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Engineering Building I breaks ground

Engineering takes its first step in the transition to Centennial Campus.

Jessica Horne Staff Reporter

The College of Engineering officially began its move to Centennial Campus Friday with a ground-breaking ceremony for Engineering Building I.

Engineering I Building is the first step of a 10- to 15-year plan to move the college over to Centennial Campus.

The expected completion date for Engineering Building I will be in about a year, say officials.

The new building will house the departments of chemical engineering and materials science engineering.

ings, they have outdated lab and classroom facilities. Moving to Centennial Campus will allow them to have nicer laboratories and classrooms and better offices for faculty and staff.

There is a potential downside.

These two departments will be on a different campus than the rest of the engineering departments. Until the rest of the College of Engineering is moved to Centennial Campus, students will have to travel back and forth for some of their classes.

“Hopefully they will get a monorail or some other efficient transport built pretty soon. I’m not sure what’s planned to get folks from Centennial to main campus,” said Linda Rudd, the media contact for Engineering Communications.

This traffic is being cut down by requiring the classes on Centennial Campus to be “major” classes for upperclassmen.

“It’s my understanding that the lower-level classes will always be on main

campus, even after the college is all moved over,” said Rudd.

Other than the transportation problem, many people are excited about the new facilities the College of Engineering will offer.

It will allow all of the departments to be in the same general location and have modern buildings and equipment. The general layout of the expansion involves several engineering buildings built around an oval-shaped “quad” on the top of the hill where Engineering Building I is being built.

Shelco, the 45-employee Raleigh-based business, is building Engineering I. Shelco also has offices in Charlotte, Winston-Salem, Greensboro, Greenville, S.C., and Hilton Head, S.C.

Funding for this project came from the bond referendum that was passed in 2000 and from private corporate donations. The estimated cost of the Engineering I

Building is \$25 million, and it will encompass 150,000 square feet.

Students seem to have varying opinions about the relocation of the College of Engineering to Centennial Campus.

“It will be better to have the entire college together on Centennial Campus rather than having the different departments being spread out on different parts of this campus,” said Hansen Murphy, a sophomore in mechanical engineering.

Holly Davis, a sophomore in mechanical engineering, said, “I think that relocating will be a bad thing because it will separate the engineering students away from the rest of people on campus and it will also be inconvenient because of the distance from campus.”

Jennifer Anderson, a sophomore in aerospace engineering, agreed with Davis, saying, “I think that it would be very inconvenient for the students to have to go all the way over to Centennial Campus. It is much easier to have everything here on this campus.”

Ethics Bowl looks to create team

Students with an interest in ethics and debate are encouraged to apply.

News Staff Report

Four N.C. State students traveled to Cincinnati in 2002 to show the nation that they could debate and solve problems with the best. And now they are ready to do it again.

The N.C. State Ethics Bowl Team is currently seeking applications from students interested in competing in this year’s event, which will be held on Feb. 27 in Charlotte, N.C.

The team is made up of NCSU students who work together to try to develop sound resolutions to various ethical dilemmas. They take these skills to a national competition where they compete with other teams by presenting their solutions and attempting to find flaws in others.

“This is a great opportunity to grow as a person,” said Amanda England, who competed with the team last year.

“The lessons that you learn by having to examine your own beliefs are invaluable,” she said. “Not to mention, this gives you an opportunity to represent N.C. State on a national level.”

The Ethics Bowl competition began in 1993 at the Illinois Institute of Technology. With small beginnings as an intramural event, it has evolved into an intercollegiate event that has hosted as many as 34 teams from across the nation.

NCSU joined in 2002 after the Center for Student Leadership, Ethics and Public Service chose four students to compete. Liz Gutierrez, Tony Caravano, Nathan George and England made up the inaugural team under the direction of Paul Bitting, associate professor in the educational leadership program.

And despite losses, England feels the team competed well.

“We represented ourselves well for it only being our first year. We were placed in the hardest bracket as newcomers, and we lost all of our matches,” she said. “However, we lost all of our matches by only one judge, and two of the three teams we competed against made it to the final eight in the tournament.”

Now, the team is looking for new members as the first step in what they hope will be an even more successful run.

To apply, students should complete an application online at http://cseps.ncsu.edu/ethics.html. The application is due Nov. 19 and students will be chosen for interviews from their application.

Once selected, they will be trained by professors at the university in the field of ethics, and CSLEPS will cover the cost of the trip.

Applicants do not have to meet any age or GPA requirements, and England explained that they are looking for students with a variety of backgrounds in order to create a diverse team with a lot of different viewpoints.

And England, for one, thinks that com-

Republicans on verge of making historic gains

Steven Thomma Knight Ridder Newspapers

WASHINGTON — Poised to defy history, Republicans raced to key early victories in Tuesday’s battle for control of Congress. They held the House of Representatives and threatened to win back control of the Senate.

In one major win for the Grand Old Party — and for President Bush — Republican Gov. Jeb Bush of Florida won his hard-fought campaign for a second term over Democrat Bill McBride, a Tampa lawyer.

“The president is delighted,” said White House spokesman Ari Fleischer. “He views it as a big, huge victory and he’s very proud of his brother.”

And in the first dramatic upset of the day, Republicans took a Senate seat in Georgia away from the Democrats and held seats in New Hampshire and North Carolina against hard-fought challenges. Together with wins in key House and governors’ contests, those early victories suggested that Republicans might be on

former Republican Cabinet Secretary Elizabeth Dole beat Democrat Erskine Bowles, a former White House chief of staff for President Clinton. And in New Hampshire, Republican Rep. John Sununu beat Democratic Gov. Jeanne Shaheen, keeping a tossup seat in the GOP column.

Republicans also defied projections by picking up some surprising early gains in several governorships.

In Maryland, Republican Rep. Bob Ehrlich defeated Democratic Lt. Gov. Kathleen Kennedy Townsend, daughter of the late Sen. Robert F. Kennedy. Ehrlich is the first Republican to win Maryland’s governorship since Spiro T. Agnew in 1966.

In South Carolina, Republican former U.S. Rep. Mark Sanford ousted Democratic Gov. Jim Hodges. In Massachusetts, Republican Mitt Romney, the former Olympics organizer, defeated Democratic state Treasurer Shannon O’Brien.

But Democrats gained governors’ mansions in at least two states.

In Illinois, Democratic Rep. Rod Blagojevich beat Republican Attorney General Jim Ryan. And in Pennsylvania, Democrat Ed Rendell, a former mayor of Philadelphia, triumphed over Republican Attorney General Mike Fisher.

All 435 House seats were up for grabs Tuesday, as were 34 of the 100 Senate seats and 36 of the 50 governorships.

In the House, Republicans claimed an early, important victory with the re-elec-

tion of Rep. Anne Northrup of Louisville, Ky., over Democratic challenger Jack Conway.

The race was one of the most competitive in the nation, with Democrats needing to win it and every one of about 14 tossup contests to have a chance of winning back a majority of the House.

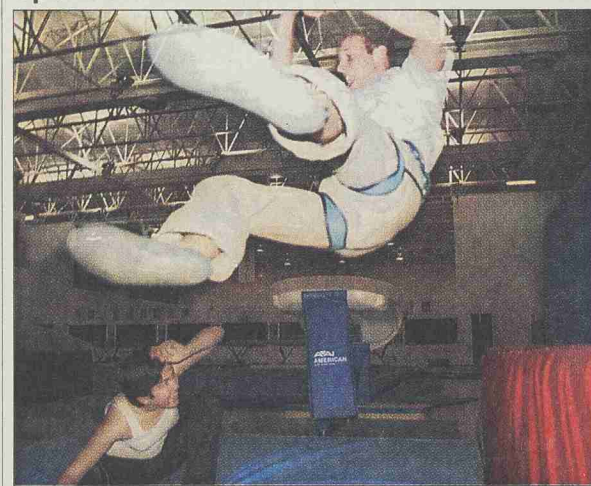
After voting in Texas, President Bush

flushed a thumbs up and returned to the White House to celebrate his wedding anniversary and see if his frenetic rush of campaigning paid off for Republicans.

The president was joined for dinner by top Republicans, all eager to buck the tide of history that for nearly 60 years

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Spar down



Phil Dow, a junior in mechanical engineering, and Amy Schmit, a junior in botany, spar on the wrestling mats in Carmichael Gymnasium.

‘Trading Spaces’ inspires lounge transformation

Owen Hall residents are working to transform their study lounge from plain to peaceful.

Anthony Exum Staff Reporter

Study lounges are created to serve one primary purpose: to maintain a space so students will have a place to study outside of their rooms. Yet, who has the authority to say that all study lounges have to be bland rooms with a few chairs and tables?

In an attempt to change their bland to beautiful, the women of Owen Hall decided to decorate the study lounge on

their floor with one theme in mind: Secret Garden.

The idea started from the popular show “Trading Spaces” that airs on The Learning Channel. Resident Life Coordinator Laci Leggitt and Owen Resident Director Ashton Gunn came up with the idea of redecorating the lounge. However, they left the brainstorming of the theme up to women’s RA Jaarmyia Williams.

“Me and Laci came up with the plan, but we gave a lot of autonomy to do what she wanted. If it were someone else it might have gotten done, but with Jaarmyia we knew it was going to be great,” said Gunn.

Once Leggitt, Gunn and Williams decided that decorating the third floor

lounge of Owen Hall was something that they couldn’t resist, they started collecting ideas from the female residents.

“When we first were getting ideas, we got all kinds of ideas. Some suggestions were a Hawaiian theme, stripes and vines. Then Emily came to me with the Secret Garden idea,” states Williams.

Emily Watson, a sophomore in the College of Design, realized that the Secret Garden would give the lounge a very whimsical, peaceful atmosphere.

After Watson drew up the plans for the lounge, Leggitt and Gunn went to University Housing for permission and supplies, which were both given. In addition to the necessary paint, University Housing also donated an extra \$200 for any

other needed supplies such as wood, upholstery, and stain for the bench that the women added to “their” room.

The project, which started on Oct. 26, is still in the works and currently includes a painted-sky ceiling, walls painted like exposed brick, artificial ivy vines wrapped around columns and a bird-bath that will eventually contain free beauty and bath products for the women.

After all the supplies were in order, volunteers were needed.

There to help with this aspect of the project was the another women’s RA, Kristen Efird. Efird placed a sign-up sheet for different shifts for all of her residents.

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has eroded seats in Congress held by the parties of presidents in their first midterm elections. Franklin D. Roosevelt's Democrats gained seats in 1934, but since then each of 10 presidents has watched his party lose seats in the House. The average loss: 27.

Only three of those 10 managed to win seats in the Senate in their first mid-term elections — John Kennedy in 1962, Richard Nixon in 1970 and Ronald Reagan in 1982.

Sen. Trent Lott of Mississippi, the Republican Senate leader, said it could be Wednesday or later before it was clear which party

had won control of the Senate. It could take a month, Lott said, if Senate control is within one vote and the country has to wait for a Dec. 7 runoff election in Louisiana. Sen. Mary Landrieu, D-La., would face a runoff with her top challenger if she failed to get more than 50 percent of the vote Tuesday.

The current Senate is divided 49-49 between Republicans and Democrats with two independents. Republicans were defending 20 seats.

Among their closest races: — Sen. Tim Hutchinson of Arkansas faced Democratic Attorney General Mark Pryor.

— Sen. Wayne Allard of Colorado opposed Democrat Tom Strickland, a former U.S. attor-

ney.

Democrats defended 14 seats. Among their closest races:

— In Minnesota, Walter Mondale, the former vice president, stepped in to take the place of the late Sen. Paul Wellstone, a Democrat who died in a plane crash on Oct. 25, and opposed Republican Norm Coleman, the former mayor of St. Paul.

— Sen. Jean Carnahan of Missouri faced Republican former Rep. Jim Talent.

— Sen. Tim Johnson of South Dakota opposed Republican Rep. John Thune.

In the nation's state houses, Democrats had threatened to erase GOP dominance over governor's offices — now split with 27 held by Republicans, 21 by Democrats and two held by independents.

Democrats had called Florida Gov. Bush their top target in the country, hoping to embarrass the president and take over the top political job in a state that's likely to be a crucial battleground again in the 2004 presidential campaign.

Democrats competitive in governor's races across the country

Rafael Lorente

South Florida Sun-Sentinel (KRT)

WASHINGTON — Despite Bill McBride's failed upset attempt in Florida, Democrats appear to have won enough governors' races across the country to give the party a chance at a majority of executive mansions for the first time since 1994.

In Pennsylvania, Michigan, New Mexico and Illinois, Democrats on Tuesday night appeared to have picked up seats formerly held by Republicans. Results in many races were not in at deadline, but Democrats were competitive in a number of states with outgoing Republican governors.

Republicans did hang on to a competitive seat in Massachusetts and grabbed the governorship in New Hampshire previously held by a Democrat.

Overall, a number of contests were expected to be close Tuesday, including those in Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Hawaii, Maryland, Minnesota, Oklahoma, Ore-

gon, Rhode Island, South Carolina and Tennessee.

Before Tuesday's elections, Republicans held a 27-21 advantage among the nations governors. The other two were independents.

The results, once all the counting is done, are likely to leave the country's governors' mansions almost evenly divided. Like they've done with Congress and similar to the results of the disputed 2000 presidential election, Americans have chosen to give neither party a wide majority of governors' mansions.

"If there's anything to read into it is that the governors' races are reflective of the national tide," said Daniel Palazzolo, a professor of political science at the University of Richmond in Virginia. "The degree of parity is unprecedented in American politics."

Some voters, like Democrat Lenore Roseman, 66, of Coconut Creek, Fla., even think about that parity when they vote.

"Of course I like to see the Democrats have the edge, but if you

want it to be a true democracy, I think you have to have both sides," Roseman said, referring to the split in Congress.

Republicans lost ground in the governor count Tuesday in part because they had more seats to defend. Thirty-six states chose governors, with Republicans defending 23 of those seats. Many of the Republicans were first elected in their party's big sweep in 1994 and had to step down because of term limits.

But Republicans also faced another challenge.

More than with congressional races, when it comes to governor, the big issue is the economy, Palazzolo said. A weakened economy in much of the country meant Democrats had an opportunity.

"The Republicans are only going to be hurt because they have more governorships to hold at a time of a bad economy," Palazzolo said.

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peting on the team is a valuable experience.

"I felt that I learned a lot about public speaking and my own personal beliefs through the competition," she said. "A lot of the scenarios given were difficult cases, and they made you evaluate your own beliefs."

Distant Dreams

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Some residents felt that volunteering to work on the room was the best way for them to be involved with the project.

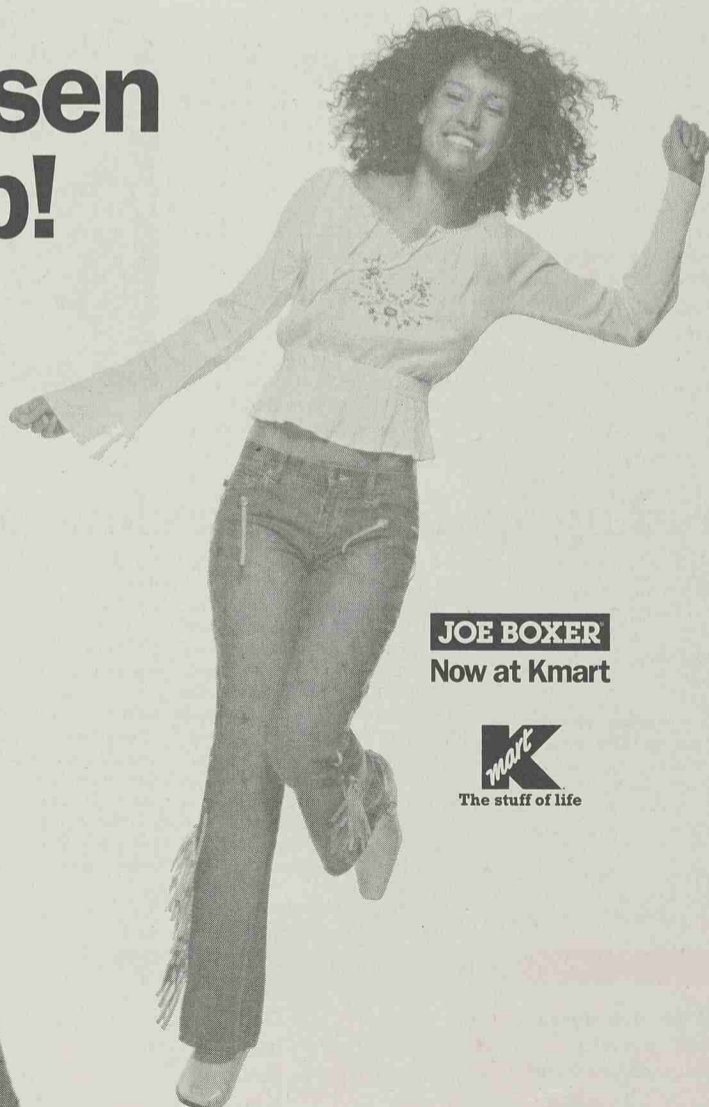
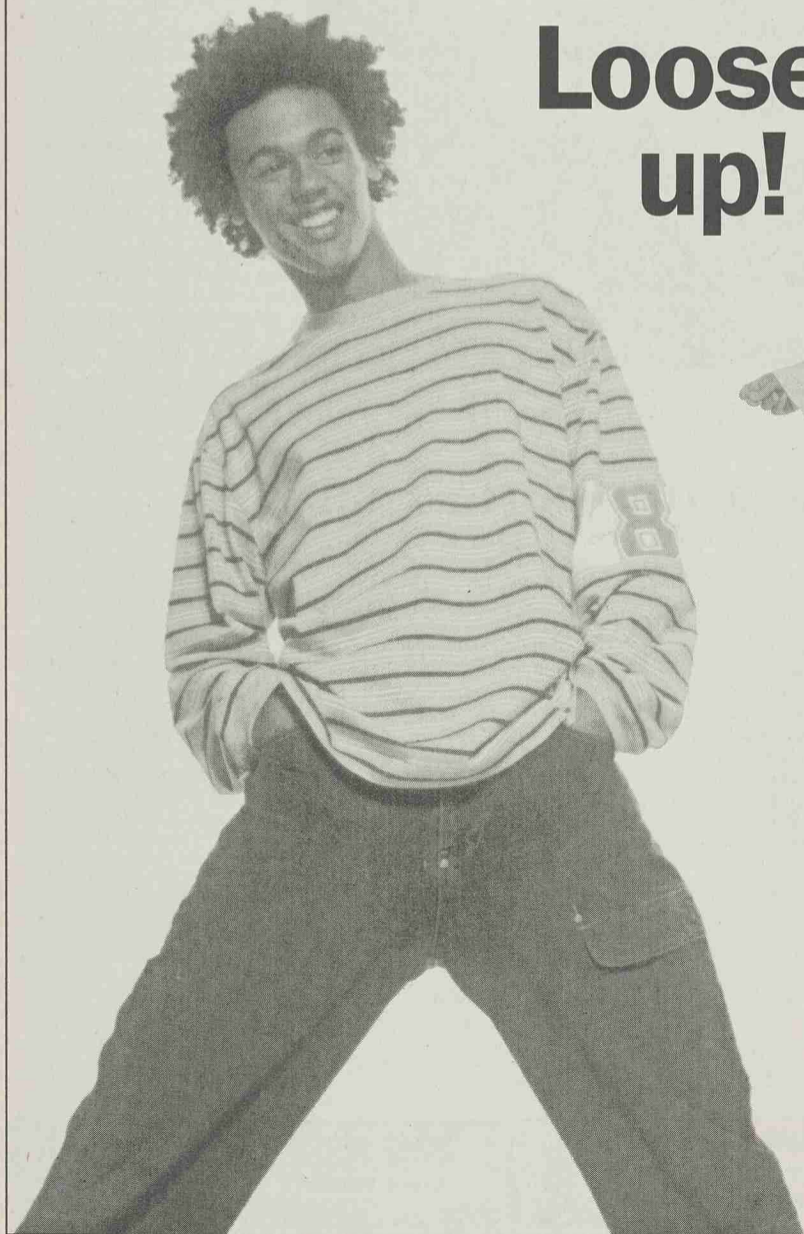
"I gave ideas to consider for the theme, but I really wanted to help with the actual project so I put my name on Kristen's list," said freshman Shequita Conley.

The room is still not completely finished, but when it is, the "Secret Garden" will be open to visitors, as long as a third-floor resident escorts them.



The Owen Hall third floor study lounge is being decorated to resemble the biblical Garden of Eden as a testament to "womanhood" at NCSU. Staff Photo by Leanne Fowlkes

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Two years gone, still singing

Grayson Currin
Senior Staff Writer

P.O. Box 93638 Los Angeles, CA 90093. According to Josh Clayton-Felt's 1997 release "Josh Clayton ... Felt Like Making a Live Record," that was the best way for newfound fans to get in touch with the young California singer/songwriter.

Knowing Josh, he probably would have responded — in his own handwriting, most likely — with the same quick, playful humor that is so essential to all of his work.

These days, however, Clayton-Felt will not be responding to the admiring inquiries of adoring fans. For Clayton-Felt, just some 33 years after his birth in Massachusetts, is dead.

The story of Josh's birth, life, and death — juxtaposed with the origin and highly convoluted history of his music — is perhaps entertainment's most compelling (and the industry's most shameful) story of the rock year.

Clayton-Felt left by way of Elijah's chariot of fire. Nearly two years after his death, he — or at least the two things that seemed to define him, his spirit and music — are still alive and well. And that is certainly one of music's most beautiful stories in quite a long time.

Clayton-Felt's music found its initial roots in a life of early travel inside the state of Massachusetts. The young man lived a life of two fathers and one deeply caring mother, Marilyn. She and Clayton-Felt's father, John Clayton, separated. By Marilyn's own admission, her son held no grudge for his father, but instead he approached the situation with a type of determination and irrefragable love that made the best of what he was given.

Clayton-Felt's stepfather, however, proved to be a vital force in the shape of Clayton-Felt's life, musically and otherwise. Henry Felt, a filmmaker and folk singer, introduced his newfound friend to the guitar, encouraging the boy to experiment and play with the instrument. Clayton-Felt followed through with Henry's advice, exploring the possibilities of six strings before moving on to the piano.

Clayton-Felt's zeal for music was evident. It was obvious that he just was not another kid with a guitar, or another youth forced by his mother into weekly piano lessons and monthly recitals. Remarkably, at the age of 10, he composed a piece for the piano to be used as the theme song in one of his stepfather's documentaries. At an eighth-grade graduation ceremony, he performed a piece of his own.

His older sister, Lauren, and her husband, Michael Baker, introduced Clayton-Felt to the landscape of rock 'n' roll. The two gave him the world of Prince, Stevie Wonder and Elvis Costello. He listened and learned. He was drawn equally to Bob Dylan's valiancy on "Highway 61 Revisited" and the boldness-in-freedom of Bob Marley's records.

Fused with this musical intuition was a quickly burgeoning love for nature. After his father rented a place on the Cape Cod coastline, Clayton-Felt became enamored with the ocean. He began to crave the rhythmic pulse of its

ebb and flow along with the fantastic creatures that he saw there.

After graduating from high school and the various bands it necessarily entails for budding musicians, Clayton-Felt headed south to Brown University in Rhode Island. The rather unhappy stint taught Josh that music was indeed his intended avenue, his recognizable life force. Clayton-Felt formed The Eyes while in Providence, R.I., devoting a good deal of time (most often, class time) to the band's direction.

"His class notes were all music lyrics, I think," said Marilyn Clayton-Felt, laughing heartily at what seems her and her son's mutual joke.

"He felt like he was wasting an opportunity ... Of course, I would have preferred that he would have stayed in college happily. But, when a person has a dream, you have to let them go find it," she adds, a sense of gravity in her speech, stemming perhaps from her confidence in her son's joy in his own move to pursue music.

In a departure destined for a dream, Clayton-Felt hit the road for the entertainment mecca of Los Angeles, quickly meeting musically like-minded guitarist Michael Ward. The duo of Ward and Clayton-Felt, known as School of Fish, subsequently inked a deal with Capitol Records, eventually becoming a four-member college rock sensation. Their self-titled debut record of 1991 gave way to a succession of tours and record sells driven by the radio hit "Three Strange Days." The band entered the studio for their second record, "Human Cannonball," before parting ways in 1994.

Clayton-Felt soon made his way to A&M Records, signing as a solo artist and turning with alacrity toward the recording of his first album, 1995's "Inarticulate Nature Boy." The ambitious effort failed to give record executives their incumbent hit single, but it proved the increasing depth of Clayton-Felt's work as an articulate melodist and multi-instrumentalist. His knowledge of hooks met his pop/rock sensibility in a disc where he controlled all the details and played every instrument.

Clayton-Felt departed on a solo tour in support of the album. Through the force of financial constraints reinforced by his label's hesitancy to support him, he left the backing band at home. He was made to appeal to fans by way of pure melody and decisive wit, showcased in a cut-and-dry fashion as he faced audiences nightly with only a smile and an acoustic and electric guitar.

The perpetual lover of music-making, Clayton-Felt soon returned to the studio to work on his second solo record. He recorded a horde of music — 22 songs in all — and turned them in to the executives at A&M. The record, then called "Center of Six," held for those businessmen the same explicit conundrum as the last effort — the absence of a hit single.

The label assigned Clayton-Felt to Pat Leonard, producer of the stars, so that he could emerge from the studio with something that held commercial appeal. He tried. In fact, he re-recorded the album in its entirety under Leonard's direction. Clayton-Felt was not entirely

happy with the work.

"It didn't feel like him ... it lacked the kind of energy he wanted," said Marilyn.

Alas, "Center of Six" once again found a way to hide from the public. Submitted to the company in the midst of Universal's mammoth acquisition of A&M, the work was never confirmed for a release. After a series of dead-end inquiries by Clayton-Felt into the future of "Center of Six," he was dropped, alongside 250 other musicians, from Universal/A&M's artist roster.

"He was amazingly resilient," said Marilyn in retrospect. "He wanted to do the record like he wanted to do it! So he did."

With that mindset, Clayton-Felt contrived various ploys in a desperate attempt to persuade the record label to let someone else distribute the work. Universal proved largely inept at negotiations, while Clayton-Felt even considered changing his performance name and re-recording the material under a pseudonym. Although a clause in his contract prevented him from recording the "Center of Six" work yet again and releasing it elsewhere, he believed the album to be so largely incomplete and noticeably flawed that he again entered the studio.

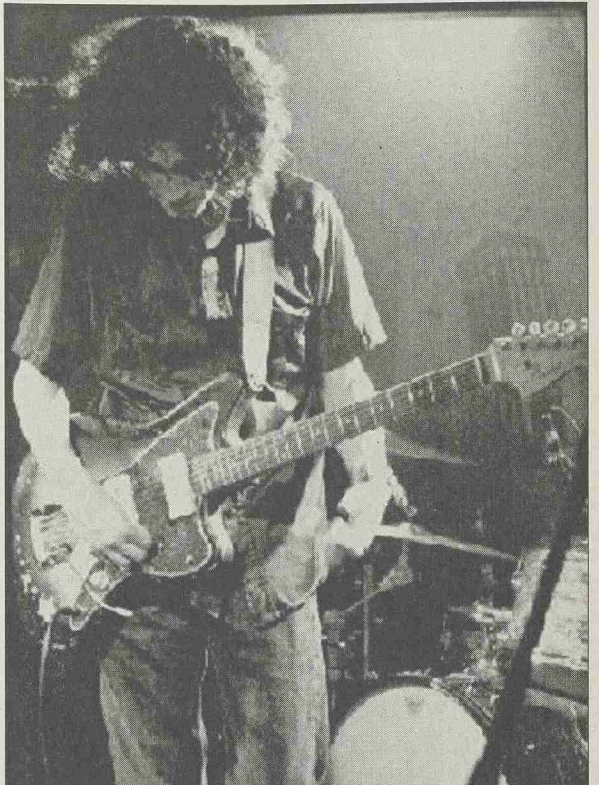
In early December of 1999, Clayton-Felt finished recording and mixing. The album — a simple, back-to-basics rock 'n' roll testament to the artist's will — did not have a label yet, but, finally, it was done.

Five and a half weeks later, on Jan. 19, 2000, Josh Clayton-Felt died. The rights to "Center of Six," which had been released by an apparently guilt-ridden Universal following Clayton-Felt's diagnosis of cancer, now belonged to his family.

In a strange circumstance of fate, Clayton-Felt's sister Lauren and her husband happened to have strong connections inside the music industry. In fact, Baker, the same man who had introduced Clayton-Felt to "Highway 61 Revisited," was a high-ranking executive with DreamWorks Records. With the same tenacity of the Clayton-Felt spirit that Josh Clayton-Felt had formerly employed in fighting for the life of the album, the couple searched high and low for a record label for the finished work. Michael Ostin, Baker's boss at DreamWorks, heard of the fruitless search and decided to give the record a home at the label.

The announced release of the album, newly entitled "Spirit Touches Ground," thrilled family, friends and fans of Clayton-Felt's work, inspiring many to voice their support and pledge their help with the record. "So many people had just been writing to us, wanting to hear and help with the record. How could we use all of that energy? We got creative," said Lauren Baker, her voice reverberating with the pride she still feels for the grassroots effort.

Marilyn, together with her daughter, formed an innovative grassroots marketing campaign composed of regional volunteers whose belief in Clayton-Felt's music made them want to share it with others. Many of Clayton-Felt's past allies at A&M joined in the campaign, providing their resources and



Josh Clayton-Felt's recording "Spirit Touches Ground" is in stores now.
Photo courtesy Dreamworks Records

time to help spread the word. "Spirit Touches Ground," at long last, would see the light of day.

The album, released earlier this year, is something incredible. Clayton-Felt's spirit of prevailing optimism and defiance of defeat courses through the disc. The disc runs more like the exuberant work of a mature, yet youthful singer/songwriter with plenty of time left than that of a man who — while recording — would be dead in a matter of weeks.

The culled 14 tracks, clocking in at just under an hour, are flooded with maxims for his own life. Clayton-Felt does not preach; instead, he borrows from his own Native American experience (he immersed himself in Native American culture following his troubles in Los Angeles) in an effort to suggest and teach.

The record flows with the free spirit that kept Clayton-Felt happy and confident through the turmoil brought about by the fickle, indecisive record industry. That same quality of her son that Marilyn Clayton-Felt terms his "humble confidence" pervades the disc, both encouraging and confirming the listener at every turn.

"While the rest of the world was drowning around us/We were building Atlantis," sings Clayton-Felt during the album's opening track. The same bright-eyed perseverance shapes much of the disc. A certain amount of sensuality works its way into the writing, oddly paralleled by the holistic sense of the world and nature that Clayton-Felt developed in the "backwards world" he found in entertainment.

"So I give myself to love sweet love," wails Clayton-Felt upon a grinding, submissive guitar, giving fresh life and a palpable sincerity to fodder nearly worn thin. The rawness and honesty that he

sought with the record is obvious in "Love Sweet Love" as a sugary melody yields to soulful digressions that Pat Leonard would have scorned.

In a fitting bit of prescience, he begs listeners to seize the moment, asking, "Aren't you tired of living this half life?" Living his life seems to be paramount for Clayton-Felt and his audience; through this album, he did that.

Josh Clayton-Felt is part of a clear lineage of musicians that made way for a score of rising singer/songwriters enjoying recent notoriety, including Howie Day and Rufus Wainwright. Now, at the close of 2002, Josh Clayton-Felt should be just wrapping up the recording of his sixth or seventh record. It should be a highly anticipated record, both commercially and critically.

Currently, he should be enjoying the success of his musical acumen as a more universally oriented Jakob Dylan or an easily accessible Aimee Mann. Unfortunately, Josh Clayton-Felt's smartly written, deeply rooted melodies were swallowed in a great divide of creativity caused by monetary speculation. He knew how his work should sound, but — sadly — the audience that he worked so hard to connect with cannot share that articulate work with him.

Josh Clayton-Felt was a fan of the record buyer, someone willing to go out on a limb and buy an album on the random recommendation of a friend. If that someone hears only the record and not his story, he will be uplifted. If that someone hears both his record and his story, he will be uplifted and deeply moved. If that someone could hear the phone-line-melting love in Marilyn Clayton-Felt's voice when she speaks of her son's life and work, that sense of being deeply moved would give way to tears.

The lighter side of elections

Benjamin Kraudel
Staff Writer

Yesterday, we all hopefully headed to the polls in order to let our voices be heard. So, as much news as we have heard about that trip to the polls, as much negative advertising as we have seen, there is still a little bit of funny to be found.

Here in North Carolina we had to vote between Erskine Bowles and Elizabeth Dole. Before the negative ads got out of control, we were allowed to see the commercials of Erskine bowling: three old guys at a bowling alley laughing at the shoe counter saying, "Erskine bowls."

So, after name recognition was raised, we all thought that the Democratic candidate was going to spend all his time at the two-dollar pitcher night down at Crazy Lanes. Perhaps that did more harm than good. Thankfully, I did not see a commercial with Liddy eating a banana: "Liddy likes Dole." Good call.

In two states in America, Nevada and Arizona, initiatives were voted on to al-

low small amounts of marijuana to be legally possessed. Up to two ounces in Arizona and three in Nevada would be permissible by the law.

The Twinkie lobby might have had something to do with this. Now Arizona and Nevada will have the largest number of snack food factories in the world. Albuquerque will be the Frito-Lay capital of the world. This was also upsetting to the makers of the "I love my tobacco water pipe" bumper sticker, who just lost their market in two states. There was probably a large voting lull at 4:20 p.m.

Similarly, South Dakota allowed a vote on re-establishing the farming of hemp. I have a feeling a lot of South Dakotans are going to start applying to become farmers. The South Dakota colleges of agriculture are going to be booked up pretty tight for a while. There will be a quaint little South Dakota scene on postcards of five guys sitting in a field, smoking up and the caption will say, "Making rope."

There was no absentee ballot for Pres-

ident Bush, who flew down to Crawford, Texas, to slip inside the booth and cast his vote. After finishing the voting process at the voting station at Crawford Fire Department and Ambulance, Bush headed back to Washington.

Tuesday was also the president and first lady's 25th wedding anniversary. I can see how this evening played out. The president mumbles that there was some sort of thing going on at dinner and then he wants to watch the poll results on TV, or maybe the game. The first lady then retorts that he never looks at her like she is sexy anymore, and she wishes he would at least pay some attention to her on the 25th anniversary of their matrimony. She then sits down beside him on the couch and plays with his hair while asking what he's thinking about. He replies, "Texas." She frowns slightly and turns his head to look into his eyes. "George," she coos. "You know, you should really have bought me something special for our anniversary." His brow furrows and he replies, "You're sitting on a couch in the

White House. I'm paid up on special stuff." Oh yeah, White House romance.

Vice President Cheney did vote by absentee ballot. He spent Tuesday pheasant hunting in South Dakota. He's probably fazed in some poor farmer's hemp field right now. It might have been a heart attack — or it might have been self-medication.

In Alaska, State Representative Beverly Masek, who was battling in a three-way race for re-election, found that life could be more than politics. Last week she plowed into a moose, totaling her truck but luckily leaving her uninjured. That moose probably would not have voted anyway.

In California, Arnold Schwarzenegger led the fight for a proposition to spend millions on after-school daycare. He was quoted as saying, "Come with me, if you want to have low-caustic daycare." Unfortunately, after an exciting six months of previews and hype, the proposition tanked at the box office.

To wrap this up, I want to do what no



one else has done. I want to say goodbye to Jesse Helms and Strom Thurmond. As a self-proclaimed humorist, I am going to miss both of them terribly. I can only hope that they do not disappear from the political spotlight but instead occasionally show up to tap-dance across the stage or do some other quaint vaudeville act from when they were kids.

They will both be missed. Who will be carried to his seat in the Senate now that Strom is leaving? Who will wear giant horn-rimmed glasses and reaffirm his heterosexuality without Jesse? Who will I have to make fun of? Oh ... right — Erskine or Liddy. Alright, never mind, have a nice trip, Strom and Jesse, don't let the door hit you on the way out.

Deportation, is it necessary?

The Beltway Snipers have taught the United States many things through their horrible acts. With no leads and nowhere to turn, many officers began to ask the foreign community to step forward with any information that they had to offer. However, there was a problem with that; many of the people that the messages targeted were illegal immigrants.

With no true reason to come forward, why would these people — who have been slipping through the cracks until now — come to the police so they could be checked out and subsequently deported? There was no reason, and that was a major obstacle in the case, as it has been a major issue with many smaller cases around the country.

People from other countries do not necessarily view police officers as protectors. Immigrants who come from oppressive countries are not used to the U.S. police and their policies. In trying to communicate with the immigrants, police officers are losing valuable contacts because illegal aliens are afraid of being deported if they offer information.

There is a new string of slayings that have police and authorities confused and looking for answers in Arizona. Since March, there have been eight men bound and shot at close range in a desolate area off of I-10 near Phoenix. The only information the police have is that seven of the eight who have been killed are immigrants. There is no doubt that most of the answers to these cases are in the illegal immigrant community, but risking deportation is not something that

those who have this information are willing to do. That is why the police are trying to set up a scene like those in Washington, D.C., did while the snipers were on the loose.

Those that come forward with information will not be asked questions that will lead to their deportation. They will be protected in return for the information that they give, which will hopefully lead to the arrest of the killers in the migrant murder cases.

We believe that it is in the best interest of the United States to overlook the immigration status of individuals who come forward with evidence or even tips that may lead to the capture or conviction of a criminal. The United States stands as a beacon for diversity, and though the illegal aliens obviously are breaking the law, if their help is needed in solving a crime, there is no other way to obtain the information besides turning a cheek to their status.

If this string of killings in Arizona is left unsolved, then a message will be sent to immigrant-smuggling organizations, drug lords and even those involved in turf battles that they have total control of what goes on as long as it is contained within the immigrant community. They will know that no one is going to come forward because they will be deported. However, if the law overlooks the person and just takes in the information that will help the investigation, then the cases may be solved in a timely manner and will rid our country of yet another violent offender.

Carnegie may enhance fighters

Staff Editorial
The Tartan
Carnegie Mellon U.

(U-WIRE) PITTSBURGH — Administrators claim that through its entire Department of Defense-sponsored research, Carnegie Mellon has never engaged in direct weapons systems development. But the university is blurring the line between theoretical research and physical weapons implementation, in light of this past summer's \$5.5 million grant to develop and build Spinner, an advanced unmanned ground combat vehicle — a robotic tank.

The deal, which was signed with a consortium of the Robotics Institute, contrasts distinctly with the university's typical research and represents a step onto a slippery slope. Additionally, the university's reliance on DOD-sponsored research funds, much of which goes to classified projects in the Software Engineering Institute, means CMU runs the risk of becoming a one-trick pony.

By accepting a contract that intimately involves Carnegie Mellon researchers in the conception and production of a combat-oriented machine, the university is living up to the charge of some local activists: "Carnegie Military University." Despite the prestige and compensation that accompany such deals, the university ultimately commits considerable effort to "enhance the effectiveness of tomorrow's war fighter,"

as the CEO of a contract partner said. Regardless of the ethical dilemmas of war, practical application of research is a trademark of the university's identity. Partnerships with corporations and government agencies provide material for project courses, internships for students and money for faculty. Those are valuable learning tools, whether they come from Intel Corporation or the Department of Defense. However, Carnegie Mellon should be clear and consistent when it accepts funds from these entities.

An examination of the research policy by Provost Mark Kamlet should not only identify the concerns of faculty, students and staff but also provide unequivocal answers, unless the university should like to repeat the embarrassment suffered last spring, when it was revealed that the Pittsburgh Supercomputing Center was studying redistricting options for the Republican-controlled state legislature.

The committee should also address the apparent contradiction with the school's Spinner venture. Cohon said the university does not build weapons systems, but an unmanned combat vehicle sounds like a tank, looks like a tank and probably shoots like one too. While it is not considered classified research — something Cohon flatly says will not be accepted on campus — it clearly represents a deviation from the past proscription on weapons research at the university.



Confused about drug war



Darren O'Connor
Staff Columnist

As most of you know, I am a very active member of the Republican party. No one agrees with his or her party platform 100 percent, and that is fine. Political parties are simply a way for different groups of people who share many (but not all) of the same beliefs and values to try to get most of their preferred policies enacted. I personally have several problems with the platform of the overall Republican party. One of the most significant differences is over the war on drugs.

For several years now, I have been confused by Republican support for the drug war. It seems to contradict a host of Republican principles. The support for drug prohibition has only been getting stronger. More and more it seems that cigarettes will be added to that list before too long, even if politicians simply tax them out of legal markets and into the black market (which is already beginning). Let's take a look at some of the rather serious contradictions the war on drugs creates for its Republican supporters.

First, we Republicans are adamant defenders of the Constitution to the point of striving to appoint and elect judges who will respect that document. Yet the war on drugs makes a mockery of many of our constitutionally protected rights. Current forfeiture laws encourage law enforcement agencies to violate individuals' rights with trumped-up charges in order to confiscate their property. There is clearly a perverse incentive at work here. The system is designed so that it is in the police's interest to confiscate property of suspected drug dealers. Often, the person is innocent, and no charges are

ever pressed, but the property is not returned. Bruce Benson and David Rasmussen recount the story of the sheriff of Volusia County, Fla., who did just that between 1989 and 1992, racking up \$8 million, most of which was never returned to the innocent people from whom it was taken. The drug war has become an easy way for police departments that are strapped for cash to find quick funding. Republicans would oppose this in any other situation.

Second, we believe in less government control over our lives and less government power. I imagine few (if any) Republicans would suggest we go back to the prohibition of alcohol, a substance much more dangerous to its users and those around them than many illegal drugs. We see alcohol prohibition as a major encroachment of the government into our lives. Why should drugs be any different? Just look at the massive amounts of tax money, bureaucracy and federal and state law enforcement personnel devoted to trying to halt the flow of illegal drugs. We even retask military units to help other countries fight an endless supply of paramilitary drug lords. For a party that believes the military should only be used to defend America from attack by a foreign country, Republicans have some explaining to do.

Third, we appreciate and support police officers, but the war on drugs makes their jobs much harder and more dangerous than they need to be. Before the war on drugs spawned well-armed, well-funded and incredibly violent street gangs, life was much quieter, and the most cops had to worry about were minor disturbances, the occasional burglary or mugging, etc. Now we have paramilitary S.W.A.T. units and more highly armed street cops to counter the firepower of the drug gangs. Not only does this drug prohibition policy put officers' lives in great danger, it also costs us a higher amount of tax money to pro-

vide them with the means of defending themselves. If these drugs were not illegal, the monetary incentive that keeps these traffickers going would evaporate. We do not see gangs organized around a black market beer and cigarettes trade, do we? If Republicans really want to help cops, we should demand that drugs be legalized and treated like alcohol and tobacco.

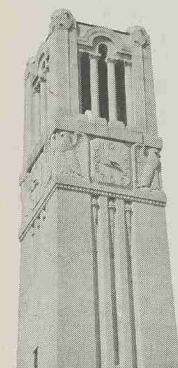
A final point I would like to stress (although there are many more) is that we Republicans are always looking for ways to get people out of the welfare system and allow them the opportunity to better themselves and their neighborhoods. However, the war on drugs is actually serving to prevent such improvement. My mother, a public school teacher in downtown Durham, sees firsthand the way promising children from poor families are sucked into the criminal world and put on a path to death, prison or worse. On the one hand, they see at least 12 years of hard work in the school system to hopefully have a chance to get a job or go to college and make something of themselves. On the other hand, they see neighborhood teenagers hanging out on the streets with gold chains and fancy clothes and cruising in \$80,000 gold-rimmed cars. For many of them, the choice is sadly all too clear.

One part of The Republican Oath states, "I believe we must retain those principles worth retaining, yet always be receptive to new ideas with an outlook broad enough to accommodate thoughtful change and varying points of view." I think it is time the Republican Party took this statement to heart and realized that the war on drugs is not one of those "principles worth retaining."

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Freedoms limited



Heather Cutchin
Staff Columnist

Everyone that has been through any sort of standard American history course, politics course, law course or something similar should be familiar with the basic freedoms granted by the first amendment: freedom of speech, press, peaceful assembly, religion and petition. But until one is taken away, these freedoms are pretty much taken for granted by citizens of the United States.

What if something was taken away that is not a basic freedom but might fall under the category of free speech or "free action"? Recently, in Tokyo, people were banned from smoking in the streets. Fines of up to \$163 (U.S. currency) could be issued for lighting a cigarette or for throwing down a butt. The reported responses from the people have been mixed. Emotions run from pure disgust of the law to approval of it. How would Americans feel if this happened?

The government of Japan more than likely has good reasons for banning smoking on the streets of Tokyo. When there is a large crowd of people in a small space and many are littering, the streets can really get ugly. This law might be necessary there, especially since there are no litter laws in Tokyo.

There are also health concerns behind the laws; though it is hard to document, some people believe that it is unhealthy to breathe in second-hand smoke from others on the sidewalk.

However, I cannot imagine anywhere in the United States seriously implementing these laws. I still remember back in high school when they finally banned smoking by students on the campus grounds. Until the 2001 school year, my high school was one of two in the state that allowed students to smoke, mainly because the school was in a big tobacco-growing county. The students who were 18 and permitted to buy cigarettes were the most enraged by the new rule. They had a right to smoke since they were of legal age. However, since it was on school grounds, the school had a right to deny anyone the freedom to smoke.

What would happen if the Wake Coun-

ty government passed a law that kept people from smoking except in the privacy of their own homes? Obviously, there would be protests all around. Non-smokers may be in favor of such a law, but I think that even non-smokers such as myself would be opposed to a law like the one in Tokyo, because it takes away an individual's freedom to smoke. This group in Tokyo may be trying to improve the city's health by not smoking on the streets, but it seems that if one law gets passed to limit a freedom of the people, then more will surely follow.

People here in the United States would bring up "Big Brother" and how he is constantly watching us and trying to control us. Americans forget they have freedoms until someone threatens to take one of them, and then the response by citizens is "bring out the flags and the guns."

There could be points to a ban on smoking in the streets of the United States. There would be fewer cigarette butts on the sidewalks and beaches. The areas would look cleaner overall, and people could walk down the sidewalk and smell the roses (or the power plant

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TV or not TV



Tim Coffield
Staff Columnist

After our little brother was apprehended, and subsequently suspended, for his involvement in the swatting of a female schoolmate with a notebook (spiral) for her alleged failure to "put out," we knew it was only a matter of time before Father would initiate a "proactive" approach to healing our familial debauchery. Our morality was slipping down the proverbial drain, what with the above-mentioned assault, coupled with my tendency to use crude language in ill-timed situations (I am truly sorry about the profane slips during my otherwise moving eulogy of our adorable grandmother. Really, I am.) and our elder sister's recent induction into local S&M and bondage club. Mother would become so angry when she discovered a leather whip or zipper mask in the dirty laundry basket. You cannot wash leather with cotton and linens!

Father chose to halt the erosion of our collective morality by canceling our television service and smashing the screens of our TV sets with one of Mother's high-heeled shoes. There would be no more gratuitous exposure to the corrosive influences of the violence, profanity and adult situations prevalent on cable and premium television. No more seedy sitcoms, with their ignorance of the sanctity of marriage and the immoral support of casual relationships! No more obscene, late-night talk shows, profanity-laced comedy routines or use of such sinful words as f---, s---, m---, g---, or "John Bobbitt." OK, maybe a name cannot be curse, but Father would change the channel at the mention of this name quicker than he would at even the most blatant profanities.

The collective excitement of our family at the notion of our moral correction via television-elimination, to be quite honest, was a

bit low at first. We were all disappointed that our favorite programs would no longer be available. But being the adaptive animals we are, we learned to cope. Lil' bro' started spending more time with his boys; Father undertook a bathroom renovation project; big sis brought home a basket of books; I chose to sit in the living room and glaze my eyes at our broken television set. How forlorn those bunny-ear antennae looked! I felt sorry for my old friend; it was really like we had deserted a dear family member. Sometimes, I would scour the house with my metal detector, hoping that there was a buried pirate treasure chest under the floorboards.

Eventually, the reality set in that the TV was gone forever. And my treasure hunt was looking fruitless — those sly pirates! They must have buried their booty in a rubber box, rendering it invisible to my trusty metal-detecting technology. Reluctantly, I took to hanging out with the various family members, observing their new, cable-less lives.

I accompanied little bro' to the park for participation in a neighborhood football game with his buddies. Those boys — they are so young and nubile, vibrant with youthful energy; they exposed my frail physical nature and outright lack of athleticism! Nonetheless, I had a grand time, watching them run and jump and prance and sprint, around me, through me, hurtling toward the end zones like little puppies. I could see how playing outside was far more rewarding than peeling one's eyes on the television. Unfortunately, a damper was put on the afternoon when a scuffle broke out in a debate over a fumble. Lil' bro' watched at first as the others pummeled each other in the dirt, but soon hopped in and tossed some punches himself. I was shocked, and suddenly felt the urge to visit each of their homes and remove their televisions. That would make them less violent!

That afternoon, lil' bro' and I took to helping out Father on his bathroom project. Things were

going swimmingly until Father smacked his thumb with the hammer (those clumsy Coffields! Tsk, tsk). The resulting stream of profanities was legendary stuff; curses spewed from his mouth at a fascinating rate. Lil' bro' and I were in utter awe at this man's linguistic ability. He revealed to us new combinations of obscenities; words that we did not even know existed passed through our ears. And Father does not even watch television!

My new vocab in mind, I went over to sis's room to see how her reading was coming along. She was immersed in a huge book by a foreign sounding guy, Marquis de Sade, I think it was. I am sure whatever he wrote about was far less risqué than late-night HBO. There were a couple more books on the floor. One was entitled, *Hot Love in Paradise* and the other *Hot Forbidden Love IV*. I was glad to see that sis had taken up the wholesome practice of reading in lieu of that dangerous television.

It has been three months since we have had television, and I am ashamed to admit that our immoral behavior has not wavered. Surely it is because there are just too many other lost souls out there, learning wickedness from a 30-inch box. If only we could take away everyone's television. We would live in a veritable Utopia! Alas, we realize such a notion is impossible. It is just fruitful to wish that we could be transplanted back to pre-television eras, where there was no graphic violence, perverted views or crude language. Maybe we could go back to the slave era of the 1800s, or to the time of the medieval Holy Wars. Or even as far back as biblical times to hang out with David and Bathsheba and their prolific son Solomon. Anywhere, just so long as there was no television to ruin our morality...

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CAMPUS FORUM

McTeacher

I am writing in response to an article that appeared last Monday, October 28th in the opinion section entitled "McTeacher" focused on advertising not education". Two main things bothered me about this article.

The first is that only someone extremely naive would have to question the true motives of McDonald's in any circumstance of supporting a second party institution or organization. "Yet on a deeper level, one must question the true motives of corporations like McDonald's that commonly make appearances in classrooms." In fact, there is no 'deeper level' when it comes to the motives of McDonald's McTeacher program. McDonald's motives in any of its

activities, whether it is the McTeacher program or its sponsorship of the U.S. Olympic team, have one purpose only "to make McDonald's money via low cost advertising." Does this cheapen the fact that they provide additional funds to educational institutions that either require or desire these funds? Perhaps it does on the idealistic level, but the simple facts are that schools either need or want additional money, and McDonald's is willing to give schools additional money while at the same time making a profit. Both McDonald's and the schools win.

I doubt that McDonald's would last very long, if it participated in activities such as this either anonymously or strictly out of

the kindness of its heart. It is a corporation. Its goal is to make money. And since this is a capitalist society, this is not evil, despite what the communist hippies would have you believe.

The second thing that I found fault in was your assertion that "Allowing corporations to enter the school system and target their message to children results in little more than exploitation." This statement is unwarranted, especially if you are insinuating that McDonald's 'message' is to buy their products. This message is understood (or at least should be) simply because McDonald's is a corporation.

A better way to look at this is
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right down the road). But this law will never happen in America. People will complain that they have always smoked, and it is not fair to stop them now. And they are right; for the government to suddenly change the way of life for a person is cruel.

Congratulations to Tokyo for attempting such a feat, but I feel it will never happen in the United States.

Heather prefers not to smoke at all, but doesn't care if others do. Send her what you think at hrcutchi@unity.ncsu.edu.

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Women's rugby advances to state finals

The team fell in the championship match to nationally ranked North Carolina for second year in a row.

Vicky Smith
Guest Writer

The women's rugby team traveled to Fayetteville, N.C., this weekend to compete for the North Carolina Rugby Union State Championship. The Wolfpack had recorded a second place finish a year ago, and the team was hungry to take the next step — taking home the championship.

The field was littered with teams from across the state — UNC-Chapel Hill, Western Carolina, East Carolina, UNC-Greensboro, Elon, Appalachian State, Duke and UNC-Wilmington. The competition was fierce, as most teams felt they had a shot at knocking off the defending champion, the Tar Heels.

The Pack's first game on Saturday was against a very determined UNC-Greensboro club.

However, the Pack kept control of the ball and allowed no tries for UNC-G. With a final score of 15-0, the Pack was not convinced that they had played to the best of their ability and were ready to play hard in the next round.

Competing with Appalachian State for a chance to play in the championship game was no easy task. The match was filled with countless scrum downs to both teams.

The Pack held strong and won the vast majority of scrums, allowing the team to once again keep control of the ball for the majority of the game. Hard tackles and smart plays by the Pack led to a 14-0 State victory.

Sunday's championship match was highly anticipated by both teams. UNC-CH came in with victories over East Carolina and Western Carolina. The Tar Heels were ready to redeem themselves after a 7-5 loss against the Wolfpack women in a regular-season match played a month earlier in Raleigh.

Ironically, last year's state tournament was preceded by a State regular season victory over the Tar Heels.

Carolina began the game with control of the ball and used a conservative, ball-possession strategy to limit the Pack's touches and offset the Pack's high-powered offense. In true Pack fashion, the team fought hard and never gave up, but their efforts came up short as the Heels won 12-0 and captured the state crown yet again.

Tries by Leigh Morris, Leslie Young and Heather Ferrell put State in the final round of the tournament, but unlucky setbacks kept the Pack from bringing home the state championship. However, a second-place finish to a UNC-CH team ranked No. 11 among NCAA Division I teams is a solid accomplishment. Both teams played a hard match and are proud to be considered the top two teams of the North Carolina Rugby Union.

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leading the nation in passing efficiency for almost the entire year, Philip Rivers fell to third place after last week's average performance that saw him complete just over 50 percent of his passes and uncharacteristically miss open receivers deep several times. Rivers' numbers were also hurt by a couple of dropped balls, but the biggest blow came when his team dropped its first game of the season, probably ending his chances.

The same goes for Marshall's Byron Leftwich. Probably the most talented player in football, Leftwich can be crossed off the list because his team has lost twice

and isn't even the best team in the MAC.

That leaves Miami. Judging by some of the online ballots cast by gurus on ESPN.com and CNN.com, Ken Dorsey is the leader, but only by default. Dorsey's Hurricanes narrowly escaped 1-8 Rutgers Saturday. Dorsey threw one interception and had another pick returned for a touchdown that was negated due to a questionable defensive-holding penalty. The key to beating Miami is putting eight or nine in the box to stuff teammate Willis McGahee and force Dorsey to beat you throwing the football.

How can you give the Heisman to someone who is the weak link, albeit a strong one, to an offensive

unit? I don't care if Dorsey is 272-1 as a starter, he's not the best player on his team and doesn't deserve the award.

So who does my vote go to? Well, there certainly is a lot of football left to be played, but it wouldn't be more fitting for a relative no-name who's having a great season like Washington State's Jason Gesser or Iowa's Brad Banks to hear their name called on Dec. 14.

After this weekend of college football, Matt just has to say, "It's great to be a Florida Gator." He can be reached at 515-2411 or matt@techniciansports.com.

CAMPUS RECREATION

Event Results

Bowling

Nov. 2-3: Placed 11 out of 28 teams at the Kent State Open in Kent, Ohio

Equestrian

Intercollegiate Hunt Seat Association show at Virginia Tech on

Nov. 3

Team finished 4th overall with individual placings: Erin Pendleton-3rd flat, 3rd over fences; Lissa Cannady-4th over fences; Lindsay McCan-1st flat, 4th over fences; Melissa Vogeler-5th flat; Kevin Chavis-3rd flat; Rebecca Effron-1st flat, 2nd over fences; Ashley Cannady-2nd flat, 3rd

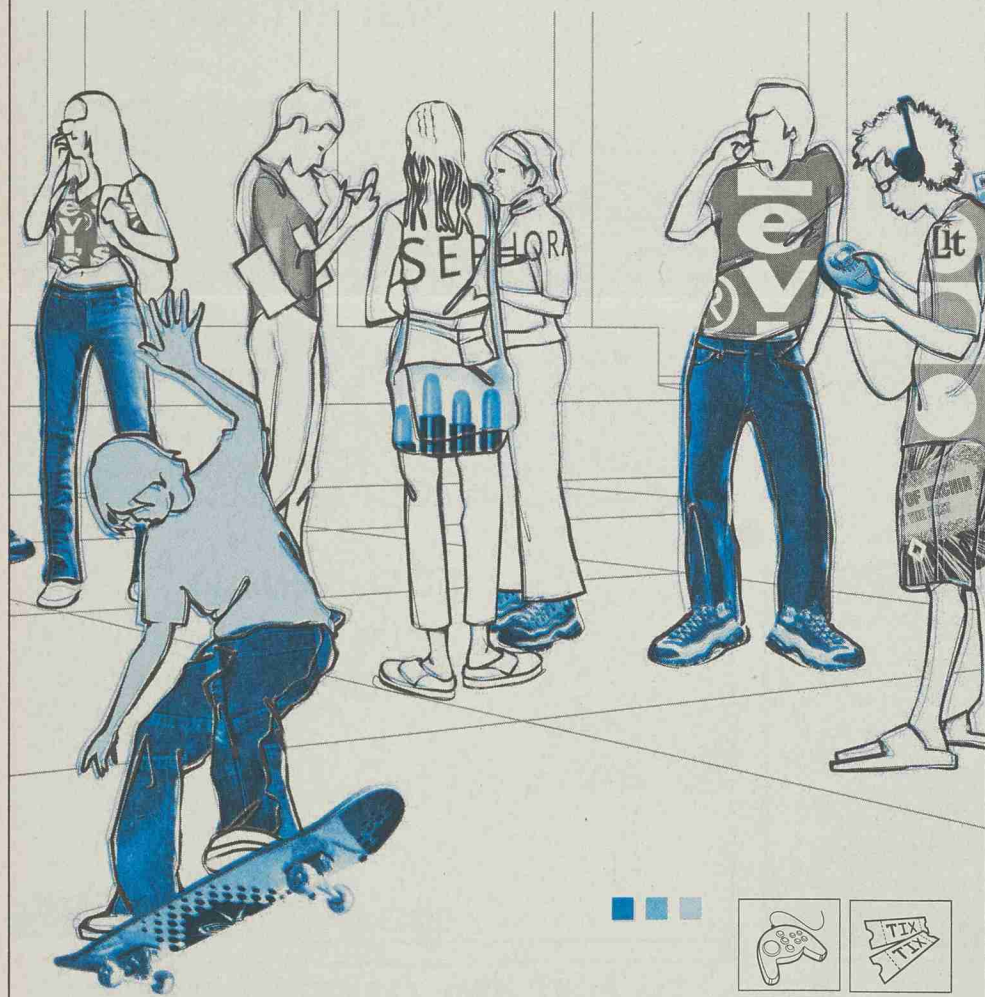
over fences; Caitlin Aukward-5th flat; Michelle Gardner-6th flat; Laura Roten-4th flat

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Wednesday Sports

Schedule

Football @ Maryland, 11/9, noon
M. Basketball vs. One World All Stars, 11/8, 7
M. Soccer vs. Liberty, 11/6, 2
W. Soccer @ ACC Tournament, 11/8

Scores

No games scheduled



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Nobody for Heisman



Matt Middleton

It's early November. The leaves have changed. Baseball season is (finally) over. Carolina fans are desperately looking forward to basketball season. Coaches are beginning to get canned, with the latest victim being Michigan State's Bobby Williams.

Yep, the college football season must be hitting its home stretch — yet there's still no one even remotely resembling a Heisman Trophy runner.

Billboards have been put up. One contender's picture has been plastered on a countryside silo. CD-ROMs, holograms, bobbleheads, Web sites have all been employed. SID departments have brought out all the stops to do anything to promote their star's candidacy for college athletics' most coveted award.

The award in itself takes on a life of its own every year. Before the season even starts we all hear Heisman talk, sometimes it even takes precedent over the discussion as to which team will win the national championship.

The Heisman, in a way, can sometimes be the barometer for which a program is measured. For example, Notre Dame (rightfully) lays claim to having the most illustrious history of any college football program, and the Irish have seven Heisman winners, the most of any school.

The award usually caps off the career of the lucky player, who tries to parlay his collegiate career into success in the NFL. But for every O.J. Simpson, Marcus Allen, Vinny Testaverde or Tim Brown there's two Andre Wares, Rashaan Salaams or Gino Torretas. But no matter how bad they flop in the NFL, they can never have the prestige of possessing one of sports' most coveted awards taken away.

So why in the world does it seem that no one wants to win the trophy this year? What in the name of Eric Crouch is going on here?

For starters, we are seeing that the top teams in the nation are just that — teams. No one individual is going to single-handedly lead a school to the national title. With the emerging trend that one's team must legitimately contend for the national championship in order to win the award (the last two winners have played in the national title game), this is certainly making things a little murky.

Look no further than Oklahoma for a prime example of this. The Sooner defense is the best in the land and almost unrealistically has four guys that should make first-team All-America (Teddy Lehman, Derrick Strait, Brandon Everage and Tommie Harris).

Since it's basically impossible for a full-time defender to win the award, that eliminates that quadruplet, and offensively, the Sooner's prime candidate, tailback Quentin Griffin, was held to a combined 13 yards rushing in two games against Alabama and South Florida.

The early-season front-runner, Michigan State wideout Charles Rogers, has completely fallen off the map since yours truly anointed him the best player in the nation a month ago — but it's not his fault.

Spartan quarterback Jeff Smoker, the third-leading passer in school history, has been suspended indefinitely while he battles substance-abuse problems. Starting running back Dawan Moss has also been kicked off the team. Despite all this, Rogers has over 1,000 yards receiving and is averaging over 20 yards per catch while being double and triple teamed every game.

After a steady season that had him
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State unable to notch first ACC victory

N.C. State has been swept in 20 matches this season.

Jay Kohler

Senior Staff Writer

A change of home venue still was not enough to secure the N.C. State volleyball team a victory this weekend, as the Wolfpack dropped matches against Georgia Tech and Clemson.

State (3-26, 0-11 ACC) played Friday at familiar Reynolds Coliseum against Clemson (15-11, 6-5), and managed to win game two. In the last two games, the Pack's offensive attack slowed, and Clemson took advantage. The Pack's point total steadily dropped, and the Tigers pulled out a victory 30-25, 29-31, 30-15, 30-21. The Pack's Saturday match with Georgia Tech, originally scheduled for Reynolds, was moved to Peace College.

"Against Clemson, we fought a lot harder and we were able to take a game from them, which was an improvement from the last time we played them," said head coach Mary Byrne. "It still comes down to the unforced errors. We're really looking at that and looking at improving that part of our game."

Both Maya Mapp and Adeola Kosoko had 15 kills to lead State. Lindi Sheppard



The N.C. State volleyball team couldn't find the right combinations against Clemson or Georgia Tech. File photo by Andrew Knopp

had 42 assists for State in the losing effort. Lori Ashton, who also tallied 15 kills, led the Tigers. Leslie Finn and Ryane Beasley added 14 more apiece for Clemson.

"We need to continue to return to our mental toughness and work hard out on the court this week in practice," said

Byrne.

At Peace College, the Pack was still unable to notch its first ACC victory, falling to No. 23 Georgia Tech 30-24, 30-13, 30-18. It was State's 25th straight regular-season ACC match.

Senior Rebecca Anderson led State with 14 kills and a .313 attack percentage. Lin-

di Sheppard had 20 assists, and Maya Mapp added 6 kills. Jayme Gergen, Laura Kuhn and Blair Moon all had 10 kills for Georgia Tech (23-5, 9-3) in the winning effort.

"A lot of it is just lack of experience," said Byrne. "It's getting used to the transition to a faster collegiate game, especially with so many young players on the court. What we look for there is that they improve with each match and learn different situational-type things and being able to execute a little better as far as decision making goes."

The Pack must hope to rebound this weekend with important road matches coming at Wake Forest on Friday and at Duke on Saturday. Duke is currently third in the ACC, and Wake Forest is seventh.

"They're both very good teams," said Byrne. "They have a little bit more size and experience than we do but I think that we can win, especially against Wake. We took a game from them the last time we played, and I really think that they're a team that we match up well against."

"We'll go in and play as focused as we can this weekend."

And the team hopes that focus will translate into its first ACC win of the year.

Swimming breaks out the broom

Both the men's and women's swimming and diving teams beat James Madison and UNC-Wilmington last weekend.

Sports staff report

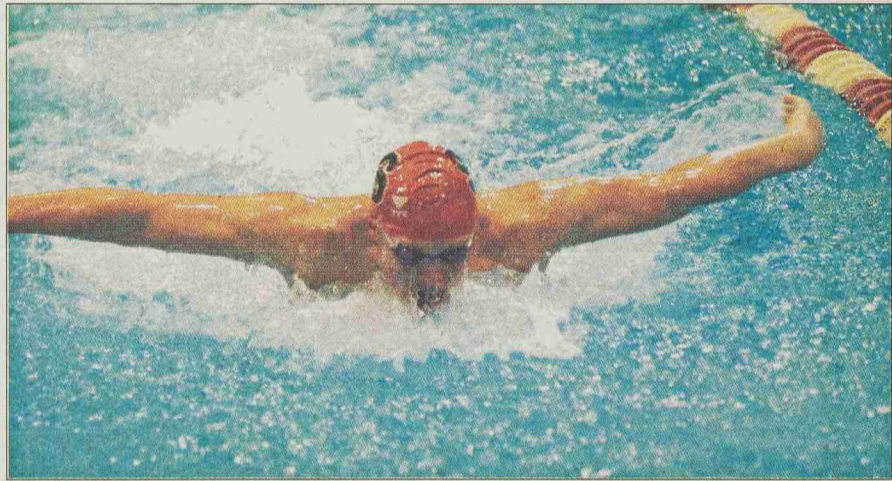
N.C. State downed James Madison and UNC-Wilmington in dual-meet action Saturday at the Willis Casey Aquatics Center. The Pack men defeated the Dukes 62-39 and handed a quality Seahawk team a 71-42 defeat. The Wolfpack women improved to 5-2, winning by a 76-37 margin over the Seahawks and 65-30 win against JMU.

The men took a one-two sweep in the 400-medley relay to open with an early scoring lead. The team of Steven Cowling, Rob Yeager, Scott Dettloff and John Hudson had a season-best time of 3:24.76. Jack Deal had impressive wins in the 500 and 1000 Free, finishing nearly nine seconds quicker than the next competitor in the 1000. Deal's time of 9:26.16 is also a season-best.

Cristian Rojas put together a fine performance in the 200 IM. Despite trailing after the second stroke, Rojas recovered to finish ahead of the entire field. Cowling had a big day for the Pack as a part of two winning relay teams, as well as touching the wall first in the 200 fly.

Freshman diver T.J. Ferguson scored points for the Pack with wins on both the 1-meter and 3-meter boards.

The women had a great day and re-



Both the men's and women's swimming and diving teams swept UNC-Wilmington and James Madison. File photo by Brain Hunt

bounded from back-to-back losses to Maryland and East Carolina. Claire Nicholls continues to be impressive in the 1000 freestyle and picked up her second win of the season. Catherine Parks finished just ahead of two UNC-Wilmington competitors to take a win in the 200 free in a time of 1:55.33.

Jessica Koenig and Karen Burbella are stepping up in the 200 IM this season and finished back-to-back respectively. Koenig holds the team's top time in the event. Laura Cutler looked good in the

200 butterfly and finished nearly 10 seconds ahead of the pack in a time of 2:05.66.

Annamaria Gazda had a time of 2:05.64 in the 200 back, giving her a win as well. Co-captain Caroline Curran continues to improve in the 500 free and posted a personal-best time of 5:04.61 for a win. The Pack got a one-two sweep in the event with Allison Marks finishing in second. Priscilla Humberstone and Lindsay Baskwell finished one and two in the 200 breast.

Wolfpack divers continue to dominate on the boards. Molly Culberson swept the 1-meter and 3-meter events. Erin Bailey finished second on the 3-meter with a score of 287.30 behind Culberson's 311.40. Amber O'Reilly finished second on the 1-meter board with a 285.80.

State will take a week off before heading to Blacksburg, Va., for a meet with Virginia Tech.

Pack closes regular season with win

Lindsey Underwood netted two goals to lead the N.C. State women's soccer team to its 10th win of the year.

Sports staff report

The N.C. State women's soccer team defeated the Virginia Commonwealth Rams 3-2 in its final game of the regular season this past weekend. State improves to 10-7-1 overall, while VCU falls to 12-6-1. The Pack handed the Rams its fifth loss in the past six games.

Sophomore Annika Schmidt kicked off the scoring in the 16th minute when she blasted the ball past Ram goalie Chrissy Lloyd from 18 yards out. Adrienne Barnes and freshman Lindsey DeLorenze recorded assists on the goal. Junior Lindsey Underwood added to the Pack lead in the 23rd minute off a Ram

turnover.

Sophomore Jen Parsons pulled the Rams within one just over a minute later. Parsons took a pass from freshman Sandra Anger and pushed the ball past Wolfpack netminder Gretchen Lear.

Parsons, the Rams' leading scorer, notched her second goal of the match and tied the game in the 68th minute. Parsons collected a pass from junior Leah Robinson and fired a shot on the Pack net for her 16th goal of the season.

With the score knotted at two, State senior Lauren Bendahan set up for a corner kick with less than five minutes to play. Bendahan placed her kick perfectly in front of the Ram net. Underwood headed the ball past goalie Brandie Malizia for the score.

State kept VCU at bay for the remainder of the game, not allowing the Rams a shot or a chance to tie the game.

The Pack has been preparing all week for the ACC conference tournament Tallahassee, Fla., which begins tomorrow. The Pack is seeded No. 7 and will face Clemson in the first round. The Tigers defeated the Pack 2-0 earlier in the year in Raleigh.

Overall, the Wolfpack is 3-7-3 against Clemson. In 1998, the Pack lost in the first round to the Tigers 4-1.

The Pack's regular season highlights include a No. 18 rank from Soccer America after a 2-1 victory over No. 1 North Carolina. In total, State went 2-2-1 against ranked opponents. In addition to UNC, the Wolfpack defeated No. 23 Maryland 2-1 in double-overtime. The tie came against No. 7 Wake Forest, as the match ended at 1-1. Finally, the squad's two losses came against No. 21 Florida State with a score of 5-1 and No. 17 Clemson, 2-0.



Erin Bushey and State finished seventh in the tough ACC. File photo by Josh Michel

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