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Student body president vetoes GB16

The "Second-Chance Legislation" would have allowed students who have been placed on disciplinary probation to run for student office.

LaWanda Ray
Staff Reporter

After careful consideration, N.C. State Student Body President Mike Anthony decided to veto Government Bill 16 — legislation that would have allowed students who have been placed on disciplinary probation the chance to run for an elected office in Student Government.

The bill was sponsored by Senators Gary Palin and Mark Matthews in an effort to give more students the ability to run for student office. The bill states that a student who has been placed on disciplinary probation can run for student office 12 months after receiving the citation that resulted in probation. It goes further to state that students running for office shall disclose their judicial standing to the public.

The bill, which many agree seems to have good intentions, has been strongly opposed by the student body president, the Student Senate president and many other student leaders. Student Senate President Josh Cox says, "It degrades the credibility of Student Government because most of our fights are with the administration and legislatures. For ex-

ample, if we are going against noise ordinance and half of the people in senate are currently on probation"

The main reasons for the veto by Anthony are outlined in his veto message to Student Government.

He notes that currently the statutes state that a person shall be clear of any academic probation, past or present suspensions, academic integrity probation or disciplinary probation. Therefore, students benefiting from the bill have committed an act resulting in probation lasting longer than a year. Anthony also notes that to be placed on probation, a student's act is severe or has been repeated. Even students with minor disciplinary problems can appeal to get probationary actions lifted. If, after all of this, a student is still unable to run for office, then that student has committed an act so serious in nature, regardless of the time elapsed, that he or she should not be admitted to serve.

Anthony questions whether risking a violation of the Buckley Amendment is worth it.

Attorney Pam Gerace, director of student legal services, sent a memo with the following caution: "I am in agreement with David [Drooz, associate general council,] on this in that you may run into Buckley Amendment issues. Fur-

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Caldwell programs focus on freshman development

The Caldwell Freshman Scholarship is the only universitywide, merit-based scholarship available to freshmen.

Aniesha Felton
Staff Reporter

Unfold and be the magnificent human being you are capable of being. Why? John T. Caldwell would want it that way.

The Caldwell programs, in honor of Chancellor Emeritus Caldwell, will be holding information sessions on Oct. 29 and Nov. 4 and will be accepting applications for this prestigious freshman scholarship in the near future.

All freshmen who have a maximum of 30 credit hours, excluding AP credit, and a minimum GPA of 3.0 at the end of the fall semester are encouraged to apply.

"Why should students apply? Where do I start?" asked Heidi Perreault, a senior majoring in zoology and MDS. "Apply if you desire to expand; apply if you want to use your imagination," she said.

Being the only universitywide, merit-based scholarship available to freshmen, the scholarship recognizes students for their achievements while at NCSU.

"We don't look at high school grades or SAT scores," said Ann Howard Banzet, assistant director for the Caldwell programs and 1992 graduate of the program.

"Competition for merit-award scholarships for incoming students is so intense that some of the best students don't receive scholarships. The Caldwell Fellows scholarship provides someone who has come to NCSU, found [his or her] niche and excelled academically, with an opportunity to grow and develop through the many programs available through the scholarship," she said.

"The Caldwell Fellows program puts a plethora of opportunities on the table, and it is all for the taking," said Kevin Taff, a junior in electrical engineering and Spanish. "They really want you to grow every way a person is capable of growing," he said.

The Caldwell programs were established in 1998 by merging two of NCSU's oldest and most prestigious programs, the John T. Caldwell Alumni Scholarship Program and the N.C. State Fellows Program.

The N.C. State Alumni Association established the John T. Caldwell Alumni Scholarship Program in 1977, which offers 12 high school seniors a merit-based scholarship to attend NCSU, and the Caldwell Fellows Scholarship, a three-year award offered to approximately 25 NCSU freshmen. These recipients are eligible to receive a \$2,500 annual aca-

ademic scholarship and a stipend up to \$1,500 for personal growth.

"Because of the \$1,500 stipend, I was able to go to Oxford through [the] Study Abroad [program], and last summer, I went to Notre Dame," said Perreault. "This scholarship is amazingly awesome, if that doesn't sound childish. Because of them, I got the opportunity to really maximize my undergraduate college experience and grow personally."

Taff, who went to Peru and on a westward trip, said that the scholarship fosters adventure and growth.

"They really want you to think outside of the box," he said. "They understand that college is not all about getting a degree; it's about broadening your horizons also. They consistently and insistently promote that message," he said.

The Caldwell programs encourage scholars to maximize their undergraduate experience by providing five programming components: leadership experience and potential, orientation toward community and service, strong academic performance, commitment to personal growth, and an understanding and interest of the program and how to maximize it.

"We promote excellence in scholarship, [because] academics is crucially important; service, because giving back and being a model citizen is essential; and leadership, because that was what John Caldwell desired," said alumna and teacher of service learning and enhanced leadership Patti Clayton. "The legacy of Caldwell was one of servant leadership," she said.

As chancellor from 1959 to 1975, Caldwell is hailed widely as one of the university's most visionary and successful leaders. He was well known for walking the campus and talking freely with students and faculty.

His legacy is one of servant leadership because his leadership resulted from a desire to serve others first and was grounded in a strong sense of community.

His legacy is characterized by an emphasis on personal growth, community-building and mutual empowerment.

"Caldwell wasn't a leader for the power; he came to leadership because of his commitment towards community. He came to serve," said Clayton.

"Being in the Caldwell programs allows you to develop your own style of leadership," said Taff. "It allows you to lead by setting an example. It gives you a chance to serve people and experience how good it feels."

In addition to the scholarship and the stipends, the Study Abroad and international opportunities, the Outward

Bound, Outdoor Wilderness Experiences and freshman retreat, the seminar dinners and service projects, and the commitment to personal growth, the programs offer much support.

"The support system is unparalleled to anything I know," said Perreault. "It's so different from other scholarships. You are not a number; you have a name and they [the directors] know it."

"They are very personal and caring towards you. I can walk into Dr. Hawkins' office right now, and he will say 'Hello, Heidi.' That means a lot to some of us," she said.

"The program made the university smaller; it's like a safe home where everyone is for you and supporting you," said Taff.

Banzet says that the reason she came back to State after practicing law was because she wanted to give back what it gave to her.

"It prepared me for law school and had a positive impact on my career," she said. "The program took NCSU, which had about 24,000 students then, and made it a smaller community. It encouraged diversity, personal growth on many levels and fostered a learning environment that was saturated in support. I wanted to do the same for other fellows. This program is near and dear to my heart," she said.

"The support, the mentors and the people make it a privilege to be part of the Caldwell program," said Perreault.

Even though the Caldwell programs offer scholarships, Taff and Perreault say the scholarship isn't the most important benefit.

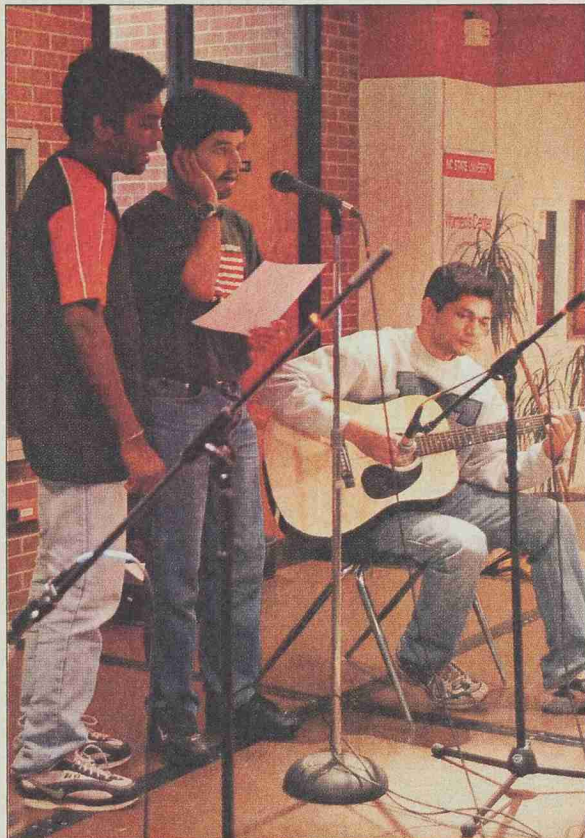
"It's not just getting that check," said Taff. "It's about the experiences; the more experiences you have, the more you learn. It's about being around an interesting blend of people who are not here just for their degree; it's about living and learning for yourself as well as learning about yourself," he said.

"It's more than a scholarship. You're joining a select group of people who want to explore the world," said Perreault. "It's not about the money; it's about maximizing your experiences while you are here at school. Bonding, experiencing, exploring and meeting new and different people is all that will matter most when it is said and done. Money can't buy that."

As John T. Caldwell once said, "You just don't know how magnificent you might be. And you don't want to put any limitations on yourself. Think big. Think big about your possibilities in this world."

Visit www.ncsu.edu/caldwellprograms for more information.

A global performance



The Matri Group, an Indian band on campus, plays in the Student Center as a part of International Week festivities. Staff photo by Carl Hudson

University gears up for ReCreate State

Students will convene Saturday in a joint effort to help brighten the fall on campus.

News Staff Report

Students will come together this weekend in a joint effort to bring a little color and beauty to N.C. State's brick-covered campus. ReCreate State is an annual program sponsored by Student Government that

provides students with the opportunity to improve the appearance of the campus.

This Saturday, students will meet to check in at the Brickyard between 8 and 8:45 a.m. Matt Spence, director of government relations for Student Government, strongly recommends that students register online for their attendance on Saturday in order for Student Government to know the amount of supplies they will need. Students must reg-

ister by midnight tonight.

This year's ReCreate State will be a joint effort with participation from the Park Scholars Celebrate State group. Their plans include planting flowers in a variety of areas around campus, not limited to the Brickyard, and returning for a free lunch around noon.

ReCreate State is currently held once a semester, but according to Spence, Student Government is working to plan the event more frequently.

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ther, even though I am not convinced that it is Buckley violation to request this, I am not sure you want to use SGA resources to fight this, if sued, especially if what you currently have in place seems to address this?"

Nevertheless, Student Government officials currently have no

GPA requirements, like that of many other student organizations on campus, including student media heads, resident advisors and Inter-Residence Council executive officers.

"The clause only affects 'elected officials' and that anyone could be appointed by an elected official to serve in other Student Government positions," said Anthony. He went on to mention that if

anyone wishes to be a part of Student Government, student services are greatly needed with the annual Night Walk, a program designed to be a student patrol, and the new Campus Safety Initiative, which starts Nov. 1.

To the students, Cox says, "We are not fighting students, and to students, image may not be that important, but it is to administration, and the bill may cause the

administration to look unfavorably on Student Government."

The Student Senate will address the veto and the bill on Wednesday. Interested students and faculty members are encouraged to attend and voice their concerns at the meeting on the second floor of Witherspoon Student Center. Currently, Anthony is devoted to seeing "a large turnout for the November elections, a successful

Homecoming, student patrol reinstated and a long-term plan for tuition increase."

"All members of Student Government work very hard every day to ensure that students have the best possible experience while in college. We are not trying to exclude anyone, and we never have," said Anthony. "If you have any questions or you want to get involved, call ... 515-2797."

Vote Nov. 5.

CRIME REPORT

The following is a list of reports issued by Campus Police Sunday.

1:40 p.m. Traffic Accident

A non-student struck another vehicle in Wood Lot. The other vehicle belonged to a student.

1:42 p.m. Medical Assistance

Officers responded to a medical assistance call at Carter-Finley Stadium near the elevator. A student stated that they were struck in the head by a galvanized pipe about 15 inches in length that had fallen from the press box. The student was taken to the first aid station where they were treated with a pressure dressing and then transported by a friend to the ER for stitches.

1:57 p.m. Check Point

Officers conducted a check point at Dan Allen Drive and Cates Avenue. One student was cited for an expired registration, one student was cited for operating a vehicle without a license, displaying a fictitious plate, operating a vehicle without insurance, and numerous verbal warnings.

3:23 p.m. Damage To Property

A student reported damage to property at Carter-Finley Stadium east side parking lot. Officers met with the student who stated that an unknown person dented their

passenger side door and poured soda on their vehicle.

4:10 p.m. Unauthorized Use of Vehicle

A non-student reported a fellow employee borrowed their vehicle and did not return it.

8:05 p.m. Check Point

Officers conducted a check point on Dan Allen Drive. One student was cited for improperly displaying their registration sticker. 39 verbal warnings were issued.

9:13 p.m. Noise Disturbance

A student reported several subjects making loud noises in the Aventura Ferry Complex. The subject had left the area prior to officer's arrival.

10:55 p.m. Suspicious Person

A caller stated a subject was looking into a vehicle in Dan Allen Deck. Officers responded and checked the area but were unable to locate the subject.

2:15 a.m. Hazmat Incident

A student reported a carbon monoxide leak at ES King Village. No reported injuries. The gas was shut off. Police, FPD and RFD responded.

2:30 a.m. Welfare Check

A non-student reported a subject possibly coming to campus to

overdose on pills. Officers spoke with the spouse who stated they were not sure where the subject was going or if they were going to take the pills. Officers checked for the subjects vehicle but were unable to locate it.

2:55 a.m. Hit & Run

A student reported their vehicle was damaged while parked in Riddick lot.


3:31 a.m. Check Point

Officers conducted a check point

on Dan Allen Drive. A non-student was cited for driving while license revoked. 8 verbal warnings were issued.

- Calls to 5-3000 - 32
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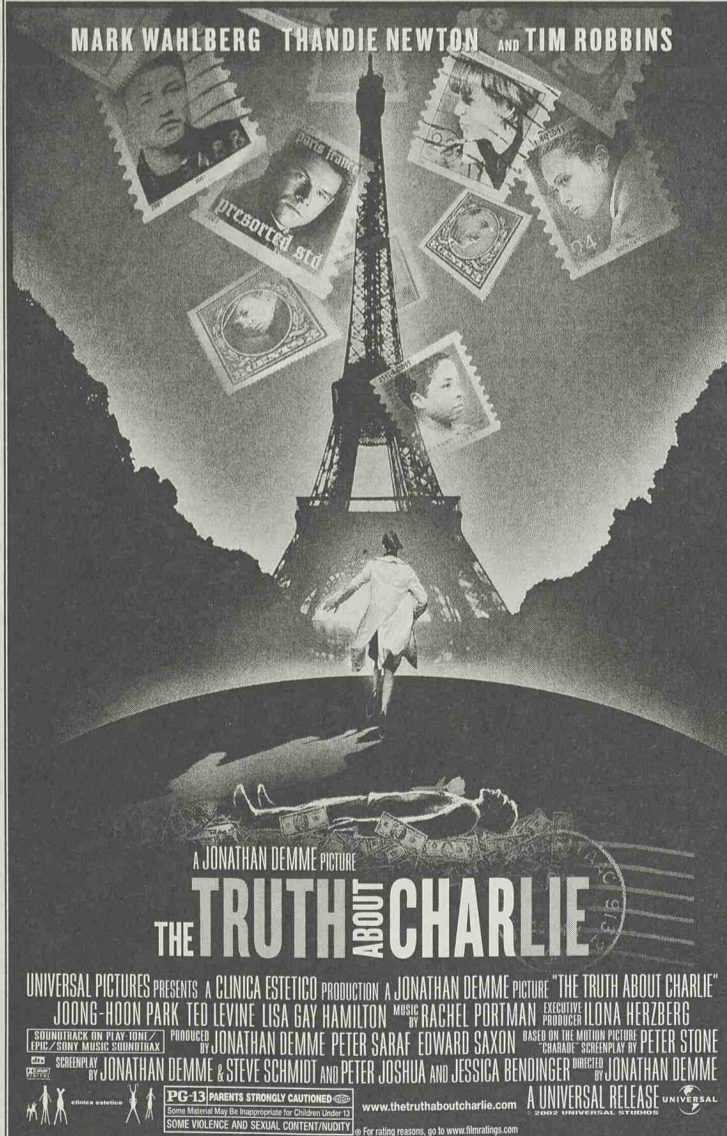
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A Kingdom worth skipping

Kingdom Hearts

Playstation 2
Squaresoft
★★

Joel Isaac Frady
A&E Editor

It is always a pleasant surprise to see a really bad idea that turns out good. On the other hand, it is incredibly painful to see a really good idea that turns out bad. Different people have seen the Disney-Squaresoft collaboration "Kingdom Hearts" from both of these perspectives — not surprisingly, it is the people who thought it would be really bad who seem to like it.

The idea, in the head of this writer, seemed like a really great idea. With all of the fantastical imaginative worlds that Disney has created over the past 75 years, the idea of creating a gigantic role-playing game (RPG) that links all of these worlds together sounded great. The fact that Squaresoft — the only name that merits purchasing a game by production company alone — was creating the game as well, with some of the same people that made the "Final Fantasy" series, put this very high on the "must play" list before its release.

The biggest disappointment that comes with "Kingdom Hearts," however, is that it is not really a role-playing game. Yes, Squaresoft has made a few other non-RPG's (like the phenomenal sword-fighting "Bushido Blade" series), but the company is simply known best for the role-playing games they have released — games that have dominated the genre for over a decade. Hell, people still play "Chrono Trigger" and "Secret of Mana" on a very regular basis.

With "Hearts" the gamer has been dealt an "action/RPG" that feels much more like a "Tomb

Raider" than a "Final Fantasy." Much like "Raider," the devil-camera (which we will get to later) follows a new character named Sora (yes, that is the name you are stuck with) as he gets shot into the Disney worlds, which are all colliding together after a dark force, "the Heartless," tries to take these worlds over.

It is an incredibly linear game — it is split into several different levels, and once you beat one, you are sent on to the next. The freedom to roam the countryside doing everything and nothing at the same time cannot be found in this game — hell, the freedom to roam around one of these levels is barely there. When lost, you can run around and fight the Heartless beings that come out of the ground like George Romero's zombies, but other than that, the gameplay is that of an action. You are given clues to help you find different pieces of the puzzle somewhere in the level to progress the story.

Being a typical puzzle/action game is not where "Hearts" goes bad — it is the frustrating controls, ridiculously awful camera angles and a boring plot that manage this.

Okay, so maybe the devil-camera and frustrating controls go together — but really, how are you supposed to control a character and kill bad guys when you only have a clear view of the action half of the time? During battle, the camera is constantly getting "caught" behind bad guys, or bushes, or even under the character you are playing. The Heartless (and the bosses) are constantly moving behind you, above you or to your left outside of your view — and hitting the attack button does not do much good if you cannot see them.

Getting Sora to do what you want can be quite a pain as well.



Sora (middle), Donald Duck and Goofy fight a giant heartless boss in the Disney/Squaresoft collaboration "Kingdom Hearts." Photo courtesy Squaresoft

You use the analog control to move him, but you use the directional pad to choose between physical and magic attacks — a system that takes a lot of getting used to but is almost impossible to perfect.

There is also a matter of the story (and other stories) that you are working for. The main one is not bad — it is aimed at a very young audience, but it knows exactly how to play with the imagination. Once you are in the individual worlds, however, the stories are incredibly pathetic — mainly because they recycle the stories from the films they came from.

Whether you are playing levels from "Tarzan," "Aladdin," "Alice in Wonderland" or even "The Nightmare Before Christmas" (yeah, that is the really random one that made it into the game), the plots parallel those of the films. It seems like they really could expand these worlds into something — all of them involve incredible imagination, and half the fun of video games

is running with stories and ideas that are too big or too crazy, or stories that just would not fly on the big screen. The decision to reuse these plots feels almost like they are trying to sell us DVDs instead of creating a fun game, and if that was the goal, they succeeded, because the idea of watching "Aladdin" and "Nightmare" sounds really great right now.

The difficulty level the game operates on was never decided either. At points it is incredibly difficult — nothing is worse than being killed as your character throws a health power-up (or "potion") into the air. Most of the bosses are incredibly challenging, but the levels are incredibly simplistic, and you have all of your health and magic points refilled every time you touch a save point!

There is also a lot of the element in video games that creates insanity more than any other element: precise jumping. You have 15 jumps that you have to pull off, one after the other, or

else you will fall to the ground and be back at square one. In games with simple controls, this would not be such a big problem, but with the controls in this game, a simple ascension can take 20 minutes.

It is not all bad, admittedly, and the voice actors provide a great deal of entertainment. Then again, when you have Haley Joel Osment, Billy Zane, Mandy Moore and James Woods (to name a few), it is hard to go wrong. The soundtrack composed for the game also hits all the right notes, creating the right mixture of Disney and the looming evil.

Honestly, though, there is nothing here that is really worth checking out, unless you are a really big fan of a particular movie and think it would be fun to play through it (admittedly, the "Nightmare Before Christmas" level was a treat). If not, you can sit on the train with the rest of us waiting on "Final Fantasy XI."

Tech it to the Apple

Jon Morgan
Senior Staff Writer

If you own a television, you have probably seen Apple's new "switch" commercials. These new commercials, which encourage Windows users to switch to Macs, showcase helpless young individuals with tales of loss and hardship in the world of Microsoft. One attractive young lady describes the sound her dad's computer made when she plugged in her digital camera (close approximation: "merrrrr!"). A half-hip, half-nerdy young man talks about the trials of carrying around a big CD binder before he had an iPod.

Cute-as-a-button Ellen Fleiss describes her trials in her own commercial, saying "I was writing a paper on the PC, and it was like 'beep, beep, beep, beep, beep, beep!!' And then, like, half of my paper was gone! And I was like ... muh?" That is an actual quote from the commercial.

To the average computer owner, these commercials may seem to have the answer to all of their problems. To the savvy user, however, they are just kind of funny. Although what they say is true, they are not really advertising much that cannot be done on a PC. They are like the reverse of the Intel commercials that show how the Pentium makes the Internet fun.

So, amidst a good deal of poking fun at the expense of Apple, one has to wonder why Microsoft would follow suit. Last Monday, a new page was noticed on Microsoft's site. It's a personal account of a freelance writer who switched from Mac to Windows and never looked back. The writer says how much better her life is with Windows because of Internet Explorer, Microsoft Office and easy access to the Internet (ironically, all of these features are available for the Mac user as well).

Although the writer chose to remain anonymous, she had her reasons. The primary reason was that she was the public relations person hired to write an advertisement, and testimonials generally have less credibility when they are written by someone who is on the company's payroll. The whole fiasco was discovered when somebody noticed that the writer's "photograph" in the ad was actually a stock photo from Getty Images and not actually a user's picture.

Microsoft contends that it was, somehow, an accident. If true, it would mean that the company has ballooned to such a large size that somehow they are contracting ad campaigns without even knowing it. And, while Microsoft has indeed grown to obscenely large proportions, this simply is not the case. They saw the Apple ads and wanted to copy them. When pressed to find people who switched from Mac to Windows, they came up short.

The end result? They are walking away with a little egg on their faces, but it does not matter. While their attempt to lure away Apple customers was a minor defeat, they still own a crippling majority of the consumer market share. And, in the end, annihilating the competition is what computers are all about.

Only Midnight isn't big yet, but getting they're there

Grayson Currin
Senior Staff Writer

It is one o'clock in the morning on a pitch black Sunday as the rain pours down in sheets over North Raleigh. In a large tin-built storage unit, the rain pounds like a steady crash of cymbals, making conversation difficult and sleep appealing.

From outside, one can just make out the sounds of a rock band battling through rehearsals inside one of the units. Through the rain, the band seems to create a sort of phantom soundtrack to the night, working through the hours of the morning by way of a steady diet of pensive, moody guitar.

The time may be well past midnight, but for the Chapel Hill-based band Only Midnight, this is how they blissfully spend most of their nights ... and days, evenings and mornings. The rock/pop quintet, comprised of Nic Slaton, John Briggs, Scott Morgan and brothers Derek and Brandon Olds, is on a mission.

The mission? To not be the typical college band. Their workhorse rehearsal schedule, combined with a striking zeal for their own sound, is a revealing glimpse into a band that has the ability to turn Chapel Hill's esoteric musical pretense into something truly magical.

The band has its origins in a situation that has led to so many other college outfits: the dorm room. John Briggs and Derek Olds met while living in the same dorm in the fall of 2000. The two quickly formed an acoustic duo, sitting up through all hours of the night, covering the works of their heroes and eventually crafting their own melodies.

"We started off playing acoustics together just because we did meet in a dorm, and it made more sense," Derek, the younger Olds brother, told Technician at an interview in the band's Raleigh studio.

The two went on to join a pair of local female vocalists in a makeshift group of guitar and harmony, playing around campus and for friends as more of an experiment than as an actual band. The stakes for the outfit were raised, how-

ever, through a chance meeting between Derek and a campus disc jockey.

"He asked us to come onto his show, and he turns to us and says during the show, 'Well, do you have a name?'" said an amused Olds. "When we told him we didn't have one, he told us we had to come up with one before the next song. I had just heard this word in class, mimesis, that meant imitation of art through life."

"The rest of us thought it was philosophical enough, so we went with it," added Briggs, laughing at Olds, with a childlike grin on his face.

The newly-dubbed Mimesis went on to work Chapel Hill harder, playing coffee houses and maintaining the Olds/Briggs tradition of practicing and playing well into the wee hours of the morning. The two women left the band only months later, leaving Derek and John — infused with a newfound enthusiasm for what a band could actually be — in their original acoustic duo format. It was readily apparent to the pair that a whole new breadth of sound was at their fingertips and they needed to persist, as Mimesis would be something of a bad omen, an open wound.

"As the two left, we wondered what we were going to call ourselves. One of the girls turned to us and said, 'How about Only Midnight?'" Briggs told Technician.

The name stuck, serving as a fitting epithet for the duo that reveled in their nocturnal hours despite their class schedules.

"There would be nights where one of us would come in at eight or nine and say, 'This time we can only practice until midnight,'" Briggs laughed. "Of course, we would play and play, and then we would look down and it would be six or seven in the morning. We failed a lot of tests."

The pair's musical focus paid worthy dividends time and again as they wrote a good number of acoustic songs, laced with melodically driven introspection and bitter love. In short order, a trio was formed with a Chapel Hill-based female violinist. The three canvassed the local

coffeehouse circuit, playing for growing audiences and continuing to write. The group continued to expand, putting Brandon — the elder Olds — behind the drum kit and eventually recruiting jazz talent Nic Slaton to man the bass.

The songs and the sound evolved, Briggs returning to the electric guitar of his youth while Olds continued to set the rhythm with an acoustic. The folk-pop of the old Only Midnight quickly transformed into an airy breed of rock, working its way into local nightclubs in a fashion that demanded an audience's attention. The rhythm section, coupled with strains of intriguing violin and Briggs' inventive, well-versed guitar work, brought to Only Midnight's live act an urgency that earned notice on the Chapel Hill scene.

"My previous bands were all pretty hard-rocking stuff," Briggs said, commenting on the difficulty of moving to a full-band, electric outfit from an acoustic duo.

"It's a lot harder to get people to listen to you as an acoustic band. It's so much easier to make people listen to you with a full band," added Olds.

During the summer of 2002, Derek Olds took a job in New York City's Jam Box Studios, working daily with bands and a multimillion-dollar recording setup. In many ways, the decision is the most important factor in the successful road that lies ahead for Only Midnight.

Olds became somewhat of a sonic scholar, learning how to capture sound the right way, taking careful mental notes on details of production and engineering. These days, he speaks with confidence about "acoustic imagery" and overdubs, as Briggs looks at him with a trust that is a testament to the friendship inside their burgeoning work.

While in New York, Scott Morgan became Olds' roommate — partially to cut living expenses, but primarily to audition as the keyboardist for the band. Morgan was immediately met with the unenviable task of creating key arrangements for nearly 50 Only Midnight originals, working to match them to the con-

trasting vocal styles of Olds and Briggs. Morgan and Olds performed as a duo in New York City more than 20 times over the summer, giving them more opportunities to come together as musicians. Briggs occasionally joined them, giving the band even more of a chance of finding its real sound.

The summer provided Only Midnight with its first bad review, a complete rip of their lo-fi demo recorded with one day in a studio and \$600. The negative feedback fueled the band beyond all expectations and reminded them of their commitment to make something of their band, their creation.

"It was the best thing that ever happened to us ... the rock gods were smiling on us that day," said a nearly nostalgic Olds.

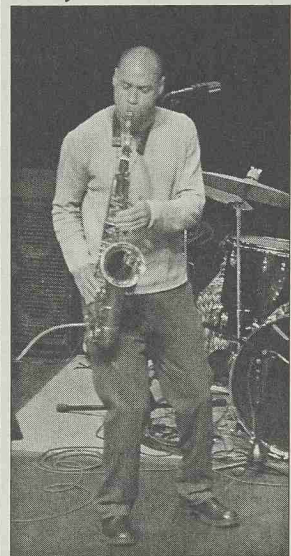
"We all went back to our rooms alone that night, shut the lights off and played our guitars while we stared at the New York skyline. We got five great, pissed-off rock 'n' roll songs out of it," added Briggs.

The band eventually lost its violinist, affording it the opportunity to restructure its sound once again. The sound that emerged is soaked in U2 and a love for the emotional purity of the Dave Matthews Band's "Before These Crowded Streets." Their intensely magnetic melodies run alongside what amounts as a solid instrumental band, capable of quiet by way of the Olds family and abrasion by way of Briggs' Mike McReady-influenced guitar playing.

Only Midnight's first headlining show at Cat's Cradle brought 370 people, an obvious feat for a local band that lacks an album, much less a record contract or publicity. With nearly 450 expected Thursday, Only Midnight seems on its slow but steady way to local prominence. With an album in the works and with the continuing stream of material from the songwriting pair of Olds and Briggs, a tag of "the next big thing" may not be out of line.

Sensational local band Only Midnight will play Cat's Cradle Thursday.

Saxy



Jazz man Joshua Redman played up Stewart Theatre on Friday night. Staff Photo by Carl Hudson

TECHNICIAN'S VIEW

Death convictions of minors justifiable

The Supreme Court has refused to consider creating stipulations for ending the use of the death penalty for criminals sentenced to death under the age of 18 on Monday. Four justices said that they believed the court should continue the re-examination of the death penalty that began last year. Very wise, seeing how the Supreme Court will surely be hearing more of this after their recent ruling to abolish executions for the mentally retarded.

The case of a Kentucky man was presented before the court to rule on whether it was cruel and unusual to have him executed even though he was convicted of the crime when he was 17 in 1982. The man had abducted, raped and killed a 20-year-old girl, and then left her in her mother's car after shooting her in the face. The extremity of this crime may have made it a poor tool for an effort to create new precedents for underage executions.

While the death penalty is a heavily debated issue, it should not allow the government to be wishy-washy about its use.

There is little difference between someone who is 17 years old and 18 year old, and if the use of the death penalty is to be decided on a case-by-case basis, then that should be the law.

If an age of accountability is absolutely necessary, then the law should at least provide the actual reason. Killing a child seems less and less appropriate as the child's age decreases. For the government to say that it is wrong to kill someone because he or she is too young is an acceptable reason. To say that a 14-year-old boy, no matter how gruesome his crimes, should not be killed due to his age is not something to dismiss. Where logic sometimes fails, compassion can make a reasonable substitute.

Once that age of accountability is set, however, it will be necessary for the justice system to remain true to it and refrain from circumstantial modifications. Currently, only 38 states use the death penalty, 16 of which refuse to execute anyone under 18 years of age. The federal government has yet to take an official stand on the issue.

Airline discrimination must not be tolerated

Staff Editorial
Daily Targum
(Rutgers-U.)

(U-WIRE) NEW BRUNSWICK, N.J. — A federal judge has ruled that the passengers

who were removed from a plane on New Year's Eve can sue Continental Airlines for discrimination. The two men suing were taken off the flight after a passenger complained about "brown-skinned men" whom Continental claims were moving about the cabin prior to the plane's take-off.

While it is terrible enough that this occurred at all, Continental is adding insult to injury by claiming that they were within the limits of the law and good judgment in making the decision to remove the men. They say that they have broad protection in reporting "suspicious activity."

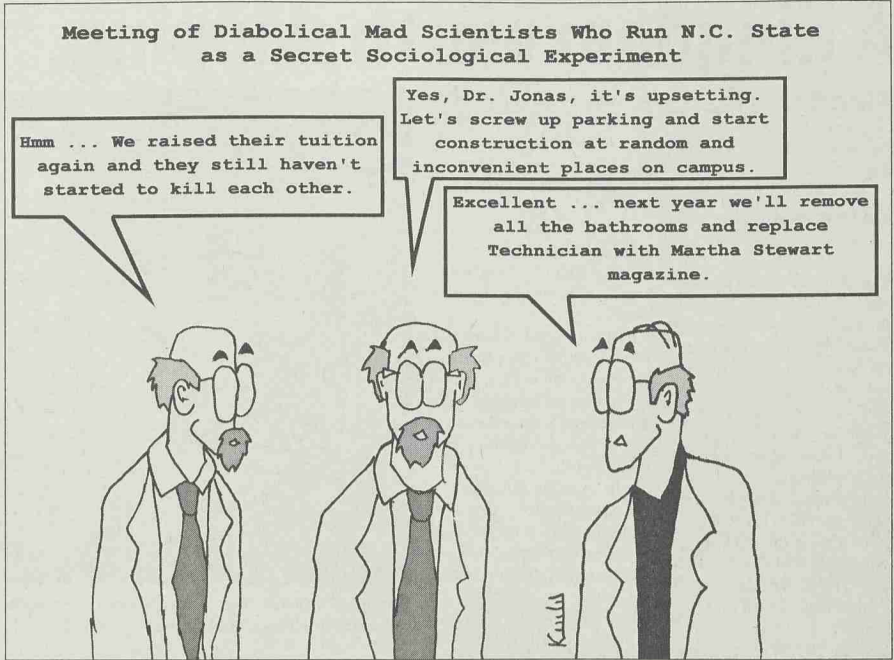
How broad is this protection they are claiming? It hardly seems justifiable that "moving around the cabin" is basis to remove anyone.

Continental, a well-respected company, has most certainly taken the wrong

path by defending the actions of their employees. Claiming that discrimination is backed by the company is not a wise ethical or business move.

The term "suspicious" itself is a subjective term that requires a solid judgment call, and this is not something to be taken lightly. If a company is removing someone from a flight, they must have an acceptable reason. A person waving guns and knives around threatening to kill people is acceptable to remove. Someone who is suspicious only because they were "brown-skinned" is never something that anyone should be expected to respect or even tolerate.

In a time when tensions are high and people watch their backs daily, especially in an airport, we should not be so insensitive that we isolate and avoid people simply because of skin color. This seems like common sense, yet somehow it still happens daily. May the men suing win, and show Continental Airlines, and America at large, that this behavior will not be tolerated.



Constructive criticism



Candice Chilton
Staff Columnist

The other day, I was making my daily pilgrimage to Harrelson Hall when I began to look around and notice my surroundings. The first thing that I noticed was the lack of smog in the air. I mean, Raleigh is a grand metropolis; the wide availability of clean air was simply astonishing. Then I remembered that the day before had been a Sunday, so it only made sense that people with huge, smog-producing trucks had maybe stayed inside for the day. Yeah, that was it.

The second thing I noticed was that I could not enjoy the smog-free air because of the wide array of orange tape blocking every walkway on campus. It seemed as though everywhere I looked, orange tape boldly blocked my path. To make it worse, some guy was pounding away with his jackhammer, indiscriminately disturbing the peace.

Several things about this scenario make me angry. First of all, there seems to be

no method to the construction madness. In fact, not one to be left in the dark, I promptly asked a random construction worker what he was doing. He just looked at me funny and continued hammering away on perfectly good-looking concrete. I feel it my duty to inform you that the cause of the construction remains a mystery. It seems as if we will never know exactly what they are doing.

Then more questions began to ring through my already cluttered mind. Couldn't the pointless construction have been accomplished over the summer? Isn't fall N.C. State's peak tourist season? Throngs of starry-eyed high school students are flocking to the campus hoping to find it in a crisp, clean and pristine state. I am sure we all remember our own first visit to N.C. State. Don't we have an upstanding beautiful campus tradition to uphold? Well, maybe not. But really, people come to visit our campus expecting to see a place where they could possibly want to live their lives for four years. What respectable, loving mother would send her innocent child to a place that looks like a nuclear waste zone? More importantly, what student would choose to go to a school that has the flora of a Wal-Mart parking lot?

Speaking of parking lots, I do not exactly understand why the NCSU construction gods chose to rip up the biggest parking lot on campus right in the middle of the school year. This seems to me to be a huge flaw in planning. In fact, I thought of a way that the planning people might have decided when to plow up the entire Reynolds parking lot.

My theory is that they had a \$10,000, two-headed coin made with the extra money from our tuition. Then they spent thousands deciding whether heads should mean they would remove the parking lot during the summer or the school year. After deciding that heads will mean plowing up the parking at the most inconvenient time of the year, they flip the coin, and surprisingly, it came up heads.

Anyway, I guess I can only incite change by asking the administration to put more thought into the scheduling of demolishing random parts of the campus. Maybe it would be more constructive to schedule construction during less busy times, such as the summer.

Candice is trying her luck with a jackhammer. You can still e-mail her at cmchilton@unity.ncsu.edu.

A political timeout



Matt Campbell
Staff Columnist

In the heat of a nationally publicized U.S. Senate race in this state, it is easy to overlook other races decided in a few weeks on Election Day. Some of these races can prove to have more of an impact on us as students of N.C.

State. The race for the newly assigned 16th Senate district is one of those races.

The 16th Senate district includes West Raleigh (and NCSU) and northern parts of Cary, Apex and Morrisville. State Senator Eric Reeves currently holds this seat, but due to the recent redistricting, his familiar surroundings have changed. Reeves is in a tight race with former Raleigh mayor Paul Coble. The two candidates have their history being on the Raleigh City Council together. This race will greatly affect NCSU, as well as Wake County, and since the race is so close, a student vote from NCSU will affect the outcome. So listen up!

Eric Reeves is a 39-year-old lawyer who has stood strong on issues, such as cracking down on slumlords, smart-growth development, care for the mentally ill and physically disabled, and the ending

of budget cuts in education. Reeves believes that the government can and should help people in need. He has backed this claim up by using his position to try and set regulations for Raleigh landlords (or slumlords) trying to fund programs for the mentally ill and proposing year-by-year increases in school funding.

Reeves was elected with decisive votes from students, especially at NCSU. It is because of these votes that he will work hard for students. Reeves was open to talking to students about recent budget matters. This time around, he is campaigning for re-election in a district that is 70 percent new to him, 50.25 percent Democrat and where every vote counts.

Paul Coble is the 49-year-old nephew of Jesse Helms and former mayor of Raleigh. Coble is known for being pro-development. As a result, Raleigh was not involved in any regional growth management or transportation planning in the Triangle during his term. While on Raleigh City Council with Eric Reeves, Coble called Reeves' proposal requiring every apartment in Raleigh to have at least one heated room an "over-regulation." Coble referred to Reeves' smart-growth as "a baby that should be killed in the crib." Paul Coble has opposed state spending on programs for the mentally ill. He has said that, if elected, he plans on working on cutting excess spending, in-

cluding education. Clearly, this is an issue that directly affects us as students.

In this time of budget cuts and education not being a priority, we need a hard-working representative who will keep us in mind and also keep us posted on how our interests are moving through the State Senate. Eric Reeves is working harder than ever now because of his desire to understand the issues of his new district. He spent his term understanding the issues facing Southeast Raleigh and representing black neighborhoods. Reeves is now removed from those surroundings, working for suburbs such as Cary and Apex.

Eric Reeves is a true representative of his district: pushing his beliefs, looking at the big picture and into the future, and trying to change things a little at a time. He has shown his appreciation for support in the student vote and will continue to do so. This is just one race that should get all of you out to the polls in a couple of weeks. So, go out and use your voice!

Matt wishes there was more comedy in this topic and column, but he thinks it's important stuff. E-mail him at folks-damanisher@aol.com ... and don't worry, he will think of something funny for next week.

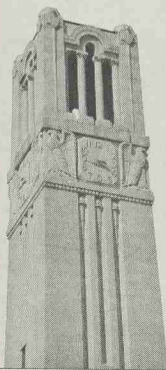
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More about "Approaching the Qu'ran" The question raised regarding the reading of the book "Approaching the Qu'ran" by incoming freshmen at UNC-Chapel Hill seems to have a biblical parallel: Jesus asked his disciples, "Whom do men say that I the Son of man am? And they said, some say thou art John the Baptist; some Elias; and others, Jeremias, or one of the prophets" (Matthew

16:13-14). Jesus' next question to his disciples was, "But whom say ye that I am? And Simon Peter answered and said, 'Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God'" (Matthew 16:15-16).

The Qu'ran says that Jesus was a prophet and Muhammad was the greatest prophet. The Qu'ran does not call Jesus the Son of God nor was it expected to. Only those who believe and know Je-

sus intimately can say like Job, "For I know that my redeemer liveth ..." (Job 19:25). Only those who know Jesus intimately can say Jesus is the Son of the Living God and is himself God.

The question regarding the feasibility of allowing the students to read the book can be answered from a carnal and

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Why are we afraid?



Ben Kraudel
Staff Columnist

One more man was felled by the shot from a sniper's bullet this weekend. The shots came the farthest from Washington that a shooting has been reported so far. No longer is this a contained issue, something found only in Maryland and D.C., something that leaves the rest of us still feeling untouched.

Why do these yet unexplained sniper attacks on America's capitol and the surrounding area frighten us? In a day where the world is in upheaval over so much, we now find ourselves once again under attack as a nation. When only a little over a year ago we found ourselves wrapped up in what is the greatest catastrophe of our lives, we now find ourselves once again under attack. A war has not been fought on this soil since we fought amongst ourselves, but now, once again, we find our land marked with blood — only this time, we do not know who or why.

This attack is frightening to all of us because of the unexplained nature and the seeming randomness of its violence. While so many other countries have gotten completely used to the idea that any of them could die at any moment walking down the street, we have nev-

er really had that idea occur to us. It is what terrified us a year ago, and now it scares us on a much more individual level.

The fear of thinking, "What if I am next?" To wonder if one's name will be the next put beside a number and placed on Reuters an hour after death is frightening. The not understanding, the not knowing... and the fact you will never know you were attacked. The nine dead and the three wounded have no explanations, nor do their families, nor do we.

In a time where our society is so used to explanations and diagrams, there is nothing that anyone can provide to us about these killings. A tarot card, a note from a madman... there are no reasons, no motives and apparently nowhere for the FBI and law agencies to look. They are just as secretive and quiet, seemingly afraid to put forward the ideas that they have lest the sniper read them and change his style, confusing them more. All they can do this moment is observe and occasionally drag a man out of a white van for questioning. How many times do I see a white van? How often have I noticed a white van parked somewhere near a gas station?

The ambiguity of these attacks is what frightens us. The lack of knowing. Death is something that we all are afraid of, something we all hope to put off indefinitely. To know that someone is bringing death to America's door and with apparent randomness and with little to no reasoning made clear to us,

then instead of a war or a madman to blame the deaths on, all we get is death. Unexplained death, which steps up quickly and with no reason takes people as they exit craft and home improvement stores. Death, which reveals its darkened visage to a man whose wife waits in the car while he pumps gas.

As much as we can hope to accomplish by postulating as to the identity and cause of this attacker and his attacks, all we are really hoping to do is put our collective minds to rest. The FBI is hoping to catch him because perhaps they smell what this could become. After nearly 10 deaths with seemingly no retribution, snipers with similar means of conveying death could sprout all over the country. If this is anything other than just one madman's attempts to make a mark on the world, a trend could quickly begin and start a panic that America has rarely seen before. Despite all we have seen in the past year and a half, we were able to remove ourselves from most of it if it had not directly affected us. As long as things like this feel like one-time incidents, we can live with them. Personal fears of death grip us all in situations like this, and we are afraid of what could happen. In the end, we are afraid of our own ignorance.

If you have any thoughts on this column, e-mail Ben at bkraudel@unity.ncsu.edu.

City council considers anti-student change



Matthew Spence
Guest Columnist

It has been two years since Benson Kirkman and the Raleigh City Council took aim at N.C. State students with the infamous Nuisance Party Ordinance. What began as an ordinance meant to squelch one party on one Saturday night has now turned into a clear case of anti-student discrimination by the City Council.

As it turns out, the NPO was only the beginning. Now the City Council is looking to create an ordinance limiting the maximum number of unrelated individuals who can live in a "single-family residence." Currently, the city allows four unrelated individuals, but the new ordinance would limit it to two.

Clearly, this directly affects all students who live in homes around campus. While apartments are not affected, this change could mean the eviction of students from rental properties along Brent Road, adjacent to Hillsborough Street and citywide.

Advocates of this ordinance look eerily similar to those who took issue with students two years ago with the NPO. The Raleigh Citizens Advisory Council endorsed the idea, after complaints by some residents of West Raleigh. Among those complaining is an NCSU professor, who — despite evidence — told the News and Observer that this is "not about a race of people or type of people."

The appearance of anti-student sentiment must just be a happy coincidence.

When push comes to shove though, West Raleigh is littered with disgruntled residents who, despite having moved to the area after 1887, seem a little surprised when faced with interactions with university students. What began two years ago with the NPO is continuing today with this housing ordinance. While only one particular group of students is directly affected, this is an issue all students can rally behind. We are being unfairly targeted by neighborhood coalitions. If we let this go through, there is no telling what is next.

For all of you directly affected, I encourage you to come to a meeting in the Student Senate chambers (second floor of Witherspoon) this Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. Of course, all who are interested are welcome to attend, but it is imperative that those of you in situations with more than two people living in a house (not an apartment) attend. If not, in a few months, you could find yourself homeless.

We will be discussing strategies for beating this before it gets through committees and generally organizing support behind our constitutional rights. This is discrimination and unfair targeting of students at its worst. First, we had Brent Road; now, we have this. Do not let it go any further.

For more information about the new zoning ordinance or how you can get involved, contact Director of Government Relations of N.C. State Student Government Matthew Spence at mspence@unity.ncsu.edu or Michael Anthony at sbp@ncsu.edu or call at 515-2797.

Lawyers complicate the law

Richard Whitrock
The Daily Courier
(U. Houston)

(U-WIRE) HOUSTON — Family and friends have long speculated that I will become a lawyer.

They are wrong.

I have nine years of experience in competition speech and debate, both as a competitor and judge. My experience with debate has had an incalculable influence on my life. It has influenced my thinking patterns, my writing style and my listening skills. Even today, everything I hear, think and write is evaluated and rebutted in my head at least four or five times out of reflex, regardless of whether or not I believe the arguments.

It was these habits and my debate background that caused my family and friends to assume that I would be a lawyer. The opposite is true.

I briefly considered pursuing a future in law and in doing so subjected that life to the critical evaluation of a debate junkie. After careful analysis, I concluded I would rather be tortured than practice law.

Before I explain why, let me say this: not all lawyers are evil. A few of them are respectable. Not all of the following criticisms apply to all lawyers.

A fundamental aspect of high school debate is that no debater picks the side he or she supports. A case must be written both for and against the topic, and the debater must be prepared for either. In any given tournament, it is nearly impossible to avoid arguing in favor of

a topic in one debate and against it in the very next one. As a result, the debater must approach a topic amorally, and unfortunately, the same is true of lawyers.

While a lawyer will always know beforehand which side of the case they are on, they (like debaters) can't make any kind of judgment on a case before they take it and must approach it amorally. Prosecutors must use all resources at their disposal to prosecute, and defense lawyers must use all the resources at their disposal to defend — guilt is simply coincidental and for all intents and purposes a red herring.

The result? McDonalds gets sued for having hot coffee. Then it gets sued because the Big Mac is fattening. Lawyers have created a blame shifting profession, and many people no longer take responsibility for their own actions. Small business owners must live in fear that their patrons are looking for reasons to sue in an attempt to get rich quick, and our legal system is clogged with frivolous and otherwise groundless cases.

It compounds the problem that lawyers, working in the best interest of their client and pocketbook, can take meaningless problems and turn them into big ones. Consumers and taxpayers absorb the cost of these characters, but many lawyers just don't care.

The indicted have a right to defense, and individuals have the right to seek redress for a grievance, but abuse of these rights drives the legal profession. Lawyers take these freedoms to the ex-

treme, and the hope is that the extremities will cancel each other out, and justice will be served. Sometimes that is the case.

The fallout of this profession is that no man alive knows the law. To say that U.S. law is so gargantuan it takes up volumes is a gross understatement. The law has become so engorged that it is impossible for any one person to know the complete law; a person may only have a general idea of it. Lawyers have made the law so complicated, in fact, that they have justified their own existence. The reason we need a profession grounded in law is because it is so complex.

I firmly believe that every citizen of every nation should know the law at any given moment; that the law should be simple enough that everyone knows at all times what is legal and what is not. I can't in good conscience perpetuate the separation of law from the average citizen, nor can I replace my conscience and morality with belief in a system that does.

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spiritual point of view, just like the questions Jesus asked the disciples about himself. Should an effort be made to understand the Qu'ran in this time of conflict between Muslims and other religions? And should people have a freedom of choice? Most people and nations would respond "yes." For most Americans, the freedom to read what we want is recognized. However, Muslim countries do not extend this privilege to their citizens.

What should the response be from those who know Jesus as their Lord and Savior regarding the assigned reading of "Approaching the Qu'ran"? The word freedom, as in "freedom of choice," must lead to Jesus Christ. "If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed" (John 8:36). Truth, the ultimate trust, is Jesus Christ. Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me" (John 14:6). Jesus is the God of this world. "For by him were all

things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him: And he is before all things, and by him all things consist" (Colossians 1:16-17).

There are many world religions, all in competitions for the minds and, ultimately, the souls of mankind. The bottom line issue of this whole matter is whether there is one or more way to approach God. I submit that UNC should also require reading of the Bible. The students at UNC and people throughout the world must choose whether they will serve the God of the Bible or other gods of the world. "But as for me and my house, we will serve Jesus." And we will endeavor to read the Bible that teaches, "love worketh no ill to his neighbor ..." (Romans 13:10).

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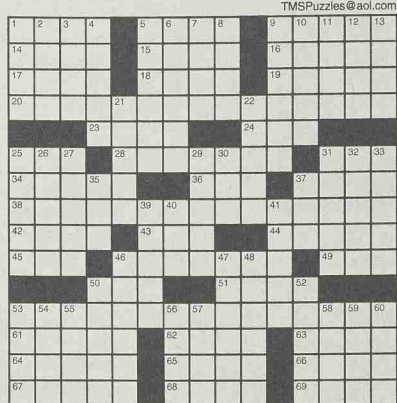
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By Linda C. BlackTribune Media Services

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Today is a 7. You could set up a system that brings in a lot not just now but well into the future. It might involve furthering your education.

Taurus April 20-May 20
Today is a 6. A complicated scheme will run into difficulty, so don't gamble with your resources. Keep it simple in order to win.

Gemini May 21-June 21
Today is a 7. Feeling the pressure of old obligations? Finish those up before taking on a new project. And hurry. The new project is waiting in the wings.

Cancer June 22-July 22
Today is a 7. Your friends won't let you spend a cent on something they can give. And vice versa, of course, so work out an equitable trade.

Leo July 23-Aug. 22
Today is a 6. If you're feeling compelled to take control, relax. It's totally natural. Talk about what you're discovering with someone who can help you do something about it.

Virgo Aug. 23-Sept. 22
Today is a 7. A very interesting person would be delighted to have more of your attention. It may not be easy to make the connection, but do what you can without forgetting to do your job.

Libra Sept. 23-Oct 22
Today is a 7. Put romance on hold for a while and take care of business. Once you get a little more security, a celebration will be more appropriate (and more affordable).

Scorpio Oct. 23-Nov. 21
Today is a 6. No point banging your head against a brick wall. Send your best information to a person who can get through or go around, and do something with it.

Sagittarius Nov. 22-Dec. 21
Today is a 6. Focus your immense mental energy on finishing your task. One of your past difficulties may have been a tendency to get distracted easily. Bring yourself back into focus.

Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 19
Today is a 7. You're very practical, but every once in a while you blow your budget in the name of love. At the time, you'll think it's totally appropriate, and it may be. This could happen again soon.

Aquarius Jan. 20-Feb. 18
Today is a 7. Don't assume that anything will work the way it once did. Check and double-check your equipment. Actually, this is a better day to stay home in bed.

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BCS ratings likely to spark controversy

The annual rankings, used to determine competitors in the championship game, were released Monday.

Wendell Barnhouse
Knight Ridder Newspapers

Are you ready for some controversy? The Bowl Championship Series ratings made its 2002 debut Monday.

Oklahoma was first, followed by Miami and Notre Dame. [N.C. State came in at No. 11.]

Chicago-based computer expert Jerry Palm, whose Web site publishes his own version of the BCS ratings, said Sunday that his projections would have Oklahoma surging to No. 1 in the BCS ratings because of its victories the past two weeks over No. 3 Texas and No. 9 Iowa State.

"Oklahoma has won three of its seven games against ranked teams," Palm said. "There's a chance that Notre Dame could pass Miami for No. 2. The six major undefeated teams (Oklahoma, Miami, Notre Dame, Georgia, Virginia Tech and Ohio State) will be the top six in the BCS ratings."

And while being No. 2 in the first BCS ratings could start a whirlwind of complaints in Miami, the projected rankings at least include the top two teams in the polls. Miami is No. 1, and Oklahoma No. 2 in both the media and the coaches' polls.

The past two seasons, the BCS ratings have not matched the human polls. That has caused controversy and created change. This year's major changes in the BCS ratings involve margin of victory. The seven computer ratings used by the BCS will not include mar-

gin of victory in their computations. The BCS ratings have four equally weighted components: polls (media and coaches), computer rankings, strength of schedule (computed by the BCS) and number of losses.

"History will tell you (that) if two teams are tied for a spot and one wins 50-6 and the other wins 6-3, the team that won 50-6 is going to be ahead," said Big East Conference commissioner Mike Tranchese, this year's BCS chair. "Why we would then take margin of victory and repeat it as a component in the computer portion always struck me as being redundant and nonsensical. All we were doing was encouraging people to run the score up."

Also, the quality-wins component was diminished by reducing the potential for bonus points. This year, teams will earn credit

only for wins over top-10 opponents (based on the final BCS ratings). Last year, quality-win points were awarded for victories over teams in the final top-15. Both changes are in response to last year's national championship game that pitted Miami against Nebraska in the Rbse Bowl. The Cornhuskers didn't win the Big 12 Conference North Division, but thanks to the BCS formula, they — instead of Oregon or Colorado — played the Hurricanes.

Each year, the BCS has altered its ratings in response to problems from the previous year. Tranchese, though, believes the BCS ratings have undergone their final alteration until 2006. That's when the BCS deal with ABC Sports plus the Fiesta, Sugar, Orange and Rose bowls expires.

The mind-set of the committee is that this will be it, and this

is what we'll live with the next four years — controversy or no controversy. I think all the tweaking we've done has improved the system, but I think all of us would like to leave it alone now. If we keep tweaking it, we send out the message that there's a problem."

This year's controversy has yet to be determined. Before the season, the thought was that 12-game seasons would make it more likely that no team would go undefeated, and there would be discussion and debate over which two of a dozen or so one-loss teams deserved to play for the national title in the Fiesta Bowl Jan. 3. Now, though, there are eight undefeated teams in Division I-A — defending champion Miami, Oklahoma, Virginia Tech, Ohio State, Georgia, Notre Dame, N.C. State and Bowling Green. And of those teams, only Miami and Vir-

ginia Tech are scheduled to play each other. The chances of having just two undefeated teams — and a clean, undisputed title-game matchup — appear slim.

There could be one undefeated team and a handful of one-loss challengers; a handful of one-loss teams; or three or more undefeated teams. Only once in the four years of the BCS have two undefeated teams faced each other, and that came in 1999 when Florida State played Virginia Tech in the Sugar Bowl.

"I think there will be controversy throughout the year," Tranchese said. "Basically, this year my job is to manage a system that at the end of the day will be controversial and will be criticized by millions and millions of fans."

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gram, I see progress, talent, desire. I see players that are absolutely hungry and a coach, Tarantini, that is among the hard-

est workers I know.

And I see a team that has been through too much to deserve what happened Saturday night.

After the match, most of the fans long gone, State goalie Mitchell Watson stood near mid-

field. A leader, his words weren't of disappointment, but of optimism. "We're going to get going," he said. "And when we do, we'll just steamroll over teams." I turned off the tape recorder. "I thought you had it," I said.

"So did I," said Watson, still in disbelief.

Later, when I finally caught up with Tarantini, who was well on his way to the team bus and back to Raleigh, the look on his face and in his eyes said what his thick

Argentinean accent couldn't. He put his arm around me, his face down and told me how proud he was of his men.

Then he apologized, like he often does. "I'm sorry we don't give you much," he said. "But we try.

We try?"

For once, I was as sorry as he was.

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VOLLEYBALL

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while dishing out 34 assists on the afternoon.

The day before, the results weren't much prettier.

Virginia (7-16, 1-6) was led by Simona Kuipers (13 kills) and outside hitter Paige Davis (12 kills) in a 30-27, 30-21, 30-23 sweep of the Pack.

Freshman Adeola Kosoko led State's offensive attack with 12 kills and a .320 attack percent-

age. Meanwhile, senior Rebecca Anderson finished with 10 kills and six digs on the night.

Davis and setter Lily Phillips each tallied 10 digs for the Cavaliers, while Phillips also served out 41 assists.

The Wolfpack returns to action in the friendly confines of Reynolds Coliseum Tuesday, when it plays host to No. 11 North Carolina. Match time is set for 7 p.m.

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It would be as close as State would get.

FSU's Meredith Jones placed her corner kick directly in front of the Wolfpack net, and it squirted in just out of the reach of Lear. The score stood at 3-1 until senior Cindy Schofield added a fourth goal just one minute later. Jones placed another corner kick perfectly in front of the net and had Schofield there to settle it and

score.

For the Wolfpack, Lear made four saves, while allowing five goals. The Seminoles had two keepers in the net, York and sophomore Joy McKenzie. York finished with three saves and one goal, while McKenzie only played 16 minutes.

State will travel to Buies Creek on Wednesday for a 7 p.m. kickoff with the Campbell. The Pack leads the series with Campbell, 8-0, its last victory a 1-0 shutout last season.



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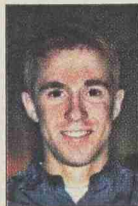
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One heck of a heartbreaker



Andrew B. Carter

I sat in the top row of the stands at North Carolina's Fetzer Field Saturday night, but near the end of N.C. State's men's soccer match with North Carolina, my heart was about 50 yards down and to the right.

Wherever it was, it was broken, I'm sure.

It was near that location where a freak play caused the Wolfpack's misery to continue, as a last-second Tar Heel goal extended the Pack's ACC losing streak one more match.

I couldn't help but feel for coach George Tarantini and his team as they nearly pulled off the highly improbable. Instead, the result was the likely one, as predictable as a "Friends" episode, yet as satisfying as a fully clothed Jennifer Aniston.

It was, as I thought to myself then, one of the most heartbreaking things I'd ever witnessed - right up there with the O.J. verdict and when the "get off the shed" skit wasn't included in The Best of Will Ferrell.

It brought back memories of two years ago when my fantasy football team was robbed of its championship when all my players succumbed to wussiness or last year's State football game vs. Maryland, of which the memories send me into a padded room where I ramble about goats and dandelions until the friendly man with the tranquilizer gun arrives.

Watching the soccer match was like those things except on a greater scale. It was liked getting sucker-punched by your mom after a kiss goodnight - you just never saw such pain on the horizon.

Sometimes when covering games, writers will get the inevitable "wow, this is really cool to be here" feeling. I've gotten that feeling a few times, the most memorable being at Florida State last fall when the Wolfpack pulled off the huge upset. It happened again when I went to Cole Field House, one of the most storied buildings in college basketball history to watch the Pack play the eventual national champions even until the last five minutes.

Even if it was in Chapel Hill, I began to get that feeling once again Saturday night. "Wow," I began to say -

Then, bam! Mom came up and popped me good. With 12 seconds left in the match, it was suddenly really uncool to be there.

Journalists are taught to stay neutral, to not pick sides, to not show emotion in the stories they cover. I guess I fail in that regard. Just like I hopped out of my boxers when Ray Robinson made the run of his life last year at FSU, I couldn't help but bury my face in my hands when an unlucky goal doomed State to defeat once again.

If it was possible to feel as crushed as Isreal Mejia, who inadvertently scored on his own goal to give Carolina the win, I probably would have felt that bad. But I know that's not possible.

People criticize the men's soccer team constantly, complaining about its record, its facilities, its coach, its players. The critics don't have a clue.

What the critics see are the numbers, the nuts and bolts, the black and white. They see the fact that State hasn't won an ACC match since 1999, and they make assumptions. "The coach must suck," they'll say, or "Abolish the program," they'll suggest. It's a hell of a narrow way to look at things, if anyone's asking.

What most people don't see is truth, and instead of complaining, these supposed "State fans" should go out and get some truth. I hear George O'Leary is selling some for \$5.95.

When I look at the men's soccer pro-

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State cross country runs well at Pre-Nationals

The Wolfpack women finished third, and the men finished sixth.

Sports Staff Report

TERRE HAUTE, Ind. — N.C. State's men and women had a strong showing at the Asics/Pacesetters Pre-Nationals Saturday in Terre Haute, Ind.

The women's squad finished third in the 6,000K white race, while the men took sixth in the 8,000K blue heat. Kristin Price and Devin Swann were the Wolfpack's top finishers on the day. True freshmen Julia Lucas and Kristina Roth also turned in solid performances.

Price, a junior, finished in a time of 20 minutes, 51 seconds for 16th place, while Lucas took 22nd. Lucas turned in the conference's fastest time by a true freshman with 21 minutes, 4 seconds. Roth lined up for the first time this season and crossed the finish line at the 21:27 mark of the race for a 44th place finish. Josianne Lauber came in beside Roth to finish 45th, while redshirt freshman Abigail Nelkie finished 72nd, running the course in 21 minutes, 49 seconds. This was also Nelkie's first "A" race for the Wolfpack. Senior blocker Diana Henderson posted a time of 22 minutes, 11 seconds.

The Pack's women finished behind Stanford (27) and conference foe Wake Forest (165) with a team score of 199.

The men's team put three runners in the top 50 of the pack to finish with a score of 260. State was the top ACC team in the race. Virginia (448) finished 16th, while Florida State (651), Duke (653) and Wake Forest (674) finished 26th, 27th and 28th in the white heat.

Swann finished 17th overall posting a time of 24 minutes, 21 seconds. David Patterson (39th) finished in a time of 24:49.6, just ahead of Kurtis Marlowe (49th), who finished in 24:55. Ricky Brookshire took 58th in 25 minutes, 1

second, and Nick Mangum was 97th in 25:25.3. Blockers Dean Bowker and David Christian took 102nd and 224th respectively.

The Wolfpack men and women will take the next two weeks to prepare to defend their ACC Championships. The women's squad can capture its 20th title Nov. 2 in Atlanta, while the men seek their second straight ACC title. The race will be held on the Georgia Regional Hospital course with a 10 a.m. start scheduled for the women and an 11 a.m. start for the men.



The N.C. State swimming and diving teams competed at Maryland over the weekend. Staff photo by Brian Hunt

Pack splits with Terps

N.C. State's men out-swam Maryland, but the women came up short.

Sports Staff Report

COLLEGE PARK, Md. — The N.C. State men's swimming and diving team moved to 2-0 in the ACC after downing Maryland in College Park on Saturday. The Wolfpack prevailed with a 138.5-102.5 victory in the men's dual meet, while the women fell 159-82.

Jack Deal had victories in the 500- and 1,000-yard freestyle, while Rob Yeager finished first in the 200-yard IM and 200-yard breast to lead the Wolfpack. On the women's side, Molly Culbertson swept the diving events and Catherine Parks swam for a win in the 200-yard butterfly.

The men's team had strong performances all around, and dominated the freestyle events. Justin Smith won the 200-yard freestyle, while Deal picked up wins in two other races. Smith trailed at

the halfway point but was able to push from behind on the last lap to finish in a time of 1:43.05. Jorge Gutierrez finished third for the Pack, while Ben Humphrey and Robert Terrell took fifth and sixth. Deal's win in the 1,000-yard race was over 7 seconds faster than his teammate's second place finish. Chris Nixon finished second to Deal in both of the races.

Yeager's 2:03.44 was the winning time in the 200 breaststroke. Brian Pursley took second, and Rick Scott finished fourth for the Pack. Yeager led a one-two-three-four sweep in the 200 IM. Steven Cowling, Cristian Rojas and Nixon followed respectively. Cowling and Yeager teamed with Scott Detloff and John Hudson for a win in the 400-yard medley relay with a time of 3:26.63. Cowling led off with a strong backstroke time to give the team the early lead. T.J. Ferguson had a good night on the boards, winning the 3-meter diving event with a score of 277.35 and finishing second on the 1 meter. Steve House finished fourth

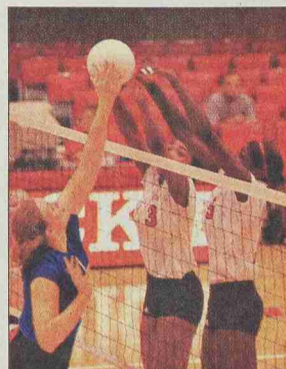
in both events.

For the women, Culbertson, who has already qualified for zone championships, took first in both diving events against the Terps with high scores of 269.54 (1 meter) and 297.67 (3 meter). Erin Bailey finished second in both events. Ashley Lamberton finished third on the 3-meter board for the sweep.

Parks turned in the winning time of 2:05.55 in the 200 fly for the women's squad. Laura Cutler, Karen Burbella and Christy Britt took third, fifth and seventh respectively. Kendall Smith turned in a third-place time of 53.18 in the 100-yard freestyle. Other strong performers for the Wolfpack were Jessica Koenig (third-200 back, third-200 IM), Priscilla Humberstone (third-200 back), Katie Sheridan (fourth 500-free, fifth-200 free) and Caroline Curran (third-1,000 free).

State is now preparing for a date with East Carolina tomorrow. The team will travel to Greenville to take on the Pirates in a 4 p.m. meet.

Volleyball swept by Cavs, Terps



Maya Mapp (3) and Adeola Kosoko (5) go up for a block during a recent match. Staff photo by Rob Bradley

The N.C. State volleyball team played competitively but lost a pair of 3-0 decisions to Maryland and Virginia.

Sports Staff Report

Perhaps the only good thing about this past weekend for N.C. State volleyball team is that it's over.

State traveled north Friday and Saturday in hopes of gaining something, anything positive in a dismal season. What it returned home with was familiar: back-to-back 3-0 losses.

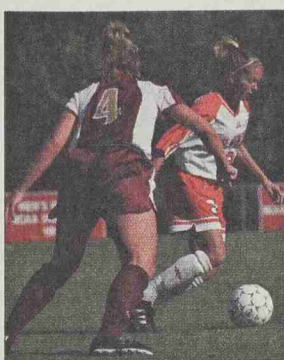
On Saturday, Maryland (14-9, 3-5 ACC) featured three players with double-digit kills to lead the Terrapins past the Wolfpack by the scores of 30-25, 30-15, 30-22 at Ritchie Coliseum.

The Pack (3-22, 0-7) was led by sophomore middle blocker Maya Mapp, who notched a .364 attack percentage and a team-high 11 kills. Senior outside hitter Rebecca Anderson continued her strong play with nine kills and five digs in the contest, and setter Lindi Sheppard contributed with 26 assists.

For the Terps, outside hitter Carey Brennan led the team with 15 kills, while fellow outside hitters Sarah Treadwell and Lynnsy Jones tallied 13 and 12 kills respectively. Senior setter Lindsay Davy finished with a team-high 11 digs,

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Seminole tomahawk women's soccer



FSU's Kristen Boyce crosses in on State's Rachel Durr. Staff photo by Andrew Knopp

N.C. State has dropped two straight since beating North Carolina.

Sports Staff Report

After getting one of its biggest wins in school history, the N.C. State women's soccer team has gone winless.

Florida State upset the Wolfpack 5-1 at Method Road Soccer Stadium on Sunday. It was the Seminoles' first-ever ACC regular season road win in North Carolina. The Wolfpack has dropped its last two matches since shocking then-No. 1 North Carolina 2-1 on Oct. 10.

"I am very disappointed with the outcome of the game," said State coach Lau-

ra Kerrigan. "I thought we had a pretty good first half, but in the second half, we just didn't pay attention to detail. I applaud Florida State; they are a good team. These two losses will get us back on track."

Freshman Erica Lewis put the Seminoles (8-4-3, 2-2-1) up 1-0 in the 24th minute off an assist from sophomore Jez Ratliff. Ratliff dribbled down the right side and crossed the ball to the top of the penalty area. Lewis collected the pass, dribbled to her left and fired on the Wolfpack goal. The ball flew into the bottom right corner of the net.

Fellow freshman Allison Ferreri added a goal for the Seminoles in the 37th minute to go up 2-0. Leaf Gallegos drib-

bled up field and sent the ball to the far-left corner. Ratliff ran on to the ball and sent it into the State penalty area. Ferreri one-touched the ball into the goal past senior goalkeeper Gretchen Lear.

Wolfpack junior Lindsey Underwood netted her team-leading seventh goal of the season with just under two minutes to play in the first half, pulling the Pack (8-5-1, 2-2-1) within one. Sophomore Annika Schmidt dribbled through the mid-field and slipped the ball to Underwood in the Seminoles' penalty area. Underwood took the pass, dribbled a few yards and lifted the ball over the head of sophomore goalie Kerry York for the score.

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