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## Campus dialogue addresses important racial issues

Monday night's *Campus Dialogue on Race and Diversity* was the first in a series of scheduled discussions.

**Diane Cordova and  
Brigid Ransome**  
Staff Reporters

On Monday afternoon, a modest group of faculty, staff and students gathered in Stewart Theatre to participate in a Campus Dialogue on Race and Diversity, co-sponsored by the Provost's Office, Student Government and the Office for Diversity and African American Affairs.

Rupert Nacoste, an N.C. State professor of psychology, moderated the event and addressed issues concerning race on NCSU's campus.

Joanne Woodard, the vice provost for equal opportunity and equity and the interim director of diversity issues, felt that this campus dialogue was important, saying, "I believe it is one of the first steps to get people to talk forthrightly about diversity issues."

"It helps reinforce that we can have meaningful discussion about tough issues in a very respectful manner."

Freshman Christina Turner said, "I wanted to see the general feeling about

how people get along here on campus and see if I can do anything to make things better."

The two-hour dialogue was a university-sponsored event. It was neither rehearsed nor scripted.

The dialogue was part of the university's continuing commitment to promote respect, dialogue and knowledge about diversity amid the campus community. Panelists included students, administrators and faculty.

According to Woodard, the NCSU Student Government Association (SGA) and Student Affairs were asked to identify students or student representatives who

would be willing to participate in the discussion. Students represented various NCSU organizations.

The student panelists consisted of Jose Bueiz, Tony Caravano, Josh Cox, Bradley Cummins, Dan Gilligan, Machon Gregory, Adrian Jacobs, Melissa Lampkins, Cassandra Locklear, Joel Morales, Mital Patel, Natalya Rice, Brigid Ransome and Natalie Scurry.

The faculty panelists were Ed Gerler, professor of counselor education in the College of Education and former associate dean; Kathy Hamilton-Brown, instructor of Parks, Recreation and Tourism; Al Headen, associate professor of econom-

ics; Monica Leach, college diversity coordinator in the College of Humanities and Social Sciences; Tracy Ray, director of Multicultural Student Affairs; Barbara Risan, professor of sociology and graduate administrator in the Department of Sociology; Dan Solomon, dean of the College of Physical and Mathematical Sciences; and Thomas Stafford, vice chancellor of Student Affairs.

Nacoste opened the discussion by saying, "The point of this dialogue was to get into the social fabric of N.C. State and find out what's really going on."

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## English professor helps to create new stamp

Regarded as an expert on Ida Tarbell, Robert Kochersberger was asked to help in the creation of a stamp in her honor.

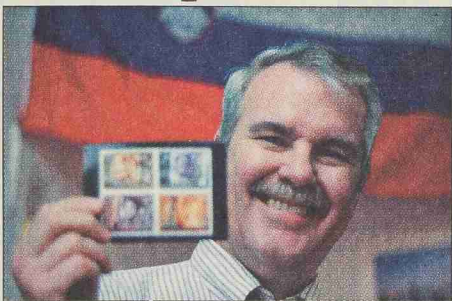
**Bess Futrell**  
Staff Reporter

With the help of Robert Kochersberger, the face of muckraking journalist Ida Tarbell now appears on postage stamps across the United States.

Because of his vast knowledge and interest in Tarbell, in May 2001 PhotoAssist, a company hired by the U.S. Postal Service to research and design new stamps, asked Kochersberger to aid in the development of the Ida Tarbell postage stamp.

His role was to double check the accuracy of the stamp, making sure that Tarbell's picture and the placement of words in the background were historically correct.

Kochersberger, associate professor of English at N.C. State, is regarded as an expert on Tarbell. He wrote the thesis for his Master's degree about the female journalist, in addition to authoring a book about her, titled "More Than a Muckraker:



Robert Kochersberger helped the U.S. Postal Service design an official Ida Tarbell stamp. Staff photo by Matthew Huffman

Ida Tarbell's Lifetime in Journalism."

In fact, his book was used as a source by PhotoAssist to gather biographical information about Tarbell to include on the stamp.

According to Kochersberger, Tarbell is known as one of the original muckrakers. She was one of the journalists who worked to expose corruption and "unsavory information" about public figures.

"Tarbell is the only woman included in this set of four stamps, all of which are dedicated to journalism, making her even more important."

"The Postal Service wanted to give her some recognition

that was long overdue," said Kochersberger.

Kochersberger, a former journalist, believes that stamps are a perfect way to accomplish this because they represent the United States and are seen throughout the world.

The creation of the stamp was a very long and confidential process, says Kochersberger. It was not released to the public until September 2002, a little over a year after Kochersberger was first called upon to help in its creation.

"It is very exciting to know that I had a hand in designing this stamp," said Kochersberger.

## Heritage Day speaker to discuss cultural aspects of death

The African American Cultural Center will hold its annual Heritage Day on Saturday.

News Staff Report

On Saturday, Oct. 26, the N.C. State African American Cultural Center will be hosting its annual African-American Heritage Day from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Witherspoon Student Center.

The event, co-sponsored by the university's African-American Heritage Society, will feature Karla Holloway as the keynote speaker at 3:30 p.m. Holloway is the William R. Ke-

nan Professor of African and African-American Studies and English, and the dean of humanities and social sciences at Duke University.

In addition, Holloway has authored five books. Her most recent publication, *Passed On: African-American Mourning Stories*, is an up-close and personal look at the cultural and historical aspects of African-American death, dying, burial and bereavement in the 20th century.

At Heritage Day, Holloway will discuss "Performing the Ends of Days: Black Death and Dying."

Music, dance, storytelling, food, rap sessions and other

creative workshops will highlight this year's Heritage Day.

The AACC's main goal, through its programs and activities, is to foster an educational, interesting format for students across the campus to become informed and interested in the diversity and richness of the African-American experience. Through its lectures and other cultural events, the AACC hopes to enhance the academic achievement and cultural awareness of all NCSU students.

For more information on Heritage Day or any AACC events, contact the AACC at 515-5210.

## Potential for war elicits concern from students

Reflecting national views, N.C. State students are divided over plans that could include an invasion of Iraq

**Blair Parker**

Assistant News Editor

In the past two months President George W. Bush and his administration have been feverishly pushing Congress and American citizen: to support his plan to invade Iraq.

In Cincinnati on Oct. 7, Bush addressed an invited audience of 700 in an effort to rally support for a plan to force Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein to either eliminate his suspected biological and nuclear weapons or face a possible military attack. In addition, Bush claimed that al-Qaeda leaders had taken refuge in Iraq.

"We have every reason to assume the worst, and we have an urgent duty to prevent the worst from occurring," said Bush in Cincinnati.

However, while most agree that some action must be taken to prevent Hussein from launching weapons of mass destruction, many do not support Bush and his administration on a war.

A larger crowd of over 2,000 anti-war protestors stood outside the Cincinnati Museum Center during the two hours after Bush gave his address, holding posters and leading chants such as, "Say no to a war on Iraq," and "One, two, three, four — we don't want preemptive war."

But as the debate on whether to go to war with Iraq continued among the United Nations, the American public and Congress, Bush agreed to seek a resolution from Congress.

House Majority Whip Tom DeLay, R-Texas, said as early as September that he thought "military action is inevitable." But other congressional leaders opposed Delay.

Before Bush's speech to the American public on Oct. 7, Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle, D-South Dakota, said, "It would not be my assumption that the military course is the only action available to [the president] today."

Yet, after Bush addressed Cincinnati, Congress voted later that week to back military action in order to secure American freedom.

Sen. John McCain, R-Arizona, said Bush made a "convincing case" for taking military action against Hussein.

According to a poll taken from NCSU's Technician, 52 percent of those polled are in support of Bush's plan to invade Iraq, while a close 45 percent do not support the war effort. There were 396 responses to the poll.

Senior Elise Garner said, "I think the war is unnecessary. America has other pressing issues to deal with such as an unstable economy and increasing unemployment."

Others feel a war is not only imminent but necessary for the safety of American people.

"Bush has said before that Saddam is a major threat. We shouldn't sit back and wait for another tragedy on our homeland before we take action," said Josh Conner, a junior majoring in history.

Gallup polls show results similar to those of NCSU students. In a poll taken Oct. 14-17, 56 percent of Americans said they support military action against Iraq, while only 42 percent said they did not favor any military action.

However, according to some students, their support for military action is centered on the issue of whether Bush can get formal support from the United Nations.

"Absolutely, I think there is a need for us [United States] to gain support from the U.N. before deciding to conquer this tremendous task of invading Iraq on our own," said freshman biology major Susan Kane.

"We need to be in agreement with the United Nations but I don't think we must have them to fight the war; this is something the U.S. can do on their own," said Joseph Smith, a senior in business management.

Others believe the United States should not go to war with Iraq because they do not feel Hussein is an immediate threat. The Investor's Business Daily conducted a poll Oct. 7-13, where they found 63 percent of Americans believe Hussein is an immediate threat, 31 percent said he is not, and 5 percent said they were unsure.

Still, while most Americans believe Hussein is an immediate threat, they do not necessarily support

Bush's plan to invade Iraq and overthrow the government.

"There is not a doubt in my mind that Hussein is a threat to the United States, but I do not think we are ready to go to war," said Kelsey Davis, a junior in business management. "Our economy is too weak, and the cost of war would only drive us into another depression."

## REFLECTIONS



Bryan Paxton, forestry

**How do you think a war will effect our economy?**

"War will benefit our economy. It will provide more jobs and a greater demand for supplies."



Jeff Linn, industrial design

**Do you support Bush's plan to invade Iraq? Why?**

"No because we have other things we should be worrying about first."

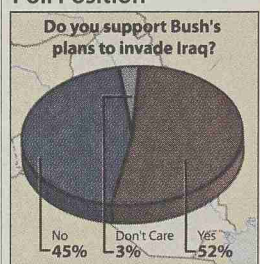


Kate Felix, computer science

**Do you support an invasion without the support of the United Nations?**

"No, because if we're going to be a part of a group we should respect the rules."

## Poll Position



Results from an informal, unscientific poll at <http://www.technicianonline.com>

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With that in mind, he first posed a question to the audience and panelists.

"Is NCSU racist?"

The panelists' response to this question was to divide themselves into two categories depending on whether they supported or objected to the idea that NCSU was a racist institution.

To further the discussion, Nacoste challenged participants to explore their personal meaning behind the initial question.

"Based on the students and colleagues that I interact with, I see no evidence of racism [at NCSU]," said Thomas Stafford.

In contrast to Stafford's opinion, Al Headen said, "There are problems here. NCSU implies racism because it was relatively slow in removing the vestiges [of racism]."

Both sides continued to debate. In regard to NCSU's approach

to racial issues, Monica Leach said, "We are addressing issues head on."

Leach added, "Focusing on the institution takes the focus away from the individuals who practice racism."

Nacoste then posed the following question to the panelists: "What was on your mind when you moved in this direction [either supporting or objecting that NCSU was a racist institution]?"

"Students choose to be more proactive than faculty. They look at issues," said Headen.

"[Students] live, learn and grow here, not just work here," said Tony Caravano. "That's the difference."

"Students are very proactive but only a select few are," said Melissa Lampkins.

As the dialogue proceeded, panelists covered other points.

"[Racism] is everyone's issue, not just African-Americans' issue," said Kathy Hamilton-Brown. Lampkins brought up the issue of "white privilege" acknowledgment

ing its existence. She added, "To be nonracist is to be actively anti-racist, not just toning down racism."

"Individuals don't make social change," said Barbara Risman. "Collectivity makes social change."

Soon after, Nacoste invited the audience to participate.

Audience members addressed several issues, such as contemporary segregation and racism, the power to influence intolerant minds and racial identity versus human identity.

"N.C. State is racist. Why is it racist? We have two types: overt

and covert racism," said Brett Locklear.

Another audience member approached the microphone and said, "I think everyone is inherently racist." He noted, "We're talking but we're not really saying anything."

"Let's find commonalities among the races," suggested one audience member.

A female Native American student acknowledged that she hangs out with only Native Americans. She said that it was hard not to.

"[Racism] starts at home," she added.

As the discussion came to a

close, announcements were made about additional dialogues that are planned for 2002-03, the Study Circles Program that will allow faculty, staff and students to continue the discussions of race in a structured setting and the campus climate survey.

"I think [the dialogue] was a good start," said Kyle Huff, a doctoral student. "However, there really is more to be discussed."

The campus dialogue was "a joke," said Locklear. "It's a vehicle being used to appease students, and there's no real accountability to the institution to make sure they address issues and

needs of the community."

"As a student leader and member of the international community, it seems that many of these events are focusing on issues that are just black and white. It's imperative to move beyond just black and white issues," said junior Crystal Young. "It was a productive dialogue on race."

Nacoste left both the panelists and the audience with one last thought.

"The message is there has to be institutional change. The institution has its responsibilities."

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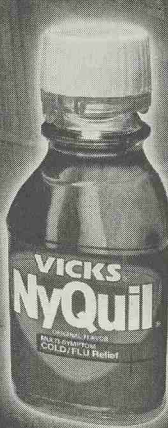
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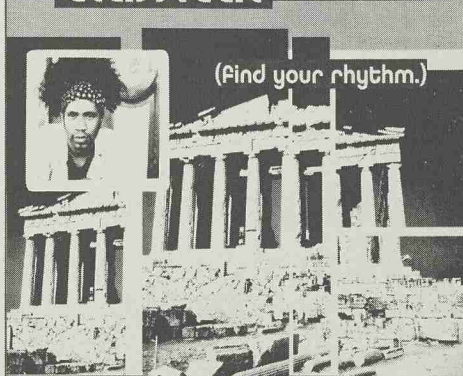


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## Clever shirt shouldn't turn profit

The recent sniper attacks have paralyzed most of Virginia and Maryland. Schools have shaded windows and people have been instructed to walk in a zigzag pattern in order to avoid a sniper attack. Such precautions display the fear in which these people are living and the grief in which their families are enduring.

In times of such somberness and high alert it seems strange to try to turn a profit on fear, however many have been doing just that. Gas station owners are hiking up prices for "Pump Angels," who come out, greet you at the pump and fill your tank for you. Some owners have put up blue tarps in hopes of detouring the sniper from having a clear shot at their stores and subsequent customers.

There doesn't appear to be anything wrong with making a dollar on the fear and restlessness of anxious citizens. After all there wasn't much said about the enormous amount of flags and bumper stickers sold following the events of Sept. 11. Wal-Mart was sold out of flags, red-white-and-blue ribbons and even candles after the attacks on the World Trade Center. Nevertheless, this is America, where everything has a potential price.

But we believe that the newest of the disaster-profiting gimmicks, steps over

the line. As a take off on the slogan, "Virginia is for Lovers," a new shirt is being printed with the slogan "Virginia is for Snipers" on the front. There is another one produced by Hell's T-shirts which says, "I went to Washington D.C. and all I got was this lousy shirt," which has a bullet hole through it and now reads, "shot by the sniper." For a mere \$17, someone can buy the shirt and make light of the entire situation.

Obviously, the shirts are witty, which will catch the attention of many. Regardless of how the shirts might strike a person's perverse sense of humor, it doesn't justify the making or profiting from such a sensitive situation. There is no reason for people to try to turn a buck on another's dismay. We aren't calling for censorship, yet it would be nice for people to think twice before buying a novelty item that plays off the misfortune of the nation as a whole.

Shirts of a negative nature did not seem to leak out after Sept. 11, as they are via the sniper shootings. That could have been a result of integrity, patriotism, honor or many other things that make the loss of life on Sept. 11 different from the loss of life in Virginia and Maryland by way of the sniper.

## A solution to all of our problems



Heather Cutchin

Staff Columnist

There have been several ideas on how to improve students' lives and the N.C. State campus. The infamous hurricane idea got blown away, and going out to a party in my bathrobe does not appeal to me (although it was a pretty good idea,

just not for me). The issue of needing more campus police has been tossed back and forth, but with state budget cuts and costly roundabouts being built everywhere, the university is just not able to afford more people to protect the students. I offered the idea of one beer a day to help students relax and live a long, healthy life- but some people do not like beer, so they need something else.

After pondering the dilemma of a perfect solution to all of our problems for some time, I have finally hit upon something that may work. Something that is grand and amazing. No, it is not a genius that can help every person make better grades. It is not a million-man police force with special gadgets to catch every criminal. It is not even a money tree, designed to grow enough money for every student on campus to have

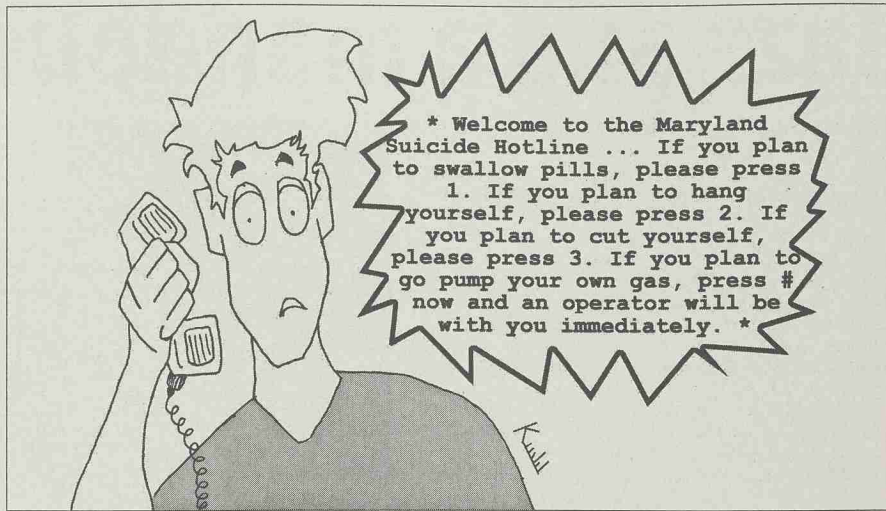
whatever he or she needs. It is all of these things, and more! It is—Superwolfgirl!

Standing 5-foot-8 inches tall, weighing in at 160 pounds, this girl has muscles that put most men to shame and is smarter than Einstein. Zipping around in her Wolfline bus, wearing her suit with the proud N.C. State wolf on it, she is indeed a sight to behold. Chancellor Fox holds down base and communicates with Superwolfgirl frequently. If you have a problem, just call it in, and Superwolfgirl will be on her way before you can blink an eye!

Are you wondering just what exactly Superwolfgirl can do? Everything, or course! Having trouble with that Chemistry Webassign? Superwolfgirl to the rescue! In a few quick and easy steps it will all be clear as water to you. Is someone mugging you in the middle of a dark parking lot at night? Just scream and Superwolfgirl will be there in a second, and with lightning flashing from her eyes she will stun your mugger into begging you on hands and knees for forgiveness.

Superwolfgirl's mode of transportation may be a strange one, but it is highly effective. Her Wolfline bus can comfortably carry any and all students that need a ride, because it expands as more room is needed. If traffic is backed up, she can flip a switch and become a

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## Coble deserves our support



Darren O'Connor

Staff Columnist

Our former mayor, Paul Coble, is the Republican running for the state Senate here in District 16. His Democratic opponent, as I'm sure you now know, is big-government liberal Eric Reeves. This is one of the most important state Senate races

in this election. The redistricting has made District 16 almost evenly split between Democrats and Republicans, and a Coble victory would put the GOP one seat closer to gaining control of the Senate.

So how do the two candidates really stack up? Some people would like you to believe that Reeves is a friend of the "little guy" and committed to good growth and transportation policies. Actually, it turns out that he is simply enamored with the idea of the government trying to fix all of life's problems. He is the stereotypical New Deal Democrat intent on having the government (of which he hopes to be a key part) micromanage our lives, right down to how we build our homes, run our businesses, and get to work.

Reeves believes in the discredited dogma of "smart growth," the leftist notion that government bureaucrats can somehow orchestrate "better" growth than free individuals arranging mutually beneficial transactions. In fact, smart growth

is simply a way for elitist central planners to restrict freedom, increase their power, and retard economic growth (as demanded by the extreme environmentalist groups that help mobilize the more simple-minded masses to support Democrats).

Of course, Reeves has to be successful in the area of smart growth in order to restrict all human habitation to densely populated cities, thus making a mass transit rail line (another utopian goal of his) at all feasible for this area. Liberals like Reeves always feel good about themselves when they can impose on society some kind of eco-friendly system that the market has consistently rejected due to lack of benefit or efficiency.

Reeves also believes that the government should intervene in the economy through targeted spending and tax breaks for certain companies (otherwise known as corporate welfare). Such measures are designed to artificially create what he and other officials believe is the best economy, rather than allow markets to develop naturally and create a truly efficient and productive economy. Eric Reeves does not trust us to make our own decisions and run our own lives. He thinks he can do it better, and he'll tax away ever more of our income in a mad attempt to try to prove it.

Paul Coble is another story altogether. Coble is committed to lower taxes and less government—the perfect recipe for desperately needed economic growth. He has signed the Citizens for a Sound Economy 2003-04 Tax Pledge, promising not to raise taxes if he is elected. He re-

alizes the importance of education, but is also wise enough to realize that throwing more money at it is not always the best way to fix it.

Coble knows that the best way to stimulate the economy is to lower the tax burden (so people can both spend and invest more) and reduce regulations and red tape that cost our state's economy many millions of dollars every year. Coble wants us each to be able to run our own lives and live in a free and open society, not a rigidly planned and regimented one. He is a humble man and does not presume to think (as Reeves does) that he can make better decisions than we can about where and how we build our homes and stores and offices.

Democrats have long been unable to accept that free markets work and that people can have prosperous and fulfilling lives without the "expert" guidance of the government. Republicans like Paul Coble reject such notions in favor of freedom and the prosperity that comes with it. As students, we have the unique opportunity to raise our normally silent voices in support of liberty, limited government and the ensuing economic boost that will lift up even the most impoverished among us (thus greatly reducing the need for the Democrats' expensive and wasteful welfare entitlement programs).

Vote for Paul Coble today at a one-stop voting site.

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## Mom: 'Dog better than son'



Tim Coffield's Mom

Staff Columnist

The columnist's mother requested that she be permitted to pen this week's exercise in literary mediocrity. The columnist, ever the devoted and respectful son, capitulated, despite the knowledge that the absence of income this week would render his pets

foodless. It is his duty to fulfill his mother's wishes, as she gracefully descends unto her life's twilight. Besides, she threatened to withhold her weekly banana bread deliveries.

Hello! This is Timothy's mother. Is he behaving? His father and I hope he has turned his act around. We keep insisting to our church friends that our telephone number is no longer on the deputy sheriff's speed dial, but the easily misconstrued glances and ostracizing behavior we are subjected to each and every Sunday serve as proof that the past cannot be erased. Where did I go wrong? All I ever wanted was a cute little boy to look at, feed occasionally and serve as fodder for polite conversation with casual acquaintances at the supermarket. Well, believe you me—what I got I didn't sign up for!

It all started when Timothy entered middle school, that pubescent incubator of adolescent angst and awkward cross-gender interactions. Oh how I wish I could have just stuffed him in a glass jar, and shielded him (and me!) from those tumultuous years! Don't worry, I would have punched an air hole or two in the jar, even slipped him an occasional slice of banana bread, but he certainly would NOT have been allowed out of that jar. But, alas, hindsight is 20/20.

There was no jar for Timothy.

He was allowed to roam, to grow those nasty cat-snack goatees and to withdraw (intentionally!) from the woman, whom he birthed him. The same woman by whom he was bred (both perhaps wastes of my time, but again, only through the lucid lenses of retrospection can we truly recognize our mistakes), and to develop strange and disturbing habits. Did you know my son has obsessive-compulsive disorder? It's maddening. He probably hasn't told you. Just watch him. He always thumps a doorknob eleven times before opening it. Likewise, he insists on performing 11 (nude!) jumping jacks before entering and after exiting the shower (Oh! How I wish I never learned this! How was I supposed to know he was in the bathroom? The door wasn't locked!)

Had I put him in a glass jar in middle school, upon the time he reached high school I would have plugged up the air holes and tightened the lid. These were the years Timothy spent in his "phase." He would intentionally over-apply white face makeup and cake black mascara under his eyes. He had acquired, at the point which I stopped counting, 13 various body piercings, a life-size tattoo of a human skull on his chest, and an attitude of utter contempt for civilized behaviors. He routinely turned down my home-cooked meals, choosing instead to subsist on a diet of primarily string cheese. How could he do this to a mother? He even refused my famous tofu linguini!

Despite his uncountable deficiencies, I initially felt obligated to miss him after his timely departure for college. That was until I found Ziggy, our pink-nosed lab. Now, Ziggy had been living at our home for several years, but it was not until Timothy left and I no longer had to worry about providing bail money or hiding him from the church ladies that I had

time to appreciate this animal. Ziggy is adorable, appreciative, quiet, clean, and disturbing in neither habits nor appearance. She cuddles with me. I only cuddled with Timothy once in the past 10 years, and this was merely because he had overdosed on Benadryl and was too comatose to resist. My own son! I changed his diapers!

I am almost certain that Ziggy would never give enema tablets to stolen goats. But even if she did, I am even more certain that she would not take said goats and release them in her high school on a Friday night, giving them a full 48 hours of free reign before their regrettable Monday morning discovery. She never requests gas money and rarely commandeers the television set during Golden Girls reruns. She loves my tofu and is even polite enough to eat my squash goulash. She brings me the newspaper and my slippers in the morning. Timothy could live here another 20 years without developing any comparable skills.

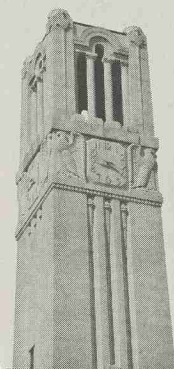
Like Timothy, Ziggy brings home friends that wear dog collars. But in Ziggy's case, this is acceptable behavior. Sometimes I yearn for Ziggy to become human. I put a sweater on her and pretend she is a large child with unique motor skills. The yearn dissipates. Honestly, I am a happier person now that Timothy has left us. There is really nothing he could offer me that Ziggy cannot, and many things the dog adds to my life that Timothy never could, namely gratitude and serenity. Ziggy even licks my face.

Anyway, tell Timothy I said to pick up his allergy medication and visit his aunt in Smithfield. The banana bread is in the mail.

Tim likes cupcakes too, and Whitney Houston. Send either to [tlcoffie@unity.ncsu.edu](mailto:tlcoffie@unity.ncsu.edu).

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## Jazz and a mandolin

Grayson Currin

Senior Staff Writer

As he plays, he smiles without hesitation, his hands dancing back and forth, up and down across the eight short strings of his time-worn mandolin — his tool for the creation of a striking form of expression and innovation that has recently found the mouths of music fans nationwide agape.

He is Jamie Masfield, the founder and front man of the Jazz Mandolin Project, one of music's most jointly daring and brilliant endeavors.

Masfield, alongside a score of musicians that includes Jon Fishman and Trey Anastasio of Phish, and Chris Lovejoy of the Charlie Hunter Quartet, has worked since 1993 to redefine the typical Appalachian stereotype of the mandolin as a purely folk or bluegrass instrument. By way of a breed of jazz that opens itself to both dance-floor revelry and armchair-musical analysis, Masfield has made monumental strides in that quest with the release of four increasingly brilliant albums and a stunning live show.

Technician sat down with Masfield — a 30-something man with wiry, light brown hair and a remarkable awareness of his surroundings — Friday night for a lengthy discussion on preconceptions, jazz and distortion.

**TECH:** Because the origins of the Jazz Mandolin Project were so humble and aimed at pure music, did you find it easier to do anything with music?

**JM:** We started at a little place called the Last Elm Café, and we played — literally — for a hat that went around the crowd. After we had done that for a while, it got to the point where we were making more money passing the hat than our cohorts who were playing restaurant gigs ... That always felt good, because we tried this new thing and it eventually made some money for us ... That was the whole pretense. We would just get together and play whatever we wanted to for ourselves. We would go for the sound in our head rather than playing background music in a restaurant. After we did it for a while, the word got out and people started coming, and it was a really neat scene.

**TECH:** Now that the audience has changed, do you still have

room to play whatever the band feels?

**JM:** It's still pretty much the same. You heard us play "Powderfinger" during sound check, and the name of the band is Jazz Mandolin Project. That doesn't really connect. That just supports the ideal that we are just playing what interests us, and we're not trying to fit a certain category. We are just going with what's in our head.

**TECH:** How did the name Jazz Mandolin Project evolve?

**JM:** I think that was one of the smartest things I ever did — to name it the Jazz Mandolin Project. People over time have said, "You're not really playing jazz." And that's okay if they don't think we're playing jazz. I don't care. It was a name that I used personally before anybody knew what it was. I was playing in a bunch of different bands, playing different instruments. None of them really were doing what I wanted to do, so I booked that gig at the Last Elm ... it was my "jazz mandolin project." This was the project where I was going to get to play jazz on the mandolin. I didn't necessarily think it would be a national thing.

**TECH:** You said some people don't feel that what you do is jazz. Obviously, you do. How would you define jazz?

**JM:** There are many ways to define it, but I think the most important element of jazz is improvising. We do a lot of that. There is a quote I really like. It says, "Jazz is the sound of surprise." I like to think that when people come to our shows having not heard us before, they will be pretty surprised. They think of a mandolin trio as a more laid-back thing — maybe some old jazz tunes and stuff. What we do is really a pretty strong sonic blast in the face, and it's pretty hard with a lot of rock elements to it. People are surprised, [and] that's really part of the mission: I've wanted to always do something that was unique, that just doesn't sound like anything out there.

There is a fair amount of risk-taking. Jazz, in my mind, is really a more rebellious type of music than even rock is. The ability to express yourself is totally wide open. If you can improvise, you can go to different worlds. That's really intriguing to us.

**TECH:** With Jazz Mandolin Project, you've worked with a pretty varied field of musicians. How



James Masfield, front, is the founder and frontman of the Jazz Mandolin Project. Photo courtesy www.jazzmandolinproject.com

has each changed the music of the Project and how you play?

**JM:** Everybody has made a contribution to the music and to the songs. I continue to learn so much from having these people come in and translate the music a little differently. Different guys approach the tunes differently; different guys open up a part of the song or play the song just the way I've always heard it in my head. When I start working with another person, I can suggest, "Well, listen to this. This is how so-and-so did it. You don't have to do it that way, but this is really great." Or maybe someone will add a little lick in the middle of the tune and I'll just think it's perfect. Then that lick will become part of the tune. These guys are playing these songs, and other people before them have added little chunks to it. Now, they're playing it as part of the song, and that makes the music a lot richer. The songs are a lot stronger.

When we're traveling around on the road, we bring music with us. I hear what [the band] is into, and they hear what I'm into. That really influences the way we play in the show. It's always evolving,

and that's what keeps it fresh for me.

**TECH:** What kind of effects do you use to change the mandolin's live sound?

**JM:** I have this one big thing on the floor that's called Frankenstein. It's a custom-built box that has a real retro look to it. That houses a custom pre-amp for my mandolin and a couple of types of distortion that the guy who built the thing developed himself. This pre-amp really gives me an awful lot of my sound. If I played the mandolin straight through the amp, it would sound pretty bad ... I also have a wah pedal and I just got an electro-harmonic micro-synthesizer. I'm still learning how to use it.

**TECH:** It seems that the jam scene is changing the way people look at music. With the Project's new combination of jazz and bluegrass, how can you change it?

**JM:** By trying to play jazz-related music on the mandolin, it's difficult in one way, in that I don't have that much before me to draw upon in terms of a legacy and approach to playing this kind of music. That's not to say that there

haven't been other mandolin players who have done this. There have been.

**JM:** In a positive way, it provides a big open field for me to search in an unbiased way for an approach and techniques. That has been a blessing. For instance, if you were a saxophone player and you wanted to play jazz on the sax, you would just have this giant mountain of issues to tackle. You'd have to listen to Sonny Rollins, Charlie Parker, Coltrane ... it's intimidating. How are you going to make your own sound when all of these other guys have worked so hard? For me it's more of an open ground to try and do something and have it be mine. That's really the notion of the Jazz Mandolin Project. It's this ongoing process for me to figure out how I can play jazz-related music in a way that's convincing to my ear. I don't want to play bebop just like Charlie Parker did but on the mandolin. I want to play something that sounds like now, our time, our thing. That's my goal — to play something that's really fresh and current and hip. That's what this Jazz Mandolin Project is all about. It's me figuring

out what to play, what to do and what to say that can make a contribution to this whole legacy of music.

Jamie Masfield and his Jazz Mandolin Project are now positioned to make a mammoth and lasting contribution to the legacy of music. In fact, it's quite likely that the Project will go on to create its own legacy, a legacy of true fusion that finds a common ground in sound despite the racial and geographical differences that separately spawned bluegrass, jazz and rock from the worries of the common man.

With the free, unbiased and exploratory drive of the Jazz Mandolin Project, the continuing realization of that legacy is one that music fans happily anticipate.

Visit [www.jazzmandolinproject.com](http://www.jazzmandolinproject.com) for more information, and be sure to pick up a copy of the band's latest stellar release, "After Dinner Jams."

## The lighter side of campus crime

Ben Kraudel

Staff Criminal

We all know and are slightly frightened when we hear the news of lowered crime-preventing standards on and around campus and the crimes that take place because we don't have enough people patrolling the streets. Using the Campus Police blotters from the last week, it's time to analyze some of these crimes.

On Wednesday, Oct. 16, after a long day of a few larcenies and several checkups on suspicious persons, this happened at 1:09 a.m.: "Medical Assistance - A student was walking down the stairs at Lee Hall when they struck their head on some concrete. The student was transported to the hospital." With these two sentences being all I have to go on, confusion sets in. Did the student fall? It doesn't say they fell ... it just says they were walking down the stairs and somehow smacked their head against concrete hard enough to merit a trip to the emergency room. Wow, welcome to college, folks.

The next day, Thursday, Oct. 17 proved to be a much more eventful day. After only a couple of fire

alarms and false calls, Campus Police responded to this call at 1:59 p.m.: "Serving Warrant - A staff member contacted police in regards to a subject masturbating in the computer lab of D.H. Hill Library. The subject was identified and had warrants for their arrest for probation violations out of South Carolina. The subject was taken into custody and transported to the Wake County Detention Center."

First off, there was a guy (and it had to be a guy) polishing the bishop in the library's computer labs. Once you're done laughing at that, this guy had warrants out for his arrest for skipping out on probation from South Carolina. He came a very long way to grace the people at D.H. Hill with the honor of watching him shellac his own gazebo. Not to get too deep, but what kept him from getting up and walking the short distance to the bathroom? I mean, if you're hiding from the cops, spanking it while the kid next to you is doing his Webassign is probably not the best idea.

Just the day after that, on Friday, another incident took place at 11:55 p.m.: "A white, powdery substance was found in the breezeway at the Campus Police

Department. Officers and FPD closed off the area and contacted RFD Special Hazmat Unit. A check of the substance found it to be flour. Further investigation found several more sites. The substance might have been used in some type of game being conducted by campus groups."

While I realize that Campus Police probably dealt with this in this way because of protocol, I prefer to imagine a large meeting off to a corner of the Brickyard, where the chief, played by William Shatner, screams, "Damn it, man! We need those tests back now! What have these students been up to?" A few moments later, a shaky man wearing a full-body radioactivity suit runs up. "It's ... it's flour, sir," Shatner looks to the sky, "Holy hell ... They've been baking."

It was a weekend of unfunny crime. Until thankfully, this gem appeared from Monday at 9:29 p.m.: "Suspicious Person - A student was found walking into North Hall with a computer monitor." Surely, you ask, why is this funny? Well, it's not, until you, like I did, enter this sentence at the end of it, "The student was subsequently beaten." Is it true? No. Is it funny to think about? Oh

yeah.

The last day I looked at was Tuesday, Oct. 22. The first to catch my eye was at 12:41 p.m.: "Larceny - A non-student left their laptop at Talley Student Center overnight and upon their return, they found it missing."

This asks the question, is it really stealing if you find it sitting beside you in the Wolves' Den? Maybe you just believe one of the more benevolent gods was gifting it to you. I think it'd be a hard case to make in court.

Then at 11:07 p.m.: "Suspicious Incident - A staff member reported receiving several annoying calls." Well, that settles it, the next time a telemarketer calls me, I am alerting Campus Police. I mean, that makes the most sense to me. If that joke wasn't funny enough, then just put at the end of the blotter, "The staff member was subsequently beaten." That should make it all okay.

I would like to thank Campus Police for the fine job they do with what they're given. I'm poking more fun of what they have to deal with on a day-to-day basis than the great job they do with the resources they are allotted. Everyone, stay safe.





## CRIME REPORT

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

## 9:13 a.m. Larceny

A student reported a bike taken from the bike racks at the Student Health Center.

## 9:19 a.m. Harassing e-mail

A staff member reported they had received harassing e-mail in Venture III.

## 9:37 a.m. Fire alarm

Alarm activation at Kappa Sigma. Activation due to maintenance personnel working in the area.

## 11:07 a.m. Assault

A student reported being assaulted on the Brickyard between Harrelson Hall and Dabney Hall. The subject identified the suspect as a non-student and was taken

to the magistrate's office to have a warrant issued for the subject.

## 12:28 p.m. Damage to property

A staff member reported damage to a window broken in the garage port of 1903 Hillsborough St.

## 1:34 p.m. Damage to property

A staff member reported damage to a smoke alarm in Phi Kappa Tau.

## 2:03 p.m. Safety program

Officers conducted a safety program for seven people in Withers Hall.

## 2:31 p.m. Damage to property

A staff member reported damage

to a smoke alarm in Sigma Alpha Mu.

## 3:58 p.m. Safety program

Officers conducted a safety program at Environmental Health.

## 4:04 p.m. Larceny

A student reported a book bag taken from the Price Music Center. The book bag and the items inside were later recovered in a rest-room.

## 4:24 p.m. Larceny

A student reported a student ID taken and used while the student was in Talley Student Center.

## 8:08 p.m. Patrol directive

Officers patrolled selected areas.

## 8:23 p.m. Patrol directive

Officers patrolled selected areas.

## 8:47 p.m. Patrol directive

Officers patrolled selected areas.

## 9:29 p.m. Suspicious person

A student was found walking into North Hall with a computer monitor.

## 9:46 p.m. Larceny

A student reported their bike stolen from E.S. King Village.

## 10:49 p.m. Patrol directive

Officers patrolled selected areas.

## 11:11 p.m. Disturbance

A student reported that the student's spouse was trying to get into the student's residence. Upon arrival, officers spoke with the student, who stated the student's spouse had assaulted the student by grabbing the student's neck. Officers spoke with the spouse by phone and had the spouse return to the location. The student refused to press charges. The spouse was trespassed from the university.

## 12:39 a.m. Traffic stop

A subject was cited for driving on Dan Allen Drive with an expired tag.

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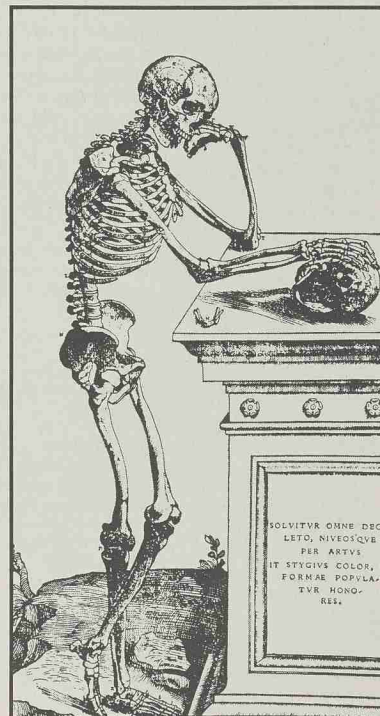
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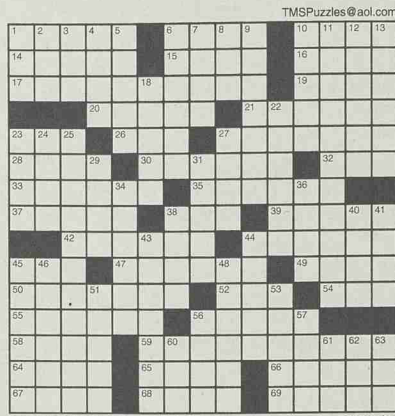
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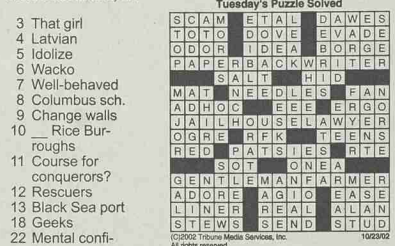
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## HOROSCOPE

By Linda C. Blackburn Media Services

**Aries**  
March 21-April 19

Today is a 6. You're entering a practical phase. For the next several weeks, make a plan. Figure out what you want to accomplish this year, and break it down into monthly chunks. This will work.

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

Today is a 7. You're entering an intense four-week phase that should be good for business. Figure out what you've got and what you owe so that you can make the most of your time and money.

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

**Taurus**  
April 20-May 20

Today is a 7. If you've been keeping your part of the deal, your luck will soon change for the better. Your partner's about to gain a distinct advantage, and you may get in on it.

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

Today is a 7. You're most comfortable in a committed relationship that's based on trust, so lead the way. You usually don't have to put your feelings into words, but it would be good to do that now.

**Gemini**  
May 21-June 21

Today is a 6. A plan should begin to formulate. It means work, but you'll be in the mood to work over the next few weeks. Might as well make the most of it.

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

Today is a 5. You can't do it all by yourself. That's obvious. But if you get a few friends to help, anything is possible. Call and let them know what you need.

## TODAY'S BIRTHDAY

Oct. 23. You're always able to spot a phony, and this year it'll be even easier. Your fortunes may still be fluctuating, which makes good judgment more important. Renovate instead of moving, and repolisher rather than buy new. You'll get more for your money.

**Cancer**  
June 22-July 22

Today is an 8. You're entering a lovely phase for reinforcing old ties. Commitments based on love will last, the others will fall apart. Let 'em go.

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

Today is a 7. You've been working your tail off lately, but life should soon get easier. A routine is being established, and it'll be accompanied by a growing sense of security...and not a moment too soon.

**Leo**  
July 23-Aug. 22

Today is a 6. If you anticipate technical difficulties, maybe you can prevent them. That would sure be nice, since you're moving slowly now. The fewer surprises, the better.

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

Today is a 5. Conditions are changing. You'll be asked more often in the next few weeks to prove you know what you're talking about. With practice, you'll do fine.

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

Today is an 8. The challenge is to make a date and/or sign up for a class without losing your job or making a costly mistake. It can be done, but it requires finesse and creative scheduling.

**Pisces**  
Feb. 19-March 20

Today is an 8. What you're learning helps you realize how unrealistic you've been. Abandon a method that can't succeed, and adopt one that most likely will.

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## N.C. State water polo finishes second in division championship tournament

The water polo club team advanced to the finals of the CWPA Atlantic Division tournament.

**Alex Schwartz**  
Guest Writer

The N.C. State water polo club traveled to Villanova University in Philadelphia this past weekend to compete in the Collegiate Water Polo Association's (CWPA) Atlantic Division championship tournament. After defeating East Carolina and Virginia, the Wolfpack lost a highly contested match to Georgetown in the division championship game.

sion championship game.

State came into the tournament with a 6-2 record, with its only losses coming at the hands of last year's undefeated division champions, Georgetown. The 6-2 record earned the team the No. 2 seed in the tournament and a first round match versus 7th seeded ECU. The Pirates program has struggled to field a full team all season, and was forced to forfeit the first round match. The ensuing exhibition match versus ECU provided an excellent opportunity for the Pack's reserve players to gain valuable game experience.

The Pack's second game came against the No. 3 Virginia. Although the Cavaliers took a 2-1 lead halfway through the first quarter, the Pack tied the game by the end of the quarter and did not relinquish the lead for the remainder of the game. By the end of the second quarter, State had built a 5-3 lead.

Halfway through the third quarter, the Cavaliers tied the game. Senior Alex Paleocrassas answered for the Pack with a goal only 11 seconds later. Offensive leaders for the team were Jason Carmine and Aaron Kiefer, who each scored two goals in the fourth quarter, leading N.C. State

to a 12-7 win and a birth in the tournament's championship game.

The Virginia win set up a showdown versus Georgetown in the division finals. The Hoyas came out firing, with Alber Won scoring four of his eight goals for the game in the first quarter, putting State behind 5-3. The Pack matched goals with Georgetown in the second quarter, making the score 7-5 at half time.

State came out strong in the third quarter, with four different players scoring goals to briefly take the lead at 8-7. Georgetown responded, and retook a one-point lead by the quarter's end.

In the fourth quarter, the Pack made a final run, tying the score at 10 goals apiece. In the end, the Hoyas were too much and took home a 14-11 victory.

Despite the championship game loss, the Pack's second-place finish was a significant improvement over last year's disappointing sixth place finish.

"Our players should not hang their heads," said State coach Charles Stroupe. "Their play in the championship game was the best water polo that I have seen during my time at N.C. State. These players deserve a tremendous amount of credit for their hard work."

### CAMPUS RECREATION

#### Event Results

##### Disc Golf

Oct. 17-20: Ed Williams of N.C. State competed in the United States Disc Golf Championships at Winthrop University in Rock Hill, SC.

##### Baseball

Oct. 19 - Defeated Virginia 6-0, Lost to Virginia 3-1

##### Ice Hockey

Oct. 18 - Lost to Liberty 10-1

##### Mountain Biking

Oct. 12 and 13 - Atlantic Coast Mountain Biking Championships at West Virginia University:

Hill Climb - Brannen Cunningham: 3rd (B), Shawn Kane: 2nd (C), Brendan Shanley: 3rd (C)

Dual slalom - Grant Douglas: 3rd  
Cross Country - Evan McIntosh: 5th (A), Brannen Cunningham: 6th (B), Mark Bray: 7th (B), Matthew Stark: 1st (C), Brendan Shanley: 2nd (C), and Jim Morrison: 3rd (C)

Evan McIntosh was the only N.C. State rider to qualify for Mountain Biking Nationals

##### Rowing

October 19 at the Head of the Tennessee

in Knoxville, TN:

Women's Novice 8 - 12th, Men's Championship 2 - 6th, Men's Championship 4 - 14th, Men's Championship 1 - 5th, Men's Novice 8 - 10th, Women's Novice 4 - 3rd

##### Men's Rugby

Oct. 19 - Defeated Cherry Point 18-11, Lost to Cape Fear 20-15

##### Women's Rugby

Oct. 19 - Defeated Elon 44-5  
Scoring: Tries - Leigh Morris (3), Veretta Alston, Heather Ferrell, Meredith Daves, Caroline Brickhouse and Nevia Tou. Conversion - Kelsey Hendry

##### Women's Soccer

Oct. 20 - Defeated Duke 1-0

##### Home events

###### Dance Team

Dance Clinic (all ages)  
Saturday from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. at Carmichael Gymnasium (Courts 9-11)

##### Women's Lacrosse

N.C. State vs. Elon  
Saturday at 1 p.m. at Miller Field

##### Baseball

N.C. State vs. Georgia

Doubleheader on Saturday at 1 p.m. at Optimist Park

##### Ice Hockey

N.C. State vs. Monroe College (NY)  
Friday and Saturday at 10 p.m. at the RecZone (754-0441)

##### Roller Hockey

Atlantic Collegiate Roller Hockey Association tournament  
Saturday and Sunday at the Carolina Sportsplex in Cary (319.9910)

##### Rugby

N.C. State Men vs. Dan River Men's Club

N.C. State Women vs. East Carolina  
Saturday at 1 p.m. at Lower Method Road field

##### Men's Soccer

N.C. State vs. East Carolina and UNC-Wilmington

Saturday at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. at Lee Field

##### Women's Soccer

N.C. State vs. UNC "Rams"  
Sunday at 3 p.m. at Lee Field

### SHERIDAN

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didn't. She was very committed all summer to her rehab and came in with a great attitude. [She has] given us great leadership and provided us a big spark of excitement."

Sheridan swims the 100-yard, 200-yard and 500-yard freestyle events, as well

as the 200-yard backstroke. Coming off her injury she has set high goals for herself this year in these events.

"My goals are to make the [ACC] finals in the 200 freestyle and the 500 freestyle," said Sheridan. "And definitely to score points for our team in the 200 backstroke."

Sheridan is on course to graduate after the first summer session of 2003 with a degree in Business Management, with a concentration in marketing. She has already been offered a job by Hershey.

But for now, her focus is on continuing to overcome adversity, be the best swimmer she can be and lead the Wolfpack to victory in the process. Jimmy V. would be proud.

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sive unit is one of the best in the country, and everyone knows about their renowned special teams play. Since 1994, the Hokies lead all teams in the country with 80 blocked kicks. The possibility of two unbeaten teams is feasible when Tech travels to Miami on Dec. 7.

#### Georgia

Only in his third season as Georgia head coach, Mark Richt has got his players thinking about a national championship. With Florida and Tennessee out of the way, the Bulldogs control their own destiny in winning the SEC East.

Questioned about their

toughness at the beginning of the year, the Bulldogs have handled two physical teams in Tennessee and Alabama. Special teams and defense have allowed the Bulldogs to win, despite having the next-to-last ranked offense in the SEC. Still, the offense has breakout potential, led by efficient sophomore quarterback David Greene. He has a big running back in Musa Smith, and two excellent wideouts in Terrence Edwards and Fred Gibson.

The Bulldogs still have games against struggling Florida and resurgent Kentucky.

#### Bowling Green

Bowling who? Yes, the Falcons from Bowling Green, Ky., have made quite

a stir in the national scene. At 6-0, the Falcons are the only defeated team not in the top 15. The top team in the Mid-American Conference came off a stunning 48-45 overtime win against Western Michigan.

The offense is tops in the nation in scoring with 50.6 points per game, and is led by junior quarterback Josh Harris, who accounted for 350 total yards of offense in the overtime victory. The Falcons will not make much of a disturbance in the BCS because of their schedule and mid-major status, but they are a good team nonetheless. ESPN analyst Trev Alberts called them "better than Florida."

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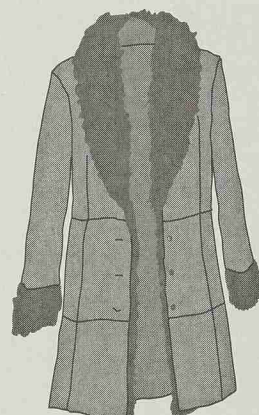


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# Wednesday Sports

## Schedule

Football @ Clemson, 10/24, 7:30  
M. Soccer @ Charlotte, 10/25  
W. Soccer @ Campbell, 10/23  
Swimming @ East Carolina, 10/23

## Scores

North Carolina 3, Volleyball 0



## TECHNICIAN

### FOOTBALL

## Only on days that end in 'Y'



**Matt Middleton**

It's been exactly 50 years since college football debuted its inaugural television plan. In 1952, Michigan State won the national title — but wasn't yet a member of the Big Ten. The ACC hadn't yet been formed, and NBC paid a little over \$1 million for college football's television rights. And just look at what it spawned. Today, college football on television is out of control. It has directly led to the ruining of the great tradition of the college game — a Saturday afternoon at the stadium. Keyword there: Saturday. Sure the occasional Thursday night game is fine. It's a solid appetizer for the buffet of games that are — appropriately — played on Saturday. Don't give the college football fan a seven-course, nonfilling meal, we'd rather have it all at once.

This year there has been a college football game played on every night of the week. Thought Monday night was reserved for the NFL? Nope, Auburn and Southern California squared off earlier in the year on Labor Day. Friday night's lights are no longer reserved for the high schools. ESPN has scheduled a handful of games to show on Friday. You know, those can't-miss match ups like Tulsa-Oklahoma, Boise State-Fresno State and Marshall-Central Florida.

What a great idea. Let's take away the glory from the source of which we build our program with: the high schools. Is there a better way to alienate your university from the high schools than to steal their thunder by playing on the same night as them? Just imagine the recruiting ramifications.

East Carolina made that decision this year, and already some high school coaches have voiced their displeasure that the Pirates are playing in the middle of their playoff season. Judging by ECU's product on the field this season, having poor relations with some high school coaches in the state is the last thing it needs.

Friday, ok maybe we can live with that, but Wednesday night? Wednesday is smack in the middle of the week, the furthest away from Saturday you can get. It's a night when millions of Americans congregate around the tube (myself NOT included) to watch "Dawson's Creek" and "The West Wing" — not TCU-Louisville.

The Cardinals have been the banner school for non-Saturday games. This year, Louisville will play just seven games on Saturday and five on other nights of the week. Sure, it's great exposure, but it hurts attendance and takes away from the game-day atmosphere that schools build reputations off of.

And that atmosphere is what makes college sports so superior to their professional counterparts. Student Body Right and Hail Marys were meant to be run on Saturdays. "Rocky Top," "The Eyes of Texas," "Tiger Rag" and "Glory Glory to Old Georgia" don't sound quite the same on a Monday night.

Saturday afternoons in the fall are to college football what the Beatles are to music; what Zack Morris is to "Saved by the Bell"; and what cold beer is to college males.

What would Knute Rockne think of playing on an autumn Friday night? Bud Wilkinson probably rolled over in his grave when his former Oklahoma team played Tulsa on a Friday earlier in the season.

But I need to run. It's Wednesday night, so there must be a college football game on TV somewhere.

Despite his continual frustrations stemming from being dead last in Pigs in Pinks, Matt still cordially accepts messages at 515-2411 or matt@techniciansports.com.

## Sheridan laps adversity

*Katie Sheridan has overcome her share of trials to arrive where she is today — co-captain of the women's swimming team.*

**Taylor Francis**  
Staff Writer



**Katie Sheridan**

At the 1993 ESPY Awards, former N.C. State basketball coach Jim Valvano told us all that we should never give up. If you want to see the embodiment of this never-say-die attitude, then you need look no

further than right here on our own campus. Senior Katie Sheridan precisely exemplifies exactly what Valvano was talking about.

Sheridan is a co-captain on this year's

women's swimming team and one of only three seniors on the team. She is undoubtedly one of the leaders on a team dominated by underclassmen. While some may be intimidated by such an important role, Sheridan welcomes and cherishes it.

"I think it's a great opportunity," said Sheridan. "I love being a leader for our team this year. We have a huge freshman class and a huge sophomore class, and they're full of energy. It's easy to come to the pool everyday and get them excited to swim. That's what I love to do."

While there may not seem to be anything extraordinary about a senior co-captain for an athletic team, there is much more to the story of Katie Sheridan.

The first obstacle that she had to overcome actually arrived before she ever enrolled at N.C. State. Sheridan hails from Ontario, Canada, so, coming to school in the United States, especially in an area as far away as Canada, was an ordeal in

itself. Naturally, she sometimes found herself homesick during her freshman year here at N.C. State.

"It's definitely been a challenge being here," said Sheridan. "Without my teammates, I don't think I would have been as successful as I've been."

Those same teammates that helped her acclimate herself to a life far from home were also important in her decision to come here. Sheridan chose State over Washington, Notre Dame, Connecticut, Florida State and South Carolina.

"I was pretty much set on going to Florida State," she said. "I ended up coming here because I loved the team. The team is really supportive and the environment was amazing for me to come here and succeed."

And succeed she did. Sheridan had a wonderful freshman year swimming for the Pack. Then, unfortunately, a second hurdle presented itself in the form of a shoulder injury.

"It was from overuse," said Sheridan

of the injury that occurred just before her sophomore year. "I had a really weak shoulder, and from overuse, the shoulder was really loose and would come out of the socket."

The injury had a profound negative impact on her sophomore and junior campaigns, but Sheridan is not letting that deter her from having a successful senior campaign. She has completed her treatment successfully, trained diligently and is now ready to tackle the ACC competition.

"[My] sophomore year and junior year I struggled," said Sheridan. "I struggled mainly in practice, but it showed in the meets. This season my focus and dedication is the highest it's been since I arrived. I'm excited about this year."

Her dedication, hard work and perseverance are obvious to those around her who have watched her swim.

"A lot of swimmers would have hung it up," said head coach Brooks Teal. "She

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## Whoever said 'nobody's perfect?'

*There are eight undefeated teams left in college football, including N.C. State, with Fiesta Bowl dreams.*

**Memie Ezike**  
Staff Writer

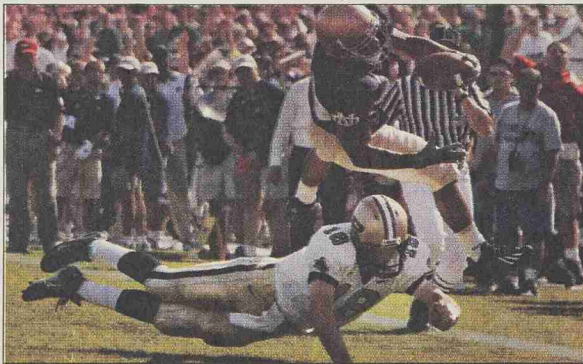
With the first BCS poll already out, speculation is already stirring about the undefeated teams left in college football. With a long way to go in the season, teams like N.C. State all have a tough stretch left. Who is the Wolfpack's competition?

Here is the lowdown on the seven other perfect teams.

### Oklahoma

The Sooners have caught fire after their slow start this season. Head coach Bob Stoops and his troops narrowly escaped pesky teams like Missouri and Alabama. After consecutive wins over Big 12 powerhouses Texas and Iowa State, however, the boys from Norman are back in the driver's seat to the national championship.

The suffocating defense is back, led by senior linebacker Tommy Lehman and defensive lineman Tommie Harris. Tailback Quentin Griffin is capable of putting up big numbers on any given Saturday, and if quarterback Nate Hybl avoids his tendency to make mistakes, then the Sooners will be partying at the



Defensive scores are a reason Notre Dame is undefeated. KRT photo by Joe Koshollek

### Fiesta Bowl.

#### Miami (FL)

It was about this time last year that the critics started to complain about the Hurricanes' ability to win big games. They won the national championship three months later. Now, the criticism is awry again, especially after Greg Jones torched the 'Canes' vaunted run defense.

Nevertheless, this team sports one of the nation's best defenses led by senior linebacker Jonathan Vilma. One cannot question an offense that has two Heisman hopefuls in quarterback Ken Dorsey and running back Willis McGahee. Add big-time receivers Andre Johnson and

tight end Kellen Winslow Jr., and this team is ready to storm its way back to the title game.

#### Notre Dame

Notre Dame is perhaps the greatest story of the year. A program in disarray under former headman Bob Davie, Tyrone Willingham took the program under his wing and instantly restored prestige to Irish.

The opportunistic defense has been the story of this team, causing turnovers and wreaking havoc on opposing offenses. Cornerbacks Vontez Duff and Shane Walton might be the best pair of defensive backs in the country. Quar-

terback Carlyle Holiday and running back Ryan Grant have helped the team to score enough points to win close games. Tough tests lie ahead in Florida State and Southern Cal, however. Those games will show if Notre Dame is Fiesta Bowl material or not.

#### Ohio State

The biggest story running through Columbus, and quite possibly the nation, is the emergence of freshman running back Maurice Clarett. The freshman is tough, confident, and has shouldered most of the offense for the Buckeyes this season. He has a tendency to fumble, and his mistakes have pitted the Buckeyes in closer-than-comfortable games.

Scares by unranked Cincinnati and Northwestern nearly ended its Rose Bowl hopes. An efficient offense coupled with a deep, talented secondary will keep this team in the hunt. The Buckeyes still have Penn State, Michigan and surprising Minnesota to contend with.

#### Virginia Tech

In the land of "Beamer Ball" and special teams perfection, the buzz in Blacksburg is all about the 'Untouchables' — or the combo of senior running back Lee Suggs and sophomore teammate Kevin Jones.

The Hokies will ride these two men as far as they can carry them. The defense

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## No. 11 Carolina outmatches Wolfpack

*N.C. State volleyball has dropped its past 23 ACC matches, most recently against UNC.*

**Jay Kohler**  
Senior Staff Writer

Upon entering Reynolds Coliseum Tuesday night, it was obvious that something big was about to happen. What that thing was, was a game against North Carolina, who showed up for its final regular season matchup with N.C. State. The loud crowd and intensity of the rivalry was used as fuel for the Wolfpack volleyball team as the game got under way.

The Pack (3-23, 0-8), however, just couldn't overcome its own errors or the high-powered attack presented by the Tar Heels (21-1, 8-0). The Pack fell in three straight games (30-18, 30-23, 30-19), and it was the third straight sweep suffered by State after losses last week to Virginia and Maryland.

"We're capable of playing a lot better than we play," said senior Rebecca Anderson. "I think, again, at times, that we played very strong, but we just had too many times where we just couldn't do what we needed."

At times, the Pack looked solid — like a team that could actually pull off the upset. At other points, State looked off, confused and defeated before the game was even over. Thirty-two attack errors, coupled with 10 service errors basically handed the Heels an entire game and a half. In fact, State only had 32 kills in the match, making the team's overall attack percentage .000.

"Carolina is a great team," said head coach Mary Byrne. "They bring a lot at you. Sometimes, when they did make their runs, we showed our youth about knowing our assignments on the court. We just didn't play with all the desire that I know this team has."

The brightest spot for the Pack was again Maya Mapp. Mapp had 12 kills in the match and only four errors for an attack percentage of .381. Anderson also added seven kills, but had three errors for a .200 percentage.

"Tonight was a tough match," said Mapp. "I just tried to do everything I could. I know that sometimes if I'm doing well, the morale will pick up and everyone else will start picking it up and playing well together. I was hoping that would happen, but this game was dif-

ferent. Right now, we're all on different levels of thinking as far as the game plan and the match."

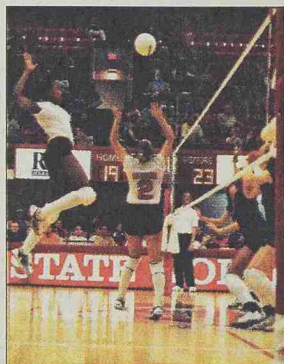
Carolina hit .326 for the match as a team. The Heels spread the wealth, as Laura Greene and Aletha Green led the team in kills with nine apiece even though they played in only two games. Carolina only had 13 errors on attacks, but was called for 10 service errors as well. Greene assisted her team by tacking on two service aces.

"I've really wanted to beat them for a long time," said Anderson. "We will still have a chance if we play them in the tournament. It's rough this year because I feel that this team is a lot stronger than the team from last year."

Perhaps the low point in the evening came in the final game of the match. State had played Carolina close in the second game, but as the third game started, the Pack seemed to fall apart at the seams.

First came back-to-back attack errors, followed by several Carolina kills. In a few minutes, the score was 9-0 and the Tar Heels cruised to win the match.

"I don't think we got the side-out on the first play or two and everybody panicked



Maya Mapp once again led N.C. State in kills. Staff photo by Brian Hunt

a little bit," said Byrne. "We had some people in different positions trying to get something going. Sometimes when you get in a hole like that you're not sure how to stop it."

The team will next search for that elusive conference victory on the road this weekend against Florida State at 7 p.m.

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