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## Police target Brent Road

Thushan Amarasiwardena  
Staff Reporter

Raleigh Police will be out in force this weekend to curb parties such as Brent Road or any other large first-weekend gatherings that would fall under the Raleigh Nuisance Party Ordinance.

"Raleigh is prepared to handle not just Brent Road - we will be fluid enough to respond anywhere," said Campus Police Sergeant Jon Barnwell.

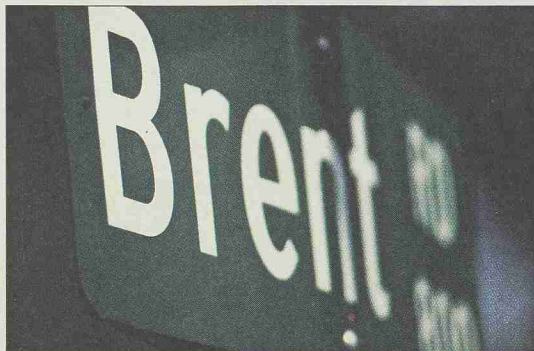
Now in effect for its fourth year, the Nuisance Party Ordinance has deterred large back-to-school parties, like Brent Road with crowds as large as 5,000 in 1999.

Although the annual gathering has waned in size, Raleigh Police have warned that they will continue to have the adequate staffing power necessary to stop any violation of ordinance laws.

Luke Wind, a senior in civil engineering, said he thinks the city police's crackdown on gatherings, such as Brent Road, has gotten out of hand. "It's ridiculous that they won't let college people do what normal college people do, when bigger issues are at hand [for the police to take care of]."

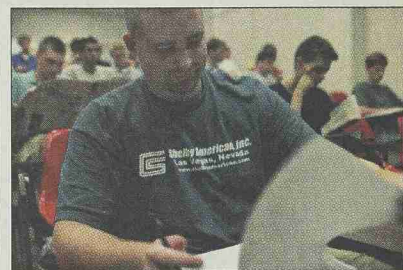
Raleigh Police Officer R.D. Bowen

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## Enrollment brings 3,859 freshmen



JAMES FARLOW/TECHNICIAN

Jimmy Williams, a senior in electrical engineering, prepares for thermodynamics on Thursday in Broughton. This class was held in one of the largest classrooms in Broughton and was almost filled.

Undergraduate Admissions leader says the university is capable of supporting more N.C. students.

A. Michelle McLean  
Staff Reporter

Walking around campus, there are several changes such as repairs to various dorms and buildings, modifications in bus routes and larger class sizes. The biggest difference is the number of students on campus.

There are more students around because the enrollment is up at N.C. State, mainly due to in-state freshmen.

Thomas Griffin, Director of Undergraduate Admissions, said, "[NCSU] anticipated having 3,859 new freshmen to commit to enrollment," compared to 3,626 freshmen last year.

Griffin further explained the number of new freshmen expected and planned to enroll is not the same as the actual number of freshmen. The freshman class along with the remaining student body makes the final count on the university census day, the tenth day of classes. Furthermore, changes in student numbers are the result of several reasons including student withdrawal and changes of plans.

Budget and enrollment projections are set during a planning cycle of every two years. Those plans are made and given to the president of the UNC System. At certain times of the

year, particularly midyear, adjustments to the previously set provisions are pondered and discussed.

After plans have been enforced, the goal is to prepare, maintain and support those plans and to meet the target agreed upon. If those budget and enrollment plans are not fulfilled, the proper service to those in the student body is sacrificed. "The budget, moreover, is based on what is planned for," said Griffin.

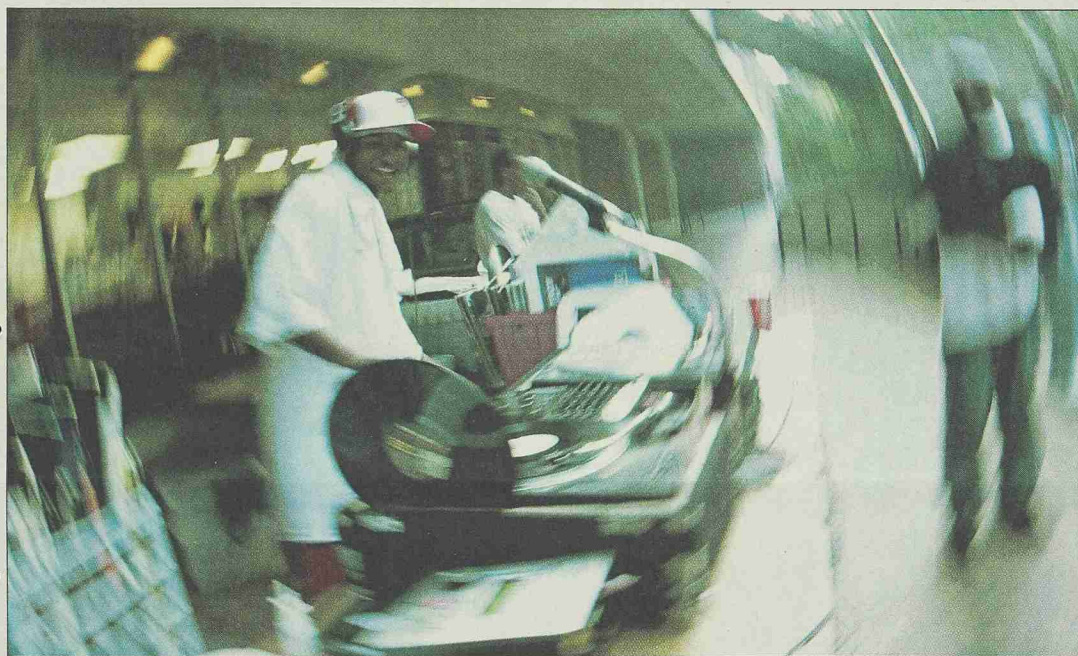
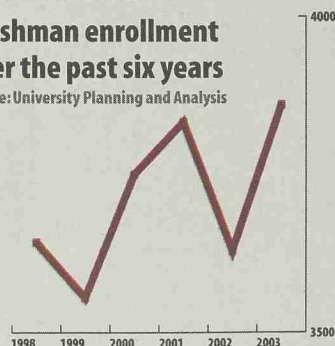
Griffin also elaborated that the major disadvantage in this situation is the "conflict between serving more students and [available funding], partially as a result of North Carolina's budget crisis," Griffin said. "We're able to serve more North Carolina students. Bringing in more students gets us closer [to carrying out] our purpose [which is] to serve."

On a national level, the enrollment trend such as the enrollment hike seen at NCSU is projected to continue for several years, according to Griffin. "This is because of an increase in high school graduates all over, not just North Carolina," said Griffin. "North Carolina is an in-migration state and the increase in enrollment is very likely to continue," said Griffin.

The NCSU enrollment trends are determined by a board consisting of the provost and deans. They devise enrollment plans for the next academic year as well as for years to come.

### Freshman enrollment over the past six years

Source: University Planning and Analysis



ERICA TUERS/TECHNICIAN

Spin-cycle DJ 'Lil' D, a senior in industrial engineering, spins outside of Talley at the Back to School Bash on Thursday.

## Changes in store for campus parking

The transportation department made changes to parking zones, permits and prices for the new school year.

Mary Garrison  
Staff Reporter

With rising enrollment throughout the years, N.C. State Transportation has been forced to constantly make changes to accommodate its students' parking needs.

Sophomore Dana McKinney describes parking as, "harsh, simply because I have to park in varsity lot and catch the bus to my

car." When McKinney was asked how she felt about the extended enforcement hours of certain parking areas, she replied, "That only creates more of a hassle ... What if you want to leave and go out, or park somewhere else after 5:00?"

This year NCSU Transportation has four main goals in mind for the school year. Among those goals include minimizing the number of parking permit types, zoning the Reynolds Coliseum deck spaces properly, and maintaining consistency between cost and service levels of parking

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## Homecoming celebrates State



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Homecoming parade last year.

Rachael Rogers  
Senior Staff Reporter

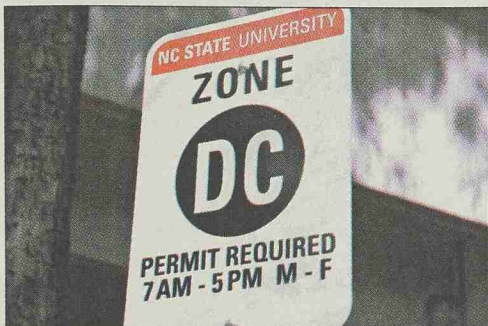
Each year students, faculty, staff and alumni join together in a week's worth of activities that culminate into a Saturday Homecoming football game. Homecoming represents an opportunity to celebrate everything that is N.C. State.

The Alumni Association and a Homecoming Committee made up of Alumni Association student ambassadors, who help with the planning and implementation of Alumni Association events and

Homecoming, put Homecoming on each year. This year's student Homecoming chair is Jonathan Greene, a senior in construction engineering and management.

"Through the student committee we try to bring together groups from all over campus to represent all students instead of having Homecoming planning and resources broken. We want to bring together those plans and resources into one concentrated effort," said Brooklyn Winters, coordinator of Homecoming for the Alumni As-

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LINDSAY McDONALD/TECHNICIAN

The coliseum deck has recently changed the designation of some spaces from D to DC.

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permits. As of April 2003, the Reynolds Coliseum Deck has been undergoing some major expansion. The construction is almost complete, and the 1,030 additional spaces in the deck will be labeled DC. The additional spaces in the deck will allow more students to park in the lot, thus, reducing overall traffic throughout East Campus.

Greg Cain, associate director of transportation, said, "The deck is not complete yet -- it was ready to complete inspection last week to open up early for the school year. The workers have been outstanding in spite of the rain. The deck won't be fully complete until October." Though the deck is reserved initially for students, staff members are permitted to park in the deck as well.

Kathy Mebane, an NCSU computer consultant, describes campus parking as "a bad situation with no easy answers." Mebane doesn't even drive her own car when coming to and from work.

"I don't drive because of parking, I just get a ride, and when my customers need computers, I drive the [NCSU employee] van," she said.

To be more efficient for East Campus residents, over 130 spaces on Cates Avenue have been changed from DC to DE. The change makes the spaces more available to on-campus residents.

Also, to ensure better parking

during sporting events, the spaces directly in front of the coliseum will be changed to C. This will allow team buses to park directly in front of the building and improve the flow of traffic throughout those events. The coliseum deck will also be available for sporting events.

In next year's parking policies one constant goal is to create more consistency between cost and service level within the parking areas. F parking spots at the Avert Ferry complex will now stop permit enforcement at 5 p.m., making it consistent with F parking spaces around campus.

The increased level of service in DW, N, and DE parking areas is now reflected by the six-percent increase in cost; the permits formerly costing \$223 are now \$236. The permit enforcement will continue until 12 p.m. in order to keep residential users' spaces protected.

Spaces on Jeter Drive have been changed from BP to C and the price of the parking permit has been reduced from \$300 to \$275. The change is part of the effort to re-establish consistency with parking cost. Permit enforcement does not continue after 5 p.m. in the area. The parking permits, which cost \$300, include permit enforcement up until 12 midnight.

To minimize the number of permit types, RA parking permits are eliminated. Resident Advisors are now assigned permits appropriate to their residence. They will become DE, DW, N, or F types, according to their areas of residence.

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counters that notion among students. "We're not patrolling for parties. Parties are not illegal. Nuisance parties are."

The Nuisance Party Ordinance, which defines these violations, ranges from public drunkenness to the destruction of private or public property.

Campus Police Deputy Director John Dailey also agrees, suggesting that students use discretion and restraint when partying. "We understand that [students] are getting back together again -- they just need to be good neighbors."

Bowen's precinct, which stretches from Buck Jones Rd. to Six Forks Rd., covers much of the N.C. State off-campus community and is where a great deal of the Nuisance Party Ordinance violations occur. Seventy percent of the complaints that occur in that region, according to Bowen, come from NCSU students.

"We have to go on complaints," said Bowen, however "if a police officer is driving and sees something [violating the ordinance or any other law] he will have to act."

Violations of this ordinance can be found against both the occupants of households where a "nuisance party" occurs, to those attending it, where citations can be made immediately or afterwards according to Bowen.

Since a violation of the ordinance is a misdemeanor, police can make arrests on site. Usually however, the process after an ordinance violation is similar to that of a traffic violation.

The officer sets a mandatory appearance date in court, where the judge will ask the defendant if they are guilty or innocent. If the defendant pleads guilty, a judge could set a fine from a \$100 and up. If the defendant pleads innocent, a trial will be set according to Bowen.

Campus Police Captain Joseph W. Goodrow notes, "If you're cooperative, you'll probably just receive a citation to appear in court."

While students go through the county court system, they may also be processed on campus as well.

Paul Cousins, director of the office of Student Conduct, said that often a campus appearance ticket will be issued for off-campus violations as well.

The two most common violations coming to his desk surround alcohol, be it underage or open container.

Students will often question the university's authority to handle off-campus activities; however, if there is an "intersection" of their off-campus behavior and the university, the Code of Student Conduct allows the university to enter according to Cousins.

The Office of Student Conduct saw less than 12 cases directly related to Brent Road last year, down from an upwards of a hundred in years before, according to Cousins.

After a student's hearing with Cousins, they will often go through an alcohol education program. "Our goal is to change behavior," said Cousins.

The programs use reading and writing assignments designed to force students to think about their situation.

This assessment process is a departure from years past where often students were sent to do community service on campus. Students however "continued to avoid responsibility [with that system]," said Cousins.

On a second violation, a parental notification is made. On a third and final violation, Cousins defers to a "three strikes - you're out," policy.

"Whole rationale for this is that students must be good neighbors," said Goodrow. "It's part of the whole socialization aspect of university ... you're not only there to learn academics."

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sociation. Throughout the week there are many activities that student organizations, individual students and alumni can get involved in.

Many of the events that take place during Homecoming week are longstanding NCSU traditions, while other events were created in recent years. During the week students will be able to participate in events such as "Wear Red, Get Fed." The idea of this event is to get students involved and show their spirit, as well as get local businesses involved to provide prizes and incentives for students to participate.

Another tradition that will show up again is the banner contest. This is a "tradition that dates back to the 1980s to encourage students to display banners in support and celebration of N.C. State," said Winters.

Various student groups around campus are encouraged to create banners for this event.

These traditions and others all culminate in a parade and pep rally on Friday, according to Winters. This is the third year that the parade has been brought back and the hope is that it will eventually be large enough to move to Hillsborough Street next year.

"We have received feedback from students and alumni that they'd like it to be on Hillsborough Street, but in order for that to happen we have to make it large and get students and the community involved. So, it's important that people get involved in the Homecoming activities," Winters said.

The pep rally will also be moving to a larger venue this year, from Harris Field to (tentatively) Derr Track. The last big event will be the "Pack Howl Concert," which has been held at Ri-Ra the last two years.

"We'd like to move it on campus. This year it will be larger with a much more well known group -- Lonestar," Winters said.

Other traditional activities will take place on game day such as the Leader of the Pack award Greek awards, the Caldwell Cup and the NPHC Chapters of the Year award. There will be a performance by the marching band alumni, and the winners of the banner contest will also be announced.

Besides making sure all of these events go over well, one major goal for Homecoming will be to see it become an even more instilled and larger tradition at NCSU. "Since the creation of the student Homecoming chair and the common bond between sponsors such as UAB, Student Government, NCSU Athletics,

Bank One and the Alumni Association, there has been a common goal and vision," Winters said.

"Homecoming is important this year and there has been so much effort on many people's part because we're trying to instill a tradition, and create an opportunity for students to get involved in fun events on campus. We want everyone involved with N.C. State," Greene said.

This year the group is focusing on having actual floats in the parade to get more people involved and make the event larger. They are encouraging and providing help for organizations to build floats.

"This is going to be a Homecoming we haven't seen in a long time. This is going to be awesome but it's still a stepping-stone for where we envision the event to be in the future. We want a much more high caliber parade, more bands," said Greene.

In the future, groups such as the Homecoming Committee, the Alumni Association and the sponsors, along with student participation, can create a Homecoming known to all as a great tradition at NCSU. "The Homecoming Committee as a whole has made great efforts," said Greene.

This year's Homecoming will run from September 15-20 and looks to be a great celebration. Many people have been working since April, throughout the summer holidays and even as we speak, to make sure that Homecoming goes over smoothly, provides a great opportunity for everyone to celebrate NCSU and continues years of traditions that alumni remember fondly.

**Raleigh Nuisance Party Ordinance**

(A) DEFINITION

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duct, or results in any immoral exhibition or indecent exposure by persons at the gathering.

(B) Any person being the owner, occupant, tenant, or otherwise having any possessory control of any degree of any premises who either sponsors, conducts, hosts, invites, suffers, permits, or continues to allow a gathering to continue which is or becomes a nuisance as described in subsection (a) above is in violation of this section and may be punished by any of the criminal or civil enforcement penalties available to municipalities. Any person attending a nuisance party is also in violation of this section.

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## Notes from abroad...

Three Technician columnists pack their bags and take you along for the ride for a semester abroad.

Far removed from the congestion of Dan Allen Drive, the bustle of the Brickyard and the confusion on the ground floors of Tompkins Hall, some N.C. State students will be navigating a new country in addition to new classes this semester.

They'll come from every college but they'll end up miles away from the only campus that most have known. For the 400 or so students that choose to study abroad from NCSU each

year, a semester away is a chance to pick up a new language, a new culture or a new lease on life while picking up more classes.

This year, Technician will follow three of these students on their adventures in Europe from their final thoughts before their departure to their arrival home. Here's a look at the columnists that will be sending back their "notes from abroad."

### England

John Willis  
Junior, biochemistry

#### Where will you be studying?

Lancaster University: Lancaster, England

#### So, why England?

I chose England because of its historical importance in our country and its proximity to so many other countries in Europe where I hope to travel.

#### Anything you're afraid of?

The process of getting there mostly - flying and airports and then actually getting to the university in England.

#### What will you miss the most?

I'll miss my friends, family, dog and girlfriend the most. I think that I will also miss the smaller comforts I'm accustomed to - having the food I eat, the ability to drive where I want and just our culture in general.

#### What's the one place you can't wait to see?

The Alps

### France

Callan Palmer  
Senior, French and history

#### Where will you be studying?

University of Paul Valéry: Montpellier, France

#### So, why France?

Thank God for European men.

#### Anything you're afraid of?

1) That I'll gain weight.  
2) That I won't be able to order a cosmopolitan. ("Where the liquor? Give me the liquor?")

#### What will you miss the most?

My cats. And this sexy new guy that I'm dating.

#### What's the one place you can't wait to see?

La Jaconde.

### Spain

Katy Bishop  
Junior, communications and Spanish

#### Where will you be studying?

Universidad de Cantabria: Santander, Spain

#### So, why Spain?

I'm a Spanish major and want to be immersed in the culture and practice my Spanish.

#### Anything you're afraid of?

Encountering an emergency and not being able to communicate adequately.

#### What will you miss the most?

My best friends and American food.

#### What's the one place you can't wait to see?

The Spanish beaches and the island of Ibiza.

## The PULSE

What's going on in Raleigh this weekend.

### Friday

"Friday Fest Reloaded" takes place at the North Plaza behind Talley Student Center. Featuring performances from The Cherry Valence, The Greatest Hits and The Nein, the event will also feature carnival style food, an obstacle course and a Foam Party. Oh, and it's free, too.

"Dinner at Eight" will start at 8 p.m. in Stewart Theatre.

"And Now ... Ladies and Gentlemen," "Owning Mahowny," "Marci X," "The Medallion," "Dirty Pretty Things" and "My Boss's Daughter" open at local cinemas.

Athenaeum plays at Cat's Cradle with The Clear and One Year Later.

Tift Merritt plays Lincoln Theatre with Chatham Co. Line.

The Pink Slips, Nut Magnets and Smmmm play Kings Barcade.

Steep Canyon Rangers will play at the Pour House.

### Saturday

"Bruce Almighty" and "The Matrix Reloaded" will play at the Campus Cinema.

The final performance of "Dinner at Eight" will take place in Stewart Theatre at 8 p.m.

Big Sandy and his Fly-Rite Boys play Cat's Cradle.

Led Zeppelin tribute band ZOSO plays Lincoln Theatre.

Kings Barcade will host Party of Helicopters and The Kick Ass. 42nd Street Oyster Bar welcomes Lil' Dave Howlin' Blues Band.

Taylor Roberts will play Six String Cafe with Dean Fields.

### Sunday

"Bruce Almighty" will play at the Campus Cinema.

Jason Mraz performs at Disco Rodeo with Sondra Lerche.

Don't forget to do your homework!

\* Italicized events will be held on campus.

## “OVERHEARD”

Are you going to Brent Road this weekend?



"Probably, I'm planning on at least walking by because I live at Kaplan and Gorman."

- Mike Flynn, Senior computer engineering

## Rule of thumb



### Ten Commandments removed from court

Alabama Chief Justice Roy Moore lost a down-to-the-wire appeal to the Supreme Court to save a 5,300-pound, granite Ten Commandments monument he had put in a judicial building. After the high court's rejection, Moore didn't even bother to ask about the monument in the bathroom dedicated to the Beautitudes.



### Porn in government

One of the 135 candidates running for governor in California, porn actress Mary Carey, offered to go on a date with anyone giving more than \$5,000 to her campaign. Those who spend over \$10,000 get a free tote bag and those who spend over \$20,000 end up needing a blood test the next day.



### Rangers win eighth straight

Wednesday night, R.A. Dickey threw his first major league shutout, allowing the Texas Rangers to beat the Detroit Tigers and win their eighth straight game. In other news, Satan was seen in Old Navy buying several sweaters.



### Ashcroft protects Patriot Act

Attorney General John Ashcroft warned Tuesday that removing the law that boosted law enforcement powers since September 11, 2001 would endanger the lives of Americans. "Things could go from sky blue to thistle in a matter of days. We'll be chartreuse in a month!" he said.



### AOL permitted streaming video

AOL Time Warner won permission from communications regulators to offer advanced instant messaging this week. Options like live streaming video will now be offered through AOL Instant Messenger. Worldwide, people avoiding reality rejoiced.



### Heart attacks not genetic

Two studies released Wednesday suggest that heart attacks are caused by neither bad genes or bad luck. The studies say that four risk factors cause heart attacks: smoking, diabetes, high cholesterol and high blood pressure. Hypertensive diabetics quickly extinguished their Pall Malls and put down their Big Macs.



### California economic plans re-leased

Candidates Arnold Schwarzenegger and Peter Ueberroth laid out plans for economic recovery in California Wednesday after a judge rejected an attempt to delay voting. Former baseball commissioner Ueberroth simply said, "I have never played Mr. Freeze in a movie. Vote for me."



### Viruses and worms attack PCs

Internet worms have yet to stop attacking computers this week. One such bug, called Sobig.F, aimed at turning computers into spam machines. Computer users everywhere are irritated except for one man in Topeka who has trouble making his mortgage payments and feels very inadequate.



### Billy Crystal to write kid's books

Actor/Comedian Billy Crystal is going to try his hand at writing children's books, HarperCollins Children's Books announced Thursday. The first, about children and grandparents is "I Already Know I Love You." The second has the working title, "Mommy and Daddy Cried After Paying to See Analyze That."



### Birthing panda worries zoo

A giant panda at the San Diego Zoo shows no sign of birthing a second of two cubs. Twins are normally born within 12 hours

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## NO LOVE FOR BUS SYSTEM

N.C. State has always taken very good care of their off-campus students. They have provided and maintained a dependable bus system that allows students to avoid the hassles of parking and carpool to get to their classes. However, the Wolfline, N.C. State's bus system, is a work in progress. Every year at least one of the routes is changed to better accommodate students, and these changes are usually for our benefit. But N.C. State has an obligation to inform their Wolfline riders that changes are coming because some students may not have the foresight to look at the transportation Web site or request a bus route guide before their first day of class to ensure that their bus ride will go as planned.

Hence the predicament that occurred for many students on Wednesday. Some students went out to their Wolfline stops only to find a bus coming their way that had a different name. Other students got on their regular bus but discovered that their route was either longer or shorter

than the one that they remembered from last year.

The process of transporting students from Avent Ferry, Gorman, and Fraternity Court apartments and houses to campus has been an ongoing trial for Transportation Services. In two years the system has changed three times, but the current method may be the solution for off-campus students. The Avent Ferry bus now accurately covers only campus and Avent Ferry Road, and the newly named Fraternity Court bus mainly services its namesake and Gorman Street. If these routes are performed in a timely and spaced out fashion then students should have no problem making it back and forth to campus with only a modicum of inconvenience.

But once again this year the Wolfline has been off schedule with buses coming in clumps to their stops instead of the promised 10-minute intervals that the most used routes advertise, and the new changes are only now coming

to light outside of the transportation Web site, the larger bus stops and their list-serve. At the least, all of the major bus stops should have included some kind of signage that alerted students to the new changes other than their route poster, and the buses should also have included eye-catching signs that would have warned students that there had been changes.

N.C. State has the largest student population of any university in North Carolina. With a student body that huge, the university needs to ensure that all students have all the information they need to get to their classes on time. If that means sending out a university wide e-mail that there are bus changes then so be it. For now every student should be advised that they need to put their name on the Wolfline's list-serve because it is very likely that the bus routes will only continue changing as N.C. State tries to contend with its growing student community.

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## Christian Democrat?

Many people believe that most Christians are conservatives, but Abbie Byrom proves that she cannot be classified by stereotypes.

A question that has been plaguing me recently is whether or not it is possible to be a Christian and a Democrat at the same time. Rather, is it possible to identify with either the Republican or Democratic party's political platforms, while still holding your religious values close to heart?



**Abbie Byrom**  
 Senior Columnist

Often, when in political conversations with friends I am asked if I am Democrat or Republican and why. I always respond with "I am in the middle, straddling the fence." I do not claim loyalty to either party, and I like to consider myself somewhat liberal. The religion questions usually follow suit.

Because I agree with more Democratic principles than I do Republican, I am questioned as to how I can claim to be a Christian, while supporting certain civil issues that are political platforms for the Democratic National Committee (DNC). At the same time, I wonder how certain Republicans can claim to be Christians as well. To be clear, the issues I support on the Democratic ticket, among others, are gay rights and freedom of choice. I realize, that this may be my last column ever for Technician because some right wing activist is surely going to take great offense to my statements and hunt me down. I might as well make sure I piss off more than one person so my death is warranted.

Because I support these two issues, the validity of my faith is often questioned. Why wouldn't I be able to be a Democrat and still Christian?

True, the pillars of Christianity and the Bible are against abortion in any form, and homosexuality is considered a sin; I don't pretend that these aren't tenets of the Christian faith.

Concerning abortion, I am a firm believer that rape is just cause for an abortion. Enacting legislation supported by many Republicans that forces a raped woman to carry a child to term is a cruel thing to do to the people involved; No one deserves a daily reminder of a crime like rape. However, I in no way support abortion as a method of birth control. If you are old enough and feel mature enough to have sex, then you are old enough and mature enough to deal with the consequences if you are not responsible.

My thoughts on gay rights are simple: Let he who has not sinned throw the first stone. I have no right to infringe on the rights of someone else and dictate with whom and how they

should handle their romantic relationships.

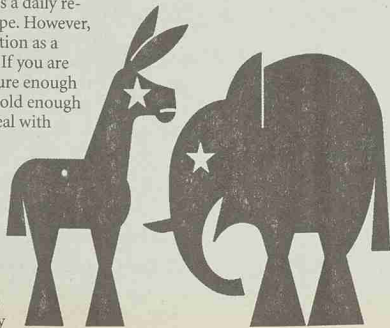
I may not agree with it, but I don't have to in order to live peacefully with my gay neighbor or classmate or teacher or friend.

For this same reason, I do not see why we need laws banning gay marriages in some states or not allowing a couple to share the same name. It seems to me, that by telling a couple in a same sex relationship that they cannot be married, or have certain rights is the same as saying they are not as human as everyone else. I believe legislation designed to prevent gay marriages and interracial marriages alienate citizens and liken them to a lesser being. This is certainly not Christian.

Although the DNC platform supports and promotes certain issues that conflict with my religious beliefs, I believe that picking a political party while still remaining true to your own religious values is akin to picking the lesser of two evils. Although historically Republicans have been the conservative, family values, church going party in politics, it was only a year ago that they blocked hate crime legislation in the Senate. I feel sure that most church going Republicans would agree that blocking the legislation to make hate crimes a federal offense is not necessarily in line with their Christian values.

My point is only that it is impossible to remain a devout Christian while also being in the forefront of political issues because a person's religious values will definitely get compromised for the politics. No one is a perfect Christian and every day we have to make decisions that reflect what type of values we have. Politicians have to compromise their religious beliefs daily because they represent all of America, not just their religious constituency. Therefore, they have to make sacrifices in some areas and not in others in order to govern fairly--such as allowing gay rights and abortion. I am a Christian, but I realize that we are all human, and we all deserve fair treatment; so yes, you can be a Democrat and a Christian. You just have to pick and choose your battles.

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## As long as there is doubt

Is it time for North Carolina to review why there are so many doubts about putting men and women to death for their crimes? Ben Kraudel gives his case for why we need a moratorium on the death penalty.

It is two in the afternoon on Thursday and I am sitting down to write this week's column. Eighteen hours from now, people will start reading it. They will get their coffee and their bagel sandwich, or they'll be sitting in the back of some classroom pretending to listen and that is when they will open the paper. They'll yawn loudly, go from the headline to the catchy sentence



**Ben Kraudel**  
 Senior Columnist

that says what this column is about and read this first paragraph with a raised eyebrow and a cold curiosity.

Twelve hours from when I sat down to write this column, a man either died or he lived. At 2 a.m. on Friday, the state made a decision one way or the other. When I'm writing this column, I do not know what that decision is going to be, but I have a feeling that the decision will not be in William Quentin Jones' favor. Jones sat in a courtroom 15 years ago and told a jury that if they were to kill him, he would accept his fate. He was a teenager and he had killed Edward Pierre Peebles while trying to rob a convenience store. Peebles had just been stopping in to get a cup of coffee before he was shot and killed in cold blood.

Jones does not dispute that he killed Peebles. Even after fifteen years on death row, he still accepts the verdict and is determined to face death without fear. He is a guilty man who refuses to put his head down until his time here is done.

His last hope is Governor Mike Ea-

slay. But the basic truth still remains, 12 hours from when I write this column and six hours before the first people read it, William Quentin Jones is either dead or alive.

North Carolina is one of several states that is currently considering a moratorium on the death penalty. Right now, officials and citizens alike throughout the state have said that there needs to be much more thought

**"This man knows what it is to have a wasted life, knows what it is to spend every day over the age of 19 in a caged box. He knows what it is to be dead and alive at the same time."**

put into the effectiveness of the death penalty.

As long as our society has doubts, as long as there is a chance that innocent men and women are killed, as long as we stay unsure, we should not even put anyone near the room where the state purposefully sends more people in than are intended to come out.

As long as there is doubt in the system, Governor Easley should suspend the death penalty from being enacted in North Carolina. Until a decision is made to either enact life sentences on those on death row or to continue the system without question, we should not allow lives to hang in the balance.

While it is no surprise that those on death row are not in favor of the

death penalty, William Jones has resigned himself to his fate. He is ready to die, and ready to ask forgiveness at whatever junction he finds at the end of his life. Yet he still says, "How can you punish me with the same punishment that I gave out?" This man knows what it is to have a wasted life, knows what it is to spend every day over the age of 19 in a caged box with those you love crying shameful tears when they speak to you through a piece of Plexiglas. He knows what it is to be dead and alive at the same time.

Jones still does not know why he committed his crime. He was using drugs and alcohol in excess and he had just lost contact with his alcoholic mother, then moved to Raleigh to be near his father, an abusive, paranoid schizophrenic. "I've been through so many things before I was even 18 years of age," Jones said. "I have experienced more pain and heartache than the average man who lives to be 80. I have traveled down pathways that I would wish upon no one."

Jones prays for the Peebles family five times daily. "I ask that his family be blessed and provided for now and in the hereafter." William Quentin Jones is going to be either dead or alive come dawn tomorrow. It is not a movie. It is not TV. The state is going to take his life and then look for who is next. It will continue to be done this way until something changes, until someone finds a better way.

By the time you reach this sentence, you will have finished your coffee and started your day, while William Quentin Jones is six hours past his state-set life expectancy.

**Ben would love for you to write him at viewpoint@technicianstaff.com if you have anything you'd like to say about his column.**

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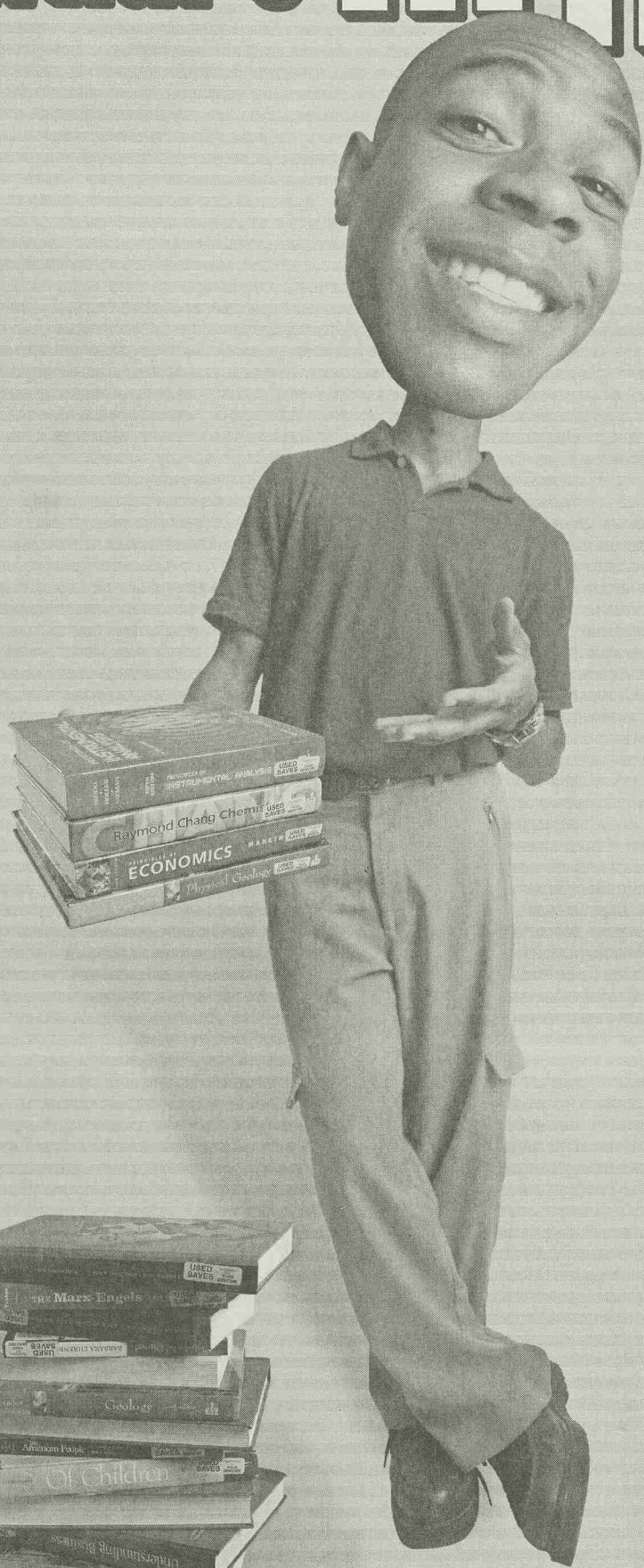
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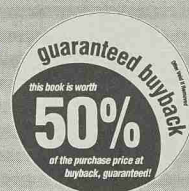
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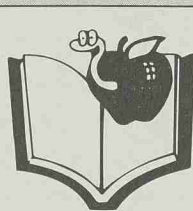
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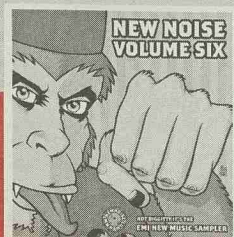
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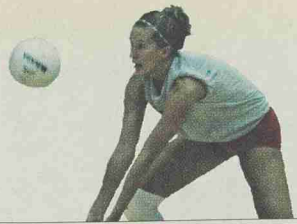
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 Volleyball @ Western N.Y. Tournament, 8/29-30  
 Cross country @ adidas Invitational, 9/13

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## Keeping it 'Posi'

Murder, alleged sexual assault and conspiracies. No, that's not a partial list of the seven deadly sins, or even the basis of a new reality show on Fox.



Austin Johnson  
Staff Writer

Thanks to Kobe Bryant, Randal Simon and the program formally know as Baylor basketball, that's a short list of what's gone wrong in sports this summer. But there has been plenty of attention focused on what has gone wrong in the sports world over the past few months. I'd like to put that aside and focus on the positive things that happened - the kind of things that remind me why I follow sports in the first place.

**Dontrelle Willis** - Exactly what baseball needed this season. He's young, exciting and really, really good. Combine that with a funky delivery that baffles hitters and you have what the people in south Florida call Dontrellemania.

Not only has he brought life back into the Marlins and helped put them in the wild card race, he's rejuvenated interest in baseball across the country. It's at this point that I'd like to point out my Cubbies traded him away for all six fingers of Antonio Alfonseca.

**The Nobodies** - Here is a list of the winners of the four major championships on the PGA tour this year: Mike Weir, Jim Furyk, Ben Curtis and Shaun Micheel. If you had heard of more than half of these people before this year, you know way too much about golf.

All four of them had to overcome huge obstacles to etch their names into golfing history. Ben Curtis won despite playing in his first ever major, Shaun Micheel won despite having a name no one can spell, Jim Furyk won despite being incredibly boring and most impressive of all - Mike Weir won despite being Canadian.

**LLWS** - That's the Little League World Series. Every year I love watching these 12-year-olds play their hearts out on the biggest stage most of them will ever see. It reminds you that sports are supposed to be fun, and for these kids, it is.

There are times when I would rather watch these games than a major league contest for nothing other than the interviews. After belting three home runs the previous night, Corey Bernard of Chandler, Ariz. was asked by an ESPN reporter if he had any game day rituals. His response, "I eat Cinnamon Toast Crunch every morning." The new breakfast of champions perhaps?

**Allen Iverson** - Wait a minute, this seems out of context. A guy known mostly for brushes with the police, tattoos, cornrows and bad rap music is on a list of positive things in sports? Obviously you haven't met the new Olympic basketball player Allen Iverson. He practically had to beg to get on the team because he doesn't exactly fit "role model" status, but no one is more deserving than this guy.

He's lived the "American dream" by becoming a superstar in a sport he was too small and too scrawny to play. Iverson said it best himself when he commented that he represents everyone in the country who has

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# Preseason approaches end zone

Now that classes have started and two-a-days are over, Technician reflects on the first 20-plus practices of football season and even hands out a few awards.

## Jon Page

Senior Staff Writer

Using every biometric statistic that can be measured, weighed or calculated, the N.C. State coaching staff evaluates every single football player near the completion of spring practice. Coaches poke, prod, push and pull at their players with all the attention and scrutiny of a state fair livestock judge.

However, there's no blue ribbon at stake. Instead, players compete to earn any of a wide array of prestigious honors such as Most Improved or Most Dependable.

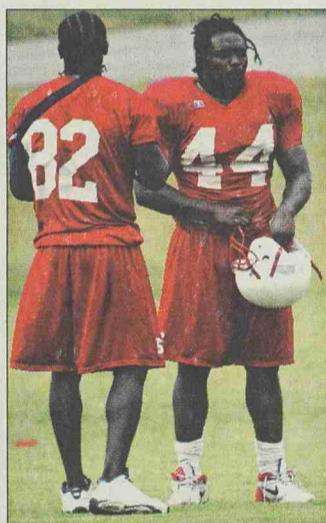
But where are the awards for fall practice?

Who improved the most between Aug. 5 and now?

Who sweats the most?

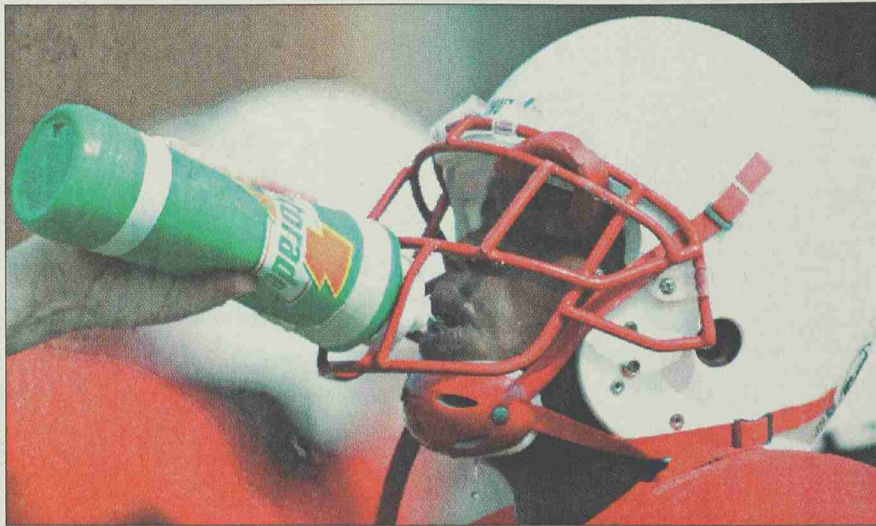
When former Wolfpack All-American Johnny Evans stopped by practice with popsicles, who ate the most?

Apparently, the coaching staff doesn't see the need to present players with awards two weeks before the season starts, nor do they record stats for popsicle consumption. Therefore, consider these superlatives the awards of fall practice.



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Jerricho Cotchery (left) and T.A. McLendon, two of the Wolfpack's preseason casualties, chat during a recent practice.



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Richard Washington (above) cools off with a drink of water at practice. The freshman is expected to bolster the wide receiving core immediately with his speed and quickness.

**Biggest question mark:** Tie between placekicker and the defensive line.

Neither Adam Kiker nor John Deraney has found the middle of the uprights on a consistent basis for NCSU so far.

After the first special teams scrimmage of the preseason, head coach Chuck Amato spoke of the need for consistency in the kicking game.

"Our kickers have got to come through for us," said Amato. "They have got to make field goals. They can't just have the distance and it's off to the right or the left. We don't need that."

Amato says the battle for the position could lead right up until the first game against Western Carolina. But if the Wolfpack expects to contend with defending national champion Ohio State two weeks later, it will need to have all facets of the game performing at the highest level - especially kicking.

"We've got to score points when we put the ball on their foot," said Amato.

As for the defensive line, Amato looks to a largely unproven group to fill the void left by the graduation of all four of

last season's starters and the departure of defensive end Terrance Chapman due to academic ineligibility.

Freshmen such as Mario Williams, DeMarcus Tyler and John McCargo, along with sophomores Chip Cross, Dwayne Herndon and Renaldo Moses have all pleased the coaching staff, but no one on the line, not even seniors Alan Hallaway and Sheldon Lewin, has much game experience.

"Chappy was a big part of the defense," said Hallaway. "To have him would have made things so much easier, but now without him we have to do a lot of rotating and mixing up with defensive linemen."

**Most pleasant surprise:** The return of Cotra Jackson. This one's a no-brainer.

**Biggest disappointment:** The loss of Chapman. Also a no-brainer.

**Second biggest disappointment:** Derrick Morris. The freshman who originally signed with Ohio State in 2002, was named the Pack's most improved offensive lineman after spring practice. With a prep resume that

included first-team USA Today and Parade All-American, the expectations for Morris in his first season were high, probably too high. Bothered by a sore toe in recent practices, the Huntersville native should benefit from easing into the Pack's blocking scheme in a backup role.

**Best Hat Award:** Chuck Amato. For a rain-soaked Friday evening scrimmage, the State head coach wore a brown, Gilligan-esque floppy hat with a red block 'S' emblazoned on the front.

**Jaw-Jacker Award:** Greg Golden. This honor could be awarded to any number of qualified candidates, but Golden's performance near the end of practice on Wednesday pushed him to the forefront of trash talking.

In between running sprints, Golden actually went out of his way to talk trash to a coach.

Noel Mazzone, the victim of Golden's invectives, could only smile as the cornerback dared the Pack's offensive

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## Three Wolfpack non-revenue fall sports are set to kick off their seasons next week. Technician will be right in the middle of it. Here's a schedule of what previews to look for next week.

Tuesday: Volleyball  
 Wednesday: Women's soccer  
 Thursday: Men's soccer

### Volleyball

2002 record: 3-32, 0-16 ACC (ninth place)

**Key returnees:** Junior Maya Mapp (339 kills in 2002), Sarah Enslinger (career-high 205 kills) and Caroline Frede (eight games with double-figure digs)

**Newcomers** Brazilians Julia Reis and Bruna Maracchini could contribute right away, as could junior college transfer Paige Gilliam.

**Quotable** "It will take time for a few players to adjust to new positions and build the court chemistry with the additions of new players, but that will come with match experience." -head coach Mary Byrne

**First home game** Sept. 5 vs. Texas Christian

**Key dates** Oct. 3 vs. North Carolina, Oct. 11 vs. Virginia and an expansion preview match against Virginia Tech on Sept. 6



Sarah Enslinger



Lindsey Underwood

### Women's soccer

2002 record: 10-8-1, 2-4-1 ACC (seventh place)

**Key returnees:** Forwards Lindsey Underwood and Adrienne Barnes combined for 18 goals last season. Midfielders Katharine Warman and Lindsey DeLorenze lead a midfield that will need to create goal-scoring opportunities to compensate for a relatively inexperienced defense.

**Newcomers** UC-Santa Barbara transfer Erin Griswold had a solid spring and should challenge for playing time up front. Heralded freshman goalkeeper Meagan Connors could fill the void left by Gretchen Lear.

**Quotable** "It's going to be a different year because we're so young, but at the same time I think we have really good team chemistry." -senior Lindsey Underwood

**First home game** Sept. 5 vs. Tulane at SAS Soccer Stadium. Will also host William & Mary in an exhibition game this Saturday at 2.

**Key dates** Sept. 26 vs. Virginia, Oct. 10 at North Carolina and Oct. 15 vs. Duke

### Men's soccer

2002 record: 5-14, 0-6 ACC (seventh place)

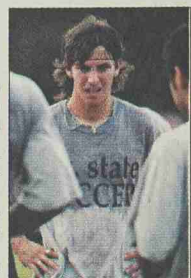
**Key returnees:** Freshman Aaron King is coming off a fabulous first season, in which he led the team with 22 points, but the success of the team may hinge on the defensive play of John Queeley and Chiedu Chukwumah, who will be playing in front of a raw goalkeeper.

**Newcomers** There's a lot of them. Over half of the players on the 26-man roster didn't play last season. Highlighting the batch is East Carolina transfer Andy Tabor and prolific high school scorer Ryan Gonzales.

**Quotable** "I think you will see a few new things this season. No. 1 is to have the style of player where we can run at people. The tempo of the game has to increase if we're going to be successful." -head coach George Tarantini

**First home game** Aug. 30 vs. Georgia Southern with the annual Red/White game set for this Sunday at 3 p.m. at SAS Soccer Stadium

**Key dates** Sept. 21 vs. Clemson, Oct. 10 at Duke and Oct. 19 vs. North Carolina



Santiago Fusilier

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