewer opportunities in the classroom.

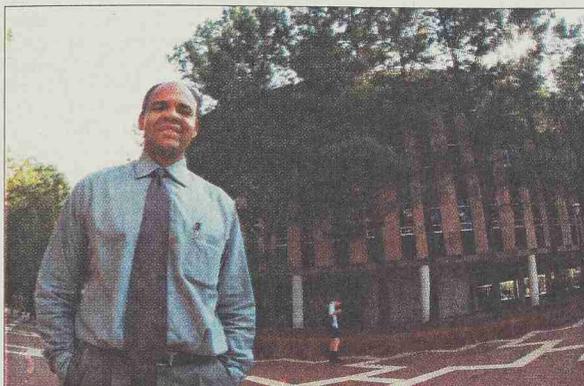
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CORRECTIONS

Tuesday's Technician incorrectly reported the meeting time of the robot club in an article about the Lulu Tech Circus. The Triangle Amateur Robotics group meets on the first Monday of each month in Daniels 214. The next meeting is Monday at 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday's edition incorrectly identified an organization sponsoring a shack in the Shack-A-Thon. Phi Sigma Pi Honors Fraternity, Beta Delta chapter, is sponsoring a shack.

PAMS appoints new department heads



Bernard Mair and John Fountain (left to right) are two new department heads in the College of Physical and Mathematical Sciences. Staff photos by Matthew Huffman

Bernard Mair, Sastry Pantula and John Fountain are looking forward to the challenges of their new positions.

Elizabeth Welch
Staff Reporter

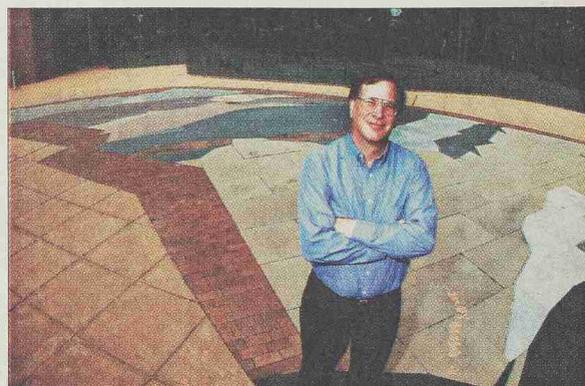
The College of Physical and Mathematical Sciences has appointed three new department heads. The Mathematics, Statistics, and Marine, Earth and Atmosphere (MEA) departments all have new administrators at their helm this year.

The new head of the Mathematics Department, Bernard Mair, comes from the University of Florida, where he was associate chair, graduate coordinator and director of the university's Center for Applied Mathematics. Prior to that, he served in faculty positions at Texas Tech, Penn State, Emory and Dartmouth Universities.

So why did he choose to come to N.C. State?

"It's not as humid [as Florida]," he joked.

More favorable weather aside, what really attracted him is the many unique



opportunities that NCSU provides.

Specifically, he is interested in the SAM-SI (Statistical and Applied Mathematical Sciences Institute) program that NCSU participates in along with UNC-Chapel Hill and Duke University. This newly founded institution encourages synthesis between statistical sciences and the applied mathematical sciences with disciplinary science.

This interdisciplinary concept fits with his recent one-year experience of working with medical imaging, specifically Positron Emission Tomography (PET), in the radiology department of a hospi-

tal. His other research interests include working with inverse problems, such as modeling the heat flow of rocket plumes.

Mair's career has taken him to many parts of the globe.

Born in Jamaica, he earned his bachelor's and master's degrees at the University of the West Indies and earned his doctorate at Canada's McGill University. This has given him an international perspective, and one of the things he appreciates about NCSU is the emphasis on campus diversity.

He is also enjoying the freedom of his

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Campus forestry organization to hold national convention

The Society of American Foresters expects 81 schools to participate in this year's convention, which is themed "Forests at Work."

Carie Windham
Assistant News Editor

Over 2,000 foresters and future foresters will be coming to Winston-Salem this weekend. A gathering that was made possible, in part, by N.C. State's Society of American Foresters (SAF).

NCSU's SAF, along with the Duke University chapter, will be hosting the 2002

Society of American Foresters National Convention Oct. 5-9 at the Benton Convention Center in Winston-Salem.

It is an honor that they take very seriously and are excited to have.

"I'm really excited but nervous at the same time," said Chuck Dollison, National Student Assembly co-chair. "There is definitely pressure to make it happen, but I think we'll do an excellent job. We're well prepared and we have the help of two chapters."

The convention is an opportunity for members across the country to come together to learn about new technology, to exchange ideas with others in the field

and to learn about the opportunities that exist in forestry.

This year's theme, "Forests at Work," will recognize that forests provide the foundation for the nation's physical, social and economic well-being. They do so by providing shelter, food, clean water, fresh air, commercial goods, solitude and inspiration, according to the national organization's Web site.

Over the span of the convention, participants will have the opportunity to compete in a quiz bowl between the 81 participating schools, mingle with fu-

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Animal rights supporters to gather this weekend

N.C. State philosophy professor Tom Regan founded the Culture and Animals Foundation in 1985.

Rachael Rogers
Staff Reporter

Interested in animal rights? If so, then this weekend's 17th Annual International Compassionate Living Festival will be just the place for you.

The annual event will be taking place from Oct. 4-6 at the Clarion Hotel at Crabtree. It is sponsored by the Culture and Animals Foundation (CAF) and co-sponsored by Compassion for Animals Foundation, Lantern Books and the Triangle Vegetarian Society.

The CAF is a nonprofit cultural organization that works toward positive concern for animals using intellectual and artistic endeavors. Nancy and Tom Regan founded the organization in 1985.

Tom Regan, a philosophy professor at N.C. State, founded the organization to improve understanding and appreciation for animals and also make sure that they are treated in humane ways.

The CAF is "interested in fixing the whole animal rights movement. It supports creative and intellectual work that creates an artistic voice for animals. Much of this type of work has not been supported in the past," said Regan.

"We try to support people who are speaking for animals through the medium of art and other disciplines," he continued.

The event hopes to achieve the same purpose and has been very successful in

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Avoiding the 'freshman 15'

An N.C. State dietician offers tips for students on how to eat well and enjoy a healthy lifestyle.

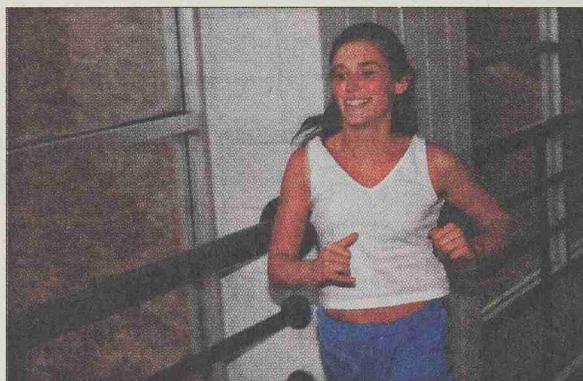
Josianne Lauber
Staff Reporter

Skip out on breakfast a lot? Ordering pizza late at night? Eating junk food on your study breaks?

If you answered yes to these questions, you may want to think twice about your college eating habits.

When students first arrive at N.C. State and find that the dining halls are run buffet-style, they take full advantage ... maybe too much advantage of the food and desserts.

Lisa Eberhart, a dietician at the Student Health Service Center, said, "Some students are overeating because they have the all-you-can-eat dining halls, so they treat it as a buffet, and they tend to drink too much soda because it is a bottomless cup, which causes students to take



Stacey Frederick, a freshman in textile management, works out at the indoor track at Carmichael Gymnasium. Staff photo by Haris Zaheer

in more calories than they expend."

Many students said that when they study late at night they like to order pizza or eat junk food while they study. Eberhart also said that when students

take a study break, they tend to eat instead of doing any physical activity. Eberhart suggests that students may want to walk

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new job.

"It's exciting to be a part of developing new programs rather than being the recipient of others' work," he said.

The new Statistics Department head is Sastry Pantula, who has been a member of the department's faculty since 1982.

Starting as a visiting professor, he has served as director of graduate programs as well as assistant department head. Pantula earned his bachelor's and master's degrees at the Indian Statistical Institute in Calcutta, India, and his doctorate at Iowa State University.

In August, he was named a Fellow of the American Statistical Association, and he has been honored with membership in the NCSU Academy of Outstanding Teachers.

Despite all these accolades and what Dean of the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Jim Oblinger calls a "strong national reputation as a statistician," Pantula encourages an unstuffy atmosphere in the department, and students are used to calling him by his first name, Sastry.

Interestingly, his last name means "a teacher" in his native tongue of Telugu. Sastry means "a person who mastered the epics."

Over his years at NCSU, Pantula has seen the Statistics Department, one of the oldest and largest in the country, change and grow. The department is known for its blend of applications and theory and is clearly at the forefront of interdisciplinary research.

The number of students it teaches on campus, the research funding it receives from various granting agencies and the service it provides to the profession and community have all increased in the past several years.

Pantula's challenge is to keep the size of the faculty up to date with the growth of the department. Pantula wants to significantly add to its numbers as well as provide for competitive salaries. In the current economic climate, however, he realizes this will be difficult.

"I am optimistic, however. I feel that it is an exciting time to be the head of the Department of Statistics at N.C. State," said Pantula. "We have outstanding teachers that care about our students. Faculty are well-known for their quality research, [and] we have a good relationship with local companies."

Like Mair, he is excited about the SAMSI program, as well as the National Institute of Statistical Sciences (NISS), another partnership of local universities. An-

other cause for Pantula's enthusiasm is the recent renewal of the NSF-VIGRE (Vertical Integration of Graduate Research and Education) grant, which provides support for undergraduate, graduate and postdoctoral trainees to work in research teams.

His professional goals include continuing his research in time series analysis and completing his book on linear models.

He can also be found challenging his students to a game of racquetball, or enjoying Pullen Park with his wife, Sobha, and 16-month-old daughter, Asha.

The new head of the Department of Marine, Earth, & Atmospheric Sciences is John Fountain.

Fountain comes to NCSU from The University at Buffalo (formerly the State University of New York at Buffalo), where he was chairman of the geology department. His new role as department head is an expanded version of his previous position.

Fountain earned his bachelor's degree at California Polytechnic State University, and his master's and doctorate from the University of California at Santa Barbara.

He was attracted to NCSU because of the opportunity to work with a MEAS department that is one of the largest in the country and consists of what he calls a "superb" faculty.

So how does he like it so far?

"I love the university and the town. It's a beautiful place to live and institution to work with," he said.

He added, however, that any administrative position can be frustrating in a time of budget cuts, an obstacle currently faced by his contemporaries across the nation.

He finds himself in the position of saying "no" more often than he'd like.

Among his professional interests are environmental geology and geochemistry, contaminant hydrology, and fractured rock systems.

Like many geologists, Fountain loves the outdoors. His free time is often spent hiking, running and taking advantage of his new proximity to the Outer Banks, which he calls "one of the gems of the United States."

These three new administrators are certain to face many challenges.

Mair echoed the sentiments of the other two newly appointed department heads when he said of his new role, "most of all, I am looking forward to making a difference in the lives and successes of my students and faculty."

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ture employers at a "Student Icebreaker," discuss current "hot topics" at the National Student Assembly and learn from experts in the field at the Student Forum.

In addition, papers will be presented and a number of sessions will be offered, focusing on areas such as forest ecology, forest protection and health, water resources, social and cultural forces, forest measurements, business of forestry and market forces.

Dollison describes the event as a "hotbed of sharing of ideas and information."

Pointing out the opportunity to meet potential employers, learn about graduate schools and tap into a plethora of resources, he said that conventions are an "amazing experience."

"They are a melting pot of all of what is going on in this country in forestry in one setting," he said.

The convention will kick off on Saturday by planting memorial trees in Winston-Salem, along with citizens of the city, to recognize the city's efforts to improve natural ecosystems, specifically, Winston-Salem's urban

forestry program.

The trees will also be a memorial to honor the victims of Sept. 11 and the service of men and women.

Sept. 11 is actually where preparation for this year's convention began for the NCSU chapter of SAF.

The 2001 national convention was scheduled for Sept. 13 in Denver, Colo. NCSU students attending decided to leave a few days earlier to hike in the Rocky Mountain National State Park. Hiking three miles in five days, they were actually 12,000 feet up, on the Big Horn Flat, when the terrorist attacks occurred. So far removed, they were oblivious to what had happened.

The aftermath of the attacks prevented the other schools from flying out to the national conference and voting on the hosts for the next convention. The location had been set four years prior, as Dollison explained, so there was a very good chance that NCSU would get the bid.

They weren't prepared to host alone, however, so they asked Duke to put in a bid as co-host. In a vote conducted by e-mail, NCSU and Duke were selected.

Without a national convention

last year, Dollison said, "excitement is really building up. It's an exciting time."

To host the convention, NCSU's chapter of SAF split from the Forestry Club and registered as a student organization for the first time this year. Before, the two had been linked, so this year SAF wrote its own constitution and decided to "stand on its own." The club has 33 members at NCSU.

But with many members involved in both, the two clubs still hold meetings and functions together.

According to Dollison, SAF is the professional organization of the pair. Throughout the year they sponsor guest speakers to talk about careers and advancements in the field.

Its mission, according to the organization's Web site, is "to advance the science, education, technology and practice of forestry; to enhance the competency of its members; to establish professional excellence; and to use the knowledge, skills and conservation ethic of the profession to ensure the continued health and use of forest ecosystems and the present and future availability of forest resources to benefit society."

Founded in 1900, it is the largest professional society for foresters in the world.

The Forestry Club, with 46 members, participates in a variety of competitions throughout the year. They compete with other schools in events such as ax throwing and jack-and-jill ax sawing.

Any student can join the clubs provided they attend two-thirds of the meetings. For more information, visit their Web sites at www.ncsu.edu/forestry and www.ncsuforestryclub.com.

Dollison believes that forestry "is an exciting place to be right now," pointing out that it is a huge task to discover where we, as a nation, are coming from and where we are going.

"There's a wealth of opportunity in natural resources," he said.

Participating in the organizations, he believes, is a beneficial experience.

"It's the people that you meet," he said, referring to experts, leaders and professionals from the field. "They've been in this business for 40 or 50 years. Learning from their experience helps show how we can better impact the future."

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"I think that most colleges will be experiencing a further decrease in classroom supplies and the loss of funds to update and replace equipment," said Worsley.

Administration units, including faculty and staff, have already suffered in cuts. The university laid off 50 staff positions this past June in anticipation of the cuts, and Worsley says as an effect of these cuts service will be cut short.

University employees will receive no salary increase for this school year as a result of these cuts — although the legislature did attempt to take some of the edge off that decision by providing a one-time bonus of 10 days of annual leave. Most faculty say

that was a valued attempt, but with the workload remaining, the time just isn't there.

Still, a portion of the student tuition increase was distributed to offer some faculty salary increases, but not all.

"We have extremely attractive and mobile faculty; we have to do something to keep them here. This risk is a grave concern for us," said Worsley.

A greater challenge will be locating funds to maintain older buildings because the legislature failed to assess any money for repairs and renovations. This is the second year in a row that the legislature has failed to appropriate any money for repairs, which typically run \$10 million to \$12 million.

"It is very expensive to main-

tain older buildings; we are having to make do by extending the life of infrastructure well beyond what's recommended. This continues to be a problem," said Worsley.

The library has also been affected due to the recent budget cuts. Layoffs have been moderate, confined to mostly security guards and support staff.

Although the provost's office has tried to reduce these cuts, as they successfully did for restoring the library's 24-hour schedule, still some cuts were unavoidable.

For years the purchase of journals and books have increased significantly, particularly foreign journals.

"The library has a fixed budget, and with prices increasing they must cut back on their acquisi-

tions. It's a tough decision," said Worsley.

If a Governor's Efficiency Commission recommendation is adopted, the total budget reduction could grow to 3.4 percent, or \$11.7 million. According to Worsley, NCSU, East Carolina University and University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill make up roughly 30 percent of the utility consumption for all state-run universities and agencies. NCSU has been working since early August to reduce their consumption of utilities.

"Sure we can do more, and we'll try to do that. There will always be a demand on the utility budget but at the same time we will always have growth," said Worsley.

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the past. This year it will be done on a smaller scale because in the past, it became a difficult ordeal.

"Each year we say is the last, but we do it and it's successful so we do it again," Regan said.

The event will take place all day Saturday and Sunday, and organizers hope it proves empowering for participants.

"Being involved in animals' rights can be dispiriting at times, and it is always useful for people to get together and get their spirits lifted," Regan said. "It creates a great sense of community and a supportive environment."

Many people have been coming to it every year since it started.

The event will consist of a number of speakers and demonstrations.

Jenny Stein and James Laveck will be premiering a major film. Also, Jill Robinson will be coming from Hong Kong. Robinson is known for revealing to the world the mistreatment of black bears in China, which she has witnessed.

They represent a few of the various creative people who will be coming together to make the event successful.

The goal of this program is so that people can "learn what oth-

er people are doing and how," Regan said. "The animals' rights movement is fueled by many hands and oars."

An additional theme of the event is to show that "animal rights people are not weirdos. They are dedicated and talented people united by their positive concern for animals," Regan said.

The event is free for students, and they can participate in any talks that pique their interest.

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the steps in their dorms as an alternative study break instead of eating to get in some physical ac-

tivity.

"We encourage people to be more active," said Eberhart, "a lot of students did sports in high school and then now they aren't doing as much. We suggest stu-

dents should get at least 20 minutes of physical activity a day."

Skipping breakfast has also been proven to make students gain more weight because they will eat more later in the day to make up for what they didn't eat at breakfast.

"It's been proven that if you skip breakfast, you will take in more calories in that day than you would have if they ate breakfast," said Eberhart.

To prevent weight gain, Eberhart suggests some steps students can take immediately to keep the pounds off.

First, she suggests, eat more fruits and vegetables. "Everyone should have at least three fruits a day and at least two cups of veggies," she said.

Next, get a calcium source every day. "Calcium is involved in fat metabolism. People who don't take in enough calcium gain weight more effectively."

Then, drink lots of water and cut down on drinks with extra calories, such as soft drinks.

"Make some breakfast," she said next. "People who eat breakfast weigh less."

Also, exercise at least 20 min-

utes a day and try to make your snacks healthy.

Last, she suggests moderation in food-portion sizes.

Food diaries may also prove helpful. Eberhart said that students become more aware of their portion sizes if they keep a food diary.

"It takes 500 extra calories a day to gain a pound a week," said Eberhart. If students monitor what they eat and drink, then they can reduce the amount of calories they take in.

Although the phrase "freshman 15" has been around for a while, Eberhart corrected, "Researchers say the freshman 15 is a myth and it's [average weight gain] more like 5 pounds."

She added, "Most students know why they are gaining weight."

An anonymous sophomore said, "I started eating fried vegetables and visited the dessert line a little bit too often and put on six pounds last year."

For further information on living a healthy lifestyle visit <http://www.fis.ncsu.edu/health/hp/romo/index.html>.

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Wind Ensemble presents fall concert



The 53-member N.C. State Wind Ensemble performs. Photo courtesy NCSU Music Department

Laura England
Staff Writer

If you need to get some culture, the Music Department may have the right event for you. The N.C. State Wind Ensemble will be performing its fall concert on Monday, Oct. 7, with the Raleigh Concert Band at our very own Stewart Theatre.

Made up of 53 talented students, this group has been practicing for this upcoming concert since the first day of school. Jeff Swearingen, who has played the french horn with the ensemble since spring 2001, is pleased with the group's performance so far.

"Every year the program gets one notch higher," he told Technician.

Dr. John A. Entzi, the Wind Ensemble's director, will join with Mark Gloden of the Raleigh Concert Band to conduct and direct this performance. The two groups have been practicing separately and will join for the first time on the night of the show to play four pieces.

"We are going to meet with them an hour before the show and that'll be it," said Swearingen.

The Raleigh Concert Band will begin the evening by performing their selected songs. They will be playing "Trittico" and "A More Perfect Union" by Vaclav Nelhybel, followed by composer Camille Saint-Saëns' "Marche Militaire Francais," which will be conducted by Dr. Entzi.

The Wind Ensemble's guest, the

Raleigh Concert Band, is a "non-profit community organization which provides adult musicians an opportunity to perform music composed for large wind ensembles," according to the band's official Web site. It is composed of some 60 to 70 volunteers of varying backgrounds and experience and conducted by Mark Gloden. While some have been formally trained in music, others just simply enjoy playing their instruments.

"They just have a big time!" says Dr. Entzi.

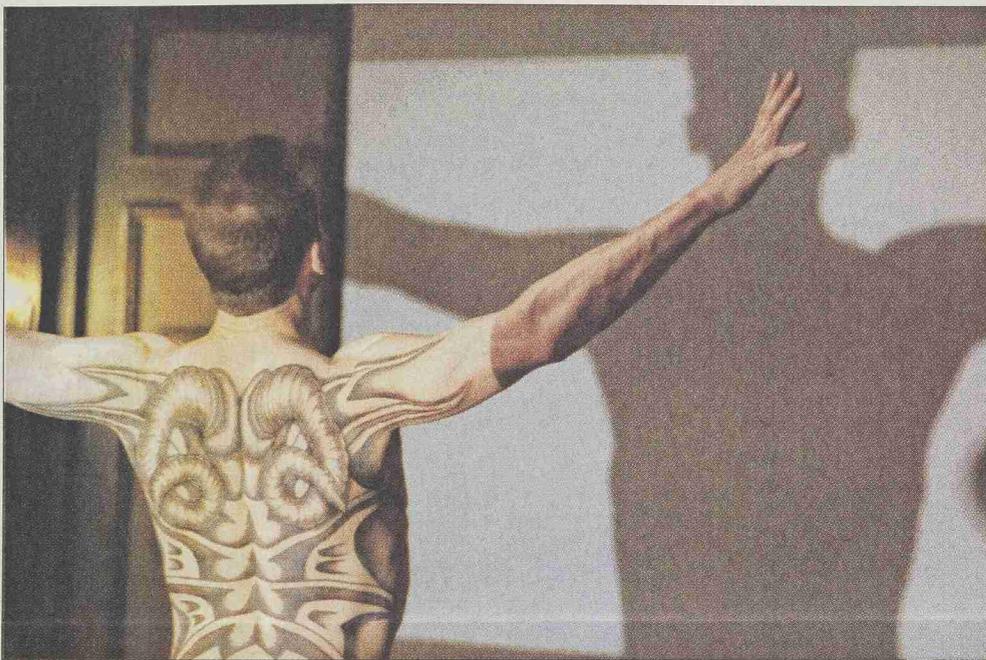
The band is very active, regularly participating in many concerts, parades and other events around the central North Carolina area. They have been an important part of such events as the

Easter sunrise service held at the state capitol, Memorial Day concerts, the North Carolina State Capitol Fourth of July celebration and the State Capitol Christmas tree-lighting ceremony. The band has also performed abroad in England.

Next, the Wind Ensemble will be performing four songs by themselves. The first will be "Elegy for English Horn and Band," composed by Jack Stamp, in which Ricky Bloomfield, a science education major, will perform the English horn solo. There will be a march called "The French National Défilé March," composed by A. Turlet.

The "Second Suite in F," a military band suite by Gustav Holst,

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The Tooth Fairy doesn't just have a sweet tattoo — he proves that he's a powerful enemy in "Red Dragon." Photo courtesy Universal Pictures

The dragon's fire is out

Joel Isaac Frady
A&E Editor

Red Dragon

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Starring: Edward Norton,
Ralph Fiennes
Director: Brett Ratner

Without a doubt, the character of Hannibal Lecter that Anthony Hopkins successfully brought to life in "The Silence of the Lambs" and last year's "Hannibal" is one of the most interesting characters brought to screen in the last decade. He's also one of the most popular; Hopkins won the 1991 Best Actor Oscar for his portrayal of Lecter in "Lambs," and the sequel "Hannibal" smashed February box-office records by opening with an incredible \$58 million dollars.

With that kind of popularity, it's quite understandable that film companies want to make more movies with the Hannibal character. This isn't where the problem enters the equation, for wanting more of a good thing is perfectly normal — but people want Hannibal, Hannibal, Hannibal — something that Thomas Harris' novel didn't offer.

Even in "Red Dragon," Hannibal is — for all intents and pur-

poses — a supporting character who (after the opening scene) is of very little importance to the story. Sure, he comes in handy a few times and manages to create some trouble for the FBI Agent Will Sanders (Edward Norton), but in the grand scheme of things he's not that important.

This is not, however, what the makers of "Red Dragon" saw when making the film, for they've made a film that begins and ends with Hannibal Lecter. He's on the poster, Hopkins gets top billing in the credits and the viewer finds himself near Hannibal's court cell at least once every five to 10 minutes.

This constant emphasis on Hannibal really distracts from the rest of the film, most of which is far more interesting than the scenes with Hannibal.

As far as thrillers go, there's not much more you could ask for than was provided with "Red Dragon." It has a likable lead character (Norton), an incredible villain (Ralph Fiennes) and two excellent supporting characters (played by Emily Watson and Philip Seymour Hoffman). They even tagged Danny Elfman, the most unique composer Hollywood has to offer, to write the

film's score.

When these forces are allowed to take the limelight, it's impossible to deny that some excellent scenes emerge, most of which involve Francis Dolarhyde (Fiennes), the film's villain, and Reba (Watson), a blind woman with a crush on him. It's a good thing that she's blind, too — any of the sights that fill Dolarhyde's house would send any normal woman running away as fast as her legs would take her.

Instead, we see the truth about the man she's with while Reba's just an innocent girl with a crush. The chemistry between these two also captivates, and through Reba we're actually allowed to see the human side that contrasts the monster inside Dolarhyde, an element that elevates the character above the one-dimensional evil villains that so many thrillers portray.

Norton also steals several scenes as Graham, the retired FBI agent who is invited back into service to help them search for "The Tooth Fairy" — a murderer who has brutally killed 11 people in just over a month. His performance hits all the marks it should as he is caught in the middle of a vicious battle, even though he isn't given the kind of challenge

that the actor is used to.

The Graham character also brings out the worst in the Hannibal character, surprisingly, and the Hannibal we see in "Dragon" is much darker and less likeable than the one we're used to. We're used to a Hannibal who, yes, kills people to eat them, but aside from that is a very charming man. He's selective about the people he eats, only choosing less socially desirable people (frequently jerks), and he has always treated other people with respect. He's a character that has always been impossible not to like — no matter how hard you tried or how dirty you felt for liking him, he was impossible not to like.

The Hannibal we meet in "Dragon" is vicious, mean and much more prone to hateful and evil behavior than was the Hannibal we met in the other two films. Instead of the courtesy and respect he has always shown to FBI agent Clarice Starling, he's rude to Graham, he's not respectful at all and he even goes out of his way to put Graham and his family in danger.

Even if he were likable, the film's big problem is that it focuses on the wrong serial killer. Hannibal's not the villain here, but he gets the spotlight, even though the real villain is much more interesting than Lecter.

The film concludes with a very disappointing ending fight before an uncalled-for and downright silly final scene. While there's a good thriller in "Red Dragon," we don't get enough of that thriller or the performers who should have owned this movie. Fiennes and Watson could have both (and Watson still may) seen Oscar nominations, but those are typically handed out to films that are better than this one.

Tech it to the stem cell

Jon Morgan
Senior Staff Writer

In the seemingly boring world of genetics and stem-cell research, there are actually a lot of interesting things going on. While many people would rather be watching television or reading a book, they don't even realize that the field of advanced medicine has as much suspense, drama and horror as any summer blockbuster.

We begin with a story from the "holy crap!" department, where scientists have successfully grown pig teeth inside a rat's stomach. Did you catch that? That's teeth, for pigs, grown inside the stomach of a rat. Scientists from Boston's Forsyth Institute recently announced this discovery, possibly in order to give us all nightmares.

According to their Web site, www.forsyth.org, this research is part of a larger campaign to aid dentistry worldwide. It is more likely, however, that they just re-

ally want to creep people out by growing animals' teeth inside stomachs of other animals.

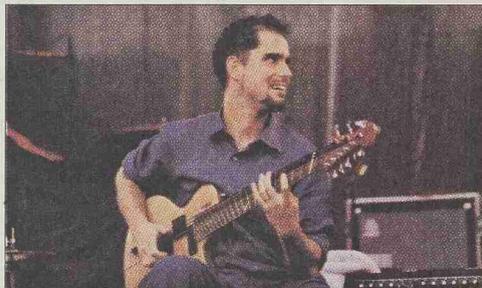
I guess they thought it would make a good party trick. You know, you walk into the room and say "Hey, look at me! I've got teeth in my stomach!" In reality, however, you wouldn't be able to prove it (excepting invasive surgery) so everybody would think you were full of crap (instead of teeth).

Next, in a dramatic performance by Nancy Reagan, we see that not all conservatives are against stem-cell research. Speaking to political groups, prominent politicians and even writing to President Bush himself, Mrs. Reagan has gone to great lengths to get through to conservative opponents of the research. Her husband, former president Ronald Reagan, suffers from advanced Alzheimer's and can no longer recognize his wife.

With the progress that could be made in stem-cell research, Mrs. Reagan hopes that one day peo-

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A different music: Charlie Hunter



Charlie Hunter plays some tunes on his one-of-a-kind eight-string guitar. Staff photo by Grayson Currin

Grayson Currin
Senior Staff Writer

Note: This is the third and final piece in a three-part series entitled "A Different Music," which deals with musicians and songwriters who approach their craft from interesting perspectives.

Early last month when Charlie Hunter ambled onto the stage at Regency Park in Cary in support of John Mayer, the lucky few crowded in the first 10 rows simultaneously dropped their jaws. With their mouths agape, they thought — often aloud — "What is that thing?"

While those toward the back of the 7,000-person venue squinted their eyes or reached for a pair of binoculars, those jammed into the middle of the crowd strained their necks just to catch a glimpse of the odd instrument that Hunter had, by then, plugged into an amp.

At first glance, it seems to be a normal electric guitar. True, its sleek Ralph Novax design and smoothly polished body are indicative of a serious player, but Mayer himself would play his

own, brilliantly crafted Novax only hours later.

No, the strings on Hunter's guitar were what caused so many eyebrows and questions that balmy Saturday, for Hunter is the only eight-string guitarist in the world. Not Wes Borland's seven, not folk's strummed twelve, but a unique eight.

The five bottom strings of the electric run much like the bottom strings of a standard six string, tuned A-D-G-B-E. It is the top strings, however, that make Hunter a marvel of modern music. Tuned in E-A-D, the three strings that run across the neck of Hunter's Novax are bass strings.

Through the instrument, Hunter is able to coax bass lines reaching from solid groove to mid-tempo jazz. All the while, an intricate series of pedals turns the bottom half of the guitar into a Hammond B-3 in the tradition of the pioneering Jimmy Smith. His own knack for pulling out of the jazz-organ arrangements alongside his quartet or quintet

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incorporating the familiar song "Greensleeves" into its melody, will be performed. Their last song will be "Elsa's Procession to the Cathedral," by Richard Wagner. This song is from the opera "Lohengrin," from which the famous "Wedding March" originates.

Finally, the Wind Ensemble and the Raleigh Concert Band will join and play the last four songs. They have chosen to perform the upbeat "Symphonic Dance No. 3-Fiesta," by Clifton Williams, which has a distinctly Latin American sound. Next, they will play "Where Never Lark Nor Eagle Flew," by James Curnow, a

composition based on the poem "High Flight" written by English World War II pilot John Gillespie Magee Jr. They will also be playing Glen Osser's "Beguine for Band," an energetic piece based on a dance that originates from Martinique and St. Lucia; it is one of Osser's early and most popular works.

Finally, the two bands will be performing another march, the "March of the Steel Men," composed by Charles Belsterling. Dr. Robert B. Petters, the chairman of the N.C. State music department, will be conducting the combined groups.

"We are performing a lot of songs that are upbeat and a few that you will recognize," says lone tenor sax player, Gina Agostini.

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and sliding into blistering solos gives his music a dynamic thrill, capable of stunning transitions and complex instrumental structure.

With the enigmatic instrument that he describes as using "a very, very specialized technique," Hunter, a California-raised jazz virtuoso, is creating some of the most vivid, intricate jazz to hit the scene in a decade. The fresh, nebulous music that he makes, however, has an interesting history that takes shape with him as a guitar-wielding journeyman.

Taught by none other than guitar legend-in-progress Joe Satriani, Hunter attended Berkeley High School (but chose not to enter into its prominent music program) before being struck by an uncanny passion he found emanating from jazz. As he listened, he found inspiration and new life in saxophone flag-bearers Charlie Parker and John Coltrane and, eventually, the re-inventor of the Hammond, Larry Young.

Hunter headed to Europe with his custom-crafted five electric string and two bass string guitar at the close of the decade. He hit the streets of both Zurich and Paris, playing not only with everything he had, but also for his survival. That experience, Hunter says, prepared him for what lay Stateside for his talents. He learned to fall in seamlessly with a variety of musicians and styles, culling techniques and ideas from them all as he went.

"[I was] having to incorporate all different people into one mix," Hunter told Technician. "Music is about finding a convergence

with the same band playing on all those songs."

Upon coming back to America, Hunter met daring rapper and poet Michael Franti. The two often performed as a duo in California before Hunter later joined Franti's radically minded, liberally voiced political rap outfit, The Disposable Heroes of HipHoprisy.

After working with the group for less than a year, Hunter left just before the group completely dissolved. Jazz became his primary pursuit, and after forming the Charlie Hunter Trio with old pal Dave Ellis and original Primus drummer Jay Lane, the group released an exploratory jazz record in 1994.

After strapping on one more string to the seven-string guitar he had been using, Hunter — with the band in tow — climbed straight into a career that stands as one of the most creative in jazz's recent past.

The trio recorded a stellar album entitled "Bing, Bing, Bing!" for jazz's vanguard label, Blue Note Records, in 1995, serving as a testament to Hunter's wildly inventive style. A cover of Nirvana's "Come As You Are" storms along in its own moody way, while the quirky, plodding "Lazy Susan (With a Client Now)" and the explosive "Elbow Room" prove the band's brilliant originality.

Three albums from various incarnations of The Charlie Hunter Quartet followed in the next six years. The period between the first two albums and 2001's "Songs from the Analog Playground" found Hunter busy with his constantly developing eight-string style. He managed to record an album with percussion innovator Leon Parker, following

"There's a little bit of something for everyone to enjoy."

The fall concert is also one of several performances within the Family/Education Concert Series. The series serves as a means for introducing many forms of music to unfamiliar ears.

"This performance is an educational performance," says Dr. Entzi.

So don your tux or ball gown — well, maybe just a shirt that's not wrinkled — and come experience the talented N.C. State Wind Ensemble Monday for only \$5 in Stewart Theatre. Tickets can be purchased through Ticket Central, located in the Talley Student Center, or by calling 515-1100.

that masterpiece with an album of work alongside friends from the jazz circuit and a set of solo eight-string works.

"Songs from the Analog Playground," Hunter's last work with Blue Note, is a fitting piece of music for a man who strives so well to join his well-schooled past of learning from the jazz masters with his Medeski, Martin and Wood approach of making people move to the music. It is a rare combination of groundbreaking music — rooted in history — that appeals to the masses.

A guest appearance by jazz/soul songbird Norah Jones on two tracks, including a sublime version of Roxy Music's "More Than This," serves as a nearly prophetic view of a return of jazz to popular charts. Jones' album "Come Away with Me" currently sits at No. 8 on the Billboard 200 after having peaked at No. 6.

Six-time Grammy-nominated jazz vocalist Kurt Elling grounds the album in a smoky barroom tradition with his sardonic, monotonous vocals on two more tracks, but Galactic vocalist Theryl de Clouet serves as a link between Hunter's slightly more esoteric jazz and the jazz-jam circuit that Galactic has taken by storm.

Charlie Hunter's jazz is something that will most likely never reach the wavelengths of Top 40, but his altogether fresh take on jazz is positioned to be something that — in 40 years — people will remember as a permanent influence on the sonic landscape of America.

said that while the president respects Mrs. Reagan, he doesn't care what she thinks (in so many words).

Finally, we come to the realm where science fiction meets science fact — well, sort of. The International Olympic Committee, working with the World Anti-Doping Agency, has added a new addition to its list of illegal performance enhancers: gene ma-

nipulation.

Genetic enhancement (they refer to it as "cell doping") could one day be used to make taller basketball players, faster runners and even IOC officials who aren't corrupt! However, the IOC wants no part of it. A staunch believer in natural ability, they believe that nontherapeutic gene manipulation is just as bad as, say, taking steroids.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Thursday

- The Iranian film "Kandahar" plays at the Campus Cinema.
- "The Rainmaker" plays at Stewart Theatre (it runs through Sunday).
- Tripping Billies play the Lincoln Theatre.
- Six Feet Enemy, Sworn Enemy and Skinless play at The Brewery.
- Neko Case plays Cat's Cradle with Trailer Bride and Catherine Irwin.
- Contemporary Christian group Selah plays at The Pour House.
- The Dmitri Resnik Band plays The Longbranch.
- The Blue Dogs play this year's final Alive after Five.
- Bluegrass band Nickel Creek plays tonight at Regency Park in Cary with Gillian Welch and David Rawlings.

Friday

- "The Bourne Identity" plays at the Campus Cinema.
- "Red Dragon" and "Jonah: A VeggieTales movie" open in theaters.
- Caitlin Cary plays at the Lincoln Theatre with Vaughan Penn.
- The Dismemberment Plan plays at Cat's Cradle Friday night with Jason Vanderslice and Quruli.
- The Drunk Stuntmen play at The Brewery.
- "Soul Sensation" Musiq plays at The Ritz.
- Basement plays at The Pour House.
- Dead Moon takes to the stage at Kings.

Saturday

- "The Bourne Identity" plays at the Campus Cinema.
- Brazzaville plays at Kings with The Rosebuds and Black Socks.
- DJ Dara will thump the party Saturday night at Lincoln Theatre.
- The Bad Checks, The Loners and The Man play at The Brewery.
- Bessie Mae's Dream plays at The Pour House.
- G105 presents Oysterfest with Round Two, Rich Emily and two to-be-determined bands.
- The WXYC benefit concert at Cat's Cradle will feature The Comas, Portastic, Spatula and The Cherry Valence.

Sunday

- The Iranian film "Kandahar" plays at the Campus Cinema.
- Widespread Panic tribute band Space Wrangler will play Lincoln Theatre, followed by a screening of the Panic film "The Earth Will Swallow You."
- Hot Water Music plays at Cats Cradle with Thrice, Against Me and Coheed and Cambria.
- Dashboard Confessional plays at The Ritz with Ash, Hot Rod Circuit and Loudermilk.
- The 440's and The Poonhounds play at The Brewery.
- The Steep Canyon Rangers, The Grass Cats and The Parsons represent just a sampling of the talent scheduled for the benefit concert "Bluegrass on the Square."

Monday

- The NCSU Wind Ensemble performs at Stewart Theatre.
- Paul McCartney brings his U.S. tour to the RBC Center (aka the ESA).
- Joan Osborne plays at Cat's Cradle Monday with Sissy Siero.

Tuesday

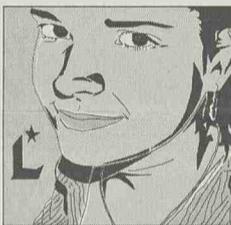
- Edwin McCain at Cat's Cradle with Kevin Kinney.
- Pessimist, Reflux, Bloodwritten and Slugnut play at The Brewery.

Wednesday

- The Blue Dogs play at Cat's Cradle with Maroon 5 and Only Midnight.
- The Raleigh Civic Chamber Orchestra plays in the Talley Student Center Ballroom.
- The Lulus play at The Brewery with Regina Hexaphone and Ember Swift.
- South Catherine Street Jug Band (also known as The Juggernauts) plays The Pour House.
- James Dean Hicks plays at The Longbranch.

Ongoing Events

- "Technology as Catalyst: Textile Artists on the Cutting Edge" runs through Dec. 18 at Talley Student Center.
- "The Right Stuff," an exhibit of 23 contemporary takes on traditional furniture, also runs through Dec. 18 in The Gallery of Art and Design.



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TECHNICIAN'S VIEW

E-mail court excuses set a new trend

Many courts are now accepting pleas by e-mail instead of requiring court appearances.

We're all busy with the daily hassles of life, and when individuals have to make an appearance in court, they oftentimes cannot afford the loss of a workday. So in this age of technology, what would be the clearest alternative for those who can't make that court date for a petty traffic offense?

According to Yakima County, Washington, citizens should just e-mail their plea to the courts. E-mailing excuses and explanations to judges may be a more lenient alternative instead of making defendants appear in court, but it will help overcrowding in court settings, and it is perfectly acceptable in areas where courts have previously been accepting letters submitted in the mail.

If a defendant chooses to submit a plea via e-mail, it will be read on a secure server by a judge in the courtroom, where he or she will then issue a verdict, and the verdict will later be mailed.

Gloria Hintz, a court administrator, told CNN, "This allows someone to sit in the convenience of their home, organize their thoughts and send them in."

Many areas have used the option of U.S. Mail as a means to handle mitigation hearings — in Yakima County half of the 2,500 hearings were dealt with in this manner — and e-mail is equivalent to using the postal service in situations such as this. Hintz also said that it is this

process of using regular mail that inspired the e-mail option.

Opponents of the program feel that it is too lax and unprofessional, but the program is only offered to defendants with minor charges, such as speeding, running stop signs or missing taillights, and individuals who plead guilty. This option would probably encourage individuals to plead guilty, since it is obviously much easier than making a court appearance. The policy also would be most convenient for those who wish to have their fine lowered or thrown out.

In this situation, both parties would benefit. The court system would have less work and overcrowding with minor offenses, and it would collect more funds from those who plead guilty. The defendants would be more likely to have a somewhat reduced fine, and they also would not have to worry about making a court date and missing work or other commitments. Younger defendants may be more likely to take advantage of this system, but it is ideal for those who work, go to school or have other responsibilities during the day.

Since the policy is only available for those who are pleading guilty to minor offenses, e-mail is an appropriate alternative to both court appearances and pleas via regular mail. The option of e-mail for court case defendants is a way for the justice system to use technology to its advantage, and it should certainly be explored in other courts nationwide.

Isolationism lives on



Andrew Dugan
Staff Columnist

In one of the Democratic Party's more unwise moves, senior congressional members journeyed to Iraq to shout the cliché "Give peace a chance!" line from the palaces of Baghdad. They addressed ABC's "This Week," proudly admitting that Iraq had

agreed to comply with U.N. resolutions and would allow "unfettered" inspections to their weapons facilities.

The move in itself is entirely harmless and in no way will jeopardize any actions by the U.S. military or any such concerns. But the members, Rep. Jim McDermott and Rep. David Bonior, really should use common sense. No one travels to a sworn enemy of their country and then delivers a speech that sounds as though the congressmen had just been brainwashed by Saddam's pundits. Opposing voices should remain on American soil, or at least within the confines of fellow allies. The congressmen should be scorned by the members of their party for such a desperate attempt to attract the national spotlight.

Needless to say, the conservatives are very agitated. Hailing the move as akin to Jane Fonda's denouncement of the "American Empire" and posing for pictures at a Hanoi aircraft gun, George Will, one of the conservative's finest intellectual writers, denounced the trip and warned of a Neville Chamberlain-like peace. Not that Bush's definition of the word peace has been a bed of roses, but

Will took the argument further, rejoicing in the death of "conservative isolationism" and fearing the rise of "liberal isolationism."

"Liberal isolationism" is Will's own creation. Based off of the natural distrust of American intervention by most liberals, Will concludes liberals believe the world is too good for America and therefore one should trust foreign politicians over domestic ones. True liberals are quick to disagree with the current administration, but the conservatives were just as quick to raise hell with the previous Clinton administration. That's simply the name of the game.

Despite the actions of these congressmen, no Democrat politician (or any politician, for that matter) has admitted to trusting the words of Saddam. Everyone in Congress takes turns concurring hatred for the vile dictator, but not everyone assumes animosity spells urgent military action. No one in Washington cared about every Soviet Union leader, but the use of force was absent from their rhetoric. Back then containment was the word.

Will is even more erring with his assertion that "conservative isolationism" is long dead. In fact, it has never been so more prevalent. While the United States is rallying for a world coalition against Iraq, it is also stealthily distancing itself from the rest of the globe in every aspect other than war.

The nascent International Criminal Court still hosts an empty seat intended for the United States. But the Bush administration will have none of it. Insisting that the court was created somehow to slight American interests, Bush rejected the notion of American participation in the judicial body. He then

demanding that all Americans be granted blanket immunity from the court's jurisdiction to further snub any power the Court might garnish.

And what of the Kyoto protocol? This noble treaty that aimed to reduce harmful emissions to 1990s levels by the year 2010 met its death at the hands of the world's largest polluter. Oh, the irony. Bush and his conservative cabinet complained that the measure was detrimental to the United States' economy and again vowed the United States would never enter such an agreement. Of course this same man would later boast that the United States' economy could prevail through any hardship, no matter how extreme. The irony builds.

And in this administration's relatively short reign, the United States has denied funds to a U.N. program targeted at reducing rampant birth rates and STDs in China and other nations, imposed steel tariffs after insisting the world practice free trade and withheld any representative from the U.N. summit on racism.

Conservative isolationism, or as George Will aptly describes thinking "America is too good for the world," is still alive and kicking. Sending troops to a foreign nation does not automatically make you a responsible global citizen and certainly is not an excuse for ignoring every other international concern. Those foolish congressmen may have embarrassed themselves at Baghdad but Bush has embarrassed the whole country in front of the world.

Feeling isolated? Solve the problem by communicating with Andrew. Either send him a mail or pleasant messages of support to abdugan@unity.ncsu.edu.

CAMPUS FORUM

Student Government sends message through abandoned shack

I think that Shack-a-Thon on campus this week is a really good thing. I always like to see students from all walks of life coming together and making some sacrifices to benefit others. On Monday afternoon, a friend and myself were walking around looking at the shacks and came upon one that was abandoned. We decided to go inside and check it out. Upon inspection of the sign-up sheet hanging on the wall, it was determined that this was the Student Government shack.

As a newly elected member of the Student Media Authority, I took it upon myself to have a seat at the shack, grab a cup and set up shop. No one had signed the sheet to spend time at the shack. I found this to be strange since I had seen about one-half of the Student Senate express interest in the shack at their last meeting. I found sitting there over the past two days to be a great opportunity to meet new people and get their impressions of Student Government.

During the many hours I sat at the shack, I had plenty of time to think. I wondered why someone would pass up such a good opportunity to not only help a great cause but to also get to talk to

those people they represent. I hate to think about how crowded that shack would be if there were elections coming up next week. While I realize that people have lots going on in their lives (I have three tests this week), I feel that it is important that these senators take some time out of their busy schedules and spend some time in that shack. I'd really like to see those people that represent me at a time when they're not grinning at me and handing me a flyer full of promises.

Our representatives were voted into office by us to represent us. The student body will not take Student Government seriously when they have the only abandoned shack in the Brickyard. I find it very hard to believe that such a large percentage of these people can't find the time to sit in the Brickyard for a little while with the common student. In March, when someone asks you to vote for them, I have a question for you to pose in return. How much time did you spend at the shack this fall?

Travis Oakley
Junior
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What it means to be white



Holly Bezant
Staff Columnist

To be white merely means possessing a unique culture a people, a nation with a heritage so rich and eternally metamorphosing, an honored legacy, and a spot in the kingdom of life

Being white is to see through the eyes of a white person from our viewpoint. Our ambience, our rhythm, our souls. Our zeal for life, our absolute presence still mystifies this age-old world. That is who I am, along with millions of others

However, first and foremost, I am a member of the human race. I am more than able to love and be imaginative. I am creative, inventive, and I resolve to survive. My natural, innate characteristics and attributes are enhanced and fine-tuned by my race, color, identity and mindset.

I bet you didn't know that being white is a mindset. Being so is being at ease in unfamiliar territory. We all know the distinct feeling of representing the race by being only one member of the majority. Being white is understanding the past in order to direct the present and future paths of the

next generations. The whole world will benefit from what I become.

Does this sound racist or like bigotry in its purest form? It may sound like white supremacist propaganda. However, I only used a thesaurus to alter some words and some sentence structures that came from a column that appeared in the Sept. 26, 2002, edition of The Nubian Message.

A member of the "white majority" cannot get away with saying things such as the above. Many believe that minorities should be overcompensated for being just that, which is apparent in the case of people who bring retribution suits against other people or corporations that they feel had a link to their former, or their ancestors', oppression or suffering. Fortunately not all minorities practice this.

White people are often clumped together into one group — the majority. This generalization can't be further from the truth in many demographics. For instance, I do not believe I was a member of the majority at my high school. Not only was it run by a black principal, but 51 percent of the students were black. Then add in Hispanics, Indians, etc. No, white folks definitely were not the majority.

Minority and majority should not be applied as liberally as they are today. Mi-

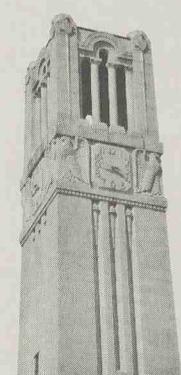
norities should not take advantage of their positions in order to make gains. I would not go to The Nubian Message, apply for a position as an editorial writer, be declined and then take action against them on the basis that they were being racist by turning me down. On the other hand, a member of a minority race may do so against a predominantly white newspaper and get away with it in this world that is so eager to be politically correct.

Those minorities that take advantage of their positions are actually separating themselves and making it more difficult to actually merge into the rest of the population — into full-blown equality. One suggestion is that instead of making their own newspapers, The Nubian Message and Technician could join forces and show how much they really are merging into society. Everybody talks about how diverse N.C. State is. How much more diverse can you get than with a newspaper that has the funds and manpower to cover more issues that pertain to more groups of people?

If The Nubian Message would like to hire Holly, or if others want to comment on this column, you can e-mail her at paz_rata@yahoo.com.

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It's just a party, smarty



Zack Medford
Staff Columnist

I'm fed up with this capital city. I came to N.C. State to get a fantastic education, and so far I'm getting that. I'm also getting worn out, and I'm also feeling the need to branch out and meet new people. There are definitely lots of ways to do this,

but if you try and pretend that going to parties isn't a great solution, you're lying to yourself. Parties are great for meeting new people, hanging out and having fun with your close friends. They provide stress relief and can help you enjoy these few years we have between school and the real world.

Raleigh doesn't seem to agree with this plan though. For the last three weekends, every single party I go to seems to be broken up by 1 a.m. That drives me absolutely nuts. I sometimes get stuck working at my job until late at night, and

sometimes you just feel like going out and having a good time. Past 1 a.m. though, there is absolutely nowhere to go. The Raleigh Police Department just can't seem to help spoiling our fun. Take a look at a couple of other universities in the area. Some things seem a little different ...

Carolina About 30 minutes down the road, the party scene is amazing. I went to a party last year around UNC and was blown away. Actually, I think it must have been about five parties all at once, with each frat house playing host to more than 300 people apiece. Rather than the cops driving up with sirens blazing, they merely parked across the street in the middle of the crowd, and watched for troublemakers. Makes sense to me.

Duke I recently dated a very nice young lady who attends Duke University. On occasion, I had time to check out the Duke party scene, and I hate to tell you, but I was completely in awe. Not only do Duke parties last until the wee hours of the night, but they are actually bigger than ours. That's not the hardest part to believe though; even though Duke's en-

rollment is less than an eighth of NCSU's. No, the sad fact of the matter is that most of these parties are actually held on campus. They've even come up with the "Party Monitor" system — a way to train students to recognize the signs of alcohol poisoning and teach them how to help a person survive. Party Monitors are taught to intervene when someone has had a little too much, and the system seems to be working quite well.

"Student party monitors must have attended a party management seminar presented by the Event Advising Center. Their duties shall include but are not limited to prevention of alcohol policy violations, intervention and care of inebriated, at-risk individuals, elimination of safety hazards, and attention to group precautions," according to information found on the Duke University Dean of Students Office's Web site.

Police at Duke actually spend a majority of their time protecting the campus from crime, rather than driving up and down Brent Road the entire night. Makes sense to me.

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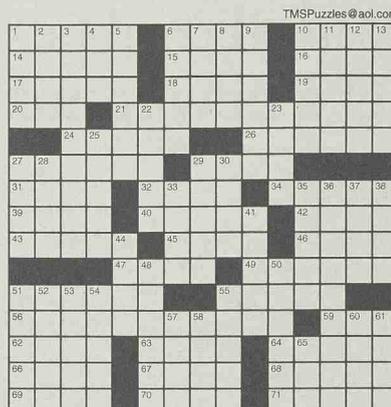
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By Norma Steinberg
San Francisco, CA

10/3/02

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ZACK

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Noise ordinances have a purpose, and people do have a right to quiet late at night, but when this becomes an excuse for police breaking up any and every party, it seems a little contrived. I'm a little surprised that the police department receives the necessary three complaints from an apartment complex full of college students by 12:30 a.m.

Something needs to change. Sometimes people are so worried parties are going to be broken up that they make it their mission to get as drunk as possible as quick as possible. This is not fun, and of course, incredibly dangerous. Granted, drinking isn't exactly the best idea in the first place, but let's not kid ourselves. People are

going to drink regardless of whether they should or not.

For now, we need to look into working with the Raleigh Police Department and establishing our own party monitoring system to help ease tension between the students and the police. Even if the police don't ease up, could this program be considered a bad idea? Instead of wasting time breaking up parties before I get there, maybe cops will have time to catch the guy who managed to commit four assaults in the last four days.

Zack is also a fan of the party scene at Campbell. If you have insight into a great event this weekend, or if you can help Zack remember where his classes are, e-mail him at ztmcdfor@unity.ncsu.edu

Rules of the shack



Season Hughes
Staff Columnist

and pushed by strangers who have ruthlessly taken over your sleeping quarters and are snoring about like they own the place. You wake up starving and longing for your next meal, which may never come. You are homeless ... well, sort of. You are a participant in Shack-A-Thon.

Shack-A-Thon is a fundraiser for Habitat for Humanity that mirrors the deplorable conditions in which

the homeless are forced to live. It mirrors but definitely doesn't duplicate, and it certainly doesn't claim to. There is no way the average homeless person will sit around and do homework on their trusty laptop wearing \$50 Rainbows and sipping cappuccinos. That's not to say that the shack life is fantastic. Should you choose to spend the night at Shack-A-Thon, here a few rules to abide by to make life easier for you and the rest of us.

1. Do not expect to sleep. Don't even think about it. I spent the entire night glued to my overworked cell phone clock, watching it tick away the hours until dawn and craving one, just one, precious moment of shuteye before my 8:05 class. It didn't happen. I came to my three-hour zoology lab like a zombie and proceeded to drool all over my nematode cross-section.
2. Eat/drink/shower/pee before you come. Unless you want to be hungry/thirsty/oily/constipated the en-

tire night, mark these words. For there is no food, my broths, save for what you bring yourself and some suspicious-looking "gourmet" cookies. There is no water for the weary, no toilets for the needy — what you get is what you remember to bring, and don't you forget it.

3. Be single. This isn't necessarily a requirement, but it is useful. Think about it, the stars above, the shack below ... a fraternity booth in view at all times. And why not take advantage of those close-sleeping quarters to cop a feel on that hottie next to you. After all, you sure didn't mean to. You were asleep.

4. Build a weird little chair thing with wheels. Not only does it have high entertainment value for all around you, it is a great way to make friends. Cheerful people you've never met will stick their heads in your shack in the wee hours of the morning and ask for a ride. I would recommend it to all of my worst

enemies.

And finally ...

5. Guitar playing at two in the morning. Whoever it was that decided to strum a little tune on the banjo at the door of the shack at an ungodly hour while I had finally - finally — just gotten to sleep after having to listen to a discussion about Jesus fantasies during sex, you are on my list. I will find you, and when I do, I will destroy you and all you stand for. You have been warned.

Nighttime at Shack-A-Thon has its highs and its lows. If you abide by these hallowed rules, you will be sure to shack it up with the best of 'em. If not, don't blame me when your musical instrument mysteriously disappears for all of eternity.

Season will repeat her 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. shift at the Hope for the Homeless shack tonight. Arrange for an early-morning guitar serenade at LoveStories@yaho.com.

HOROSCOPE

By Linda C. Black/Tribune Media Services

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

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY

Oct. 3. The secret to your success this year is in the details. Take as much time as you need to make sure you've thought of everything before proceeding. This will inhibit your spontaneity somewhat, but you'll gain sophistication, and that's a good thing.

Aries
March 21-April 19
Today is a 7. New difficulties will soon arise, so don't assume you know it all. Good planning will help, of course, but more study is required.

Taurus
April 20-May 20
Today is a 7. Reaching an agreement leads to a closer bond, and that makes everything else seem easier. There are still complications and shortages, but together you'll find a way.

Gemini
May 21-June 21
Today is a 6. You know those things you've been thinking that might be better left unsaid? The really critical stuff? Unless you want the same back atcha, better stifle.

Cancer
June 22-July 22
Today is a 7. Your natural talents are needed today to keep everybody on track. Without you, chaos might reign, so if they're not listening, shout.

Leo
July 23-Aug. 22
Today is a 6. As you go over your lists, you may note several little things that need immediate attention. A responsible review of those lists could save you money.

Virgo
Aug. 23-Sept. 22
Today is a 7. You may have to call a halt to the proceedings. If somebody makes an erroneous assumption, don't let it stand. Object, or else you'll wish you had.

Libra
Sept. 23-Oct. 22
Today is a 7. Something you thought you had figured out could come unraveled. If it's not going to work, it's better to know sooner rather than later.

Scorpio
Oct. 23-Nov. 21
Today is a 7. Not all of the news is good, but it's better to know the truth. You're learning why it's best to play by the rules, especially where money is involved.

Sagittarius
Nov. 22-Dec. 21
Today is a 6. Another dead end? Don't despair. This is valuable information. Besides, your curiosity is being tweaked, and your resolve deepened.

Capricorn
Dec. 22-Jan. 19
Today is a 6. A person who owes you a favor can give you the information you've been seeking. Discuss the situation and find out what you need to know.

Aquarius
Jan. 20-Feb. 18
Today is a 7. Postpone your big date until the weekend, and plan to travel then. Meanwhile, watch your money. Spend carefully and don't take risks.

Pisces
Feb. 19-March 20
Today is a 7. A surprising revelation causes you to reassess the priorities you've just set. Don't be dismayed, and don't hesitate. The more you do, the easier it gets.

KING

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could practically dribble a soccer ball before he could walk, King has shown flashes of brilliance several times this season.

His best outing thus far was in the Pack's 3-2 win over Charleston Southern two weeks ago. King netted all three scores, including the game winner in overtime.

But don't expect him to be cocky. The soft-spoken, polite-natured forward says he's just doing what he loves and learning to get even better.

"It's fun," King said. "I'm learning a lot of new things out here. How to become more physical, more aggressive. I'm learning how to push myself, and get the ball forward."

Getting the ball forward has been a focal point of Tarantini's all season. With players like King, and fellow freshman Bryant Salter, State has enjoyed more opportunities to score than in the past.

"What I really, really like about Aaron above anything else, is his ability to finish," Tarantini said. "In any given minute, if you give him a space, he will go through and make something happen. He's got a lot of work to do yet, but I think his future is unbelievable."

The future wasn't always so set for King. As a prep star at Denver's Smoky Hill High, King had his choice of several notable programs. UCLA, San Diego St. and Connecticut, among others, were all in hot pursuit of the all-state performer. Why come to Raleigh?

It could have had something to do with the warm gentle breezes and picturesque autumn days.

"[You] got to love the weather," King said. "I like how it's real green out here. Colorado's beautiful, but this is very different. I just wanted to try something different. I liked the weather, the coaches, the campus. I felt real at home when I came out here."

King may have been swayed too with the opportunity to contribute immediately. Looked upon as a key member of reversing State's misfortunes of the past few seasons, King has relished the chance to be a part of a building process.

"Coach Tarantini and I talked about that numerous times," King said. "He said it probably wouldn't be this year, that this year would be a stepping stone we'd have to get through. Next year

we'll do better, and we'll keep on progressing through the years."

Although the transition from high school to college is undoubtedly hard, King's move across the country was aided by friend, roommate and teammate John Queeley. Queeley and King have known each other since the two played on the same club team when they were 11. From there, they both went to the same high school and their bond only became stronger over the years.

"We became friends as kids when we were young," said Queeley. "And after that it was just a soccer friendship, but then we went to the same high school. We just grew even closer."

The same schools recruited both King and Queeley, and each decided they might as well go to the same program.

"We just connect on the field and off," King said. "All the schools that we're talking with me, were talking with him too. He plays in the back, so I figured he could hold it down in the back while I took care of it on top, and we could make some changes."

Something that hasn't changed over the years has been King's unflappable work ethic, which he credits to his success in the early stages of his career.

"The willingness to work [is so important]," King said. "A lot of freshmen think, 'Oh, it's my freshman year, I'm not supposed to be doing this, I'm not supposed to be scoring goals.' I just feel like, why not? Why not start early? In the future, [hard work now] will help you out."

Like his steady work ethic, another aspect of King's game that won't change is his pregame routine. Most importantly, he prays. Then he ties his shoes — right foot first — the exact same every time. And he gets up for games by listening to R&B, preferably Genuine.

"Before a game most people listen to rock or rap, but I like to be relaxed because I think I'm a relaxed player on the field," King said.

But what about the shoes? "I always tie my right shoe first. I'll start to tie my left one, and I'll stop. I have to tie my right one first," King said. "I don't know if it's going to help me or anything, but that's just my deal."

A self-described "quiet leader," King began playing soccer when he was four. In high school, he was the point guard of the basketball team and played football

as well. But as a kid growing up in the city and aspiring to be Pele, soccer was and is King's first love. "That's all I did, was play soccer," said King. "[And] like every other kid growing up playing soccer, I really respected Pele. He's the greatest ever."

JAY

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fense this year. The cover two is designed to stop big passing attackers, like the Rams. The team only rushes four defensesmen at the quarterback while the other seven players drop back and look to blanket the field with coverage. The best way to beat this defense is with short plays that don't allow the defense double or triple cover receivers. Instead, Warner seemed to have uncanny accuracy in finding the defensive player on at least eight of those pass

"Soccer for African-Americans isn't too big. I wanted to try something new and prove to myself that I could be a good player. I just want to be the best in whatever I do, and soccer gives me that chance."

plays.

The San Diego Chargers of 1992 were the only team to go 0-4 to start the season and still make the playoffs. Hope isn't quite gone in St. Louis, but with their next game against the 2-1 49ers at San Francisco, the Rams need to change something fast or the "Greatest Show on Turf" will be pacing itself to beat the 3-1 Carolina Panthers' 1-15 record of last season.

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WIN

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squeak the ball in the upper-left corner of the goal, just past the extended hands of Highlander keeper Harper Thorsen. Hiroki Kawase and Federico Peria earned assists on the score that gave State a 1-0 advantage with 23 seconds to go in the opening period.

The lead would be short-lived, though, as Radford's Jon Fosu answered in the 56th minute. Fosu and teammate Mike Von Essen worked a give-and-go to perfection on a breakaway, and the result was a goal that barely slipped past the diving Mitchell Watson.

But just when the pressure was at its highest, the Pack responded in a big way.

First came a pretty goal from freshman Aaron King in the 57th minute, who received a long pass from Chris Gannon, stopped on a dime off a breakaway, juked three Radford defenders and rocketed a shot to the back of the net for a 2-1 lead.

"They want me to flick it on to the forwards," said Gannon. "Wherever it goes, it goes. This time it happened to land on King's foot and he's the man out here. He puts them away."

Three minutes later, King nearly scored again. This time, his shot was deflected by Thorsen and put in by Iseal Mejia, who was in the right spot for the rebound score.

The first two State strikes of the second half were the product of

a marked change in its offensive strategy. Instead of prodding around the midfield and trying to go through a nagging Highlanders defense, the Pack elected to open the field and go over top of the opposition.

"I think the difference was the way we stretched defensively and how we forced them to adapt," said Tarantini.

Gannon was the next in the parade of goals, as his, a header, came off another assist from Peria. Gannon's goal made it 4-1 and ended any hope of Radford to pull the upset.

"We played well," Gannon said. "We pulled together and finally got a win. [The goal] was all Federico. He set it up, made the pass. I was just there."

In the 68th minute, Bryant Salter's goal ended the scoring spree. Salter put away the score on a breakaway from another assist from Peria.

The victory was exactly the type that was necessary for State. Coming off three straight losses, and with a tough match at Wake Forest looming in the future, State almost had to come out and do well against the overmatched Highlanders.

For one of the few times this season, the Pack outshot its opponent (17-15) and had more corner kicks (8-3). The feel of a win had been long overdue, too.

"This team never gives up," Tarantini said. "I can't wait for Saturday night."

RECRUITING

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game Shakur played in over the summer and hosted Shakur on an official visit to N.C. State last weekend.

Shakur was greeted in Raleigh by welcoming banners hanging over major roads and friendly chants at Saturday's football game. He is expected to announce his decision between State and the University of Arizona sometime in early October.

State has also extended a scholarship offer to Linas Kleiza, a 6-8 forward from Rockville, Md. Kleiza has shown interest in the Wolfpack but has not made any decision among several interested schools. Many have described Kleiza as a bruising power forward who plays hard down low and excels at rebounding and scoring in the post.

If the Pack is not able to land

top-recruit Shakur, the coaching staff may pursue a point guard in Linas Lekavicius or Spencer Laurie. Both have shown some interest in the Wolfpack but have not yet been extended scholarship offers.

As if it weren't enough to worry about next year, State has already landed a top recruit from the class of 2004. Cedric Simmons, a 6-9 junior at West Brunswick High School, has reportedly offered a verbal commitment to attend NCSU. Simmons is a strong player who can get things done on offense and has great potential.

One thing is certain; Coach Sendek understands the value of landing top recruits and is working hard to improve the future of Wolfpack basketball. It won't be long before some of these players have become household names among State fans.

swept two tournaments in their home gym, so the Pack knows the atmosphere down there will be intense and exciting.

"Clemson is very similar to us in that they are very offensive-minded in the middle," Byrne said. "The crowd can be boisterous, so we are going to have to work on blocking the crowd out and staying focused on the match."

VOLLEYBALL

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centage.

Clemson has played some tough matches so far this season, including two with No. 8 Pepperdine and No. 23 South Carolina. The Tigers had a 10-game home winning streak before falling to No. 11 North Carolina by a nail yesterday. Clemson has

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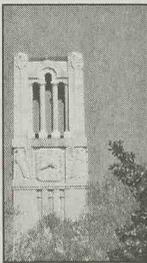
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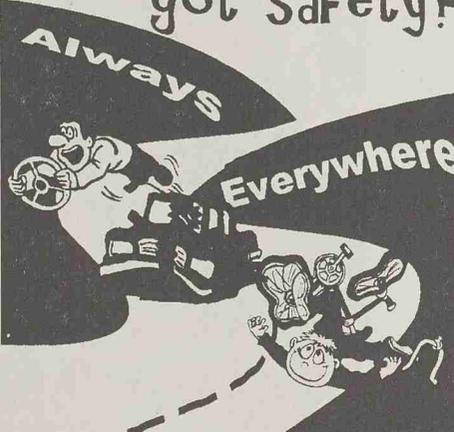
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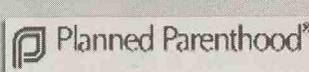
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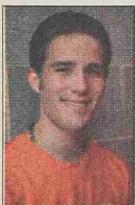
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Falling down



Jay Kohler

People always love to watch the mighty fall. Americans love to hear about celebrities getting into trouble and getting dragged down from that mighty pedestal that people put them on. Look at tabloid

papers' fly off supermarket shelves each week. Winona Ryder gets accused of shoplifting and everyone wants to watch her fall from grace.

Similarly, in the sports world, people are scratching their heads over last season's NFC Champions, the St. Louis Rams. If you're in a fantasy league, like I am, you already know too well the problems with the Rams. Kurt Warner is dishing out interceptions like hotcakes, Faulk isn't getting enough touches, and the team is averaging only 15 points a game. Since the Super Bowl, the Rams have gone 0-8, 0-4 in the preseason and 0-4 in the regular season.

But where do the Rams' problems really begin? Most of the heat so far has been focused on Warner. In the last game, the Rams' quarterback went 1-of-2 with an interception before breaking his pinky finger on his throwing hand. In four games, Warner has thrown for eight interceptions and one touchdown.

In all games, only one possession and a touchdown separated the teams. Even though the Rams lost by 12 to the Buccaneers, Warner's interception on the final drive was returned for a touchdown, dooming St. Louis once again.

Warner's passes hadn't looked particularly great so far this season. They seemed to fly out of his hand with the grace of a one-winged duck. Now that he's sidelined for 8-10 weeks after surgery to insert four screws into his broken pinky, the job will fall to Jamie Martin, which might improve things or send the Rams into an even greater tailspin.

Another part of the Rams offense that's struggling is the offensive line. The Rams have allowed 10 sacks so far this season, but Warner was under heavy pressure in all four games.

Left tackle Orlando Pace was out last game after tearing a calf muscle in practice. Right tackle John St. Clair has been bothered by a nagging hip injury. Right guard Adam Timmerman has seen his play affected by an injured knee and left guard Tom N. Itten has been dealing with a concussion. This leaves center Andy McCollum as the only offensive lineman who is playing injury-free.

Well, maybe the biggest problem isn't Warner or the offensive line. Perhaps it's the loss of Az-Zahir Hakim to the Lions in the off-season. Hakim caught 39 passes for three touchdowns last season as the fourth wide receiver after Torry Holt, Issac Bruce and Rickey Proehl. Terrence Wilkins, Hakim's proverbial replacement this season, has caught one pass for ten yards, but doesn't represent nearly as big of a threat as Hakim did.

What about Marshall Faulk? Faulk led the team in rushing last season, gaining nearly six yards per carry on 260 rushes and was the leading receiver with 83 receptions for nine touchdowns. This season, Faulk is averaging 3.9 yards per carry on 48 plays behind a tattered offensive line. He has 31 receptions, second on the team to Holt, but no touchdowns on pass plays. He has averaged 7.1 yards per catch, however. At this rate, Faulk will rush 68 fewer times than he did last season, and he missed two full games last year with an injury. Granted, he missed most of the game against the Buccaneers with a strained neck, but Rams coach Mike Martz needs to face the obvious. Faulk needs more touches than he is getting right now, but will that cure all the Rams' ills?

The offense of the Rams, as a whole, hasn't been able to solve the cover two de-

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State comes to life in dominating win

The N.C. State men's soccer team scored four quick goals in the second half to defeat Radford 5-1.

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Assistant Sports Editor

Not even the laziness of a warm fall afternoon could slow the N.C. State men's soccer team on Wednesday.

Performing in what could be described as a must-win match, State pummeled Radford 5-1 at Method Road Soccer Stadium, as it scored all four its second-half goals in a span of 12 minutes. The victory was exactly the kind of win the Wolfpack so desperately needed.

"I keep believing, I keep believing," said State coach George Tarantini. "We've got good young players, the tempo is there, and it was today. The possibilities for the future are endless."

For a while on Wednesday afternoon, the Pack seemed as if it was in an endless doze. Perhaps it was the unseasonably warm weather, or maybe it was a scrappy Radford (4-4-1) attack that got the home team out of sync. Whatever it was, it disappeared just before halftime



Justin Branch (18) and the Wolfpack picked up their third win of the year against Radford. Staff photo by Erica Tuers

Locked in a scoreless tie during the entire opening period, neither team enjoyed much of a scoring opportunity. So when the Pack (3-6) was rewarded with a corner kick just

before intermission, it had to make the most of it.

Sophomore Justin Branch certainly did that, as he managed to

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Fit for a King

Freshman men's soccer standout Aaron King is proving that he's one of the ACC's best young players.

Andrew B. Carter
Assistant Sports Editor

He needed just 48 seconds to score in his first collegiate soccer match.

The ACC and his competition will perhaps need longer than the next three-plus seasons to develop a plan to stop him.

For Aaron King, a freshman standout on the N.C. State men's soccer team, life is good. But probably not as good as his game. King, tall, lanky and fast as lightning, is like many N.C. State freshmen. He hangs out with his best friend/roommate, he goes to the mall, he relaxes. He talks it up with the N.C. State ladies. He does 150 sit-ups daily. He chows down on Bojangle's chicken.

And when he's not doing all that, he's in the process of resurrecting the struggling State men's soccer program. The Wolfpack's leader in goals (five) and assists (four) this season, King has been looked at not as just a freshman, but as one who has the potential to be a very special player.

"Aaron King is a great, great prospect," coach George Tarantini said. "I'll tell you what I like about Aaron King. Not only is he the quality player that he is, but also he's the person that he is."

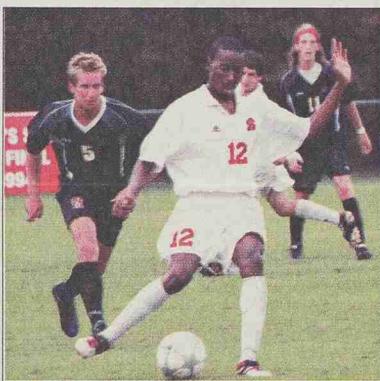
"[I love] what he brings to this team, his quality, his commitment — to academics, to N.C. State — I

am extremely happy with him."

It's not hard to figure why Tarantini is so happy.

King has been the type of player that State has lacked in recent seasons, one who has the raw ability to take over a game without notice and score at will. The Denver native who

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Aaron King has emerged as men's soccer's top scoring threat as a freshman. File photo by Josh Aycocck

Wolfpack heads to tame Tigers

N.C. State attempts to get its first win vs. the Tigers from Clemson.

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Staff Writer

Fresh off a tough defeat at the hands of the No. 25 Georgia Tech Yellow Jackets, the N.C. State volleyball team will try to right its ship in an away match against Clemson this Sunday at 1 p.m. at Jervey Gym.

The young Wolfpack (2-17, 0-2 ACC) has struggled since defeating East Carolina in early September. To make matters worse, the Pack has opened its ACC schedule by playing the top three teams in the conference — North Carolina, Georgia Tech and Clemson — all on the road. Three of State's last five games have come against teams with winning records and 2001 NCAA Tournament appearances.

The team has seemed to struggle in many facets of the game and must improve to be a competitive force

in the ACC. It is very early in the season, so there is plenty of time for her team to step and improve to the level that Byrne wants to see.

"In a positive way, we feel a sense of urgency," Byrne said. "We don't have the big hitters that the other teams have, but I feel really good where our freshmen are at."

"We are playing well, we have a good attitude, and we are really looking forward to going out and playing strong."

Even through the tough times this season, there is plenty of potential in the team, and Byrne and the players are doing their best to try to turn around their season. Of course, for this turnaround to take place, many things need to be improved on in order to become competitive.

"We have to continue to focus on our defense and passing; that's the key," Byrne said. "When we pass and defend well, we are a much, much better team and play at a higher level."

In State's loss to Georgia Tech,

sophomore Maya Mapp again led the team with 10 kills. Fellow sophomore Lindi Sheppard also contributed with 23 assists, five digs and a service ace. Despite the loss, the Pack continued to stay in the game during key moments until the Yellow Jackets would go on a run and end the State threat.

"Well, we have not been able to finish in those games, especially with a young, inexperienced team like we have," Byrne said. "Also, we haven't been able to be mentally ready for a whole game, and that is what we are working to improve upon."

Sunday's game will not be an easy task to undergo the turnaround. Clemson is third in the ACC with a 2-1 conference record and an 11-7 overall record. A fairly young team, Clemson (11-7, 2-1 ACC) fields only one senior on its entire roster. The Tigers are led by sophomore outside hitter Lori Ashton, who leads the ACC with a .384 hitting per-

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Recruiting season is here

Head coach Herb Sendek and his staff are working hard to bring top players to N.C. State.

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Staff Writer

With the N.C. State football team undefeated and ranked nationally, it may seem a little early to be thinking about Wolfpack basketball. Not so for the basketball coaches, who are already working hard to enhance the team's future.

September and October are two of the hottest months for college basketball recruiting. By the time the early signing date rolls around in November, most of the nation's top prospects will have decided where they will go to school.

On account of State's run in the NCAA tournament last year and this year's preseason publicity, excitement and speculation about the newest class is high among Wolfpack fans.

Last year, State's basketball team employed an exciting and well-designed system of cuts and passes that ran bigger and slower teams ragged and allowed smaller, quicker guards easy lay-ups and open threes. The offense was run primarily by State's two starting guards, Anthony Grundy and Archie Miller. With the graduation of these players, there is some question about who will step up to run State's offense.

While there are several players on this year's team who are capable of such a task, the coaching staff has spent the recruiting season searching for a proven floor general to eventually take a leading role on the team.

Barring any transfers or early departures, the Wolf-



Herb Sendek awaits the decision of heralded point guard Mustafa Shakur. File photo

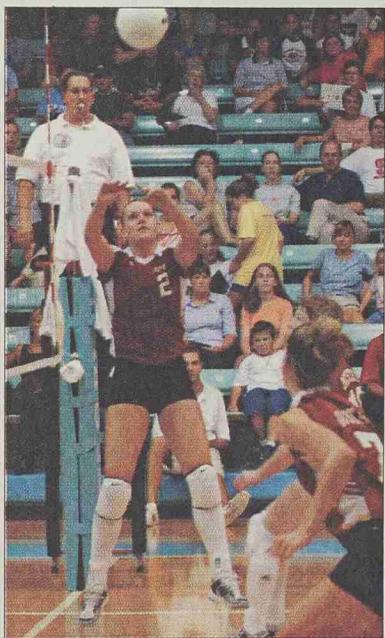
pack will only lose one player after this season, senior guard Clifford Crawford. Because this does not create many openings for incoming players, it is extremely important that the Pack land its top prospects.

The NCAA has implemented strict recruiting regulations in order to protect high school players. As a result coaches are not allowed to talk openly about recruits and recruiting interests. This creates a great deal of uncertainty for fans of the recruiting process, and Internet message boards often run wild with false information.

One thing that is certain is the verbal commitment that State coaches have received from 6-4 shooting guard Engin Atsur. Atsur is a member of the Turkish junior national team and is described by some as wildly underrated. He committed to N.C. State after visiting several schools on a tour of the United States.

There is also no question about Coach Sendek's interest in Mustafa Shakur, a top-rated point guard out of Friends' Central High School in Pennsylvania. Coach Sendek reportedly attended every organized

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Volleyball hopes to set itself up for a win against Clemson this weekend. Staff photo by Carl Hudson

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